



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A report to the OSU/A&M Regents from the Office of the OSU System CEO and President.

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Message from Marlene Strathe

We have had an excellent fall semester and I was pleased recently to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of a number of Oklahoma State University faculty and staff members at the Fall Convocation.

The Regents teaching and research awards were presented along with staff, faculty and administrator service recognitions. International programs and outreach efforts were also recognized. The 2007 eminent faculty award recipient and the newly appointed Regents professors were honored and Dean Pat Knaub received the "Loyal and True" Award. The OSU community is indeed fortunate to have so many outstanding individuals as part of our university.

Planning is under way for the upcoming legislative session and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has identified five legislative agenda priorities: 1) maximizing state appropriations, 2) increasing student financial aid, 3) obtaining matching funds for endowed chairs/professorships, 4) continuing investments in research initiatives, and 5) establishing a grant program for economic development initiatives.

OSU has begun the internal process of budget development for FY '09 as well identifying our priorities for federal funding. The Capitol Hill Consulting Group has been retained to assist OSU in

the federal appropriation and agency arena. The Group is headed by former Oklahoma congressman Bill Brewster.

Enhancing the salaries of our faculty and staff, addressing mandatory costs, increasing available start-up monies for newly hired faculty, and providing additional student support services remain among our highest priorities.

The OSU Foundation has announced another record-setting fund-raising year with gifts totaling more than \$85 million for the fiscal year ending June 30. Fund-raising success was punctuated by several record-breaking totals secured in planned giving, endowments and annual giving.

We are pleased the Information Technologies division at OSU-Okmulgee was one of three programs in the nation to receive the ABET President's Award for Diversity. OSU is committed to preparing students to think and act in ways that will embrace and promote a more inclusive society and we commend OSU-Okmulgee on this high honor.

I also want to extend sincere gratitude and congratulations to our students and others who made the OSU 2007 Homecoming another huge success. The students' charitable work, the Walkaround, the parade, the thrilling victory over Kansas State, and various other events made it a perfect week for our many alumni and friends.

An ORANGE



State of Mind



Interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe, retired OSU history professor LeRoy Fischer and Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director and OSU graduate Bob Blackburn are the first three in a line of dignitaries who rang the Old Central bell to mark the dedication and official start of a \$7 million restoration and renovation of OSU's historic Old Central building.

Officials Ring Bell to Mark Old Central Restoration

Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director Bob Blackburn joined OSU officials and guests Oct. 10 to ring the Old Central bell marking the dedication and official start of a \$7 million restoration and renovation of the 113-year old building.

The current restoration will essentially give Old Central a new foundation. When completed, the renovated building will house the OSU Honors College and continue to be the home of the Oklahoma Museum of Higher Education.

"This building stands as a symbol of just how far higher education has come in the state of Oklahoma," said Blackburn.

Originally called the College Building,

Old Central was the first permanent structure at Oklahoma A&M College. It opened its doors in 1894 and the initial cost was \$25,000. Through the years, the building has been the location for the president's office, university office space, classes, commencement, the student newspaper and the university's first print shop. Classes were last held in Old Central in 1921, and it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1971.

Renovation of the 11,088 square foot building is funded through the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education capital lease program and is scheduled to be completed by December of 2008.

OSU Begins Campus Energy Conservation

A comprehensive energy conservation initiative expected to save more than \$22 million over the next seven years is well under way throughout the OSU System.

Many building environmental systems already have been adjusted to limit consumption, and the next implementation stages of the program developed in partnership with Energy Education Inc. will ask all faculty, staff and students for action.

"EEI's program in no way requires us to compromise the university's research and education mission. We will not limit laboratory operations or disrupt essential activities," said Interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe. "Most of the changes, such as establishing building heating and cooling schedules according to seasons and times of occupancy, will go largely unnoticed."

The program, including standardized best practices and guidelines that promote responsible energy management, is designed to limit utility energy consumption primarily when buildings and spaces are unoccupied.

Best College Buy

OSU has been named among "America's 100 Best College Buys for 2007 - 2008" by an independent research and consulting firm. The annual study by Institutional Research and Evaluation, Inc. includes only colleges that manage to provide the highest quality education at the lowest cost. *The Washington Monthly* also has ranked OSU among the best U.S. college and university programs this year. OSU was the only school from Oklahoma included on the magazine's list, which is considered an alternative to the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.

War Dog Promise Fulfilled After Almost 54 Years

On Oct. 19 in Stillwater, Lt. Col. Lorren L. Perdue, USAF Ret., made good on a promise he made nearly 54 years ago involving his flying companion and best friend, Ace, a black Australian Shepherd War Dog.

Perdue, a World War II pilot, met Ace in New Guinea in 1943 and raised and trained him to be a War Dog using an Army K-9 training manual.

Ace became the mascot of the 66th Troop Carrier Squadron, 403rd T.C. Group, and was the only War Dog who flew with his pilot trainer. They logged more than 500 hours in the Southwest Pacific, and at the war's end, Ace was shipped to Perdue's parents' home in Alabama where they were reunited in 1945.

Following World War II, Perdue was assigned to the Air Force ROTC staff at Oklahoma A&M College, and he and Ace continued to fly in Air Force and civilian aircraft. Ace accumulated more than 1,000 hours of flight time.

In November 1953, Ace suffered a heart attack while pheasant hunting near Stillwater, and died the next day.

"Mr. Hoyt Walkup, former Air Force pilot and Stillwater airport manager at the time, assisted me in burying Ace in an Army footlocker under the airport tetrahedron (wind T) in front of the airport terminal building," Perdue said.

Perdue was joined by friends, alumni and OSU representatives from the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences to commemorate the life of this military War Dog.



Michael Lorenz, dean of the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences, right, welcomed Lt. Col. Lorren Perdue (USAF Ret.) to the Stillwater Regional Airport where Perdue fulfilled a promise he made 54 years ago to Ace, a military War Dog and his best friend and flying companion.

North Classroom Building Breaks Ground Sept. 14

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Glen Johnson joined OSU and Northern Oklahoma College officials Sept. 14 to break ground on the North Classroom Building. The \$14 million facility is partially funded through the Oklahoma Higher Education Capital Bond Program.

The facility will include two 116-seat auditoriums, 14 classrooms, a student success center and coffee shop. One floor will be occupied by the Northern Oklahoma College Gateway Program.

The building is one of the \$165 million in academic projects currently under way at OSU, and should open in 2009.

New facilities and improvements to current buildings are part of the \$826 million campus master plan that will transform OSU over the next five to seven years, making it more competitive in academics, campus life and athletics.



North Classroom Building

IT Program Receives Diversity Award

OSU-Okmulgee's Information Technologies Division is one of three programs in the nation to receive the ABET President's Award for Diversity from the premier accreditation agency that provides leadership and quality assurance in applied science, computing, engineering and technology

education. OSU-Okmulgee's Information Assurance and Forensics program is accredited by ABET.

The 2007 President's Award for Diversity recognizes extraordinary success in achieving or facilitating diversity and inclusiveness in the technological segments of society. OSU-Okmulgee President Bob Klabenes will accept the award later this month at the ABET Commission Summit in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

In keeping with its diversity and inclusiveness focus, OSU-Okmulgee offers IT classes at Rose State College in Midwest City, at OSU-Tulsa, on its own campus in Okmulgee and over the Internet, according to Scott Newman, Information Technologies division chair.



OSU-OKC Physical Plant Building

OSU-OKC Physical Plant Opens

OSU-Oklahoma City President Jerry Carroll and OSU-OKC Advisory Board members recently marked the opening of the new OSU-OKC Physical Plant Building at a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The 10,500 square foot building houses the Grounds and Facility Maintenance departments and provides campus work

and storage areas.

Funding for the building came from the 2005 Higher Education Capital Bond Issue and institutional funds. The \$475 million for construction and \$25 million bond bank allows the state's colleges and universities to better meet the needs of more than 235,000 students.

University Health Services Reaccredited

OSU University Health Services has passed a series of rigorous and nationally-recognized standards for the provision of quality health care to achieve accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, according to Steve Rogers, UHS director.

Accreditation underscores the UHS long-standing commitment to provide the highest possible levels of quality care. This is the fifth consecutive three-year accreditation award earned by UHS, dating

back to 1995.

Ambulatory health care organizations seeking accreditation undergo an extensive on-site, peer-based survey of facilities and services.

UHS is the ambulatory care facility on the OSU campus for students who become ill or injured. With a staff of 40 that includes six physicians and a physician associate, 13 nurses and other health professionals, UHS handles more than 26,000 medical visits per year.

OSU Center for Rural Health Receives Awards

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma Champions of Health program named the OSU Center for Rural Health as a recipient of its Champion of Public Health Award and the Rural Health Association of Oklahoma has named it the Rural Organization of the Year for 2007, according to William J. Pettit, OSU Center for Health Sciences associate dean for rural health.

The Champions of Health Award recognizes the center for improving the health and well-being of rural Oklahomans, who make up more than half of the state's population. The Rural Health Association of Oklahoma award honors OSU for its dedication and commitment to rural health and for serving as an example for other organizations to follow.

OSU Represented in Parade

OSU was represented well at the Oklahoma Centennial Parade this month in Oklahoma City with the OSU Marching Band, the OSU Cheerleaders and Pom Squad and the OSU Rodeo Association.

Joining the OSU Rodeo Association and its alumni were Oklahoma rodeo legends Clem McSpadden, Wayne Cornish, Bill Feddersen, Jimmy Hill, Mary Burger, Shoat Webster, Tater Decker, Don Hudleston, Bobby Clark, Barry Burke, Blair Burk, Bennie "Sonny" Beutler, Johnny "The One Armed Bandit" Payne, Sherry Johnson, Teddy Johnson, Roy Duvall, Ote Berry and Hunter Herrin. They rode on a buckboard-style wagon owned by Cimarron Hitches and an authentic covered wagon owned by OSU graduate student Dan Stein and his wife, Jana. The OSU Spirit Rider team of Jennifer and Ty Cunningham, along with Bullet, joined the group.



Twenty sophomores were honored on Sept. 22 as the OSU Top 10 Freshman Women and Men for the past year. Mortar Board is responsible for choosing the Top Freshman Women, and Omicron Delta Kappa selects the Top Ten Freshman Men. Honorees were Shelby Latta, Brady Brewer, Carrie Highfill, Ben Stukenburg, Janae Butler, Jonathan Allison, William Collins, Cami Jo Jeter, Conner Mahan, Hayley Zimmerman, Blair Kirkpatrick, Libby Francis, Jerod Cottom, Sadie Stockdale, Race Clark, Sandy Brown, Tyler Powell, Aubrey Gooden, Jared Crain and KenDale Glazier.



OSU-Okmulgee's Future Chefs' Association recently toured San Francisco and the Napa Valley and Sonoma County wine country regions. Accompanying the students were culinary arts instructor Jeff Howard and Chefs Grady Perryman and Valarie Carter.

Twelve Named Niblack Research Scholars

The OSU Office of the Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer has selected 12 undergraduate students to participate in the 2007-08 Niblack Research Scholars Program.

The program is the inspiration of John Niblack, who chose research as a career following the opportunity to work in an OSU laboratory as an undergraduate. Niblack devoted his life to research, and now inspires students with an interest in science to broaden their education through this program.



This year's scholars are, front, Takahiro Nago, Japan; Heather Schemet, Owasso; Jessica Abbey, Tulsa; Tripti Shrivastava, Nepal; Matt Atkins, Perkins; Brian Herrin, Lindsay; back, Justin R. Alexander, Oologah; Chris Hoover, Sapulpa; Marla Carrick, Pryor; Will Woods, Ochelata; Braxton Nottingham, Lawrence, Kan. Not pictured: Edward Manda, Zambia.

Senior cornerback **Martel Van Zant** is one of four athletes featured on the CBS special "The United States Marine Corps Presents the 2007 ARETE Honors for Courage in Sports," on Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. His story will be narrated by Academy Award-nominated actor William Clarke Duncan. The program honors athletes who have overcome challenges and adversity to succeed in sports. Van Zant is a deaf student-athlete who has excelled as a defensive back starter in football.



The Vietnamese Student Association sold noodles, egg rolls and bubble tea at their booth at the International Expo on Oct. 3 on the library lawn. The annual event, hosted by the International Student Organization, featured food, performances and souvenirs from students representing more than 14 countries.

Oklahoma City-based SandRidge Energy Inc. was the 5,000th company to use **HireOSUGrads.com**, the online resource that is an essential part of a model to bring together graduates and prospective employees to actively recruit OSU grads for positions. HireOSUGrads.com has been so effective that it is now OSU Career Services' off-campus identity.

Six students received \$500 OSU Parents Association Scholarships during Family Weekend, according to **Fran Gragg**, association coordinator. Recipients were **Zachary Basden**, Oklahoma City senior; **Evan Schwenk**, Stillwater junior; **Ben Stukenburg**, Tulsa sophomore; **Darryl Hillard Jr.**, Oklahoma City junior; **Kelli Watkins**, Okarche sophomore; and **Shayla Sutton**, Erick sophomore. **Rose Winfrey** of Stillwater was named Parent of the Year.

OSU-OKC students **Amber Reed** and **Mary L. Cole** won the Oklahoma Global Education Consortium student essay contest. They received \$200 awards and read their essays at the OGEC Conference.

Lone Grove animal science doctoral student **1st Lt. Morgan Ashworth** will receive a Bronze Star Nov. 3 at his Tulsa-based reserve unit for valor in retrieving wounded fellow soldiers while under fire during a raid in Iraq this past February. His commanders describe Ashworth risking his life again and again under heavy machine gun fire to move the wounded to safety and care for them.



Melissa Jackson, Nina Ellis-Hervey and Alvina Cawston, McNair Scholars in clinical psychology, are among 35 McNair Scholars in OSU graduate programs this year representing 20 McNair programs from 11 states. Scholars were recently recognized at a reception by the Graduate College.

Swinford receives special honor at Convocation

Jeffrey Swinford, Southlake, Texas, business management senior, received special recognition at the OSU Fall Convocation.

Swinford received the Commandant's Trophy, the U.S. Marine Corps' award for superior performance at Officer Candidate School. Initiated in 1957, the trophy recognizes members of each Platoon Leaders Class who distinguish themselves during summer training. Recipients are candidates who attain the highest leadership, physical and academic averages in their respective increments of Officer Candidates School.

Swinford graduated first among all Marine officer candidates nationwide in the 2007 Senior Platoon Leaders Class at

Marine Base Quantico, Va.

He was congratulated by Interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe, and was presented the trophy by U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Adam Chalkley, Oklahoma City Recruiting Station commanding officer, and U.S. Marine Corps Capt. M. G. Gehrki, officer selection officer of Norman.

Swinford is a member of the pre-law fraternity Phi Alpha Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He served an internship with U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, and plans to attend law school with aspirations to become a judge advocate in the Marine Corps.



Business management senior Jeffrey Swinford received the Commandant's Trophy, the U.S. Marine Corps' award for superior performance at Officer Candidate School. Congratulating him are U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Adam Chalkley and Interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe.



Ten students have been selected to serve as members of the OSU-OKC President's Leadership Council and to receive a scholarship based on academic achievement and leadership potential. This year's recipients, with OSU-OKC President Jerry Carroll, center, are Samuel Rummage, Logan Eason, Lance Stephens, Michelle Erwin, Dakota Ruthardt, Daniel Mungle, Nichole Schweiss, Ashley Williams, Carol Phillips and Mark Mungle.

Burt, McAskill Study in Korea

Ashley Burt of Stillwater and Blake McAskill of Altus are spending this semester in Seoul, Korea, thanks to prestigious scholarships administered by the Institute of International Studies and coordinated by the OSU Study Abroad Office.

Burt, a studio art sophomore, received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, a \$2,000 award given to 420 outstanding American undergraduate students from more than 230 colleges and universities throughout the U.S. to study abroad this year. She is attending Ewha Womans University through the OSU reciprocal exchange program.

McAskill, an environmental engineering senior, received a \$5,000 Freeman-ASIA Scholarship and is attending Yonsei University through the OSU reciprocal exchange program and plans to pursue studies in engineering, as well as in Korean language and culture.

The OSU-OKC Electronic Engineering Technology department added two new student internships starting fall 2007. **Ben Watkins**, a second year student, accepted an internship position with ICX-Nomadics in Oklahoma City. Halliburton added a new intern position in Oklahoma City for EET students, and **James Lynch**, a second semester student, accepted the position.

The **OSU Medicine Student Osteopathic Medical Association's** fall health fair, in conjunction with the Okmulgee Chili Festival, featured student organizations. Members took part in a Chili Chase run and the fair featured literature and health information about nutrition, diabetes, osteopathic manipulative medicine, mental health, organ donations, and alcohol, drugs and tobacco awareness. The OSU mobile telemedicine clinic was on site as part of the health fair. On campus, the Pediatrics Club's "Put a Sock in It" campaign gathered new socks for students at nearby Eugene Field Elementary School. In addition, OSU student members of American Medical Women's Association participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Kevin Yap, Brisbane, Australia, M.B.A. student, recently competed in The Tire Rack Sports Car Club of America Solo Nationals in Topeka, Kan. He qualified by winning two divisional and three regional championships this year, his first full season behind the wheel of his Toyota Corolla. Driving for The Kev Master Racing, Yap was the only Oklahoma rookie to qualify for the Topeka event, which is part of the national championships. Coached by Robert Seelig, he placed 26th in the ultra-competitive H-Stock class where many previous national champions got their start.

OSU-Tulsa junior **Kolby Brown** received an \$850 scholarship from the Wyatt F. and Mattie M. Jeltz Scholarship Foundation in Oklahoma City.

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers student chapter at OSU has received the **Outstanding Chapter Award** for the ninth consecutive year to recognize the top 10 percent of all student chapters in the country.



Approximately 375 students, faculty, staff and families enjoyed great weather and great food at the CVHS All School Picnic, co-sponsored by the College of Veterinary Medicine and Nestlé Purina.

The Oklahoma Celebrates America Recycles Day Committee has named "Real Cowboys Recycle" an Oklahoma's Recycling Hero and Collegiate Recycler of the Year. The OSU game day recycling program that involves the Student Government Association and ECO-OSU, the Stillwater campus grass roots environmental organization, was initiated by **Cortney Timmons**, Ada biosystems engineering senior.



Chang-An Yu, Regents and Sarkeys Professor of Biochemistry, received the 2007 Eminent Faculty Award from Interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe. This is the top faculty honor given each year during the OSU Fall Convocation and recognizes the highest level of scholarly achievement. Yu, who joined the OSU faculty in 1981, is regarded internationally as one of the top researchers working in the area of biological energy transduction.

Nanotechnology Receives \$598,000 NSF Award

The National Science Foundation has awarded \$598,000 to OSU-Okmulgee and the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education to boost a joint program called the Oklahoma Nanotechnology Initiative.

The funds will be used to help develop awareness among middle and high school students about career opportunities the field will offer and assist in the development of the high tech labs needed to offer hands-on learning experiences.

Nanotechnology is the term used to describe the process of manufacturing at the molecular level. Before 2010, the market for nanotechnology products and services is estimated to reach \$1 trillion in the U.S. economy and will require from 800,000 to two million new workers. Most of these workers will need at least two-year postsecondary degrees.



Mike Sluch, nanotechnology instructor, and Dolph Hayden, interim assistant chair of Electronics Technologies Division, examine software and equipment in the new nanotechnology laboratory and classroom at OSU-Okmulgee.

Fall Convocation Honors Faculty, Staff in Stillwater

Exemplary performances by OSU faculty and staff over the past year were honored during the 2007 OSU Fall Convocation held in Click Hall.

Honorees and awards included:

Richard Bunce, chemistry, Sigma Chi Lectureship Award; LeGrande Slaughter, chemistry, Sigma Xi Young Investigator Award; Andrew Urich, economics and legal studies, Outreach Faculty Excellence Award; Dale Lightfoot, geography, International Faculty Excellence Award.

OSU Awards of Excellence for Advise-ment went to Karen Hickman, CASNR; Michael Taylor and Karen Smith, Arts and Sciences; Todd Snethen, Education; David Pratt, CEAT; Ted Drab, Human Environmental Sciences; and Cortney Williams, Spears School of Business.

The OSU Loyal and True Award went to Patricia Knaub, Human Environmental Sciences dean. President's Service Awards were presented to James Breazile, faculty; Denise Brooks, staff; and Bob Dixon, administrator.

Regents Distinguished Teaching Awards were presented to Jeffery Hatty, Sheila Kennison, Timm Bliss, Camille DeYong, Amanda Harrist, Marilyn Kletke, James Lish and Ravi Sheorey.

Regents Distinguished Research Awards went to Wade Brorsen, Robert Mayer, Kaladi Babu, Barbara Walker, Jeffrey Spittler, Amanda Harrist, Ramesh Rao and William Barrow.

The Phoenix Award for a Graduate Faculty went to Lynna Ausburn, teaching and curriculum leadership professor.

Also introduced were newly appointed Regents Professors Charles Abramson, Riley Dunlap, Carey Pope, Dan Rickman and Peter Sherwood.

Seretean Memorial Wellness Walk Raises \$5,000

The Seretean Memorial Wellness Walk for the United Way on Sept. 27, a one-mile fun walk through the Stillwater campus that began on the library lawn at noon, raised \$5,000 for the United Way.

Originally called the President's Wellness Walk for United Way, it was renamed to honor the late Bud Seretean, a champion of health and wellness on the OSU campus.

The number of walkers increased to 364 this year, compared to 293 last year, according to Kendria Cost, Seretean Wellness Center marketing coordinator.



Brian Winn, OSU-Okmulgee Food Services Steward, wheels up a fresh cart full of hamburger buns for hungry students, instructors and staff at the "Welcome Back Lunch" in September, attended by more than 2,000 students, according to Bruce Force, OSU-Okmulgee student life director.

Kenneth Bartels, veterinary clinical sciences, received the 2007 Visionary of the Year Award at the Southwest Veterinary Symposium held in Fort Worth. Bartels is the McCasland Professor of Laser Surgery, Cohn Chair in Veterinary Medicine, Director of the Sarkeys Surgical Laser Laboratory and Colonel, Veterinary Corps, U.S. Army Reserve. He is currently on active duty stationed at Ft. Gordon in Georgia.

Christine Ormsbee, Professional Education interim associate director and School of Teaching and Curriculum Leadership head, was appointed by Gov. Brad Henry to serve as a commissioner on the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation, the only slot designated for a higher education representative from a public institution that prepares teachers and other education professionals.



Ten new Arts and Sciences faculty members were introduced to Oklahoma's many historical and cultural attractions on a bus tour of the state on Oct. 6, hosted by Dean Peter M.A. Sherwood, standing, and coordinated by the college's Outreach office. Among the sites they visited were the Oklahoma City National Memorial and the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Brad Bays, geography associate professor, served as tour guide.

Jerry Malayer, associate dean for research and graduate education, received a Distinguished Animal Science Alumnus Award from Purdue University. He also was recently reappointed by Gov. Brad Henry to the OCAST Health Research Committee.

Nancy Shuman-Miller, OSU-OKC Social Sciences Department head, completed residence this summer at Oxford University and is a certified member of the Oxford Round Table.

Deb Jordan, leisure studies professor and graduate coordinator, was recently selected as the first Oklahoman to be named a Fellow in the Academy of Leisure Sciences. She was inducted into the academy on Sept. 27 in Indianapolis during the National Recreation and Park Association Congress and Exposition. There are only approximately 80 people in the world who have been named Fellows.



Current and former Mary L. Williams Curriculum Materials Library librarians took part in a celebration on Sept. 28 to recognize 50 years of service to the College of Education. Recognized were **Donna Schwarz** (1985-93 and 2001-present), **Neysa Eberhard** (1969-73), **Shonda Brisco** (2000-2001) and **JoAnn Bierman** (1993-1999), with **Sheila Grant Johnson**, dean of Libraries, far right.

Jennifer Paustenbaugh, library associate dean for planning and assessment, was selected as one of 14 "Top Academic Library Leaders for the 2007 Senior Fellows Programs," and was appointed to the UCLA Senior Fellows for 2007 following a nationwide competition conducted by the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies.

Bill Raun, Regents Professor and Melvin D. and Mary E. Jones Distinguished Professor in Agronomic Sciences, is the 2007 recipient of the Sarkeys Distinguished Professor Award.

Jason Arble, clinical sciences assistant professor, recently passed his boards in radiology, and is now a board certified specialist in radiology with a focus on diagnostic/cross sectional imaging.



OSU-OKC Vice President Mac McCrory helps children learn fire safety at OSU-OKC's Family Health and Safety Day.

The College of Arts and Sciences honored faculty and staff on Oct. 3 at its fall convocation. **Jessica Maerz**, theater assistant professor, received the Wise Diggs Berry Award for excellence in the visual performance or written arts. Junior Faculty Awards for Scholarly Excellence were presented in the areas of arts and humanities, natural sciences, and social and behavioral sciences to **Celeste Johnson**, music; **Eduardo Yukihara**, physics; and **Celinda Reese**, psychology. **Fran Mihura**, statistics department, received the staff award, and **Loralee Ohrtmann**, chemistry department, received the safety award.

Andy Arena, Maciula Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, will receive the 2008 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Faculty Adviser Award. He was cited for "tireless promotion and dedication to aeronautics education in Oklahoma."

Bus driver **Sheena Stewart** took first place in the Bus Rodeo obstacle course, with perfect scores on the pre-trip inspection, written exam and diminishing clearance. She placed second in last year's state competition in Oklahoma City. **Mitchell McAnally**, bus system evening supervisor, took second place with a perfect score on his left reverse and diminishing clearance, and third place went to **Chad Akers**.

Whitney Brosi, human development and family science assistant professor; **Janice Hermann**, nutritional sciences professor; **Jan Johnson**, HDFS assistant professor; and **Linda Jaco**, Oklahoma ABLE Tech, received \$326,000 from the USDA for a one-year project, "Empowering Older, Rural Oklahomans and Their Communities: Assessment and Education on Contextual Barriers to Positive Nutrition and Health."

Meredith Hamilton, zoology associate professor, was elected to the American Society of Mammalogists board of directors at its 87th annual meeting held in June at the University of New Mexico. She will serve a three-year term helping to direct the world's oldest and largest scientific organization devoted to mammals.

Clinical pathology resident **Susan Fielder** and anatomic pathology clinical instructor **Cathy Lamm** passed the board examination to become Diplomates of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists.

Smithsonian magazine has named **Elizabeth Catlos**, geology associate professor, to its list of "America's Young Innovators in the Arts and Sciences: 37 Under 36." Catlos, a geochemist and mineralogist, was honored for her international fieldwork and scientific insight into the origins of mountain ranges. A year ago, she was recognized by the Geological Society of America as the "Top Young Scientist" for outstanding achievement in geology through research that advances the earth sciences. The issue hit newsstands Oct. 16.

Jeff White, chemistry associate professor, was invited to serve on the editorial advisory board for the American Chemical Society journal *Macromolecule*, the number one polymer science journal worldwide for original research contributions.

Jayson Lusk, agricultural economics professor and Willard Sparks Endowed Chair of Agribusiness, received the 2007 James A. Whatley Award for Meritorious Service in Agricultural Sciences, given to the top young scientist in OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

John Fernandes, D.O., OSU Center for Health Sciences president and College of Osteopathic Medicine dean, was elected to a three-year term on the board of the Association of Academic Health Centers.

The Research Administrators Certification Council has selected **Toni Shaklee**, associate vice president, Research and Technology Transfer, to serve a three-year term on the RACC Board of Directors.



OSU Head Football Coach **Mike Gundy** recently presented an autographed football to fan **Kyle "Butch" Copelin**, 17, a member of the Newkirk High School Football team. The developmentally disabled player met Gundy before participating in "The Walk" before OSU's game with Sam Houston State.

OSU Foundation Reports Recent New Gifts to System

The OSU Foundation has announced the following gifts to the OSU System:

--A \$500,000 Chesapeake Energy Corporation donation to fund up to 12 scholarships annually in the Boone Pickens School of Geology and up to eight scholarships in the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology. This raises Chesapeake's scholarship commitment on the Stillwater campus to \$1 million. Also, the Chesapeake Rural Scholars Program established in 2003 will award twenty \$2,500 scholarships during the 2007-08 academic year.

--ETS-Lindgren has given a gift of a Smart 80 reverberation chamber valued at \$275,000 to OSU's School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, which will enhance the university's national reputation in the area of electromagnetic compatibility. The Smart 80 reverberation chamber is used to evaluate the emissions and immunity of electronic devices in the frequency range of 80MHz to 18GHz, and

is located next to an anechoic chamber at the University Multispectral Laboratories at OSU's Richmond Hills complex. There are only six locations in the United States where this combination of testing can be accomplished in one location. Headquartered in Cedar Park, Texas, ETS-Lindgren has manufacturing facilities in North America, Europe and Asia.

--OSU-OKC received a \$115,000 gift from the Kirkpatrick Foundation for a Smart Classroom in the Veterinary Technology department in the new Agriculture Resource Center.

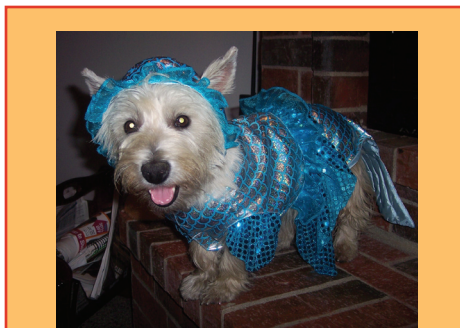
--ExxonMobil Corporation announced that OSU will be one of 84 colleges and universities to receive an unrestricted grant of \$45,000, which is a portion of the total \$1.7 million being contributed nationwide to support various academic programs that help prepare students to enter the workforce.

--The LEGO Children's Fund has provided a \$10,000 gift to purchase materials for a child therapy room at OSU. The funding will be used to serve children locally and provide training opportunities for students in school and community counseling as well as doctoral students in counseling psychology. Play therapy allows children to communicate, express feelings, modify behavior, develop problem-solving skills and learn a variety of ways of relating to others. Jennifer Martin, a manager at LEGO Systems, Inc., in Connecticut and '94 OSU speech communications, led the charge to submit the successful proposal. OSU provides the state's only nationally accredited graduate-level programs in counseling.

--The Cat Room—a feature of the Small Animal Clinic Critical Care Unit upgrade—has been named with a gift from Jack and Joyce Stuteville in Kingfisher. The room is named in memory of Jack's Aunt Verna Stuteville, an avid cat enthusiast.

--A neonatal foal stall has been named in the Equine Critical Care Unit. The Herthel Family of Alamo Pintado Equine Clinic in California gave a \$10,000 naming gift.

--Hills Pet Nutrition presented the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences with a \$25,000 check for the expansion of facilities and programs for the instruction in oral communication using simulated client interviews. This gift will enable the purchase and installation the necessary equipment for the existing conference room in the Veterinary Medicine Library.



BOO! Annabell is one entrant in OSU-Okmulgee's Pet Costume Contest this year. The Student Senate will award \$50 cash prizes in three categories: photogenic, ugliest and most original.

2007 Homecoming King and Queen



Aaron Wilson of Stillwater and Andrea Curry of Sterling

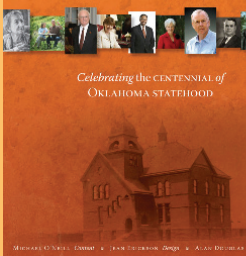


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