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A Conversation with.....

“A Conversation with T. Boone Pickens,” led by OSU President Burns Hargis as part of the H. Louise and H.E. “Ed” Cobb Speaker Series, was a sold-out event on Sept. 5.

Pickens’ new book, “The First Billion Is the Hardest: Reflections on a Life of Comebacks and America’s Energy Future,” was released Sept. 2. He spoke about the book, his Pickens Plan and more during the evening.

His development and advocacy of a new U.S. energy plan has generated an avalanche of political and media attention in recent weeks. The Pickens Plan, spelled out in his book, is a blueprint to reduce the nation’s foreign oil dependence by harnessing domestic energy alternatives.

Pickens was the 18th speaker in the series, which is presented annually by the Friends of the OSU Library. The event was a record-breaking success, hosting nearly 400 guests and raising more than \$35,000 for the OSU Libraries.



T. Boone Pickens and OSU President Burns Hargis

Campuses Fill with Students This Fall

Discussing a microscopic image displayed with a virtual microscope in histology lab are OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine first-year students Brandon Sumner, Edana Robinson, Daniel Nimmo and Amber Patterson.



The OSU Graduate and Professional Student Government Association’s Fall Welcome Reception was held in the Student Union Ballroom.



Anita Gordy-Watkins and Ken Milliman watch as Chris Cuzzort of Elgin, a heavy equipment and vehicle institute student sponsored by Caterpillar, moves into the dorms at OSU-Institute of Technology.



Incoming veterinary students need many skills—intelligence, dexterity, quickness—to handle the many species they will treat. Scaling the indoor rock wall helps them build strength and agility.

OSU-Tulsa students enjoy the good weather walking to their classes.



OSU-OKC’s campus is filled with new and returning students.

2008

Orange Peel

Grammy-nominated duo Sugarland will headline OSU's Orange Peel in Stillwater on Oct. 3 in Gallagher-Iba Arena.

Special program guests will be American Idol finalist and country music star Kellie Pickler, country singer Ashton Shepherd, and Motion City Soundtrack.

Orange Peel is a concert and pep rally organized by selected student leaders each year to provide the OSU community with national and local headline entertainment.

Since its inception, more than 200,000 people have attended Orange Peel and it is now the largest student-produced and student-run event in the country, with almost 200 students contributing to the annual program. Clayton Cotton, Wichita Falls, Texas, accounting senior, is executive director.

During its tenure, Orange Peel has raised more than \$200,000 for philanthropy through donations collected at the event and during "Feel the Peel" week (Sept. 29-Oct. 3). This year's concert will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

OSU-IT Begins Aggreko Partnership

OSU Institute of Technology recently entered a partnership with Aggreko, the world's leading supplier of temporary power, temperature control and oil-free compressed air systems. They have developed SelecTech, a technician training program through OSU's Diesel and Heavy Equipment Department.

"By combining the resources of Aggreko with our experience in working directly with industry, we have developed a true educational partnership," said program chair Roy Achemire. "There's probably not another selection of programs in the world that offers the kind of relationship with industry leaders that we do."

The company will recruit and place students in the two-year, six-semester program, half of the time on the Okmulgee campus and the other half on paid internships at Aggreko service centers.



Aggreko employees and students from Louisiana, Texas and Missouri.

Through the partnership, Aggreko will provide OSU-IT with training materials, including audiovisuals, student booklets, instructor guides, service information, simulators and training software. The company also will assist in providing the necessary equipment for the program.

Aggreko was named the temporary power and temperature control supplier of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and was recently named the supplier of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games.

The first class of Aggreko students began on Sept. 9.

DOE Funds HRAD H.O.T.E.L. Project

The U.S. Department of Education's Funds for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education awarded the School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration a \$408,000 multi-year educational program grant to develop an innovative dual-degree undergraduate program in hospitality management.

H.O.T.E.L. (Higher Opportunities for Training, Education and Language) Atlantis Project is under the aegis of the E.U.-U.S. Atlantis Program.

The program's purpose is to educate students about the nuances of managing a diverse workforce in the rapidly globalizing lodging industry.

Students would be able to acquire two undergraduate degrees within four to five years, one from OSU and one from one of the European Union partner institutions. A total of 48 students (24 from each side of the Atlantic) are expected to graduate from this special program before its completion.

The four-year grant was funded from September 2008 through October 2012 plus an additional \$607,575 from the European Commission's Directorate General for Education and Culture for the European partner institutions--Robert Gordon University in Scotland, and Turku University of Applied Sciences in Finland.

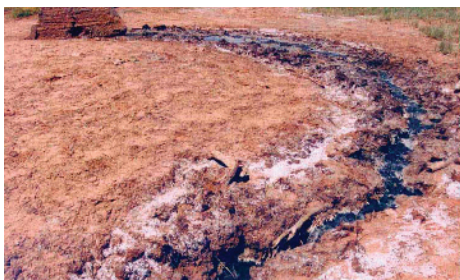
The total impact of the grant is about \$1.4 million, including an automatic fifth-year extension.

Radesh Palakurthi, the Charles W. Lanphere Distinguished Professor and graduate program coordinator, is the principal investigator and program director for the grant, and Richard Ghiselli, HRAD school director, is co-principal investigator.

NSF Grants Help Search for Unique Bacteria

The National Science Foundation approved a \$1.3 million grant for OSU and OU researchers to discover new kinds of microorganisms in natural habitats. The five-year grant will enable scientists to detect, identify and isolate unique microorganisms using state-of-the-art molecular biological procedures at a sulfur spring in southwestern Oklahoma.

"During the last two decades, advances in techniques used to identify microorgan-



The sulphur-rich Zodletone Spring gurgles from the ground near Anadarko.

isms have proven that a large number of unknown communities exist in nature, and Zodletone Spring (30 miles west of Anadarko) has several unique features perfect for this study," said Mostafa Elshahed, OSU microbiology and molecular genetics assistant professor. "The spring has high sulfide and sulfur concentrations, high levels of gaseous hydrocarbons, and an absence of oxygen that makes it ideal to study and hunt for many of these unique bacteria."

The grant also funds an educational outreach component to allow high school students to get involved in the project.

Lead researchers are Elshahed; Caroline Beller, OSU teaching and curriculum leadership assistant professor; and Lee Krumholz, OU botany and microbiology associate professor. Of the total grant, OSU will receive \$800,000 and OU will receive \$500,000

OSU Air Force ROTC Instructor Trains Iraqi Cadets

Since February, OSU Air Force ROTC instructor Maj. Joe Doyle has led the effort to train Iraqi men at Camp Rustamiyah outside downtown Baghdad, while showing Iraqi military officials techniques that will allow them to conduct the training.

Iraqi air force cadets train for four months with the Iraqi army, then train eight months with the U.S. Air Force program that Doyle oversees. Training focuses on air power, follower-ship and leadership courses as well as English and physical education.

"The leadership concept is very foreign here in the Arab world. Our ROTC candidates at OSU have an idea of leadership before our classroom discussions. For Iraqi students, leadership is a very, very new concept. Leadership here is based on family status, and corruption is prevalent," he said.

"We want to hand off the training responsibilities to the Iraqi military as soon as possible, however, right now we are very much needed here to help rebuild

the Iraqi air force that ultimately will help their fledgling government succeed."

Approximately 300 new Iraqi lieutenants were graduated and commissioned on July 18. Since 2005, Rustamiyah and three other academies have graduated more than 4,800 new Iraqi armed forces officers.

Doyle's training ground in Iraq is the former site of Saddam Hussein's military academy, founded in 1924 and now the Iraqi Military Academy at Rustamiyah.

"Some days the electricity goes out, while other days food is not delivered," he said. "There are all kinds of challenges, but that is just part of rebuilding a military in less than ideal circumstances."

It is rocket and mortar attacks that are "unnerving," Doyle said. "We have no real ground attack threat here at the camp. The insurgents have shot lots of rockets and mortars at us. Luckily, they are bad shots."

Casualties since the war started in 2003 are at their lowest. "The good guys have the momentum and more importantly, the Iraqi police and military have turned the

corner to get a handle on things," Doyle said. "There is no question that there will be more violent incidents, however, they are now fewer and further between."

The Boston native's 12-month tour ends in February 2009 when he will resume duties in Detachment 670 in Stillwater.



Maj. Joe Doyle, left, OSU Air Force ROTC instructor, is shown with one of his Iraqi cadets at Camp Rustamiyah outside of downtown Baghdad. The cadet training is part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

NIH Funds Behavioral Intervention Grant

OSU and OU have received a \$436,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health for a two-year project titled "A Clinic-Based Interdisciplinary Intervention for Parents of Children Newly Diagnosed with Cancer."

This project, headed by Larry L. Mullins, OSU psychology professor, includes a 12-week cognitive behavioral intervention for parents of children diagnosed with any form of pediatric cancer and who are being treated in the Jimmy Everest Center for Children with Cancer or Blood Disorders at the OU Health Sciences Center.

The intervention is unique because it provides comprehensive care between psychology and nurse interventionists soon after the child is diagnosed with cancer.

The grant will support personnel from the OSU Psychology Department, the College of Nursing at OUHSC, and faculty in the Jimmy Everest Section of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology.

Angelica Eddington, David Fedele, and Philip Rambo, graduate students in the clinical psychology program at OSU, serve in key roles on this grant project.



College of Human Environmental Sciences Dean Stephan Wilson, Professor Lynne Richards and Ann Hargis look over an example of a tartan plaid with design, housing and merchandising students Jenna Mason, Brenton Wimmer and Hui Ju Park, who will participate in the competition to design the official OSU tartan.

Students to Design Tartan Fabric

OSU will have its own tartan plaid fabric design, thanks to a student competition in design, housing and merchandising.

Tartan plaids are traditionally worn to identify clans or families in Scotland and Ireland, and each tartan is unique. The official OSU tartan will display OSU colors and its use will signify the members of the OSU clan. Coordinating the competition is Lynne Richards, apparel merchandising and design professor.

Current graduate and undergraduate students who have completed the DHM textiles class will have a month to create a completely original tartan fabric design using OSU's colors. University, community and industry representatives will select four finalists who will be revealed during OSU Homecoming week. Online voting on the four designs will begin and a winner will be named.

Designers of the top four finalists will receive a \$50 gift certificate for the OSU Student Union bookstore, courtesy of the OSU Trademark and Licensing Office. The creator of the winning design entry will receive an additional award of \$100.

Paulette Hebert, DHM professor and Judy Barnard, OSU director of trademarks and licensing, have arranged for Pendleton Mills in Portland, Ore., to produce the first blankets and scarves using the OSU tartan.



Lt. Col. Jeff Hensley, head of the OSU ROTC battalion; Cadets John Andrews, Stephen Gagnon and Troy Duerr; OSU President Burns Hargis; and OSU College of Arts and Sciences Dean Peter M.A. Sherwood.

OSU ROTC Cadets Receive Honors

Three OSU Army ROTC cadets were recognized for outstanding leadership and military skills on Aug. 27 at Thatcher Hall.

John Andrews, Elgin university studies senior, and Stephen Gagnon, Tulsa construction management technology senior, received the Association of U.S. Army 2008 Outstanding Cadet Awards. Troy Duerr, Ripon, Calif., fire protection and safety technology senior, earned the Sinclair L. Melner Award for outstanding performance.

The honors are part of a nationwide consolidated leadership development and assessment course and OSU's program was the only one in the nation to have multiple winners. More than 5,500 cadets attended the training at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Davidson Learns Statesmanship at Congress

Fort Cobb senior Jered Davidson was one of 51 college juniors selected to attend the Inaugural Student Congress of the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship this summer.

The purpose of the student congress was to help educate a new generation in the skills and processes of statesmanship and to expose a top college junior from every state to a curriculum in diplomacy, dialogue, listening skills, negotiation and mediation.

Davidson was nominated to represent Oklahoma at the week-long, master's-level college course in statesmanship on the recommendation of Bob Graalman, OSU director of Scholar Development.

"Resolving Conflict in the Contemporary World" took place in July at the

University of Kentucky.

"Each one of us has an impact on those around us and it is our generation's greatest challenge to effectively collaborate and resolve the conflicts facing us," Davidson said. "With knowledge we can become competent, capable and contributing individuals in society."

Davidson, an agricultural economics major with a minor in political science, was a 2008 Truman finalist.

Following graduation, he plans to attend law school at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Va., and also earn a master's degree in economics.



Davidson

Students Study Leadership at Cambridge

For the eighth straight year, students traveled to Cambridge University with OSU's Office of Scholar Development for a summer course in leadership.

The course, designed and taught by Steve Harrist, educational psychology associate professor, gave students a better understanding of British leadership principles by immersing them in the culture that produced many influential political figures.

Students, housed at Magdalene College,

toured Cambridge and the surrounding area with Arts and Sciences Dean Peter Sherwood, a graduate of Magdalene College and former Cambridge faculty member.

They also attended a reception at Sidney Sussex College hosted by OSU friend and Cambridge faculty member Claire Preston, who spoke on differences between U.S. and British educational systems.

A panel of OSU experts, including former OSU Truman Scholar and SGA President Bryan Begley, 2007 OSU Truman Scholar Matt Stiner, and Larry Hoberock, mechanical and aerospace engineering head, also led a seminar on leadership.



Attending the 2008 Cambridge program were, front row: Jimikaye Beck, Broken Arrow; Lydia Meador, Broken Arrow; Heather Kim, Boulder, Colo.; graduate assistant Kelsey Williams; Associate Professor Steve Harrist; Steffi Krull, Stilwell, Kan.; Jolie Britt, Edmond; Britney Melton, Oklahoma City; second row: graduate assistant Shonda Stevens, Bubba Brooks, Tulsa; Kyle Andrews, Tulsa; Asher Griffin, Edmond; Austin Horn, Yukon; Candace McCreary, Idabel; Whitney Leonard, Tulsa; top row: Tom Waters, Fort Worth; Whitney Ray, Stillwater; and Katy Ellington, Pawnee.



OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine first-year student doctors recited the osteopathic oath at a recent White Coat Ceremony.

Medical School Holds White Coat Ceremony

A total of 88 OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine first-year student doctors received their white coats as the final step in their medical school orientation.

The OSU White Coat Ceremony speaker was John Fernandes, dean of the OSU medical school.

College officials cloaked each student with a white coat provided by the

Oklahoma Osteopathic Association. After receiving their coats, students recited the Osteopathic Medicine Oath of Commitment, symbolizing their entrance into the osteopathic medical profession.

The traditional ceremony emphasizes the importance of the doctor-patient relationship and focuses on the true meaning of the art and science of medicine.

Fifteen high school students from rural Oklahoma attended the third Veterinary Medicine in Agriculture Summer Camp. Organized by **Katrina Meinkoth**, the program provides hands-on learning experiences for students interested in veterinary medicine and is part of innovative efforts by OSU-CVHS to address the critical shortage of rural veterinarians in Oklahoma and nationwide.

The National Peanut Board awarded **Shannon Stoup** of Cordell the 2008 Dr. George Washington Carver Award. She received a plaque and a \$1,000 cash prize. The award recognizes excellence in peanut-related research and community involvement. Her achievement also earned OSU a matching \$1,000 award. She received her B.S. degree in biological science in 2007 and will receive a master's degree in science education in 2009.

OSU-Tulsa Campus Life hosted a Student Organization Fair Aug. 25-28. Members were on hand to answer questions and provide information about the organization's mission, meeting times and membership benefits.

A total of 536 women accepted bids to join **OSU sororities** this fall.

Students from **OSU's Radiation Physics Laboratory** built and launched a cosmic radiation detector this summer that reached the edge of outer space. Carried by a helium-filled balloon 12 feet in diameter, it flew for more than two hours reaching 104,000 feet in altitude, recording radiation levels at the varying altitudes to be used by NASA to develop instrumentation for space flight, according to **Carl Johnson**, physics doctoral student who designed and constructed the device. The balloon and instrumentation launched from the Stillwater campus and landed in Perry. OSU engineering students **Joe Conner**, **Xander Buck** and **Ryan Paul** conducted the launch. Funded through a NASA EPSCoR grant, this project was overseen by **Eric Benton** and **Eduardo Yuihara** of the OSU Physics Department and **Andy Arena** of the OSU Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. **Art Lucas** of Lucas Newman Science and Technologies assisted on the design and development of the radiation detector.



Kappa Alpha members **Kyle Domnick**, **Shawnee**; **Tim Hooker**, **Guthrie**; **Jaremy Andrews**, **Edmond**; and **Quint McKee**, **Keller, Texas**, took part in the **Emerging Leaders Academy** in Lexington, Va. **Dominick** served as mock chapter facilitator; **McKee** won the **Excelsior Award for Leadership**; and **Hooker** won the **Samuel Zenas Ammen Award for Excellence**. **Jimmy Ferguson** attended the **Crusade Roundtable**.

OSU Honors College students broke records for achievements in 2007-08: 172 students earned General Honors Awards, 92 earned the Departmental Honors Award or College Honors Award and 79 graduated with the Honors College Degree, according to OSU Honors College Director **Robert Spurrier**.



FarmHouse fraternity was recognized for its exemplary academic achievement during the international fraternity's 45th Biennial Conclave at Texas Tech in August, according to **Jered Davidson**, chapter president. The award, for the chapter's spring 2007 academic performance, is presented to NIC-member fraternity chapters placing first among IFC fraternities in academic standing, in addition to maintaining a cumulative chapter grade point at least 50 base points higher than the campus all men's average.

The **OSU Student Chapter of the International Facility Management Association** received the 2008 Student Chapter of the Year Award, an international award designated by IFMA and the Awards of Excellence Team.

OSU-Tulsa mechanical and aerospace engineering doctoral student **Hrishikesh Bale** received Best Poster Award at the Eighth International Conference on Residual Stresses in Denver. "Interface Residual Stresses in Dental Zirconia Using Laue Micro-diffraction" was developed in conjunction with research for Jay Hanan, OSU-Tulsa of mechanical and aerospace engineering assistant professor and is part of an ongoing collaboration between the OCAST Health Research in Biomaterials at OSU and New York University's School of Dentistry.

Lindy Wiggins, Eureka, Kan., agricultural communications and animal science sophomore, is one of 12 students in the nation awarded a \$1,500 Westchester Foundation 2008 Agricultural Scholarship.

The **Oklahoma Louis Stokes Alliance** for Minority Participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics will host its 14th Annual Research Symposium on Sept. 20 in the Noble Research Center. Poster and oral presentations will be given by **OK-LSAMP Scholars** as well as invited scholars from other programs.

OSU **agricultural communications** students took home more than 20 individual and five team awards from the National Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow convention in Florida, and earned national chapter honors for leadership and service. **Emily Kilian**, Medford senior, was named 2008-09 national ACT first vice president. She and **Brooke Clay**, Perkins senior, received \$1,000 scholarships.

Janine Veronneau of Edmond was one of a handful of U.S. students who spent the summer studying veterinary medicine and public health in Africa. Accompanied by eight Ugandan veterinary students, Veronneau and the group traveled the African countryside on field trips, including visits to a Heifer International Project farm, a local pig farm, the Ugandan Bureau of Standards, a fishery, commercial dairy operation and a small animal clinic. Students also attended classes at the Makerere University in Uganda.

The **82 veterinary medicine students** in the Class of 2012 completed their three-day orientation on Aug. 15, which included the traditional White Coat Ceremony.



Plant and soil science junior Yuriko Mori of Fuji tries out one of the new Steinway pianos.

Free Concert to Highlight New Steinway Pianos

The OSU Music Department has added 30 new Steinway pianos to its inventory through a state master lease allocation of \$740,000, making it the only "All-Steinway" public university in Oklahoma.

The new pianos, ordered by faculty pianist Thomas Lanners, include a nine-foot concert grand piano.

A free musical event to celebrate is set for Sept. 21 at 2:30 p.m. in the Seretean Center Concert Hall for the Performing Arts. The program will include solo piano performances and collaborative performances featuring the entire OSU piano faculty plus various other instrumental and vocal faculty members.

Jazz pianist and Steinway technician Peter Krauss and his wife, singer Lisa Turci, also will perform. Sally Coveleskie,

Environmental Grants Awarded to Faculty

Joe Bidwell, zoology associate professor, and Craig Davis, natural resource ecology and management associate professor, recently received two major grants.

A \$317,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will focus on wetland mapping and classification of wetland resources in southeastern Oklahoma. The work will add to the development of a comprehensive assessment plan for Oklahoma's wetlands.

They also received \$260,000 in agency funding as part of a collaborative team that included personnel from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and Oklahoma Conservation Commission. The project will focus on assessment of the condition of oxbow lakes in Oklahoma.

Steinway & Sons national director of sales in New York, will also speak on behalf of the company.

OSU Recognized For Tobacco-Free Policy

The Oklahoma State Board of Health is encouraging all universities, colleges and career tech centers in Oklahoma to adopt tobacco-free campus policies.

The board also adopted a resolution recognizing OSU for implementing the first tobacco-free campus policy in the Big 12 Conference. Lee Bird, vice president for Student Affairs at OSU, and Robin Purdie, OSU Seretean Wellness Center director, recently received the resolution on behalf of OSU President Burns Hargis.

Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City University and the OU Health Sciences Center are currently the only schools of higher learning, in addition to OSU's campuses, to have tobacco-free campus policies.

OSU-IT Orthotic/Prosthetics Accredited

The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education accredited the Orthotics and Prosthetics Technical Program and the Pre-fabricated Orthotic Fitter Program at the OSU-Institute of Technology in late July.

Keith Crownover, C.P.O. and program director, said the accreditation standard supplies the mechanism by which graduates are able to sit for national credential exams offered by the American Board for Certification.

Mason Reichard, veterinary pathobiology assistant professor, worked in Kugluktuk, Nunavut in the Canadian Arctic with Canadian colleagues to determine the prevalence of infection and transmission patterns of zoonotic parasites in arctic carnivores. Carcasses provided by Inuit hunters and trappers were tested for infection with *Trichinella* species and *Toxoplasma gondii*.

Marilyn Kletke, management science and information systems professor, was selected as a Faculty Advocate for Pearson Prentice Hall's myitlab, an online assessment and training solution for Microsoft Office 2007 and other computer concepts.

Two of the 30 health research projects reapproved by OCAST went to CVHS faculty. **Lin Liu**, professor and director of the Lung Biology and Toxicology Lab, will receive \$45,000 to study the role of microRNAs in Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia. **Tom Oomens**, veterinary pathology assistant professor, was awarded a New Scientist Award that will provide up to \$100,000 per year for three years to investigate human respiratory syncytial virus and research and focus on developing a vaccine.

OSU won 25 awards from the Oklahoma College Public Relations Association, with Stillwater's **University Marketing** bringing home more awards than any other participant in the statewide competition. First place winners include "POSSE," the OSU sports magazine, edited by **Cory Cheney** and designed by **Kim Butcher**, sports publications category; **Matt Elliott**, full-length feature writing; **Gary Lawson**, traditional sports photography; **Mark Penne**, four-color design and special publications categories; **Kim Butcher**, spot-color poster design and print advertising; **Phil Shockley**, traditional photography and cover design for OSU's alumni magazine, "STATE." **OSU-Tulsa's Marketing and Public Relations** took first place in the class schedule category.

The OSU Alumni Association will present the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Awards on Sept. 27 to **Ann M. (Williams) Benson**, Stillwater; **J. Denny Carreker Jr.**, Dallas; **Marge Creager**, Tulsa; **Paul E. Neely**, Claremore; **Kelly Ogle**, Oklahoma City; and **W. Roger Webb**, Edmond. The award is presented to alumni for professional achievement and community service.

Goutam Chakraborty, marketing professor, was named Professor of the Year by the Consortium Institute of Management and Business Analysis, an award chosen by students for a professor who has taught at CIMBA in Asolo, Italy. OSU is one of 33 CIMBA member universities dedicated to preparing professionals for the global marketplace.

Julia Laughlin, OSU-OKC horticulture head, led 24 students and master gardeners on an educational plant study tour in July of the South Pacific, including Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Honolulu.

Twenty-five **OSU Extension Educators** attended the 2008 Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference of the National Association of County Extension Agents Association in Greensboro, N.C., in July. Several Oklahomans received recognition, and **Phil Pratt**, plant pathology specialist with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, was elected NACAA president-elect.

Nicole Ponzio, clinical assistant professor in veterinary clinical sciences, passed the certifying examination to become a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, Specialty of Cardiology.

The **OSU-OKC Nurse Science** degree program has been formally granted full accreditation from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing with no recommendations. It is a five-year accreditation, which is the maximum awarded from the OBN.

Pat Dorr, Haskell Cudd Professor of Accounting, was awarded the 2007-08 Richard W. Poole Faculty Outreach Excellence Award, an award created to recognize contributions made by faculty through the outreach mission of the Spears School of Business.



Dorr

About 90 middle school students from KIPP Tulsa College Preparatory spent their first school day in classes at OSU-Tulsa on Aug. 11. Students were welcomed by **OSU-Tulsa President Gary Trennepohl**.

OSU-OKC Veterinary Technology students, coordinated by **Dana Call**, RVT/Staff Vet Tech, participated in care for pet evacuees displaced by Hurricane Gustav to Oklahoma City. Approximately 1,800 people and more than 30 animals arrived by bus to Oklahoma City early Labor Day. Call surveyed OSU-OKC students and area RVT's to assist if the need arose. Notified at 9 a.m. Monday morning of the arrival, her tech/student team was on site by 11 a.m., assisting veterinarians as each animal was examined, vaccinated and treated for parasites, and their owners were informed about the care their beloved pets were receiving.

OSU-CHS Staff Advisory Council elected new officers for the 2008-09 terms. Re-elected president was **David Barron**, with **Chad Landgraf** as vice president, **Sandra Hale** as secretary, and **Cathy Ramsey** as treasurer.



Barron

OSU-OKC was selected by the Central Oklahoma Workforce Investment Board to receive the FY 09 Business Connections grant that recognizes OSU-OKC credit and non-credit programs through business outreach activities conducted by Business Connections.

Ted Drab, interior design associate professor, was elected to the board of the Texas/Oklahoma Chapter of the International Interior Design Association and will serve as director of education.

Sidney Ewing, veterinary pathobiology professor emeritus, was the 2008 Dedicattee for the 89th annual meeting of the Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases. He was recognized for his "remarkable career in all aspects, service, administration, teaching and research."

OSU Institute of Technology honored employees for years of service and named this year's Outstanding Faculty and Staff Award recipients at the annual employee banquet. Culinary Arts instructor **Valarie Carter** was named Outstanding Faculty Member and Library Director **Jenny Duncan** received the Outstanding Staff Award.

The **OSU Center for Rural Health** at OSU-CHS published the 2008 edition of State of the State's Rural Health, "Workforce Issues: Physicians and Hospitals." It also published its first Oklahoma Rural Health Brief, focusing on Medicare reimbursement rate cuts and how Medicare Advantage plans have penetrated rural Oklahoma.

Donald French, zoology professor, received the National Association of Biology Teacher's Four-Year College Biology Research/Teaching Award for 2008. This award, sponsored by Leica Microsystems, honors French for his contribution to research in teaching biology at the college level and recognizes "work in the area of practical teaching applications...rather than theoretical issues."

Will Focht, OSU Environmental Institute director, was named president-elect of the National Institutes for Water Resources, an organization of the 54 state and territorial water research institutes housed at land-grant universities throughout the U.S. He will represent the nation's institutes before Congress.

The **Tulsa County Chapter** of the OSU Alumni Association hosted a book signing and scholarship fundraiser, "Pete's Back-to-School Book Bash," on Aug. 7 to benefit Tulsa-area seniors planning to attend OSU. Authors Kim Parrish, "Cowboy Up," and Sean Kouplen, "Out of the Blocks," signed books during the event.

The **OSU-OKC Center for Safety and Emergency Preparedness** received a three-year Oklahoma Highway Safety Office Grant, with annual renewal, from the Collar Institute for Child Passenger Safety, named in honor of Oklahoma SafeKids Coalition Coordinator Martha Collar who died last year. The grant will focus on implementing a state-wide child passenger safety program to serve communities, public safety agencies, child care agencies and all other interested parties.

Karen Kruse, director of The Learning Center at OSU-OKC, is on the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education SMART (Single Mothers Academic Resource Team) advisory board and will serve on the handbook committee.



OSU Foundation President Kirk Jewell, left, and OSU President Burns Hargis, right, accept a \$500,000 check from OSU CIED President Joe Alexander.

CIED Creates Sensor Chair in CEAT

A \$500,000 gift from the OSU Center for Innovation and Economic Development will create the Center for Innovation and Economic Development Chair in Sensor Technology located within the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology.

Once fully matched dollar-for-dollar by T. Boone Pickens' \$100 million chair match commitment, as well as the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the gift will provide \$2 million of impact in endowed funds.

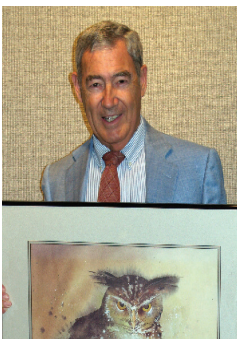
The Stillwater-based non-profit organization hopes the chair will attract one of the country's leading sensor researchers, who could then attract great graduate and post-doctoral students whose efforts and research would culminate to bolster economic development in Oklahoma.

The gift was made prior to the July 1 change in the state's endowed chair matching program and is part of the \$66.8 million in endowed faculty gifts OSU announced recently.

Native Art Donated to Gardner Collection

OSU's art collection has expanded thanks to James B. Wise's donation of more than 60 works of art.

Wise, a '57 chemistry graduate and an Oklahoma City ophthalmologist, donated the prints and paintings to the Gardiner Permanent Collection at OSU in June, including artwork by Native American artists such as Johnny Hawk, Bert Seabourn and



Wise

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Wise has given more than \$150,000 to various areas of the university, including arts, sciences, education, engineering, agriculture and the library.

"When I went to Johns Hopkins Medical School from OSU, here I was a guy from a cow college surrounded by guys from Harvard and Stanford. I wondered how I'd do, but OSU had given me an excellent education, and I'm proud of this university," Wise said.

THE BUS Ridership Continues to Grow

The OSU/Stillwater Community Transit System, THE BUS, posted another year of substantial growth with ridership numbers up by almost 19 percent since last year.

Total ridership for 2007-08 was 885,397 compared to 746,368 the year before. June—the last month of the fiscal year—had a 50 percent increase in ridership over the same month a year ago. Continuously rising gas prices, campus construction and the ease and accessibility of riding THE BUS are all factors that can be attributed to these record numbers.

Ridership has grown every year since its inception in 2003. It is a free service for OSU students, faculty and staff. One-way trip fares for Stillwater residents range from 50 cents for the general public to 25 cents for senior citizens, people with disabilities and persons under 18.



KOSU's First Gala Set For Sept. 26 in OKC

KOSU public radio (91.7 FM Stillwater-Oklahoma City, 107.5 FM Bartlesville-Tulsa and 101.9 FM Okmulgee-Henryetta) will hold its first ever gala benefit for the station on Sept. 26 at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City.

"History in the Making: An Evening with KOSU" will highlight presidential politics. The dinner will include classical and jazz music entertainment from OSU music department professors Lanette Compton, Paul Compton, Jonathan Martin, Igor Karaca, George Speed, Zarina Stepanova and Laura Talbott.

Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director Bob Blackburn will present an historical perspective of Oklahoma's connection to national politics. OSU President Burns Hargis will introduce NPR Talk of the Nation host Neal Conan, who will lead a panel discussion on the 2008 presidential race from an Oklahoma perspective.



Liz Eickman, executive director of the Kirkpatrick Family Fund, and Michael Lorenz, dean and professor of the CVHS, review the details of the Kirkpatrick Family Fund gift of \$500,000 to fund a chair. The gift will be matched by T. Boone Pickens and eventually matched by the state to become a \$2 million chair, the Joan Kirkpatrick Chair in Small Internal Medicine in honor of Joan Kirkpatrick.

Kirkpatrick Grant Benefits Bovine Research

The Kirkpatrick Foundation continues its mission to support animal welfare with a \$20,000 grant to benefit Bovine Respiratory Disease research, the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences announced Aug. 28.

Bovine Respiratory Disease is a leading cause of lost revenue in the cattle industry within the state and the nation.

The grant will be matched by the Kerr Foundation through a matching challenge established to bring the total impact to \$40,000 and further expands the center's research opportunities.

Funding will give researchers access to an ultrasound diagnostic unit allowing a more in-depth lung examination on cattle. Using the collected data, researchers will be able to develop a model to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of infected cattle.

With this gift, the Kirkpatrick Foundation's contributions to OSU veterinary medicine, research and technology total nearly three-quarters of a million dollars.