

## Communication, Arts, and Media Department



Seven members of the Student Publications staff attended the 89<sup>th</sup> annual National College Media Convention, held Oct. 27 to 31 in Louisville, Ky. The event offers intensive training for students working on campus media, including newspaper, yearbook, online, radio and television outlets. It is the oldest and largest conference of its kind in the United States and is sponsored by Associated Collegiate Press and College Media Advisers. The Oracle was represented by **Bryce Merkl**, editor in chief; **Katy Miller**, news editor; **Amy Lecza**, copy editor; and **Melanie Wespetal**, online editor. The Perihelion was represented by **Emilie Southern**, editor in chief; **Kathleen Kelly**, design editor; and **Lindsey Meeker**, sports

editor. **Kevin Armstrong**, faculty adviser for Student Publications, accompanied the students. The Perihelion won a third-place Best in Show award at the convention in the “Yearbooks Less than 300 Pages” category. Funding for the trip was provided by the Margaret L. Leshner Excellence in Journalism Endowment. Evangel World Prayer Center, pastored by ORU alumnus Bob Rogers, provided housing in Louisville.

## History, Humanities, and Government Department

Recently, the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature (O.I.L.) delegation at Oral Roberts University was awarded and recognized as the Overall Best Delegation for the **SEVENTH** consecutive time in a row at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City. The Oral Roberts delegation defeated the likes of Oklahoma State University, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Tulsa and other state colleges in Oklahoma. O.I.L. replicates all three branches of the state government of Oklahoma and provides students an opportunity to write, debate, and pass legislation. O.I.L. also contains a moot court and journalism competition. O.I.L. provides practical experience in cooperation, leadership, and respect which will prove invaluable later in life, whether pursuing politics or not. Several members of the Oral Roberts’ O.I.L. delegation captured numerous individual awards. Following are the individual results:

### **OVERALL BEST DELEGATION**

1st Place -Oral Roberts University

### **SENATE - Best Senate Delegation**

1st Place - Oral Roberts University

**Best Senate Delegate** - 1st Place - Luke Grcich - 3rd Place - Jana Ruthven

**Best Senate Freshman** (First time O.I.L. participants) - 2nd Place - Joe Ninowski - 3rd Place - Luke Paulson

**COURT** - 3rd Place - Jordan Hufford

### **HOUSE - Best House Delegation**

3rd Place -Oral Roberts University

### **Best House Legislation**

1st Place - Kai Good and Colton Barnaby  
2nd Place - Josh Wagoner

**Best House Freshman** (First time O.I.L. participants) - 1st Place - Sarah Sandford  
3rd Place - Josh Wagoner

### **JOURNALISM**

3rd Place - Kai Good

The Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature will be going to session in April at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City. For anyone interested in participating with O.I.L., please contact Dr. Michael Hirlinger at 495-7308 or by email at [mhirlinger@oru.edu](mailto:mhirlinger@oru.edu).

## Music Department



2010 was a busy and successful year for Dr. Cheryl Bocanegra, Associate Professor in the Music Department at ORU. In addition to teaching several classes she was active as a jazz pianist and composer. In February, she was one of four jazz pianists invited to play in the Jazz Pianists Concert at the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame in Tulsa, OK. She performed her arrangement called “*Fantasy on Spain*,” her original composition entitled “*Miniatures for Solo Piano*,” and “*Dance of Dreams*,” a Chopin Mazurka she and lyricist Mary Dawson adapted as a jazz waltz. “Dr. B,” as she is affectionately known by her students, is also a member of the small jazz groups, *Jazz Rhapsody* and *Soul Intent*. During the past two years, *Jazz Rhapsody* played for the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame Annual Inductees Ceremony.

Dr. Bocanegra recently co-wrote the official theme song of the Blue Star Families Organization, a national charity that supports families of those currently serving in the military. The song was premiered at the Walter Reed

Hospital Gala held on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Coming in 2011, Dr. B will record a new album with *Jazz Rhapsody*, provide arranging and keyboard support for percussionist Arthur Thompson’s upcoming CD, and be featured in a Spring Faculty Concert at ORU where she will premiere new compositions and arrangements with numerous guest artists. Currently, she serves as pianist/keyboardist for Sunday worship services at Redeemer Covenant Church in Tulsa.



## English and Modern Languages Department



Greetings! Happy New Year! Próspero Año Nuevo! Shana Tova! Prosit Neujahr! Bonne Année. No matter how it is said in English, Spanish, German, Hebrew or French we call blessings into your lives throughout the New Year. Our department celebrated in the Christmas season with many activities. Our student workers enjoyed a covered-dish luncheon specially prepared for them. Once final exams were finished, our faculty gathered in Dr.

Mark Hall’s beautiful home to savor Christmas cuisine once again. Dr. Hall led us in a guessing game in which we had to decipher the names of 25 Christmas songs. We all exchanged gifts and sang songs in Spanish, French, German and English.

Along with the festivities, the end of this year brought some changes in our department. Dr. Mary Alice Trent was hired as the new chair of English and Foreign Languages at Claflin University in South Carolina. We are happy for her promotion but we are sad for our loss. We hope your Christmas holidays have refreshed each of you, and now “here we go again!”

