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Welcome to UCO

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College of Education and Professional Studies

Dean's Message

Dear Colleague,

We take great pride in the many accomplishments of our students, staff, and faculty members, many of which are outlined in this issue of *The Tower*. The level at which our faculty and staff are engaging students in transformative learning activities is impressive and will serve our students well into their professional careers and lives.

Dr. Phil Ball and Dr. Janet White were both important members of our college and campus family. Their passing leaves us with a sense of great sadness, but with hope in the legacy they have left. We are grateful for their many contributions to our work and look forward to the assistance the scholarships created in their memory will provide for students in the future.

The first-page feature on our Teaching English as a Second Language program provides a glimpse of some of the important work being done to assist children and families in our community and the state. On February 27 and 28 we hosted the 26th Annual Multicultural Institute on our campus.

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“SEEDS” of Success

Dr. April Haulman, Curriculum and Instruction, pictured center, has been working with English language learners (ELLs) in Oklahoma since 1974. She was the first secondary “traveling bilingual teacher,” in Oklahoma City. As a 26-year member of UCO’s faculty, Dr. Haulman created and is director of the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) program at UCO.

Her current project is a five-year, \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the SEEDS (Supporting Excellent Education for Diverse Students) Project. The project began in the Fall, 2007 semester, and enhances the training of teachers who work with English language learners in the schools. Forty faculty members will receive in-depth English Language Learner (ELL) support training through the grant, impacting more than 200 pre-service teachers. In addition, 40 secondary teachers in the OKC metropolitan area will receive the training. Her current faculty cohort is the Curriculum and Instruction department; faculty members who teach the future teachers.

“We’re trying to shift the perception so that teach-



L to R: Regina Lopez, Coordinator of SEEDS, Dr. April Haulman, Director, Ms. Susan Popplewell. Faculty member.

ers won’t be so intimidated about teaching ELL students,” Dr. Haulman said. “The highest turnover of teachers is in inner-city schools, where the ELL students are often concentrated.”

Regina Lopez, pictured at left, has been with the program since 2000, and Susan Popplewell, at right, started as a full-time faculty member in the project in Fall, 2008.

Two cohorts of 20 graduate students each participate in the project. The focus of this part of the project is secondary content area teachers. They take one course per semester at the Downtown Consortium, and are expected to receive a Master’s degree in TESL by the end of the grant

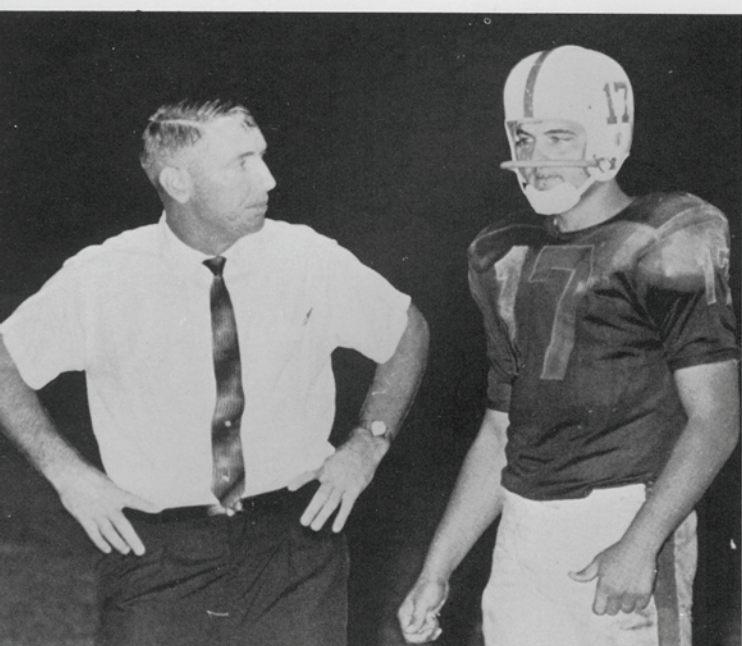
project.

In addition to the 40-student cohort and faculty cohorts, the SEEDS grant provides funding to bring speakers to the university, funds to purchase project materials, and registration costs for the faculty and teacher cohort to attend professional development conferences like the Annual Multicultural Institute.

Dr. Haulman has received other grants from the U.S. Department of Education to help teachers and benefit English language learners, including two in 2000 for \$1.8 million. For more information about the project, please contact Regina Lopez, rlopez@uco.edu, Susan Popplewell, spopplewell@uco.edu, or Dr. Haulman, ahaulman@uco.edu.

In Memory of Phil Ball (1925–2008)

Funeral services for Phil Ball, Ph.D., were Saturday, Nov. 22, at Edmond's First United Methodist Church. He died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008.



Head Coach Phil Ball, 1964, and quarterback Berney Keszler.

Ball was head football coach at Central from 1964–1976, compiling an, 82-46-6 record during his 13-year tenure for a .634 winning percentage. He coached 51 All-Conference players and nine All-Americans in his career. Ball led the Bronchos to nine winning seasons, including six with at least seven wins. His best season was in 1972 when UCO went 9-2 to capture the Oklahoma intercollegiate Conference championship and qualify for the NAIA national playoffs. He taught at the university until his retirement in 1993, and was inducted into the UCO Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

Phillip Roy Ball was born October 19, 1925 to Frank C. and Sara Nee Allen Ball. He attended grade school in the West Point community southwest of Yukon, Oklahoma. He then attended Yukon High School, where he was very active in athletics and drama, graduating in 1943. He enlisted before graduation and was inducted in the U.S. Navy immediately thereafter. He was in the V-12 and NROTC officers' training program and was commissioned in 1945. His service duty included submarine patrol, light cruiser gunnery officer and landing craft. He married his high school sweetheart, Lois Virginia Gramkow on the day of his commissioning. Following discharge from the Navy, he returned to the University of South Carolina, where he received B.S., B.A. and M.ED degrees with ODK honor. He played six years of college football counting his time in the service and received All-Conference and All-American recognition while playing.

He and Lois had two children, Donna and Keith. The family returned to Oklahoma and Phil began a 15-year career as a high school coach and mathematics teacher. He had very successful teams at Wewoka, Walters, Seminole, and Muskogee high schools. He coached two State Championship football teams, had numerous all-state athletes and many who became college athletes. He was an outstanding advanced math teacher and was twice selected to represent Oklahoma high schools in Summer Math Institutes.

In 1964, Phil became the head football coach at Central State College (now University of Central Oklahoma) and coached through the 1976 season. During that time he coached 26 players who made All-American one or more times, and three players who were NFL draft choices, as well as three players being later named Distinguished Former Students at UCO. He taught in the Health and Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Department.

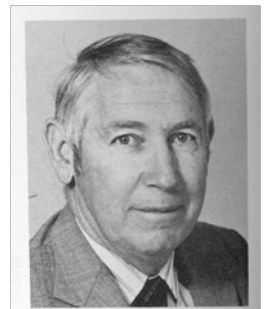
Upon retiring from coaching, he completed his doctoral degree at Oklahoma State University. He taught until his retirement in 1993, specializing in Exercise Physiology and Coaching Preparation. He was an active church member throughout his life and a member of the Edmond First Methodist Church since 1964. During those years he was a teacher of the Fellowship Class and was at one time President of the Wesley Foundation Board.

Coaching honors included being selected to the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame, High School Coach of the Year, and Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year. He served as President of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Football Coaches and was a presenter at various coaching clinics.

In his teaching field, he served as President of OAHPERD and was selected to its Hall of Honor and served on several Southern District OAHPERD committees.

Following retirement he devoted time and energy to volunteer work including the ERM Hospital Auxiliary, Mobile Meals, Breakfast on Boulevard and the Coffee Creek Riding Academy. He was extremely proud of his and Lois's children and grandchildren. Phil was preceded in death by his beloved wife Lois of 62 years.

"He genuinely cared for his players and took an interest in their personal lives," Al Jones, Director of the UCO Alumni Association said. "He always stressed that athletes were students first and football players second."



Associate Professor
Phil Ball, 1986

UCO's Teacher Education Programs Receive National and State Re-accreditation

State's oldest preparer of teachers receives high marks from accrediting bodies

The University of Central Oklahoma's College of Education and Professional Studies has successfully completed state and national re-accreditation of its teacher preparation programs. While an on-site review took place in April of 2008., the re-accreditation status was granted by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (OCTP) during the Fall 2008 term. The unit's teacher education programs have been nationally accredited since 1954, and are recognized as a major supplier of teachers and other school personnel in 24 program areas, including elementary, early childhood, special education, school administration and speech/language pathology. UCO is the oldest higher education institution in Oklahoma, from its founding in 1890 as the first Territorial Normal School.

"We could not be more pleased with our outstanding review in the reaccreditation process," said Dr. James Machell, Dean of the college. "This affirmation from NCATE--which represents the gold standard for teacher accreditation--is the result of outstanding efforts by our entire team in the college and across the UCO campus. Our institution has been known for its premiere teacher preparation program for many years and we take pride in carrying on this great tradition at UCO. I would like to express my deep appreciation for Dr. Bill Pink, associate dean and accreditation coordinator for our college, our excellent students, staff and faculty, our external stakeholders, and the supportive administration at UCO for making this possible."

NCATE-accredited schools must meet rigorous standards set by the profession and the public, and these standards are mirrored by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation requirements. These standards include: 1) in-depth knowledge of the subject matter they plan to teach, as well as 2) the skills necessary to teach it well, 3) careful assessment of skills learned to determine that candidates are ready to teach, and 4) training to work with diverse student populations. Unit faculty must model effective teaching practices, and the college of education must have the resources necessary to prepare candidates to be effective educators in globally competitive school settings.

Remarks from former students of Phil Ball

I have fond memories of Coach Ball...I transferred after being a starter at Wichita State University in the Spring of 1970 for then Central State College & my first night in Edmond was spent at Coach & Mrs Ball's residence. Had a good time. **Murrell Hayes (Overland Park, KS)**

For all of us who knew Dr. Phil Ball at Wewoka High School, he was our teacher, coach, mentor, and friend. He attended the 50th reunion of our class of 1953. We stayed in touch with him until the end of his life. We will miss him.

He was a great man and positive role model who touched and enriched many lives. We will miss him.

Jerry Holmes, Major General, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) and Nina Nichols Holmes

When you are as intense about football as Coach Ball was, you're going to make some vivid memories. Some on the field, like when he would drink a whole bottle of Pepto Bismol during a game. Those monkey drills. And the pure excitement he would feel for you when you did really well. He was quite a sight to see dragging the water pipes early in the morning so there would be a nice field to play on. During my sophomore year our B team went undefeated. He got a small silver colored football to give each of us. He drove out to my folks' house and gave it to them. He told my Dad he thought I'd be a good football player. At one of our later reunions I was able to thank him for that. He was able to show how to be winners and made us winners. I am very grateful he passed my way. **John Walthour (Spring, TX)**

Coach Ball is one of my all time heroes. While in Wewoka High School he helped me in many ways, both as a teacher and coach. He told me one day "Don you need to play football, it will toughen you up for basketball. He was right and I did. **Don Scott (Llano, TX)**

Scholarships

After his retirement from teaching at UCO in 1993, Ball established and helped fund three student scholarships at UCO.

Phil Ball Football Coach Scholarship

Established in 1996

This scholarship was established by Mr. Phil Ball, a former professor and coach at Central State College, now the University of Central Oklahoma. This scholarship is not an athletic scholarship, but is intended for a student who is interested in coaching football. The recipient must be a student who is committed to a career in football coaching, have leadership qualities, and high moral character.

Phil Ball Sports Lab Scholarship

Established in spring 1996

The recipient must be a student who is excelling in the Kinesiology & Health Studies Department Sports Lab.

Phil Ball Athletic Coaching Scholarship

Established in spring 1996

The recipient must be a student who is committed to a coaching career in any area of athletics. They must be a bona fide student at UCO, maintain a high grade point average, show leadership qualities and high moral character.

For more information or to donate to one of these three scholarship funds, please contact Judy Reyes-Henderson, development manager for the College of Education and Professional Studies at (405) 974-2763.

In Memory of Dr. Janet White

The university family is saddened to announce the passing of Janet Jordan White, Ph.D., on Feb. 10, after a battle with lung cancer.

Dr. Janet J. White, Assistant Professor, Professional Teacher Education, came to UCO in 2006, and hit the ground running in her research work and collaborations with other faculty members. She won her B.S.E. from the University of Arkansas in 1974, her M.Ed. from UA in 1975, and her Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 1996.

In May, 2008 she and her fellow researchers won the College of Education and Professional Studies Award for Collaborative Teamwork; **Pictured from left: Drs. Bryan Duke, Janet White, and Mike Nelson, Professional Teacher Education.**



White is survived by her husband, Ron, of Edmond; her children, Erin and Bryan, of Houston; and other relatives in Arkansas.

At the request of the family, memorial donations may be made to the Dr. Janet Jordan White Graduate Research Assistant Scholarship c/o UCO Foundation, 100 N. University Drive, Box 133, Edmond, OK 73034, or online at <http://www.ucogiving.org>, or by calling 974-2770.

Dean's Message, cont'd

This event featured many top scholars in the area of multicultural education and included many colleagues from other universities and agencies in our state. I would like to personally thank Dr. April Haulman for her 26 years of outstanding and dedicated service to our college, campus, and the broader community. Her successes related to our Teaching English as a Second Language program, many large federal grants totaling over \$3 million, and the success of the Multicultural Institute over more than a quarter of a century are truly remarkable achievements from a remarkable, talented, and giving colleague. With people like Dr. Haulman in our midst, we are much more likely to reach our goals related to global and cultural competency with our students and other community members.

We have many important events in the months ahead including the 7th Annual Student Symposium on April 23. This year's theme is Celebrating Mentors and Mentoring and will include honoring several distinguished mentors who have made a positive difference to education and our college. Our annual college awards ceremony will take place on May 1. Commencement activities will be held on May 8. We would enjoy having you come to campus just to visit or to take part in some of our exciting events.

In closing, let me thank you for your abiding interest in and support for our college. Please know there are many here who work very hard each day to make the College of Education and Professional Studies a community in which you can take great pride.

Best wishes,
James R. Machell, Dean
College of Education and Professional Studies



Nikki Weber, a family life and child development major, won the 25th annual Miss Black UCO Pageant.

A Culture of Service

- ⇒ 2,351 UCO students active in the volunteer database
- ⇒ 22,399 volunteer hours logged from 8/07 – 12/08
- ⇒ 22,399 volunteer hours tracked since 08/07
- ⇒ **\$436,999.61**: value of logged UCO volunteer hours for 2007-08 (based on national average of \$19.51 per
- ⇒ volunteer hour served)
- ⇒ 255 volunteer opportunities reported
- ⇒ 146 community organizations served



Taylor Upson, a sophomore elementary education major from Owasso, was crowned Miss University of Central Oklahoma 2009. She will compete in the Miss Oklahoma pageant in June.

Grant and Research News

Dr. Michelle Gray was accepted to participate in the National Institute on Aging (NIA) Grants Technical Assistance Workshop (TAW) that was held in National Harbor, MD, on November 20-21. Affiliates from NIA helped her enhance her research topic and turn her ideas into grant applications.

The UCO Foundation submitted four projects for funding to OPUBCO. The Oklahoman Foundation chose one project for funding - the CEPS Child Study Intergenerational Project for \$9,250.

Education Posters at Research Day	2008	07	06	05
University				
Cameron University	1	6	3	6
East Central University	15	3	15	11
Langston University	3	0	1	2
Northeastern State University	24	6	5	14
Southwestern Okla. State Univ.	0	5	0	6
SOSU	0	0	2	1
Other	2	3	8	9
CEPS at University of Central Okla.	71	23	41	28
Total number of education posters from all universities	116	46	82	77

According to a report by Provost Dr. William Radke at the Transformational Learning Conference on February 11, in the past five and one-half years, of the 75 undergraduate research assistants hired, 68 have graduated or are still enrolled, for a 91% retention rate. These figures compare to an undergraduate 6-year graduation rate university wide of 36%. Of the 62 graduate research assistant students hired, 51 are currently enrolled or have graduated, for an 82% retention rate.

Dr. Mickie Vanhoy, Psychology, submitted a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation for a Research in Undergraduate Institutions project titled, "*Fractal Dynamics in Visual Search*," on January 30, 2009.

Dr. Darlinda Cassel as Principal Investigator, Dr. Dan Vincent (both of Curriculum and Instruction) and Dr. Mike Nelson of Professional Teacher Education, with Dr. Mark McCoy of the Forensic Science Institute, submitted a proposal to the National Science Foundation titled "*ITEST: Learning through mathematics and science explorations. How do we get there?*" on February 17, 2009.

Dr. Susan Scott, Professional Teacher Education, will participate in a project this summer with faculty members from the colleges of Mathematics and Science and Liberal Arts. She is a member of the American Democracy Project Teacher Institute Team, which won a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council for the UCO Teacher Institute, "Teaching Civic Engagement and the Politics of Democracy: Environmental History, Land and Energy Stewardship, and Community in Oklahoma." The institute will be in July 2009, and bring together 15 K-12 teachers from throughout the state, and includes an overnight fieldtrip to the Selman Living Laboratory.

Free hearing screenings, evaluations, and hearing aid counseling are available for students, faculty, and staff with current UCO ID from 12:30–3:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the UCO Speech and Hearing Clinic located in LIB 159. To schedule an appointment, call 974-5419.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

BEGINNING GRANTWRITING: THE PROCESS – March 26, 2009

This workshop is for those faculty and staff who have not written a grant proposal but are intending to do so. The group will work together on a joint writing venture. Please bring a laptop and a flashdrive. There is no fee, but you must register in order to attend. Registration: send an email with your contact information and your grant idea to lmason@osrhe.edu. See <http://www.okhighered.org/grant-opps>. **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES** for more information about the workshop

Ten CEPS faculty members submitted on-campus grant proposals this term, which ties with the 10 submitted in the 2008-2009 school year.

Publications

Dr. Diane Rudebock had an article, "The Path of the Labyrinth: Walking for Reflection," published in the January/February 2009 issue of the *College Health in Action Newsletter* for the American College Health Association.

Drs. Mike Knight and Robert Mather have had their review of *Sway: The Irresistible Pull of Irrational Behavior*, by Ori Brafman and Rom Brafman, published in the October 29 issue of *PsychCRITIQUES*.

Student News and Honors

. . . from Mary Sweet-Darter

The video (use link below) on youtube illustrates the Easter Seals/UCO partnership Autism Day School. All the adults in the video are UCO graduate students working one-on-one with preschoolers with autism. The Day School serves as a living laboratory in which Board Certification Behavioral Analyst students apply what they are learning in their classes.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmlI0LWtIbM>

Lauren West, Community Health undergraduate student and Research Assistant to Sunshine Cowan, will co-present at the American College Health Association's Annual Meeting "Building Bridges by the Bay." The presentation will be on the focus group research Cowan and West are conducting on campus and is titled, "Developing Culturally Sensitive Tobacco cessation Programs for UCO International Students." The meeting will be in San Francisco May 26-29, 2009.



The UCO Community Health Club received the Award for Best Practice/Program for a Student Group for their leadership in promoting campus health at the Southwest College Health Association (SWCHA) annual meeting in Austin, TX, on October 5th. This award includes a \$500 grant to be used for a program concept to be implemented in the forthcoming school year.

Officers of the Community Health Club created a model of Old North out of gingerbread, chocolate, and cardboard and won first place in the Winter Glow Gingerbread House Contest.

Photo provided by Samantha Smith, Administrative Assistant, Kinesiology & Health Studies

The following faculty and students made presentations at the Oklahoma Network for the Teaching of Psychology conference in Fall, 2008. Student names are in bold.

Adbullah, B. (2008, September). *Effects of conscientiousness and openness to experience on academic performance.* Poster

Melton, D., Hamlin, M., & Knight, M. (2008, September). *The search for an academic intelligence quotient in a modern learning theories class.* Poster

Knight, M. (2008, September). *Improving undergraduate education in psychology in Oklahoma.* Workshop

Peters, E. (2008, September). *Teaching guidelines for practice with women and girls.* Poster

Reaves, M. & Knight, M. (2008, September). *College bowl: Assessment through transformative learning.* Poster

Rupp, G., Knight, A., & **Winston, L.** (2008, September). *Storying grief: Externalizing the problem via cyberspace.* Poster

Thomas, H. (2008, September). *When it's right it's write, right?* Poster

Wall, T. (2008, September). *It's not easy being green!* Poster

Vincent, Dan & Darlinda Cassel. "Message in a bottle: Analyzing reaction rates using gas pressure sensors." *Science Scope*, March 2009.

Twelve Human Environmental Science students attended workshops sponsored by the National Council on Family Relations in Little Rock, AR, on November 5-8.

Student News, continued from page 6

Thirty-four students attended workshops sponsored by the National Association for Education of Young Children in Dallas, TX, on November 5-8.



Dr. Dan Vincent's (Curriculum and Instruction) students use handheld, computerized data collection devices in his science methods class. "The candidates collect, interpret and analyze data during a model science lesson, then have the chance to do the same science lesson with 5th graders, using the data collection devices. Candidates are exposed to the computerized devices as 'students' in my class, then become 'teachers' using the sensors with the 5th grade students. By doing this, candidates are not only exposed to the technology, but are also able to implement the use of them in the classroom, as the 'teacher'. The exposure to the handhelds sensors increases the enthusiasm of students, and increases the chances that candidates will use them when they graduate and are teachers," Dr. Vincent said. **left to right:** Jennifer Baxter, Sally Holcomb, Catherine Sullivan, Sherry Treadway.

Dr. Charolette Myles-Nixon and two special education majors, Katherine Troutman and Crystal Tate, made presentations at the Hawaii International Conference on Education in Honolulu, HI, on January 4-7.

Alumni News

Nancy Davis, a former UCO student, was presented with the Oklahoma Human Rights Award on Dec. 12.

Kelli Vaughn-Blount (Spring 2008 Master's graduate) is one of the authors of an article published in the Spring 2009 issue of *The American Journal of Psychology*, Vol. 122, No. 1. The name of the article is "History's Mysteries Demystified: Becoming a Psychologist-Historian." Ms. Blount, who graduated last year, wrote the article while at UCO. She currently is working on an advanced degree at

Commencement schedule:

3 p.m. Friday, May 8—**College of Education and Professional Studies (bachelor's)**;

7 p.m. Friday, May 8—College of Mathematics & Science (bachelor's and master's) and **College of Education and Professional Studies (master's)**;

10 a.m. Saturday, May 9—College of Business Administration; and

2 p.m. Saturday, May 9—College of Arts, Media & Design and College of Liberal Arts.

CEPS Outreach

Education Brings Political Process to Chisholm Elementary

The College of Education and Professional Studies recently partnered with the public school system to bring the election process inside the classroom to students at Chisholm Elementary. Led by UCO elementary education faculty members Dr. Pam Kuzminski, Dr. Darlinda Casel, and Dr. Dan Vincent, the cooperative unit engaged third and fourth grade students in the political process through the production of election newspapers featuring stories composed by the students as part of their language arts' course requirements.



The following faculty and staff members attended the Oklahoma Women in Higher Education conference held at UCO in December: Dr. Lori Beasley, Mrs. Stephanie Beauchamp, Ms. Gerry Cherry, Dr. Barbara Green, Dr. Freeta Jones, and Dr. Diane Jackson.

Dr. Debbie Traywick is serving on the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation Program Advisory Board.

Dr. Dana Turner is the co-executive director of the Coalition for the Advancement of Science and Mathematics Education in Education (CASMEO).

Conferences and Workshops

At the Oklahoma Association of Colleges for Teacher Education/Oklahoma Association of Teacher Educators / Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation, Fall Conference in 2008 CEPS presentations:

Practitioner recommendations for teacher candidates' pedagogical knowledge: Random sampling results of a delphi study, phase I - Dr. Jennifer Endicott, Dr. Susan Scott, Dr. Malinda Green & Luv Grummer
Brain exercises - Dr. Freeta Jones and Ms. Susan McLemore

Partnering with community resources: Undergraduate service learning projects in teacher education programs - Dr. Dan Vincent, Jillian Cordes, Meredith Greer & Dr. Sheila Spurgeon

Collaborative partnerships: Lessons learned and the story continues - Dr. Chery Evans, Dr. Dana Owens-DeLong & Dr. Kirk Webster

The national elections: A University Unit Approach - Dr. Pam Kuzminski, Dr. Darlinda Cassel & Dr. Dan Vincent
Dr. Malinda Green serves as editor of the OATE magazine. Drs. Endicott and Scott serve on the editorial board. Mr. David Jacoby, a graduate student in our college, had his article *College women and their awareness and knowledge of ovarian cancer* included in the journal.

The Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association conference was held at UCO on October 23-24. It was brought to our campus through the joint efforts of the Office of Academic Affairs/ Provost William Radke, the Joe Jackson College of Graduate Studies/ Dean Richard Bernard, and the College of Education and Professional Studies/Dean James Machell. The Conference Coordinating Committee consisted of Drs. Jennifer J. Endicott, Susan C. Scott, Fred Hammond, and Malinda Green.

Robin Lacy hosted representatives from Devon Energy, Chesapeake Energy, Schlumberger, British Petroleum, and Marathon Oil on November 14. The energy industry professionals attended the last session of the introductory class *Seminar in Oil and Gas Safety* and participated in panel discussions, small group breakout sessions, and company overview lectures to 20 Industrial Safety students. Industry representatives included Scott Shackelford from Marathon, Eric Sperling from Devon, Buz Holloway from Chesapeake, Bob Alcorn from British Petroleum, and Peter Wilkinson from Schlumberger.

Robyn Hilger, 2007 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year, presented an interactive workshop on classroom management for education majors on October 27.

On November 1, CEPS hosted the Edmond Fine Arts Institute academic meet which focused on the fine arts and literature. Thirteen high school teams from across the state competed in the tournament. Members of Kappa Delta Pi and teacher education faculty members,



National Association for
Sport & Physical Education
an association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical
Education, Recreation and Dance
NASPE Sets the Standard

Debra Traywick earns 2009 Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award

From Steve Jefferies, NASPE President-Elect

"This award recognizes an individual for their specific efforts to mentor undergraduate and/or graduate students pursuing a degree in physical education, sport, kinesiology, or exercise physiology.

Your commitment to students and the profession are greatly appreciated."

Collins Retirement Announced

Professor Edward Collins, Ph.D., Special Services department, will retire this spring. He has been with UCO since 1976. He earned his BA in 1966 from Gonzaga University, his M.T. from East Central University in 1967, and his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 1976.

Thanks for the Christmas Feast

Thanks are extended to the Social/Awards and Recognitions Committee for the wonderful luncheon on December 4. Committee members are Sherry Ward, Dan Vincent, Lea Ann Garcia, Susan Popplewell, Kelly Baker, Susan Miller, Rachelle Franz, Gayle Snider, Genia James, Kim Quigley, Bob Delano, Lorry Youll, Janelle Grellner, Susan Scott, Judy Reyes-Henderson and Connie Williams.

Conferences and Workshops, continued

as well as members of the community, served as readers, scorekeepers and timers. The small school division tournament was won by Woodward High School with John Marshall finishing second. Edmond Santa Fe took first place in the large school tournament, and Edmond Memorial was the runner-up.

The Advanced Professional Services department hosted the first annual Oklahoma Central Region's Administrators, Library Media Specialists, and Counselors Safety Summit at UCO on January 8. The purpose of the conference is to identify the roles school administrators, counselors, and media specialists can serve in developing crisis plans and establish ways to communicate with the community about school safety. Thirty administrators, 27 school counselors, and 11 media specialists attended the conference.