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## OSU to Lead Study On Motorcycle Crashes

OSU will lead a new study with the Federal Highway Administration to better understand and prevent motorcycle crashes.

The motorcycle crash causation study will be the federal government's first major in-depth analysis of motorcycle safety in nearly three decades.

OSU's Oklahoma Transportation Center is one of the U.S. Department of Transportation's 10 National University Transportation Centers, and it receives federal grants to conduct transportation research, according to Alan Tree, associate dean for research in OSU's College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology.

Despite years of steadily improving highway safety and roadway fatalities at historic lows, motorcycle riders remain one of the highest-risk groups on America's roads.



OSU's formal campus entry on the corner of Monroe and University Streets now has identical twin pillars designed in the OSU Georgian style.

## Tyson Selected for Cobb Speaker Series on Nov. 6

Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist and host of the PBS program "NOVA scienceNOW," will be the keynote speaker for the 2009 H. Louise & H.E. "Ed" Cobb Speaker Series on Nov. 6 at the Edmon Low Library.

Tyson, the Frederick P. Rose director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History, is the author

of nine books. His most recent work, "The Pluto Files: the rise and fall of America's favorite planet," takes the reader from Pluto's 1930 discovery to its demotion from planetary status.

Seating is limited, and reservations must be made by Oct. 28. Individual tickets are \$100, and half the cost is a tax-deductible gift to the Friends of the OSU Library.

## Halliburton Presents Checks for OSU Programs

Gifts totaling \$71,000 have been received from Halliburton to benefit the Spears School of Business and the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology. Checks were presented to OSU CEAT Dean Karl Reid by Ron Morgan, Halliburton technical applications manager and OSU alumnus, and to OSU accounting department head Don Hansen by Jeff Henricks, Halliburton accounting manager.

The gifts will provide \$23,000 for the Halliburton Accounting Scholars Program

within the Spears School of Business. Two gifts of \$18,000 and \$30,000 will benefit the Halliburton Distinguished Faculty Awards and Student Leadership Development Program plus the 2+2 Engineering Degree Completion Program with INTI College, Malaysia, within CEAT.

A long-time proponent of higher education, Halliburton's generosity to OSU has spanned almost five decades with nearly \$2.6 million given to a variety of academics areas across the OSU system.



Halliburton recruiters Troy Bachman and Matt Howell, left, and Ivan Blanco and Stacy Thomas, far right, help College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology Dean Karl Reid and Halliburton research scientist Ron Morgan during a check presentation on the OSU campus.

## Pickens' Plan Town Hall Meeting Set for Oct. 29

OSU benefactor and national energy leader T. Boone Pickens will hold a Pickens' Plan town hall meeting in Stillwater on Oct. 29 on the nation's movement towards a new energy future. The meeting is set for Gallagher-Iba Arena at 3:30 p.m.

"The single biggest crisis facing America today is without question our ever-growing dependence on foreign oil from hostile nations," Pickens said. "We continue to put our economy and security in danger."

Unveiled on July 8, 2008, the Pickens' Plan is a detailed solution for ending the nation's growing dependence on foreign oil. It calls for investing in power generation from domestic renewable resources such as wind and using America's abundant supply of natural gas as a transportation fuel, which would replace more than one-third of our imported oil.

More than 1.6 million people have joined the Pickens' Plan through the Web site <http://www.pickensplan.com>, which has had nearly 20 million hits.



OSU Director of Risk and Property Management Mike Bale, OSU Emergency Operations Coordinator Ron Hill, National Weather Service Meteorologist in Charge Michael P. Foster, Stillwater Emergency Management Director Kirk Mittlestet and Oklahoma Emergency Management Area Coordinator Steve Palladino are in OSU's new facility, which has been officially recognized as a Storm-Ready University by the National Weather Service Advisory Board.

## Schwartz Exhibit on Display until Dec. 31

Lynn Schwartz's "Meaningful Images" exhibit will be displayed in the OSU Foundation's Malinda Berry Fischer Gallery until Dec. 31. She will donate 20 percent of each sale to scholarships to benefit OSU's Doel Reed Center for the Arts.

Reed, OSU's first Department of Art director, and his daughter, Martha, donated the family estate in Taos, N.M., creating the interdisciplinary creativity center. "Meaningful Images" encompasses a variety of Schwartz's new work.



At the new Kirkpatrick Foundation Small Animal Critical Care Unit, which was dedicated Sept. 16 at OSU's Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, are Susan McCalmont, Kirkpatrick Foundation; Jack Stuteville, Kingfisher; Mark Neer, hospital director, with Baja; Gary Clark, vice president of OSU University Relations; and Michael Lorenz, Center for Veterinary Health Sciences dean. Baja, owned by third-year veterinary student Janet MacDonna, is a nine-week-old puppy who hopes she never has to use the 24-hour emergency services available at OSU. The Kirkpatrick Foundation made the lead gift that launched the fundraising campaign for this facility. Stuteville and his wife, Joyce, donated the Verna Stuteville Feline Room in memory of his Aunt Verna, who loved cats.

## Career Encounters Has Large Turnout at OSUIT

OSUIT hosted more than 900 people at the third Annual "Career Encounters of the Orange Kind" on Oct. 6 with demonstrations, admission, financial aid and on-campus housing information for high school seniors and adults who wanted to learn about OSUIT's programs and the prospects for high-paying careers after graduation.

All academic divisions on OSUIT's campus presented demonstrations and potential students saw firsthand what they could expect from an OSUIT education. Also on hand were industry representatives to show the types of businesses that typically hire OSUIT graduates.



Nicholas Mills of Western Technology Center in Burns Flat samples some hearty mushroom barley soup prepared by first semester culinary arts student Nicole Keesee of Oklahoma City.

## ExxonMobil Awards OSU Grant for CEAT, Business

ExxonMobil Corporation has awarded OSU a \$44,500 grant for areas in the Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Architecture and Technology, and Business.

The unrestricted grant allows selected academic departments to allocate funds for educational purposes, including scholarships, field trips, visiting speakers, equipment, student and faculty travel to academic-related activities and other projects.

ExxonMobil awards the grants based on schools that offer degrees in subjects from which it recruits employees.

ExxonMobil was the university's largest corporate matching donor last year, and the corporation has donated nearly \$5.5 million to a variety of OSU programs and scholarships for more than three decades.

OSU departments benefitting from the gift include industrial engineering, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, civil engineering, accounting, business administration and computer science.



Jimmy Fallon, one of the 2009 Orange Peel headliners, praised OSU and its students during his late night show the next week.

## Siemens Awards In-Kind Software Grant

The apparel design and production program in OSU's Design, Housing and Merchandising Department has received an in-kind software grant with a commercial value of nearly \$20 million from Siemens PLM Software, a business unit of the Siemens Industry Automation Division.

The gift, which will enrich the product development and merchandising curriculum, was made through Siemens PLM Software Global Opportunities in Product Lifecycle Management. It includes product development software, student/instructor training and specialized software



The Spears School of Business celebrated the grand opening of the Riata Center for Entrepreneurship on Sept. 25. The center was made possible by a transformational \$28.6 million gift from OSU alumni Amy and Malone Mitchell 3rd in 2008. The Mitchell's gift was the largest donation ever to a university entrepreneurship program, and it created both the Riata Center and the OSU Department of Entrepreneurship in the Spears School of Business. Presenting the Malones with a plaque is Dean Sara Freedman, right.

## Kerr FAPC Laboratory Receives Accreditation

The Robert M. Kerr Food and Agricultural Products Center Analytical Services Laboratory is now accredited by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) in the chemical field of testing.

"This prestigious accreditation enhances credibility for the FAPC Analytical Services and allows us the opportunity to provide the same quality services as always, but with the recognition from A2LA, FAPC clients will have the assurance of the quality of services," said Guadalupe Davila El-Rassi, FAPC analytical services manager.

"We believe the accreditation will serve as catalysis to broaden and promote our services to clients across the state of Oklahoma."

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"The Siemens gift-in-kind software grant enhances our commitment to provide the most appropriate experiences for students in the College of Human Environmental Sciences," said Dean Stephan Wilson.

The grant was presented during The American Apparel and Footwear Association event at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles. OSU's apparel design and production program is one of only 13 programs in the nation endorsed by the AAFA.



OSU's wheelchair basketball team, the OSU Spokes, had three wins and four losses at the Arkansas Valley Conference preseason tournament Oct. 3-4 when six teams from Oklahoma and Kansas played at the Colvin Recreation Center. This year's Spokes are Joe Miera, Justin Bear, Nick Olding, Alex Margos, Orlando Perez, Tylor Vickers, Roland Sanders and Jose Calderon, with adaptive sports coordinator and head coach Stacy Pinney, center front.

Interior design juniors **Rebekah Thompson** and **Kristin Grant** placed second and third in the 2009 Dallas Regional Teknion Student Design Competition where students from several universities submitted proposals to redesign the office of Teknion's



Thompson and Grant

central region vice president. Thompson, of Ponca City, received second place with her design, and Grant, of Winfield, Kan., placed third.

OSU-OKC's **Precision Driving Training** facility hosted 20 Yukon High School students taking part in the Allstate Insurance Co. nationwide Action Against Distraction campaign on Oct. 7. The campaign educates teens and parents about distracted driving and that car crashes are the No. 1 cause of death for American teens.



Landscape architecture seniors **Seth Slifer**, Olathe, Kan., and **Cody Klein**, Benton, Ark., center, were recognized at the American Society of Landscape Architects in Chicago for taking first place in the international student competition in analysis and planning. Their Oklahoma Revitalization project, "OKRail 2025: Reclaiming Rural America," focuses on creating a more environmentally friendly transportation system in Oklahoma. With them are **John Ritter**, horticulture and landscape architecture associate professor, left, and **Charles Leider**, right, OSU's landscape architecture director.

OSU-OKC student **Sarina Pearman** won the \$200 essay contest prize from the Global Education Consortium and was honored at its meeting. The contest was for two-year college students.



**Krista Bennitt** of Oklahoma City, Panhellenic graduate assistant; **Katy McTiernan**, Oklahoma City senior, Panhellenic secretary; **Erika Curry**, Fletcher senior, Panhellenic president; and **Elizabeth Osborne**, OSU coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, show the National Panhellenic Conference Leadership Award and the Overall Excellence Award they won Oct. 10 at the national conference in Tampa, Fla.

The OSU chapter of the **National Society of Collegiate Scholars** received Bronze STAR Status at the NSCS' Convention Honor Gala on Aug. 15, in Washington, D.C. The OSU honors chapter for freshmen and sophomores was founded in 2000.

**Kristy VanDorn**, College of Education alumna and finalist for Oklahoma's Teacher of the Year, will receive the college's 2009 Rising Star Award at the awards banquet on Oct. 23. The award recognizes young alumni whose lives and achievements demonstrate promise of future leadership and bring distinction to the college. She teaches eighth grade science at Deer Creek Middle School in Edmond.



Alumnus **David D'Angelo Caldwell** debuted his fashion collection in New York City during Fashion Week. Starting as a hat maker, he traveled to Italy in 2002 and returned determined to get a start in fashion and clothes by finishing his OSU degree.

**Gary Dotterer**, Oologah occupational education doctoral student, won the Graduate Student Research Award from the National Association of Industrial and Technical Teacher Educators. His research focuses on using multichannel technologies in desktop virtual reality for technical education.

**Randilea Nichols**, McAlester biochemistry and molecular biology and microbiology and molecular genetics major, was one of 150 students from around the world who were selected to intern at Pfizer Inc. this past summer.



**Jason Cash**, Enid music performance senior, won the International Trombone Association's Larry Wiehe Solo Competition at the 2009 International Trombone Festival at the Aarhus Conservatory in Denmark. The competition was sponsored by German trombone maker Manfred Schmelzer, who presented Cash with one of his handcrafted trombones. This marks the fourth win in recent ITA competitions for OSU's trombone studio.



**Veterinary Health Sciences' Zoo, Exotic and Wildlife Medicine Service** raised \$2,500 for sick and injured wildlife care during its live and silent auctions on Oct. 2.

OSU-OKC's 2009-10 Student Government Association officers are **Amaya Barron**, **Rachel Watkins**, **Jazmine Alexander**, **Joanna Ramos**, **Nathan Greenfield** and **Daniel Mungle**.





OSU President Burns Hargis, center, helped honor the Top Ten Freshmen for 2008-09 during a reception in Willard Hall. *Genesee Photo*

## Top Ten Freshmen Honored at Reception

Top Ten Freshmen for 2008-09 were recently honored at a reception with OSU President Burns Hargis, and also were introduced during the OSU football game at Boone Pickens Stadium.

Mortar Board selects Top Ten Freshmen based upon scholarship, community service, campus involvement and outstanding leadership from their freshman year.

Top Ten Freshman Men are Kyle Buthod, Lee's Summit, Mo., international business and entrepreneurship; Chris Copeland, Shawnee, accounting; Shane Gibson, Edmond, accounting; Randy Gordon, Taloga, agribusiness; Brent Harkrider, Broken Arrow, biology; Brandon Highfill, Enid, hotel and restaurant administration; Blake Jackson, Hartshorne, agricultural economics and agricultural education; Dawson

Metcalf, Broken Bow, history and political science; Riley Pagett, Woodward, agricultural communications; and Ryan Ramseyer, Wichita, Kan., agricultural economics and accounting.

Top Ten Freshman Women are Haley Baumgardner, Carrier, agribusiness; Becky Brandhorst, Weatherford, finance; Kelsey Hanebaum, Oklahoma City, interior design; Rachel Herrmann, Stillwater, accounting; Ashley Leonard, Artesia, N.M., accounting and economics; Megan McDown, Mustang, journalism and broadcasting; Amy Peel, Wetumka, agricultural education; Carly Schnaithman, Garber, Agribusiness; Kayla Willis, Edmond, interior design; and Laurel Wilson, Tulsa, mathematics.

## Twelve Named Niblack Research Scholars

Twelve undergraduate students have been selected to participate in the 2009-10 Niblack Research Scholars program. Funded through the generosity of OSU alumnus John Niblack, each student will receive an \$8,000 scholarship and will be afforded the opportunity to conduct real scientific research as an undergraduate.

The 2009-10 Niblack Research Scholars are Alesia Hallmark, Chandler; Randilea Nichols, McAlester; Brooke Hill, Hooker; Lydia Meador, Broken Arrow; Wyatt Sharber, Pauls Valley; Jacob Keeling, Enid; Erin Roberts, Stillwater; Nicole Clarkson, Stillwater; Jana Markley, Independence, Mo.; Jason Carver, Stillwater; John Miskelly,

Harrah; and Joshua Damron, Stillwater.

"We are fortunate at OSU to have a program like this for undergraduates," said Stephen McKeever, vice president for research and technology transfer.

The Niblack Research Scholars program pairs each undergraduate with a graduate student mentor and a faculty sponsor who oversee the scholar's research. Scholars select a research area and commit to work at least two hours a week in the lab during the fall and spring semesters and at least 20 hours a week for two months during the summer.

Since its inception in 2004, the Niblack Research Scholars program has provided more than \$480,000 to 57 undergraduate students.



Stephen McKeever, OSU vice president for research and transfer, far left, and John and Heidi Niblack, far right, visit with the 2009-10 Niblack Research Scholars.

The Student Osteopathic Medicine Association presented its annual OSU-COM Rural Health Fair on Sept. 26 at Locust Grove Upper Elementary School. The event was part of Locust Grove's first Care Fair, according to **Chelsea Williams**, second-year medical student and event chair. The annual SOMA rural health fair helps to integrate OSU medical students into the school's mission to serve rural Oklahoma.

**Zach Rowell**, Lawton health and human performance/physical education junior, received an Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Scholarship.



Jennifer Lu and Natalie Rankins, vet med '11, were among 80 veterinary student delegates from around the world who participated in the 58th Annual International Veterinary Students' Association World Summer congress in Poland. They also visited the Niepolomice Castle.

The School of International Studies is hosting four Muskie Program Fellowship students this fall. Fellows include **Rafael Zhansultanov**, Kazakhstan; **Jahan Saparmamedova**, Turkmenistan; **Firyuza Babayeva**, Turkmenistan; and **Eraj Kaniev**, Tajikistan, who are among SIS's 90 students working toward their master's degrees. In 10 years, SIS has had about 50 Muskie Fellows go through the graduate program.

OSU-OKC's Student Government Association and various student groups will present the annual Halloween Blast on Oct. 30 in the Horticulture Pavilion to provide the community with a free, safe alternative to trick-or-treating. Activities will include games, face painting, candy, popcorn and haunted laser tag. Admission is one can of food, and parking is free.



**Todd Hubbard**, Charles Page Chair in Aviation Sciences since 2005, received the 2009 University Aviation Association's William A. Wheatley Award. The award is given to a person who has made an impact on education, particularly students pursuing careers in aerospace. He is the editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Professional Aviation Training and Testing Research* and is a retired Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force.



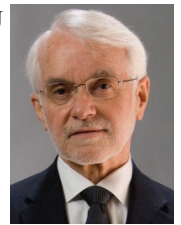
**Mike Bale**, OSU risk management director, was named president elect for the University Risk Management and Insurance Association during its annual meeting in Bloomington, Ind. The association serves as the expert resource for risk management in higher education. Bale also heads environmental health and safety on campus.

OSU-Tulsa Board of Trustees officers for 2010 will be **Ed Keller**, chair; **Larry Mocha**, vice chair; and **Glenda Love**, secretary. Other trustees are **Calvin Anthony**, **Betty Boyd**, **Jim Goodwin**, **Jay Helm**, **Michael Johnson** and **Henry Primeaux**.

The **OSU Wes Watkins Center** received Best of Show for the 5th year in a row at the Stillwater Convention and Visitors Bureau annual Stillwater Meeting Market. This award is given for support of the Stillwater Meeting Market, contributions to the Stillwater meeting industry, and customer service.

**Chelsea Makloski**, theriogenology assistant professor in veterinary clinical sciences, passed her certifying examination to become a Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists. Her research interests focus on mare infertility, canine infertility and canine brucellosis.

The journal *Organization and Environment* recently praised OSU Regents Professor **Riley Dunlap** and a former colleague for publishing in 1978 an article in *The American Sociologist* that is considered the intellectual foundation for the field of environmental sociology.



Sister Cities International members re-elected **James Hromas**, OSU International Education and Outreach director, to serve another three-year term on its board of directors as well as secretary on its executive board.



**Robert E. Whitton**, vice president, dean and director of OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, left, presented the 2009 James A. Whatley Award for Meritorious Service in Agricultural Sciences to **Garey Fox**, biosystems and agricultural engineering associate professor.

## Faculty, Deans Tour Air Force Facilities

Personnel in the College of Arts and Sciences joined community leaders to tour U.S. Air Force facilities this summer. Taking part were Dean Peter M.A.



**Tom Wikle**, **Ron Van Den Bussche**, **Peter M.A. Sherwood**, **Gordon Emslie**, **Rex Finnegan** and **Kevin Kriner**

Sherwood; **Tom Wikle** and **Ron Van Den Bussche**, associate deans; **Gordon Emslie**, graduate college dean; and **Col. Kevin Kriner**, Air Force ROTC. They were part of 31 civic, business and educational leaders from throughout northern Oklahoma to participate.

They visited Vance Air Force Base, Enid; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Fairborn, Ohio; and Whiteman Air Force Base, Galveston. The trip gave the group the opportunity to learn what Air Force officers and enlisted members do beyond the Oklahoma operations.

OSU-OKC hosted a **Think Pink Tea** to raise breast cancer awareness on campus on Oct. 8.

**Terry K. Badzinski**, obstetrics and gynecology associate professor, and **Scott Cyrus**, adjunct clinical pediatrics professor, are among five finalists selected for the 2009 American Osteopathic Association Mentor of the Year Award. The winner will be announced during the opening session of the conference in November.



**Cyrus**



**Badzinski**

"El Nacional" had a cover story about OSU-OKC having the largest increase in **Hispanic student enrollment** in the state, and the university's ability to do bilingual family campus visits and enrollment as being a big factor toward the growth.

**Anthony Confer**, Regents Professor and endowed chair, and **Sahlu Ayalew**, assistant research professional, both in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, received a three-year grant for \$375,000 in the USDA-CSREES Animal and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grant.

"Low Visibility," a series of digital photographs by **Liz Roth**, art assistant professor, that celebrate the atmospheric effects of snow, fog, rain and haze, have been selected for an exhibition in Richmond, Va.

The OSU **Department of Psychology and School of Applied Health and Educational Psychology** hosted the third annual meeting of the Oklahoma Network for the Teaching of Psychology on Sept. 25 in Oklahoma City.

OSU is one of four Oklahoma universities to receive a multi-institutional grant from the National Science Foundation through the EPSCoR program totaling \$3 million. Botany Regents Professor **Michael Palmer** is co-principal investigator on this large collaborative project titled, "A cyber-Commons for Ecological Forecasting."

Microbiology and molecular genetics professor **Robert Burnap** was chosen to serve as the NSF's program director for the biomolecular systems cluster, and will be on temporary leave for a year in Washington, D.C., to assist the NSF with research proposals. As program director, he will pull together scientists from related fields to examine proposals.

**Tammy Henderson**, human development and family science associate professor, was awarded a \$1.15 million grant from the National Science Foundation to study Alaska native grandparents. "From Their Perspective: Alaskan Grandparents' Roles, Strengths and Needs" will investigate Alaska native grandparents in Alaska's rural, semi-urban and urban areas, and she will work with researchers at the University of Alaska. The two-year award is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.



**Phil Choo**, art assistant professor, was invited to exhibit his new series of work at the Design Museum at the University of California-Davis. The exhibition, "Typographic Exploration in Hangul," is taking place from Oct. 4 to Dec. 6.

**David Holder**, OSU-Oklahoma City chemistry assistant professor, has been named president of the 75-year-old Oklahoma Poetry Society.

OSU-OKC will host the 16th annual "Statewide Family Child Care Conference: Focusing on the Families in Family Child Care," on Oct. 24 in the Human Services Education Center and Public Safety Training Center.

**Jim Watson**, graphic design history adjunct professor, received the American Institute of Graphic Arts Fellow award. He represented Oklahoma for 2008-09.

OSU alumnus and former faculty member **Joseph Westphal** was sworn in as the 30th Under Secretary of the U.S. Army at ceremonies held in the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 21. Westphal has served in the educational, public and private sectors, including 12 years as a professor and then head of the OSU Political Sciences Department in the 70s and 80s. He was assistant secretary of the Army for civil works, served as a Congressional adviser, and later, chancellor of the University of Maine System.

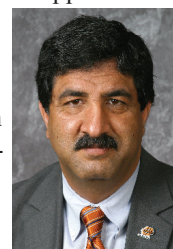
**Brett Carver**, OSU Wheat Genetics Chair in the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, was awarded the Sarkey's Distinguished Professor Award.



**Lin Liu**, physiological sciences professor and endowed chair, received a U.S.D.A. Agriculture Food and Research Initiative award. This two-year grant, totaling \$225,000, examines the role of microRNAs in bovine respiratory disease, a major problem that results in more than \$1 billion in annual losses of cattle in North America.

**Richard Eberle**, veterinary pathobiology professor, and **Darla Black**, lab manager, traveled to Inuyama, Japan, where they presented "Genetic Analysis of Monkey B Virus" at the Kyoto University Primate Research Institute on Oct. 3 and 4. The Primate Research Institute was established in 1967 and promotes basic research on primates, including humans.

**Anil Kaul**, CHS obstetrics and gynecology associate professor, has been appointed as a Senior Public Health Adviser with the U.S. Department of State to help evaluate basic health care structures and identify priority needs in Iraq. He will be on unpaid leave while an advisory team member studying health care delivery, maternal and child health, manpower issues, academic medicine and research.



**Mike Palmer**, Regents Professor of botany, is co-principal investigator on a collaborative project, "A cyberCommons for Ecological Forecasting." OSU, OU, KU and KSU received a multi-institutional grant totaling \$3 million from the National Science Foundation through the EPSCoR program.

Zoology Regents Professor **Anthony Echelle** will be inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame on Oct. 27 at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum. The award is presented by the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society.

Researchers in OSU's **Natural Resource and Ecology Management Department** have received a \$490,000 USDA grant to investigate how patch burning treatments affect biodiversity, livestock distribution and impacts on riparian areas and livestock production. The project will be conducted from 2010-14 at the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve in Osage County. The goal is to optimize multifunctionality of rangelands.

OSU received the **Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Lasting Achievement Award** from the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fire Academy, both agencies within the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Department of Homeland Security, at the 11th Annual Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Conference at the National Emergency Training Institute in Emmitsburg, Md. Accepting on behalf of OSU were **Anthony Brown**, political science associate professor and graduate program director in fire and emergency management; **Mike Sturzenbecker**, fire protection publications senior editor; **Clayton Moorman**, fire protection publications manager; and **Eldonna Kreiger**, fire protection publications specialist.

## BUS Rodeo Showcases Skills

Transit driver Jack Patton took first place on Oct. 3 in the OSU Parking and Transit Services' THE BUS Rodeo.

The annual event showcases the transit driving skills of OSU transit operators and celebrity drivers.

The win qualified Patton to take part in the State Bus Rodeo.

In the "Celebrity Drivers" category, Lee Bird, OSU vice president for student affairs, took first place; Tulsa freshman Angela McLaughlin took second place; and KOSU news reporter Gail Banzet took third place.



Jack Patton



Gail Banzet, Lee Bird, OSU Director of Parking and Transit Services Steve Spradling, and Angela McLaughlin

## Gov. Henry Bellmon

OSU alumnus Henry Bellmon, former governor and U.S. Senator, died at the age of 88 on Sept. 29 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

"OSU has lost one of its most distinguished alums and Oklahoma has lost one of its greatest leaders," said OSU President Burns Hargis. "Henry Bellmon was a quiet giant in Oklahoma's young history. He had principles of steel and a heart of gold."

"The entire OSU community is proud to claim him as one of our own. Our hearts go out to his family. I have lost one of my best friends. He had a tremendous impact on my life and I will be forever grateful for his support, guidance and example."

## Ruth Lincoln

Ruth Lincoln, OSU's oldest alumna, died at her home in Little Rock recently just two weeks before her 112th birthday.

Lincoln was born Sept. 30, 1897, in a log cabin 10 miles east of Oklahoma City, and was graduated from OSU in 1919 with a degree in economics. After graduation, she moved to Arkansas, where she met her husband Ben Lincoln.



## SkidCar Training Available at OSU-OKC

OSU-OKC has added a new SkidCar Platform to its fleet of driving safety devices. An SUV was mounted onto the platform and drivers can test their ability to maneuver in dry and wet skids.

Precision Driving Training Center coordinator Randy Jacoby said the SkidCar helps drivers realize "that the driver causes a skid and not the roadway."

Drivers can learn how to correct both front-end and rear-end skids, how to use the Automatic Braking System and how to cope with hydroplaning.

OSU-OKC is the only driving school in the state and one of the few in the nation that offers SkidCar training to civilians.



The OSU Alumni Association 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients were recognized during halftime of the OSU football game against Houston on Sept. 12. On the field are recipients Dennis White, Ninnekah; Rixio E. Medina, Houston; Joe Martin, Stillwater; David Kyle, Tulsa; Richard Jennings, Houston; and Catherine Ebert Jameson, Davis, with OSU Alumni Association National Board of Directors Chair Rex Horning, OSU Alumni Association President Larry Shell and OSU President Burns Hargis. Photo courtesy of Genesee Photo Systems

## Veterinary Health Sciences Helps with Rescue

OSU veterinarians, technicians and students responded quickly when the Payne County Sheriff's office called the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences on Sept. 17 to ask for help with 80 dogs and two cats rescued from a rural home, according to Michael Lorenz, professor and dean.

Because the animals were evidence and the subject of legal action, the intake process included identifying and photographing each animal. Detailed records were maintained for medical and legal purposes by the eight teams comprised of students, veterinary technicians and one faculty veterinarian.

"The animals were abused, neglected and poorly nourished," said Mark Neer, director of the veterinary center's Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. Animals were rotated through receiving, triage and treatment, and within two hours, all animals had been examined. Students even bathed the dogs to make them more comfortable.

"The students and staff worked until the wee hours of the morning," said Lorenz. "Oklahomans can be extremely proud of the veterinary team. Despite the horrific scene, the group performed at a high professional level. I am very proud of their dedication and competence."

"Dr. Neer and everyone at the veterinary

hospital could not have been any kinder to the animals or been more hospitable to the people who came to foster them," said Garry McKinnis, Payne County undersheriff.

"It was pretty sad, especially the high number of dogs involved," said Matt Stone, Springfield, Ill., fourth-year veterinary student.

All rescued animals are in foster care, and are now available for adoption.

The care of rescued dogs and cats is partially funded by the veterinary hospital's "Brittany Fund," a fund to help seriously ill or traumatized pets receive veterinary care when otherwise they would not.



Veterinary med student Matt Stone holds Princess, one of the rescued animals. Stone fostered Princess and hopes to adopt her.

## Rice to Headline Tulsa Business Forum

Former U.S. Secretary of State and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice will be the second speaker in the Tulsa Business Forum Series on Feb. 4 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Tulsa Mabee Center. The Tulsa Business Forums feature international business and political leaders, authors and policymakers who bring critical and timely information to the Oklahoma business community.

William D. Cohan, author and Wall Street banker, was the first speaker on Oct. 15, and the final speaker will be J. Alexander M. Douglas Jr., president of Coca-Cola North America, on March 24.

The Tulsa Business Forums are sponsored by the Spears School of Business and its corporate partners and coordinated by the Center for Executive and Professional Development at OSU.