

Good News

- The University of Missouri, Rolla, has offered Daniel Freno (Oklahoma City) a merit scholarship in the amount of \$10,750 per year.

Engineer/Musician Lectures

Dr. Scott Douglas of Southern Methodist University was the speaker this week at *OSSM Wednesday*. The title of Dr. Douglas' lecture was *Engineering and Music*, and he delighted students and faculty with demonstrations of how computer enhancement can alter the sounds created by performing artists with instruments and voice. Dr. Douglas is himself a talented saxophone musician and singer, as well an engineering professor at SMU. He urged student musicians to continue to hone their talents throughout their academic careers and into their professional lives.

Dr. Douglas received his BS, MS, and PhD degrees in electrical engineering from Stanford University. He joined the School of Engineering at Southern Methodist as an associate professor in 1998. He has published two books, six book chapters, and over 130 papers in journals and conference proceedings in the areas of acoustics, adaptive systems, and signal processing.

Dr. Douglas is currently Associate Director for the Institute of Engineering Education at SMU and a key contributor to the Infinity Project, a national effort among educational leaders, corporate sponsors, and government agencies to incorporate engineering into high school curriculum across the United States.

(Note: SMU's recruiter will be visiting campus next Wednesday, November 17.)

Eye on Sports

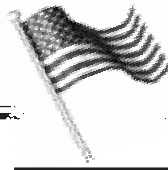
from Coach Armstrong

Congratulations to the young women who won the championships in the girls flag football playoffs:

Monday/Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. class: Sara Radke's (Edmond, '05) team of Shelbi Tapper (Hydro, '06), Ashley Keeling (Stratford, '05), Kierston Willoby (Eufaula, '06), and Blaine Riggs (Watonga, '05);

Tuesday/Thursday, 4:30 p.m. class: Rebecca Porter's (Oklahoma City, '05) team of Katie Weston (Sulphur, '06), Jenny Rooth (Shawnee, '06), Kadi Walker (Duncan, '06), Loan Vu (Oklahoma City, '06), Mary Moon (Alex, '05), Destiny Smith-Stout (Blackwell, '05), and Aubrey Fike (Glenpool, '05);

Tuesday/Thursday, 5:15 p.m. class: Morgan Thompson's (Roff, '05) team of Shirlene Samuel (Oklahoma City, '05) and Mary Anne Peters (Purcell, '05).



From the Dean of Students

(and resident meteorologist)

Beginning with the return to school from Thanksgiving break, parts of our state are bound to experience some wintry weather, bringing hazards for all drivers, but especially for teens who have limited driving experience. Never let your student drive on ice or in freezing rain in an attempt to return to school on time after a weekend. Have a backup plan. Cancel or reschedule a trip when hazardous weather is in the forecast.

Remind your student not to speed trying to make up for time lost due to weather delays. If your child is running late, call the dorm and let us know when to expect him or her. We would rather have a student spend an extra day at home than risk an accident. Check the weather channel on weekends when trips between home and school are planned.

Also . . . it can be a very cold walk between buildings here on campus on chilly, windy days. We see many students making those walks with no overcoats, or even sweatshirts! Please be sure when your student returns from Thanksgiving break that he or she has appropriate cold weather apparel.

PAOSSM

(www.paossm.org)

PAOSSM meeting schedule for the rest of the year:
January 17, 2005 (Monday after extended weekend)
February 21, 2005 (Monday after extended weekend)
March 20, 2005 (Sunday after spring break)
April 19, 2005 (Tuesday after extended weekend)
May, 2005, officer meeting (TBA) to plan the interim budget for the 2005-2006 school year and take over new officer duties.

PAOSSM will provide support for all seniors and any interested juniors to view the *Millet to Matisse* impressionist exhibit on Sunday, November 14, at the Oklahoma City Art Museum. There will be two tours: one leaving campus at 12:30 p.m. and the other at 2:00 p.m. We need a few parents to accompany each group. If you are interested, contact Ruth or Ed Eckenstein at paossm@ecktec.com, or call 405/721-0685. Admission is free for parents.



The Biology Faculty

Dr. Ann Dell has been teaching biology at OSSM since 1991. This year she will instruct Biochemistry and continue in her role of Mentorship Coordinator. She has also taught Molecular and Cell Biology, General Biology, Genetics, and Chemistry II. As Mentorship Coordinator, Dr. Dell not only arranges mentorships for students, matching their desired field of study with professionals in the scientific and medical community, she also transports the students herself, or makes arrangements for their transportation. This semester, 32 students are involved in mentorships - eleven of which are in-house projects with Drs. Rahman, Bachmann, Post, Rudra, Johnston, Kish, and Wang.

Dr. Dell received her BA in French and her PhD in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of Oklahoma. Before coming to teach at OSSM, she did postdoctoral studies in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation in cardiovascular biology.

Dr. Dell and her attorney husband, Brian, have three grown children and five grandchildren. Dr. Dell's daughter-in-law, Dr. Margie Dones Dell, was a member of OSSM's Inaugural Faculty and taught biology classes here until she married Dr. Dell's son Louis, and moved to Burbank, California. The Dells live in the historic Mesta Park section of Oklahoma City where she has served on the neighborhood board of directors. She enjoys her leisure time with organic gardening, sewing, movies and reading. And, those who have enjoyed the treats she occasionally brings to school, will attest to the fact that she is a very talented culinary artist!

Dr. Mark Y. Li is teaching Endocrinology and Human Anatomy & Physiology this semester. Since he joined the OSSM faculty in 1994, he has also taught General Biology and Embriology. Dr. Li has a PhD and MS in physiology from Iowa State University, and a BS/DMV from Guangxi University in China. Last summer Dr. Li taught a human physiology course for students with health-related majors at OU-Norman as an adjunct lecturer.

Dr. Li is one of OSSM's residential faculty (third floor boys), living in the dormitory with his wife Sherry and son Brian who is in the 7th grade at the Classen School of Advanced Studies in Oklahoma City. Dr. Li stays in shape with regular workout sessions, jogging on the campus's soccer field and playing basketball at school's gym. He can often be found in the basement of the dormitory participating in a spirited game of ping pong, where he defeats his opponent more often than not! Dr. Li is also helping a number of students who are interested in learning the Chinese language. In his spare time, Dr. Li enjoys listening to radio, from NPR and VOA to AM talk shows. He sometimes can be found in the middle of energetic discussions on politics

Dr. Peter Kish joined the OSSM faculty in the fall of 2000. Dr. Kish has a BS from Albright College and an MA from Central Connecticut State University. Last year he earned his PhD in environmental science at Oklahoma State University. This semester Dr. Kish is teaching Genetics, Vertebrate Zoology, and Botany. Dr. Kish commutes from Weatherford where his wife, Carol, is house supervisor at Integris, Clinton. Dr. Kish's daughter Emily is in the OSSM Class of 2005. When he has spare time, Dr. Kish works on his coin collection and plays amateur soccer. He also enjoys listening to classic rock with favorite artists such as Eric Clapton, Bruce Springsteen and reading historical works. At this time he is finishing the biography of Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow (Dr. Kish reports that Alexander Hamilton had some ideas about banking that is just now being started). He enjoys any book on the Civil War and the history of science. Dr. and Mrs. Kish have a son Peter who is in eighth grade in Weatherford and they have been active as soccer coaches and actively involved in Boy Scouts. At this time Dr. Kish is still trying to get the weeds out of his flower beds.



Studying continues . . . even during a cookie break!

Thank you to Otis Chodosh (Edmond, '06), Katie Weston (Sulphur, '06), BranDee Weese (Choctaw, '06), and Adam Dixon (Bartlesville, '05) for helping when prospective students and their parents visited this week.

A **BIG** thanks to PAOSSM for providing cookies and to parents Jacci and David Freno, Jerry Burger, and Peter Kish for serving the treats for the surprise **COOKIE DAY** for students on Thursday afternoon.