



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A report to the OSU/A&M Regents from the OSU President

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## BRANDING SUCCESS

THE CAMPAIGN FOR OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Before a crowd in the packed Student Union atrium on Feb. 26, President Burns Hargis announced a \$1 billion campaign: Branding Success: The Campaign for Oklahoma State University.

The campaign will raise private funds to strengthen student scholarships and aid, endowments for faculty support, fund advanced research and academic initiatives, upgrade teaching and research facilities, including renovations to the Student Union and the construction of additional facilities such as the Spears School of Business and a new Performing Arts Center.

"This campaign marks the most ambitious fundraising initiative in the history of Oklahoma State University," said Hargis, an OSU alumnus. "The incredible generosity of graduates and friends around the world who believe in our land-grant mission and embrace our vision to make OSU a leader in education, public service, and research has inspired and encouraged us to move forward with this historic campaign at this time.

"This campaign will secure OSU's place as one of America's premier public universities and a leader among land-grant universities."

Though the campaign was publicly launched, the "quiet phase" of the campaign has been underway since Hargis' appointment in December 2007, and more than \$437 million has been committed in conjunction with this campaign.

As President Hargis unveiled the \$437 million amount, OSU alumnus, entrepreneur and philanthropist T. Boone Pickens joined him to announce a \$100 million testamentary challenge gift.

His gift will fund a major endowment for scholarships to not only attract more students to OSU, but also provide financial assistance to students who are eager to attend a major

research university but are unable to do so because of personal financial limitations.

"You know me - I want us to be the best in everything we do at Oklahoma State. We are not going to be second to anyone, either academically or athletically," Pickens said. "I know the leadership now in place at OSU with Ann and Burns has been a game-changer. We are on the move in ways I could have never imagined a few years ago."

"Boone's astounding gift, combined with the many other advance gifts we have already received, puts us in a strong position to meet and even exceed our billion dollar goal before Dec. 31, 2014--the target date for the completion of the campaign," Hargis said.

The \$1 billion campaign is chaired by OSU graduates

Ross and Billie McKnight of Throckmorton, Tex. The McKnights, founders and operators of several successful business enterprises in banking, energy and ranching, met at OSU in 1969.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Billie and me to give back in a big way to the university that means so much to both of us. We are honored to lead this campaign," Ross McKnight said.

Hargis said the \$1 billion would be used to address pressing, immediate needs as well as emerging opportunities: \$500 million will be used to endow scholarships and fellowships for students; \$200 million will be used to attract and retain top-flight professors and researchers; \$200 million to construct and upgrade educational and research facilities; and \$100 million to create and sustain programs and provide services that will benefit the citizens, communities and economic well-being of Oklahoma.





OSU-CHS has been awarded \$28,416 for energy retrofit projects from Public Service Company of Oklahoma, a subsidiary of American Electric Power. Stanley E. Grogg, D.O., OSU-CHS interim president, accepted the award on behalf of OSU-CHS from PSO representative Lisa Puyear and expressed appreciation for the award to fund improvements and increase the center's energy efficiency.

## Microscopes Donated To Veterinary Center

The Center for Veterinary Health Sciences recently received two microscopes from Alcon Laboratories, Inc., the Prescott OSM 99 Model Operating Microscopes.

The surgical scopes will be used to assist with performing surgery on some of the very small exotic and wildlife patients that the zoo, exotic and wildlife service cares for daily and for use during ophthalmic surgeries, which require a magnifying operating scope for viewing and treating the very delicate eye structures.

OSU's veterinary center was one of two veterinary colleges to receive microscopes from Alcon, along with two medical schools, two zoos and several overseas missions.



OSUIT held "An Afternoon with Pete" on Feb. 14, a special event for high school seniors and parents, to provide help in understanding the types of financial aid available to attend college. Participants received a financial aid overview, information about FAFSA and scholarships, and took tours of the programs on campus.

## Barnett to Lead Both Tulsa Campuses

OSU has named Howard Barnett, current OSU-Tulsa president, as president of all the university's operations in Tulsa. He will serve as president of both the OSU Center for Health Sciences campus and OSU-Tulsa.

"This is a positive step for OSU and the Tulsa community," said Burns Hargis, OSU president. "A single leadership voice will strengthen OSU's academic and medical mission in Tulsa. It will help us streamline functions and efficiency, which means we will more effectively serve our students and the community."

Hargis praised the job Stanley Grogg has done as interim head of the OSU Center for Health Sciences. He will remain in that role while



## OSU-COM Provides Free Infant Seats

A group of OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine physicians are providing car seats for their patients after finding that those without the means to purchase an infant car seat often simply borrow one to get the infant home, then do without.

"Fatalities among children can be reduced by 71 percent through the use of infant car restraints, yet 20-25 percent of children still ride unrestrained and 80 percent of infants under the age of one are improperly restrained," said Joseph R. Johnson, D.O., OSU Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology chair.

Patients who deliver through the obstetrical department at OSU Medical Center receive a free infant car seat and no infant goes home without an acceptable infant car seat. New parents also receive education about the proper positioning to make sure their new additions arrive safely.

Lance Frye, M.D., said infants from birth to one year should ride in a rear-facing seat with harness straps below the shoulder level. After age one, or greater than 20 pounds, toddlers should be positioned forward facing with harness straps located at or above the shoulder level.

OSU undergoes a national search for an individual to serve as both dean of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine and provost of the Center for Health Sciences.

Hargis emphasized that the medical education and training programs at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, which is part of the Center for Health Sciences, will not be affected by the change. "Our nationally recognized medical school will remain focused on our mission of producing primary care physicians for rural and under-served Oklahoma," he said.

Because of Barnett's talents and background as a private businessman, public servant and community leader in Tulsa, Hargis said the move will strengthen both OSU campuses and simplify both operations.

Barnett was the chief negotiator for the OSU Medical Center Trust in its acquisition of the OSU Medical Center, giving him a strong appreciation and understanding of the vital work done by the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.



The fourth annual Celebrating Books by OSU Authors was hosted by the OSU Library during Research Week 2010. Authors were invited to sell their works at the public reception recognizing honorees Charles Abramson, Brant Adams, Brett Carver, Stephen Damron, Kyle Eastham, Brian Flota, James Good, Lane Greer, Sandip Harimkar, Thomas Lanners, Bin Liang, Carol Mason, Gary Meek, Lance Millis, Michael H. Morris, David Oberhelman, Dennis Preston, James Scott, Marcella Sirhandi, Jill Talbot, David Ullrich, John Weird and Rao Yarlagadda.



Southwest Jiaotong University President Chunyang Chen, left, and OSU Executive Vice President and Provost Marlene Strathe sign an exchange agreement for undergraduate students at both schools, as OSU Vice President for Student Affairs Lee Bird looks on. Also present for the ceremony were, from left, Hongyun He, Shibin Gao, Yanjun Qiu, Yanlin Zhao, Mark Weiser of OSU, and Kaiyin Yan.



Southwest Jiaotong University President Chunyang Chen and OSU President Burns Hargis exchange traditional gifts.

## OSU Signs Exchange Agreement with Southwest Jiaotong

Oklahoma State University and Southwest Jiaotong University in China have signed an agreement in which students from the Chinese campus can complete their B.S. degrees at OSU.

Southwest Jiaotong was the first university in China to send Chinese reciprocal exchange students to Stillwater and to receive an American student from OSU for study on their campus.

Marlene Strathe, OSU executive vice president and provost, and Chunyang Chen, president of Southwest Jiaotong University, signed the “twinning” agreement during a ceremony on the OSU campus on Feb. 19. This agreement will allow SWJTU to send more of their undergraduates to study in Stillwater.

Also attending the ceremony were five representatives from the Chinese campus,

Hongyun He, director of the Research Center of Intelligent Control and Simulation; Shibin Gao, dean of the School of Electrical Engineering; Yanjun Qiu, director of International Cooperation and Exchange Office; Yanlin Zhao, director of the president’s office; and Kaiyin Yan, director of the Undergraduate Office.

Lee Bird, OSU vice president for Student Affairs, and Mark Weiser, associate dean and professor in the Spears School of Business, have traveled to SJU twice to meet and work with its administrators to make the student exchange program possible. Weiser’s May 2009 study abroad

program was hosted by SWJTU during its visit to Chengdu, and Bird later hosted 10 SWJTU administrators on the Stillwater campus during her Student Affairs International Symposium in July 2009.

The visiting delegation also met with OSU President Burns Hargis and with administrators of the OSU College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology’s Civil Engineering Department and administrators of the Spears School of Business, and toured both areas.

Vivian Wang, an assistant in the OSU Office of International Students and Scholars, coordinated the visit.

## OSU-OKC Boasts Largest Spring Enrollment

OSU-OKC’s spring semester has the largest number of students on record.

As of the first day of school, OSU-OKC had more than 7,089 students enrolled, a 20 percent increase from the spring 2009 semester. Seventy-four percent of the university’s first time full-time degree seeking students enrolled in fall 2009 returned to campus in the spring semester.

“OSU-OKC has made a major commitment to grow the Engineering Department,” said Larry Edwards, vice president of Academic Affairs. “The new Engineering Technology building and its Renewable Energy Lab are part of this commitment. The campus has also hired new faculty members in construction management, surveying and architectural CAD. We have seen a 70 percent growth in enrollment in engineering programs during the past five years and expect even

more growth as Oklahoma’s economy recovers from the recession.”

In addition to the new building and faculty additions, much of the growth in the Science and Engineering Division can be attributed to the Wind Turbine Technology Program. OSU-OKC students have the option to pursue an associate of applied science degree or a certificate.



The Wind Turbine Technology Program has contributed to OSU-OKC’s record-setting spring semester.



CollegeSurfing.com held its first Web 2.0 College Olympics for the 50 Social Media Innovators in Higher Education. OSU-OKC won a bronze medal by coming in at No. 40 and is the only Oklahoma higher education institution that made the top 50.



The Oklahoma Music Therapists Association, OSU Department of Music, the Mya Gonzales Foundation and OSU Greek Life will present "Performers on the Rise" at 2:30 p.m. on April 11 in the Seretean Center for Performing Arts on the OSU campus. Proceeds from the benefit concert will go to the Mya Gonzales Foundation, which provides support for the Rise School and which is part of the Department of Human Development and Family Science. (Photo Courtesy MK's Photography)

OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine's Student D.O. of the Year is **Binh Phung**, a fourth-year student. He was selected by fellow students and faculty members and awarded \$500 from the OSU-COM Alumni Association. He also enters a National Student D.O. of the Year selection process.



**Andrew Lewis** was honored as the 2010 Winter Chick-fil-A Community of Champions recipient for his exceptional performance in the areas of academics, community service and leadership/sportsmanship. An offensive lineman, he graduated in 3.5 years with a degree in business management and last December picked up a master's degree in health care administration. He was a two-time Academic All-Big 12 First Team honoree who ended his football career with a streak of 37 consecutive starts on the offensive line and starred on some of the top offenses in OSU history. OSU will be awarded \$3,000 for Lewis' efforts in earning this honor.

**Andy Lee Ingraham**, Enid management information systems sophomore, has received the ConocoPhillips Spirit Scholarship for the 2009-10 academic year.

**Joseph Thomas**, management information systems doctoral student, was promoted to Air Force lieutenant colonel in a ceremony on Jan. 31 in Burseson, Tex.



## OSU-OKC Students Promote Higher Ed

OSU-OKC students, administration and staff promoted the university at Higher Education Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol Building on Feb. 16. The annual event allows legislators to meet and discuss important issues with students residing in their respective districts.

Senators and representatives were invited to have their lunch with OSU-OKC's Student Government Association, President's Leadership Council, student ambassadors and organization members. To open lines of communication, OSU-OKC staff was onsite to serve lunch.

"Higher Education Day was a very good experience," said Felicia Hinote, OSU-OKC healthcare administration freshman. "We had a good turnout of legislators at our luncheon. We even got to meet former OSU President James Halligan."

More than 600 tickets were sold and \$32,900 raised during this year's **Cowboy Spirit: Battle of the Bands 2010**—nearly double last year's amount, which will allow for more student scholarships. Musician and alumnus Keith Anderson signed a guitar that was donated by alumnus James Wolf of Maryland, and the guitar will be auctioned off to raise more money for the scholarship fund.

## Greek Community Brings Home Conference Honors

OSU's Greek community was recognized for excellence at the world's largest Greek leadership conference.

A total of 28 Greek students and advisers representing OSU's Panhellenic, Interfraternity, National Pan-Hellenic and Multicultural Greek councils attended the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values and the National Black Greek Leadership Conference, held in St. Louis.

OSU received the Gamma Sigma Alpha Award for having the highest differential between Greek and non-Greek grade point averages in the Midwest Region.

The OSU Panhellenic Council received the Sutherland Award for the best council in its division, the first time OSU has received this award.

Panhellenic also received recognition in all eight possible categories in Division III. Interfraternity Council was recognized in five categories and was a finalist for the Jellison Award, the award for the top achieving council in the division.

NPHC was recognized in the council management and public relations category. As a first-time awards applicant, the Multicultural Greek Council was recognized in both categories in which it applied in the Multicultural/Unified Greek Council Division: academic achievement and philanthropy and community service.

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The OSU Greek Community was recognized for its excellent programs at the leadership conference.



OSU-Tulsa's African-American Student Association hosted "A Taste of Soul" Feb. 16 in honor of Black History Month. Students, faculty and staff were able to sample various soul food cuisines, including fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, sweet yams, cabbage, corn bread and peach cobbler.

The **Women's Faculty Council** honored eight student 2010 Research Award winners on Feb. 12. Honorees, who received a \$500 Research Award for their work in the fields of humanities, social sciences, and sciences, included **Virginia Cannon**, Glenpool English senior; **Rachel Carson**, Stilwell engineering graduate student; **Nani Pybus**, Stillwater history doctoral graduate; **Corey Adams**, Broken Arrow communications sciences and disorders graduate; **Lisa Overall**, Oklahoma City entomology doctoral student; **Ngan Nguyen**, Wichita Falls, Tex., entomology doctoral student; **Jessica Parker**, Wachapreague, Va., psychology doctoral student; and **Robin Carstensen**, Stillwater English doctoral student.

**Christopher Long**, Plano, Tex., management and Spanish junior, is one of five students in the nation selected to receive a \$500 book scholarship from the National Society of Collegiate Scholars in collaboration with Ernst & Young. The scholarships go to members to help with the cost of books and study supplies.

**Brad Duvall**, Sapulpa aerospace and mechanical engineering senior, is one of 75 students in the nation to receive a \$500 Patrick W. Halloran Scholarship from the Order of Omega, a national honor society for outstanding Greek leaders. The scholarship recognizes students for their academic ability, participation and leadership in campus organizations, and citizenship and service to Order of Omega and the Greek Community. He is a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.



The **OSU Department of Botany** participated in the 2010 OK EPSCoR Women in Science Conference, "Girls Growing Oklahoma's Future," which was held Feb. 9 at the Science Museum Oklahoma in Oklahoma City. **Kay Scheets**, botany adjunct assistant professor, served on the planning committee and also coordinated a hands-on science booth, along with botany undergraduate **Lydia Meador**, Broken Arrow botany senior. **Brooke Bonner**, plant science doctoral student, served as a panelist for an interactive panel discussion.

OSU-OKC Agriculture Technologies student **Lance Swearingin** recently started an internship in the horticulture/landscape department at Walt Disney World.



The **OSU-OKC Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships** has delivered more than \$26 million in aid to students. This amount includes federal, state, institutional and private aid sources. As of Feb. 17, 50 percent of the OSU-OKC campus body received some type of financial aid.

The **OSU Christian Veterinary Fellowship** sponsored "Eat out for Haiti" for two days in January and raised almost \$455 to help those in need.

**Zac Engle**, Ponca City vocal performance senior, recently won the Young Singer Encouragement Award at the Metropolitan Opera National Council District Auditions in Tulsa on Jan. 16.

The **OSU Wind Ensemble**, selected by juried invitation, performed to a standing ovation at the National Conference of the College Band Directors National Association at the University of Texas at Austin. OSU was one of three groups, along with Michigan State University and the University of North Texas, to perform at the prestigious evening concert. The ensemble is led by conductor and professor of music **Joseph Missal**.

**Dane Miodov**, Edmond, and **Blake Cannedy**, Wichita Falls, Tex., both mechanical engineering technology seniors and both in OSU's Army ROTC program, were awarded \$1,000 scholarships from the Tulsa Post of the Society of American Military Engineers for exceptional work in the classroom, the fitness field and the Army ROTC.



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**Matthew Allen**, Sterling, Colo., doctoral candidate and distinguished graduate fellow in the OSU Department of Botany, recently co-authored "Lessons from the Prairie: Research at The Nature Conservancy's Tallgrass Prairie Preserve," along with **Ulrich Melcher**, Regents Professor of biochemistry and molecular biology; **Michael Palmer**, Regents Professor of botany; and **Bob Hamilton** of the Nature Conservancy. The book highlights the history of the preserve and gives an overview of all the scientific projects that have occurred at the preserve.





**Bruce Whittle and Stephen Galloway, left, both visiting equine dentistry veterinarians, and Todd Holbrook, equine internal medicine associate professor in OSU's Veterinary Clinical Sciences, work on a horse's teeth.**

OSU is among the initial members of a new virtual research center known as the **Oklahoma Center for Adult Stem Cell Research**. The Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust recently approved \$5.5 million to create the center and invest in adult stem cell research over the next five years. The purpose of the virtual research center is to build Oklahoma excellence in one of the fastest growing fields of medical research and serve as a trusted resource for public information. Initial members of the center also include OU Health Sciences Center and The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

Music associate professor **April Golliver** made her Tulsa Opera debut singing the role of Giovanna in Verdi's *Rigoletto*. The final two performances will be March 5 and 7 at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center.

**Ryan Miller**, alumni affairs director at the OSU Center for Health Sciences and College of Osteopathic Medicine, has been named the RedFork Main Street's Board Member of the Year. Miller joined the RedFork Main Street board of directors in 2007 and is board treasurer and organization committee chair. He will be honored at a banquet in March in Oklahoma City.



The most respected classical music review publication in the U.S. is praising OSU piano professor **Thomas Lanners'** two most recent CDs, which feature him playing works from Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Ned Rorem. He will also be the topic of an upcoming feature article scheduled for the May-June issue of *Fanfare*.

**Machelle Davison**, left, director of the OSU-CHS Office of Educational Development, received the 2009 Next Generation Leadership Outstanding Service Award from the Tulsa's Young Professionals organization, presented by **Karisha Arnett**. She is a member of the organization's Next Generation Leadership work crew and helps young professionals get involved and become voices for the future.



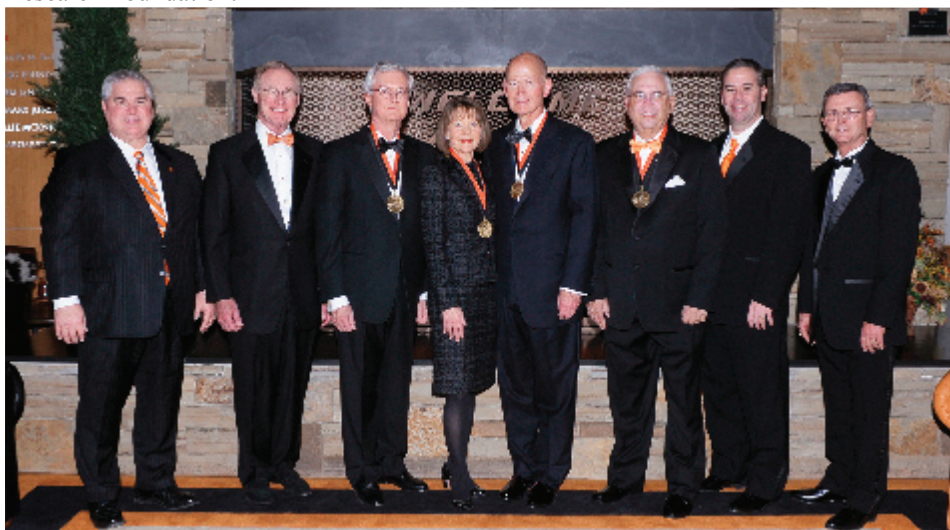
**A bronze Angie Debo maquette by Stillwater sculptor Phyllis Mantik, second from left, was presented to the Edmon Low Library and will be displayed in the Angie Debo Room. A full-sized sculpture will be placed in front of the Stillwater Public Library this fall. With Mantik are Lynda Reynolds, Stillwater Public Library director; Bob Darcy, chair of the Angie Debo Statue Committee; and OSU Library Dean Sheila Johnson.**

**Andy Arena**, associate director of the Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium and Maciula Teaching Professor, accepted an invitation by NASA to attend the launch of the space shuttle Endeavour as a V.I.P. guest in February.

**Don S. Murray**, Regents Professor of plant and soil sciences, was named 2009 Weed Scientist of the Year by the Southern Weed Science Society. His honor was announced during the SWEE meeting in Little Rock in January.



OSU-Tulsa President **Howard Barnett** and Trustee **Larry Mocha** were named to Urban Tulsa Weekly's "Hot 100 for 2010" list. The newspaper touts the honorees as influential trailblazers who are setting out to make their mark in the new decade.



**The OSU Alumni Association inducted Donald Humphreys, Gary Sparks and Marilyn and Carl Thoma into the OSU Alumni Hall of Fame on Feb. 19 at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center. Pictured are Rex Horning, OSU Alumni Association Board of Directors chair; OSU President Burns Hargis; inductees Donald Humphreys, Marilyn Thoma, Carl Thoma and Gary Sparks; Sean Kouplen, Hall of Fame master of ceremonies; and Larry Shell, OSU Alumni Association president.**

**Mark Lawlor**, music assistant professor, will conduct Mozart's *Vesperae de Dominica K. 321* at Carnegie Hall on March 19, and **April Golliver**, music associate professor, was selected to perform the alto solo's in both *Vesperae de Dominica* and *Vesperae solennes de Confessore*.

The artwork of associate professor **Brandon Reese** was featured in a four-page article in the February 2010 issue of *Ceramics Monthly*, which is one of the world's largest ceramics magazines. The feature was titled "The Structure of Things: The Sculpture of Brandon Reese."

Professor of music **Joseph Missal**, director of bands, was awarded the Distinguished Service to Music Medal in Concert Band by the National Office of Kappa Kappa Psi, a national band fraternity.



**Kevin R. Hackett**, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Youth Development Specialist for the Northwest District, and **Recia Garcia**, Northwest District Family and Consumer Sciences specialist with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, received Distinguished Educator Awards for outstanding educational contributions to the organization and people of Oklahoma.

The **OSU Department of Theatre** received a Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Full Company Award for Excellence in Theatrical Production for its production of "Lonely Planet," directed by **J. Kevin Doolen**, theater department head. The festival is a national theater program involving 18,000 students from colleges and universities nationwide that has served as a catalyst in improving the quality of college theater in the U.S.



**OSU Service-Learning Volunteer Center** coordinator **Joyce Montgomery**, along with center students **Leah Coiro**, **Cortney Hicks** and **Ade Adedipe**, present the first daffodils of the season to **OSU President Burns Hargis** to kick off the 2010 American Cancer Society **Daffodil Days** sale on campus.

**Gary Trennepohl**, President's Council Endowed Chair in Finance at OSU-Tulsa, was named to the Board of Trustees for the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System.

OSU-OKC's Precision Driving Training Center coordinator **Randy Jacoby** has been invited to be one of the presenters at the 2010 International SkidCar Users conference in Las Vegas in April.



**OSU alumnus Yousef al-Rojaie**, left, a 2003 doctoral graduate in English, visited with **Tim Huff**, manager of the Office of International Students and Scholars, and **Craig Satterfield**, assistant dean of the OSU Graduate College, at the International Exhibition for Higher Education in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Huff and Satterfield met with more than 2,000 prospective students during the four-day event.



**Samantha Martinez**, OSU-OKC Foodservice assistant manager, will compete in the Southern Regional Culinary Challenge. The challenge, conducted by the National Association of College and University Foodservice, will take place April 5-7 in Grapevine, Tex. Thirteen states had the opportunity to submit recipes and she is one of six chosen to compete.



Stillwater's **University Avenue Project** was selected as a Gold Winner for the 2010 Oklahoma Concrete Pavement Awards from the Oklahoma/Arkansas Chapter of the American Concrete Pavement Association in the Municipal Streets and Intersections category. The **OSU Long Range Facilities Planning Staff** has been invited to an awards luncheon to accept the honor on March 23.

The School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration hosted the 54th annual **Hospitality Days** conference in February to provide students and professionals opportunities to network at a career fair and a reception.



**Lionel Dawson**, left, associate professor of veterinary clinical services, works with the American Institute for Goat Research at Langston University to provide veterinary care for 1,600 goats. This partnership opens up research opportunities for Dawson and offers hands-on clinical experience to OSU veterinary students. He recently traveled to India where he presented some of his goat research at the 25th Annual Convention of the Indian Society for the Study of Animal Reproduction, held in Namakkal.



A grant from the Whitten-Newman Foundation to **OSU-Center for Health Sciences** will recruit, train and educate Native American college students in anatomy and vertebrate paleontology and will introduce osteopathic medicine. **Kent Smith**, anatomy associate professor, leads The Native Explorers program, June 20 - July 3, a scientific expedition that offers an opportunity to learn about ice-age vertebrate fossils that lived during the Cretaceous Age (Age of Dinosaurs). Six students, undergraduate and graduate-level, will be selected, all expenses paid, to participate and earn three hours credit.



**Maj. Sabrina Jones**, assistant professor in OSU's Air Force ROTC program, was selected as the 2009 Air Force ROTC Southwestern Region Instructor of the Year. She now is a finalist for Air Force Instructor of the Year.



## Apparel Students Recreate Edith Head's Designs

Apparel design and production students in the College of Human Environmental Sciences are participating in the exhibition "Lights! Camera! Fashion!: The Film Costumes of Edith Head," which opened Jan. 22 at the Price Tower Arts Center in Bartlesville.

The exhibition focuses on the career and designs of famed Hollywood costume designer Edith Head. Students in an upper-level draping class were asked to recreate Head's designs as a project in the course, according to Adriana Petrova, assistant professor.

Ten students were provided copies of original sketches by Head to recreate one outfit. Students in the exhibition include Nikki Gunter, Mustang; Paivy Pedersen, Norfolk, Va.; Brooke Alfrey, Garden City, Kan.; Kirsten Webster and Megan Tarlton, Edmond; Rachel Hamilton, Nicole Stuart,

Melaney Stevens, Lindsay Gin and Raven Zimmer, Oklahoma City.

"This exhibition is a first in many years to focus on fashion and costume design," said Scott Perkins, curator of Collections and Exhibitions at Price Tower Arts Center.

"Due to the fact that many of her designs no longer exist, we turned to OSU's design department to recreate the realizations of her work with a contemporary twist. The students constructed Miss Head's designs in an all-black color palette allowing us to really understand the architecture of the garments and to look at them through a lens of contemporary fashion design."

Head was a leading Hollywood costume designer for nearly 60 years, at Paramount until 1967 and then at Universal Pictures until her death in 1981.

The exhibition will run through May 16.



Carl Latino, electrical engineering associate professor, right, works with students during the design challenge.

## OSU-Tulsa Hosts Schools For Design Challenge

More than 200 students from Tulsa-area schools took part in OSU-Tulsa's seventh annual Engineering Design Challenge during National Engineers Week on Feb. 18.

Elementary through high school-aged students worked in teams to design, build and race a self-propelled, motorized watercraft during the challenge.

Led by OSU-Tulsa engineering faculty, the challenge provided the opportunity for students to learn the basic principles of science and engineering design, problem-solving and teamwork in an environment that is fun and rewarding.

"It's exciting to see each team's creativity shine in their unique building style, design and the decoration of their boat," said Carl Latino, electrical engineering associate professor. "This event gives the students a chance to get out of a traditional classroom and explore these concepts in a university setting. That is a valuable learning experience that illustrates that engineering is rewarding, challenging and fun."

Students in the Design, Housing and Merchandising Department at OSU recreated designs by Hollywood costume designer Edith Head for an exhibit at the Price Tower Arts Center in Bartlesville.



## Sigma Lambda Gammas Establish Sorority

A chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma, the nation's largest Latina-based sorority, has been established at OSU in Stillwater.

SLG was founded in 1990 at the University of Iowa, and is now the largest historically Latina-based multicultural sorority in the nation. It is an academic, cultural, service and social organization dedicated to promoting the empowerment of women in higher education, and its primary goal is to promote evolving and diverse cultures through sharing. It was established to promote standards of excellence in morality, ethics and education.

According to Brenda Morales, senior academic counselor in the OSU Inclusion Center for Academic Excellence, OSU women met in the fall of 2007 to discuss the potential of starting a Latina/Hispanic sorority. The first members were initiated on Nov. 20, 2009, and today the chapter has seven members.

"This is an important milestone for Oklahoma State University as we continue to grow in our efforts to achieve a university system that is socially, culturally and globally competent," said Jason F. Kirksey, OSU interim associate vice president for Institutional Diversity.



Sigma Lambda Gamma's seven new initiates celebrate the establishment of their sorority at OSU.