

Talent Search News



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History Close to Home

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By Jimmy Rupp

Math and History have continually come to the attention of Talent Search as subjects where students need assistance. This month our workshops will focus on U.S. and Oklahoma history.

When posed with the task of writing an article about history for this month's newsletter, I thought "how can I make the article interesting for the students when they already feel the subject is boring?" Then it came to me.

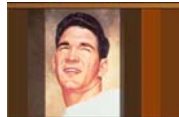
Bringing history closer to each of your homes should make it more interesting. When I say closer to your homes, I mean it literally. We are going to travel to each of your hometowns. Even though you may be aware of the history of your own town, you may learn something interesting about a place nearby.



Ponca City will be the starting point for our journey through history. Ponca City's major historical icon is E.W. Marland. Mr. Marland was an oil millionaire. At one point he owned a tenth of the world's oil. Mr. Marland left behind not only the famed Marland Mansion but numerous other homes and business buildings he built for family, friends, and employees. He also donated the Pioneer Woman statue that resides in Ponca City. Probably more well known to you is the company that originated as Marland Oil—Conoco Oil; now ConocoPhillips.

If we travel southeast of Ponca City, we will find our next desti-

nation Cleveland. **Cleveland's** claim to fame is Billy Vessels, the first of Oklahoma's five Heisman Trophy winners. Mr. Vessels



played at OU, but went on to play professionally as well as join the Army. He was also elected to the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame in 1974.

Continuing on our way south we venture into the small town of **Yale**, most famous for a man by the name of Jim Thorpe. Mr. Thorpe was of the Sac and Fox Indian blood line. He played almost every sport available to him, including the pentathlon and decathlon. In 1950, the nation's press selected him as the most outstanding athlete of the first half of the 20th Century. He was later awarded ABC's Wide World of Sports Athlete of the Century.



Our next stop is only a short distance further. **Ripley** was the home to the first commercial country and western band. Billy McGinty was the first sponsor of the band and Otto Gray took them all over the nation. They made records, were in films, and attracted large audiences across the nation. Billy McGinty was



also in the Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and was later named America's bronc-riding

champion.

One town on this journey south is known more for objects rather than a person or group of people.



Carney has many works of art around town built by Claude Fisher. Mr. Fisher felt very connected to his country and his town. He was a

sculptor; most notable was his construction of the Doughboy. He had seen a photo of this statue in other towns as a tribute to those who gave their life fighting for our country. Without seeing one in person or using a pattern he went to work building it in the winter of the mid 1930's.

Our final stop is **Davenport**, an extremely small town that lies on a strip of road between Chandler and Stroud. You may not notice anything extremely unusual in Davenport, but it is that strip of road which makes it so interesting in history. That road is an active portion of Route 66! It was widely used in the 1950's. It is known as



"The Mother Road", "The Main Street of America", and "The Will Rogers Highway". When it was in use it ran from Chicago to Los Angeles. It crossed eight states and three time zones.

I hope this journey has sparked your interest and you will continue to look up interesting facts about our State's history!

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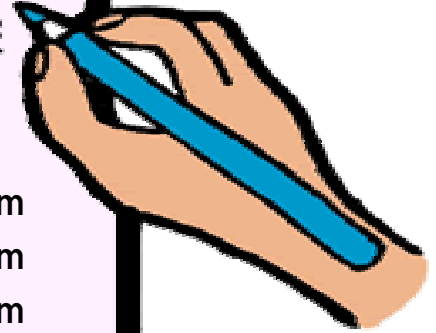
January Workshop Dates:

- Jan. 9-Carney
- Jan. 10-Yale
- Jan. 12-Cleveland Middle School
- Jan. 17-Davenport
- Jan. 20-Ripley
- Jan. 24-Cleveland High School
- Jan. 26-Ponca City



New Year's Resolutions

Go to one of the FAFSA Workshops!



January 9 – Carney High School	6:30 pm
January 17 – Ripley High School	6:00 pm
January 19 – Ponca City High School	6:00 pm
January 23 – Cleveland High School	7:00 pm
January 26 – Yale High School	6:30 pm
January 30 – Davenport High School	7:00 pm

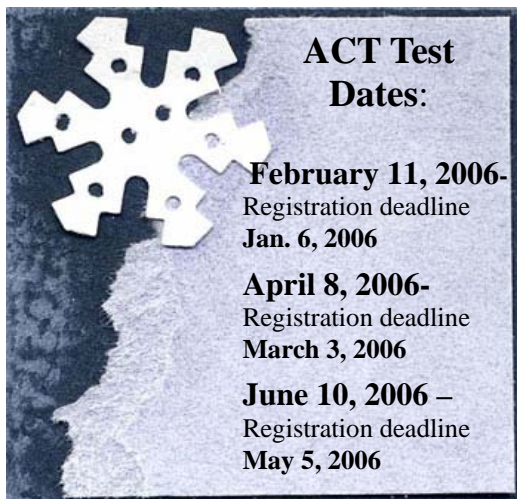
SUBMIT APPLICATIONS NOW!

If you are graduating in May, and you have not yet submitted your application for admission to college, **NOW IS THE TIME!!!!** Don't wait until you complete your senior year to do this complete this step.

Haven't decided what school you want to attend? Tell your Talent Search Coordinator. Jimmy or Maria will be happy to schedule a campus visit for you; they will even take you, if you'd like.

Need an application form? Jimmy and Maria will be happy to get you any applications that you would like.

Remember that many applications have February deadlines. You don't want to miss out on any scholarships that you may be eligible to receive, so make sure that you complete the scholarship applications as well!



ACT Test Dates:

February 11, 2006-
Registration deadline
Jan. 6, 2006

April 8, 2006-
Registration deadline
March 3, 2006

June 10, 2006 –
Registration deadline
May 5, 2006

CAREER CORNER

Is Coming!!!!

In the coming months, we will be profiling a professional with a career that you may not have considered. We will be learning what the person had planned to be when they "grew up". We'll learn what they majored in while in college, as well as how long it took to get their degree. We will also hear about what they do in their daily job and what they like about it. The professionals profiled will also discuss the hurdles and obstacles they overcame to get where they are today.

Are you interested in learning about a particular career? Email us tsosu@okstate.edu and we'll try to profile it!



Beyond Borders

with Mr. Eshpulatov



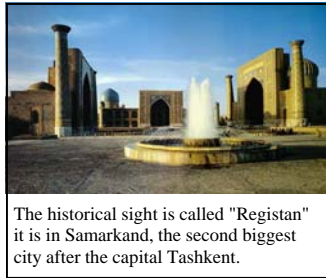
Shahboz
Eshpulatov

By Maria Diaz

Let's take a 14 hour trip to a country about which you have probably never heard. This month I had the privilege to sit down with a citizen of the country of Uzbekistan.

Uzbekistan is located in Central Asia just north of Afghanistan. It is slightly larger than California and has approximately 25 million people. The country's capital is Tashkent.

Shahboz Eshpulatov is a student in the School of International Studies at OSU. He gave me a lot of interesting information about life in Uzbekistan. The average child



The historical sight is called "Registan" it is in Samarkand, the second biggest city after the capital Tashkent.

starts kindergarten when they are 2 years old!! After that, their school life is similar to the U.S.; teenagers cannot drive until they are 18 years old. Although Uzbekistan is considered a Third World country, almost 100% of its high school students graduate and 60-70% of them go to one of the many universities in the country!

Mr. Eshpulatov said the U.S.

and Uzbek cultures are quite different. Kids don't leave their parents when they turn 18; they leave when they get married. Evening meals are always eaten together. There is also a great respect for the older generation. For example, no one will start to eat at the table until the oldest person starts. Finally, Uzbeks will mostly greet one another with a hand across their chest and a slight bow of their head.

Mr. Shahboz wanted me to give you the following message: "If you get the opportunity to travel, please do. My horizons have been greatly expanded by going beyond my country's borders. If you have the chance, Uz-

bekistan would be an awesome place to see. There is a rich culture and ancient history plus warm and hospitable people to welcome you. Maybe I will even have the privilege to see you there!"

If you can e-mail (tsosu@okstate.edu) the answer to the following question, you will get a prize from Uzbekistan. How would you greet Mr. Eshpulatov if you were to see him?



TOP TEN TIPS FOR WINNING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

1. Apply only if you are eligible.

Read all the scholarship requirements and directions carefully. Make sure you are eligible before you send in your application.

2. Complete the application in full.

If a question does not apply to you, note that on the application. Do not leave a question blank. Be sure to supply all additional supporting materials, including transcripts, letters of recommendation, and essays.

3. Follow directions. Provide everything that is required. However, do not supply things that are not requested—you could be disqualified.

4. Neatness counts. Always type your application, or if you must print do so neatly and legibly. Make a couple of photocopies of all the forms before you fill them out. Use the copies as working drafts as you develop your application packet.

5. Write an essay that makes a strong impression. The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific. Include concrete details to make your experience come alive: the who, what, where, and when of your topic. The simplest experience can be monumental if you honestly present how you were affected.

6. Watch all deadlines. To help keep yourself on track, impose your own deadline

that is at least two weeks prior to the official deadline. Use the buffer time to make sure everything is ready on time. Do not rely on extensions—very few scholarship providers allow them at all.

7. Make sure your application gets where it needs to go. Put your name (and Social Security number, if applicable) on all pages of the application. Pieces of your application may get lost unless they are clearly identified.

8. Keep a back-up file in case anything goes wrong.

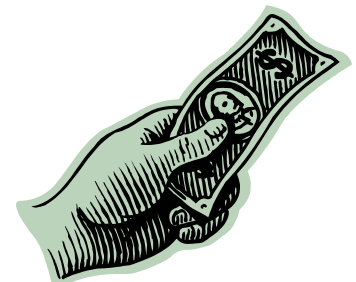
Before sending the application, make a copy of the entire packet. If your application goes astray, you will be able to reproduce it quickly.

9. Give it a final 'once-over.' Proof-read the entire

application carefully. Be on the lookout for misspelled words or grammatical errors. Ask a friend, teacher, or parent to proofread it as well.

10. Ask for help if you need it. If you have problems with the application, do not hesitate to call the funding organization.

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Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College

It is often the opportunity for the true college experience that guides students to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. Those who enroll in NEO courses are given the tools they will use to make them a leader in their career. Outstanding financial aid is available to ensure that a college education is possible. On-campus residential living completes the package.

But what ensures that those students will return for another semester?

They learn that while NEO presents the same possibilities as a university, the experience is offered in a small college setting. The NEO campus becomes their home and those in it their community. From the faculty who take the time to treat students as an individual to the dozens of NEO organizations, students discover who they are and who

they want to become.

NEO offers 53 academic programs that include nursing, agriculture, business and early childhood educa-



tion. Each semester, approximately 2,000 students from states across the nation and countries throughout the world enroll in its courses. The aver-

age class size at NEO is approximately 15, giving students daily access to individual assistance from instructors. NEO is fully accredited by Oklahoma institutions and by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The college offers Associates in Arts, Associates in Science and Associates in Applied Science degrees, in addition to numerous one- and two-year certificate programs.

NEO also boasts of a 200-acre farm located just one mile east of the campus. There, students receive a hands-on education in the care and judging of livestock, as well as farm, crop and soil management.

For more information about NEO, please visit www.neoam.edu or call (888) GO-GO-NEO to schedule a campus tour.

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