After the meeting, we all went out for a snack. Madeleine got in line on the best cheese sandwich stand. I asked, "Hey, where's the best Mexican restaurant here?"

"Cheeeese!!"

"Cheeeese!!!"

"Cheeeese !!!!"

"Cheese!!"

I would like to thank all the students for their hard work and dedication.
Message From the Dean

Study abroad!

As the article on study abroad in this issue of Kaleidoscope demonstrates, studying in another country has profound positive effects on our students. OU students may choose from a wide variety of programs designed to meet their individual interests, schedules and budgets, ranging in length from four weeks to a full academic year. We have programs led by OU faculty members; programs in which our students are directly enrolled in a university abroad; and programs run by national providers, such as International Studies Abroad.

Studying abroad DOES change people’s lives. It did mine. As an undergraduate student I never considered studying abroad. Back then, language majors studied abroad but not science majors like me. It was not until the summer after my fourth year as a graduate student at Yale that I received an invitation from a professor in Sweden to work in his laboratory in Uppsala to help him set up a microscope to study the movement of cancer cells. Since he offered to pay my plane ticket and salary for four months, how could I refuse? So, in April 1974, I found myself for the first time in a country where English was not the primary language and where everything was unfamiliar. The houses were different, the food was different, the climate was different, even the holidays were different! I still remember my first trip to the grocery store, going up and down the aisles with a dictionary in one hand and a shopping basket in the other trying to figure out the Swedish names for such basic ingredients as flour, sugar and salt. It took hours! But just like the students featured in this issue of Kaleidoscope, I learned that I could not only manage but thrive in a culture that was different from the one I grew up in, using a language that I was just beginning to learn. I also learned not only to understand and respect a foreign culture and its people, but by seeing the United States from afar, I developed a deeper appreciation and understanding of my own country.

I am now functional in six languages and have visited scores of countries, mostly working to increase opportunities for students to study abroad. Since coming to OU in 1979, I helped start the first reciprocal exchange program with Swedish universities and several exchange programs with French universities. Most recently, I helped expand opportunities for OU students to study in China and Chinese students to study at OU. In all of these efforts I have been motivated by the goal to help give OU students the same kind of life-changing experiences that I enjoyed.

Through the efforts of many dedicated people over the past 25 years, especially President Boren, the number of OU students studying abroad has steadily increased. Yet it constantly amazes and disappoints me that 80 percent of our undergraduates still fail to take advantage of these opportunities.

I think that the biggest barrier to studying abroad is fear. Living and studying in a foreign culture far from home is intimidating to many students as well as to their parents. To help counteract this natural reluctance to venture outside of the United States, OU has created programs in safe locations that provide our students with a lot of personal support from OU faculty, staff and the staff of partner universities. The new OU campus in Arezzo, Italy, has a permanent staff and resident faculty. The OU Study Center in Kunming, China, provides our students at Yunnan University with a quiet place to study, relax and use one of six networked computers.

The perceived cost of studying abroad also is a barrier, even though often the only difference in cost between staying in the United States and studying abroad is the price of the plane ticket. Yet even $800 to $1,600 for a plane ticket may be discouraging. This is why President Boren established the Presidential International Travel Fellowships. Last year, more than 250 OU students received an average of $998 from this fund to apply toward the cost of traveling abroad. Yet, this is still not enough to meet the needs of all OU students who want to travel abroad. This is why the College of Arts and Sciences is making Study Abroad Scholarships a priority for private fundraising. For every $10,000 that we raise in endowment, we will provide $500 annually to help a student take advantage of the study abroad opportunities from OU. It will change lives and help make the world a better place for all of us.

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A comic strip from a French newspaper for the Graphic Novel class. See more at cas.ou.edu.
When David Boren assumed the OU presidency in 1994, one of his earliest priorities was to internationalize the university’s curriculum and programs. In 2009, A&S Dean Paul Bell strengthened and formalized the college’s study abroad efforts by creating a new position — international programs coordinator, with Karen Elmore serving as the first holder of the position — and a new office — the International Programs Office.

“My message to any OU student with whom I speak is that if they do not take advantage of the extraordinary opportunity that OU provides for them to study in another country, they will regret it for the rest of their lives,” Elmore said. “To help President Boren’s goal of doubling the number of OU students who study abroad, the college has focused on developing faculty-led summer programs on which we send one or two OU faculty members with a group of OU students to an international site. Most of our programs take place on the campus of one of our international partner institutes, which provides classroom space, housing and logistical support for OU faculty and students. We think that this combination of OU faculty leaders and a safe and supportive international site makes the programs attractive to both students and their parents.”

Each year since, the program has grown, both in numbers of offerings and numbers of students. In summer 2010, the college offered six programs in four countries; eight OU faculty and 62 students participated. This summer, the college offered 11 programs in seven countries; 16 OU faculty and 112 students participated.

Rafael Lemus, a mathematics/pre-med major, had long desired to study abroad, but he couldn’t see how if he was to meet his four-year graduation goal. “Then one day, I was talking about potential programs I could do, and Karen Elmore referred me to the ‘O-Chem in Italy’ program. I knew automatically this was my best chance to fulfill my goal of studying abroad while continuing my studies,” he said.

June in Italy: Organic Chemistry/Chemistry and Culture of Wine — held in Arezzo, Italy — is led by Daniel Glatzhofer and Mark Morvant, both OU professors of chemistry. The program carries six credits and includes excursions to sites involved in that country’s wine industry.

Lemus added that he achieved several key goals through participation in the program. “Most importantly,” he said, “I was able to get a good understanding of organic chemistry, as the course was taught by two really good professors.” Noting that the program allows a generous amount of free time, in which the participants are encouraged to travel where they want, Lemus said he gained a greater sense of independence, as well as a better understanding of Italian culture.

Lemus called his participation in the study abroad program “a major step toward going to medical school” as well as good, solid preparation for his other long-term goal of visiting all of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Citing a desire to be challenged while broadening her horizons and developing a deeper appreciation for the world and the United States, Robin Rainey, a pre-medicine major, also availed herself of the O-Chem in Italy study abroad program. Like Lemus, she was determined to earn her undergraduate degree in four years, and wasn’t certain that study abroad was a possibility for her.

“Deciding to go pre-med, I didn’t think I was
going to be able to make it overseas, but due to the Organic Chemistry program, my dream became a reality,” she said.

Rainey said she learned about the program through friends, among them Sam Clancy, a letters major, who told her that studying organic chemistry in Italy was “one of the top three best things he has done at OU.”

“After having peers relay to me the impact and the environment at OU at Arezzo,” Rainey said, “I thought I would have to be crazy to not take advantage of this opportunity.”

She added, “Being in an environment where you have two phenomenal teachers dedicated to helping you succeed and develop, not only their specific subject but as an individual, makes this one of the best things I have done at OU. The friendships I have made and lessons I have learned are priceless, and I am forever grateful for having had this opportunity.”

Rainey ultimately plans to open clinics around the globe, and she said her exposure as a college student to another culture will help her to be more successful in that venture. Additionally, she said, the

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study abroad program “has inspired me to dive head-first into learning languages and has shown me the importance of being globally minded.”

Lemus and Rainey – and their peers pursuing degrees in the hard sciences – are a special focus for Elmore. “Part of my mission is to increase the number of students in the hard sciences who study abroad,” she explained. “Students in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math) are underrepresented in study abroad through U.S. universities. To help counter that trend, we have offered a unique program in Italy the past two summers: Organic Chemistry I, taught in conjunction with a Chemistry and Culture of Wine in Italy course (described above), in which the concepts taught in organic chemistry are directly related to how wine is made, soil chemistry, and so on.”

The chance to learn a subject from an accomplished professor, the opportunity to learn about another culture, and the development of lifelong friendships are among the rewards another Arts and Sciences student cited as outcomes of her study abroad experience.

Laura Shapiro, an economics major who participated in the college’s Economics in France program in Norman’s sister city of Clermont-Ferrand, said she had an “amazing opportunity” to take classes from the director of her department, Lex Holmes. “He is a really talented professor, and I couldn’t turn down the chance to take two classes with him that he doesn’t normally teach back in Norman,” she said.

Shapiro was enthusiastic about the program, which incorporated two courses, Economics 3113 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory and Economics 2843 Elements of Statistics, along with a free French language and culture class.

Kelly Damphousse and Keith Gaddie taught a class in Ireland about terrorism and the international community.
Study Abroad Travel Fund

The College of Arts and Sciences believes strongly in the value of a Study Abroad education and hopes that every student who wants to take advantage of these life-changing opportunities is able to do so. However, this is not the case. A recent survey of A&S students shows the No. 1 reason students don’t participate in Study Abroad courses is the cost. Since students are paying OU tuition rates, the main financial barriers are travel and housing costs. A&S is able to offer a limited number of travel/housing stipends to students, but the college is asking for your help to make sure no student is denied the opportunity to participate.

The Arts and Sciences Study Abroad Travel Fund has been established for those students who wish to apply to receive scholarships used for travel and/or housing costs. Preference will be given to students who have never participated in a Study Abroad program and those with demonstrated financial need. If you make a gift of $750 or more to this fund, a travel scholarship will be named for you or as you designate, and you will receive a letter from the student about their experience. Smaller gifts will be pooled to provide as many travel stipends as possible each year. Checks may be made payable to the OU Foundation. Please write “A&S Study Abroad Fund” in the memo line. You may mail checks to OU College of Arts and Sciences, Ellison Hall, 633 Elm Ave., Room 323, Norman, OK 73019-3118.

If you are interested in endowing a Study Abroad travel stipend, it may be established for as little as $15,000 and may be paid over several years. If you would like more information on this, please contact David Quirk at dquirk@ou.edu or (405) 325-3724. Thank you in advance for your support of our students. You are making a difference in their lives.

— David Quirk, director of development

“A combination of small classroom size, close professor interaction and a very intelligent group of students made the educational side of the program exceptional,” she said. “Taking two courses was rigorous and we worked hard, but we also really enjoyed ourselves and tried to become immersed in the culture. I loved continuing my experience with the French language, matched with activities like pastry-making, wine tasting and cheese sampling.” The experience, she said, greatly expanded her appreciation for different people and their ways of life.

Arts and Sciences summer study abroad programs are open to all students at OU, whatever their major (not just Arts and Sciences majors), and some are open to students enrolled at other Oklahoma universities and colleges as well. Costs vary according to the program and destination; in some cases, Elmore said, it actually costs less to study abroad for a semester than it would to live in Norman and take a full course load here. Financial assistance is available, ranging from President’s International Travel Fellowships to scholarships offered through private foundations or public institutions. Many students combine aid from a number of different sources.

“The most gratifying thing about these short-term programs is the number of students who go on them who have never been out of the USA,” Elmore said. “Some have never been on a plane or out of Oklahoma. When this new office and position were created, we hoped that these programs would reach many students who otherwise would not venture abroad, and that certainly appears to be the case.

“Students return from study abroad with a new outlook on life and their role in the world,” Elmore said. “By taking a chance, by going outside their comfort zones, they are profoundly changed. They return with a better understanding of who they are. They are more confident and insightful. You can’t put a price on that.”

For more information, including a complete listing of study abroad programs currently being offered in Europe, Asia and the Middle East through the OU College of Arts and Sciences, visit http://cas.ou.edu/study-abroad
When University of Oklahoma alumni reflect upon their favorite moments at OU, many remember nostalgically the roar of the crowd on a home game day, a stroll along the South Oval on a spring evening or the connections they made with fellow classmates. But for Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner and OU College of Arts and Sciences alumnus John Doak, OU made its most lasting impression in the classroom.

“Believe it or not, some of my favorite moments happened in class,” he says. “Former Gov. Henry Bellmon taught a few of my political science classes and he really perked my interest in politics. Former State Rep. Neal McCaleb also taught some of my classes and he got me interested in Oklahoma and national politics.”

A Tulsa native and a lifelong Sooner, Doak earned his bachelor’s degree in political science in 1988. He credits the university and the College of Arts and Sciences with putting him on the path to success. “OU is where I learned how to interact with people through the College of Arts and Sciences and the political science classes,” he says. “Those classes and my membership in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity provided a wonderful foundation for a successful career in insurance and later, public service.”

After some 20 years in the insurance industry on both local and national levels before being sworn in as Oklahoma’s 12th insurance commissioner in January 2011, Doak’s mission is to bring his experience in the industry to bear on the availability and quality of health care for Oklahomans.

“All Oklahomans want affordable, accessible, transparent health care,” Doak says. “That’s true for both metro Oklahomans and those in rural communities. It’s our goal to provide that and make sure Oklahoma has the most competitive insurance market in the nation. We want companies competing for consumers’ business with as much enhanced transparency as possible.”

And while Doak may have graduated a quarter-century ago, his relationship with the university did not end when he received his diploma. He recently collaborated with several different departments at OU on the National Tornado Preparedness Summit, a gathering to improve disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery from some of nature’s most deadly and damaging storms.

“It has been a distinct honor to partner with my alma mater on the National Tornado
Preparedness Summit,” Doak says, calling the summit “a tremendous success. More than 800 people from 26 different states came to Oklahoma to share ideas about tornado response. During the summit, 500 people toured the National Weather Center. I am so proud of my state and so proud to work with OU on an almost daily basis in the fight for consumers.”

Doak says that if he could offer any words of wisdom to upcoming College of Arts and Sciences graduates, it would be “Don’t give up.”

“Almost anything can be had in life if you’re willing to work for it,” he says. “Perseverance and hard work pay off. While you may not be in the top of your class, you’re getting a quality education at one of the best universities in the country. You’re also gaining valuable life experience. The circumstances in your life shape and mold you as a person. Learning how to handle adversity really begins during your college years. Use this time to find out what you’re truly interested in and follow your dreams.”
A&S Research Team
In Chemistry and Biochemistry Awarded

An A&S research team in Chemistry and Biochemistry has been awarded a five-year, $9.7 million National Institutes of Health grant to fund research that can lead to a greater understanding of human diseases and conditions associated with aging, osteoporosis, diabetes, bacterial and parasitic infections. The goal of the NIH grant is to increase the pace, competitiveness and success rate of structural biology research in Oklahoma.

“This is the first NIH CoBRE grant awarded to a research group on OU’s Norman campus, and the fact that the focus of this grant is on structural biology is significant,” said principal investigator Ann West, professor of chemistry and project director for the grant. “Structural biology lies at the intersection of many different areas of biological sciences and, thus, has the potential of impacting numerous biomedical fields.”

The CoBRE grant furthers the research activities and career development of four junior faculty under the direction of senior mentors while at the same time strengthening the OU research infrastructure. It supports the creation of statewide core facilities providing users access to shared instrumentation, staff support and training. And, it encourages the statewide promotion of structural biology through symposia, workshops, a seed grant program and core research facilities.

Previously selected junior faculty — two from the OU Norman campus and two from the OU Health Sciences Center campus — made an early contribution in the outcome of the grant award selection process by writing highly competitive research project proposals. The four junior faculty selected for CoBRE grant funding are Elizabeth A. Karr and Jana K. Shen, OU Norman, and Blaine H. Mooers and Augen A. Pioszak, OU Health Sciences Center.

On the OU Norman and OUHSC campuses, a number of research groups utilize a structural approach to study important biological macromolecules, in particular, proteins or nucleic acids that are promising targets for drug design. Because of the multidisciplinary nature of structural biology, the training of students, postdocs and researchers new to the field can be challenging. In addition, the instrumentation required for structural biology is both expensive and sophisticated. The NIH CoBRE award will provide significant resources for investigators at OU and throughout the state to pursue structure-based biomedical studies.

This award is supported by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health (Award No.P20GM103640).

Ann West’s lab received a $9.7 million grant to explore human diseases associated with aging, osteoporosis, diabetes, bacterial and parasitic infections. West and student Emily Kennedy demonstrate the equipment located in the lab.
College Students Recognized Nationally

This spring, the college announced one student was selected as a recipient of a Truman Scholarship, two students were named 2012 Goldwater Scholars and four students received Fulbright Grants.

Evan deFilippis of Colleyville, Texas, majoring in economics, political science and psychology with minors in African-American studies and mathematics, was named a Truman Scholar. He plans to study Swahili in Tanzania through the African Languages Initiative, sponsored by the National Security Education Program’s Boren Awards for International Study. He has listed Harvard University and Princeton University as his top choices for graduate studies, with plans to pursue a master’s degree in public administration and international development.

Adrian Lucy of Blue Bell, Pa., was named a Goldwater Scholar. A sophomore majoring in astrophysics and the history of science, he works with Karen M. Leighton in the Dodge Department of Physics and Astronomy as a research assistant. Lucy worked as an intern for the Undergraduate Student Research Program at NASA Goddard in the X-ray galaxies group with Ann E. Hornschemeier and Bret Lehmer.

Nathan Thomas of Dayton, Ohio, was named a Goldwater Scholar. He is pursuing a degree in biochemistry, working with Michael Ashby in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. This summer, Thomas participated in the Summer Undergraduate Research program at the OU Health Sciences Center.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship is awarded to college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in public service. It awards up to $30,000 toward graduate study, and undergraduates apply during their junior year.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program awards 282 scholarships. The one- and two-year scholarships cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of $7,500 per year.

The Fulbright Student Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, supports students for up to a year of research, coursework or teaching practicum in more than 155 countries around the world. It is designed to give recent graduates, graduate students and young professionals international experience.

Fulbright Scholars

Jacob “Jake” Rupert of Oklahoma City, who graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a bachelor of arts degree in European studies and a minor in German, will study wind energy policy in the United States and Germany under a research fellowship in Berlin.

Kimberle Davies of Tulsa, who graduated magna cum laude with dual degrees in international studies and interdisciplinary perspectives on the environment, will conduct research involving agriculture in the Republic of Malawi in southeast Africa.

Kara Underwood of Tulsa, who graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in anthropology and a minor in history, will serve in an English teaching assistantship in Malaysia.

Alexander Anand of Oxnard, Calif., who is earning dual degrees in Russian and East European studies, will serve in an English teaching assistantship in Russia.
Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards

College Names Distinguished Alumni, Honors Them at Kaleidoscope Evening

Four alumni were honored by the college, and more than $34,000 was raised for students at the annual Kaleidoscope Evening in February.

"There's Only One" was the theme for this year's Kaleidoscope Evening, and its gold and crimson décor reflected the pride in the university and the college.

Those honored during the evening were:
- Lester Claravall, master's degree in human relations;
- Ann Jennalie Cook, bachelor's and master's degree in English;
- John Danner, bachelor's degree in philosophy; and

Lester Claravall serves as the director of child labor for the Oklahoma Department of Labor. As a public servant for the department, he created partnerships, publications and programs to strengthen protection of working minors. While there, he developed the teen safety program "Paying Attention Pays." It received the Public Service Award from the United Nations Association of Greater Oklahoma City and the 2011 National Public Service Award from the American Society for Public Administration and the National Academy of Public Administration.

Ann Jennalie Cook graduated Phi Beta Kappa from OU and received the Letzeiser Medal for Outstanding Senior Woman. Since graduating from OU, Cook has served as a professor at Vanderbilt and a lecturer on Shakespeare. She is a Life Trustee of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust in Stratford-upon-Avon, the only U.S. citizen to hold that honor. She also has authored several books on Shakespeare.

John Danner serves as the chairman for Native American Communications and as the director for the International Association of Merchant Banks Investment Cos., IAMBIC Ltd. While at OU, he was a member of the President's Leadership Class and Senior Class President. Professionally, he has more than 40 years in public-private partnerships in business, government, nonprofits and Native American economic development. He has worked with several U.S. presidents, including Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford, Bill Clinton, George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush.

After graduating from OU, Stair served in the U.S. Air Force before joining the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory in Boston. He studied the Non-Local Thermodynamic Equilibrium in the upper atmosphere and became a branch chief within the laboratory and the scientific director for NLTE research on the atmosphere. This research continued through his career with the U.S. Air Force. Following his retirement, he became a consultant with the U.S. government, developing further studies of the atmosphere and creating joint programs for missile defense.

2013 Distinguished Alumni are Kyle McCarter – '67 BA in English; Angela Riley – '95 BA in Letters; Dr. Kenneth Gage – '63 MS and '87 PhD in Zoology; and Nancy Bates – '85 BA Public Admin and '87 MA in Sociology.

College Award Winners:

Carl Albert Outstanding Senior in the College of Arts and Sciences
- Dana Mohammad-Zadeh, Economics and International studies
- John H. and Jane M. Patten Teaching Award
- Daniela Garofalo, English
- Kinney-Sugg Outstanding Professor Award
- Amy Johnson, Communication
- Irene Rothbaum Outstanding Assistant Professor Award
- Jonathan Kujawa, Mathematics
- Longmire Prize for Teaching
- Rhonda Harris Taylor, Library and Information Studies

Outstanding Senior in the Social Sciences
- Ally Glavas

The Professor Thomas Jay Hill Outstanding Senior in the Natural Sciences
- Ganga Moorthy

The Thatcher Hoffman Smith Outstanding Senior in the Professional Programs
- Jennifer Light

The Rev. Dr. Henry P. Roberson Outstanding Senior in the Humanities
- Kimberlee Davies
Randall Hewes, Associate Professor and Chair of Biology

A new leader is breathing fresh life into OU Biology.

Since joining the Department of Biology (formerly known as the Department of Zoology) in 2001, Randall Hewes has become one of the College of Arts and Sciences’ most successful researchers and teachers. In 2011, he crowned a decade of achievements at OU by being named Chair of the department, ushering in a new era of leadership that aims to put OU Biology on the national map.

The first step, Hewes explains, was the crucial name change. “Over the several years preceding this, a strong consensus had developed among the faculty that the name of our department was obsolete and was placing OU at a competitive disadvantage nationally for the best faculty and students,” he says. “In particular, the fact that biology was not among the list of academic programs and majors at OU was confusing to new and prospective students … One of our greatest strengths as a department is the breadth of our expertise and the interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of the interactions that we have among faculty and students across different subfields of biology. Through this name change, we wanted to emphasize these strengths, and to de-emphasize a dated view of biology in which the categories of organisms are more important than modern scientific questions that often cross species boundaries.”

Hewes’ journey from amateur child-scientist to Chair of an academic department was a winding one, during which he contemplated many career possibilities. It turned out to be an off-campus marine biology program that proved to be instrumental in shaping his profession and eventually led him to the OU College of Arts and Sciences. Over the past 10 years, his research into how hormones affect long-term changes in the function of the nervous system has garnered some $2.4 million in funding from such prestigious sources the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (National Institutes of Health), the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology, and the American Cancer Society.

Of his research, Hewes explains, “Nervous systems have the capacity to change dramatically over the course of development or in response to environmental factors, injury or disease. However, there are limits to how much nervous systems can be modified, and this is readily seen following injuries to the brain or spinal cord. I would like to understand the cellular mechanisms that allow some nerve cells (e.g., spinal cord nerve cells in a very young mammal) to regenerate while others cannot (e.g., spinal cord neurons in an adult). My students and I are using the fruit fly, Drosophila melanogaster, to address these questions.”

While OU has provided the ideal environment in which Professor Hewes can pursue his professional goals, the university and the College of Arts and Sciences also have become home.

“I enjoy the people, the beautiful campus, and the continual interesting challenges of being a member of the faculty,” he says. “OU is a great place to be, and I am reminded of that on a daily basis.”

Two departments in the OU College of Arts and Sciences were approved for name changes: The Department of Botany and Microbiology is now the Department of Microbiology and Plant Biology. Their new website address is mpbio.ou.edu.

The Department of Zoology has changed its name to the Department of Biology. Their new website address is biology.ou.edu.
Center for Social Justice to Honor Forensic Human Rights Scientist

In 1985 in Brazil, a group of forensic scientists, including Oklahoma’s own Clyde Snow, closely examined a skull. In comparing it to medical documents from Nazi personnel files, the team soon announced that “Angel of Death” Joseph Mengele, infamous for his experiments in the Auschwitz death camp, was identified. He had died from a stroke while living in Brazil in hiding, and was quietly buried there.

This would not be the last time that Snow’s work would carry him down a bone-strewn path of killers and dictators. He would go on to investigate mass graves in the wake of regimes in Argentina, Bosnia, El Salvador, Guatemala and Iraq, identifying “The Disappeared” and setting up in-country teams to carry on the work. In the United States, Snow helps families of murder victims find peace by identifying their loved ones’ remains on behalf of police departments throughout the country; he even assisted authorities in Chicago to identify the victims of serial killer John Wayne Gacy.

“These people were murdered,” Snow said of his work. “Their bones are their only witnesses. Only we can help them to be heard.”

To honor Snow’s life and career, the OU Center for Social Justice announced the creation of the Clyde Snow Social Justice Award. Snow will be the first recipient of this award, which will carry on in his name to recognize those persons who bring to light the human side of human rights abuses.

“The plaque and monetary award aspire to shine a beacon of recognition on the work of those who receive it,” said Jill Irvine, director of the program.

The Center for Social Justice presented the inaugural award to Snow in May at a reception and banquet.

From left: Harvey Pratt, Jill Irvine, Clemencia Rodriguez, Clyde Snow, Lesley Rankin-Hill, Mercedes Doretti, Eric Stover
A&S Alumni BBQ Bash

The college made a day of it during Homecoming 2011 with the Leadership Scholars marching in the parade with Dean Bell and his wife, Terry, followed by the inaugural A&S Alumni BBQ Bash with delicious food from Rudy’s Country Store and Bar-B-Q.

Adrienne Jablonski, Christine Bird and Lauren Weaver prepare to throw candy along the parade route.

Ashley Edwards and David Quirk hand out free T-shirts to attendees.

Paul and Terry Bell representing the college.

Wayne Dabney and Harriet Archer

Fred and Caroline Gist with Leadership Scholar Rosemarie Zanabria
A&S Beat Texas Reception

Last fall, friends and family dropped by the beautiful Bar at Nana in the Hilton Anatole Hotel to enjoy some refreshments before a whirlwind weekend in Big D.

(See more Beat Texas pictures continued on the back cover.)
Kaleidoscope Evening
The annual fundraiser for the Leadership Scholars honored four distinguished alumni at the Embassy Suites.
1940s
Carolyn Huber Houser, '48 Home Economics, is still keeping active physically and mentally. She is a member of the YMCA and attends all of the OU Women’s basketball games.

1950s

Martha Beatman Mayer, '55 Home Economics/Child Development, and husband Glenn are the owners of Mindy Lu’s Pies, based out of Fort Worth, Texas. They recently moved their business to a new facility in Arlington, where they bake 10,000 to 12,000 pies a day. The dean’s office enjoyed sampling them. Many thanks to Mindy Lu’s!

1960s
Gil Caudill, '69 Spanish, recently published his second book about gifted children: Gifted Images. Caudill is a former Sams Club Regional Teacher of the Year, Campus Teacher of the Year and is listed in the ninth and 10th editions of Who’s Who Among American Teachers.

1990s
Stanton Gray, '91 Zoology, graduated from Oklahoma State University as a doctor of veterinary medicine. After, he practiced in small animal medicine in Eugene, Ore., and Los Altos, Calif. He did his residency in comparative medicine at SUNY Buffalo, a postdoctoral fellowship in comparative medicine at Wake Forest University and received his Ph.D. in molecular pathology at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He was a staff veterinarian and research fellow at Bowman Gray Campus for WFUSM and now is assistant director of the Division of Animal Resources at the Oregon national Primate Research Center and assistant professor of comparative medicine at Oregon Health and Sciences University. He looks forward to visiting family, including his daughter, in Oklahoma several times a year. He also visits Dr. Jim Thompson, “who was instrumental in fostering my interest in genetics research. I also run the Oklahoma Memorial Marathon each year.”

Sandra Benischek Harrison, '93 MPA, has been named chief administrative officer of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

Victor Ingurgio, '97 MS and '99 PhD in Experimental Psychology, is the vice president of human factors research and development for MESH Solutions, an LLC of D&SCI in Orlando, Fla. He also continues his position as an adjunct assistant professor for OU’s College of Liberal Studies’ online degree program.

Jeff McGary, '95, BA Communication, received his Ph.D. in media studies from the European Graduate School in Saas-Fee, Switzerland, in June. He currently is a professor at the Los Angeles Film School in Hollywood, Calif.

2000s
Erin Chernak Bowen, '03 Psychology, is an assistant professor of technology leadership and innovation at Purdue University, focusing on human factors and advanced statistical data analysis in high-technology industries. Since receiving her Ph.D. in industrial/organizational psychology in 2008 from St. Louis University, she has conducted research with the Federal Aviation Administration and others on the role of human behavior and attitudes in aviation. Erin and her husband, Brent Bowen, are already teaching son Collin Boomer Sooner!


Robin Ewing, '01 MLIS, is the 2011 president of the Minnesota Library Association. She is the access services coordinator and associate professor at the St. Cloud State University library.
**Priscilla Forehand, ’07 English,** has been working as office manager for the Traditions Spirits Corporate Office in Norman, Okla., for the past two and a half years.

**Matthew Gilbert, ’05 HES,** became a chiropractor and opened the Back N Body Chiropractic Clinic in Lewisville, Texas, with his wife, Rachael.

**Vivian Glore, ’00 MHR,** retired after 21 years at OU. She served as assistant dean for alumni affairs/community relations in the College of Public Health at the OU Health Sciences Center as her final appointment, but her time as director of outreach for the College of Arts and Sciences (1998-2005) were among her most memorable years. “My husband, Steve, and I are looking forward to more travel, golf, and time with family and friends. Boomer Sooner!”

**Rachael Goldner Gilbert, ’06 HES,** opened the Back N Body Chiropractic with her husband, Matthew. She also teaches group fitness for Medifit and 24Hour Fitness.

**Brad McMullan, ’02 Communication,** was named Executive of the Year by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce. The two-time Emmy Award winner is the CEO of bfac.com and TextingLeader.com.

**David Moran, ’09 Mathematics and Meteorology,** works as a meteorologist and market researcher for Weather Decision Technologies.

**Joan Crenshaw Nesbitt, ’08 MA Organizational Dynamics,** was named vice chancellor for University Advancement to Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo. Before moving to Missouri, she worked as vice president for institutional advancement at the University of Tulsa.

**Rory Patterson, ’00 LIS,** was promoted from assistant to associate librarian at the Liberty University Library, Lynchburg, Va. “As a Reference and Instruction Librarian, he plays a crucial role in our public services, serving on the Reference Desk, teaching information literacy in the classroom, and creating online tutorials to serve our residential and distant students,” states the Library’s Promotion Committee. Patterson also serves on the Board of the Association of Christian Librarians.

**Adam Shisler, ’06 Biomedical Sciences,** graduated from dental school at the University of Texas School of Dentistry in Houston, and accepted a pediatric dentistry residency at the University of Texas School of Dentistry in Houston.

**Joshua Wesneski, ’11 English,** is attending Cornell Law School in Ithaca, N.Y.

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Calvin Dale Ahlbrandt, '68 PhD Mathematics, died May 2 in Columbia, Mo. Following graduation, he became a mathematics professor at the University of Missouri, beginning in 1968 and retiring in 2001.

Frances Laverne Carroll, professor emerita of library science, died June 4 in Norman, Okla. She received her BS in education from Kansas State Teachers College, her MA in library science at the University of Colorado and her PhD in higher education from OU. She joined the faculty at OU in 1962 to teach in the School of Library and Information Sciences and served as acting director from 1974-75, retiring in 1986.

Gwenn Davis, professor emerita of English, died Oct. 14, 2011, in Norman, Okla. Davis attended Wellesley College and received a BA in English and history, her MA from St. Anne’s College, Oxford University, and her PhD in English from the University of Michigan. She served as assistant dean in the OU Graduate College and director of the Honor Program. She was a founding member of the Women’s Studies Program.

Phil Haddock, '34 BS Zoology, died Oct. 16, 2011, in his Norman home at the age of 99. Haddock received his undergraduate degree from OU, and then MD from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. He and his brother Jim opened a medical practice in Norman in 1940.

Ernest Leon Little, '66 PhD Psychology, died April 16 in Norman. He worked as a clinical psychologist in the State of Oklahoma Department of Corrections, working with the Lexington Correctional Facility.

Rose Embly McCoy, '63 PhD Psychology, died Oct. 4, 2011, at her daughter’s home in Hampton, Va. McCoy was active in the civil rights movement with her husband A.H. McCoy. McCoy founded Jackson State's Department of Educational Psychology in the mid-1960s.

Dragan Milivojevic, emeritus professor of modern languages, died Feb. 24 in Norman, Okla. Born in Serbia, Milivojevic defected from Yugoslavia in 1951 to Canada. He received a doctorate in linguistics from the University of Texas at Austin, and taught Russian, linguistics and allied subjects at OU.

Lahoma Kerr Nelson, '44 BA English, died Oct. 19, 2011. Following graduation from OU, she taught English at the Tohatchi Navajo Reservation School. Nelson returned to Norman, and was one of the first female officers of the Norman Police Department. In 1977, she established Safety Town, which is a staple in Norman for kindergarten and first-grade students.

Gary Wayne Pullin, '74 BS Mathematics, died Dec. 15, 2011, in Dallas. While at OU, Pullin was a member of the President’s Leadership Class and was elected to the Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society. He was Big Man on Campus, a member of Pe-Et and earned a Gold Letseizer Award. He graduated from the OU College of Law and practiced in Texas.
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