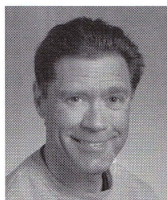


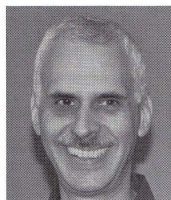


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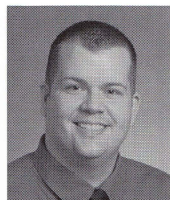
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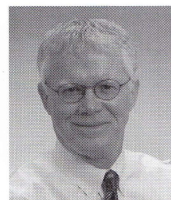
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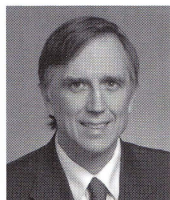
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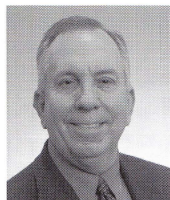
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Geophysics, Mewbourne College of Earth and Energy

Patrick McCann, School of Electrical and Computer  
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# CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

April 2011

SERVING THE FACULTY  
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## Norman Staff Week Activities

**H**ealth and craft fairs, an awards ceremony, an ice cream social, a picnic and an art show are among the events scheduled during the Norman campus Staff Week April 25 through 29. This year's Staff Week theme is "OU Staff: A Tradition of Excellence." Donations of canned food items to benefit Norman's Food for Friends may be brought to all of the activities except for the awards ceremony.

A listing of events follows:

**Monday** – Two sessions of bingo are planned, the first from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Santee Lounge of Gaylord Family – Oklahoma Memorial Stadium, and the second from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Couch Restaurants. Hot dogs and chips will be available for purchase during the early session for \$1, and complimentary refreshments will be available during the afternoon session. The event is sponsored by the Organizational Staff Council.

**Tuesday** – The Staff Awards ceremony, honoring staff for achievement, length of service and retirement, is set for 11 a.m. in the Molly Shi Boren Ballroom in Oklahoma Memorial Union. Held in conjunction with the ceremony will be the Staff Week Art Exhibition and Competition, featuring the artistic talents of staff, in the union's University Club. A light lunch will be provided following the awards ceremony, which is sponsored by the OU Staff Senate Awards Committee. The art exhibit, sponsored by the Informational Staff Association, will include a reception featuring refreshments, entertainment and door prizes from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

**Wednesday** – The Health and Information Fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Thurman J. White Forum Building. It will feature a hamburger/veggie burger cookout beginning at 11 a.m. Cost is

\$2 for the cookout. Both events sponsored by the Staff Week Committee.

**Thursday** – The Craft and Hobby Fair and Ice Cream Social will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Armory. Chopped barbecue sandwiches and chips will be available for \$3 at the craft fair. The craft and hobby fair is sponsored by the Staff Week Committee, and the ice cream social is sponsored by the Hourly Employees Council.

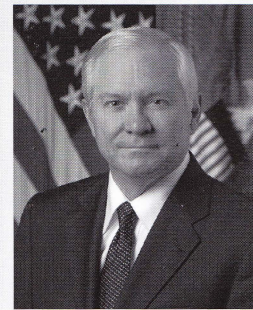
**Friday** – The Staff Week Picnic, featuring barbecue brisket and chicken, baked beans, a roll, cookies, and soda or water, is set from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brooks Mall. In the event of rain, the picnic will be moved to the Armory. Tickets, which are \$4, are available at all other Staff Week events through Wednesday. The picnic is sponsored by the Administrative Staff Council. Announcement of the week's grand prize winners will be announced during this event.

Complimentary health screenings will be offered each day in different locations; please check the Staff Week website listed below for details.

The prizes awarded during Staff Week have been donated by local merchants.

For more information, a complete list of Staff Week activities, and for accommodations on the basis of disability, visit [www.ou.edu/ousweek/](http://www.ou.edu/ousweek/) or call the Staff Senate office at 325-4672.

## U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to Deliver Commencement Address



U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, who also has served as director for the CIA and president of Texas A&M University, will deliver OU's 2011 Commencement address on Friday, May 13. The ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m. in The Gaylord Family – Oklahoma Memorial Stadium.

"Because of his crowded schedule and many responsibilities, Secretary Gates is rarely able to speak at Commencement ceremonies," said OU President David Boren. "It is a great honor for our university for him to be with us. He is one of the leading American statesmen of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, having served in critical positions under eight presidents of both political parties. As Secretary of Defense, he is playing a key role in dealing with America's most pressing national security challenges around the world."

Gates joined the Central Intelligence Agency in 1966 and spent nearly 27 years as an intelligence professional prior to assuming his current position. During that period, he spent nearly nine years at the National Security Council and the White House, serving four presidents of both political parties.

He was director of Central Intelligence from 1991 until 1993. He is the only career officer in

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