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*The e-Newsletter for alumni and friends of CBME*



### **Brian Grady, CBME Director**

Conoco Du Pont Professor, School of Chemical,  
 Biological and Materials Engineering

It is my privilege to welcome you to the inaugural edition of the School of Chemical, Biological and Materials Engineering's e-Newsletter.

As some of you may already know, Lance Lobban stepped down from his role as director of CBME after 16 years of outstanding service. He will be devoting more time to teaching, research and service, and will continue to hold the Francis W. Winn Chair.

One of the changes that is currently being implemented is a renewed emphasis on communication with alums. Facebook is sort of the go-to informal communication avenue being used; please click on the Facebook link to the right and you can see lots of interesting things going on in the department (including me getting wet at the Fall Festival). This newsletter will come out once a semester and will include more important messages. Finally, OKCHE magazine will be published once again in the summer, and will include feature articles on alums, students and professors.

One of the articles in the OKCHE magazine will be on our two new Assistant Professors, Bin Wang and Paul Huang. Bin comes to us from Vanderbilt, while Paul comes to us from North Carolina State. We are very excited to have both of them, and you can find out more about them on our [website](#).

You can read about the senior computer room in M-206, which was so generously funded ~20 years ago primarily by John and Lou Waller. All of you that graduated from here in the last 20 years I am sure have fond (or not so fond) memories of late nights, lots of soda/coffee etc. working on Design or Control. After 20 years, as you can imagine, the room needed an upgrade, and John and Lou stepped up to the plate again, and you can see the results below (and find out a little about John and Lou; more to come next summer in the reconstituted OKCHE magazine).

Finally, and most importantly, please feel free at anytime to drop me a line at [bpgrady@ou.edu](mailto:bpgrady@ou.edu).

### **An Exciting Announcement**

From the Beard Lounge in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Friday afternoon, President David L. Boren announced the kickoff of the LIVE ON, UNIVERSITY Campaign. The Campaign seeks support for scholarships and



### **LIVE ON, CBME**

Thank you for your investment in the School of Chemical, Biological and Materials Engineering.



### **John Waller**

*OkChE Advisory Board  
 Member, President  
 (Retired), Toefco  
 Engineering Company*

### **Waller Gift Makes Renovation Possible**

Mr. Waller has made generous contributions of time and funds. He has spoken in professor's classes on subjects such as team building, report styles, and safety. The most recent donation of funds has gone to giving the team room in Sarkeys M-206 a much needed facelift. John has stated "I'm particularly focused upon students who do not have outstanding grades and are seeking employment or those who want to use their degree for something other than

fellowships for our students, to honor and reward great teachers, to sustain programs that improve the health of our citizens and the vitality and quality of life of our communities, make civic education an integral part of the college experience, preserve and maintain our priceless and cultural resources, help fuel our state's economy and create global citizens and leaders. On behalf of our great School, College and University, we encourage you to participate in this campaign.

Unspecified gifts to Chemical Engineering are used for items such as research scholarships for undergraduates to work in professor's labs, financial support of social activities for both undergraduates and graduates, an active seminar program and many other items. Larger amounts of funding can be used to endow scholarships for CBME undergraduates, and I know many of you benefitted from those scholarships yourselves. Alternatively, fellowships for graduate students is a great need within the department. Please consider making a donation, no matter how small by clicking on the box to the right. [Learn more.](#)

“normal” engineering ... both situations, I know well.”



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