Signing Ceremony Establishes Confucius Institute at OU
Message From the Dean

An essential component of our mission to provide our students with the best education possible, anywhere, is to create an environment that gives every OU student the opportunity to learn as much as possible about the global society in which they will live and work after graduation.

In the College of Arts and Sciences we lay the foundation for global education by requiring all of our undergraduate students to demonstrate competence in a language other than English, equivalent to three semesters of collegiate study. To this end, we offer courses in 10 modern foreign languages, two ancient languages (Latin and Greek) and four Native American languages (Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek and Kiowa). This semester, there are a total of 5,315 students enrolled in a foreign language class. There are also 249 students majoring in one of five foreign languages (Spanish, French, Russian, German and Chinese) and 705 students pursuing a minor in one of 12 languages. Chinese, our newest language major, has grown from one student last spring to 10 this fall.

Another important component of global education at OU is our effort to encourage students to study abroad. OU leads the nation in the number of reciprocal exchange agreements, with 171 universities in 64 countries. Last year, 767 OU students participated in one of these programs, learning first-hand what it is like to live in a foreign culture. Study abroad is a life-changing experience that gives our students both a better appreciation of their own culture and an understanding of their place in the global society. More than anything else, they develop both the skills and confidence needed to communicate and function successfully in another culture.

Another component of OU’s global education is to encourage our American students to meet and get to know some of OU’s 1,350 international students, who are here as exchange or degree-seeking students. The primary vehicle for this is the OU Cousins program (www.ou.edu/org/oucousin/), established eight years ago by President and Mrs. Boren. The primary objective of the OU Cousins program is to create understanding, friendship and unity among American and international students on the OU campus. Each international student is paired with an American student “cousin” who volunteers for the program. They participate in various activities throughout the year, some sponsored by President Boren and others arranged by the students themselves, designed to foster social interaction and cultural exploration. Last year, more than 1,000 students participated, with over 50 countries represented.

Several new initiatives this fall also are helping to enhance the global awareness of our students. One, described in more detail in this issue of Kaeidoscope, is OU’s designation as a Confucius Institute, making us a national center for Chinese language education. Another is the establishment the Institute for U.S. - China Issues in the School of International and Area Studies. The institute, directed by Professor Peter Gries, the inaugural Harold J. and Ruth Newman Chair in U.S. - China Issues, will sponsor high-level meetings in both Oklahoma and China, focusing on issues of importance to both countries such as energy and security. We also are working to expand Arabic language instruction through a relationship with the Hashemite University of Jordan, where we have a successful summer language program directed by Professor Mohammed Alhawary. Finally, this summer, three new summer study-travel programs will be established, modeled after our very successful Journey to China Program. The new programs will take students to Italy, South America or to Turkey and Greece.

Whether we send students across the globe or bring the globe to Norman, our students come into contact with people and issues from around the world on a daily basis, preparing them to be successful global citizens.

Paul B. Bell Jr., Ph.D.
Dean

Giant Pandas – Photo courtesy of Rodger Randle, OU - Tulsa

Elena Songster’s Panda Research

Elena Songster, assistant professor in the Department of History and School of International and Area Studies, is working on a book manuscript, “The Protection and Preservation of China’s National Treasure: Pandas, Nature and the People’s Republic of China.” The book is about the history of nature protection and giant panda preservation under the Chinese government and the emergence of the giant panda as a national and cultural icon. Songster’s project grew from questions and research she has conducted in the United States and China since 2000.

Songster conducted research in Beijing, Chengdu, and in Pingwu and Wenchuan counties in northern Sichuan Province from September 2001 through July 2002, and again during the summer of 2005. A component of her research included a focused local history of the Wanglang Nature Reserve in Pingwu County. She also visited the Wolong Nature Reserve in Wenchuan County.
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To strengthen the understanding, opportunities and bonds between the people of the United States and the people of China, this summer, the University of Oklahoma was named a Confucius Institute by the Office of Chinese Language International, an agency of the Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China. The Institute, which will promote and develop Chinese language education and cultural and business exchange with the People’s Republic of China, builds on OU’s strength as one of the few universities across the nation offering an undergraduate major in Chinese.

“It is a great honor for OU to be selected as one of a very small number of universities in the nation to host a Confucius Institute,” said OU President David L. Boren. “There is no more important relationship to the security and quality of life for the entire globe during this century than the relationship between China and the United States. OU proudly accepts the challenge to enhance understanding and mutual respect between the people of China and the United States.”

“OU’s selection to host a Confucius Institute is both a great honor and an excellent opportunity,” said Paul Bell, dean of the OU College of Arts and Sciences, who attended the first Confucius Institute Conference in Beijing in July. “OU’s already-strong programs in Chinese language instruction, including one of the few undergraduate majors in Chinese in the country, and our innovative programs for teaching Chinese in grades K-12, provide a solid foundation on which to build a wide variety of new programs to meet the growing demand for Chinese instruction from all sectors of society. Through the Confucius Institute, OU will become a national resource center for education about Chinese language and culture.”

To signal the establishment of the Institute, the public was invited to attend a signing ceremony Aug. 23 in Beaird Lounge of Oklahoma Memorial Union. A symposium on “Chinese Language Education and U.S.-China Relations” was held later in the day.

In addition to Boren and Bell, participants in the signing ceremony included Madame Liu Chuansheng, chairman of the Beijing Normal University Council, and Hua Jinzhou, consul general of the People’s Republic of China in Houston.

The afternoon symposium, moderated by Bell, included presentations by Counsel General Hua; Madame Liu; Gui Ming-Chao, professor of Chinese at OU; Peter Gries, director of the OU Institute for...
The OU Confucius Institute brings together the college-level Chinese language program of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, the K-12 Chinese language programs of the Oklahoma Institute for Teaching East Asia at OU-Tulsa and the outreach programs of the College of Continuing Education. Through the new institute, OU will offer a variety of credit and non-credit courses on the Chinese language from beginning to advanced levels to school children, college students, business people and travelers. The Institute also will provide training programs for teachers, allowing them to become certified teachers of Chinese, and offer intensive summer language programs both in Norman and Beijing in cooperation with Beijing Normal University.

As part of the cooperative agreement, Beijing Normal University will send faculty to OU who specialize in teaching Chinese as a foreign language and assist OU in organizing language-training courses and workshops on teaching Chinese. The Office of Chinese Language Council International, also known as Hanban, will assist OU in recruiting qualified Chinese language teachers to teach at the K-12 level and authorize OU to become a testing site for the proficiency certification test in the Chinese language.

OU was named a Confucius Institute site as a result of efforts in outreach and Chinese language enhancement. The Institute is named after the famous Chinese thinker, educator and social philosopher whose teachings and philosophy have deeply influenced East Asian life and thought and have had an important influence throughout the world.

The Confucius Institute at OU – an alliance between the university and Beijing Normal University under the sponsorship of the Office of Chinese Language Council International – joins a global network of more than 80 such institutes in 38 countries.
Distinguished Alumni Named

Four alumni from the college are being recognized for their accomplishments by being named 2007 College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumni. The four will be honored at the annual Kaleidoscope Evening on Feb. 23. The evening, established by the college’s Board of Visitors, raises money for the Leadership Scholars program, and honors graduates from the four divisions of the college: humanities, natural sciences, professional schools and social sciences.

Dick Lowry, representing the humanities, is a 1965 graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Spanish. He has worked in the film and television industry for more than 40 years, as director, producer and actor. He has worked on such series as “Crossing Jordan,” “NYPD Blue,” “Island Son” and “Barnaby Jones.”

John W. Saunders Jr., representing the natural sciences, received his bachelor’s degree in zoology in 1940, his master’s degree in 1941 and his doctoral degree at Johns Hopkins University. He is an emeritus professor of biological sciences at State University of New York at Albany. His published work is central to the understanding of limb development.

Lindy Ritz, representing the professional programs, received her degree in home economics in 1971. Currently, Ritz serves as the director of the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center for the Federal Aviation Administration in Oklahoma City.

Beth Garrett, representing the social sciences, received her bachelor’s degree in history in 1985 and her JD from the University of Virginia Law School. Before becoming vice president for academic planning and budget at the University of Southern California, Garrett clerked for former Justice Thurgood Marshal, of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Kaleidoscope Evening brings together friends of the college for an entertaining evening, including a silent auction and presentations by each of the distinguished alumni. For ticket information, contact Darci Tucker at (405) 325-2347 or dtucker@ou.edu.

I Think That I Should Never See...

For nearly 100 years, the Pe-et Elm tree graced the front of Evans Hall with its lacy shade, but was increasingly held together by wires and cords as it aged. On Arbor Day of this year, it was celebrated with a picnic beneath its lofty branches. However, during the last week of May, the lovely tree was finally taken down due to age and disease. In its place remains the stump, sealed and protected for the future. A plaque detailing the Pe-et society’s history, from its beginnings in 1936 and its preservation of the elm tree during the construction of Evans Hall, is placed on the stump.

But what happened to the wood from the tree? Lex Holmes, chair of the Department of Economics, knows. He has it stacked up and drying in a secret location in southern Oklahoma.

The removal of the tree took about a week, after which the wood was taken to a mill and planed into boards. The boards are now stacked in a 4-foot-wide square that is 7 feet high. It has smaller boards between the planks, helping the wood to dry down to 25 percent moisture. Following the air-drying process, the boards will go into a kiln, where they will be dried to 8 percent moisture.

Where is the wood going after this process? To become a number of beautiful items for the university at the skillful hands of Holmes.

That was one sick tree, said Holmes. But we’ll be able to turn it into several nice bowls and other items over time.

He explains that to make a bowl, you have to take a thick piece of wood and turn it on a lathe with a sprayer on it to keep it wet. After an initial turn, you put it aside to air dry. It distorts and warps, gets all cupped and bent, and sometime in January, I’ll turn it a second time. Following the reshaping of the bowl, it is hand-polished with carnuba wax to a beautiful shine.

In addition to bowls, Holmes has plans for a tall clock and other items. Don’t be surprised if one of the smaller items from Lex Holmes hand and the Pe-et Elm turns up in the annual College of Arts and Sciences Kaleidoscope Evening auction!
Creation of an Endowment

Students and faculty know how important financial assistance is to any educational institution. In 2004, one family generously established an endowment, which provides continued financial assistance to students and faculty in the college. With an initial gift of approximately $267,000, the Longmire family, working through the college and the University of Oklahoma Foundation, created the William Jr. and Jane Longmire Academic Enrichment Fund.

“We are very grateful people think so highly of us that they would want a portion of their estate to go to the college, benefiting present and future scholars,” Dean Paul Bell said. “This is a generous gift that will make a difference for years to come.”

The endowment generates interest that allows $13,500 in funds to be distributed annually, for three specific purposes: three $1,500 annual Leadership Scholars scholarships for pre-medical students, $4,000 for the support and enrichment of pre-medical education and advising and $5,000 to support the Teaching Scholars Initiative, $1,500 of which is awarded to one professor each year as the Longmire Prize for outstanding teaching and mentoring in the college.

Scholarship Support

The Leadership Scholars Program is composed of 75 students from the sophomore, junior and senior classes. Students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or above and demonstrate university or community service to be admitted to the program. Scholars eligible for the Longmire Scholarship are pre-medical students in the program who show financial need.

In 2005, the first Longmire Scholarship was awarded to two pre-medical students. This year, three students received the $1,500 scholarship.

Support of Teaching Innovation and Improvement

The Teaching Scholars Initiative was established in 2004 by a group of faculty committed to promoting quality teaching at the university.

In 2006, the first Longmire Prize was awarded to Grady Wray, assistant professor of Spanish in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Linguistics. Wray’s dedication to teaching mirrors the criteria for the prize, which reads, “This award shall be given to a faculty member in the College of Arts and Sciences with exemplary dedication to students, teaching and the scholarship of teaching.”

Family Behind the Fund

The William Jr. and Jane Longmire Academic Enrichment Fund was established in 2004 from the estate of William Polk Longmire Jr., who was born in Sapulpa, Okla., in 1913. Longmire began high school at the age of 13 and, after graduating from OU, was accepted into Johns Hopkins University to attend medical school.

While at Johns Hopkins, Longmire was mentored by Dr. Alfred Blalock, who chose Longmire to serve as his chief resident. By 1948, at the age of 35, he was an associate professor in charge of the plastic surgery outpatient clinic and chief of plastic surgery.

Also in 1948, Longmire became one of five founding fathers of the new medical school at the University of California in Los Angeles. He became UCLA’s first chair of the Department of Surgery, a position he held for 28 years, until 1976. In 1984, he became professor emeritus.

See Friends and Family on Campus With the A&S Webcam

Has it been a while since you’ve seen a friend or loved one while they are on the OU campus? The college has developed a way for them to give you a wave as they head across campus. Make arrangements for them to stand in the east entrance to the A&S Plaza at a certain time. You can sign into the Web site at www.ou.edu/cas and click on the live video feed. Wave back!

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Doty Becomes Chair of Classics and Letters

by Lacey Gray

On July 1, Ralph Doty officially became the new chair of the Department of Classics and Letters. Doty, who began teaching Greek courses at the University of Oklahoma in 1983, has spent the past 23 years passing along his joy of the Greek language and culture to countless students.

As the new chair of the department, Doty’s duties will include being both leader and chief administrator of 15 faculty and 234 undergraduate majors. In describing his position as chair, Doty said 75 percent of his job is to be there for the people in the department, “like therapy.”

“My goal is to run interference,” Doty said. “I must be the servant of all and take on more bureaucratic duties so my colleagues have the time to teach.”

Along with his enjoyment of academia, Doty finds pleasure in a number of outside activities and organizations, such as ballroom dancing with his wife at the University Club, serving on the board of directors for Heartland Rabbit Rescue in Blanchard, Okla., and acting as president of the Spotlight Theater Company in Norman.

Doty has authored and published a number of books and journal articles. His most recent book, *Head Games*, is currently available on www.amazon.com.

Undergraduate Colloquium Highlights Excellence in Philosophy

In April, the Department of Philosophy held its 11th Undergraduate Colloquium with Rusty Jones as the program director. Brian Barnett, Grant Mowser and Andrea Taylor also were on the committee. One of the papers was given by OU undergraduate Christina Leinneweber. OU graduate students Ruth Dysart, Rusty Jones, Robert Mackey, Buffy Price, Jeff Schaffner and Paul Franks served as commentators.

Since 1996, the OU Philosophical Society, a group of OU philosophy graduate students and undergraduate philosophy majors, has sponsored an annual undergraduate philosophy conference. This event brings a number of promising undergraduates to campus to deliver papers that have been selected by peer review as well as a distinguished keynote speaker.

Reflection Room in Oklahoma Memorial Union Now Open

Need a respite from your hectic life? A calm in the eye of the storm can now be found in the student union. The Religious Studies Outreach Program and the Religious Studies Student Club have arranged with university officials to reserve a room in Oklahoma Memorial Union near Crossroads Restaurant for a Reflection Room.

“We have provided this space for students who have a need for a spiritual or reflective quiet space during their day on campus,” said Barbara Boyd, director of outreach and faculty member of the Religious Studies Program. “There is no studying or talking allowed.” The space is open for use daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
New Bacterium Discovered in Norman Waste Water

New approaches to research bring about new discoveries. It certainly paid off for Professor Ralph Tanner and the city of Norman.

Seven years ago, Tanner, professor of botany and microbiology, began looking at Norman’s waste water with one of his classes and saw something new. Surprised at the findings, he and then-student-now-botanist Toby Allen contacted Enevold Falsen at the University of Göteborg in Sweden, and Paul Lawson and Matthew Collins of the University of Reading in England. Tanner credits the international team with piecing together the puzzle now known as Cloacibacterium normanense.

“It’s not an organism that has any negative consequences, which is another reason nobody’s found it over the last 100 years,” Tanner said in an interview with Norman Transcript reporter Althea Peterson. “It’s very happy in sewers, and not dangerous to people.”

The team used a method of washing away other known organisms to leave behind the unknown organism, like panning for gold. In this case, the bacterium actually is a golden color. “We have also found them in waste water from Moore, Okla.,” said Tanner. He assures folks in Norman that the bacterium does not survive water treatment.

Naming the organism was a challenge. The scientists consulted with Dr. Hans G. Truper of the University of Bonn for help. The result was the name Cloacibacterium normanense. Cloacibacterium refers to a sewer or canal bacterium that is a small rod. Normanense refers to the city of Norman, where the organism was first isolated.
This summer, 22 teachers from Oklahoma and Kansas were immersed in East Asian culture during a three-week field study to China and Korea, made possible by the Oklahoma Institute for Teaching East Asia at OU-Tulsa and a Freeman Foundation grant shared with the University of Kansas.

Jessica Stowell, director of the Oklahoma Institute for Teaching East Asia and associate director of the newly formed Confucius Institute at OU, led the trip with KU East Asia Coordinator Nancy Hope and OU-Tulsa’s Yong-Mi Kim.

The field study involved K-12 teachers who have taken a graduate seminar in East Asian history, philosophy, literature and art, and who have introduced Asia into their own classes.

The group of teachers visited a number of cities in China and Korea, including Beijing, where they were able to explore the history of the area and see preparations for the Beijing 2008 Olympics, Xian and the Shaanxi Province, where they visited a small village elementary school. Other stops in China included Chengdu, in Sichuan Province, and Shanghai. From Shanghai, the group traveled to Pusan, South Korea, where they explored the ancient history of Korea in the Shilla capital of Kyongju, the Confucian academies and the Haeinsa Temple. Other stops in South Korea included Seoul and the Joint Security Area at the DMZ in Panmunjeom, where truce talks were held during the Korean War.

Baker and Latrobe Named Directors

For the past year, Don Baker and Kathy Latrobe have served as interim directors. This fall, Baker was named the director of the School of Social Work, and Latrobe was named director of the School of Library and Information Studies.

Baker came to OU in 1988 from Bloomington, Ill. He will use his nearly 40 years of experience in social work to provide insightful leadership to the school.

“In my role as director of the school, I am dedicated to serving those who serve the students — it is clear to me that the faculty also are dedicated to bringing the best in social work education to the state of Oklahoma,” said Baker.

Latrobe began working for the university in 1986 and has worked primarily in children’s library materials and services. Now, as director, Latrobe says her goal is to achieve growth in the school’s three degree programs: an interdisciplinary bachelor of arts in information studies, master of science in knowledge management; and master of library and information studies. The bachelor in information studies has been approved as the college’s first online degree program.

“We want to build a coherent set of courses that enrich all three programs,” Latrobe said.

Steinheider Receives Award at Conference

Brigette Steinheider, director of the organizational dynamics program in the Department of Psychology at OU-Tulsa, was honored at the Academy of Management Conference in Atlanta for a paper she co-authored with Broken Arrow Chief of Police Todd Wuestewald.

The paper, “When Twelve Heads Are Better Than One: Assessing Shared Leadership in a Police Agency,” received the second runner-up prize out of 180 papers for the category of “Best Paper” by the Organizational Communication and Information Systems division of the Academy of Management.

Research was conducted through a two-year case study on the effects of shared leadership in a suburban police department. Data indicated employees’ perceptions of work conditions, internal communication, productivity, community satisfaction and labor-management relations improved significantly, suggesting that shared leadership practices give employees a sense of empowerment.
Anthropology Professor Explores
Men’s Accuracy in Gauging Biological Paternity

by Lacey Gray

This summer, Assistant Professor of Anthropology Kermyt Anderson was featured in the June 2006 issue of Current Anthropology for a study he conducted on paternity testing. Anderson’s research examines the relationship between a father’s perceived beliefs of biological paternity and actual test results.

Previous studies indicated that 10 percent of fathers unknowingly raise children who are not biologically their own. However, Anderson’s research reveals that this figure actually is closer to 2 percent. Most men who are confident they are the father really are. In this study, 98 percent of men who were confident of their paternity were correct.

However, men who doubt their biological paternity and go through testing to discover the truth usually are wrong. These men are shown to be the father 70 percent of the time. Only 30 percent of the men who doubted paternity were shown not to be the biological father of the child.

This research is significant when considering support and interaction with children. “Paternity confidence has important implications for a man’s involvement with his children,” Anderson said. “Men are less likely to interact with and support children whom they do not believe to be theirs.”

Oklahoma Archeology Survey
Conducts Field School During Summer

During the summer, several students from OU and Oklahoma State University joined with the Oklahoma Archeological Survey and the Department of Anthropology at the Bryson-Paddock site in northern Oklahoma for a few weeks of digging enjoyment. During their stay near the Arkansas River, close to Kaw Lake, students joined seasoned archaeologists to search through the dirt and find the history of the centuries-old trading post. Among the treasures found were several beads, trade goods and a scrap of leather well-preserved beneath a fire pit.
1940s

Virginia P. Harden, '43 MS Plant Sciences, served as a Baha’i pioneer in Thailand through October 1997. She currently works as a volunteer at Osage Mission-Neosho County Historical Museum in St. Paul, Kan.

1960s

J. Michael Crouch, '62 Russian Studies, retired as chairman of LEADS Corp. in December 2005. He was majority owner of the privately held IT consulting company and retired on its sale to ITS. He and his wife reside in North Carolina, where he now divides his time between nurturing 10 grandchildren, assisting immigrants to the United States in becoming contributing members of American society, actively supporting conservative political causes and OU football.

Willis H.A. Moore, '62 BA Letters, resides in Honolulu and has been elected president of the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists, replacing the Rev. Stanley Upchurch. NEHA publishes a variety of helps to historians and writers of church history, archival training and networking and presents an annual conference.

Robert F. Sepic, '69 BA History, '74 MA Spanish, was certified as a graphoanalyst in 2001 and is the only graphoanalyst in Cleveland County, Okla. He specializes in marriage compatibility. Graphoanalysis was founded in 1929 by M.N. Bunker and is the only scientifically proven system in handwriting analysis.

1970s

Richard A. Bard, ’70 MA Political Science, is deputy world editor of the Miami Herald in Miami. He is the former Sunday Viewpoint editor of the Miami Herald, serving as president of the Association of Opinion Page Editors in 1997 and 1998, and co-edited “Miami: In Our Own Words,” an oral history marking Miami’s 1996 centennial. He joined the Miami Herald in 1975.

Greg Fueger, ’76 MA Economics, works as a Realtor with the First Weber Group Realtors in Menomonee Falls, Wis. He says it was difficult watching the Sooners lose in March Madness this year. However, he was cheering for the team that won: UW-Milwaukee, where he received his undergraduate degree. He says it was almost a miracle to have both teams meet in the NCAA Tournament!

Lyndal “Bo” Maggard, ’76 BA Radio/TV Broadcasting, graduated from OU and went back to his hometown of Anadarko, Okla. After working for the state of Oklahoma and trying his hand at local politics, he relocated to Mesa, Ariz., where he worked as a long-term care case manager for the state of Arizona. After retiring in 2002, he joined Mercy Care long-term care, a subsidiary of St. Joseph’s Hospital. He enjoys spending time with his two grown daughters and traveling around the desert southwest and manages to return to Oklahoma for visits. He enjoys volunteering at Make A Wish Foundation, Multiple Sclerosis Society and takes much pride in the activities and emotional rewards he gains from them. “Hello to all in Oklahoma. If ever in sunshiny Arizona, say hello to me.”

Vicki ImMasche Robertson, '70 BS Mathematics, is a district judge for the state of Oklahoma and serves as the president to the Oklahoma County Bar Association, vice-presiding judge of Oklahoma County and president-elect of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference.

1980s

Eugene A. Barnes IV, '81 BA Public Affairs and Administration, works as a deputy public defender in Maricopa County, Ariz. He and wife Thelma welcomed their daughter Erica to their family on July 22.

Larry S. McDaniel, '81 MS Microbiology, is a professor of microbiology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center Department of Microbiology. His research focuses on host-pathogen interactions of streptococcus pneumoniae. They are attempting to understand how this important human pathogen causes disease and how individuals respond when infected.

Jon R. Taylor, ‘83 BA Political Science and History, ‘87 MA Political Science, ’93 PhD Political Science, recently was elevated from chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of St. Thomas, Houston, to associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

Steve Wilson, '82 BA Letters, English, is the recipient of the Texas State University Alumni Association Teaching Award. He also was named Outstanding Professor of English 2006 by the university’s chapter of Sigma Tau Delta. Wilson serves as associate chair of the Department of English, where he has taught since 1987.
1990s

Lester Claravall, ’90 BBA, ’95 MHR, was named one of the 2006 10 Outstanding Young Americans by the U.S. Junior Chamber. Claravall currently heads Oklahoma’s Child Labor Unit and has spearheaded several state and national initiatives leading to stronger protection of the nation’s youngest workers. He helped to create Paying Attention Pays, an interactive educational game to teach teenagers about Oklahoma’s youth laws. Claravall is the recipient of several awards, including the Quality Oklahoma Governor’s Commendation for Excellence Award and the Oklahoma City Business Forty Under 40 Award.

Harvey Monetathchi, ’99 BA Sociology, currently is working on his master of liberal arts in health and human services and recently was elected lieutenant governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. He serves as the first lieutenant governor of the tribes, following their adopting a new constitution.

Jason Owsley, ’94 BA International Relations (Planned Program), serves as European Counsel in the law department of the semiconductor company Texas Instruments. He provides legal support to various operations in the region encompassing Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Owsley recently relocated from Dallas to Munich, Germany, with wife Leonore Williams Owsley, ’94 MA Education, and their three daughters.

2000s

Courtney Swain Atchley, ’00 BS Microbiology, and husband Derek celebrated the birth of son Noah Chance Atchley in February. Atchley is in her last year at the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Campbell Scott Hood, ’02 MHR, says, “Greetings, fellow Sooner Schooners! I’d love to hear from my fellow Osan AB/Korea 2002 alumni!” Hood retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service and now works at Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla. He is the logistics manager for the deputy commander’s staff and enjoys traveling to different parts of the world and “the op’s tempo is unlike anything I’ve ever seen.” He and wife Kelly are about to celebrate 22 years together and he credits some of the material absorbed in his year-long studies in Korea for helping his marriage and professional life and in working with a wide variety and background of individuals, both American and foreign nationals. He read with sadness regarding George Henderson’s retirement, but wishes him well. “Kudos to the entire HR staff who traveled to Korea in ’01-’02 for the great interactions we enjoyed, and may God speed and bless you and yours now and in the future. Hooah!”

Whitney Parker, ’01 BA Psychology, works as a process improvement coordinator, national sales, for American Honda Motor Co.

Gerard C. Steger II, ’03 Health and Sport Sciences, is finishing up his doctorate in physical therapy in Kansas City. He and wife Kelly, ’04 BA, Psychology, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Noah Edward Steger, on July 16. “He is Sooner born and Sooner bred!”

Scott A. Templin, ’05 BA Native American Studies and Religious Studies, completed his first year of master of theological studies at Harvard Divinity School and interned this summer in the Conservation Department of the Harvard Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, working primarily with Native American collections.

Ryan G. Lemons, ’02 BA History, is returning to Oklahoma from Colorado to accept a promotion within the Boy Scouts of America as a senior district executive with the Last Frontier Council in Oklahoma City. He will be involved in fund raising, membership and serving more than 2,000 youth and 1,000 adult volunteers. He and wife Kelly, Price College of Business graduate, are pleased to be returning to Oklahoma and foresee many OU football games in their future. “Oklahoma City is an exciting place to live, and it is nice for us to be neighbors with our fellow Sooners again!”

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Class Notes (Continued)

IN MEMORIAM

George R. Kalbfleisch, professor emeritus of physics, died Sept. 12. Kalbfleisch came to OU in 1979 and established the OU High Energy Physics group. While at OU, he was elected as a Fellow in the American Physical Society for his discoveries of the first hyperonic beta decay, of the ninth pseudoscalar meson, the first direct observation of the electron-neutrino in muon decay and direct measurements of the velocities of neutrinos. Prior to coming to OU, he received his bachelor of science degree from Loyola University in 1952 and his doctoral degree in experimental high-energy physics in 1961 from the University of California at Berkeley.

Homer L. Dodge Department of Physics and Astronomy chair Ryan Doezema said of Kalbfleisch, “George was a stalwart of the department from his arrival in 1979 right through into his retirement. He was a superb physicist and a wonderful colleague. I miss him very much.”

Neil Shafer-Ray, associate professor of physics, echoes Doezema’s sentiment. “For the last five years, George has been a great friend to both myself and my group. I have at least one student who would not be getting his Ph.D. if it were not for George’s strong words of encouragement for him and George’s level-headed advice for me. I will miss the long lunches at the union filled with his words of wisdom and wonderful stories.”

Carlyce Ross King, ’43 BS, ’49 MS, ’57 EdD, professor emerita of education, died May 2. King served in many capacities at OU, including home economics instructor, assistant dean of women, program developer in continuing education and public service, director of the Family Life Institute and coordinator of correspondence courses for the U.S. Postal Service. In 1977, King was awarded the OU Regents’ Award for Superior Teaching. After retiring, she became an accomplished artist and in her free time attended many of the performances at OU. A park bench honoring King is located by the Class of 1935 fountain near Oklahoma Memorial Union.

Christopher M. Wagner, ’73 BA Anthropology, ’75 MA Anthropology, died Oct. 14, 2005. He was interested in everything, capable of mastering an amazing variety of skills. He was a writer, guitar maker and musician, a nationally certified fly fisherman, a farrier and a special effects inventor for the motion picture and entertainment industry. He was devoted to his wife, who was disabled and blind following a stroke. He will be greatly missed.

One Family’s Gift (Continued)

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Longmire served as president of many surgical organizations and received numerous national and international awards. He authored more than 300 scientific manuscripts and four books. Longmire died on May 9, 2003.

“My father became known as a very gifted surgeon, beloved educator and very important surgical research proponent,” said Sarah Longmire-Cook, of Eubank, Ky., who followed in her father’s footsteps by becoming a surgeon. “His name is known to virtually every general surgeon in this country, if not the world. He saved many lives, educated many surgeons and staffed many training programs with very talented surgeons and educators. His would be a professional career that every premedical student should try to emulate.”
“The Second Century” arrived this fall for approximately 20 A&S students who have been awarded scholarships funded through the college’s Second Century Scholarship Campaign. As part of the university’s $100 million Campaign for Scholarships initiated by President David L. Boren, the A&S campaign seeks to create 100 new scholarships to help commemorate Oklahoma’s centennial in 2007.

In addition to the Second Century Scholarships, 31 of the college’s Leadership Scholars have benefited from scholarship commitments made by generous donors during the campaign.

“We are grateful for the nearly 400 donors who have provided gifts ranging from $10 to $250,000 during our campaign,” Dean Paul B. Bell Jr. said. “Our 100 new scholarships equate to approximately $1.5 million, and by the end of September, we have raised more than $1.1 million. There are still opportunities for our alumni and friends to help keep the doors of opportunity open to all deserving A&S students.”

To participate in the Second Century Scholarship Campaign, contact Von Allen, director of Development, at (405) 325-3724 or vonallen@ou.edu. Information can also be found on the Web at www.ou.edu/cas.

Creativity in Motion Prize Set for 2007

The college, in collaboration with Oklahoma City social worker Jeanne Hoffman Smith, recently announced the beginning of the application process for the third biennial Thatcher Hoffman Smith Creativity in Motion Prize. The $40,000 prize, which was awarded to Elizabeth Ingraham in 2003 and Steven C. Levi in 2005, recognizes, honors and encourages an individual’s creative process as it unfolds.

In January 2007, after careful review of the application letters, 50 individuals will be chosen to submit a full application, which must be received by April 1, 2007. An award winner will be chosen in early August and presented with the award on Sept. 5, 2007.

To learn more about previous award recipients, their work, the history of the prize, or for more information on applying for the 2007 prize, visit the Creativity in Motion Web site at http://cim.ou.edu.

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