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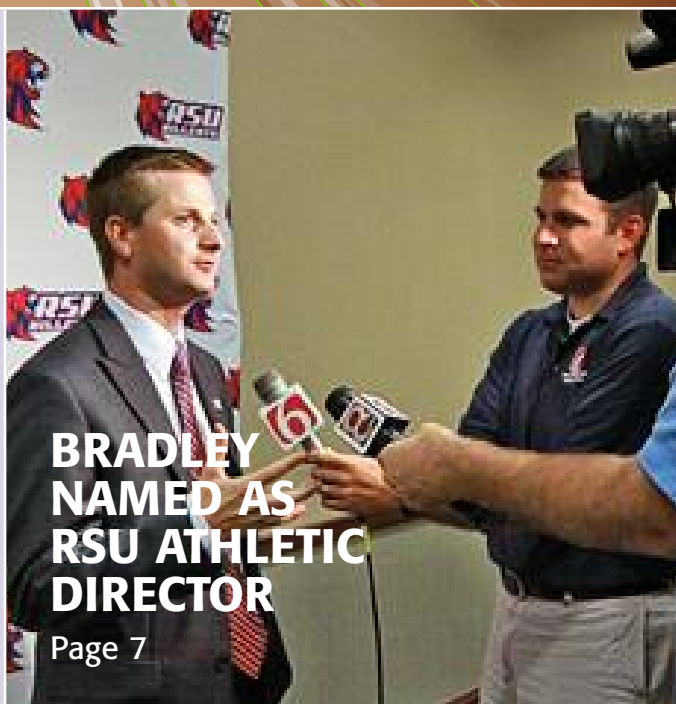
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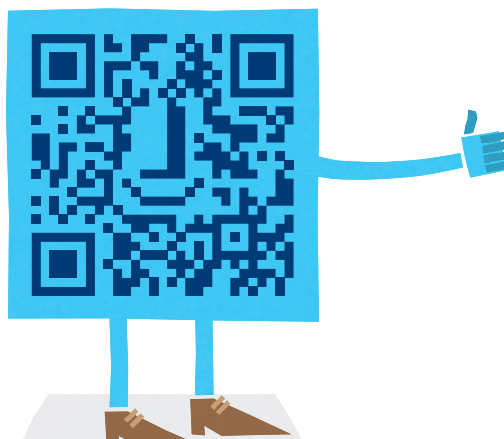


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RSU HOMECOMING 2011

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Party on the Patio

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Admission: Free
Claremore Campus

Usher in RSU Homecoming 2011 with a party on the patio, including refreshments, music and activities.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Slam Dunk, 3-Point Contest and Spirit Rally

2:00 p.m.
Admission: Free
Bushyhead Fieldhouse

The Hillcats' most exciting athletes will showcase athleticism and skill during the high-flying, sharp-shooting exhibition. RSU cheerleaders will teach the audience cheers, prizes will be given away and celebrity judges will crown the contest winners.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Hillcat Hacker Invitational

Flights begin at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Check-in at the Centennial Center Lawn

Alumni are invited to join students, faculty and staff for this "almost golf" tournament designed for every level of golfer, from beginner to pro. Players will use one club and non-destructive golf balls to navigate an 18-hole golf course layout that travels the campus landscape.

The cost to enter is \$50 per player or \$200 per team. Students can enter for \$25. The event will include golf, gift bags, prizes, and food. All proceeds will benefit the RSU Foundation and RSU athletics.

For more information or to register, call Amanda Faught at (918) 343-7768 or email afaught@rsu.edu.

Homecoming Bonfire, Concert and Cook-out

7:00 p.m.
Admission: Free
West of University Village B

The bonfire will keep you warm, the "Brother Rabbit" band will keep you dancing, and the Homecoming Court and basketball teams will be presented. Join us for one of RSU Homecoming's most popular traditions.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

RSU Alumni Tailgate

11:00 a.m.
Claremore Expo Center Parking Lot

For more information about the RSU Alumni Tailgating event, please call Marisa Littlefield at 918-343-6816.

Homecoming Basketball Games

Claremore Expo Center

2:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs
Friends University
4:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs
Ozark Christian College



Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to view the RSU Homecoming 2011 website



EVERY GRADUATE IS A MEMBER!



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In July, the RSU Alumni Association switched to a charitable gift structure after nine years of a dues-based model. This change allows the association to include all living RSU graduates as members. Beginning Aug. 1, all graduates of RSU are now recognized as members of the RSU Alumni Association.

"This is an exciting move for the alumni program at Rogers State University," said Marisa Littlefield, RSU alumni director. "Activating all graduates in the database gives us the ability to reach out and reconnect with a greater number of alumni who have attended our campuses since 1971."

Re-affirming alumni links is free and easy. RSU Alumni Association information is available on the Alumni web page. Friends and former classmates, along with current events, can be viewed via Facebook and emails are always welcome ways to update your information. Future plans include Alumni Association sponsored trips and alumni breakfasts.

Social functions are only the beginning of the RSU Alumni Association's benefits. Other benefits include networking, career growth, educational events, and exclusive discounts and services.

Alumni also will have the opportunity to give back through the Association's Annual Alumni Giving Program. The Alumni Endowment Fund and the RSU Alumni Operating Fund will provide resources to support the alumni effort. Current Lifetime Members will be recognized as a special group within the university and will be able to participate in all alumni activities.

GET YOUR NEW LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP CARD TODAY



The official RSU Alumni Association Card offers a variety of benefits including access privileges at Stratton Taylor Library. The card also features a QR code for you to scan with your smart phone, allowing easy access to the RSU Alumni Association web page. Now you

can keep up to date on the go. To get your personalized RSU Alumni Association Card contact Marisa Littlefield, Director of Alumni, Special Events and Development Programs, at mlittlefield@rsu.edu.



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RSU MOBILE APP COMING SOON TO YOUR PHONE



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The Pew Research Center reports that 35 percent of adults in the United States own a smartphone, and that number is expected to increase sharply over the next five years.

That includes the majority of students at Rogers State University, as well as a growing number of prospective students, alumni, faculty and staff.

To better serve those audiences, RSU will soon launch a mobile app that will be available for all mobile devices running on Apple or Android platforms.

"During the last few years, mobile traffic to www.rsu.edu has increased exponentially," said Jimmy Hart, interim director of public relations. "Now, mobile interaction is even easier for that audience. The RSU Mobile App is free and puts a wide variety of content within one touch of your smartphone."

The RSU Mobile App is currently undergoing testing and will soon be available for free download in the Apple and Android marketplaces. It will feature helpful information for students,

alumni and prospective students, a plethora of interactive features, and modules that will leverage smartphone capabilities like GPS and streaming audio and video.

Many alumni will be drawn to features such as campus news and events feeds, athletics news, and RSU videos. The app also includes a GPS enabled campus map and interactive polls.

Alumni also will be able to download specially designed wallpapers and screensavers for their mobile devices.

Of course, many of the modules are tailored specifically for current and prospective students, such as Claremore's current weather, checklists, references and links.

To be among the first to download the RSU Mobile App, visit www.rsu.edu/rsumobileapp or scan the QR Code.



➤ *RSU regents and administrators cut the ribbon during the dedication of the RSU University Village B apartment complex. From left are Kylie Dent; Dr. John M. Bell, chairman of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents; Chris A. Purcell, vice president for university governance and executive secretary of the OU Board of Regents; OU Regent Tom Clark; OU Regent Jon R. Stuart; Dr. Larry Rice, RSU president; Julie K. Carson, chair of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; Kyla Short, director of RSU residential life; and Rickey Paul Ward, RSU Student Government Association president.*

NEW STUDENTS APARTMENTS DEDICATED AT RSU



➤ *The RSU University Village B apartments are 87,118-square-feet and can house 255 students. This complex features wireless Internet, a clubhouse, and meeting rooms.*

A dedication ceremony was held for the University Village B apartments at Rogers State University on Monday, Sept. 19.

Speaking at the dedication ceremony were Dr. John M. Bell, chairman of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, Julie K. Carson, chair of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, Dr. Larry Rice, RSU president, Kyla Short, director of RSU residential life, Rickey Paul Ward, RSU Student Government Association president, and Kylie Dent, University Village B resident. Also participating in the ribbon cutting were OU Regent Tom Clark, Chris A. Purcell, vice president for university governance and executive secretary of the OU Board of Regents and OU Regent Jon R. Stuart.

"Creating on-campus housing for these students will pay remarkable dividends through enhanced student life, stronger bonds between students that will last throughout their days as alumni, and a stronger campus identity," said RSU president Dr. Larry Rice.

The new 87,118-square-foot complex is located just west of Soldier Field, with its main entrance on Colonel Horne Drive. The \$11.5 million project accommodates 255 students in a three-level facility and features a clubhouse.

The main building features one, two and four-bedroom apartments, all with interior entrances linked by corridors. Each floor features commons areas, a recreation area and meeting rooms for residents. The building contains 99 two-bedroom units of 473 square feet, featuring a living area, kitchenette and bathroom; 12 four-bedroom units of 1,148 square feet, with a living room, kitchen and two bathrooms; and nine one-bedroom units of 361 square feet, with a living room, kitchenette and bathroom.

A laundry facility is located on the first floor.

The single-story, 6,758-square-foot clubhouse features a large conference room, which can be divided into three smaller conference rooms, and a theater room with a large-screen television. The clubhouse also contains a coffee bar, commons areas and staff offices.

The exterior of the buildings are covered with red brick, similar to the existing student apartments and other buildings on the main campus. During the last several semesters, a waiting list has existed for the University Village A apartments, which opened in 2001. That complex accommodates 248 students in four adjoining buildings and features recreation and meeting rooms, a swimming pool and sand volleyball court.



RSU ANNOUNCES RECORD ENROLLMENT

Rogers State University continues to grow, experiencing another semester of record enrollment with 4,632 students.

The fall enrollment figure represents an overall 5.6 percent increase in headcount and a 5.8 percent increase in student credit hours at the university, compared to last fall.

"The academic and programmatic quality found at RSU continues to attract record numbers of students," said RSU President Dr. Larry Rice. "This serves as a testament to the commitment made by our faculty and staff to provide students with an exceptional academic experience."

This fall, 3,019 students are attending classes at the main campus in Claremore, an increase of 9.5 percent. Enrollment at Claremore was boosted by the opening of new student apartments that almost doubled the university's on-campus housing capacity.

Enrollment increased by 8.8 percent at the RSU campus in Pryor. Currently, 272 students take classes solely at the Pryor campus. In coming years, RSU plans to expand its capacity to serve students in the Pryor area as it opens a new campus in partnership with MidAmerica Industrial Park.

Enrollment decreased by 7.1 percent at RSU in Bartlesville, with 404 students enrolled at that campus. However, when taking into account students in the Bartlesville area who take classes online or at more than one RSU campus, enrollment in Bartlesville exceeds 1,000 students.

Enrollment decreased by 0.5 percent in the RSU Online program, with 936 students. RSU currently offers nine programs – five bachelor's degrees and four associate degrees – that can be completed entirely online.

For more information about RSU and its programs, call (918) 343-7777 or 1-800-256-7511, or visit www.rsu.edu.

TWO RSU STUDENTS TABBED AS BRAD HENRY INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS



➔ *Holly Jo Bates and Cristen Burdell*

Two students from Rogers State University have been selected to study abroad at Swansea University in Wales as participants in the Brad Henry International Scholars program.

Cristen Burdell, a senior at RSU, will spend the fall semester in Wales. The Owasso, Okla.,

native is studying communication arts with a minor in English at RSU.

Burdell is a member of RSU's Honors Program, has participated in student theatre, volunteered with the Bit by Bit Therapeutic Riding Program and served as president of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. She said she will take three courses at Swansea, including one that focuses on the works of Shakespeare, and is looking forward to travel opportunities while in Europe.

"I have always been interested in the United Kingdom. I love a lot of music that comes from there and my father was actually born there," Burdell said.

Holly Jo Bates, a sophomore at RSU, will head to Wales in the Spring. From Chelsea, Okla., Bates is studying English literature at RSU and hopes to cover some Celtic literature while in England.

Bates is a member of the President's Leadership Class and Honors Program. She said

her excitement for the study abroad opportunity is fueled by previous travel experiences.

"I went on the London and Paris intersession trip last summer and that was great," she said. "I also visited my brother in New Zealand last Christmas and did a two-week backpacking trip. Traveling really adds a lot to the college experience."

The Brad Henry International Scholars were chosen by their institutions for the international study program that was established by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in June 2008. The State Regents provide a \$10,000 stipend for students selected to participate in semester-long study or research programs affiliated with Swansea University. Academic credit for these programs will be awarded by Oklahoma regional universities.

To read updates on the students' experiences while abroad, follow their blogs at www.rsu.edu/blogs.

RSU STUDENT TO INTERN IN D.C. THROUGH WASHINGTON CENTER PROGRAM



➔ *Trevor Shanklin*

Trevor Shanklin, a senior at Rogers State University, was recently selected for an internship through the Washington Center, a nationally-recognized internship program that places students with private, public and non-profit organizations in Washington, D.C.

Shanklin is a political science major with a minor in public administration, originally from Nowata, Okla. While in D.C., he will intern with the National Republican Congressional Committee.

"This is the internship, out of all of the options, that I was hoping to get," Shanklin said. "This is an incredible opportunity, when you think about all the possibilities that exist in that environment, and I intend to make the most of it"

Shanklin also will participate in a "Road to the White House" course offered by the Washington Center. The class was open to 25 students and focuses on issues and people involved with the current presidential campaigns. The first hour of each class will be broadcast on C-Span.

The Washington Center is an independent, non-profit organization that provides internship programs and academic seminars to college students. The organization arranges 2,000 to 3,000 internship placements annually.

Shanklin is a veteran having served as a combat medic in Iraq and also as a National Guard recruiter. He is a member of the Student Veterans Association, participated in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature and served on the Student Government Association.

He will earn college credit for successfully completing the program.

Washington Center internships are comprised of internship placement, an academic course, and

the Leadership Forum. All students are enrolled in a particular program according to their area of interest. Each program focuses learning on concepts closely related to students' intended professional fields. Activities and special programming, such as panels or tours of embassies or businesses, are tailored to the program's core learning objectives and areas of study.

"This Washington Center Program provides students with an invaluable opportunity to gain practical experience and begin developing a broad professional network," said Dr. Carolyn Taylor, RSU assistant professor and Strategic Initiatives Coordinator. "Trevor found a remarkable fit with his internship and course. We are very proud of him and know this will be a tremendous experience."

A blog detailing Shanklin's experiences in our nation's capital can be found at www.rsu.edu/blogs. For more information on the program, visit www.rsu.edu/washington-center/ or contact Taylor at ctaylor@rsu.edu.

HILLCAT HERO

Dr. Abe Marrero

Department Head and Professor

Department of Psychology, Sociology and Criminal Justice



Abe Marrero has spent his life serving our community and our country. For 37 years he has served in the army; 22 in active duty and 15 in the reserves. He has taught at RSU since 1999.

In September of 2006, he was recalled into active duty. He was stationed in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas at the Command and General Staff College for three years. After his time there, he was sent to Honduras and served there until July of 2011.

While in Honduras, Marrero served as a Plans Officer in Joint Task Force-Bravo. This task force serves to aid in humanitarian efforts, counter narcoterrorism, and promote cooperation with partner nations throughout South and Central America.

Marrero did a lot of planning that involved humanitarian relief missions. His unit aided those devastated by landslides in El Salvador and various earthquakes throughout South America. The most well-known disaster his unit responded to was the Haiti earthquake, sending helicopters and providing medical aid.

"The planning that goes into helping a country is very intense," said Marrero. "We have to have a request from the host nation and our State Department has to approve it, as well as the Department of Defense. Then when it gets to our department, we respond.

"It is a very deliberate and formal process. My job was to make sure we were within the law when we responded and that we responded with the appropriate personnel and equipment. It is dynamic down there and we had to be ready to respond quickly."

While Marrero was stationed in Honduras, he said he gained an appreciation for the culture in South America.

"The people there are wonderful and hard workers," he explained. "It's a beautiful country, but it is like they are stuck in the fifties. It is kind of sad when you see their potential and they haven't reached it yet. I have gained an understanding of how difficult it is to move a country forward, and that is something I will remember when teaching my classes.

"We are blessed to have such a strong educational enterprise in the United States where students can come to school and learn things they can then apply."

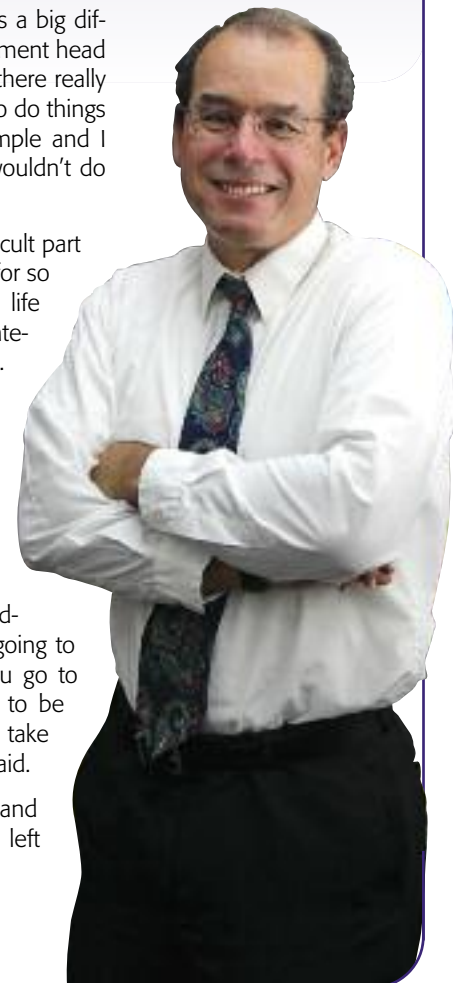
Marrero returned to RSU at the start of the 2011-2012 school year and has since settled back into his position as department head and professor.

"It was easy to transition from uniform to coat and tie. A lot of people think there is a big difference between being a department head and what I did in the Army, but there really isn't for me. I persuade people to do things in both positions. I set an example and I don't ask them to do things I wouldn't do myself."

He expressed that the most difficult part was being away from his family for so long. Settling back into family life was a transition and he said reintegration of the family unit is hard.

"I'm happy to be back. I was proud to be able to serve. It was a privilege and an honor, especially when I got to serve with men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice. There's a lot that isn't perfect about our country, but my goodness, it's about as good as it's going to get. You can see that when you go to other countries. We have a lot to be thankful for and we shouldn't take anything for granted," Marrero said.

"I'm grateful to be back at RSU and I'm excited to pick up where I left off!"



A Hillcat Hero is a member of the RSU community (students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends) who embodies what it means to be a Hillcat. A Hillcat Hero is a person with an enthusiastic, determined, and bold spirit who inspires pride in RSU.

Do you know a Hillcat Hero? If so, please email jhart@rsu.edu and explain why your nominee should be considered a Hillcat Hero.

RSU PUBLIC TV RECEIVES EMMY AWARDS



RSU Public Television received two Emmy Awards for its documentary “Will Rogers and American Politics” and its how-to program “Woodturning Workshop with Tim Yoder.”

“Will Rogers and American Politics” was awarded a Heartland Emmy in the category of historical documentary. It is an in-depth look at how a ropetwirling, plain-talking Cherokee cowboy became one of the most powerful political voices in America.

The production highlights Rogers’ influence and political power as revealed through the eyes and words of great Americans such as Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, comedian Lewis Black and many others.

“Woodturning Workshop with Tim Yoder” received an Emmy in the informational-instruction program category. The program about the craft of woodturning is on its fourth season. Hosted, produced and edited by Yoder, the program has been seen in over 90 percent of the nation on public television.

RSU Public Television is licensed to Rogers State University and is the only public TV station operated by a university in Oklahoma. The station, based on the RSU campus in Claremore, reaches more than one million people within a 75-mile radius of the campus.

RSU UNVEILS STUDENT VET MENTOR PROGRAM

On August 15, Rogers State University unveiled a new student veterans support program.

The Vet 2 Vet (V2V) mentoring program will pair new RSU student veterans with experienced RSU student veterans serving as mentors. The mentors will provide peer-to-peer guidance regarding

the experience of transitioning from military life to being a college student.

Mentors are required to be a veteran/military student, have completed at least one year or two semesters of course work at RSU, be currently working towards a degree, be in good standing with the university and have a retention GPA of 2.5 or better.

“It always helps when you know someone who has already been through a similar situation and knows the correct answers. Student veterans face many questions: who, where and how questions are common and they are the most daunting,” said Michael Gordon, a volunteer V2V mentor.

The V2V program is modeled after the University of Michigan’s Student Success Initiative. The mentoring training materials, which utilize volunteer mentors so the program requires little funding, have been adopted with permission of University of Michigan’s V2V program director.

“This program will help us ensure our student veterans have a successful school experience and persist towards graduation at RSU,” said Nancy Page, senior admissions counselor & RSU VA certifying official.

Any RSU student veteran wishing to be placed with a mentor should contact Jessica Heavin at (918) 343-7845.

RSU INSTRUCTORS PUBLISH TEXTBOOK



With the release of their new textbook, two RSU faculty members take issue with the old adage that “those who can, do; and those who can’t, teach.”

Scott Robert Reed, developmental instructor at Rogers State University, and Dr. Brenda Tuberville, assistant professor and coordinator of

developmental studies at RSU, would maintain that those who can, do both and write a textbook.

Reed and Tuberville are the authors of “Writing in a New Language: An Introduction to Academic Writing,” just published by Fountainhead Press, and will be using this textbook in all sections of basic writing taught at RSU.

“I have seen my share of really bad basic writing textbooks over the past 16 years,” Tuberville said, “and the thought of writing one that truly meets our students’ needs had been in the back of my mind for some time.”

The impetus for moving that idea from the back of her mind to the front was the addition of Scott Reed as a full-time developmental instructor.

“We wanted to write a text that addresses the challenges we see writing students facing every day with a more practical approach,” Reed stated.

Proceeds from the sale of this textbook to RSU students will go into an RSU Foundation account that has been set up to improve the teaching of basic writing at the university.

AREA MUSICIANS INVITED FOR CONCERT BAND

Rogers State University is putting out a call to area musicians to join the new RSU Concert Band.

The concert band, which will include RSU students, faculty and staff, is open to all members of the community. Dr. Kirk Weller, RSU director of bands, hopes for enthusiastic support from high school musicians as well as from other members of the community.

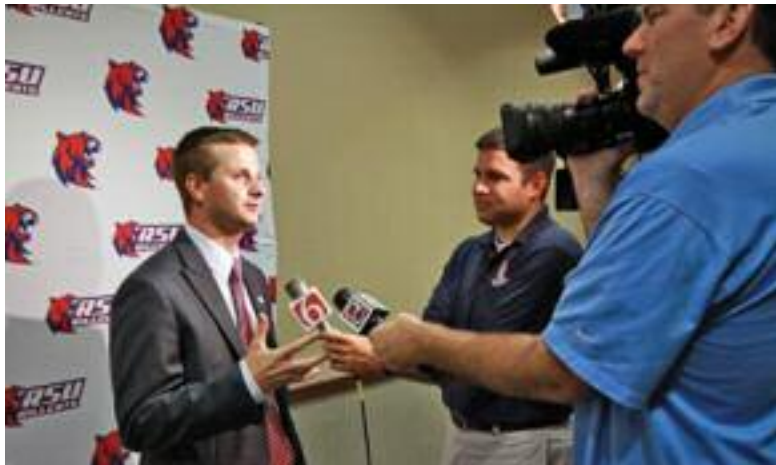
“This is a fantastic opportunity for us to build an ensemble that includes everyone from high schoolers to mature musicians who have a great time playing a variety of band music,” he said.

Concert band rehearsals are held each Thursday, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Old Student Union on RSU’s Claremore Campus.

RSU also invites community members to participate in the RSU Jazz Ensemble, which rehearses on Mondays, and the RSU University Choir, which rehearses on Tuesdays. Both are held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the Old Student Union.

For more information, contact Weller at (918) 343-7723.

BRADLEY NAMED AS RSU ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



➤ Ryan Bradley answers questions during a press conference announcing his appointment as the RSU Athletic Director.

RSU President Larry Rice did not have to go far to find the Hillcats new Athletic Director. He hired a familiar face to guide the Hillcats, one that has been with the Hillcats since the inception of athletics in 2006.

Ryan Bradley was appointed as the new director of athletics in June. He became the second athletic director at RSU, taking the reins from Wren Baker. Bradley started out as the school's first sports information director in 2006 and was promoted to associate athletic director for external relations in August of 2010.

"When I came to Rogers State, I did not show up with the intentions of climbing the ladder and becoming the athletic director," Bradley said. "I was excited that Wren gave me the opportunity to be the school's first sports information director and really didn't give it much more thought than that but to his credit he gave me the opportunity to be involved in several different things. I was able to try new things and start new initiatives. I think the success we have had and the role that I got to play in the beginning had a lot to do with me ultimately getting this opportunity."

Bradley developed the athletic website (www.rsuhillcats.com) and produced several award-winning publications. He launched a number of new media initiatives for the RSU athletics department. The Hillcats now offer live audio and video streaming for all home athletic events, a free RSU Athletics app for mobile devices, and boast popular Facebook, YouTube and Twitter pages.

"What we've tried to do here from the beginning is create a buzz in the community and regionally about what is happening within the Hillcats athletic programs," Bradley said. "So a lot of the initiatives that I helped create were

about getting the word out about RSU Athletics. A lot of great people have been a part of the success of our program. We have been fortunate to have a great staff that has put a lot of time and effort into the program. It's a comprehensive effort that makes us all look good. Everyone has pulled together to make Hillcats Athletics successful. Individually, we could

do a lot of great things but if we don't win games, graduate athletes and have the support of our administration, we couldn't thrive."

Bradley has been instrumental in the development and organization of RSU's fundraising and marketing initiatives. As the associate athletic director, his duties included fundraising, marketing, promotions, game management, oversight of the media relations department and athletic administrator for several sports. He has also performed various broadcasting roles for the university, including serving as the voice of Hillcats baseball and softball on RSU Radio 91.3 FM.

He has also been involved in the planning of several construction projects, including four million dollars' worth of impending enhancements to the baseball, softball, soccer and cross country facilities.

"Our facility upgrades are only going to enhance what is already true out our athletic programs and our university," Bradley said. "We are doing things at a level of excellence that is unrivaled by our peers in the area. From our student union to our on campus apartments and athletic facilities we want it to be something our community will be proud of and will attract a high-caliber student-athlete to RSU. When students, athletes and coaches from other universities come to RSU we want them to leave with a very positive

provide and the class in which we represent ourselves and our university to every person we come in contact with. Facilities leave a huge first impression and I think these enhancements will be a huge shot in the arm in terms of our overall perception for those who are coming to campus and getting a look at Rogers State for the first time."

For Bradley, RSU is home. The Claremore product wants the RSU Athletic department to bring about pride and comradely to not only the campus but also to the community where he grew up.

"Being here from the beginning makes this job even more rewarding," Bradley said. "This is my hometown, I grew up here and I take a sense of pride in what RSU and Hillcats Athletics is doing for the community. I have been invested in the growth of this program since its infancy and it's something that those of us who have been here since the beginning can look back and really be proud of what's been accomplished. We can feel like we have had a hand in creating this from scratch and this is only the beginning of so many more great things to come."



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MEN'S SOCCER



Coach Derek Larkin

The 2011 season brings a mixture of veteran returners and talented newcomers together with one common goal: winning a championship. The Hillcats graduated 10 seniors in 2010, however Head Coach Derek Larkin is looking to his returners to step up and fill the void.

The Hillcats return 50 percent of their offensive production from last year's squad, including senior T.J. Martin who will lead the offense. Henrique Sousa returns for his senior campaign with a new role. As one of the most versatile players on the squad, he will transition from defense into a more offensive role.

Junior Justin Friesen started in all 18 games as a sophomore, scoring one goal and adding one assist. RSU returns several talented players on defense, including all four starters. Ryan Coffman and Bryan Jones will command the defense.

The Hillcats were tabbed to finish fourth in the 2011 SAC Preseason Coaches' Poll.

WOMEN'S SOCCER



Shereen Clarke

The Rogers State women's soccer team enjoyed its fourth-straight winning season in 2010. The Hillcats look to continue their success in 2011 as they return a large group of veterans while adding an impressive nucleus of newcomers.

Twelve players, including seven starters, return from the 2010 squad. RSU returns a trio of goal-scorers to the lineup. Leading the way is Shereen Clarke, who paced the Cats with nine goals last season. Senior Chelsea Myers and junior Lauren Hager each netted three goals and dished out one assist during the 2010 campaign.

Sophomore goalkeeper Chelsea McMullin returns after an exceptional rookie year during which she broke the university's single-season freshman saves record with 120 saves. The Hillcats return every starter on the back line, including Abby Rickner, Jessica Turner, Cierra Lohaus and Devon Bullard.

"New Mexico State transfer Veronica Subu and freshman Jordan Beasley are both very talented and will bring speed to the lineup," Larkin said.

MEN'S BASKETBALL



Coach Justin Barkley

Head coach Justin Barkley and the Rogers State men's basketball coaching staff added 10 players to the roster for the upcoming 2011-12 season.

Five of the 10 players competed at the NCAA Division I level in their collegiate career, while two come from the NCAA Division II level, one is a junior college transfer and two are from the high school ranks.

"I give a lot of credit to our staff. They worked their tails off all summer long to give us an opportunity to compete for a slot in the national tournament," Barkley said about assistant coaches Kyle Blankenship and Chuck Love along with former assistant Mike Cyprien, all of whom played vital roles in securing this season's class of recruits.

RSU hasn't seen a recruiting class with such Division I experience since the inaugural class in 2007 featured six Division I transfers.

Six players return from the 2010-11 squad that reached the final eight of the NAIA National Championship. Among them are point guard Maurice Rutherford and forward Larry Cox, both of whom played vital roles last season.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Head Coach Amy Williams and staff announced the addition of eight players to the 2011-12 women's basketball roster.



Coach Amy Williams

Returning just five players from a team that reached the NAIA National Tournament a season ago, the Hillcats will look upon a cast of new characters to take hold of the reins. Three freshman, four juniors and one senior make up the incoming class of recruits.

Ariani Silva comes to the Hill from Cowley College where she earned All-Jayhawk East Conference recognition along with first team All-Region and third team All-America recognition. Silva made an impressive 83 3-pointers last season for the Tigers.

Joining the Hillcats for her senior season, Gianna Woods comes from Henderson State University where she averaged 10.5 points and six rebounds last season. Woods began her collegiate career at NCAA Division I Robert Morris University.

The eight newcomers join five returners from last season in what will be a junior laden roster for the Hillcats in 2011-12. The strength for the Cats will be in the post with the return of Logan Froese, Brittani Smith and Madison Harris.

BASEBALL



Grant Cosby

In its sixth year of existence with a strong nucleus of returners and an impressive group of newcomers, the Rogers State baseball team is prepared to meet high expectations in 2011.

"For the most part, we are going to have our entire lineup coming back," RSU Head Coach

Ron Bradley said. "We are coming off a successful season and I feel like the experienced returners know what to expect in our conference which will be an asset for this group."

The Hillcats return 21 players from the 2010 squad, 15 who saw significant action. RSU notched its second 30-win season in program history last spring.

BRIEFS

Senior Grant Cosby will anchor the Hillcats on the mound. He led the team in strikeouts with 59 and tied for the most wins with eight in 2010. He represented the Diamond Cats on the all-conference first team after posting an 8-3 record.

Brandt Barnes returns to centerfield for his senior season. The speedy outfielder from Bentonville, Ark, was error free on 71 chances throughout his 44 starts and led the team in stolen bases with 20 on the season.

The Diamond Cats opened their 30-game Sooner Athletic Conference slate at Oklahoma Christian.

SOFTBALL



Ashlie Fauchier



Brittany White

The Rogers State softball team finished the 2011 slate with its fifth consecutive 30-win season and fifth-straight trip to the Sooner Athletic Conference tournament. The Hillcats signature win came in thrilling fashion at the Border War Festival as they stunned No. 6 Central Baptist (Ark.) 9-5 with a walk-off grand slam by sophomore Shelby Brogdon in the bottom of the seventh inning at Hillcats Complex in Claremore.

Five RSU softball players earned all-conference honors. Senior Brittany White and sophomore Ashlie Fauchier earned

first team all-conference honors. Second team all-conference honors were bestowed upon senior Dina Ortiz and sophomore Amanda Edwards.

The Hillcats return eight players and add 15 newcomers for the 2012 season.

MEN'S GOLF



Bo Sarratt

After a fifth place finish at the Sooner Athletic Conference tournament, the Hillcats men's golf team returns five from last year's team. Tanner Owens and Bo Sarratt return to lead the Hillcats.

Owens earned SAC Men's Golfer of the Week honors last season

after his three-over par performance at the Natural State Golf Classic. He was the first Hillcats to earn conference Golfer of the Week recognition.

A Gentry, Ark., native, Surratt claimed a top 25 finish at the conference tournament and will look for another strong year in his final collegiate season.

WOMEN'S GOLF



Whitney Hocutt

Rogers State women's golf will have an influx of youth as five freshmen join the Hillcats roster for the 2011-12 school year. Coach Lynn Blevins' roster is highlighted by the return of sophomore Whitney Hocutt.

The Claremore, Okla., native had an impressive freshman season as she captured fifth at the OWU Invitational in Bartlesville, Okla. while leading the Cats to a second place team finish.

At the OBU Spring Invitational at Elks Country Club in Shawnee, Okla., the Hillcats women claimed third place behind the strong play of Hocutt and fellow returner Amy Aday.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Chris McCormick and the Hillcats men's cross country team gear up for the program's second season.

The inaugural season was highlighted by the performance of transfer Caleb Clark. He became the first ever RSU cross country runner



Brandon Payne

to participate in the NIAA National Championship finishing 103rd out of 326 runners with a time of 26:37 in the 8k race.

This season Clark will redshirt as the Cats and McCormick will look to others on the roster to shine. Brandon Payne returns for his sophomore season after

finishing second on the team in six of the Hillcats seven races last year. The Henryetta, Okla., native finished ahead of Clark in one race as Payne led the Cat pack with a 30th place finish.

Sophomore Oscar Reyes returns for his second year on the Hill along with redshirt-freshman Jarrett Sanders. Six freshmen join coach McCormick's men squad to round out the roster.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



Breanna Harrison

The RSU women's cross country team is set for its second season of competition. Breanna Harrison and Tiffany Russell return from last year's team. Joining them will be seven new faces looking to bring the Cat Cross Country team to a different level.

Making the move from the soccer pitch to the cross country trails is Demi Mullen. The Claremore, Okla., native was the second leading goal scorer for RSU last season but will jump to cross country this season after running for all four years in high school.

Harrison was a top two runner for the Hillcats most of last season and will look to be the leader in 2011. Russell competed in all seven races for RSU last year and will be counted upon once again this year.

All athletic stories were provided by Sara Williams, Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations.



Jack and Patti Bogart's family at the Boots, BBQ, and Boogie Auction and Dinner.



RSU alumnus Tobie Munroe was a first place artist winner at the Annual Art on the Hill Invitational Art Festival. From left are Gary Moeller, RSU Instructor and Liberal Arts Department Head; Tobie Munroe; and Peggy Rice, RSU First Lady.



Mark and Tamara Wagman with Travis Meyer, Meteorologist for the News On 6, at the Boots, BBQ, and Boogie Auction and Dinner.



Rep. Marty Quinn, Kelly Quinn along with Ludmilla Robson and Frank Robson joined members of the President's Associates for their Annual Dinner celebration on the Claremore campus in August.



RSU President Dr. Larry Rice, RSU student Danielle Taylor, Rep. Earl Sears and Marty Schoenthaler at the Bartlesville Scholarship Fundraising Breakfast.



Kelly Diven with Sherry and Bill Cox at the Bartlesville Scholarship Fundraising Breakfast.



Dana and Nash Lamb with the Honorable Joseph W. Morris at the 2011 Constitution Award recipient. Nash Lamb is a former law student of Judge Morris.



Donna Morris, the Honorable Joseph W. Morris and Marilyn Morris at the RSU 2011 Constitution Award Luncheon.



Students who participated in the Italy Study Abroad opportunity over the summer shared their photos and experiences with friends of the university during the annual President's Associates program in August. They are (from left) Natalie Donaldson, Cody Nix, Amanda "Bogie" Borchardt, Andrew Morgan, Valorie Morgan and Kaly Barnoski.



RSU named the 2011 recipients of the Gladys L. & Carl G. Herrington Endowment for Excellence in Education School of Liberal Arts Awards at the annual Convocation Ceremony in August. From left are Dr. Steve Housel, Excellence in Service Award; Denny Schmickle, Excellence in Scholarship Award and the Pixley Faculty Excellence Award; and Dr. Frank Elwell, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts. The Pixley Award is RSU's highest academic honor, which is made possible by the generosity of the Pixley Family Endowment and the Rogers State University Foundation.



RSU named the recipients of the Pfizer Foundation Excellence in Business & Technology Faculty Awards at the annual Convocation Ceremony in August. From left are Dr. Vadym Kyrylov, Excellence in Scholarship Award; Dr. Mary Rose Hart, Excellence in Teaching Award; Dr. Susan Chinburg, Excellence in Service Award; and Dr. Dean Garrison, Dean of the School of Business and Technology. Funding for this award is made possible through a gift provided by the Pfizer Foundation, Inc., in 1984.



RSU named the recipients of the Pfizer Foundation Excellence in Health Sciences Faculty Awards at the annual Convocation Ceremony in August. From left are Dr. Keith Martin, Dean of the School of Mathematics, Sciences, and Health Science; Dr. Kasia Roberts, Excellence in Teaching Award; Dr. Sue Katz, Excellence in Scholarship Award; and Mr. Larry Elzo, Excellence in Service Award.



Left photo: General Dennis J. Reimer speaks at the OMA Alumni Reunion Memorial Dedication; Top right photo: Guests at the Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni Dedication Ceremony admire the new Killed In Action Memorial; Bottom right photo: Jim Elder, member of the OMA and RSU Foundation Boards; Randy Vierling, past President of the OMA Board of Directors; Dr. Danette Boyle, new Executive Director of the OMA Alumni Association; Bill Ramsay, 2011-2012 President of the OMA Board of Directors; and Eddie Reynolds, Chairman of the RSU Foundation Board.

BUSY JUNE “MOST OUTSTANDING” FOR OMA ALUMNI

Often times on a college campus, the month of June is rather quiet with the close of the academic year and the beginning of the summer session. This was certainly not the case this June on the Rogers State University campus.

The Oklahoma Military Academy Reunion on June 3-4 may well have been the best OMA Reunion ever on College Hill.

Phil Goldfarb, OMA class of 1969, said, “This OMA Reunion, with the dedication of the Oklahoma Military Academy Killed in Action Memorial on Saturday, was the most outstanding singular event ever to happen on College Hill.”

The black granite Memorial honoring 100 OMA Alumni killed in action during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam was constructed center front of the Claremore campus between the institution’s two oldest and historic buildings, Preparatory Hall and Meyer Hall. These buildings are also two of the iconic reminders of the institution’s 52-year legacy as a military academy.

Randy Vierling, OMA class of 1963 and past president of the OMA Alumni Association,

challenged the alumni to provide funds for the KIA Memorial construction during the 2010 reunion. The overwhelming response raised more than \$150,000, with \$50,000 now designated for a permanent endowment. The endowment will help fund maintenance of the Memorial, the OMA Museum, and provide scholarships for RSU students majoring in Military History.

Four-Star General Dennis Reimer (retired), former Chief of Staff of the Army, presented the keynote speech at the OMA KIA Memorial’s dedication. Reimer is the highest ranking native Oklahoman to have served in the military. Nearly 200 OMA Alumni, many family members of the OMA KIA Alumni and many others were in attendance.

“It is always a good day when we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for all of us in America and not wind, rain or snow could have changed the feeling that was felt by all on the RSU campus when the OMA KIA Memorial was unveiled,” said Dr. Danette McNamara Boyle, executive director of the OMA Alumni Association.

The month of June continued with Boyle announcing plans to retire from her long-held position as RSU Vice President for Development. During her 38 years on the Hill. Boyle led the Rogers State University Foundation and raised millions of dollars of private support for the University endowment and academic programs. She also played a lead role in reestablishing the OMA Alumni Association’s connection with RSU.

Her retirement, effective June 30, was short-lived. Boyle returned to campus on Sept. 1 in a newly created position, executive director of the OMA Alumni Association.

RSU President Larry Rice welcomed her return.

“I look forward to working with Dr. Boyle in her new position with the university. She will continue the important work of preserving our past and building even better relationships with our OMA Alumni,” he said, acknowledging OMA Alumni have generously contributed to RSU’s ongoing success.

PRIVATE FUNDS MAKE RSU BARTLESVILLE BETTER THAN EVER



The Lyon Foundation of Bartlesville has stepped forward once again in support of Rogers State University. A grant award will be utilized to continue the replacement of windows throughout the historic campus building in downtown Bartlesville.

This gift continues a window replacement project which was initiated in 2010. The latest grant will complete the replacement of windows on the north and east side of the downtown RSU campus building.

Replacement of the single pane, aluminum windows on the west side was the first phase of the project, followed by replacement of windows on the south side and on the ninth floor of the building.

"This project will enhance the exterior of one of the city's most historic buildings while creating a more energy efficient and comfortable environment for faculty, staff and students," RSU President Dr. Larry Rice said. "We are very appreciative of the interest and support of The Lyon Foundation for Rogers State University Bartlesville."

Thermal, break frame, insulated, e-glass windows are being used in the renovation project.

In addition to the exterior enhancements, considerable energy savings are anticipated. The final phase of the replacement project is scheduled to begin this fall.

RSU Bartlesville is located in the historic Reda Building, which has served as an elegant, nine-story centerpiece of downtown Bartlesville since 1919. The ornate facade of the building is constructed of cut stone and brick. The interior of the first-floor lobby is adorned with high-quality materials including marble and original light fixtures.

The building originally served as headquarters for the Cities Service Oil Co. and later was the home of the Reda Pump Co. RSU acquired the building in 2005 from the Schlumberger Co., a worldwide oilfield services company that has major operations in Bartlesville.

The downtown RSU Bartlesville campus opened in the fall of 2005. Classrooms, offices, computer lab, and science labs are located on the sixth and seventh floor. The Enrollment Center and bookstore are located on the first floor, and a business incubator center is located on the eighth floor.

ATWATER NAMED INTERIM VP FOR DEVELOPMENT



↳ Nancy Atwater, Interim Vice President of Development

Nancy Atwater, a principal in Atwater & Associates, has been selected to serve as interim vice president for development at Rogers State University. Atwater has been charged with leading the University Development Office transition following the retirement of long-time vice president for development, Dr. Danette Boyle.

Atwater is an accomplished consultant and brings twenty five years fundraising and management experience to the interim position. She has also been the Director of Development and Director of Annual Giving at the University of Tulsa. Atwater received her bachelor of science from the University of Tulsa in 1972 and a master of science from Oklahoma State University in 1991. Atwater & Associates is a management and fundraising consulting service for non-profit organizations.

Atwater also serves as the interim executive director for the Rogers State University Foundation.

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Homecoming

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- ◆ Jan 9
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February

- ◆ February 16-18
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Mother,"

*For more information, including times and locations,
visit www.rsu.edu.*