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OSU Sets Record for System-Wide Enrollment This Fall

Oklahoma State University hit several enrollment milestones and welcomed a freshman class that is the largest since 1981 and one of the strongest ever academically this fall.

As of Sept. 8, the OSU freshman class of 2010 has a total enrollment of 3,554, up 13 percent from the same time a year ago. Total enrollment for the combined Stillwater/OSU-Tulsa campuses is up 677 students to 23,522.

OSU has set a record for system-wide enrollment, which also includes OSU-Oklahoma City, OSU Institute of Technology and the Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa. Total enrollment has already surpassed the previous system high of 34,538 and should exceed 35,000 when all campuses have finalized headcounts.

Graduate student enrollment at OSU-Stillwater/OSU-Tulsa is a record 4,981 students, up 314 students in 2009.

“We are extremely pleased by the increase in our enrollment this year. This is a direct result of our recruitment efforts to attract the best and brightest students from across the state, nation and world to our campus,” said Burns Hargis, OSU President.

The 2010 freshman class is one of the strongest ever academically and one of the

most ethnically diverse. The class has an all-time high average ACT score of (25.2) and almost one-third of the class has an ACT of 27 or higher.

OSU has the most freshmen with a 4.0 GPA from high school of any public research university in the state for the second straight year. More than 500 students, or about one in seven from the class, have a 4.0 high school GPA, the third time in the last four years that OSU’s freshman class has had more than 500 students with a 4.0 GPA. More than 800 freshmen (26.1 percent of the class) were in the top 10 percent of their high school class and approximately 450 of the class will be joining the OSU Honors College.

“I am especially excited about the diversity in this new class of students,” said Hargis. “Diversity not only enhances our students’ college experience, it also creates a learning and working environment filled with a variety of people and ideas, and nothing could be better for an institution of higher education.”

Students in the freshman class come from 40 states and 25 countries, and is more diverse. More than 23 percent, or 826, are Native American, African American, Hispanic, Asian American or international students.

The incoming freshman class includes 643 first-generation students. Nearly 70 percent of the freshman class (2,453 students) are from Oklahoma and one in five (484 students)

are first-generation students.

Across the university there are 125 countries represented by the entire student body.

Final enrollment numbers will be submitted to the State Regents for Higher Education on Sept. 13.



Humphreys Donate \$6 Million to Support Study Abroad Students

Distinguished OSU alumnus Donald Humphreys and his wife Cathey have donated \$6 million to support the university’s study abroad program within OSU’s School of International Studies.

“Today’s students must understand what drives global business success,” said OSU President Burns Hargis. “They already live globally, and upon their graduation from Oklahoma State, many will work globally too. They must know how to work and succeed in different cultures. The best way for students to gain the knowledge and skills to succeed globally is to study abroad. Thanks to a visionary gift from Don and Cathey Humphreys, more Oklahoma State faculty members and students than ever will be spanning the globe in the

semesters ahead.”

The gift funds several endowed faculty chairs and student scholarships in the OSU School of International Studies. The immediate impact stretches beyond \$6 million to \$14 million because of matches from the \$100 million chair challenge and \$100 million scholarship challenge gifts pledged by OSU alumnus T. Boone Pickens.

“During a three-year period in my career, my family and I lived in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. That experience gave us a deep appreciation for the importance of knowing how to conduct business across different customs, geography and politics,” said Donald Humphreys, a senior executive at Exxon Mobil Corp. “For students at Oklahoma State to be genuinely prepared to work in

today’s increasingly interdependent world, they must have opportunities to study in other countries.”



Donald and Cathey Humphreys

Stillwater Campus Saves Millions in Energy

Multimillion dollar energy savings over the last year through OSU's conservation program have enabled the university to open five new buildings on the Stillwater campus without increasing the overall maintenance and operation budget.

"This is a testimony to the school's priority to contain costs while still moving forward with significant new facility construction on the campus," said OSU President Burns Hargis.

The new buildings are the North Classroom Building, the Multimodal Facility, Murray Hall, Old Central and the Henry Bellmon Research Center.

"Our energy conservation program is a tremendous example of our cost containment priorities at OSU," said Hargis. "The \$4.7 million in energy savings we have realized over the fiscal year have allowed us to open these facilities – over 320,000 square feet – without increasing our monthly utility budget a single penny. In simple terms, the monthly savings from

our energy program offset the additional monthly utility costs of these new buildings."

Since 2007 OSU has partnered with Energy Education, recipient of the 2009 and 2010 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, to reduce energy consumption on the OSU campuses in Stillwater, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Okmulgee. As a result, OSU has saved over \$12 million in energy costs and reduced carbon emissions by 96,000 metric tons of CO₂, which is the equivalent to planting 2.5 million trees. Plus, for the second year in a row, the General University utilities budget has not increased as a result of savings from the energy conservation program.

OSU's energy conservation program was also selected as the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities Grand Finalist Best Practice for 2008-09.



OSU-OKC Academic Affairs Associate Vice President Kim Pearsall serves a student nachos during Howdy Week festivities. Students were able to enjoy a live music performance, free food, a photo booth and tons of free giveaways during the weeklong event. OSU-OKC's fall semester has the largest number of students on record. As of the first day of class, OSU-OKC had more than 7,639 students, which is a 5.8 percent increase over the first day of class last year. Throughout the first week of school, students had the opportunity to enjoy exciting activities, entertainment and free food during the annual week-long event welcoming students back to campus.

OSU Receives Record Amount in Grants in 2010

OSU received a record \$136.3 million in grants and contracts during fiscal year 2010. The Stillwater campus received \$106.4 million, while the branch campuses took in \$34.9 million. The system-wide total is up 10 percent from last year.

"Our record grant funding is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of our faculty and staff," said OSU President Burns Hargis.

Research-only awards exceeded \$79 million for FY10 – a dramatic 40 percent increase over the previous year and the largest single-year increase in OSU's history.

OSU's University Multispectral Laboratories in Ponca City also posted record numbers, acquiring more than \$14 million in contracts, which is more than triple its 2009 revenue of \$4.4 million and a 40 percent increase over projections.

"These record numbers demonstrate the wonderful efforts of OSU's faculty and partners in difficult economic times," said Steve McKeever, OSU vice president for research and technology transfer. "The award of grants and contracts helps to give our students the first-class education that they can expect from Oklahoma State University and enables them to participate in cutting-edge and exciting research and education programs."

Branding Success Update

The Humphreys' gift pushes the total amount of money raised to-date past the \$600 million mark, reported Ross McKnight, who along with his wife, Billie, chair the \$1 billion Branding Success campaign.

"As the result of the generosity of more than 55,000 donors the past three years, we have established 383 new scholarships as well as 118 new faculty chair positions. Deferred gifts have reached \$138 million, providing important support for future generations," McKnight said. He reported that more than 450 donors have participated in the Pickens Legacy Scholarship Match program with \$18.5 million already committed and another \$20 million in discussion.

"The Branding Success campaign is only in the third year of a seven-year effort, and already OSU is stronger because of it," said McKnight. "This is an ambitious and historic undertaking at OSU, and to reach the 60 percent mark in the billion dollar goal this soon is a remarkable accomplishment. We have a ways to go before we can declare victory. Our success thus far increases our confidence that we will reach the goal, and do so earlier rather than later."

\$7.5 Million NASA Grant to Enhance Online Education

OSU has received a \$7.5 million grant to collaborate with NASA to improve the use and effectiveness of online learning technologies in K-12 education, higher education, and in informal settings such as museums. The five-year national project began Aug. 1.

The NASA Distance Learning Network will emphasize learning in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, known as the STEM disciplines. DLN combines NASA's wealth of information with a wide range of technology-based teaching methods and experts who can translate NASA's mission and research data into age-

appropriate learning materials.

Steve Marks, education research professor, has worked with NASA on a variety of initiatives and will lead OSU's efforts.

OSU will develop and produce education modules to be delivered to classrooms across the U.S. using existing and emerging technologies. Modules are available to the public free of charge, and there also will be webcasts, live events, libraries of information and photographs, as well as opportunities to become more engaged with NASA missions and the research that results from space exploration.



The OSU Alumni Association will present Homecoming 2010: 'Cowboy Nation' on Oct. 22-23 in Stillwater. This is the 90th edition of Homecoming, which is recognized as "America's Greatest Homecoming Celebration!"

This year, the association will promote the new Homecoming and Student Programs Endowment as part of Branding Success: The Campaign for Oklahoma State University. The association's goal is to raise \$8 million to secure the future of OSU's greatest tradition, which returns more than 70,000 alumni annually. It will also ensure that future Cowboys receive the proper recognition for their service and scholastic success during their time at OSU.

OSU alum and Eskimo Joe's cofounder and owner Stan Clark will serve as the Grand Marshal of Homecoming 2010. He will participate in numerous activities during the week of Homecoming, including leading the Sea of Orange Parade and awarding Homecoming trophies at the Nebraska vs. OSU football game.

For more information about Homecoming 2010, visit orangeconnection.org/homecoming.

Spears School Announces 2010-11 Speakers

The 2010-11 speakers for the Spears School of Business Executive Management Briefings in Oklahoma City will be Ben Sasse, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, Sept. 21; Jack Welch, former CEO of General Electric, Feb. 22; and Ken Auletta, author of "Googled" and media columnist for The New Yorker, April 21.

Tulsa Business Forums speakers will be Sasse, Sept. 22; Welch, Feb. 22; and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., environmental business leader and advocate, April 20.

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

OSU tops in Native American graduates

OSU is leading the nation in the number of Native Americans who graduate with a bachelor's degree, according to the magazine *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*.

Citing preliminary data from the National Center for Educational Statistics for 2008-2009, the magazine lists the OSU campus in Stillwater with Northeastern State University in Tahlequah as No. 1 among top degree producers nationwide for "All Disciplines of Native American Baccalaureate," with a total of 370 Native Americans receiving diplomas on each campus.

"Oklahoma is home to several Native American tribes with diverse backgrounds and proud heritages, and OSU is honored to play a leading role as a launching pad in the education and success of these future leaders," said Jason Kirksey, associate vice president for institutional diversity.

The statistics also indicate OSU is tops in the number of Native Americans who earn degrees in three broad educational categories, including engineering, biological and biomedical sciences; and business

management, marketing and related support services.

The NCES statistics show OSU and NSU were followed by the University of Oklahoma with 258 Native American graduates. Other schools in Oklahoma included in the national top 20 were Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, East Central University in Ada and the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.



Native American students Rachele Adale War, left, and Christina Kitchell, both of McAlester, celebrate graduation following the Spring 2010 Commencement at OSU. In the most recent data, OSU is tied for first in the nation in the number of Native Americans who graduate with a bachelor's degree.

First New Student Convocation Held

OSU President Burns Hargis told more than 2,400 incoming students they were entering a special place during the first New Student Convocation at Gallagher-Iba Arena on Aug. 20.

"Many successful OSU alum have walked the same paths you will walk," he said. "I encourage you to be involved and persistent in pursuing your dreams. Monday the gun sounds for you and you begin the race to claim your reward, your diploma."

Hargis told the group they were one of the best ever academically at OSU. He said the incoming OSU freshman class of more than 3,400 is the largest since 1982 and the average ACT of the class was an OSU record of a little more than 25. More than 1,000 of the students in the class have an ACT of 27 or better.

He said OSU has the most freshmen with a 4.0 GPA from high school of any public research university in the state for

the second straight year. A little more than 500 students, or about one in seven from the class, have a 4.0 high school GPA. Nearly 800 freshmen were in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

He told the group it was one of the most diverse ever at OSU. New students come from 44 states and nearly 30 countries.



About 22 percent of the class is made up of Native American, African American, Hispanic, Asian American or international students.

Hargis spoke about the value of what the students would learn outside the classroom and challenged them to get involved on the campus and in the community. "You will learn leadership skills and serve your fellow man."

The students also heard from new OSU Provost Robert Sternberg and three recent OSU graduates who spoke of the impact their OSU experience had on them.



Approximately 325 students, staff, faculty and family members attended the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences All School Picnic where they enjoyed barbeque and ice cream.

OSU-Tulsa student **Mike Ferguson** and **Sgt. Montie Burchett** helped local law enforcement officers announce "Drunk Driving, Over the Limit. Under Arrest" campaign Aug. 18 at OSU-Tulsa.



Seven OSU-OKC early care education students passed the national certification and skills evaluation on Aug. 1: **Marilyn Feliciano, Amber Helgeson, Anita Howard, Carol Jackson, Amanda**

Jones, Judy Payne and **Mary Ward**. They are now Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. OSU-OKC is the first college ever to offer college credit for child passenger safety and transportation as part of a degree program.



Brooke Washington, second from right, Oklahoma City veterinary med class of 2012, toured the veterinary school at the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil this summer. She spoke with faculty members and Ph.D. students in the internal medicine and surgery at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Zootech-nology of the University of Sao Paulo.

OSUIT photography students recorded videos of bands performing at historic Church Studio in Tulsa. The videos were used to promote the "FreeTulsa! Festival," a two-day music concert held in July in the Tulsa Brady Arts District. Students **Dustin Kukuk, Spiro; Clay Flores, Coweta;** and **Chris Weddell, Broken Arrow;** and instructor **Kelly Kerr**, assisted in the production.

Melissa Cleavinger of Garland, Texas, won best poster in the infectious diseases category at the 10th Annual Meriel-National Institutes of Health National Veterinary Scholars Symposium at the University of Georgia-Athens. She is a second year veterinary student.

Phi Gamma Delta was recently recognized at the fraternity's 162 Ekklesia (biennial convention) in Phoenix with an honorable mention in the Cheney Cup as Phi Gamma Delta's most outstanding chapter. All awards are given on an annual basis.



The 92 entering first-year students at OSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine received white coats from the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association as the final step in orientation on Aug.14. The ceremony emphasized the importance of the doctor-patient relationship and focused on the true meaning of the art and science of medicine.

Alpha Gamma Rho won the "Gold Chapter Award" at the fraternity's 2010 Biennial Convention. Only 10 chapters received this designation. Members also were honored for alumni corporate management, recruitment, newsletter, and living the promise and values.

Lisa Brown, center, Keenesburg, Colo., agricultural communications senior, was presented with the 2010 Forrest Bassford Student Award from Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health and the Livestock Publications Council. She received a \$2,000 scholarship and a plaque at the Ag Media Summit held in St. Paul, Minn., in July.



OSU-OKC student **Joanna Ramos**, a second-year nursing student, was named Outstanding Student Leader for her involvement in Student Leaders of Tomorrow.

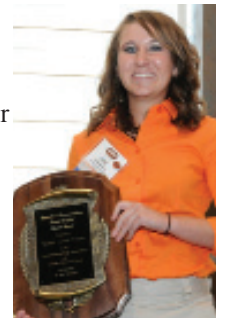
Clint M. Merritt, Ardmore May animal science graduate, received the International Balfour Award from the International Sigma Chi Fraternity. This award is given annually to a graduating senior who has demonstrated the ideals and values of Sigma Chi throughout his undergraduate career in the areas of scholarship, character, fraternity service and campus leadership. Merritt served as president of the Student Government Association.

Shana Watkins, Waukomis veterinary student, won free tuition up to \$20,000 for herself and \$5,000 for the OSU student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association in a drawing by Hill's Pet Nutrition and won a trip to the American Veterinary Medical Association Convention in Atlanta. OSU was one of six universities picked to send a representative to the convention.



The OSU Seretean Trombone Quartet was selected best of 29 quartets from around the world at the 2010 International Trombone Association Competition held in Austin. Quartet members are seniors **Isaac Washam**, Stillwater; **Steven Warren**, Ponca City; **Noel Seals**, Tulsa; and **Steven Jessup**, Virginia Beach, Va. **Caleb Ketcham**, Tyler, Texas, freshman, won the bass trombone competition.

OSU senior **Krista Anderson**, Escalon, Calif., was elected the new secretary-treasurer for the National Agriculture Communicators of Tomorrow at the recent Ag Media Summit held in St. Paul, Minn. OSU students took home more than 30 awards in competitions.



Paulette Hebert, design, housing and merchandising professor, and interior design students **Autry Sneed**, Stillwater; **Jessa Feagins**, Tulsa; and December graduate **Brooke Brandon**, Sand Springs, helped in the design and construction of a \$95 million energy research facility at the Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago this summer.

Ryan Scott, Moore municipal fire protection freshman, won the OSU-OKC Fall Enrollment Sweepstakes. He was randomly selected to win the sweepstakes, which is awarded to one lucky student per semester who enrolls at OSU-OKC.

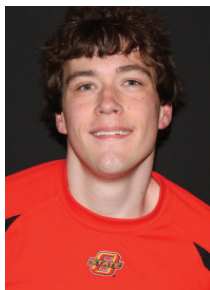


Fourteen OSU student-athletes were named 2010 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars: **Joseph Ali**, Pine Hill, N.J., wrestling; **Brandi Andrews**, Oklahoma City, track; **Mark Chesnut**, Miami, football; **German Fernandez**, Riverbank, Calif., track; **Chelsea Garcia**, Moore, softball; **Anthony Hill**, Kansas City, Kan., football; **Jessica Lewis**, Crowley, Texas, track; **Krista Lopez**, Garland, Texas, soccer; **Samantha Mahan**, McAlester, dance/pom; **Trey Munden**, Claremore, football; **Courtney Ned**, Cypress, Texas, dance/pom; **Morgan Pierce**, Bellville, Texas, equestrian; **Katie Ann Robinson**, Littleton, Colo., cheer/pom; and **Kilee Stewart**, Tuttle, equestrian. OSU's 14 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars in 2010 ranked second in the Big 12 Conference and eighth nationally. Over the last five years, OSU has had the most Ashe Scholars in the league and ranks sixth nationally.

Hotel and restaurant administration seniors **Krystal Burt**, Moore, and **Brittany Earnest**, Ripley, earned a trip to the Future Leaders Forum at the Meeting Planners International 2010 World Education Congress in Vancouver, Canada. Burt is president of the MPI chapter, and Earnest is immediate past president.

Industrial engineering and management students took first place in the 2010 Institute of Industrial Engineers International Student Paper Competition. **Thomas Hong**, Jakarta; **Julianna Bright**, Arlington, Texas; and **Carrie Walker**, Edmond, were announced as international winners at the meeting in Cancun, Mexico. The paper was based on their senior design project work titled "An Investigation into the Current Distribution System at Ditch Witch in Perry, Oklahoma."

The **OSU Men's Cross Country team** is among those that President Obama has invited to the White House to honor on Sept. 13. The president will welcome student athletes from dozens of schools and recognize various championship teams and players for their efforts to give back to their communities.



Victorville, Calif., freshman **Geoffrey Goldsmith** received the first O'Collegian Scholarship, a \$5,000 award renewable for four years. The O'Collegian will grant the award annually to an incoming freshman, according to General Manager **Ray Catalino**. Goldsmith also will have the opportunity to work up to 20 paid hours a week in all aspects of print and online production.

All 75 veterinary medicine students in the Class of 2010 passed the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination, according to **Chris Ross**, CVHS associate dean for academic affairs. The CVHS **pass rate of 100 percent** was higher than the 98 percent pass rate for all candidates.



OSU's four Udall Scholars attended the Udall Scholar Orientation Weekend last month in Tucson where they were able to meet other 2010 Udall Scholars. Accompanying the four students were four mentors and Bob Graalman, Scholar Development and Recognition director. Taking part in the weekend were **Jeremy Bennett**; **Larry Sanders**, agricultural economics professor; **Lauren White**; **Robin Williams**, senior academic counselor at the Inclusion Center for Academic Excellence; **Alesia Hallmark-Sharber**; **Karen McBee**, zoology professor; **Brooke Hill**; **Demond Grant**, psychology assistant professor; and **Graalman**.



The International Students Organization held a free dance on Aug. 27 on the Starlight Terrace to help students meet new people, reconnect with old friends.



The Veterinary Medicine Class of 2014 completed their three-day orientation with the traditional White Coat Ceremony. The 13 males and 69 females in the 82-member class represent 58 Oklahoma residents and 24 non-residents from Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, New York, Texas and Virginia.

Laura Morton, Oklahoma City May architecture graduate, won the Wichita Art Museum's 75th anniversary celebration design contest to envision what the museum would look like in 75 years. Her design was chosen over entries from students from OSU, Kansas State and Nebraska.

Hailey Harroun, Bellingham, Wash., animal science/agricultural communications senior, received the Yamaha-ACT Scholarship. She now has the opportunity to serve as an intern for Yamaha during the 2010 Ag Media Summit.

A study of the effects of morphine and other opioid analgesics by **Craig W. Stevens**, OSU-CHS pharmacology professor, was among 32 research projects approved for funding by the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology. His laboratory group received \$126,090 for three years through OCAST's Oklahoma Health Research Program, which awards seed funds for research projects related to human health needs.



Marc Krein, media and strategic communications associate professor, received a 2010 Telly Award for his video production of "Behind GameDay" in the multimedia division for outstanding film, video, web and cable productions. His production was a behind the scenes look at the setup of ESPN's broadcast of the OU vs. OSU football game.

Marvin L. Stone, emeritus professor, received the 2010 Cyrus Hall McCormick-Jerome Increase Case Gold Medal Award from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers for his outstanding leadership and research.

OSU-CHS Staff Advisory Council's new officers are **Ronda Shouse**, president; **Cate Butsko**, vice president; **Angelyn Holmes**, secretary; and **Vicky Pace**, treasurer.

Jeffery Bergman, chief pediatric resident physician at OSU-COM, will receive the "Merck Outstanding Resident of the Year Award" from the American Osteopathic Foundation at the Osteopathic Medical Conference and Exposition in San Francisco.



Nearly 400 students received degrees from OSUIT on Aug. 20. **Steve Cagle**, chief operations officer of SpringPoint Technologies, LLC, was guest speaker and **Clifford Miller** gave the student response.

The Department of Veterinary Pathobiology received a \$4 million five-year grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases as part of its response to potential threats of bioterrorism and emerging infectious diseases. The multidisciplinary partnership grant will involve the veterinary pathobiology and chemistry along with collaborators at Sapien Discovery, San Diego, and Lovelace Biomedical and Environmental Research Institute, Albuquerque. Principal investigator is **William Barrow**, Sitlington Chair in Infectious Diseases and veterinary pathobiology professor. Co-investigators are **Christina Bourne**, assistant research professor, and **Phil Bourne**, associate research scientist, both in veterinary pathobiology; **Darrell Berlin**, Regents Professor, and **Richard Bunce**, professor, chemistry; **Kal Ramnarayan**, Sapien; and **Michelle Valderas**, LBERI.

Project SOAR Awarded Five-Year Grant

OSU-Oklahoma City has received a \$300,304 federal TRIO Student Support Services award.

SSS, which recently changed its name to Project SOAR: Students Overcoming Academic Roadblocks, focuses on student retention strategies, including math and English tutoring, study skills, academic and transfer advice, money management and personal counseling support.

The grant will serve 200 disadvantaged OSU-OKC students on campus. The ultimate goals are retention, graduation and transfer to bachelor-level universities.

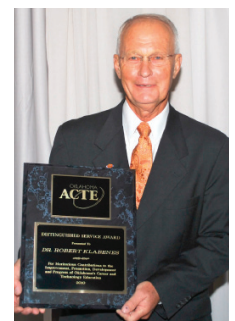
Funds for the five-year award are appropriated one year at a time based on an annual performance report submitted by OSU-OKC Project SOAR.

OSU-Tulsa and OSU-CHS will partner to support the **Tulsa Area United Way**. Campaign co-chairs **Susan Tolbart** and **Sandy Cooper** said OSU-Tulsa's campaign officially began Sept. 9.

Business students are using top-of-the-line 3D object-oriented simulation technology thanks to a \$7,200 grant from Simio LLC in the form of 40 copies of Simio Academic Edition for installation on school computers. **Dursun Delen**, management science and information systems associate professor at OSU-Tulsa, will use the new software in his operations management course.

Robert Klaben, OSUIT president, received the Oklahoma Association of Career and Technology Education Distinguished Service Award at the 43rd Annual Career-Tech Summer Conference.

The award is one of the most prestigious awards given by the Oklahoma ACTE, the professional organization for the state's CareerTech administrators, teachers and staff members.



Udaya DeSilva, animal science associate professor, was named the 2010 Alpha Zeta Outstanding Teaching Award recipient in OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.



Precision Agriculture program chair Carlos Augusto, left, was one of many faculty and staff at OSUIT who helped students move into student housing for the fall semester.

Garey E. Fox, agricultural and biosystems engineering associate professor, received the 2010 New Holland Young Researcher Award from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers. The award recognizes outstanding researchers under the age of 40.

Evelyn Bollenbach, OSU-OKC marketing and communications senior director, was elected the 2010-11 Oklahoma College Public Relations Association vice president, and **Mary Bea Drummond**, OSU-Tulsa marketing and communications director, was reelected to serve another term on the board.



Robbin Bufford, Performers on the Rise director and **Scott Jones**, Mya Gonzales Foundation chair, presented a check for \$60,000 for special therapies for students in the Rise program in the Center for Early Childhood Teaching and Learning Laboratories to **Dianna Ross**, CDL director; **HES Dean Stephan Wilson**; and **Linda Sheeran**, clinical associate professor. The funds were raised from the April concert.

Frank Blum, Harrison I. Bartlett Chair and professor and chair of chemistry; **Nick Materer**, chemistry associate professor; and **Laura Shirtcliff**, chemistry assistant professor, were part of a U.S. delegation to Islamabad, Pakistan, for the U.S.-Pakistan Workshop on “Applications of Nanotechnology.” They lectured on their research interest in nanotechnology and participated in discussions leading to additional interactions with Pakistani scientists.

G.I. Jobs magazine named **OSU-OKC** as a Military Friendly School for 2011. OSU-OKC ranks in the magazine’s top 15 percent of colleges and trade schools nationwide who are doing the most to embrace America’s military and veterans as students.

The July issue of “Popular Mechanics” featured information on research by aerospace engineering associate professor **Jamey Jacob** to use plumes of plasma to control lift and drag on the wings of aircrafts.



The **OSUIT Bookstore** now offers a textbook rental program to help students save money. Bookstore employee **Alison Ward**, right, shows student **Nicole Hess** of Stilwell how to order textbooks online. The **OSU-Tulsa Bookstore** also has a limited **Rent-A-Text** program that will provide students with a savings 50 percent or more, according to **Chris Bradshaw**, OSU-Tulsa Bookstore manager.

OSU-OKC collaborated with Francis Tuttle Technology Center, UCO and the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education to implement **Campus Community Emergency Response Team** training, part of each institution’s joint efforts to be better prepared for disaster situation response.

The OSU Alumni Association will honor five alumni with the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award for their professional achievements and community service at a public reception on Sept. 18 at the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center and at the OSU football game. They are **Bob Adams**, D.O., Kirkland, Wash.; **Mark Allen**, Edmond; **Rand Elliott**, Oklahoma City; **C.W. (Bill) Harrison**, Lindsay; and **David A. Waits**, Stillwater.



University Dining Services **Farmer’s Market** debuted July 22 on the top level of the Student Union Parking Garage in Stillwater, featuring seven vendors with a variety of fresh produce, processed foods and nursery stock from Oklahoma farms, and will continue the second and fourth Thursday every month through October.

The OSU Alumni Association launched a new tool for alumni and friends to locate OSU-friendly businesses across the U.S., the **Orange Door Business Network**. This online directory will allow anyone to locate an OSU-owned or staffed business by location, category or name. Network members will also be given a window decal to display at their business.

On July 1, **OSUIT** became a “tobacco-free” campus.

Mark Neer, Veterinary Teaching Hospital director, presented seven days of neurology lectures in Japan. He was invited by the Nippon Animal Hospital Association of Japan.

The Oklahoma Center for Adult Stem Cell Research awarded three \$72,800 grants to the Adult Stem Cell Focus Group in the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. Grant funding was awarded to physiological sciences principal investigators **Lin Liu**, professor; and assistant professors **Pamela Lloyd** and **Myron Hinsdale**. Liu will reprogram adult stem cells for cell-based therapy of pulmonary diseases to determine if adult stem cells can be used to cure chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Lloyd will manipulate growth factor signaling to recruit progenitor cells for repairing lung vasculature, which could have implications for the treatment of emphysema. Hinsdale will study how proteoglycans affect stem cell behavior and its ability to repair lung damage.

Around 300 graduate students attended the annual Graduate and Professional Student Government welcome reception and luncheon this fall where they had the opportunity to get useful information about the services for graduate students, according to **Joseph Simpson**, Lawton Ph.D. student and GPSGA president. Students also visited with OSU President **Burns Hargis**, Provost **Robert Sternberg** and other administrators and faculty.

Riley Dunlap, Regents Professor of Sociology, has been appointed chair of the American Sociological Association’s newly created Task Force on Sociology and Global Climate Change.

Thirty childcare center administrators and staff completed OSU-OKC’s **Childland Security Institute** this summer. The Childland Security Grant was made possible by the Early Care Education Department through a grant from the American Fidelity Foundation.



Sheila Pete; **Howard Barnett**, OSU-Tulsa and OSU-CHS president; and **Joni Finfrock** show the school supplies donated by OSU-CHS for Eugene Field Elementary School, the OSU-CHS Partner in Education. Three large containers of donated items were collected.

The OSUIT Outstanding Staff Award recipient was **Paula Blair**, enrollment and retention adviser, and the Outstanding Faculty Award recipient was **Kelly Kerr**. Among the honorees were **Deborah McCrary**, Student Financial Services, 30 years of service; and **James McCullough**, Visual Communications, and **Barbara Wright**, Bookstore, 25 years of service.

The Center for Telecommunications and Network Security received the Government Information Technology Executive Council’s 2010 Project Management Excellence Award at the conference in Orlando, Fla., for the center’s National Repository for Digital Forensic Intelligence, according to **Mark Weiser**, CTANS director.

OSU Partners with PepsiCo for Special Recycling Kiosks on Campus

Seven Dream Machine kiosks and 100 static bins have been placed in various locations across the Stillwater campus this year as OSU has become the first Big 12 Conference university, as well as the first public Oklahoma university, to partner with PepsiCo for recycling.

This initiative, created by PepsiCo in



Student Dawson Metcalf uses a PepsiCo Dream Machine kiosk to recycle plastic bottles. Looking on are students Luis Serrano, left, and OSU SGA Sustainability Committee Chair Rachel Branch.

partnership with Waste Management, is introducing thousands of recycling kiosks at popular public locations across North America. The kiosks are computerized receptacles that include a personal reward system, operated by Greenopolis, which allows consumers to earn points for every bottle or can they recycle in the kiosk and redeem those points for discounts on entertainment, dining and travel.

The more bottles and cans people recycle in Dream Machines, the more support PepsiCo will provide to the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities, a national program offering free, experiential training in entrepreneurship and small business management to post-9/11 veterans with disabilities.

OSU President Burns Hargis praised the OSU physical plant department for implementing the program quickly and for its work to coordinate the initiative. He also commended the Student Government Association's sustainability committee for its enthusiastic support.



Approximately 350 students attended the annual Mayor's Welcome on Aug. 21, sponsored by the International Friendship Committee of Stillwater, part of the Sister Cities Council. The mayor greeted students and exhibitors showed services they offer for international students. The International Students and Scholars Office and the University and Community Federal Credit Union provided refreshments.

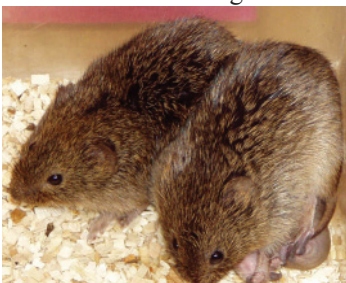
OSU Research Could Offer Human Insights

Alex Ophir, zoology assistant professor, has been awarded a grant for \$349,175 from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development of the National Institutes of Health to better understand the monogamy and other social behaviors of prairie voles, a rodent found throughout the Midwest that exhibits certain behaviors similar to humans.

His research could contribute insights for better understanding autism and human bonding, as well as causes of dysfunctions in social attachments; what controls monogamy and offspring care by fathers; and may help understand the behavioral consequences on developing young that have either good or bad fathers.

"The voles form long-term pair-bonds and some of their behaviors appear very similar to those that humans might call

'love' for both a mate and for offspring," said Ophir.



OSU "The Best," Rankings Say

OSU is one of the best colleges, and three different rankings prove it!

-- OSU is among the 120 "Best in the West" colleges for 2011, according to The Princeton Review. Students rate their own schools on issues from accessibility of professors to quality of campus food, and answer questions about themselves, fellow students and campus life. Student comments on OSU include "academics that rival any school in the nation" and a "fun, friendly environment" that "keeps the college experience fun and relaxed." It also was received the highest score in the "Quality of Life" category.

-- U.S. News and World Report ranked OSU among the top 150 "Best Colleges for 2011." OSU was ranked 132 with three other universities, based on 16 different factors. The Associated Press reported that greater weight was given to graduation rates this year than in the past. Among other factors in the scores are retention rates, SAT scores and selectivity. High-school guidance counselors' rankings also were included.

-- OSU is again listed among the top 100 of America's Best College Buys by Forbes.com. OSU is No. 59 among the schools that are chosen by their average tuition and fees as well as actual four-year graduation rate. Forbes.com offers the annual list to help identify schools that offer the most quality for each dollar spent.

A Future Cowboy Veterinarian?

If you ever wondered why you bother to do what you do, here's a good reason why it's worth it.

Jacob, age 7, came with his grandmother Barbara Dobson (University Mailing Services) to Grandparent University. Shortly after arriving home, he asked his mother for a needle and thread.

A little later, she looked in on him in his room. Jacob was in the surgery gear that he had saved from Teddy Bear Surgery, as well as a white jacket, and was operating on a stuffed dog.

Using a steno pad, he made a chart noting that "Doggy had an enjery."

After sewing up the incision, he wrapped the leg in an ace bandage and wrote out a prescription. Kudos to the CVHS faculty and staff who helped inspire this young visitor during the 2010 Grandparent University!

