Chinese Literature Today Launches
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Minor in Constitutional Heritage Offered
As the heat of summer slowly gives way to the crisp football days of fall, at the College of Arts and Sciences we are back at work to provide our students with the best educational opportunities possible anywhere. High on our list of priorities is increasing the opportunity to study abroad. Both President Boren and I believe it is critical that our students learn as much as they can about the world in which they will live and work, and in which our nation will prosper or fall behind. For many years OU has led the nation in the number of reciprocal exchange agreements with universities in countries around the globe. These programs allow OU students to spend a semester or year studying abroad while paying tuition at OU. However, we have seen recent growth in the number of students going abroad for a three-to-four week program during the summer or an intersession. In 2009-2010, for example, OU sent 756 students abroad—a 16 percent increase over the previous year—of whom two thirds went on short-term programs.

Short-term programs are popular because they cost less and require less time away from campus. However, the main impetus for the growth in short-term study abroad programs has been the increase in the number of programs led by OU faculty members and taught in English, in contrast to the typical semester-based program in which students are taught by the faculty of the host university in the language of the host country. This option allows students with less advanced foreign language skills to study abroad in a non-English speaking country. They also are traveling with a faculty member whom they may already know, which increases the comfort level for the students, especially those who have never traveled outside of the United States.

As part of the university-wide effort to meet President Boren’s goal of doubling the number of OU students who study abroad, this past summer the College of Arts and Sciences launched a new summer study abroad program with eight faculty members leading 62 students to one of five destinations: Kunming, China; Quito and the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador; Clermont-Ferrand, France; Leipzig, Germany (taught in German); and Arezzo, Italy. It was a successful beginning! All of our programs are based at a partner university that makes housing and other local arrangements and helps create a safe and supportive environment for our students. In summer 2011, we will return to the original five destinations while adding new sites in Australia, England, Ireland, Italy and Scotland, with the goal of having 165 students and 18 faculty teacher-leaders. The biggest impediment to increasing the number of OU students who study abroad is the cost of the plane ticket, which this past summer ranged from $1,000 to $2,000. To help meet this need, President Boren established the $300,000 Presidential International Travel Fund to which students can apply for support. However, because the need is much greater, we are renewing emphasis on creating study abroad scholarships at the college and departmental levels so that we can help more of our students take advantage of the incredible opportunities that OU offers to study abroad and to learn about the world, as well as themselves.

To learn more about how you can help an OU student study abroad, contact David Quirk (dquirk@ou.edu) or visit our website at https://casweb.ou.edu/home/alumni/support.html.
Jonathan Stalling, assistant professor of English and transpacific literature at OU, serves as deputy chief editor of CLT, editor of the book series, and deputy director of the newly established Center for the Study of China’s Literature Abroad at BNU. His journey here has been a long one. “I have been interested in Chinese culture from the beginning of memory,” he says. Stalling began studying Chinese language at the age of 13 and studied Chinese at the University of Arkansas through high school. From there, he followed his love of Chinese around the globe, from the University of Hawaii to Beijing University, to Berkeley (then to Edinburgh and Buffalo) before eventually settling at OU. After only two short weeks at OU, the delegation from BNU arrived—and Stalling’s future path was set.

“I am very humbled,” he says. “The chance to work with China’s very best authors, critics, poets and scholars is a genuine honor that I do not take lightly. Yet interestingly,” he continues, “I feel the loose aggregate of experiences that make up my life have led rather smoothly to this work.”

Stalling, who authored the proposal for these projects, says the success of this work has been the result of collaboration between many people and organizations, not the least of which has been the staff at World Literature Today. Also driving the creation of the magazine and the fostering of ties with BNU has been Paul Bell, dean of the OU College of Arts and Sciences and chairman of the board at OU’s Confucius Institute. Dean Bell was instrumental in promoting collaboration between OU and BNU, and personally spearheaded the securing of the grant that has made not only the establishment of the journal and accompanying book series possible, but also an upcoming Beijing symposium in early 2011. The literary initiative also owes much to the contributions of colleagues in China, including the renowned scholars at Beijing Normal University’s College of Chinese Language and literature: Dean Zhang Jian, Deputy Dean Liu Hongtao and Professor Zhang Qinghua.

Of course, none of these projects would be possible if not for the support granted by the Hanban or the National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language. The Hanban, under direction of China’s Ministry of Education, is dedicated to the promotion of the study of the Chinese language throughout the world. One of their major projects has been the creation of Confucius Institutes throughout the world—including the one at OU.

While huge steps are being made at OU to encourage a common understanding between cultures, there is much more in store for the future relationship between OU and China. “The journal and the book series are but two aspects of our broader cultural project,” Stalling said. “Another aspect will be conferences (the most recent of which was held this past January) that will bring scholars and writers from around the world to discuss the ways in which Chinese literature has migrated, is translated, disseminated and interpreted by the rest of the world.”

Stalling looks forward to the future of the project. “The work flowing between OU and China is growing in leaps and bounds, and at the cusp of what many are calling the ‘Pacific Era,’ there is more at stake in understanding the cultural migratory pathways between our two countries. Thanks to the generous support of the Hanban, the OU College of Arts and Sciences and the OU College of Chinese Language and Literature, the University of Oklahoma Press and the OU College of Arts and Sciences, and the OU Confucius Institute, this project is moving forward.”

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College of Arts and Sciences Names
2010 Distinguished Alumni Recipients

Four OU College of Arts and Sciences alumni were honored during the college’s annual Kaleidoscope Evening in February. Recipients of the 2010 College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award are retired Lt. Col. Donald R. Baucom, representing the humanities; Edward Correia, representing the social sciences; Mike Fogarty, representing the professional programs; and William C. McGrew, representing the natural sciences.

Baucom is a 1962 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and a 1976 doctoral graduate of OU with a degree in history of science. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 28 years in many capacities, including communications/electronics officer in Spain and Thailand; history instructor at the Air Force Academy; strategy and history instructor at the Air War College; and editor of the Air University Review. In 1987, he established the official history program for President Ronald Reagan’s Strategic Defense Initiative while detailed at the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization in the Pentagon.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1990 and became the civilian historian for the Department of Defense missile defense programs. His writings include many articles and book reviews on military history. Baucom and his wife, Margaret Rivers, live in El Prado, N.M.

Correia is the president of the Washington, D.C., law firm of Correia and Associates, PC. His practice focuses on antitrust, advertising and marketing regulations, regulation of political activity and disability rights laws. He also represents clients engaged in public policy advocacy before the U.S. Congress and Federal Executive Branch agencies. Prior to forming Correia and Associates, he was an attorney with Latham and Watkins, LLC.

A 1970 bachelor’s degree graduate, majoring in history, Correia received his master’s degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1972 and a juris doctorate from OU in 1977. Following his graduation, Correia served in the Clinton administration as Special Counsel to the President for Civil Rights and was appointed by Clinton to the national Council on Disability.

From 1999 to 1997, he was a member of the faculty at Northeastern University’s School of Law in Boston as a professor of law. While there, he was selected as the school’s first urban law and public policy distinguished professor.

Fogarty is the chief executive officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, which administers Oklahoma’s Soonercare programs. He graduated from OU’s School of Social Work in 1974 with a master’s degree in social work. He also holds a juris doctorate from Oklahoma City University.

Fogarty’s work has been focused on making certain that Oklahoma children and families at or near the poverty line have access to quality health care, and he has been a part of the recent discussion on national health reform. Fogarty also is a member of the OU School of Social Work’s Board of Visitors, where he heads the Facility Committee.

McGrew graduated with special distinction from OU in 1965 with a bachelor’s degree in zoology. McGrew began his training at the University of Oklahoma Biological Station, where he audited graduate-level classes while still in high school. While at OU, he conducted research under the direction of professors Charles Carpenter and Cliff Hople, who he credits with stimulating his interest in science and research. In 1965 he became a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. He went on to earn his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Oxford and a doctoral degree from the University of Stirling. Currently, he serves as professor of evolutionary primatology in the Leverhulme Centre for Human Evolutionary Studies in the Department of Biological Anthropology at Cambridge University. From 1972 to 2008, he conducted field research on the behavior of wild chimpanzees across sub-Saharan Africa, focusing on elementary technology and material culture.

The college’s largest fundraising event, the evening brought in nearly $15,000 for the college’s Leadership Scholars Program.

Books Without Borders (continued)

support of the Hanban, BNU and the OU College of Arts and Sciences, we hope to embrace this transformed present with critical, if exuberant eyes.”

Davis also is excited about this groundbreaking moment in literary history. “At some point, we will all look back at this period as the beginning of the movement of Chinese literature and culture into the wide world,” he says. “I think we will be proud of the role that WLT, CLT, and OU played in our engagement with China.”

The inaugural issue of Chinese Literature Today hit newsstands in July. For more information, visit the journal’s website at www.ou.edu/clt.

Deputy Editor-in-Chiefs of CLT Jonathan Stalling, (OU, and Professor Liu Hongtao, vice dean of BNU’s College of Chinese Language and Literature
Faculty Profile: Richard “Dick” Henry
Professor of Astronomy
by Jerri Culpepper

Dick Henry In Brief:
OU Faculty Member Since: 1984
Classes Taught (Short List): General and Intermediate Astronomy; Galactic Astronomy; Universal Evolution; and Musical Acoustics (see below). Last year, with colleague Karen Leighly, launched a...system and stars, geological processes on the Earth such as volcanoes and plate tectonics, and biology, including DNA.

Passions Outside the Classroom: Reading, hiking, listening to music, performing on drums (used to play in a local big-band group and then with Norman-based Joe Whitecotton Jazztet), and collecting musical instruments (which allow him to demonstrate the physics of the major instrument types).

Your Gift Can Help Build Millions for Students

ONE MILLION DOLLARS...it sounds like a lot of money, right? And it is. Many times when we think about alumni donations, the million dollar gifts come to mind and a natural thought is: “If I can’t give a large amount of money, my gift can’t help OU.” Let me assure you that NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH, and if you’ll continue reading, I’ll show you how a gift of $50 can be turned into $1 million, with no “creative” accounting required.

If you have been following the news, you know that the current economic situation impacts everyone. It has been a challenging year for the state of Oklahoma. OU and the College of Arts and Sciences have felt our share of the recent state budget cuts and have seen our appropriation from the state reduced by more than 5 percent in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. We anticipate another similar cut for 2010-2011. This directly impacts our students in many ways. When we raise tuition, more students are forced to either reduce their enrollment or take out more student loans. When we reduce the number of class sections available each semester, it takes students longer to graduate. When we reduce funding to organizations, students lose exposure to new learning opportunities and experiences.

Thanks to Dean Paul Bell’s leadership, the college has been able to avoid these scenarios so far. But we need your help to make sure they don’t happen this year. Here is how your $50 can turn into $1 million. The College of Arts and Sciences is by far the largest college at OU, with more than 66,000 alumni; last year approximately 6,000 of you made a financial contribution to the college. When we reduce funding to organizations, students lose exposure to new learning opportunities and experiences. In other words, for less than $5 per month, you can impact our students directly where it helps the most.

I hope you will consider joining our effort this year. If you didn’t make a gift during the student phone program this summer, you can make a gift online (www.oufoundation.org) or send a check payable to the OU Foundation to the address below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (405) 325-3724 or dquirk@ou.edu Thank you for your support, and I hope to hear from you soon.

David Quirk, ’92
Director of Development
Cherrie Rene Warden, a student majoring in criminology and international and area studies with a minor in Spanish, was selected as the recipient of the 2010 Carl Albert Award, presented each year to the outstanding senior in the OU College of Arts and Sciences. Warden received the Carl Albert Award in April, with President Boren, Mary Frances Albert, friends and family in attendance.

Warden plans on teaching high school students in Los Angeles through Teach for America, and she will then attend law school.

Warden received numerous honors and awards during her university career, including selection to the President’s Leadership Class; membership in Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society; a P.A.C.E. Award, given to the top 1 percent of freshmen; the President’s Award for Outstanding Freshman, Sophomore and Junior; and Big Woman on Campus. During her sophomore, junior and senior years, she was selected as a College of Arts and Sciences Leadership Scholar, recognizing undergraduate students who have a meritorious record of academic achievement and have demonstrated outstanding university or community service. Warden also was selected to be the speaker at the College of Arts and Sciences’ Convocation ceremony.

During her senior year, Warden has served as director of international affairs in the OU Student Association and as a counselor for the High School Leadership Conference. Last summer, Warden took part in the prestigious Honors at Oxford program; the summer before that, she studied abroad in Spain. In 2007, she interned for the Office of Native American Affairs in the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, in Sacramento, Calif., where she collaborated with the Bureau of Narcotics to conduct a “Methamphetamine in Indian Country Training for California Tribal Chiefs of Police.”

The Carl Albert Award, the most prestigious given to a student by the OU College of Arts and Sciences, is based on academic excellence, moral force of character and promise of future service to the state and nation. First presented in 1986, the award was established to honor Carl Albert, OU alumnus and former U.S. Speaker of the House, for his distinguished undergraduate career and national service. Julian Rothbaum, former state regent and longtime friend of Albert, endowed the award in 1965.

Bing Zhang, an assistant professor of zoology, recently was named Irene Rothbaum Outstanding Assistant Professor in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Zhang graduated with a bachelor in animal science degree from Northwestern University of Agriculture in Yangling, Shanxi, China. He finished his education at Cornell University, the University of Wisconsin and Baylor College of Medicine. Prior to joining the OU faculty, he was an instructor at the Marine Biological Laboratories in Massachusetts, the Cold Spring Laboratory in New York, and the University of Texas.

He currently teaches principles of physiology, and recently he participated in a teaching outreach program through the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History that involved educators from the Norman and Putnam City school districts researching C. elegans, a eukaryote, meaning it shares cellular and molecular structures with higher organisms.

In addition to teaching, Zhang researches synapse structure and function in health and disease (such as Alzheimer’s and ALS), using the fruit fly as an experimental animal, as it serves as an excellent model genetic organism for studies of the nervous system in more complex animals and humans.

The Irene Rothbaum Outstanding Assistant Professor Award was established 13 years ago by the late Julian Rothbaum in honor of his late wife, Irene. It is awarded to a promising assistant professor in the college. The recipient receives $2,500 and a plaque.
NEW MINOR IN CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES
APPROVED BY STATE REGENTS

The university is offering a new minor in Constitutional Studies. Any enrolled student may declare a minor in Constitutional Studies, and Letters majors may declare a concentration in Constitutional Studies. The new curriculum, which requires a total of 15 hours of coursework, is centered around the study of law and constitutionalism. The new minor is one of the many interdisciplinary studies housed in the OU College of Arts and Sciences.

“Constitutional Studies is designed for students who are thinking of going to law school or who are interested in politics and citizenship and wish to pursue those interests as part of their college education,” said Kyle Harper, interim director of the Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage. The curriculum requires students to take courses in four distributions: the ancient foundations of law, liberty and justice; the philosophical background of American constitutionalism; the American founding; and the Constitutional legacy in modern America. These fields reflect the institute’s interdisciplinary approach to constitutionalism, which is considered in its historical, philosophical and legal aspects.

SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED to Honor Longtime Director

For most of his career at OU, Jack Catlin directed and guided the Department of Classics and Letters. With Catlin at the helm, the study of the languages and cultures of the ancient Greek and Roman world found safe passage through the troubled waters that arose from time to time during those years, said current department chair Sam Huskey. “The department now has a bright future ahead of it because of his careful stewardship.”

But Catlin’s real and lasting legacy will come from the scores of students he has taught, advised and mentored. Many of them became lawyers, doctors, scholars and teachers; some even became his colleagues at the university; all are grateful for his dedication and devotion to the department.

To celebrate Catlin’s career and his devotion to his students, Endowed Scholarship Fund, the goal is to raise at least $25,000 to endow an annual scholarship in Catlin’s name, given to a deserving Classics and Letters student. This is a fitting tribute to Catlin, since he campaigned for scholarships in honor of his beloved colleagues, Philip Nolan and Jean Herrick.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to this scholarship fund, please send a check in any amount to The University of Oklahoma Foundation, 100 Timberdell Road, Norman, OK 73019-0685, and specify “Jack Catlin Scholarship” in the memo line.

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The program will add an important new option for OU students who plan to pursue a career in law. “The IACH program is an excellent opportunity for the student to develop an interdisciplinary, intellectual foundation for the study of law,” said Rick Tepker, Floyd & Erma Calvert Chair in Law and Liberty Professor of Law at the OU College of Law. Tepker also is one of 20 OU faculty members affiliated with the institute.

For more information about the program, e-mail iach@ou.edu or visit their website at www.ou.edu/cas/classics/iach/index.html.

ADDINGTON NAMED
Roberson Outstanding Senior in the Humanities

Dustyn Addington, Tulsa, Okla., was named the Rev. Dr. Henry P. Roberson Outstanding Senior in the Humanities at the A&S Student Awards Ceremony in April. Addington received an etched glass trophy and a check for $1,500.

Addington graduated with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and minors in psychology and history. He was on the President’s and Dean’s Honor Roll and was the recipient of the David L. Boren Award, the AP Scholars with Distinction Award and the Wade Award for Outstanding Philosophy Junior. Following graduation, he plans to work toward his doctorate in philosophy.

Outstanding seniors are chosen based on their academic achievements and their contributions to campus life. They were recognized at the university’s student awards ceremony, and later at the college’s awards ceremony.

OU Faculty Member Wins Rome Award

Stephanie Hom, assistant professor of modern Italian literature and culture at the University of Oklahoma, recently was named the winner of the 2010-2011 Lily Auchincloss Post-Doctoral Rome Prize from the American Academy in Rome. The prize is one of 32 awarded to artists and scholars representing a variety of disciplines. Winners of the award will reside at the academy’s center in Rome for 11 months.

At OU, Hom teaches modern Italian literature and culture; travel writing; Italian anthropology and folklore; Italian theories of postmodernity; the Risorgimento; Italian fascism; neorealism in literature and cinema, the Italian colonial experience; and theories of space/place.

While in Rome, Hom will complete her book Destination Italy: Tourism, Nation, Place, which, she says, “explores how the phenomenon of modern mass tourism constructed the Italian nation-state over the past two centuries. In short, I argue that Italy’s identity as a nation is inseparable from its identity as a destination.”

Established in 1894 and chartered by an Act of Congress in 1905, the American Academy in Rome is a leading center for independent studies and advanced research in the arts and humanities. For more information, visit www.aarome.org.

OUT OF FRANCE

OWN FILM AND VIDEO STUDIES PROGRAM

Undaunted by blizzards, sleet and snow, three members of the OU Film and Video Studies Program attended the Clermont-Ferrand Film Fest at the end of January to screen the students’ work there. Victoria Sturtevant, Nick Chancellor and Andrew Hajek shepherded 15 shorts by OU student filmmakers. “The turnout and reception of our films was great and all of the films were well-received, with only a few not making the translation leap,” said Hajek.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA RESEARCH TEAM RECEIVES R&D 100 AWARD

by Jana Smith

Juan Matthews, a microbiology/pre-pharmacy major from Tulsa, Okla., was recognized as the Professor Thomas Jay Hill Outstanding Senior in the Natural Sciences at the A&S Student Awards Ceremony in April. Matthews received an etched glass trophy and a check for $1,500.

“The R&D 100 Awards honor the latest technology developments that are designed to meet societal, scientific or business challenges facing us today — and tomorrow,” according to Rita Peters, editorial director for R&D Magazine.

The GeoChip, a universal, high-throughput metagenomics microarray technology, links microbial community structure to functions that allows researchers to monitor sudden changes associated with bioterror attacks, epidemics or atmospheric changes. The GeoChip allows for comparable analysis of microarray data.

The winning of an R&D 100 Award provides a mark of excellence known to industry, government and academia as a proof that the product is one of the most innovative ideas of the year. This helps provide an important initial push a new product needs to compete successfully in the marketplace.

Winners of the R&D 100 Awards are selected by an independent judging panel and the editors of R&D Magazine. The publication and its online portal serve research scientists, engineers and other technical staff members at high-tech industrial companies and public and private laboratories around the world.

The development of GeoChip was funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology.

OU’S SUTTON AVIAN CENTER WINS AWARD

The George Miksch Sutton Avian Research Center was awarded the 2009 Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Team Building Award for its Eagle Web Cam Project. The project has teamed the Sutton Avian Center with OG&E Energy Corp., Atlas Computers and OneNet Telecommunications Network. Other sponsors for the Web camera include NatureWorks, the Inasmuch Foundation, the John Steele Zink Foundation, the Newfield Foundation, the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The first eagle nest camera was placed on the Arkansas River in Sand Springs in 2004, partnering with Atlas Computers and OneNet. The current eagle nest camera originally was focused on a large tree on Sooner Lake, north of Stillwater, but because of the fear of the rotting tree collapsing, OG&E built a new nest tower.

The Sutton Avian Research Center was founded in 1983 and is dedicated to finding cooperative conservation solution for birds and the natural world through science and education. Visit their website at www.suttoncenter.org.

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While at OU, Matthews was on the President and Dean’s honor rolls, and worked as a teaching assistant in human anatomy. He also served as a tutor in biochemistry and human anatomy. He has been accepted into OU’s College of Pharmacy at the OU Health Sciences Center.

Physics and Astronomy Chair Steps Down After 19 Years

After 19 years of service, Ryan Doezema stepped down as chair of the Homer L. Dodge Department of Physics and Astronomy.

“Ryan Doezema has secured a place in history as one of the most outstanding department chairs ever. For 19 years, he led the department to increasing levels of excellence in teaching and research, while serving as a role model for other chairs on the difficult task of balancing administrative duties with his own research program. Through his extraordinary leadership, he set the bar high for those who follow,” said Dean Paul Bell.

Since becoming chair in 1990, Doezema hired and mentored over half of the current faculty, which now includes twice the number of women faculty as when he began as chair. He leaves each of the department’s four research groups — Condensed Matter and Solid Physics, Atomic and Molecular Physics, Astronomy and Astrophysics, and High Energy Physics — much stronger collegial entities than when he began his term.

Doezema maintained his own vigorous research program and contributed to the department’s teaching effort as one of its most effective members. Doezema selflessly promoted the faculty’s achievements outside of the department.

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA BIOLOGICAL STATION CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

A special birthday celebration for the University of Oklahoma Biological Station took place on the grounds of the station, located on the shores of Lake Texoma, on Oct. 24. Highlights of the celebration included the unveiling of a historical marker depicting the Biological Station’s founding in 1949 and a plaque naming Brilliant Hall after Norman and Mildred Bollard of Madii, Okla. Mr. Bollard was instrumental in creating the biological station, having donated it to the university after the bank where he was president foreclosed on the property in 1949.

The Friends of the University of Oklahoma Biological Station hosted a biennial celebration from Friday to Sunday. The public was invited to attend.

Special guest speaker Kenneth L. Gage, chief of Flea-Borne Diseases, Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, delivered the keynote address, “Plague: The Natural History of an Ancient Disease in the 21st Century.” Gage is an alumnus of the university and a mentee of now-deceased Biological Station and zoology faculty members Harley P. Brown and Cluff E. Hopla.

For more pictures and information on the celebration, visit www.ou.edu/uo/biocelebration3.htm.
OU’s lab has completed several different studies on men and women of various ages using KAATSU-Master to compare both the acute and chronic responses of muscle and bone to traditional high-intensity weight training and muscle endurance weight-training interventions. In general, they have found an increase in markers for bone formation; a decrease in markers of bone resorption; increases in hormones responsible for muscle growth; increases in muscle strength and size; no changes in inflammatory markers; and increased muscle activation that are similar to or enhanced when compared to traditional high-intensity resistance training programs.

If this training technique is confirmed to be safe by Ricky Maranon, reprinted with permission from the Oklahoma Daily American College of Sports Medicine, it is hoped that a program ultimately could be established that would focus on independent research projects around the country to examine the efficacy of a new type of training technique.

Researchers in Health and Exercise Science review test subjects as they use the KAATSU-Master equipment.

University of Oklahoma Study Reveals “Red Hot” Results

Weight-loss supplement burns as many calories as 20-minute Walk

A new weight-loss supplement tested by the Health and Exercise Science Department has the potential to burn as many calories as a 20-minute walk, according to Joel T. Cramer, assistant professor of exercise physiology.

Cramer says General Nutrition Centers contracted with OU to test the weight-loss benefits of the nutritional supplement called the tri-pepper blend, which contains black pepper, caffeine and a concentrated form of capsaicin — the ingredient that makes red peppers hot. The OU study showed energy expenditures of 3 to 6 percent, results statistically significant enough to validate product weight-loss claims, Cramer said.

A group of participants in the study were given the supplement or a placebo followed by a metabolic rate test. The study measured oxygen consumed and carbon dioxide produced by participants to determine the arresting metabolic rate of each after receiving the supplements. The study confirmed the viability of the weight loss supplement.

OU has developed relationships within the nutritional supplement industry because of the department’s ability to provide research support needed for new product development. Since Cramer arrived at OU in 2005 with a model of funding for industry grants, departmental funds have increased to nearly $3 million. The outcome has been an increase in the number of nutritional studies, which can provide vital information to industry.

For more information about the OU Department of Health and Exercise Science, visit http://hes.ou.edu.
Matthew Cox, a political science senior from Duncan, Okla., was named the Outstanding Senior in the Social Sciences in the college for the 2009-2010 academic year. Outstanding seniors are chosen based on their academic achievements and their contributions to campus life, award ceremony, and later at the college's awards ceremony. Winners received an etched glass trophy and a check for $1,500.

“I grew up viewing higher education as a foregone conclusion, not because my parents were highly educated but because they weren’t. I spent the first 18 years of my life watching my father and my mother labor tirelessly and selflessly for my benefit,” Cox writes. “As I grew older, their dream of an education for me became my own, and I set my sights on OU.

Cox graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 GPA. He was a member of Crimson Club, A&S Leadership Scholars, Beta Upsilon Chi fraternity and the OU Young Democrats. He served as the Campus Activities Council Speakers Bureau chair and CAC General Counsel. He plans on attending medical school following his graduation.

OU NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES DEBATE TEAM TAKE HONORS

Two members of the OU Native American Studies Program Council of Fire debate society became the first members of the society to participate in a competitive debate held Nov. 7. Presented by the Cross Examination Debate Association and held at the University of Central Oklahoma, the tournament attracted debaters from more than 90 universities.

Tawna Little and David Colbert advanced to the quarterfinals in the tournament. The coach for the team, Scott Ketchum, also was recognized for his coaching excellence.

“Tawna and David’s success in academic debate is an example of students being the change that they want to see in our country,” says Ketchum. “Their willingness to engage in an open forum to debate and test ideas took courage and commitment, which makes them role model students and excellent examples of the education that the University of Oklahoma provides through Native American Studies.”

The team’s topic was nuclear weapons and their case was using oral tradition as a viable option to Western ontology as a method to identify and solve problems.

What I found most striking was the extent to which American universities were complicit in enhancing Nazi Germany’s prestige in the West,” said Norwood. “I was also struck by the contrast between American universities’ determination to forge friendly ties with the Third Reich and the extensive anti-Nazi demonstrations and boycotts conducted by working-class and lower-middle-class Jews and other ordinary Americans.”

Cox receives the Outstanding Senior in Social Sciences from Dean Bell at the Student Awards Ceremony.

CIRCLE OF FIRE DEBATE COACH SCOTT KETCHUM, LEFT, AND TEAM MEMBERS TAWNA LITTLE AND DAVID COLBERT WITH THEIR AWARES FROM THE RECENT CROSS EXAMINATION DEBATE ASSOCIATION DEBATE TOURNAMENT.
1950s
Bill Hamilton, ’58 BA Political Science, was inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame in 2008 for his work in the creation of the Colorado Division of Aeronautics and the Colorado Aviation Trust Fund. He is a 36-year member of the AOPA, a member of the Civil Air Patrol, the Wings over the Rockies Air and Space Museum, the Colorado Aviation Historical Society, Colorado Airport Operators Association, Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association, EAA Chapter 1267 and EAA Chapter 509. He is president of the Friends of the Granby Airport Inc.

1960s
Michael Arkin, ’62 BS Psychology, published Out of Balance, a mystery novel. He is a former independent state hearing officer in Sacramento, Calif., and a former U.S. Department of Justice trial attorney in Washington, D.C. While serving as an attorney, he was the chief trial counsel to Child Protective Services, as special counsel to the Superior Court for children in high-conflict child custody cases and as counsel for women referred by the Women’s Crisis Center.

Margaret Foree Lapham, ’65 BA English, has served 22 years as a counselor with Houston Community College Southwest, Stafford, Texas, and was the counseling section chair for Texas Community College Teachers Association convention.

Donald T. Siebert, ’62 BA English, ’64 MA English, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English Literature at the University of South Carolina, taught a seminar at the University of Bamberg, Germany, in connection with USC’s exchange program and delivered an invited paper at the University of Wurzburg.

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1970s
Bill Basansky, ’74 MA Linguistics, taught at Oral Roberts University from 1971 to 1976. In 1979 he received his doctorate in psychology and counseling from Union University. Basansky is the author of 13 books and founder of Love and Grace Fellowship Church in Fort Myers, Fla. He is a native of Ukraine and survivor of the Holocaust and works to deliver supplies there, as well as establishing bible colleges in the Ukraine, Israel, Republic of Moldova and France.

Pamela S. Beason, ’74 BA Latin American Studies, ’79 BA Spanish, works as a private investigator and freelance writer in the state of Washington. She recently published her first mystery novel, Wild.

Steve Bello, ’75 MLS, works as a supervisor for a division at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries U.S. Government Information Division, which received the 2009 Federal Depository Library of the Year award, presented to one out of 1,242 libraries nationwide. He traveled to Washington to receive the award, which was based on the workshops developed and delivered to academic, public and special libraries of Oklahoma and occasionally in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Texas.

Jack Smith, ’70 MS Psychology, is the longest-serving council member at the town of Cary, N.C. His tenure has been for 11 years, during which he also served as mayor pro tem from 1999 to 2007. Smith was inducted into the Local Government Leadership Circle in Washington, D.C., for his efforts in promoting international understanding and goodwill with sister city relationships.

Vicki ImMasche Robertson, ’70 BS Mathematics, is district judge for Oklahoma County and received the 2009 Oklahoma County Bar Association Friends of the Young Lawyer Division Award.

1980s
Scott Armstrong, ’89 BS Chemistry, is working as a teacher at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, after having been a professor at Harvard Medical School and co-director of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute. He is studying how adult stem cells can be used in treatment of pediatric leukemia.

Barbara J. King, ’89 PhD Anthropology, is the chancellor professor of anthropology at the College of William and Mary and recently published a book titled Being with Animals: Why We Are Obsessed with the Furry, Scaly, Feathered Creatures Who Populate Our World. She has received numerous awards at the college and by the state of Virginia, where she and her husband live full-time with 11 cats to control the population.

Jane Goble-Clark, ’89 Letters, ’02 MPA, is the director of the American Indian Institute within the OU College of Continuing Education’s Federal Community Services Division. She also was selected as the director of OCCE’s Southwest Prevention Center. She is the 2009 recipient of the Prevention Specialist of the Year award given by the Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Professional Counselors Association.

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Slinde Ward, ’81 BA Russian, is an associate professor at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and received a Fulbright Senior Scholar grant to teach in Nepal in 2009, where she was visiting professor of management information systems at Kathmandu University School of Management.

1990s
Mark Duncan, ’90 Psychology, is the clinical director for the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies. He works to help make ideal esthetics and physiology available for patients to help eliminate any psychological burden and the chronic head, neck and migraine pain that can accompany less-than-ideal dental health.

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2000s
Christine Akens, ’00 BS Chemistry, works as an assistant professor of chemistry at Kansas State University. She recently received a National Science Foundation CAREER award to improve laboratory experience for undergraduates and to conduct research leading to clean and renewable sources of energy. The $600,000, four-year grant will enable her to incorporate molecular modeling software to help undergraduates visualize molecular geometries, work with middle school students and examine a naturally occurring protein, photosystem II.

Yves Badaroux, longtime member of the College’s Board of Visitors, recently was named the Outstanding General Manager of the Year by the Oklahoma Hotel and Lodging Association. Badaroux is the general manager of the NCED Conference Center and Hotel in Norman, Okla.

Dana Clark-Jackson, ’02 African and African American Studies, works with CPM Ministries International and travels the world speaking to churches. She and her husband have been invited to Africa, Indonesia and Pakistan. She also is writing a book and finishing her MDiv degree at OU.

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Robin Johnson Bellies, ’48 BA French, died Oct. 5, 2009, in Norman, Okla. She joined the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict and retired from the U.S. Air Force after 30 years of service. After his retirement, she became a cattlemen. Also involved in this community was her husband, who was inducted into the International Explorers Club and was vice president of the Last Frontier Council from 1960-1962.

Ashlee Taylor Madison, ’09 BA AFAM, died April 17, 2010, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. She was pursuing her master’s degree in jazz studies at the University of Central Missouri. She was a talented actor, modeling, songwriting, painting and photography.

Laith Kathleen Mahartey, ’39 BA, ’44 MA English Literature, died Nov. 21, 2009. She was editor for the university presses at the University of Texas, OU and Wisconsin University. She also taught English literature at Moore High School, the University of Texas at Austin, Wisconsin University, the University of Paque Rico and the University of Kentucky.

Jaco Andrew Meier, ’05 BS HES, died Nov. 9, 2009. After attending OU, he graduated from the University of Central Missouri in 2009 with a master’s degree in sports administration. He was a charter member of the Yukon Knights of Columbus Squares and Torah Cheerleader softball team.

Mariee Mena, ’10 HES, died Oct. 6, 2009. She attended OU on a softball scholarship from 2003-2007 and attended the Women’s College World Series. She was also a member of the 2007 Big 12 Championship Team and was honored as the USA Softball and NFCA National Player of the week.

She was employed with the Palm City School District, working as a teacher’s assistant at Window Hill Elementary.

Robert N. Naifeh, a former professor of Economics, died May 21, 2010, in Norman, Okla. He came to OU in 1961 and retired in 1990. While at OU, he also served as professor of health administration and president of the Southwestern Association Hall of Fame in 1996 and the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame in 1988.

Paul Albert Brinker, professor of Chemistry, died Nov. 24, 2009. He began teaching at OU in 1947 and started the first Ph.D. program in economics. Following retirement in 1986, he became president of the Southwest Social Science Association, a volunteer for RSVP andombudsman for a nursing home.

Richard Perry Storm, ’57 BS Physics, of Pottawatom, Texas, died Dec. 10, 2010. Following graduation at OU, he attended Stanford and then the University of Texas. He worked for Shell Development Co. in Seattle Research before becoming a co-founder of Storm Plastics Inc. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America, American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association and American Sportfishing Association.

Richard “Rick” Rescorla, /uni02BD69 MSW, was a social worker in Rogers County and Cleveland County. After retirement, she volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Friends of the Library, Cleveland County Family YMCA, OU Theater Guild and Norman Alcohol and Information Services.

Marilyn Shannon Smith, ’56 MA Mathematics, was a mathematics teacher in Laredo, Texas, and a founder of the online and television programs. She was a master of the piano, organ, harp, dulcimer and hammered dulcimer. She also enjoyed participating in the senior chorus in Kenville, Texas.

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Ken Ellen Standerler, ’03 BA Anthropology, ’10 MA Human Relations, was a lifelong learner. She was a graduate of Midwest City High School and an accomplished pianist and flutist. She also donated her time to saving animals and found homes for cats she found in need.

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Robert Harold Tips, ’50 BA History, a retired brigadier general in the U.S. Army, died May 1, 2010. He served as brigadier general in the Judge Advocate Generals Corps and was awarded the Legion of Merit and Meritorious Service Medal. He retired from the Army Reserve, then was named assistant ciudad attorney for Tulsa. He was a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, Tulsa Bar Association and former president of the Tulsa Title and Probate Lawyers Association.

V. William Wood, ’48 BS Zoology, died April 30, 2010. After OU he attended Tulane University School of Medicine and began working in Tulsa in internal medicine. Wood served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and golfing.

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Linda L. Wallace, professor of Botany, died Dec. 13, 2009, after a battle with cancer. Wallace joined OU in 1981. Her research interests focused on the ecology and interactions of grassland. She was a member of the Organization of Biological Field Stations, American Institute of Biological Sciences, Range Management Society and Ecological Society of America.
Clayton, Strait

RETURN TO RECEIVE DEGREES

by Kenny Mossman, Senior Associate AD for Communications

Somehow, Mark Clayton and Derrick Strait left Oklahoma unfulfilled. Clayton, a wide receiver from 2001-04, laid claim to nearly every pass-catching record at the school and played on two Big 12 championship teams. Strait, a defensive back from 2000-03, knew the exhilaration of winning a national title and also picked up the Thorpe and Nagurski awards as the top defensive back and top defender, respectively, in college football. Both became early-round draft picks who fashioned extensive professional careers. Yet these two titans of OU football spent the last few years feeling unfulfilled. The reason? Their impressive vitas were missing degrees from the university.

That changed at the A&S Convocation in May, when the two walked across the stage at Lloyd Noble Center to receive their diplomas.

“I’ve known for a long time that it was something I needed to get done,” said Strait, who knocked out the last four hours of a sociology/criminology degree. “Mainly, I put all of the pressure on myself…this was really something that I wanted to do.”

For Clayton, a communications major and still a member of the Baltimore Ravens, the degree became a goal only recently. “When I left, I didn’t feel like I would come back, that I’d be in the NFL, and that would be fine,” he said. “As my career went on I started thinking, ‘Man, I need to finish because there are some things that I want to do and I know the degree would open doors.’

“In the NFL (you play until your) mid-30s if you’re lucky. That’s very rare. School is very important. To go into the work force, you’re going to need your degree.”

Clayton and Strait envision different career paths in the coming years. Strait has his eye on people like Bob Stoops, the men who tutored him for those four years in a Sooner uniform. “I’d really like to get into coaching, maybe at OU someday,” said the Austin, Texas, native. “I just want to get myself established and begin that part of my life. Coaching (defensive backs) really appeals to me.

“I think I have some things to offer because of my age and what I learned in college and pro ball. I played for some very good coaches in some big games, and those are things that will help me as I start working with younger players.”

Clayton may do some coaching, too, but not on the field. He yearns for a career of coaching young people through difficult situations in an office or maybe a pastor’s study. He plans to enroll in seminary.

“There are some kids who are really lost,” he said, shaking his head. “They just need some direction and some guidance. That’s the best way to love on them and let them know there is someone who cares.”

Clayton has his own young person to love on, too, in Ayden, his son, and one of his main inspirations in the degree completion. “For me, it’s about leaving a legacy,” he said. “I have a son now. He’s 2 years old. I want to be able to say, ‘When you go to school, you’re going and you’re finishing. It’s not just starting and cutting out. We finish. As the Clayton family goes, we’re going to be finishers.’ He’ll come behind me and he’ll be a finisher.”

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