

# PIONEER

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Photo by John Thomas

**Hollywood, here I come:** Elisa Clark, three-year-old sister of photography major John Thomas, puts on a shy face for the camera. Thomas is a freshman enrolled in Basic Photography under the instruction of Professor Hugh Scott. Students learn to shoot, develop and print black and white photographs in the class.

## Remedial course rate drops

By Nick Spross  
Staff Writer

For the second straight year, freshmen students entering Oklahoma colleges and universities directly from high school have been better prepared to go directly into college courses.

According to the Annual Student Remediation Report, 34 percent of freshmen entering college directly from high school in 1996-97 needed to take remedial courses. This compared to 38 percent in 1995-96 and 42 percent in fall of 1994-95.

Remedial courses are non-credit courses required for students who do not meet the minimum standards in one or more of four areas: English, mathematics, reading and

science.

Students who attend OKCCC know these courses as courses lower than 1,000 level in the school schedule, or zero-level courses.

These include Basic Math, Elementary Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, College Writing I and II, Col-

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lege Reading I and II and Study Skills.

To determine if a student has to take a remedial class, he or she must take a Compass Test in the testing center or have a high enough score from the ACT.

A list of the minimum scores students must obtain to bypass remedial courses in Writing are 82 on the Compass test or 20 as an English subscore on ACT.

For reading, a minimum of 80 on the Compass Test or 19 on ACT.

Math placement is based on how well students answer the first few questions. How you answer them will determine what exact score you need on the Compass Test or a 19 on ACT.

Be aware that the minimum on the math is based on getting into Contemporary Math and Intro to Statistics.

Shirley Barta, assessment and testing assistant, said if students aren't happy with their score on

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## State regents request \$90.6 million increase

By Robyn Lydick  
Student Editor

More money for state financial aid, bigger paychecks for professors, more staff on college campuses and more technology top the wish list for the State Regents for Higher Education.

The state regents voted in January to request an additional \$90.6 million new dollars for higher education for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

This figure is an increase of 13.1 percent over fiscal year 1997-98 and would

After the state regents compute the money needed by the colleges and universities, they look at the average cost per unit across the country from Michigan to Arizona, Todd said.

"Currently we are at about 64 percent of the average. Two years ago, we were at 58 percent," Todd said.

Todd explained how the state regents are trying to bring Oklahoma's money per-student up to the national average.

"Each year the state regents request a certain percentage over the amount they calculate from each school's data."

Some areas the money is requested for are:

- \$4.3 million for three scholarship and grant programs: the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program (OTAG), Academic Scholars Program and Oklahoma

Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP).

- \$38.5 million for institutional priorities such as faculty and staff salary increases averaging 4.4 percent, 84 new faculty positions, 32 new staff positions in the areas of student service and computing, library acquisitions and student technology labs and services.

- \$15.8 million for technology, including a pilot "laptop university" program, a web-based regis-

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—Bob Todd  
OKCCC President

bring the total amount requested by the state regents to \$783.9 million.

These funds would be used throughout the state's 26 colleges and universities.

The request now goes before the State Legislature.

The request is a formula-driven process, said OKCCC president Bob Todd.

"Each of the colleges sends their data to the state regents who then compute the unit cost."

A unit cost is the amount of money required for a student in a given program, Todd said.

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## Editorial and Opinion

### Editorial

# Weird laws + weird values = weird world

As America sits in judgment of other nations' human rights violations, the state legislatures of this fine country are penning some of the most cruel, if not unusual, punishments ever written.

The great state of Mississippi has written a bill allowing for drug offenders to opt for the removal of a body part instead of serving time.

If I am ever arrested for drugs in Mississippi, I opt for penile amputation.

Oklahoma has a bill considering chemical castration of sex offenders. This same idea was shot down in Texas, of all places.

What next? Branding for theft? Back to the scarlet letter? What will we do to speeders?

The death penalty has enjoyed years of outright support and distasteful acceptance.

I will not go farther regarding the death penalty, but a nation divided on such an issue surely cannot support such hare brained ideas as amputation, even by so-called choice.

As for the drug offenders, legalize whatever grows wild in the United States, and form a colony for the chemistry-heads. Let them party themselves into oblivion away from the rest of the world.

Sex offenders are a much harder case.

Start with preventing it in the next generations.

Teach children that their bodies are truly their bodies and no one has the right to touch them if they are uncomfortable with the touching, even if it is grandma or dad. Then teach them that this goes for everyone. No one has the right to invade another's personal space.

Teach non-violence for good measure.

As for the twisted folks already running around raping and molesting, maybe the colony idea would work there, too. A taste of their own medicine, so to speak.

Seriously, if a kid of 21 can be put away for life on a first offense for possession of a controlled substance, as Michigan did in the late 80s, why not put rapists and molesters away for life, too?

Personally, I would support a bill to commit all politicians to the state mental hospital for life after a given number of terms in office. There is a reason no one has asked me to run for office.

Human rights are globally the most important rights.

Preventing a teenaged girl from ritual mutilation under unsafe conditions is just as important as preventing Saddam Hussein from rolling over smaller nations or using biological weapons.

Protecting those pesky "certain and inalienable rights" is just as important as getting blood tribute for the Oklahoma City Bombing.

Putting weird and cruel punishments into state law is a petty and wasteful exercise.

— Robyn Lydick  
Student Editor



## Are casinos good for Oklahoma?

### Point...

#### Casinos bad deal for state

##### To the Editor:

I was glad the gambling proposal failed in the February election.

In my opinion, casinos should not exist in Oklahoma because they don't increase revenues much, and the social cost is too great.

For example, losers sometimes commit suicide after spending all their assets, and winners sometimes get drunk and have accidents.

Furthermore, several studies show that construction of casinos causes a rise in crime rates and a decrease in property values.

And how about the environmental problem of ugly billboards, marquees, and neon signs? What kind of atmosphere would this bring to Oklahoma?

Please, Oklahoma should always be a quiet and beautiful place.

—Uyen M. Tran  
OKCCC Student

### ...Counterpoint

#### Economic boon missed

##### To the Editor:

I was sorry that the gambling proposal failed in the February election.

In my opinion, Oklahoma should legalize gambling.

Oklahomans could benefit economically because gambling is a source of employment.

Moreover, it attracts tourists who spend a lot of money.

In addition, gambling is a personal freedom, and personal freedom should not be hindered.

The money that people win from gambling changes their lives and gives them better opportunities.

In conclusion, I think gambling could be a big help in this state.

—Andrea Gomez  
OKCCC Student

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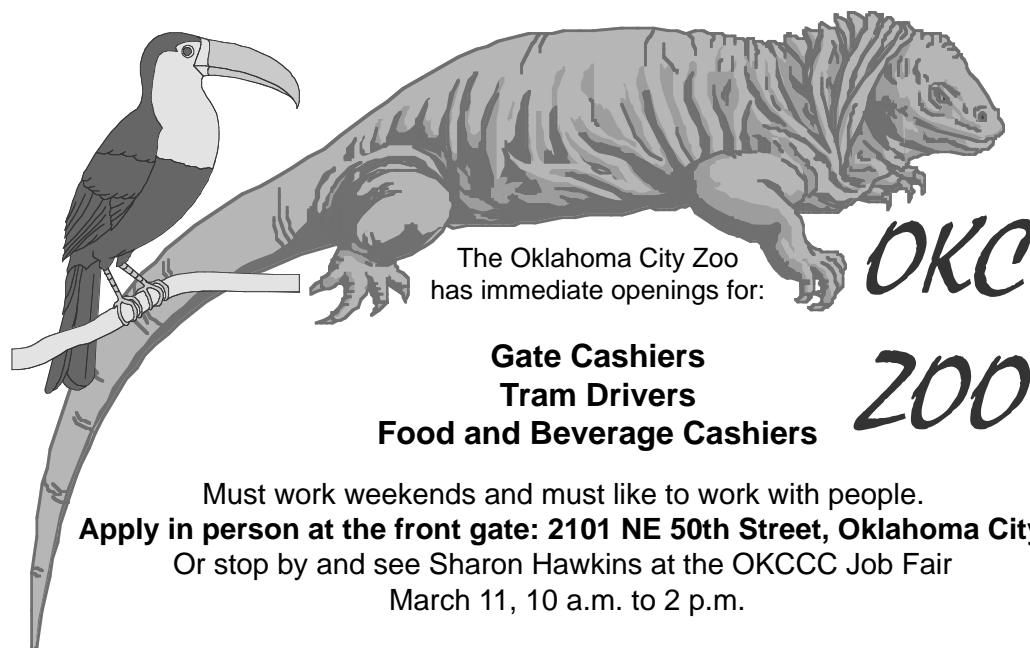
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# Employers say bring your resume

Sixty top companies will be on campus for the spring job fair March 11

**By Nick Spross  
Staff Writer**

Opportunity is knocking for students in search of a career or job. It's in the form of the annual career and job fair.

The fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in the college union.

Karlen Grayson, intake assistant for Advisement and Counseling Services said the fair helps students every year.

"The Career Planning department puts this on every year for students looking for a career," Grayson said.

There will be a wide range of companies to choose from including medical, automotive, banking, child care, computers and retail.

Following is a list of some of the companies the Career Planning Department is bringing in.

For those interested in the automotive field, General Motors and Hibdon

Tire will be there.

If banking is your future, First Fidelity and MidFirst banks will be on hand.

Child care is always an important job. La Petite Academy and The Children's Center will be available for those interested in working with children.

Computer Data Systems, Inc., Gulfstream Aerospace Technology and Modern Technology Systems will be available if technology is up your alley.

There will be a few retail sales companies including Best Buy and Kinko's.

Also, representatives from the law enforcement area, including the Federal Transfer Center and Yukon Police Department.

Representing the medical field will be Integris Health, St. Anthony Hospital, RehabCare Group, Sinor Emergency Medical Service and Mercy Health Center, plus others.

If none of these sound appealing to you, don't be

alarmed, there will be several more companies at the job fair that might wet your whistle. A representative for Best Buy said they look forward to the fair.

"We try to help the students by coming to the school," the representative said. "It's hard looking for work plus attending school."

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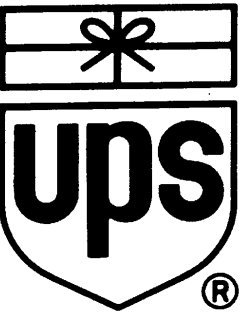
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# Tax break initiative proposed by state treasurer

**By Larry Mitchell  
Newswriting I Student**

State Treasurer Robert A. Butkin is proposing a tax break for college students



Robert A. Butkin

and their families.

Butkin is trying to push a bill through the state legislature that would make education-based savings tax exempt.

The bill, similar to one passed in the U.S. Congress last year, will make all savings accounts set aside for education tax-exempt.

Currently, interest earnings are only tax deferred.

Butkin said in the past 15 years, tuition costs have jumped more than 200 percent while family incomes have only risen 82 percent.

He believes there should be some sort of tax break for families who want to send their children to college. Hence the tax exemptions for interest-bearing savings.

He is working with State

Senator Brad Henry, D-Shawnee, and Representative Debbie Blackburn, D-Oklahoma City, to pass the bill in both the House and Senate.

Butkin said both Henry and Blackburn clearly share his vision for helping Oklahoma families with the cost of college tuition.

"We must do everything we can to make sure everyone who wants a college education can get one," Butkin said.

Under Butkin's college savings proposal, families could invest for their children's education while sheltering that money from taxes. By establishing a state-administered program, federal tax advan-

tages are also triggered.

Butkin is also urging Oklahoma's congressional delegation to take action.

"Congress passed impor-

**"We must do all we can to help parents and students meet the rising costs of getting a college degree."**

—Robert A. Butkin  
State Treasurer

tant tax benefits for college savings last year, but it's not enough," Butkin said. "This year I am urging our federal representatives to

do more."

Butkin said he is urging support of federal tax exemption on investment in state-sponsored savings plans. In addition he believes privately controlled college savings plans, such as IRAs, should receive more federal tax benefits.

"A college education has become virtually mandatory for our children to ensure economic viability in life," Butkin said.

"We must do all we can to help parents and students meet the rising costs of getting a college degree."

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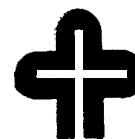
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# GED grads walk proud

## 125 students receive diplomas

By Jamie Johnson  
Newswriting I Student

125 smiling graduates knowing their future looks brighter.

### The 1998 GED Graduates

"Be proud of this major accomplishment," said OKCCC President Bob Todd when he addressed the 126 General Education Degree graduates receiving high school equivalency diplomas Feb. 27.

At 7:30 p.m. that evening, OKCCC's student union filled with about one thousand spectators all in support of their family and friends.

Willie G. Washington, director of academic division and student support services, began the evening ceremonies by delivering the invocation.

After a few introductions, the evening shifted into high gear as Todd personally presented each graduate with a GED certificate as he or she walked across the stage.

The evening ended with

Penny Albers, Rebecca Alsup, Donna Andress, Mandi Arnhart, Raelyn Arnold, Natalie Austin.

Emma Barber, Lindsey Barrientos, James Barrington, Shirley Barta, Rodney Belflower Jr., Anita Bingham-White.

Florentino Bernardino, Jr., Raschelle Bird, Benhanjamin Boarts, Tammy Boughton, Amanda Bradfield.

Debra Brock, Samantha Brock-Whittle, Amber Brown, O'Dell Brown, Cathryn Burdette, Misty Burris, Brandi Bynum.

Chrysta Carrender, Casey Charlton, Tamara Clark, Jeanne Colclazier Anna Cole, Athena Conway, Kimberly Cook, Cheri Cotton.

Sergio Cruz, Shane



125 GED graduates anxiously await the walk across stage to receive their diplomas from OKCCC President Robert Todd.

Daniels, Tina Dawson, Reyna Deal, Carla DeLaughter, Yolanda Deranek, Teresa Doku, Travis Duck, Sherry Eades, William Earley, Melissa Eickhoff.

Scott Elledge, Garron Fanning, Kristen Flournoy, D'Anna Frazier, Lisa Freeman-Keyser, Lena Garvin, Joyce Gazaway, Linda Gilliam.

Charles Gomez, Christopher Gomez, Carol Gregory, Brain Guidy, Richard Gutierrez, Wendy Haggerty, Cassandra Harmon, Pamela Hatfield.

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Jones.

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Paula Norton, Patricia O'Clair, Laura Perdue, Bridgette Pierce, Michelle Pierce, Ronda Pierce, April

Ring, Gayla Ritter, Karlos Rowland.

Rhonda Power, Rebecca Pude, Crystal Rose, Jaunita Rose, David Sapp, Angelic Shoemaker, Amity Snider, Kimberly Spiva, Floyd Stephens.

Geri Stockton, Michelle Story, Tammy Sullivan, Lisa Sunday, Donna Tallent, Christain Taylor, Christine Thomas, Richard Throgmorton, Tiara Trejo, Nicholas Vaughn.

Karen Wake, Kimberly Weaver, Carol Wage, Sherry Walker, Sara Wilkerson, William Webster, Heather Welch, Juan Yebra.

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## GED classes, graduation a family affair

By Jamie Johnson  
Newswriting I Student

Remember the old saying, "the family who prays together stays together."

Seven OKCCC General Education Graduates took this statement to a new level and decided that the "family who learns together grows together."

Friday Feb. 27, the General Education Degree program here at OKCCC graduated 126 students. Among those

126 students were three families who decided to endure the challenge of obtaining their high school diplomas together.

Jaunita Rose, Crystal Rose and Natalie Austin are a grandmother, mother, and daughter trio who fastened in for the long ride together.

"Going through this experience together has made it so much more special to me," says Crystal Rose.

In addition to the other families graduating together are aunt and niece, Debie Hausinger-Hand and April Ring.

Lena Garvin and Wendy Haggerty are a mother-daughter combo who have stuck together to get their high school diplomas.

"It's never too late," says Lena Garvin, "All you need is dedication."

Dedication is one characteristic all these women possess. Crystal Rose and Lena Garvin have plans to continue their education. Crystal Rose, with plans to attend OKCCC in the future, wants to be a child psychologist. Lena Garvin plans on continuing her education while pursuing a degree in elementary education.

A word of advice for all those seeking a diploma from one who's been down that road, said Crystal Rose, "Keep trying!"



Mother Lena Garvin with daughter Wendy Haggerty



Grandmother Juanita Rose with her daughter Crystal Rose and granddaughter Natalie Austin

# Automotive students win awards

**By Gary Leonard  
Newswriting I Student**

OKCCC Automotive Service Education Program students swept the competition as they took home all five places that were available at the district conference at Canadian Valley Vo-Tech in El Reno on Friday, Feb. 6.

The contest, sponsored by the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, pitted 50 students from different schools from across the state for the regional tournament.

The contest included a timed oral test of 100 questions and a "hands-on"

skills test. The skills test contained 12 stations with a 10-minute time limit.

"You definitely have to know what you're doing and pay attention" said ASEP student Brett Kimbrough.

The students took what they learned from class into each station. Stations included having to rebuild a transmission to requiring students to figure out why a car wouldn't start.

ASEP Student Bret Burnham said they were prepared for the contest.

"We read books on a lot of different areas and class helped a lot," he said.

ASEP Instructor Larry Grummer said the stu-

dents have to be knowledgeable in the field to do as well as his students did.

"They really have to know what they're doing" he said.

The OKCCC winners were Damon Woolsey, first place; Richard Morran, second place; Bret Burnham, third place; Nick Chiles, fourth

place; and Brett Kimbro, fifth place.

The students will attend the state competition in March.



Photo by Trent Dugas

Automotive Service Education Program students Bret Burnham, Brett Kimbro, Damon Doolsey and Nick Chiles proudly display the awards they won at the district conference Feb. 5 at the Canadian Valley Vo-Tech in El Reno.

## College library accessible from any computer

**By Larry Mitchell  
Newswriting I Student**

Anyone can access the college library from home thanks to a new feature provided this year by the library.

The feature makes it easier to conduct research, check on the status of a favorite book, or just browse around the college and other libraries around the world.

The web site also affords easy access to the OKCCC Library Book and Video Catalog and

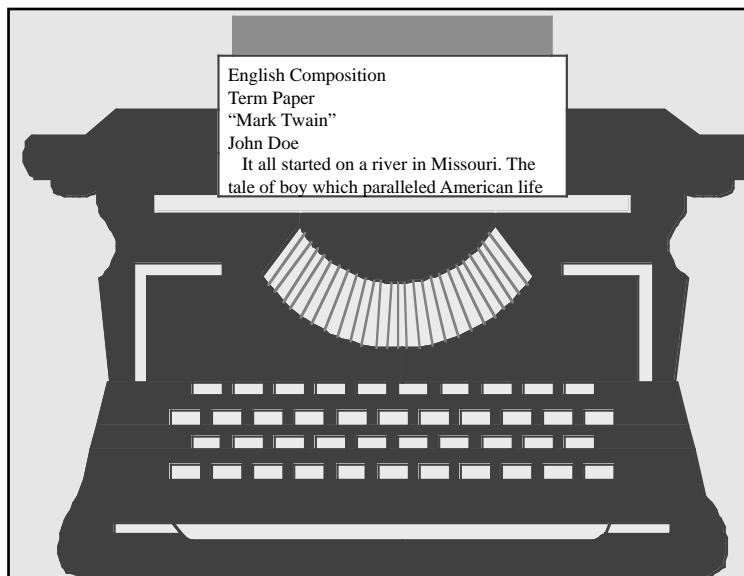
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There are many other areas to look into on the library's web page, such as Med Line, Health Finder, State On-line, Oklahoma On-line Newspapers, and other libraries around the state or the nation.

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Photo by Trent Dugas

Ruth Martin busts an aquatic move during OKCCC's water aerobic class at the Aquatics Center. Martin is enrolled in a senior citizen's class instructed by Leslie Wagner. The class is free of charge. The college offers many free fitness programs. Call 682-1611, ext. 7662 for more information.

## College names interim director

Keith Bourque will fill post in safety and security

**By Duane Dershem**  
**Newswriting I Student**

Keith Bourque was recently named OKCCC's interim head of safety and security.

Bourque has worked as a security officer for OKCCC for eight years, three of

Right now there are only nine full-time officers on staff, with two armed and one unarmed per shift.

Bourque said it is difficult to provide the students with the protection they and their property need without adding at least one more officer per shift.

At this time, Bourque is working on making the officers more accessible to the students.

He has been looking into installing call boxes in the parking lots that will reach the officers directly on their hand-held radios.

Making sure the students continue to trust the officers is also important to Bourque.

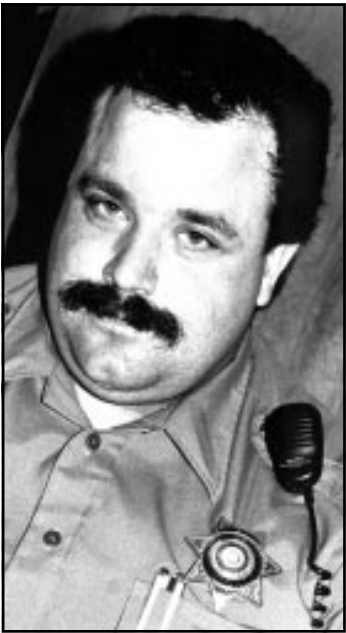
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—Keith Bourque  
Safety and Security

which have been as a contract officer and the last five as an internal officer.

Bourque said the biggest problem that he is encountering at this time is understaffing.



Keith Bourque

We don't try to be overbearing," said Bourque. "We try to be as helpful as possible as far as jump-starting cars and such."

**By Dustin Johnson**  
**Newswriting I Student**

For the extremely low price of absolutely nothing (with a valid student identification card) you could be on your way to that hard body you see on the cover of *Mucho Muscle Magazine* or the alluring curves you see on the cover of *Fatlesspolitan*.

Currently enrolled students can take advantage of OKCCC's nationally recognized swimming pool, gym equipment and weight room by simply presenting their student ID card at the desk closet to the gym (the cage). Three certified trainers are also on hand to help people who need advice.

Kathy Goss, the corporate wellness and community relations specialist, said, "We'd like to get the word out that the facilities are free. It is a real benefit to students."

She said to get in, all students need to do is show their student ID at the cage. There are no forms to fill out and no other hassles.

Students who have taken advantage of the Wellness

Center have been impressed by the quality of the program.

Steven McGaha, 24, who works out, said he liked the weight room. "It is well equipped with a good and helpful staff. The trainers will give technique tips."

Denim jeans are not allowed in the weight room so lockers are provided. Students can obtain locks by leaving their student ID at

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Corporate Wellness and Community Relations Specialist

the desk.

Students can also take advantage of the pool during open recreation swimming periods.

The Wellness Center, which includes the weight room and the gymnasium, is open the following hours: 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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# Highlights

## Fee extension agreement demands attention now

If you signed a fee extension agreement for spring 1998 classes, 50 percent of the total charges are due by 5 p.m. March 13. Failure to pay will result in being dropped from classes and a financial hold being placed on your account. If you receive financial aid and it does not cover total charges, you will be dropped from classes unless you pay 50 percent of the balance. If financial paperwork is not completed you will be dropped from classes. If you are dropped from classes you must pay 100 percent of your charges.

## Future Teachers offer multimedia presentation

Future Teachers Organization announce club meeting and a multimedia presentation by Mary Brese. Brese, a former OKCCC student and president of FTO, will speak from noon to 1 p.m. March 11 in library room 206.

## More scholarship dollars available to students

Scholarship applications for summer and fall semesters are available for the Matt Skvarla Journalism Scholarship, the Bobby D. Gaines Scholarship, the Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship and the Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarship. Each scholarship is approximately \$250 and is to be used for tuition, fees and books. Applications are available in the Institutional Advancement Office and the High School and Community Relations Office. Deadline is March 25. For more information call 682-1611 ext. 7580.

## Collegiate Secretaries International to sell sweets

CSI will set up a sweet shop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 10 in the foyer of the main building. The club will be selling cotton candy and baked goods.

## ROTC big-buck scholarships available

The University of Central Oklahoma's Army ROTC program is offering two and three-year scholarships. These scholarships are valued at \$9,000 per year. Stop by the ROTC table in the main building between 9 a.m. and noon March 10 for more information and eligibility requirements.

## Spanish in Equador equals three hours' credit

OKCCC faculty and students will take a one-week study trip to Equador May 30 to June 7. The cost is \$1490, and includes airfare, hotel, ground transportation, most meals and tuition. A non-refundable \$150 deposit is due by March 12. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7655.

## Square dancing experience not necessary

The Swinging Rebels Square Dance Club will lead and teach square dance from 6 to 9 p.m. April 23 in the college gym. A barbecue dinner catered by Dodson's will be included in the fun. Tickets are \$10 per person. Proceeds will go to the college gym renovation fund. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-1611 ext. 7560, 7789 or 7205.

## Adjunct instructors needed

OKCCC's "College for Kids and Teens" is in need of teachers for this summer's session. Classes run 50 minutes, one time per week. Openings in several subjects are available. For more information call 682-1611 ext. 7205.



Photo by Al Gonzalez

## Weather lesson

Right : Gary England talks with OKCCC students Steve O'Dell, Amy Salley, Mark Woodhouse and Shane McKenna.

Club president, Tony Cortez said in his final semester at OKCCC, he would like to see the science club to grow in numbers and strength.

"I want to leave the club knowing it's growing," he said.

Regarding the field trip to KWTU Channel 9, Cortez said, he gained a great deal of respect for the news team and was impressed at how nice, personable and outgoing they were.

"When we were in the meteorology department with Gary I was amazed at all the stuff and all the math that is needed. We could have spent hours in there."

# Gary England wows science club

By Rica Mitchusson  
Staff Writer

Gary England, KWTU's weather anchor, personally introduced the OKCCC science club to the science of meteorology when the group took a field trip to the Channel 9 studios Feb. 27.

A group of 10 toured the studio and meteorology department where England explained the technical world of predicting the weather. Club members then watched the 5 p.m. news broadcast.

Kim Kyker, adjunct science professor, said she sponsored the trip to introduce students to the variety of possibilities science careers have to offer.

"Students think there is biology, chemistry and the medical profession," Kyker said. "I'd like to make them aware that there is more than that."

Meteorology does indeed consist of more than that. According to England, tracking the weather pertains mostly to math.

England said MAX, Channel 9's newest meteorology program, is entirely

math equations.

In the forecast center club members were surrounded by computer screens which emitted vast amounts of information. England himself got caught up in the excitement of technology.

"God, this is incredible," he said, "Before, we'd look out and say 'Hey do you see any clouds?' Now we call stormtrackers and tell

them what's out there."

Because of the advent of computers, Kyker asked England how much additional training is now needed in the study of meteorology.

England said that even more math is required to use the complex systems which help determine what the weather will be and when it will occur.

"Factoring time is the problem," he said. "Otherwise it would be easy."

"All my life I've been telling you weather is moving here and there, and now (with MAX) you can see it."

To sum up weather forecasting, England said, "Meteorology is little pieces of air all around the globe. It knows where it's been. We try to figure out where it's going."

Club members left with more respect for the intricacies of forecasting and more appreciation of the details of a live news broadcast.

"I got a new perspective," said student Steve Misenheimer. "I never knew what went into a broadcast. It's a lot of work."

Student Steven O'Dell found the computer room most interesting. "It gives me a great deal of appreciation to see all the personnel involved," said O'Dell.

Club president Tony Cortez deemed the trip a success.

"It was much more than intended," he said, "We could have spent hours in the meteorology department with Gary."

Kyker said she intends to expose students to the open realm of science, and all its career possibilities. For more information call 682-1611 ext. 7623.

## CLUB NEWS

# Mid-spring enrollment in full swing

## Eight-week classes can help students graduate ontime

**By Robyn A. Lydick**  
Student Editor

Mid-Spring semester enrollment is underway now with classes beginning March 23, immediately after spring break. Available courses range from general education to special topics.

Among general education classes are English composition, history, psychology and physical science. Special topics include

alternative healing and mosaics.

The eight-week session allows students to have concentrated and focused instruction in a class, said Marion Paden, vice president of student services.

"This is also a way for a student who was new, and found that his time was manageable, to add hours," Paden said.

"So this student can go from, say, six hours to nine hours."

Paden says she sees many benefits from the eight-week courses, which meet for the same number of clock hours as other classes.

"Some students are trying to manage multiple priorities, one of which might be graduation."

"Three hours could allow a student to graduate in May rather than next fall."

Students may enroll for Mid-Spring classes through March 24.

## Classifieds

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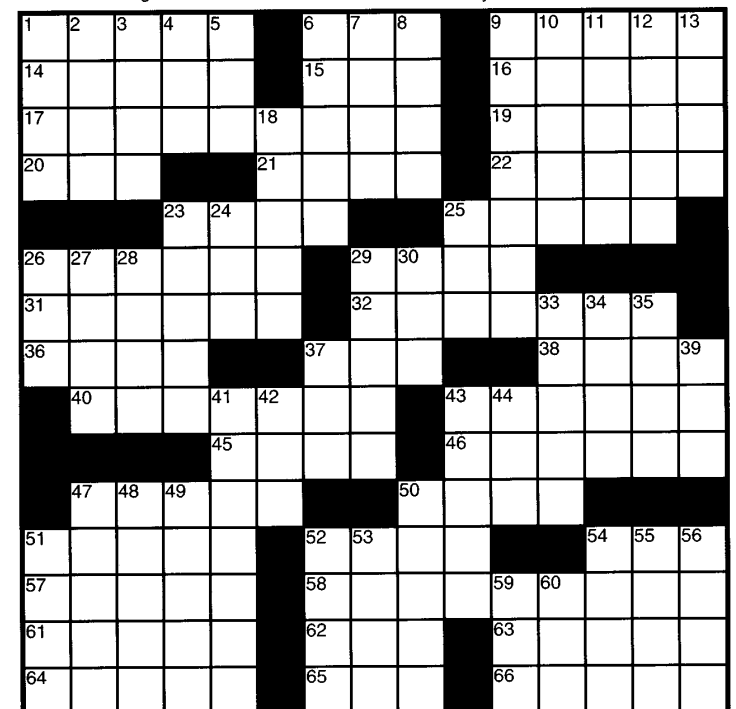
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# Car, truck stolen from campus parking lots

**By Jason Goodwin  
Newswriting I Student**

Auto theft has recently affected the lives of two OKCCC students. Since Feb. 16, two vehicles have been stolen on campus while the owners were in class.

OKCCC student John Cutsinger said he parked his 1990 Honda Accord, valued at \$9000, in parking area C about 1:20 p.m. on Feb. 15.

Upon returning to the lot about 4:10 p.m., he said, he noticed it wasn't there.

Cutsinger notified both the OKCCC security office

and the Oklahoma City Police Department. He said there was no sign of forced entry into the vehicle.

The outcome was not what Cutsinger expected or hoped for.

"The Oklahoma City Police found the car two hours after I filed the report," he said.

"About \$6,000 worth of wheels, valuables, and CDs are gone."

Cutsinger said he won't be able to replace the items or fix the damage because he carried only liability insurance on his car.

"I was getting ready to put full coverage on it next

week," he said.

Cutsinger said he felt the incident could have been prevented.

"I don't think the OKCCC

said Cutsinger arrived in the office at 4 p.m. during shift change.

"That's why he saw as many people as he did," Bourque said.

Also on Feb. 16, a pickup was stolen. The truck belonged to student Diane Castro.

Castro said she parked her 1990 Chevy

Silverado in parking area G at approximately 9:45 a.m.

Sometime between then and 1:45 p.m. the vehicle, valued at \$20,000, was stolen.

Castro notified campus security.

While an OKCCC security report was being taken the truck's owner was informed that the Oklahoma City Police Department had recovered the vehicle at N.E. 5th Street in Oklahoma

City.

The OKC Police Department had one subject in custody for the theft.

Last year, according to OKCCC security, there were two incidents of auto theft. Since the summer semester there have been three vehicles stolen from campus.

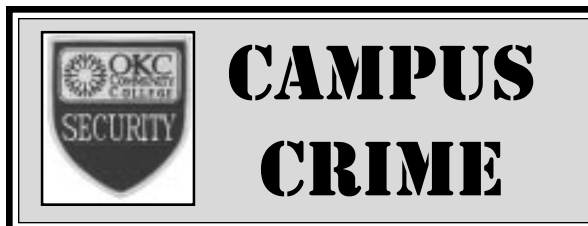
Bourque said auto theft on campus is a rare occurrence.

"There are always at least a total of two officers monitoring the parking lot, sometimes more," Bourque said.

Bourque also said there are certain measures everyone should take.

"Always lock your doors, park in well lit areas, and also consider purchasing the Club, an anti-theft device that goes on your steering column.

"It tends to hamper a possible thief."



security officers are doing their job," he said. "When I came in to file the report, there were about six guys sitting around."

In reply to Cutsinger's statement, OKCCC Officer in Charge Keith Bourque

## Strong academic skills help students prepare for college

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the Compass Test, they get another chance.

"Students may re-test two times per semester," Barta said.

The student's first test is free. After that it cost \$3 for one test or \$5 for an entire re-test.

According to the study, mathematics is the subject in which first-time freshmen in colleges and universities most commonly need remediation.

Hans Brisch, state chancellor of higher education, said he is pleased with the decrease for the second straight year and

believes the decrease indicates that more students are better preparing themselves for college.

State Regents Chairman Robert McCormick said he would expect that the remediation rate would be higher in two year schools because their functions are to work with strengthening the student skills.

The study also shows what parents and teachers have been telling kids all along, the more you prepare academically for college while in high school, the less chance you have at having to take a remedial course or a course you don't feel you need.

## Legislature set to vote on higher education funding

*"Regents,"*  
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tration system, electronic transfer of student records and transcripts, and a web site for posting job openings and student resumes.

\$5.5 million for the state regents Endowment Fund Program, which matches private donations raised by colleges and universities dollar-for-dollar with state funds.

The Legislature is not expected to vote on the state regents' request until the end of May when the higher education appropriations bill goes before the Legislature.

The Legislature is expected to have an additional \$190.1 million in new tax revenue available for appropriation, according to the Office of State Finance.

History shows that the state regents do not get the entire amount they ask for, said Todd.

OKCCC could expect to see about 3 percent of whatever money is appropriated, Todd said.

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