Spirit of Fern Holland Remains Strong

A&S Faculty Sort Through Tragic Events of 1921 in Tulsa
Eight years ago, when I became dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, we launched *Arts & Sciences News* to open a channel of communication with friends and alumni of the college, many of whom we had not heard from since they graduated. We selected a newspaper format as a cost-effective way to reach the 40,000 alumni households for which we had addresses. *Arts & Sciences News* proved to be an effective way to reopen the lines of communication with our alumni, and many of you sent us news for the “Class Notes” section. In the course of publishing *Arts & Sciences News*, we found many lost alumni and made many new friends. The last publication was sent to 53,086 addresses.

The university and the College of Arts and Sciences have changed a lot over the past eight years, thanks both to the leadership of President David L. Boren and the enthusiastic support we have received from our alumni and friends. *Arts & Sciences News* is changing now as well.

With this issue, *Arts & Sciences News* is taking on a new format and a new name — *Kaleidoscope*. For the past nine years, “Kaleidoscope” has been the name of our annual dinner and fund-raising event. We think it is an apt name for our new magazine as well because it represents the diversity of people and programs that make up the College of Arts and Sciences. *Kaleidoscope* also represents the endlessly shifting pattern of activities that invigorate the intellectual and cultural life of the college, while providing our students with an environment that stimulates and supports learning.

For 113 years, the College of Arts and Sciences has been preparing students to meet the kaleidoscope of challenges they will face after graduation. Our new publication, *Kaleidoscope*, will seek to keep our alumni and friends informed about and involved in the kaleidoscope of activities and people that help the College of Arts and Sciences provide our students with the best education possible, anywhere.

We are retaining the best features of *Arts & Sciences News*, including “Class Notes,” and will be experimenting with new ones. We hope you like the new format, and we encourage your feedback. All of us in the college appreciate your interest and support as we strive to be a role model for public higher education.

Paul B. Bell Jr., Ph.D.
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**A&S AT A GLANCE:**

- organized into four divisions. They are reflected in the logo of the college: the Humanities, with a quill and classical column; the Natural Sciences, with the structures of DNA, the atom and the infinity symbol; the Professional Programs, with hands reaching over an “@” symbol; and the Social Sciences, shown with the human brain and the footprints of humans on the planet.

- offers 52 undergraduate majors, 48 minors, 31 master’s degrees and 17 doctoral degrees.

- awards 45 percent of all undergraduate degrees and 58 percent of all graduate degrees at OU.

- enrolls nearly 8,700 undergraduate and graduate students.
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Over the past seven years, several members of the College of Arts and Sciences have been collaborating to help uncover the truth about two infamous days in Tulsa history.

Bob Brooks, state archaeologist and director of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey, received a request for help from the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Commission early in 1998. He readily accepted, feeling the importance of his assignment: to help determine how many deaths occurred in the riot that shook Tulsa from May 31 to June 1, 1921. He was one of several A&S faculty members called to help the commission determine what happened that day in the Greenwood area of Tulsa.

In addition to Brooks, Danney Goble, professor of classics and letters; Lesley Rankin-Hill, associate professor of anthropology; and Damario Solomon-Simmons, Tulsa attorney and instructor for African and African-American Studies, were joined by the late Alan Witten, professor in the College of Geosciences, to work with the commission to find and analyze evidence of the events that took place that May.

"It was a very moving experience," Brooks said. "Meeting the survivors and the family members of the victims, and working with other volunteer experts was an experience I will always remember."

Other experts include Scott Ellsworth, Tulsa native and famed historian; Clyde Snow, world-renown forensic anthropologist; Richard Warner, Tulsa Historical Society; Larry O'Dell, Oklahoma Historical Society; and Phoebe Stubblefield, forensic anthropologist.

It wasn’t until 1997, 76 years after that tragic night, that the state of Oklahoma passed House Resolution No. 1035, establishing the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Commission to investigate the causes and effects of the riot. The commission examined documentation and brought in such expert consultants as Brooks, Rankin-Hill, Goble and Witten to analyze their findings.

Brooks visited with commission members in early 1998. Research revealed that witnesses claimed to have seen mass graves dug to dispose of the bodies following “one of the worst race riots in United States history.” It became his duty to find evidence of these graves. In July 1998, during one of the hottest summers on record and in the depth of a drought, Brooks worked with David L. Maki and Geoffrey Jones of Archaeo-Physics, based in Minnesota, to examine the sites. They used ground-penetrating radar and a magnetometer over three sites possibly containing mass graves: Oaklawn Cemetery, Booker T. Washington Cemetery and Newblock Park. When doing the initial scan, they discovered some anomalies, possibly due to the intense heat affecting their equipment.

After meeting with the committee again, the team returned in December 1998 to Newblock and Booker T. Washington to remove core samples. There were no conclusive findings in the samples that would indicate a mass grave, but based on the samples, they did not discount the possibility of one existing at
Newblock. Witten joined Brooks in his quest. In spring 1999, new eyewitness evidence led the team to a different section of Oaklawn Cemetery. Clyde Eddy, a survivor of the riot, remembered witnessing white laborers at Oaklawn digging a “trench.” He recalled the area being in the white section of the “Old Potters Field” and pointed out the area during a visit. Witten brought out the magnetometer, electromagnetic induction equipment and the ground-penetrating radar to survey the area. The electromagnetic magnometer identified an area that demonstrated a past excavation that was approximately 15 square feet. After revealing their findings to the commission, commission members and the city of Tulsa decided not to excavate that site until further research could be done.

Rankin-Hill was brought in as a forensic anthropologist, trained to recognize and examine human skeletal remains that might indicate how a person died and processes that affect the skeleton after death. “The Tulsa riot is a significant part of history, part of the African-American experience,” she said. “It is important to bring it to light. Skeletons tell stories; stories that should be told. People will not believe the stories until it is properly documented.” Her services will be utilized in the cases of unknown victims, should any be recovered. Personally, these events “make my heart sad,” said Rankin-Hill. “I’m an anthropologist and I want to tell people’s stories when they are not here to tell them.” She hopes as time goes by, there will be more interest in taking the search for bodies further.

Goble was giving a speech at the Oklahoma Historical Society when the president of the society, Richard Warner, approached Goble and asked if he would consider writing a summary of the findings of the various expert witnesses and documentation collected by the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Commission. His first question to Warner was, “How many pages?” When he learned it would be around 25 pages, Goble agreed. What he didn’t realize was that it would take the better part of a year to sift through the more than 2,000 pages of information and over one month to write the report that would eventually be submitted to the commission.

“I was essentially a ‘hired gun’ writer. The final report was circulated three times before everyone could agree on it. It is a very emotional issue,” said Goble. “Culpability was a very hot topic. Some of the commission felt the state was very culpable, some felt differently since it occurred three generations ago.” He felt he was fortunate to be able to write the overview of the findings. Goble’s goal was to write to “standards of academic integrity.”

“There may never be answers to all of the questions regarding that day. We will never know the answers intellectually or emotionally,” said Goble.

A native of Tulsa, Simmons-Solomon was not familiar with the history of the race riot until he attended classes in African and African-American Studies at OU. The injustice done to the black population in Tulsa has never left his memory and has fueled his drive to become a lawyer working in civil rights and reparations law.

In 2003, while Simmons-Solomon was interning at the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., he was asked to give a speech at a Martin Luther King Jr. Day event. His speech caught the attention of Adjoa Aiyetoro, a member of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America. When she learned (Continued on page 22)
Although they have never met, Sherri Butterfield and Julie Daniels have a lot in common. They both graduated from OU – Butterfield earned her bachelor’s degree in English in 1962 and Daniels earned her bachelor of arts degree in letters in 1976. Both are wives, mothers and interested in their communities. Both are Republicans who worked in grassroots politics. Oh, and both have been mayor of their communities.

Sherri Butterfield was elected to serve on the city council in Mission Viejo, Calif., from 1994 through 2002. Three times during her tenure, the council selected her to serve one-year terms as mayor – 1996, 1999 and 2000.

Mission Viejo is a planned community of 98,000 residents within 17.4 square miles in southern Orange County. It is largely a residential community, with 125 employees and an operating budget in 2005 of $48 million. In 2002, Money magazine named it as one of the 10 best places to live in America.

“I cannot remember when I was not interested in politics,” said Butterfield. “While it may be heresy for a Sooner to say, I have found politics to be even more exciting than football because, in a democracy, it is the way to make things happen and get things done.”

Her efforts to “get things done” began in 1963 when she registered as a Republican in Santa Monica. The next year, she pushed a stroller with her young daughter Kirsten in it through the precincts to help encourage voters in her predominantly Democratic district to elect Barry Goldwater president. After moving to Mission Viejo, it was her interest in the local library that finally moved her to put her name on the ballot.

“Mission Viejo needed a new library to replace the county-run branch its steadily increasing population had long since outgrown. When my efforts to persuade the Orange County Public Library to enlarge facilities, expand programs, upgrade materials, extend hours and improve services at its outgrown and outdated 9,000-square-foot Mission Viejo branch failed, I worked to persuade members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors to allow Mission Viejo to withdraw from the county library system, something that was unheard of and unprecedented,” she said.

Mission Viejo got the building, collections and nearly $1 million in taxes collected annually for the library, and in October 1997, the community moved into its state-of-the-art, 27,000-square-foot municipal library. The next month, the City Council named the community room in the library to honor Mayor Butterfield.

Today, the former mayor freelances as a writer and editor of nonfiction and educational materials. She and her husband, Marion, who earned his engineering degree from OU in 1962 and is an award-winning engineer for Boeing, relish the time they spend with grandchildren and updating their home on the lush hill in a top 10 American city.

Julie Daniels says her interest in politics was inherited from her mother, and she has been active in the Republican Party since her freshman year at OU in 1972. In 1974, as a member of the College Republicans, she served as the campus coordinator for Jim Inhofe’s campaign for governor, a position that eventually went to a young state representative named David L. Boren. (This didn’t seem to bother Boren, as Daniels was presented an OU Regents’ Award in 2000 for her service to OU.)

Mayor Sherri Butterfield welcomes Texas Governor George W. Bush to Mission Viejo May 4, 2000, when he visited Carl Hankey Elementary School to promote his No Child Left Behind initiative and to campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. Photo courtesy of Sherri Butterfield.
Daniels’ political activities did not wane even during the nine years that she and husband Charlie lived in London. She registered ex-patriots for Republicans Abroad and helped them secure absentee ballots for the 1980 and 1984 presidential elections. In 1992, she served as an alternate delegate to the GOP Republican National Convention.

She has helped several local and state candidates with their campaigns, but in May, Daniels was elected to a two-year term as mayor of Bartlesville, Okla., after serving on the city council since November 2001.

Bartlesville is a growing community of 35,000 in northeastern Oklahoma, 45 minutes from Tulsa. The city employs about 300 people and has an operating budget of approximately $35 million. Long known as part of the oil patch - ConocoPhillips remains the largest employer - Bartlesville now markets its place in the global community as a provider of services and information technology. The progressive city boasts of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright’s only skyscraper, an annual Mozart festival, a symphony, a ballet company and a choral society. Bartlesville was named as the 21st most livable city in the nation and most livable city in Oklahoma by National Demographics magazine.

“When I joined the council, I had three goals,” Daniels said. “Get the state to paint the lane markings on one of the state highways that runs through town, restore our lovely 1925 memorial bridge as a gateway to downtown and extend a major arterial road. The bridge and road projects are well under way. Painting the highway is more difficult.”

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from OU, she graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1979, although she’s never practiced law. She currently serves on the A&S Board of Visitors and enjoys visiting one of her sons, Hunter, a journalism senior at OU.

Daniels is a strong believer in the philosophy of the liberal arts.

“The letters program allowed me to indulge my interest in a variety of subjects. I thought this would help me decide which ‘one thing’ I wanted to pursue. I discovered that variety was to be the spice of life,” she said.

Maybe the “one thing” she needed to pursue was a job as diverse as being mayor of Bartlesville, which requires her to understand budgets, wastewater treatment facilities, personnel, public relations and yes, even the politics of painting lanes on the highway.
Much can be said about a woman who made education her life’s work, teaching for 44 years at numerous institutions of higher learning as a speech communication professor, an assistant dean and associate dean, all while finding the time to fight for women’s rights and work in her yard.

Dorothy Higginbotham, who began working for the University of Oklahoma in 1978 and was associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1988 until her retirement in 1991, passed away this year on Feb. 22 at the age of 77.

She made quite an impression on her colleagues.

“When I was hired in the communication department in 1983, Dorothy Higginbotham was one of only two women in the department,” said Sandy Ragan, professor of communication in the college. “She was an inspiring role model for me – independent, quick-witted, occasionally acerbic in her comments about her male colleagues and a feisty pioneer spirit. Dorothy was respected by all who knew her and liked by most.”

According to Ragan, while Higginbotham served as associate dean of the college, one of her missions was to rid the college of sexual harassment and create a climate that was supportive of women faculty, staff and students.

Fellow employees in the college remember Higginbotham as well.

“She was very well respected by her colleagues and the staff who worked with her,” said Debbie Wells, former employee in the dean’s office who worked with Higginbotham from 1989 to 1991.

Wells described Higginbotham as having a “hard as nails attitude,” but the “nicest lady. She was very tough but fair,” she said.

Higginbotham earned her bachelor of science degree from East Central State College in Ada in 1947, her master of arts degree from Northwestern University in Chicago in 1956 and her doctoral degree from the same institution in 1961.

Before arriving at OU, Higginbotham taught for 31 years at a number of high schools and colleges across the United States and Canada. Her academic interests included psycholinguistics, language and communication development, language and cognition, ethnography of speaking, discourse analysis and communication skills.

If holding positions as a professor, assistant dean and associate dean of the college were not enough to fill her time while at OU, Higginbotham also served on a number of campus committees. She directed 12 doctoral dissertations, authored over a dozen publications and reports, presented more than 30 lectures and papers at professional meetings, and wrote four book reviews published in communication journals. She also held positions as associate editor for Communication Education and the Quarterly Journal of Speech as well as serving as a guest associate editor of The Speech Teacher.

Convocation News

Jason White, 2005 sociology graduate and Heisman Trophy winner, speaks to the nearly 500 A&S graduates at the first-ever A&S winter convocation last December. He spoke on the image of athletes as heroes at the university and praised the graduates as the true heroes by finishing college.

“I can’t think of a higher honor than to receive my degree,” said White. “For me it was a journey of hope, desire and, as I’ve heard President Boren say many times, infinite possibilities.”

At the college’s spring convocation held in May, Carl Albert Award recipient Rebecca Craig-Schapiro addressed the more than 1,400 graduates, who then walked across the stage and joined the ranks of the Sooner alumni. Photo courtesy of Norman Party Pics.
Second $40,000 Creativity in Motion Prize Awarded

Steven C. Levi, a 30-year resident of Anchorage, Alaska, freelance writer, poet, teacher and historian, is the second recipient of the $40,000 Creativity in Motion prize.

The prize was established by Jeanne Hoffman Smith in 2002 to honor her father and mother, Grace Thatcher and Roy Hoffman Jr., and to honor individuals who are in the process of developing creative ideas. For additional information on the prize and Creativity in Motion, please visit http://cim.ou.edu.

Levi’s winning proposal, “Thinking Outside of the Box,” is an interactive software tutorial that teaches students how to solve problems creatively through the use of historical references.

“The purpose of the project is based on the belief that everyone has the ability to become a creative thinker. It’s just a matter of learning the techniques to turn problems into opportunities,” Levi said.

Levi’s Web site can be accessed at www.parsnackle.com

Steven C. Levi holds the commemorative plaque given by Jeanne Hoffman Smith, founder of the Creativity in Motion prize. Levi also was presented with a check for $40,000. Photo courtesy of Jeanne Hoffman Smith.

OU Royalty Crowned

This fall, A&S will be home to four of OU’s royal misses, including one that competed at the national level. Jennifer Aguayo, international and area studies senior, was crowned Miss Hispanic OU in April by the Hispanic American Student Association; Mattie Deer, a junior with a double major in psychology and Native American Studies, was named Miss Indian OU by the American Indian Student Association; Ashley Harris, a letters junior, was named Miss Black OU by the Black Student Association; and Olubunmi Olude, microbiology junior, was named OU African Queen by the African Student Association. In June, Ashley was named Miss Black Oklahoma and competed in the Miss Black USA Pageant in Washington, D.C., in August, where she placed in the top ten. All are proud to be diplomats of their heritage and each demonstrates a dedication to high academic standards.
Visiting History of Science Scholars Funded by $300,000 Grant

Last spring, the University of Oklahoma History of Science Department and History of Science Collections were awarded a $300,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in New York. The grant, which was placed in an OU endowment, will permanently fund travel fellowships, bringing visiting scholars to the university to use the internationally recognized resources.

“Bringing outside scholars enriches the OU community,” said Steven Livesey, department chair and professor in the History of Science Department. “It brings recognition to the department, collections and the university, while helping scholars from other locations. Our graduate students also benefit from the interaction with visiting pre- and post-doctoral fellows, some of whom are working in areas similar to their own.”

Marilyn Ogilvie, curator of collections, said, “It is a great honor to be recognized by the prestigious Mellon Foundation.”

Ogilvie said the endowment will secure the core mission of Everette DeGolyer, who donated the books that began the collection more than 50 years ago, by “extending our knowledge of the relationship between science and the society in which it developed.”

The Mellon Foundation makes grants for higher education, museums and art conservation, performing arts, conservation and the environment, and public affairs.

Year of Languages Celebrated at OU

The Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Linguistics will continue celebrating “2005: The Year of Languages in the United States” this fall by sponsoring several activities to promote language learning. French, German, Japanese, Portuguese and Russian programs are slated for the fall calendar. Visit their Web site for a schedule at http://modlang.ou.edu.

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Philip Nolan Honored With Gift From Baumans

Norman residents Marion and Dianne Bauman are honoring the late director of the Letters Program, Philip J. Nolan, with the largest endowed scholarship the department has received in its history. The $100,000 fund was established to honor Nolan because of his support and advisement of Bauman while he was an undergraduate at OU. Nolan encouraged Bauman to attend law school at Harvard, where Bauman met fellow OU alumna and future wife Dianne Reaugh, who had graduated Phi Beta Kappa from OU. The rest, as they say, is history. “We’re ecstatic about the new scholarship,” said John Catlin, chair of the Department of Classics and Letters. “Nolan was such a great man, and this is going to be a tremendous help to students in his department.”

Dr. and Mrs. Philip Nolan.
Photo courtesy of Sooner Yearbook.
Linda Zagzebski, Kingfisher Chair of the Philosophy of Religion and Ethics and director of graduate studies in Philosophy, has been selected by the national Phi Beta Kappa Society senate as the recipient of the 2005-2006 Romanell Professorship in Philosophy.

The award recognizes Zagzebski for distinguished achievements in the field of philosophy, according to a letter from Phi Beta Kappa secretary John Churchill. The award also honors her “vast contributions to the understanding of philosophy by the public.”

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Zagzebski was nominated by the Alpha of Oklahoma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa for the professorship, which requires the delivery of three thematically linked lectures at OU. Upon completion of the lectures she will be awarded a $7,500 stipend.

Zagzebski is the president of the Society of Christian Philosophers and past president of the American Catholic Philosophical Association.

The Romanell Professorship in Philosophy is named for the late Dr. Patrick Romanell, noted philosopher and Benedict Professor of Philosophy at the University of Texas at El Paso, who, with his wife Edna, established the professorship. Romanell felt the lectures should be accessible to both academic and public audiences. For a complete schedule of lectures, visit the A&S Web site at www.ou.edu/cas.
At the age of 60, most people are on the road to retirement and relaxation, not heading back to school to pursue another college degree. However, Alyce “Sandy” Dengler is not like most people.

In 2000, Dengler began studies that, at the age of 65, allowed her to receive a doctoral degree this past May in invertebrate paleontology from the Department of Zoology at the University of Oklahoma.

“I wanted to be a paleontologist when I was 10, but farm girls in rural Ohio in the ’40s – no way,” Dengler said.

Steve Westrop, professor of geology and co-chair of Dengler’s Ph.D. committee, said, “There is no doubt that Sandy has made a great achievement.”

Dengler’s research pertains to an order of trilobites called Ptychopariida which, due to their fossil age of half a billion years, are under-represented and largely unknown in previous studies. Her findings will provide a point of reference for future investigations. Dengler chose to return to school after spending 35 years as a freelance writer. She has published 71 books in the areas of historical romance and mystery as well as ghost-written for psychologists and psychiatrists. Dengler also has had careers in motherhood, a short stint as a substitute high school teacher and six years as a wrangler at a children’s camp.

“I am proud and grateful that I could pull it off,” Dengler said. “Grateful to my lord, to my husband, who supported me in a hundred ways, and to the many friends, associates and benefactors who cheered me on when I was utterly pooped.”

Foucault Pendulum Arrives in Nielsen Hall

People are lining up outside the new wing of Nielsen Hall to catch a glimpse of a fascinating addition. A Foucault pendulum, known for demonstrating the rotation of the earth, recently was installed. A large brass ball, suspended from the three-story ceiling, swings back and forth in a single plane, knocking over pins on the floor as the earth rotates. The pins reset themselves automatically each morning at 7.

McSorley Architects suggested featuring the pendulum and a reception area in the Phase II addition on the southeast side of Nielsen Hall. The new wing primarily houses faculty offices and meeting space.

The pendulum was manufactured by Academy Pendulums in San Francisco and the pins were manufactured by Joel Young and his staff at the department’s machine shop.

A daily tea is held in the reception area for all of the department’s faculty and staff members.
Stephen P. Yanoviak, Ph.D. and A&S alumnus, goes to great heights to do his research - the tops of trees. It was from this lofty perch in the Peruvian rain forest that he discovered some unusual behavior in native ants. His discovery was featured in *Nature*, the international journal of science.

Yanoviak observed Cephalotes atratus, or the turtle ant, use directed aerial descent to glide from the branches of a tree back to the trunk to recover after being knocked off a branch. This could mean the difference between life and death for the ant.

While dangling 100 feet above the ground, Yanoviak brushed at the black ants around him and watched them glide back to the tree trunk while falling. Yanoviak, an insect ecologist at the University of Texas Medical Branch, called on colleague Michael Kaspari, associate professor of zoology at OU, to help him study the ants.

“The experiments were pretty simple,” said Kaspari. “Climb tree; drop ant; see where it goes. I encouraged Steve to discuss this behavior with Robert Dudley, an expert on flying and gliding creatures at the University of California at Berkeley.”

Yanoviak, Dudley and Kaspari began filming the ants’ descent with Dudley’s camera. Yanoviak added white paint to the rear legs of the ants to track the descent. This led to the discovery of the ants spinning around to land feet first on the trees.

“When they drop, they often glide away from the trunk, then turn and come in backwards,” Dudley said. “Their 180-degree turns are pretty dramatic.”

Video of the gliding ants is available at Yanoviak’s Web site: http://www.canopyants.com.

**OKWILDBIRDS**

Bird watching is the second fastest-growing hobby in America. Now, professional and amateur ornithologists can enjoy a forum for exchanging birding information for the state of Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Biological Survey launched OKWILDBIRD, a database of bird information available for anyone to log on and share what they have observed in the air or at the feeder in the back yard. The interactive Web site allows visitors to search for information on Oklahoma birds and to enter new records of interest. To visit their Web site, go to www.biosurvey.ou.edu and click on the OK Wild Bird Wiki button.
Helping others is a common goal for most community service agencies. In the process of helping others, however, sometimes these agencies can use a little extra assistance themselves. This is when the newly founded University of Oklahoma – Applied Research Center comes in handy.

The center was founded in 2004 by OU-Tulsa professor of human relations Chan Hellman, who saw the need for a center to serve the research requirements of agencies in the Tulsa and northeastern Oklahoma areas.

“About 10 years ago, I noticed a growing trend among community service agencies and their movement toward performance-based funding,” said Hellman. “These agencies have neither the resources nor the staff to conduct applied research or outcomes assessment. My dream was to create a partnership between a university and the community to engage in applied research and enhance program efficacy.”

Hellman’s dream officially kicked off with the center’s open house event on Feb. 10. Partners of the center, which include Domestic Violence Intervention Services; Tulsa Center for AIDS Resources, Education and Support; Hospice of Green Country; Tulsa Habitat for Humanity; Urban Design Studio; and the OU-Tulsa College of Medicine, were in attendance with approximately 95 other agencies.

Sharon Thoele, executive director of Tulsa C.A.R.E.S., has been working with the program since it was just an idea and has seen it grow into a partnership.

“I think most non-profits have a pretty good understanding about evaluation, but we do not have enough expertise or time to focus on doing the job and doing it well,” Thoele said. “The center provides an outside source for quality evaluation.”

OU-Tulsa President Ken Levit said, “The Applied Research Center is a perfect example of the mission of the University of Oklahoma in action – teaching, research and service coming together for the greater good of the community.”

The mission and goals of the center are carried out with assistance from four graduate assistants and two interns. The center provides external research necessary to promote community agency effectiveness, opportunities for funding, education and training to agencies seeking to improve their services and learning opportunities for students.

David Carnevale Receives Recognition For Military Service

David Carnevale, professor of human relations, recently was recognized for his military service by son-in-law Chris Fowler, OU alumnus, while Fowler was stationed with the 45th Infantry in Operation Freedom in Kabul, Afghanistan. Fowler had a U.S. flag flown over Kabul in honor of Carnevale’s service during the Vietnam War. Carnevale served with the Americal Division, earning a Bronze Star while acting as squad leader. To commemorate the day, Carnevale received the flag and a certificate detailing its honor.
OU Professor Named Honorary British Consul

Rodger Randle, professor of human relations and director of the Center for Studies in Democracy and Culture at the University of Oklahoma – Tulsa, was named the 2005 Honorary British Consul for the state of Oklahoma.

Randle was appointed by Consul General Judith Slater of the British Embassy in Washington, D.C.

“IT is exciting to have this opportunity to work with the British diplomatic corps to promote stronger ties between our two countries,” Randle said. “The UK is a natural country for Oklahomans to look to when they think of international trade.”

As British Honorary Consul, Randle will encourage the study, appreciation and understanding of the United States’ historic relationship with the United Kingdom as well as stimulate interest in modern trends in British culture and government.

New Fellowships Available to Oklahoma City and Tulsa District School Teachers

Thanks to a new fellowship awarded to the School of Library and Information Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences, Oklahoma City and Tulsa school district teachers have the opportunity to earn an advanced degree at virtually no cost.

The $569,500 grant, awarded from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, an independent federal agency dedicated to sustaining a nation of learners by helping libraries and museums serve their community, will fund 30 fellowships to Oklahoma City and Tulsa teachers wanting to pursue a master of library and information studies degree and Oklahoma School Library Media Certification, beginning in spring 2006 through summer 2008. Fellowships will cover the cost of tuition and fees and provide stipends for books, childcare for two summer workshops, and travel to one national-level and one state- or regional-level conference in each of the two years of enrollment in the program.

The grant was written by professors of library and information studies Kathy Latrobe, Rhonda Taylor and Susan Burke.

To qualify for a fellowship, applicants from the Oklahoma City Public Schools district must meet admissions requirements for the degree and complete a district application coordinated by Kathleen Lienke, district library media services team leader for the Oklahoma City school district. Lienke may be contacted at (405) 587-0331 or kmlienke@okcps.org.

Applicants from the Tulsa Public Schools district also must meet admissions requirements and complete a district application coordinated by Ellen Duecker, director of library media and instructional services for Tulsa Public Schools. Duecker may be contacted at (918) 925-1107 or dueckel@tulsaschools.org.

For additional information on the fellowship, contact Project Director Kathy Latrobe, at (405) 325-3921 or klatrobe@ou.edu. For additional information on the Institute of Museum and Library Services, visit their Web site at www.imls.gov.
Jessica Hughes, a 2005 bachelor of arts graduate in international and area studies from the University of Oklahoma’s College of Arts and Sciences, is keeping the spirit of Fern Holland alive through her goal of working in public policy. As a result, during her final semester at OU, Hughes became the first recipient of the Fern L. Holland award.

The award, sponsored by OU’s Student Affairs and Delta Gamma fraternity, is given to a full-time undergraduate woman exhibiting the same spirit as Holland – a desire to make a significant difference in the world in the areas of democracy, human rights, women’s issues and leadership. Holland, a 1992 bachelor of arts graduate in psychology from OU and a 1996 graduate of the University of Tulsa College of Law, was killed near Hillah, Iraq, on March 9, 2004. This award was established to honor her memory and her work in writing the women’s rights section of the new Iraqi constitution.

“I was very honored,” said Hughes. “It really pushed me to meet the goals Fern Holland had. I knew I wanted to, and now I know I can.”

Hughes transferred to OU in the summer of 2002 from Eastern College near Philadelphia. While attending OU, Hughes served as executive chair of the Society of International and Area Studies Student Association from 2002 to 2005. She also was involved with Big Brothers, Big Sisters and The Big Event at OU, the nation’s largest one-day, student-run community service activity.

According to Hughes, many people have helped in her pursuit to make a difference in the community. Individuals she credits for the assistance, guidance and mentorship include Millie Audas, director of Education Abroad and International Student Services; Robert Cox, chair and director of the School of International and Area Studies; Cindy Simon Rosenthal, director of the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center and the National Education for Women’s (N.E.W.) Leadership Conference; and John Fleming, former president of the Greater Oklahoma City chapter of the United Nations Association (UNA-USA) from 2001 until his death in May 2005.

Hughes, who spoke fondly of Fleming, said he really got her started on the road to working in public policy and helped her establish the first UNA chapter on the OU campus.

“John was a great man. He pushed me to be creative and take initiative to promote the UN on campus,” Hughes said.

With the assistance of N.E.W. Leadership, Simon Rosenthal, UNA and Fleming, Hughes went on to organize the first UN Day on the OU campus with the theme, “Empowering Women around the World.”

“Jessica’s leadership and determination in putting together the conference was impressive,” said Simon Rosenthal. “She has a passion for educating others about global issues, particularly those affecting women, children and families. Jessica’s efforts are exactly the kind of outcome and impact which we hope to inspire.”

Hughes now resides in the San Francisco Bay area of California and recently was hired by International Rescue Committee in San Jose. Next year, she hopes to attend the University of California, Berkeley, to pursue a master of public policy degree.

“I want to enter public policy with a focus on international politics,” said Hughes. According to Hughes, international politics is one of the best ways to “shape the world.”

“I expect Jessica to have a distinguished career in the field of international public service,” said IAS director Cox. “I imagine she will continue to help American communities see the importance of a global perspective.”

Continuing Holland’s work is not only a goal of Hughes’ but also of Holland’s family and friends. After her death, they established a foundation in her name. Donations continue to be accepted and can be sent to the Fern Holland Charitable Foundation, 15 East Fifth Street, Suite 3700, Tulsa, OK 74103.
Governor Declares May 17 Dr. Alex J. Kondonassis Day

On May 17, Gov. Brad Henry declared Dr. Alex J. Kondonassis Day in honor of one of the University of Oklahoma’s most respected faculty members.

Kondonassis, David Ross Boyd Professor and Regents Professor of Economics at OU, received tributes for his many years of outstanding service to the state and the university.

“I am grateful and humbled by this honor,” Kondonassis said. “I am proud of my students and their achievements, who over the years have provided me the affirmation that teaching is a grand enterprise.”

“Dr. Kondonassis embodies the high standard of excellence that is endemic to Oklahoma’s system of higher education,” Gov. Henry said. “His keen intellect and commitment to education reflect on the greatness of the University of Oklahoma as well as Oklahoma as a whole. He is truly a treasure in our world of academics.”

Mauldin Receives Honorary Doctorate

Margaret McKane Mauldin, professor of anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences and a Native American language preservationist/revivalist at the University of Oklahoma, received an honorary doctor of humane letters at the College of William and Mary’s Commencement ceremonies on May 14.

“For nine years, Margaret Mauldin has led and developed the University of Oklahoma’s Creek language program,” said Patricia Gilman, chair of the Department of Anthropology. “Ms. Mauldin has truly made the maintenance of the Creek language her life’s work, and she deserves this recognition.”

The honorary degree is presented to individuals who have made broad contributions to society and who have garnered recognition for the college.

Schumann Receives Award From CIA

For 41 years, A&S alumnus J. Paul Schumann has served the United States as a foreign ballistics missile systems analyst with the Defense Intelligence Agency. In January, Schumann and his wife, Kay, traveled to Washington, D.C., where he was honored for his lifetime of service by receiving the National Intelligence Certificate of Distinction from Porter Goss, head of the Central Intelligence Agency. Schumann was previously awarded the U.S. Army’s Achievement Medal for Civilian Service during the Gulf War, when he briefed military personnel overseas on missile systems employed by the enemy forces. Schumann received his doctorate in political science from OU in 1982.

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Social Sciences Faculty:

Kelly Damphousse, professor of sociology and A&S faculty administrative fellow, has been selected to serve as associate dean of the college. Damphousse replaces Pamela Genova, professor of French, who left the position as associate dean to become the chair of her department.

Keith Gaddie, professor of political science, was cited in the report “Dancing Without Partners,” published by the Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy at Brigham Young University. His research, which studied the application of new election laws in the 2004 Oklahoma Coburn/Carson senate race, was presented at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

Dennis O’Brien, director of the Institute for Energy Economics and Policy in the Department of Economics, provided the luncheon address on April 15 at a workshop on the foreign policy implications of methane hydrates. His presentation was sponsored by the Office of External Research, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, U.S. Department of State and National Intelligence Council in Washington, D.C.

Michael Pfau, professor and chair of the Department of Communication, was appointed editor for the Journal of Communication, the flagship publication of communication studies. He also is the recipient of the National Communications Association’s Distinguished Book Award for his worked titled “The Persuasion Handbook: Developments in Theory and Practice,” co-edited with James Price Dillard.

Joe Rodgers, professor of psychology, recently was elected president of the Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology, an international organization of research psychologists. He also was appointed to a four-year term as editor of the society’s journal, Multivariate Behavioral Research.
1930s

Frances Townsend Andrews, ’36 BA Journalism, is residing in Green Country Village Retirement Complex and enjoys spending her time volunteering at its “excellent” library and walking a half mile around the lake. She and her visiting stepsons celebrated her 90th birthday this year.

Xie Mahaffey Cornelius, ’30 Home Economics, is enjoying her new residence in Oklahoma City. She still shares her more than 2,000 kitchen-tested recipes she compiled as a food demonstrator with the public.

Cora G. LeHew, ’31 Home Economics, is celebrating being 95 years young! She has fond memories of her husband, Dr. Clifford LeHew, and their world travels following his retirement.

1940s


Betty L. O’Neal, ’47 BA History and English, retired from teaching civics and economics and being a counselor at the junior high level in 1986, after 23 years.

Elizabeth Johnson Reidy, ’47 BS Foods and Nutrition, is a retired dietitian living in California. She, her daughter and her granddaughter enjoyed traveling to London for a week during the Easter season. She recently lost her husband of 55 years.

Clarice M. Berger Richardson, ’40 BA Library Science, is getting her life back after helping her husband through 13 years of Alzheimer’s disease. She runs Clarice’s Studio, where she works with pottery, metalmith and jewelry. She also enjoys singing in the Butte Symphony Chorale and visiting with her 10 children, 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Doris Mahaffey Starkey, ’47 BS Home Economics, retired from teaching home economics in 1986 and recently has moved to a new address in Brownwood, Texas. She and her four siblings, Xie, Bonnie, Kathleen and Jim, have kept OU in the family: they all attended OU and now live in the Norman-Oklahoma City area. Sister Endi Mahaffey Shirley, ’45 BS Home Economics, has passed away.

1950s

Bob Bodenhamer, ’50 BS Physical Education, ’63 Masters in Secondary Administration, is retired from American Express Financial Services. He is the patriarch of a Sooner family, including son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Judy Bodenhamer, alumni and members of Phi Beta Kappa, and granddaughters Jennifer Reno, alumna, Lauren Bodenhamer, senior, and Becca Bodenhamer, freshman.

Helen M. Warren Casteel, ’52 MS Chemistry, is enjoying retirement from public school teaching and cleaning out 50+ years of “stuff.” She says the work is slow but interesting, giving her time to reflect on how she and her husband have lived their lives.

Barbara Hawkins Sweeney, ’51 BA Home Economics, enjoys volunteering in Owasso, Okla., where she and her husband, Donald, reside. They also enjoy visiting with their four children and eight grandchildren.

1960s

John Fannin, ’65 BA Government, ’68 MA Russian History, retired after 30 years at Stanley Clark School in Indiana and now resides in Las Vegas. In 2004, he was named History Teacher of the Year by the Indiana Historical Society.

Cheryl Glass Gammell, ’68 BA Anthropology, retired from the Suffolk County, New York, Probation Department after 32 years of service. She relocated to North Carolina, where she lives on the beach and enjoys watching sea turtles and collecting shark teeth. Her daughters, Laura and Jessica, live a few miles north along the coast.

Betty J. McElderry, ’61 BA Interior Design, ’64 MA Home Economics Education, is active in the Democratic National Committee for Oklahoma Women and recently was accepted for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Mayflower Society.

William C. McGrew, ’65 BS Zoology, has accepted a permanent faculty position at the University of Cambridge, U. K., in the Department of Biological Anthropology.

Paul Nightnonger, ’69 PhD Botany, retired from Northwestern Oklahoma State University, where he was a biology professor. He is actively collecting and preparing species of plants for various herbaria.

Jay Olson, ’63 BA Social Work, has devoted his career to helping others. From 1965 to 1987, he was a program specialist in juvenile delinquency, youth development and child abuse and neglect programs in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. From 1987 to 1994, he worked as senior program specialist in the Office for Victims of Crime in the U.S. Department of Justice. Now retired, he enjoys volunteering his time and received the Governor’s Volunteer Award in 1997 for his work with the Inter-faith Caregivers. He currently volunteers with the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center.

Virginia S. Harrel Stowell, ’66 BA Speech Therapy, ’68 MS Speech Therapy, is a semi-retired speech-language pathologist following a 24-year career in public schools and 13 years in private practice. Husband Bill is an engineer at GE and son Brett is attending Xavier University in Cincinnati.

1970s

Donis Casey, ’74 MLS, is beginning a new career as an author. Her first novel, The Old Buzzard Had It Coming, is scheduled for print in July 2005 by Poisoned Pen Press. The mystery is set in Muskogee County, Okla., in the year 1912. Casey formerly worked as a librarian and as an entrepreneur.

Kathryn Lukowitch Cunningham Alphin, ’76 BA Journalism, is a supervisor at SpotPlus in Texas. She re-married in August 2003 and she enjoys raising quarterhorses.

Jim Bowles, ’75 BA Psychology, ’80 DDS, is practicing at Advanced Dental Associates in Florida. His son, Clint, won the U.S. Tennis Association’s National Spring Tennis Championships in the B-18 and is ranked first in Florida’s B-16 and B-18 division.

Greg Feldman, ’73 BA Political Science, retired after 25 years as assistant chief of police for the City of South Miami. He’s enjoying time off before looking for his next career!

Paula Scheffer Lader, ’71 BA French, ’78 MPA, serves as deputy executive director for the Bureau of Administration in the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. Previously, she served for two and a half years with the U.S. House of Representatives and two years with OU’s Advanced Programs in Europe.
Linda Hamlin Russin, ’72 Language Arts, and her husband are co-owners of Keyed Up Communications, which operates WIIS FM 107.1 in Key West, Fl., playing rock alternative.

William Weinrich, ’71 History and International Relations, is retired from the University of Maryland and is the chair of the Oklahoma Republicans for Choice, president of the Tulsa branch of English-Speaking Union, which was founded by Winston Churchill in 1921, and enjoys Queen Elizabeth II as its international patron.

Paul D. Woodson, ’74 MS Microbiology, ’78 MPH, ’82 PhD, is the center administrator for the Southwest Center for Public Health Preparedness and is an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health at OU’s Health Sciences Center.

1980s

Gaye Brewer, ’86 BA Home Economics and Fashion Arts, is principle owner of Anatomic Studio, a company that manufactures museum figures and dioramas. They currently are completing contracts for the California State Railroad Museum and the U.S. Army in Atlanta.


Michael R. Gallagher, ’80 MA Communication, was promoted to colonel in the U.S. Air Force and is living in San Antonio, Texas.

Gregory L. Hoffman, ’84 MHR, retired as a major in the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of distinguished service. He currently owns Kokiss, a building maintenance company in Austin, Texas.

Wesley Lewis, ’83 BA Law Enforcement Administration, ’85 MPA, recently was named the Command Executive Officer for the 104th Division (institutional training), U.S. Army Reserve, in Vancouver, Wash.

Jeffrey Daniel Nytko, ’88 BA Letters, is a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Charlotte, N.C., where he lives with daughter Emily Bruce. He received his MA in Liberal Studies from Wesleyan University.

David M. Peter, ’82 BA English, works as an instructional design specialist at the Center for Teaching and Learning at Indiana State University. He has published several articles, most recently in the Journal of Interactive Instruction Development and Academic Exchange Quarterly.

Cheryl Hammond Raper, ’87 BA Letters, welcomed daughter Rachel Elizabeth into the family in October 2004. She and husband Tommy Raper, ’87 BS Construction Science, reside in Trophy Club, Texas, where she is an attorney in the U.S. District Courts.

J. Fred Reynolds, ’87 BA Interdisciplinary Studies, Composition, is the Schott Professor of English and dean of the Division of Humanities and the Arts at The City College of New York.

John “Ben” Schmidt, ’86 BA Political Science, recently joined the commercial real estate firm of NAI Sullivan Group in Oklahoma City, where he specializes in sales and leasing of office properties. Prior to that, he worked in medical/pharmaceutical sales for 14 years.

Steve Wilson, ’82 BA Letters and English, was recognized with a 2005 Faculty Senate Swinney Teaching Award at Texas State University in San Marcos, where he serves as a professor of English. He also has received several teaching awards from the College of Liberal Arts, the Honor’s Program and the Department of English. Wilson also has taught as Senior Fulbright Lecturer in American Studies and Creative Writing in Romania and Slovenia and he directs the university’s Texas State in Ireland program.

1990s

Joellen K. Archung, ’93 BA Economics, graduated in December 2004 with a MEd in Secondary Education. She also is pursuing a career in the culinary arts and teaches writing at a junior college.

Scott Carlberg, ’96 MHR, founded Talking Points, a public affairs management company in Charlotte, N.C. The firm has been selected to manage a professional motorsports test complex study. The results of the study will be presented to the state general assembly. Their clients also include a human resource firm and a financial services firm.

Debra Frank Dew, ’99 PhD English Composition/Rhetoric/Literacy, is an assistant professor at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. She was awarded the UCCS Outstanding Teacher Award in 2004, sponsored by the UCCS University Club. In 2003, she received a CU-system Ethnic Minority Affairs award for diversity initiatives as director of the UCCS Writing Program. Both awards were given within her first four years of professional service to the University of Colorado.

Michael Gismondi, ’99 BA Spanish, ’02 MA Journalism, is beginning his second year of teaching English in Thailand as a volunteer in the U.S. Peace Corps. He will complete his assignment in March of 2006.

Evan Green, ’96 BA Political Science, was promoted to a Probation Officer III in the Adult Investigations Unit in the San Bernardino County Probation Department.

C. Ryan Johnson, ’99 BS HSS, ’02 JD, recently was placed in charge of corporate contractual negotiations of pharmaceutical products for Los Angeles area hospitals at Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals. In the spring, he married Beth Hudacky, ’00 BS Early Childhood Education, in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

Amy Farber Knowles, ’91 BS Physical Education, MS Sports Management and Behavior, recently was hired as the head volleyball coach at Drake University in Iowa. She played and coached volleyball at OU from 1987 to 1996. Following that, she became the head coach at Northeastern Illinois State University, the head coach at Oral Roberts University and the associate head coach at Iowa State University.

Jennifer Mosteller, ’96 BA English Writing, is working in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Oklahoma as a soil conservation technician. She and the other OU grad are holding their own against the Aggies in the office!

Barbara Ann “Sunny” Murchison, ’98 MPA, was published in the History Channel Magazine in May/June of 2005 with a story on her experience during the Murrah Building Bombing. She writes that her experience there influenced her to enter the MPA program at OU 30 years after her high school graduation. She resides in Santa Monica, Calif.

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Michelle Marie Smith Ponder, ’98 BS Biochemistry, is a third year radiology resident at the OU MEDICAL CENTER. She and husband Corey, ’98 Zoology, are expecting their second child in August. Corey also is doing his residency at OU MEDICAL CENTER.

Kaitlyn Snyder Sands, ’98 BA English, is the general manager for Jamba Juice in Colorado Springs, Colo. She spent four years in the U.S. Army as a military police officer, where she met husband Jeremy. She served a tour of duty in Korea and a tour in Iraq before finally landing at Fort Carson, Colo. She and her husband left the Army after completing their obligations. Wherever she is in the world, she is proud to say she is a Sooner!

Jeffrey A. West, ’90 BS Microbiology, ’94 MD, recently relocated with wife Chantel and sons Derek and Brett to Rockwell, Texas, where he has opened his medical practice.

Tyler Woods, ’97 BA English, married Erin Anderson in January 2005 at the Black Butte Ranch near Sisters, Ore. He joined the Actor’s Equity Membership Candidacy Program after playing “Adult Jim Hawkins” with Virginia Stage Company in their production of Treasure Island. He began studying at The Shakespeare Lab at The Public Theatre in New York this spring.

Amy Ragan Copeland, ’00 BS HSS, graduated in 2005 from the Baylor College of Dentistry and was accepted to Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency at Scott Air Force Base outside St. Louis, Mo.

Melody Dixon, ’02 MHR, is a business instructor at Career Point Institute in Texas.

Kristen Medlock, ’00 BS HSS, works at Dentsply Tulsa Dental as a territory manager and at St. Francis Health Zone as an exercise instructor. She welcomed daughter Kambril Rose to the family this year.

Tommie A. Mobbs, ’01 PhD Psychology, founded Presidio Sciences, a management consulting firm in San Antonio, Texas. Presidio Sciences helps companies gain a competitive advantage by focusing on human capital initiatives, employment practices liability and corporate career Web site optimizations. Visit their Web site at www.presidiosciences.com and notice the “Crimson and Cream” company colors!

Josh Pratt, ’02 BA Political Science and Economics, recently was promoted to contract specialist for the General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service. He resides in Houston.

Scott Taylor, ’00 MA Economics, holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and recently was assigned as U.S. defense attaché to the Kingdom of Nepal. Following a two-year tour, he will attend the U.S. Army War College.

Bill Paul Serves on Oklahoma Lottery Commission

A&S Distinguished Alumni Award winner Bill Paul has worn a number of hats throughout his distinguished career: senior vice president and general counsel for Phillips Petroleum, managing partner for the Crowe & Dunlevy law firm and president of the American Bar Association. He has now been appointed by Gov. Brad Henry to serve as one of seven commissioners for the new Oklahoma Lottery Commission.

The commissioners are responsible for oversight of the lottery system, which was approved by Oklahoma voters last year. State officials have said they expect the lottery to pump more than $65 million into the state’s educational systems in its first year and as much as $150 million a year in the years to come. The first scratch-off tickets are expected to be sold in October.

“This is a very exciting assignment, and I’m very pleased Gov. Henry appointed me to the commission. It should result in a major and much needed source of revenue for both the lower schools and higher education in Oklahoma,” said Paul, who earned his bachelor of arts degree in history in 1952 and his law degree in 1956, both from OU.

Elizabeth Garrett Helping Shape National Tax Policy

It has been an eventful year for A&S alumna Elizabeth Garrett. The law professor recently was named vice provost for academic affairs at the University of Southern California and was tapped by President Bush to serve on the President’s Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform. President Bush created the bipartisan panel in January to recommend reforms to the tax code that will make the system “simpler, fairer and more growth-oriented.”

Garrett’s service on the panel has reinforced her belief that major reforms are necessary to the U.S. tax system. The president has charged the panel with making its recommendations by Sept. 30, and while she could not be specific prior to the final report, Garrett gave some insight into the scope of its work.

“The panel will bring forth several options for reform, and they will all be sweeping. We have reached a consensus that we must fundamentally rethink the entire tax system,” she said. “We may have disagreed on some issues, but I’ve been impressed that we are moving to consensus on a variety of options.”

Garrett earned her bachelor’s degree in history from OU in 1985 and her law degree from the University of Virginia. She spent several years working on then U.S. Sen. David L. Boren’s staff as his legislative director and budget counsel, often working on tax issues.
IN MEMORIAM

Cassie Corinne Hausman Anderson, ’39 BS Business, passed away Feb. 5, at the age of 87. She worked as a business education instructor for 25 years for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Melvin Edward Dell, ’52 BS Aeronautical Engineering, passed away Feb. 23, from a metastatic melanoma. He provided NASA with business management and program skills for the Apollo, Sky Lab and shuttle programs. He received the NASA ISC Certificate of Commendation in 1973.

Robert W. “Bob” Heath, ’73 BS Speech Communication, PhD, passed away following a short battle with a malignant brain tumor. He was a retired professor at Emmanuel College.

Lloyd Andrew Iverson, professor emeritus of mathematics, passed away June 29. He retired from OU in 1990 after teaching and serving as an adviser for 41 years. Iverson also taught night classes at Rose State College and Tinker Air Force Base. He was a founding member of University Lutheran Church of Norman and president and treasurer for the OU Credit Union for more than 40 years.

Tom Smith, faculty member at OU from 1959 to 1991, passed away after a battle with Parkinson’s Disease. Dr. Smith was the first chair of the History of Science in 1971 and was highly respected and appreciated by his students and colleagues. Memorial contributions may be made to the Thomas M. Smith Fund, History of Science Collections, Fund #0032095, payable to the OU Foundation, 100 Timberdell Rd., Norman, OK, 73109-0685.


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2005-2006

August
August 25
Welcome Back Social with the Dean, Arts & Sciences Plaza

September
September 21
Sooner Showcase Campus-Wide Career Fair, OMU

October
October 21
Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon
October 21
Board of Visitors/Leadership Scholars Dinner

October 21-22
Board of Visitors Fall Weekend, Ellison Hall

December
December 6
Holiday Open House, Ellison Hall
December 17
Winter Convocation, Lloyd Noble Center

January
January 9
Ft. Worth Alumni Program
January 9
Dallas Alumni Program
January 10
Tulsa Alumni Program
January 11
Oklahoma City Alumni Program

February
February 20-24
FOCAS on A&S Week
February 24
Kaleidoscope Evening
February 24-25
Board of Visitors Spring Meeting

April
April 11
Tentative date for Carl Albert Award reception
April 27
Student Awards Ceremony

May
May 13
Spring Convocation
Five of the six Presidential Dream Courses for the 2005-2006 academic year have been awarded to departments in the College of Arts and Sciences.

In 2004, President David Boren initiated a new program focusing on undergraduate teaching. Six courses university-wide are chosen by the president as Dream Courses. Each course receives special funding that allows instructors to bring renowned speakers to campus in an effort to enrich the academic environment for students and the general public.

Chemistry, Communication, English, History of Science and Religious Studies were announced by the Provost Office as recipients for the special funding.
They came from as far away as California and Maryland, and professors like Goodman, McCarley, Riggs and Carpenter were frequent topics of conversation. It was the University of Oklahoma Biological Station’s bi-annual reunion, held this year on a hot weekend in late July. Hosted by the Friends of UOBS, the reunion brought close to 60 former students, faculty and staff together to the station on the shore of Lake Texoma. They recalled good times and important mentors and worked to enhance the future of the unique field research station. Approximately $5,300 was raised at an auction to benefit a scholarship fund to help students who take classes at the station.

Three new apartments for long-term guest researchers are dedicated during the reunion. One of the apartments was supported financially by the Friends of UOBS, and they gather in front of the “Friends Nest” apartment.

The executive committee of the Friends of UOBS meet to discuss ways to enhance the future of the station. Sitting, left to right, are Kim Hauger, Bedford Vestal, Jane Barrett and Pat Riggs. Standing, left to right, are Delmas Northcutt, Bruce Stewart, Julia Yoshida, Larry Weider and Jody Maness.

Eight-year old Hannah Henley displays her catch of the day. Each of the children who participated in the youth fishing tournament were provided a new rod and reel, courtesy of Zebco.

Two apartments received financial support from Jane and David Barrett (the Barrett Bungalow), left, and Nancy and Kim Hauger (the Hauger Hut).
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