As I write these words, summer is drawing rapidly to a close and we are preparing to welcome our students back to campus. I am sure that whatever our students have been doing this summer, they have been watching the unfolding global financial crisis and are wondering what effect it will have on them after they graduate and seek to launch their careers. One thing that I can promise them is that the college is doing everything it can to support them.

Helping students find employment after graduation has been a focus of the College of Arts and Sciences for the past several years. In addition to providing our students with the solid educational foundation that makes them excellent employees, the college is also working to connect our students who are looking for jobs with employers who are seeking outstanding employees.

A central feature of our efforts has been our cooperative relationship with OU Career Services. The College of Arts and Sciences believes so much in the importance of connecting students with potential employers that we led the way in 2005 to become the first college at OU to make signing up for Career Services free for all our students. As a result, the number of A&S students who sign up each year had increased from 482 in 2004-2005, to 2001 in 2008-2009. The program proved so popular that last year President Boren provided funding to make Career Services free for all OU students. Cooperation with Career Services extends beyond just getting students to sign up. Every semester, Career Services staff members teach a career-planning course for A&S students, and the college has provided funding so that Career Services could hire a second counselor dedicated to serving A&S students.

Another feature of our effort is recruiting employers interested in hiring our students. For several years, the college has sponsored a summer workshop for employers. This summer, recruiters from 50 different companies spent a day with college staff, faculty and students learning why A&S students are the right hire to meet their employment needs and how to reach and recruit these students. One big change in recent years has been the growing importance of internships as a vehicle for employers to find potential employees.

In 2008 we hired Adrienne Jablonski into a new staff position in the dean’s office dedicated to helping students find jobs, and she has been working tirelessly to be the liaison between students, faculty and corporate recruiters. Adrienne is working directly with students to help prepare them for their job search by teaching job search strategies, reviewing their resumes and connecting students to information sessions presented by employers. She also works with employers to get them into classrooms and to create other opportunities for employers to meet students and talk about careers.

As you read this, I hope that you are thinking how you can help in this endeavor. If you are looking to hire employees or interns or are interested in creating an internship, I encourage you to get in touch with Adrienne and talk with her about your interests in hiring A&S students for internships or full-time positions. She can be reached by phone at (405) 325-9122 or by e-mail at ajablonski@ou.edu.
While it’s no secret that finding a job in today’s shaky economic climate – whether it’s a first venture into the workforce or a search for a position that pays better or provides other less tangible dividends – is no cake walk, staff in the College of Arts and Sciences and Career Services at the University of Oklahoma say it’s not only possible, but definitely achievable. It just may take a bit more effort and preparation.

Ensuring that students find employment after graduation is just part of the story for the university’s career services staff. Their ultimate goal is to help ensure students and alumni find employment that will not only meet their financial needs and expectations, but also fulfill their desire for a job that meets their interests, abilities and talents.

Recently, three OU staff members – one who serves as the College of Arts and Sciences’ liaison with the university’s central Career Services office and two who work directly in Career Services – discussed the services they offer to university students to help ensure a smooth and successful segue from college to the marketplace. Their tips are easily transferrable to anyone seeking a job, even those who have been in the workforce for a while.

Adrienne Jablonski, director of A&S Student Career and Leadership Development, and Tara Little and Becca Terndrup, both assistant directors in Career Services, say that, ideally, students begin working with them as early as their freshman year to ready themselves for the job search. Their “homework” begins with keeping an ongoing accounting of their accomplishments, whether it’s serving in a leadership role in student government, a professional organization or other activity, to serving as an intern with a company or organization.

At any time during the students’ collegiate career, the three are available to help the students with a variety of needs, including finding and obtaining internships or jobs, conducting mock interviews, arranging on-campus interviews, and critiquing resumes. Career Services coordinates several university-wide career fairs annually and also hosts a variety of career-related workshops, including one they held recently for Arts and Sciences students titled “Finding a Job in a Tough Economy.”

One of the popular offerings is a one-hour class, taught by Career Services, that includes the whole nine yards of the career search – from the cover letter and writing a targeted resume (including a resume critique), to a mock interview. Students are even given lessons on business and dining etiquette.

Speakers also are brought in to explore various career options. Recently, a panel of Arts and Sciences alumni, some of whom work in fields relating to their majors, others who don’t, was invited to campus to discuss their experiences and respond to questions from Arts and Sciences students.

And each summer, the college hosts a “Recruiters’ Day,” in which current and potential recruiters are invited to campus. This year’s event focused on how employers can build a presence on campus, with a special emphasis on social networking and establishing internship opportunities, which Jablonski calls “a benefit for both recruiter and student, as they offer the recruiter a unique opportunity to evaluate potential employees and the student a chance to gain invaluable experience and begin networking.”

Little noted that, “As advisers for Arts and Sciences students, we deal with a wide variety of majors. While students’ career paths are not always linear in nature, the skills gained are ones that allow them to succeed in any career. Arts and Sciences students are well-rounded, self-motivated individuals, trained for lifelong learning. They possess excellent communication skills. Typically, they are passionate about their major, which fuels academic success and leadership development and, in turn, leads to high-quality job candidates and satisfied employers.”

Terndrup agreed, adding: “Through the years, our office has discovered that employers are almost always more interested in the skills and abilities of each individual rather than a particular major. Employers are looking for effective communicators, motivated learners, and students who possess critical thinking skills. Other skills unique to the position can be learned on the job.”

Jablonski said another way they help Arts and Sciences students find jobs during these difficult economic times is to help them look at employment in areas they might not normally consider. For example, in Oklahoma, they may look for opportunities in the oil and gas industry, where there may be openings in marketing or sales.

All three say their role is limited to that of an educator, adviser and coach. They do their best to empower students, but ultimately, it is the student’s responsibility.

Finally, Little says, students, like all job seekers, must cultivate patience.”Even in a good economy, it takes an average of six months to find a job,” she said. “Now, you’re typically looking at several months beyond that.”

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ADVICE From A&S Students, Alumni

“I would encourage all students to take advantage of all that Career Services has to offer. Enroll in the Career Planning class; go online and take advantage of the resume help and other offerings on the Web; look into internships; and network as much as you can. Don’t be afraid to take a risk. Your major doesn’t necessarily have to relate to your internship or career. If I had limited myself to my major, I wouldn’t have ended up with the OKC Thunder.”

- Ebony Martin, May 2009 graduate in microbiology; served an internship with the OKC Thunder, now working for the organization as an account executive in sales

“After graduation, it was important to me to find a job that would allow me to apply what I had learned from my experiences at OU, such as my writing skills and knowledge of public policy. Ms. Jablonski from the college was especially helpful during my job search process. During our meeting, she reviewed my resume and discussed what I was doing right and what I was doing wrong in my effort. She then put me in touch with a person from the state who had an opening for a job she felt would be a good match for my skill set. After the interview process, I had secured a great job, proving that despite a tough economy, there are still good jobs available.”

- Chelsea Grogan, earned bachelor of arts degree in political science with minors in general business and Spanish; now working with the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security

“Don’t wait until next semester. There are many tools that Career Services offer that a student could take advantage of to help for life after college. Don’t be a student looking for a job after graduation; be a student ready to work right after graduation.”

- Vince Winston, senior majoring in public affairs and administration and African and African American Studies; Raymond Gary Memorial Scholar and McNair Scholar; serving an internship with Cintas Corp.
Faculty Profile: Katie Barwick - Snell

Human Relations Professor by Jerri Culpepper

Two words seem to crop up repeatedly in any discussion with Human Relations Professor, Katie Barwick-Snell: “teacher,” and “circle,” which describes her life and career.

Barwick-Snell’s first advising gig took place while she was still a wet-behind-the-ears college graduate. After earning a bachelor’s degree in home economics extension education with an emphasis on consumer education, fashion, food and nutrition from Mississippi State University in 1977, she stayed there as an academic adviser. She says she knew immediately that teaching — whether it was working in the classroom or helping students get the most out of their education in another way — was her calling in life.

Shortly after marrying and moving to Norman, she began work on her master’s degree in home economics education with an emphasis on family relations and teacher education at OU. During this time, she was administrative assistant with the Women’s Resource Center, with which she has maintained an involvement to the present day.

Following her divorce, Barwick-Snell found it necessary to find a “real” job to support herself and her children, and for a while taught at the high school level. After earning her master’s degree from OU and teaching foods and nutrition and education at OU, she joined the faculty of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha, where for several years she taught classes in marriage and family, education, and foods and nutrition and was a founding member of the Women’s Studies Program.

Like many women, family responsibilities took Barwick-Snell’s career down many roads. From her beginnings as a home economist — what she laughingly calls a “Betty Crocker” — to wife and mother, to a professor at a research university, her career and life was more a meandering path than a superhighway. But through it all, she says, there always wound a common thread: an interest and involvement in women’s issues and a passion for teaching. It’s where she began, and where her path continues to take her, and she wouldn’t have it any other way.

Katie Barwick-Snell In Brief:

OU Faculty Member Since: full time in the early 1980s and adjunct in the 1990s; she joined the Human Relations faculty full time in 2003
Research Interests: Social support of adult students who return to higher education
Teaching Philosophies: The teacher-student relationship should involve mutual respect. Learning happens best using a combination of theory and application. To create “aha” moments, a teacher must use all the techniques at her disposal, including discussion, a variety of media, and projects with applicability to the real world and students’ lives.
Passion Outside the Classroom: Her family; community involvement and women’s rights; traveling; the culinary arts; her pets; chocolate; bright colors and unusual textiles; and creating community
OU Honors and Awards: College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Outstanding Academic Advising Award (2009); Scholar-Athlete Most Inspiring Faculty Award (2004); College of Liberal Studies Superior Teaching Award (2000)
John C. Greenert, a pre-medicine/psychology major with a minor in chemistry, was selected as the recipient of the 2009 Carl Albert Award, presented each year to the outstanding senior in the college.

Greenert received the award in April, in the Sandy Bell Gallery of the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. Greenert, who plans to become a physician, possibly a neurosurgeon, graduated summa cum laude from the OU Honors College with a 3.96 grade-point average during OU’s Commencement ceremonies on May 15.

Greenert has received numerous honors and awards during his university career, including election to Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Golden Key International Honor Society, Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medicine Honor Society and the Psi Chi (Psychology) National Honor Society. Spring semester, he was named a Letzeiser Honoree for good citizenship and achievement and a Big Man on Campus. Additionally, he was a member of the 2005-06 President’s Leadership Class, received the Outstanding Psychology Student Award in Statistics his junior year and was named to Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges his senior year.

Greenert has participated every year as a member of the OU Forensics Team, serving as its secretary his sophomore and junior years and as president his senior year, and the Pre-Medical Professionals Club and the Psychology Club, serving both as treasurer. He has participated in numerous collegiate and regional and state high school forensics tournaments, serving as host, judge and recruiter as well as competing himself. He is a four-time American Forensics Association national qualifier and in his junior year was named district champion in persuasive speaking and Oklahoma and Texas State Champion in informative speaking.

“Ultimately,” he writes, “I want to thoroughly understand and ameliorate the ‘communication’ between a person’s ‘psychological self’ and the ‘physical self,’ which ... she could write her name again – that sense of joy as patients utter, through a smile, the words ‘Thank you, Doctor.’ ”

The Carl Albert Award, the most prestigious given to a student by the OU College of Arts and Sciences, is based on academics, moral force of character and promise of future service. Julian Rothbaum, former state regent and longtime friend of Albert, endowed the award in 1965.

Awards & Prizes

John C. Greenert Receives OU’s Carl Albert Award

Mathematics Educator at OU Receives Outstanding Teaching Award

Nikola Petrov, an assistant professor of mathematics, looked confused as Dean Bell walked into his classroom on a spring morning in April with a bouquet of balloons. Bell was there to announce Petrov as the Irene Rothbaum Outstanding Assistant Professor in the college. Even after assuring Petrov of the honor, it didn’t really seem to sink in until during the Spring Faculty Meeting, where Petrov received his check for $2,500.

A native of Bulgaria, Petrov came to the United States in 1995 as a student in physics and mathematics at the University of Texas at Austin. From 2002 to 2005, he held a joint appointment at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor of mathematics and a postdoctoral associate at the Michigan Center for Theoretical Physics. He joined the Department of Mathematics at OU in 2005.

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To be eligible for the Irene Rothbaum Award for Outstanding Assistant Professor, a nominee must be a tenure-track assistant professor, with at least two years in rank at OU.

Astronomy Professor Receives Kinney-Sugg Award

Class began as usual on a Monday morning for Richard Henry. He walked in and began his lecture on musical acoustics, planning on using brass instruments to demonstrate, when the door opened and Paul B. Bell Jr., dean of the college, walked in with an announcement. Henry was named the Kinney-Sugg Outstanding Professor in the college. As the 2008 outstanding professor of the college, Henry received a plaque and a check for $5,000 at a luncheon held in his honor, and his name will be added to a plaque on permanent display in Ellison Hall, home to the College of Arts and Sciences.

Henry is David Ross Boyd Professor of Astronomy in the Homer L. Dodge Department of Physics and Astronomy, with research interests in late stellar evolution, gaseous nebulae, galactic chemical evolution, origin of the chemical elements and damped Lyman alpha systems.

Henry received his undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas, and his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan. He joined the faculty at OU in 1984. He is the recipient of many awards, including the University Award for General Education, Regents’ Award for Superior Teaching, Amoco Good Teaching Award and Burlington Northern Award for Creative Teaching.

The Kinney-Sugg Outstanding Professor Award, established by OU alumna Sandy Kinney and her husband, Mike Sugg, was first awarded in 2002 to help the college reward and retain outstanding professors.

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Four OU Students Receive Fulbright Awards

NORMAN – Three current students and a recent graduate at OU have been named as recipients of Fulbright Grants for Study and Research Abroad. The grant winners are:

- Jordan Lohmeyer, a senior majoring in German and human relations from Tulsa, who will be studying and teaching English in Germany.
- Lauren McCough, an Honors senior majoring in zoology and international area studies with a minor in history from Oklahoma City, who will be studying in Mongolia.
- Sarah Steece, an Honors senior majoring in European studies and German from Oklahoma City, who received an award for study and teaching in Germany.
- and Stephen Terry, a 2007 master of arts degree in mathematics graduate from Eufaula, Texas, who received an award for study in New Zealand.

Lohmeyer plans to study in Germany and serve as an English teaching assistant in a German school. The Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship program places American college graduates in educational institutions to help German students improve their English skills.

“i think living in another culture breeds experience and character that nothing else can. I look forward to learning a lot more, and being equipped to teach German in the future,” Lohmeyer said.

Mcgough plans to spend next academic year in Mongolia, in the far western province of Bayan-Olgii, studying hunting with eagles by the local Kazakh populations. The information she acquires about eagle falconry continues a long-term interest she has in the subject. “as a falconer and aspiring ornithologist, preservation of the sport and the birds that make falconry possible is very important to me,” she said.

“I can’t think of a better place than Mongolia, with all its unique wildlife, and arguably the very birthplace of falconry, to better understand human-animal relationships and effective conservation.”

With her Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Germany, Steece will have the opportunity to both study and participate in German culture as well as assist English-language learners in a German school. After her teaching experience abroad, Steece plans to study international law. “my experience at OU opened my eyes to the larger world around me,” Steece remarked.

In his project, Terry plans to study how information is gathered and shared and how that process affects the monetary policy of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand. He noted that, “most countries have a well-developed monetary policymaking institution or central bank, but no two central banks are alike. I plan to eventually become a macroeconomist, so the exciting opportunity to study the institutional structure of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand firsthand will significantly expand the perspective that I bring to research later in my career.”

Students were chosen for the Fulbright Grants after a national competition among more than 6,000 applicants. The Fulbright Student Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, supports students for academic achievements and their contributions to campus life. They were recognized at the university’s student award ceremony, and later at the college’s awards ceremony. Winners received an etched glass trophy and a check for $1,500.

Bethany Burkland, Norman, Okla., received the Dr. Henry P. Roberson Outstanding Senior in the Humanities Award at the spring Arts and Sciences Student Awards Ceremony.

Outstanding seniors are chosen based on their academic achievements and their contributions to campus life. They were recognized at the university’s student award ceremony, and later at the college’s awards ceremony. Winners received an etched glass trophy and a check for $1,500.

Burkland, a senior majoring in Latin, Greek and Letters, graduated as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She is the daughter of Charles and Joy Burkland. While on campus, she was active in the Classics and Letters Society and Eta Sigma Phi, where, as president, she began a drive to register voters and helped to mount a play entirely in Greek, Latin, French and Italian.

Following graduation, she plans on teaching Latin. “Although I did not have a great interest in teaching when I began college, I had the opportunity to teach in place of one of my professors; I also wrote my Honors thesis over teaching Latin. These events became quite useful when I began teaching Latin last spring.”

History of Science Curator Retires

By Steven J. Livesey, professor and department chair, History of Science

On Dec. 31, 2008, Marilyn B. Ogilvie retired as curator of the University of Oklahoma’s History of Science Collections and professor in the History of Science Department. Many of you know Marilyn from several different contexts: as a student in history of science during the 1960s and 1970s, and later as a library and information studies student; as a frequent instructor in our department in the 1980s while she was on the faculty at Oklahoma Baptist University; and, since 1991, as curator of the Collections and professor.

A seminal authority and prolific contributor to many fields in the history of science, especially in the examination of women in science, Marilyn has been a superlative teacher and a dedicated servant to the profession, our program and the University. As curator of the Collections, she expanded its holdings from 79,000 to 94,000 volumes, inaugurated a support group — the OU Academy of the Lynx — and expanded access to the Collections under the Andrew W. Mellon Travel Fellowship Program. The recipient of teaching awards at both OU and OU, Marilyn served on numerous master’s and doctoral committees here and elsewhere, and inspired students for more than four decades to consider the history of science as a profession.

To recognize her outstanding achievements, we are undertaking a private fundraising campaign to endow the Marilyn Bailey Ogilvie Alumni Graduate Fellowship.

Contribute to the Marilyn Bailey Ogilvie Alumni Graduate Fellowship with a tax-deductible gift.

Contact David Quirk at (405) 325-3724 or dquirk@ou.edu for more information.

OU, I love you Film Packs the House

This spring, 400 members of the Sooner Nation filled Meacham Auditorium to see the inspired film “OU, I love you.” Based loosely on “Paris, je t’aime,” the OU Student Film Production Club, Film and Video Studies director Andrew Horton and film student Josephine Bozek, the cross-campus film drew from a wide range of disciplines: the Film and Video Studies Program, Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, Wittenberg Family College of Fine Arts and Price College of Business Department of Finance.

Twelve short stories were selected from more than 50 submissions, and 12 directors were chosen from 26 demo reels. The subject? The University of Oklahoma and love.

“It was definitely not an easy task. It was the first time this type of project had been done on campus, so a simple thought grew into a huge undertaking,” said Bozek.

The film explores different types of love — romantic, platonic, patriotic and more — and was screened in April. Out of the submissions, faculty judges selected 20 screenplays and directors, who then were given one month to film the screenplay of their choice on the OU campus. More than 100 OU students participated as writers, directors, actors, crewmembers, composers and editors.
Jennifer Wallace, a senior who graduated in May with a bachelor’s degree in zoology/biomedical sciences with a minor in Spanish, was named Professor Thomas Jay Hill Outstanding Senior in the Natural Sciences.

Wallace, daughter of Scott and Natalia Wallace of Edmond, Okla., plans to become a physician’s assistant at the OU Health Sciences Center. She was on the Dean’s and President’s Honor Rolls and served as the Pre-PA Club vice president her senior year, as well as the chair for the Relay for Life event. She serves as an art therapy volunteer at Children’s Hospital and is on the Oklahoma Children’s Cancer Association Board of Directors.

Declared a cancer survivor while in school at OU, she was an active volunteer, hosting a Make-a-Wish fundraiser for the entire campus and beginning a volunteer group at Children’s Hospital. For her efforts, her sorority, Chi Omega, nominated her for the Outstanding Community Service for Pan-Hellenic Award, which she won in 2006.

“Returning to campus my sophomore year, I can still recall my first day back. In the mere eight-minute walk from the parking garage to my class, I waved to eight to 10 friends or fellow club members on campus. I was grinning from ear to ear, thinking ‘this is my university.’”

YEAR OF DARWIN CELEBRATED AT OU

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of The Origin of Species. At OU, faculty and students from a range of disciplines, departments and academic units have worked together to explore one of the theories of life.

Departments and colleges involved in bringing a myriad of speakers to campus include Anthropology, the Oklahoma Biological Survey, Computer Science, the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education, Geography, the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, History of Science, Philosophy, Psychology and Zoology. Events include Presidential Dream Course speakers, Oklahoma Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program classes, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History presentations and guest speakers from around the globe. For a complete calendar of events, visit www.ou.edu/darwin/site/Home.html. Also online are video podcasts of faculty and past speakers.

CELEBRATING 400 YEARS WITH THE STARS

The Department of Zoology has revamped its curriculum for the fall. According to Bill Matthews, professor and chair of the department, “The new degree curriculum has several exciting features meant to provide a richer educational experience for students, and greater flexibility in fulfilling requirements for graduation. For example, in upper-division courses students will be able to pursue their specific interests by organizing their electives within identified career advisory tracks, such as Biomedical Sciences, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Neurology and Cell Signaling and Development.”

The department consists of 43 full-time faculty, 14 staff and approximately 950 undergraduate students and 55 graduate students. For more information and to read about their research, visit www.ou.edu/cas/zoology.
OU Alumna Ruth I. Knee Designates $1 Million Estate Gift to Social Work

A $1 million gift from the estate of University of Oklahoma alumna Ruth Irelan Knee, a distinguished pioneer in the field of psychiatric social work, will create an endowment to assist generations of OU social work students.

Knee, who died in October 2008 at the age of 88, graduated with an OU degree in social work in 1941 and generously supported social work programs throughout her life.

Her estate gift will support the endowed fund established and supported by Ruth and her husband, Junior K. Knee, during their lifetimes. The fund is devoted to “bringing together divergent disciplines dedicated to the improvement of the human condition” and will provide resources for the newly named Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work.

“Truly it has been a remarkable year for the OU School of Social Work, which trains students in the noble mission of helping others,” said OU President David L. Boren.

Knee was a retired U.S. Public Health Service social worker and a founding member and two-term director of the National Association of Social Workers. She also was a co-founder of the association’s Social Work Pioneers program to honor contributions to the profession. The association’s Knee/Wittman Health/Mental Health Achievement awards were created to honor her and Milton Wittman for their contributions to the field and their standards of excellence.

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OU REGENTS NAME SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, NEW SOCIAL WORK BUILDING FOR ANNE AND HENRY ZARROW

Henry Zarrow recently celebrated his 93rd birthday, and the OU School of Social Work received a present from his family – a $5 million gift from the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation of Tulsa.

Zarrow, a lifelong Tulsan known for his generous heart and humble manner, has given so much to others, and his family wanted to surprise him with something really special for his birthday, he said.

His children, Judy Krishner and Stuart Zarrow, and grandchildren, Julie Cohen, Dr. Jay Wohlgemuth and Dr. Edward Zarrow, all of whom are trustees of the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation, agreed that a major gift to the School of Social Work would be an exceptionally fitting way to honor Mr. Zarrow and his beloved late wife, Anne, his partner in life and in giving for 65 years.

The gift will help construct a new building for the School of Social Work, a 92-year-old program that offers the only master’s of social work degree in the state.

“Henry and Anne Zarrow are among the greatest philanthropists in our state’s history,” OU President David L. Boren said. “We truly cannot thank Henry Zarrow and his family enough for this gift and for all they have done for our state, the University of Oklahoma, and our Social Work students and faculty, whose work grows ever more important in these challenging and difficult economic times.”

In recognition, the OU Regents unanimously approved the naming of the school as the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work and the new Social Work building on the Norman campus as Anne and Henry Zarrow Hall.

Plans call for the new facility to be built in the center of the Norman campus on the current site of the Jim Thorpe Multicultural Center at 700 Elm Ave.

The new Social Work building will reflect the traditional Cherokee Gothic architecture of OU’s most historic buildings, while providing all the amenities of a modern, high-tech academic facility, including distance learning and video-conferencing capabilities to link the Norman campus social work program with the OU-Tulsa program.

The Zarrow family and foundation have been exceptionally generous donors to programs and projects on OU’s campuses in Norman, at the OU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City and at OU-Tulsa.

Bone Density Low in Road Cyclists, Study Shows

Men who ride road bicycles, as opposed to mountain bikes or stationary bicycles, are more prone to fractures due to low spine bone mineral density. This finding was announced in an article published by Aaron Smathers, Michael Bemben and Debra Bemben, faculty in the Health and Exercise Science Department, in the journal Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise. One way to offset the low bone mineral density is for cyclists to also do weight training, which helps with bone support.

“You don’t achieve peak bone mass until your late 20s,” says Debra Bemben, in an interview with Los Angeles Times reporter Jeannine Stein. “If cyclists are in their early 20s and they’re not doing anything else for exercise that is going to load their spine and help them achieve peak bone mass, it may put them at risk if they fall, since they’ll have a greater chance of fracture. This is a pretty important health issue.”

“The fact that hard-core cyclists may not supplement their diets with bone-strengthening nutrients such as calcium and vitamin D also is putting them at risk.

“If there’s a deficit in the energy balance,” Bemben says, “then the body is not able to build things up, like bone.”

For the complete Los Angeles Times article, visit articles.latimes.com/2009/feb/16/health/he-cycling16.
In the decade since its inception, the program has experienced remarkable growth, now enrolling almost 800 students each year in more than 24 course offerings taught by 11 faculty members, including four full-time Judaic scholars. The University offers a Judaic Studies minor, as well as master’s and doctoral options, and is OU JUDAIC STUDIES PROGRAM EXPANDS

Peace Ossom, Yok-Fong Paat, Eulonda Rushing and Rebecca Karnes received a special surprise when they attended the awards ceremony held by Women’s and Gender Studies in May. Instead of receiving $100 from the Empowerment of Spirit Award, the four women each received $2,000.

The women all were outstanding applicants for the $4,000 Betty Baum and Norman Hirschfield Scholarships, but had not made it in the top three. Jill Irvine, director of the program, passed their applications along to faculty member Martha Sketters, who then forwarded the applications to Norman resident Cindy Merrick, president and founder of Therapy in Motion, asking for $100 scholarships for the women.

“I just thought that wasn’t enough,” said Merrick in an interview with The Norman Transcript. “I was a single mom. It’s tough. It’s tough — they have some extreme financial needs.”

Merrick enlisted the help of her friend Ally Richardson, and the two of them came up with the name, and increased the scholarships from $100 to $2,000.

Inaugural EOS Scholarship Awarded
TO FOUR SINGLE MOTHERS

Youth and Family Summit for American Indians Held at OU

“‘Yes, You Do Make a Difference!’ was the theme for this year’s Indian Youth and Family Summit, held March 25 in Oklahoma Memorial Union. The summit was open to students of all ages, program administrators, counselors, parents, grandparents, community workers, juvenile workers and court personnel, public school Indian education personnel and others involved in the health and welfare of American Indian youth and families.

The summit began with a special appearance by 2008-2009 Miss Indian Oklahoma Socia Love. Workshops included the role of ceremony in American Indian disease prevention and health promotion, smoking prevention for children, how to succeed in college, the importance of the upcoming U.S. Census and parenting tips. The day concluded with a tour of OU.

The summit was hosted by the Indian Youth and Family Alliance and OU College of Arts and Sciences Native American Studies Program. The Indian Youth and Family Alliance is composed of individuals and organizations working to promote and support American Indian youth and families in healthy peer, family, community and tribal relations.

The scholarship will be available to single mothers again next year.

For those interested in helping these mothers fulfill their dreams, contact David Quirk at (405) 325-3724 or dqquirk@ou.edu.
1940s
Carolyn Huber Houser, ’48 BS Home Economics – Dietetics, retired from teaching. She enjoys being active at her church in Blanchard, Okla., and working out at the YMCA in Norman. She loves OU Women’s Basketball and attends all of the home games.

1950s
Carolyn Muir Gasaway, ’58 BA French, and Charles R. Gasaway, ’58 BS Biology – Fisheries, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December 2008. They traveled to Branson, Mo., with their three children and six grandchildren to celebrate.

Neal F. Lane, ’60 BS Physics, ’64 PhD Physics, received the Public Welfare Medal, the National Academy of Sciences’ most prestigious award. Established in 1914, the medal is presented to honor extraordinary use of science for public good. Lane is the Malcolm Gillis University Professor and Senior Fellow of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University. He was recognized for his work building consensus with Washington policy leaders on such projects as the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory and the Gemini telescope.

1960s
Phil Cauldill, ’69 BA Journalism, ’71 MA Journalism, recently published Moss Buff Rebel, A Texas Pioneer in the Civil War, a biography of 19th-century cattle drover William Berry Duncan of Liberty County, Texas. Published through the Texas A&M University Press, it is the latest in the Sam Rayburn Series on Rural Life. Cauldill wrote the book following a 35-year career in public affairs in the United States and Texas. He resides in The Woodlands, Texas.

Cary Kassebaum, ’66 BA Psychology, joined the Peace Corps following graduation and served for two years in Borneo. He then joined the Foreign Service and served in Vietnam, Colombia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Macau, the Philippines, Ethiopia, Chad and Peru. He adopted five children from various countries, including Cambodia, Colombia and Macau, and then met his wife, Hazel. Following his retirement, he wrote commercial software for art galleries for several years. He and his wife enjoy traveling, most recently to China and Australia.

Peter G. Pierce, ’71 BA Classical Languages, released his first book, Baseball in the Cross Timbers – The Story of the Sooner State League, in March. Published as part of the Oklahoma Horizons series from the Oklahoma Heritage Association, it tells the story of the people who made the last Class D baseball league west of the Mississippi between 1947 and 1957.

Vicki Insulmase Robertson, ’70 BS Mathematics, serves as the district judge for District Seven for the state of Oklahoma and received the 2008 Oklahoma Bar Association Award of Judicial Excellence.

Christina Zeigler Thompson, ’71 BS Microbiology, ’73 MS Microbiology, completed a one-year term as president of the American Biological Safety Association. Thompson retired from Eli Lilly and Co. in 2003 and now works as an independent consultant in biological safety.

1970s
Lander L. Bethel, ’79 BS Psychology, graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago with a master’s degree in divinity in 1984. He returned to complete his doctoral degree of ministry in May 2008. He is the pastor of Grand Avenue Presbyterian Church in Sherman, Texas, and recently served as a delegate to the Texas State Democratic Convention. He and wife, Geena, have three sons.

Joanna Mootet Haley, ’83 BA Home Economics/Fashion Merchandising, received the Gold Award of Outstanding Production with Keller Williams Realty in 2008. Keller Williams NW is one of the brokers in the northwest Oklahoma City area. She is married and has one son.

Steven G. Heinen, ’87 BA Political Science, has been elected a shareholder of the firm Gallagher Autos Inc., located in Tulsa, Okla. Heinen’s practice focuses on corporate and business law and commercial transactions. He also serves as a volunteer for Tulsa Lawyers for Children and has been published in the Tulsa Law Journal and the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy.

Douglas A. Klumpp, ’87 BS Chemistry, is a faculty member at Northern Illinois University in Sycamore, Ill. He recently published the book Superconductors and Their Chemistry, co-authored with George A. Olah, the 1994 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry. He also was recently promoted to full professor in the Department of Chemistry at Northern Illinois University.

1980s
Marlies Bailey, ’85 MA Anthropology, works as a broker/associate for Century 21 Goodyear Green in Norman, Okla. Her son, Blake, just finished a biography titled Cheever: A Life.


Evelyn Leite, ’86 MHR, serves as the president for Faith Based Solutions in Rapid City, S.D. She recently was honored for her work in counseling by being inducted in the South Dakota Hall of Fame. Faith Based Solutions provides mental health care for people who have no money or insurance. It operates in Rapid City and on the American Indian reservations in the state, offering grief workshops in Rosebud, Pine Ridge and Lower Brule.

David Peter, ’82 BA English, is the director of the Center for Teaching at Vincennes University in Terre Haute, Ind. He made two presentations at the League for Innovation in Community College Conference in October, held in Salt Lake City. His presentations discussed the role of technology in instruction and in professional development.

Jerroie Jones Townsend, ’86 MLIS, works at Phillips Community College in Stuttgart, Ark., as library director, and is serving as the 2009 president of the Arkansas Library Association.

1990s
Robert Edward Fox, ’98 MHR, retired as a Command Sergeant Major (E-9) from the U.S. Army after more than 27 years of service. He then pursued his doctoral degree from Capella University, specializing in leadership and higher education. Now Fox serves as an adjunct instructor in the Department of Legal Studies at the University of Mississippi, where he also works as the manager for university camps and conferences.

John D. Harris, ’99 BA Political Science, has been hired by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, as a legal-instruments examiner. He currently is enrolled in the master in public administration through OU Advanced Programs. He resides in Muskogee, Okla.

Victor J. Ingurgio, ’99 BS Experimental Psychology, works as a senior human factors design engineer for Lockheed Martin. After spending the past eight years in New Jersey working for the Federal Aviation Administration and Transportation Safety Administration, he now is support- ing NASA at the Johnson Space Center in Houston as it shifts from the shuttle program to getting a man back to the moon and on to Mars. He also teaches online as an adjunct assistant professor for the OU College of Liberal Studies.

Jeff McClary, ’95 Communication, writes screenplays for Food Stamp Films, and recently completed his fifth feature film shot in Paris, Le Jours de Carte Postale, which was submitted to the Cannes Film Festival. In May, he began shooting Noi Senza Aria across 14 cities in Italy.

Marcos D. Stocco, ’98 BA Philosophy, a flight controller for NASA, and wife Amber, a pediatric neurologist, ’04 MDOU, welcomed their first child, Emerlad Jean, in December. Amber is finishing her residency in pediatric neurology at Baylor College of Medicine and Marcos is lead attitude and pointing officer for the STS-119/15A space shuttle mission launched in March.

2000s
Zac W. Abbott, ’03, BA Political Science, recently accepted a position in the Office of Strategic Development as a special assistant to the chief executive office of the Chickasaw Nation. Prior to moving back to Oklahoma, he worked on Wall Street in New York City. While at OU, he served as the CSA president and member of the OU wrestling team.

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Cheryl Jazzar, ‘08 BS Psychology, ’00 MHR, published the chapter “Postpartum Emotional Health” in the book 101 Great Ways to Improve Your Health, Self Improvement Online. 2008. For more than 10 years, Jazzar has provided telephone support to hundreds of mothers suffering from perinatal mood disorders. She now blogs on integrative care at wellpostpartum.com.

Meghan McRui, ’06 Spanish, participated in the Women’s Reproductive Health Program in Oaxaca, Mexico, during summer 2008.

Steven Philpot, ’08 BA Political Science, is working for Consolidated Graphics at their plant in Tulsa as a leadership development associate/IT manager. He also serves as a fellow in surgical critical care at Massachusetts General Hospital.

IN MEMORIAM

Arthur “Andy” Boice VanGundy, Jr.

Michael Walton Pfau

CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION WILL BE MISSED

After graduating from Bloomington High School, he served in the U.S. Air Force, earned his BA and MA from the University of New Hampshire and later obtained his PhD from the University of Arizona. Prior to joining the university, he worked at Alexander Ramsey High School in Roseville, Minn.; Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D.; and the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Wherever he taught, he channeled his unfailing energy to motivate and inspire students to reach their goals.

Pfau was considered one of the field’s most brilliant and prolific communication scholars, and one of the finest chairs in the Communication Department.

Pfau’s life and career expressed his passion for research, argumentation and teaching.

IN MEMORIAM

Gregorio Balatatan Caten, 87 BA Letters, died Jan. 9, 2009, in Arlington, Va. While at OU, he was a member of Kappa Sigma. He also was involved in the Cortez A.M. Ewing Fellowship, interned under then-Sen. David L. Boren. Following graduation, Caten worked with Boren on the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, then attended Yale Law School. A member of Wilner, Cutler and Picken, he became a partner in 1999. He is survived by his wife, Melinda, and sons Evan and Geoffrey.

Matt Durham, ’03 BA Political Science, joined Weikling Law Firm, PC as an associate attorney. The firm specializes in energy law and administrative law.


Where he wrote the serial “Batgame” with columnist Bob Grete, which was optioned by Fox for a series. He was hired by the Chicago Tribune in 1984, where he covered personality profiles and the religion beat. Galloway was much beloved for his personality and writing style.

Following his retirement, he pursued a successful career as an artist with his wife, Ludonna field, ’81 BA. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on March 30, 2009 with full military honors.

Jonathan “Blake” Davis, ’07 BS Psychology, is involved with the Jett Program, teaching English in the Japanese public schools in Masuda, Japan.

VanGundy graduated from high school in Lancaster and went on to earn a BA in Psychology from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1968, an MS in personnel counseling from Miami University of Ohio in 1970, and a PhD in higher education administration from The Ohio State University in 1975. In 1976, VanGundy moved to Norman, Okla., where he served as an assistant professor of human relations, becoming an associate professor in 1985 and professor in 1987, after moving to the Department of Communication, where he worked until his retirement in May 2008.

Those wishing to make a donation in his name may make contributions to Creative Oklahoma, Inc.
As the first American Fulbright Scholar accepted in the small, developing Southeast Asian country of Bhutan, University of Oklahoma associate professor of political science Michael Givel will teach public administration courses and perform research on tobacco control and public policy at Bhutan’s Royal Institute of Management.

Givel’s previous research on tobacco control and public policy will provide the basis for his research on Bhutan’s unique tobacco control law enacted in 2004. The law, which contains anti-tobacco smuggling provisions, prohibits the sale of tobacco products and the use of tobacco products in designated public areas.

The basis for this law is a broad policy requirement in Bhutan known as the Gross National Happiness index designed to include nine core dimensions that are regarded as components of happiness and well-being in Bhutan (http://grossnationalhappiness.com/gnh/index/introductionGNH.aspx). Givel’s research will focus on tobacco control in Bhutan and how it links to appropriate goals under GNH. The Royal Government of Bhutan adapted the GNH index in November 2008 to reflect GNH values, set benchmarks, and track policies and performance of the country. The index was developed by the Centre for Bhutan Studies, a non-aligned and nonprofit research center.

Under the fourth King of Bhutan, happiness of the people was made the guiding goal of development. “Gross National Happiness is more important than Gross Domestic Product” became the country’s mantra and led to the actual road map for good development in terms of laws and policies.

Givel and his family are residing in Bhutan from July to December 2009. He is blogging about his Bhutan experience that he refers to as a “career-changing adventure.” Bhutan has a rich and unique cultural heritage that has largely remained intact due to its isolation from the rest of the world until the early 1960s. One of the main attractions for tourists is the country’s culture and traditions. Bhutan is predominantly Buddhist, with Hinduism the second dominant religion, mostly prevalent in the southern regions. The Bhutan government makes every effort to preserve and sustain current culture and traditions of the country and its environment and heritage are virtually unspoiled. The country is often referred to as the last Shangri-la.

As a Fulbright scholar, Givel joins a distinguished group of approximately 300,000 participants in the program. And, as a representative of the United States in Bhutan, Givel will help fulfill the principal purpose of the Fulbright Program, which is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of more than 150 countries that currently participate in the program.

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