



### Good News

- Emily Kish (Weatherford) has been admitted to Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania.

### Counselor's Corner

**Southern Nazarene University** will visit campus on October 26th.

**Illinois Institute of Technology**, November 8

**Creighton University**, November 9

The **Rice University** representative will be here the Monday afternoon of the next extended weekend (November 1). *Students who are interested in meeting with her will have to return to campus by 4:00 p.m.*

### Thank you to . . .

. . . Aniq Rahman (Norman, '05), Tracy Bernard (Norman, '05), and Michael Liang (Tulsa, '05) for speaking at *OSSM Wednesday* about their summer research at Baylor University;

. . . to Dr. Kurt Bachmann for opening the assembly with a piano solo;

. . . and, (from Ms. Donnolo) to all the students who helped in the Admissions Department this week. Seniors Blaine Riggs (Watonga) and Preston Cofield (Oklahoma City) along with juniors Afsaneh Talai (Norman), Christian Clanton (Guthrie), Jennifer Li (Edmond), Nusaybah Khan (Edmond), Geraint Harris (Burns Flat), Ryan Fowler (Glenpool), Tuan Tran (Oklahoma City), Sarah Copley (Marlow), and BranDee Weese (Choctaw) helped prepare packets for this Saturday's Open House.

The following students allowed themselves to be shadowed this week: senior David Eyster (Ponca City), and juniors Jennifer Li, Jenny Rooth (Shawnee), Nozlee Samadzadeh (Stillwater), Luke Nowlin (Grove), Katie Southard (Ponca City), Morgan Boes (Owasso), Ryan Fowler, Amber Loftis (Bartlesville), Krista Owen (Achille), Zoheb Hajiyani (Anakarko), Lucy Liu (Edmond), Patrick Versteeg (Cheyenne), Jordan Yozzo (Tulsa), and Becky McMillan (Tulsa).

Eric Beaver (Checotah, '06), Justin Buchanan (Norman, '06), Otis Chodosh (Edmond, '06), and Katie Barthel (Shawnee, '05) gave campus tours to visitors.



Daniel Brigance (Poteau, '05) deserves a gold star for having (so far) the most yearbook sponsors. He and his family have found six individuals or businesses to sponsor him. Other students with more than one sponsor are Daniel Freno (Oklahoma City, '05), Brett Manning (Oklahoma City, '05), Rebecca Porter (Oklahoma City, '05), Brandon Barnes (Lawton, '06), Morgan Boes (Owasso, '06), Geraint Harris (Burns Flat, '06), and Amber Shipman (Glenpool, '06).

### PAOSSM NEWS

#### Start your holiday shopping now!

The Parents Association will have memorabilia available for sale in the Great Hall on Monday, November 1, when students return from extended weekend. The sale will take place from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

There will be a PAOSSM meeting in the Kirkpatrick Auditorium in Lincoln School at 6:00 that evening.

### Shorn for a Cause

Emily Kish (Weatherford, '05) says she had been playing with the idea of cutting her hair ever since reading *Bernice Bobs Her Hair* by F. Scott Fitzgerald in Dr. Dodd's American Literature class. When students attended *Thoroughly Modern Millie* last week, she considered the idea again. Her parents were behind her one-hundred percent, and her dad, she said, "even offered to do the deed himself!"

Emily had heard about a charity called *Locks of Love*, that takes donated hair and turns it into hairpieces for children who have lost their hair due to illness. She said that they do not take payment for their wigs, but do sell a few to adults to cover the cost of the hairpieces for children. Each piece is custom made for the child or adult who will wear it.

"I printed off a form from the website," said Emily, "and told the girl who cuts my hair that I wanted to donate, and needed ten inches cut off in a ponytail. That's exactly what she did.

"Because of *Locks of Love*, I have a new hair cut. Someone else will too."

### Eye on Sports

from Coach Armstrong

Each year the Physical Education Department conducts a nationally standardized test for fitness. We keep track of records for each event and this year we had five new OSSM records set. Jennifer Li (Edmond, '06) did 76 curl-ups in one minute; Tracy Bernard (Norman, '05) did 57 centimeters in the sit and reach exercise, and ran one mile in 6:57; Ahn Tran (Oklahoma City, '06) did 54 centimeters in the sit and reach exercise; and Zoheb Hajiyani (Anadarko, '06) ran one mile in 5:52.

Students who score at or above the 85 percentile in each event are recognized with a Presidential Fitness Award. Congratulations to Emily Dyer (Shawnee, '05), and Jennifer Li for winning this award.

Students who score at or above the 50 percentile in each event receive a National Fitness Award. OSSM had 19 in this category: seniors Tracy Bernard, Jason Chen (Edmond), Chris Crowe (Ardmore), Daniel Freno (Oklahoma City), Ross Hallren (Fairview), Robert Haussman (Harrah), Brian Lee (Muskogee), Aggie Malatynzsky (Edmond), Mary Ann Peters (Purcell), James Phan (Moore), Fozoh Saliki (Stillwater), Daku Siewe (Stillwater), Katharine Stroukoff (Stillwater), and Mustafa Zorlu (Oklahoma City); and juniors Otis Chodosh (Edmond), Christian Clanton (Guthrie), Daniel Graham (Oklahoma City), Zoheb Hajiyani, and Joy Lomheim (Newalla).

### Happy Birthday to:

Benjamin Williams      October 26



# The Humanities Faculty

**Dr. Dorothy Dodd**, a member of OSSM's Inaugural Faculty, is Chairman of the Humanities Department and Coordinator of OSSM's Fine Arts Program. She grew up in the Houston area, and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Texas. She still wears her UT shirt on the Friday before every OU/Texas game, just to irk the rest of us! Dr. Dodd received a Masters of Arts at the University of Washington, and an Ed.D. at New York University. She teaches American Literature to your juniors, and is responsible for securing the many talented artists who come to OSSM each semester to work with your students, or to entertain them. She is the person responsible for acquiring theater and concert tickets for OSSM students.

Prior to joining the OSSM faculty, Dr. Dodd taught at the University of Texas, Illinois State University, Teachers College of Columbia, teaching education classes that were tied to theater and literature. Her next assignment was Executive Director of the Austin Women's Center. She came to Oklahoma to head up the Arts for the Handicapped Program for the state and became the Director of Gifted and Talented Education for the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Dr. Dodd is the "mother" of OSSM's unofficial mascots, Hanna, a Jack Russell Terrier, and Fred, a Westie. She shares a house in an historic part of Oklahoma City with OSSM's Director of Admissions, Suzanne Donnolo, and the two spend a great deal of time remodeling and redecorating their home, and taking care of their beautiful garden.

Dr. Dodd is an avid reader — she can almost always be found with a book in her hand — and loves live theater and movies. We are especially glad to have Dr. Dodd teaching this semester. Last summer she was diagnosed with breast cancer, and underwent surgery in September. She is undergoing treatments to insure a full recovery, and is feeling well enough to continue her teaching responsibilities.

**Dr. Jay Miller** began teaching at OSSM in the fall of 2002, when Dr. Manning hired him to teach composition (writing lab) to juniors and seniors. This year, Dr. Miller has taken on the challenge of teaching World Literature to all the seniors and of gradually expanding the curriculum to include a sampling of literature from across the globe.

Dr. Miller grew up in Seattle, where he earned an Associate of Arts degree from North Seattle Community College and a B.A. in English from Seattle Pacific University. He earned an M.A. in English from Baylor University and a Ph.D. from Wayne State University. Between 1995 and 2002 he taught courses in composition and literature at Wayne State. Dr. Miller's doctoral dissertation, which analyzes the unpublished 1938 autobiography of labor activist and novelist William E. Trautmann, is under consideration for publication. Trautmann was the founder of a labor union, the Industrial Workers of the World.

Dr. Miller has managed to weave into his academic endeavors his background in manufacturing. He has been a line worker, a material handler, a welder's helper, and a shipping/receiving clerk. This experience has influenced his approach to teaching and writing as he specializes in Progressive Era labor history and literature. In his spare time, Dr. Miller works out regularly and listens to 60s music. He considers the explicit idealism in the lyrics as unfinished business. His favorite hobby is the pursuit of leisure.



## Summer in Japan

by Sarah Radke

This summer, I embarked on a new and inspiring journey to Shizuoka, Japan. Once there, I lived with a host family and got to learn the traditions of a culture opposite to my own. I attended high school with my 16 year old host sister, Asami Sera, where I sat in on a variety of courses from mathematics to economics. I enjoyed many after school activities such as playing soccer, going to the beach, and going to tea ceremonies. While I was in Japan, I also had the chance to visit Mt. Fuji, the Otodome Falls, and Tokyo. The exchange opened my eyes to a diverse and stimulating culture.

One of the hardest things to adjust to was the time difference; not only between Oklahoma and Shizuoka, but also the time I got up and went to sleep. My host family and I woke early, around 5:30 in the morning, and did not retire to our separate bedrooms until eleven to twelve at night. I never got used to waking up that early, but it got a little bit more bearable as time went on. The time of day in which I was up and active was not the only thing I had to adjust to; the food was also dissimilar from the fried chicken and baked beans I was used to.

The first night I was in Shizuoka, my host mom made tempura, fried shrimp and eggplant; the eggplant was from the garden in the backyard. I had had tempura in America, but it had a different flavor and zest in Japan - although my excitement made everything better while I was there. Adjusting to their eating habits was not hard; they eat more, but it's mostly all healthy foods. The radically different thing for me was that they hardly drink anything at the meals; I often found myself dry-mouthed and trying hard to remember how to ask for more tea in Japanese.

Japanese, a language that is actually a combination of three written dialects and one spoken dialect, was my biggest challenge. I left the United States with little knowledge of the Japanese language and even less confidence in my ability to speak what I did know correctly. To my surprise, I picked up certain phrases faster than I expected to; this made getting around on my own or in small groups with the Japanese students a little less stressful. Most students at the high school I attended were adamant and excited about learning English or "English" as they pronounced it. Most of them carried around hand-held Casio Japanese-English dictionaries for quick translations and homework assignments. That little piece of equipment got much more use than my paperback dictionaries while I was there.

The students and I used other things besides language to communicate and learn about each other. Soccer was the best translator outside of school. It enabled me to become part of their team and one of them while I was there. The students, teachers, and my host family included me in everything they did, and tried to help me feel as at home and comfortable as possible. Japan was an experience I never expected to have and one I will never forget.