



### President's Ponderings

I am proud to announce that our chapter has 2 new projects. With great enthusiasm, our members have chosen to embark on 2 fascinating projects. First, we voted to produce a professional development brochure to be distributed to our local schools offering workshops.

Our members and members of our educational community have expertise in many areas. Rick Shelton and Jaime Holmes have offered to collect and publish this work. The second project is a book concerning Bagley High School.

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Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear.

Mark Twain

## PDK Executive Board Meeting

In attendance: Pat Allen, Jamie Holmes, Jewell Linville, Jeanette Wilson, Dawn Yonally

### Chapter Projects:

1. Professional Development brochures – We would create them for distribution to local schools. They will contain information on seminars, workshops, presentations, etc. that our members and other NSU faculty members offer. The idea is to get our expertise out there & would meet a need for professional development programming in the public schools. It was brought up that in the past, a \$10 fee was charged to those included in the brochure. The board noted that since an honorarium would be earned, it's logical and acceptable to charge presenters – it's a way to offset the cost of publication and distribution.

The invitation would be included in the next PDK newsletter with form enclosed. A volunteer to coordinate the project will be solicited at tonight's meeting.

2. PDK Scholarships – at least 3 are freebies. Jeanette will discuss them at tonight's meeting.

3. Complimentary subscriptions:

-Kappan subscription will go NSU BA

-Rivas Reading Room publication

-Fast backs are being phased out

-Advertising/membership items are free, but we must pay for the shipping – they will bill us.

### Discussions:

Whether or not our chapter would do a "white elephant" activity this year at one of our meetings to raise money. It was brought up that there is a lot to do and discuss at our next meeting... should we put it off? We are not a rich chapter.



Seminary Hall

Agenda for general membership meeting: review of projects & discussion of professional development brochure.

**Next meeting: Monday, Oct. 24 @ Vidalia's 4:30 p.m. Exec. Board, 5:30 p.m. general membership.**



*Bring your PDK Membership Money to the October meeting for \$1.00 off the meal.*

## Bagley School Bags PDK Bonanza

The biggest new event on the calendar is an attempt by PDK to memorialize the Bagley School at N.S.U. This laboratory school operated several years in what is now the College of Education building.

memories of people who attended Bagley School, find photographs of the laboratory school, its teachers and students and combine all of these elements into a multimedia presentation that will be

PDK members are going to try to collect

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### Shell Shaker

*In the Stomp Dances of the Southeastern Indian cultures, women have an equally important role in the dance. The Shell Shaker is the woman counterpart of the dance singer. The first man leads the men and the first woman leads the other women. She wears leg rattles made from box tortoise shells on her lower legs. The woman enters the dance behind the lead singer and produces music by rattling sounds made by shuffling her feet. Legend has it that because of the natural designs on the tortoise shell that look like women dancing - Turtle says, "Let Women Dance."*

*Today, some shell shakers have resorted to using shackles made from milk cans. This was started at Medicine Springs as a form of training and practice for young girls before they moved on to the turtle shells. It is respectful for those who wear shackles made from milk cans to allow shell shakers with turtle shells to always be in front of them at ceremonial grounds, unless they are leading.*

*Info provided by the Cherokee Nation Cultural Resource Center. For information regarding culture and language, please contact: cultural@cherokee.org*

## 2005 PDK International Professional Development Conference Relocated



Due to Hurricane Katrina, the 2005 PDK International Professional Development Conference has been moved from New Orleans to The Palmer House Hilton in Chicago. The dates, November 10-13, remain the same. Instead of a conference in New Orleans, we will be hosting a conference for New Orleans and the Gulf Coast Region.

The Palmer House Hilton is preparing to welcome educators from across the United States and the world to this cutting-edge conference, which is focused on the theme Doing What Matters: Education, Democracy, and the Future. Don't be left out! Join us in November. The presenters will inspire you, and the opportunity to network with your colleagues and learn about developing

your PDK chapter will energize you! We hope to see you there.

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Initiation:** Five new members were initiated. Jamie Holmes, Donna Shelton, Jennifer Walker, Gary Wing and Jeanna Wing

**Budget report:** Our chapter currently has \$547.13

**Newsletter:** President Yonally sent it to the international office & it received excellent reviews. Members should have signed in and given address & preferred method of newsletter receipt

### Outreach/Projects:

1. Book: The original idea of writing a "one-room schoolhouse" book was discussed. Kay Grant had suggested to President Yonally the week before that a good idea for a book would be a history of Bagley High School. (That was the name of the College of Education building before it was designated as the home of the College of Education.

Discussion: People who attended or worked at Bagley HS could be interviewed. We could add pictures from the library archives. Jamie Holmes will

check next week on the availability of photos in the library's archives. Student involvement was mentioned. No further discussion. We need a project manager. After the meeting Dawn Yonally agreed to direct the project. Jeanna Wing, Donna Shelton and Jamie Holmes will serve as editors.

Motion made, seconded and passed.

2. Professional development brochure – "Share your skills with the public schools!"

Discussion: People would fill out an application to be in the brochure. "Share your skills with the public schools" People would fill out an application and pay a fee (\$10?) to be listed in the brochure. The listing would contain name, credentials, workshop description, availability, etc. Jeanette mentioned that we would have a form so info on presenters would be consistent within the brochure. Is there an old sample out there?

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The important thing is not to stop questioning.

—Albert Einstein



**OKLAHOMA FACTS**

*The name "Oklahoma" comes from the Choctaw words: "okla" meaning people and "humma" meaning red, so the state's name literally means "red people."*

*Oklahoma has the largest American Indian population of any state. Many of the 252,420 American Indians living in Oklahoma today are descendents from the original 67 tribes inhabiting Indian Territory.*

*Oklahoma has 43 colleges and universities.*

*The highest point in the state is Black Mesa in Cimarron County (4,973 feet); the lowest is due east of Idabel in McCurtain County (287 feet).*

*Oklahoma has more man-made lakes than any other state, with 2,000 more miles of shoreline than the Atlantic and Gulf coasts combined.*

*Oklahoma's four mountain ranges include the Ouachitas, Arbuckles, Wichitas, and the Klamichis. Forests cover approximately 24 percent of Oklahoma.*

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available to people who attended Bagley School, PDK members, and other people with an interest in the institution.

This project will be completed and will be a component available to the state of Oklahoma as a part of its Centennial Celebration. It will spotlight part of the History of Education in Northeastern Oklahoma, a long and proud tradition that extends to the Seminaries that the Cherokee Nation established long before statehood was established.

This newsletter will keep you apprised of the progress of this project. If you have material to contribute, please do so.

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We have asked for financial support from the national PDK. It won't be much though, so we may need the \$10 support. Jeanette elaborated on what type of workshop would be offered. These ideas included multicultural education, behavior management, inclusion and ideas to help schools with NCLB. What can you offer?

Pat added that it will also be a good way to get PDK noticed on campus and in the community. We will use email to publicize.

Rick Shelton volunteered to put the brochure together (editor). Motion made, seconded and passed.

A. Membership – We have brochures for prospective members.

B. Scholarships – Contact Jewell if you want more info.



1. Dissertation Award (\$500 scholarship)
2. Graduate fellowships – apps. are due next June 1 (Help support graduate degree work)
3. Prospective educators – due Jan. 21 (Help support undergraduate work)
4. Travel - Gerald H. Reed travel scholarship due Feb 1 – recipients announced in March. Dawn said they are easy to apply for and are awarded frequently.

C. \$1000 for books, literature & research – Joyce will check on this...it would go to BA library

D. NCLB workshops being offered by PDK international

E. Free subscriptions for certain groups – Should we offer our complimentary Kappan subscription to JVL? Joyce Warner will explore this.

F. PDK offers free research help to members

G. PDK does Gallup poll (public attitudes toward education)

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Bagley School was a laboratory school of NSU, currently that building is known as the Education Building. We will collect stories and photographs about and from the teachers and students who attended. I will head this project with a strong team comprised on Jaime Holmes, Donna Shelton and Gina Wing. This book ties in beautifully with the NSU centennial celebration. The international office has been contacted for financial support for these projects. Finally, I want to extend a warm welcome to our new members Donna Sheldon, Jaime Holmes, Debbie Landry, Gina Wing and Gary Wing.

Email me or call if you want to talk.

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Dawn Yonally, Ph.D.



## Greetings from the J V Library!



If you've been to the Education Research Information Center (ERIC) web site lately, you've probably noticed some

changes. Last fall the federal government gave Computer Sciences Corporation of Rockport, Maryland, the go-ahead to re-design and construct a new and improved version of the database. The new interface and updated content were made available June 26, 2005, and as of September 9, 2005, ERIC administrators had loaded about 20,000 new records from recently published materials (2004 and 2005).

The library now offers a direct link from its database index pages to both the EBSCOhost ERIC database and the web-based version ([www.eric.ed.gov](http://www.eric.ed.gov)).

The EBSCOhost version of the database receives updates from ERIC on the first Monday of every month; therefore, EBSCOhost is still a great way to access article and report citations. Also, EBSCOhost ERIC is part of a database package that includes a great deal of full text, so it can lead to more full text articles and reports.

### JOHN VAUGHAN LIBRARY

Since the web-based database contains the very latest records available, having easy access to both (one a bit more current, and the other offering more full text content) should make your research easier and more fruitful! If you have any questions about ERIC or any of the library databases, please visit <http://library.nsuok.edu/Reference/refq.html> to learn how to contact the appropriate resource coordinator.

## Membership Meeting Minutes

H. The national chapter is asking locals to be 20/20, 40/40, 60/60, etc. for donations to the PDK foundation. Would we be willing to donate \$5 toward national 20/20 club?

I. We do not charge local dues; many chapters do.  
Next meeting: Oct. 24, 5:30 @ Vidalia's. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Christmas party @ Pat Allen's house – more info to come later.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**Membership Money**

## Bagley Reunion Photos

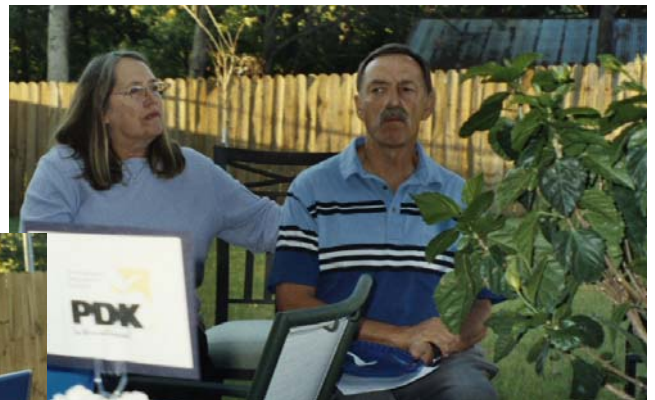


PDK members brought their expertise, experience, and talents to bear at the Bagley reunion on Saturday October, 18th 2005. Members helped document stories historical records and photographs from the attendees.



Many former students from the class of 1948 were in attendance and shared their stories, memories and memorabilia to help the PDK boor project and to preserve the spirit of Bagley school. A pot luck lunch provided the opportunity for remembrance of past times and missing classmates.

## New PDK Inductees



New inductees into the chapter gathered at the home of chapter President Dawn Yonally on Friday September 16th, 2005 to formally join the chapter.

