

Good Stuff

School of Education & Behavioral Sciences



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To think is easy. To act is hard. But the hardest thing in the world is to act in accordance with your thinking.
—Goethe

Health & PE

Mr. Joel Dering attended the Eighth Annual Sooner Sports Medicine Symposium titled “The Medicine of Sport”. The conference was held Friday, January 11, on the University of Oklahoma, Norman campus. Mr. Dering also participated in the Second Annual Rodeo Medicine Conference in Oklahoma City on January 17 and 18.



Way to go: To Mr. Joe Jones for his incredible dedication to his students and staff. Mr. Jones consistently advocates for his team and reminds us all of why we’re really here: “It’s about our students and making sure they are getting the best education & instruction we can give them.”

Near Capacity Crowd: Classes in the Health & PE department are full or nearly full.

Education

Ms. Debbie Stoll received a \$500 Service Learning Incentive grant from the Oklahoma Campus Compact.

Dr. Jennifer Holloway’s review of the book Letters to a Young Teacher, by Jonathan Kozol was published in December 2007 in Education Review: A Journal of Book Reviews. Access Dr. Holloway’s review online at: <http://edrev.asu.edu/brief/dec07.html#7>

Dr. Lynda Robinson has published a review of Don’t Speed—Read! 12 Steps to Smart

and Sensible Fluency, by M. Opitz. View the review online at: <http://edrev.asu.edu/brief/index.html> The book is also on Dr. Robinson’s shelf!



Meeting the Challenge: Steady progress continues as the department prepares for the NCATE Board of Examiners pre-visit on February 18-19, 2008.

Psychology & Human Ecology



Meeting of the Minds:

Recent collaborative efforts by students and faculty from the CU Department of Psychology and Human Ecology were presented at the Oklahoma Academy of Science meeting in Tulsa.

Mentored by Dr. Mary Dzindolet, McNair Scholar Jessica Hackett presented *What Do College Students Know About Social Rejection?* Also, graduate student, Megan Stewart, read *The Ideal Man and Woman, According to University Students*, a paper describing research performed by Dr. Lawrence Weinstein and Dr. Antonio Laverghetta.

Congratulations to the following Human Ecology students. They have each been awarded the Clothide Fulbright Crawford Scholarship for the spring 2008 semester.

Amanda Dudkowski Kenona Southwell
Michelle Jones Sherry Willis
Kathryn Ragaglia

“A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worthwhile.”

—Herm Albright



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Do you have something positive to share with your colleagues?

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Student Spotlight:

Vinetta Stanton

Vinetta Stanton is an undergraduate student assistant in the Dean's Office. Recently she has focused her time on assisting with the organization of the NCATE project. Vinetta shared her answers to the following questions:

Q. What's the most interesting thing you've learned since starting college?

A. *Be kind to everyone you meet, because you never know when you might need something from them.*

Q. What is your favorite board game?

A. *Taboo*

Q. If your dream job started tomorrow, what would it be?

A. *To work for the UN*



"Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can!'" Then get busy and find out how to do it.
—Theodore Roosevelt

Faculty Spotlight: Sherry Reynolds

Sherry Reynolds is an assistant professor in the Department of Education and holds degrees from Northeastern Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma State University where she earned her doctorate. She is proud of her children and her students. Dr. Reynolds was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma and currently resides in Medicine Park where she enjoys walking, visiting with neighbors and reading.

Dr. Reynolds graciously answered questions for this month's faculty spotlight.

Q. Who were your influences when you were a college student?

A. *My mother and my friends as an undergraduate. My advisor, Dr. Warren McKinney inspired me in my doctoral program.*

Q. What is your favorite book from childhood?

A. *It's hard to remember, it's been so long and I read a lot when I was a child. I enjoyed biographies and classics and a lot of books that aren't even in print any more. I do remember reading Charlotte's Web.*

Q. If you were a crayon, what color would you be?

A. *Blue*

Q. If there were no restrictions, where would you travel on your next vacation?

A. *Australia (I would like to see friends and how much it has changed in 30 years).*

Q. What makes you laugh out loud?

A. *Lots of things! I like to laugh and I like to hear other people laugh. Making someone else laugh makes me happy.*

Q. Do you have any advice or a favorite quote you'd like to share?

A. *We should spend our time trying to make the world a better place. If we can try each day to just make one minute of someone else's life better – then our own lives improve.*

