

# PIONEER

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## Electronic records to end paper chase

By Robyn Lydick  
Student Editor

A new method of transferring student records between Oklahoma public colleges and universities will be available within the next two years.

"Oklahoma higher education currently mails more than 100,000 transcripts a year, and the process requires a lot of paperwork

and Admissions Officers proposed the system.

The organization's past president, Pamla Armstrong said the electronic records transfer system will use nationally approved education standards often referred to as SPEEDE/EXPRESS. The acronym translates to the standardization of post-secondary education electronic data exchange/ and exchange of permanent records electronically for students and schools.

The standard is consistent and covers issues such as security and distribution.

Having a national standard for data exchange will benefit students.

Armstrong said the system will be a more efficient way to exchange data needed for advising and evaluating transfer credit.

OKCCC Dean of admissions Gloria Cardenas Barton explained what this change will mean to students.

"We receive around 1500 transcripts each semester.

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Hans Brisch  
Chancellor of Higher Education

and time," said Chancellor Hans Brisch. "This new electronic system will enable colleges and universities to transfer student records more quickly and at a much lower cost."

Brisch also said the electronic system has security features to ensure the privacy of records.

The Oklahoma Association of Collegiate Registrars



Photo by Trent Dugas

**Back to the ol' drawing board:** Art major Thuy Bui works on a masterpiece in the break area of the Arts and Humanities building. Several art classes, ranging from basic drawing to air brush, are offered at OKCCC. Check the current OKCCC schedule for times and days.

## Internet enrollment quick, easy

### Class schedules, activity information, GPA also available

By Catherine Scott  
Newswriting I Student

Fortunately for students who dislike standing in line and love to search the web, there is a new alternative to enrolling for classes at OKCCC.

By logging onto the OKCCC web page at [www.okc.cc.ok.us](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us) students can browse through class schedules for summer, fall, spring and intersession semesters.

It is also possible to enroll for a class, find out what activities are going on at the college, review grades and grade point averages and, eventually, it will be possible for students to order a transcript.

The OKCCC website

holds all the information needed to enroll, including schedules for classes. All that is needed is a student's identification number and a personal identification number.

A student's identification

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number is typically the Social Security number and the PIN is the month and date of birth. For instance, someone born May 6 would type in 0506.

Adding and dropping classes involves entering a course number and course section number. After enrolling, a student may review the current schedule and find out what fees will

be owed and when.

For now the enrolling hours are Monday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gloria Cardenas Barton, dean of admissions, said, sometime in the near future, there will not be specific internet enrolling hours. Until then, the hours are printed in the 1998 class schedule booklet.

Previously enrolled students also still have the opportunity to enroll by telephone.

This also provides a hassle-free way to get the classes that are wanted without standing in long lines. All that is needed is a touch-tone telephone and a class schedule.

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## Editorial and Opinion

### Editorial

# Next-of-kin face tough choices about life support

This is the story of Stevie. He was born in 1963. He had no understanding of why he was in the hospital or why the nurses were tying him down and sticking him with needles.

He was incapable of either asking the questions or understanding the answers that would have given him control over his care.

That awesome responsibility fell to his parents and their spouses.

At one point in his illness, he was on a respirator and 100 percent oxygen. He was sedated with morphine and valium.

Stevie was originally hospitalized for pneumonia, and suffered a collapsed lung while in the hospital.

His pulmonary physician is one of the best in his field. He is the doctor to see if one wishes to survive.

Survival is not life. Stevie's long-term prognosis was glum. He would most likely have lung damage, perhaps he would need a respirator for the remainder of his life. He might live in pain and in a nursing home for the rest of his life.

Any circumscription of Stevie's life would be multiplied by the obstacles already in place.

Stevie was mentally retarded. He had hydrocephalia and was alive only because of a shunt tube draining the fluid, and therefore the pressure, from his brain.

He lived the life of an eight-month-old child in an adult body. He could not care for himself in any way. He had been a client at the Fort Worth State School until its closure by court order. He moved into a group home.

The prospect that the man would have even less life quality was daunting to the parents. They chose, after long deliberation, to place a do not resuscitate order on his chart.

At this point, the question of leaving Stevie on life support came up. The parents, all four, spoke to clergy, doctors and the hospital's ethics committee.

The pulmonary specialist would not be part of letting the patient go. He was certain Stevie could be saved.

The parents were left with two choices — obtain the agreement of two additional doctors, or go before a judge.

They were advised by a caretaker at the man's group home not to go before the judge. "Don't do it," the caretaker warned. "Every crackpot will accuse you of trying to murder your son."

The right to die with dignity is under debate in our society. A right is not a responsibility. Citizens have the right to own guns, but not the responsibility to do so.

Stevie's family did not have to make the ultimate decision. After three weeks in the hospital, Stevie's other lung collapsed April 29.

He died peacefully that afternoon, with all four parents in attendance.

Stevie was my older brother.

May you never have to walk that mile.

—Robyn Lydick  
Student Editor

# Pioneer taken to task

Newspaper neglects own department

### To the editor:

After reading the April 27 issue of the Pioneer, I wanted to bring a matter to your attention. I notice you have not printed an article about the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association annual convention April 3 in Stillwater.

I know you are aware of this event because you were one of six Pioneer staff members who received writing awards there. In fact, I think the judge from the Kansas Collegiate Press Association was highly complimentary of your editorials.

It's been a busy semester for the Pioneer, I realize. You and the staff have had to publish several 12-page issues to include more articles and advertisements, so I understand that not every story can be published.

I'm told the journalism award story was originally scheduled to run April 20, but got pushed aside by

other stories. I'm aware that the awards story was replaced in the April 27 issue by a story about bad-tasting water in the college cafeteria. I understand stuff happens in the news business.

Nevertheless, I hope you won't forget the journalism awards. I'm not expecting a big story and I certainly don't expect to see it on Page 1, but I'm hoping you can find a little room somewhere in the paper this semester. I believe the college's 100-plus journalism and broadcasting students would be interested in knowing they are enrolled in a program that commands respect throughout the state.

Thank you for considering this request.

—Sue Hinton  
Pioneer faculty  
adviser

*Editor's note— The OCPA story can be found on page 12.*



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## Editorial and Opinion

# Trivializing cultures the real issue in team names

### To the Editor:

The arguments presented for "we have more to worry about than what a school's nickname is" were ill-thought out and a mockery of what opinion writing is all about.

The point of protesting mascots and silly antics such as the tomahawk chop is they belittle a vibrant and living culture. If the Padres had a lewd, cartoonish priest His Holiness would call a boycott faster than an umpire could call, "play ball!"

The logic in connecting

the St. Louis Blues hockey team to B.B. King was pathetic and faulty at best and hideously racist at worst. I am inclined to think the former.

To answer some points Spross brought up, animal rights groups do protest sports teams such as the Miami Dolphins because Snowflake (the live mascot)

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—Robyn Lydick  
OKCCC student

was not being treated in a decent manner.

Secondly, Choctaw

Trading Post and Chickasaw Nation bingo are owned by their respective tribe and nation. The Atlanta Braves baseball team is owned by media mogul Ted Turner. Turner might be enrolled in a tribe, but he certainly did not grow up as an American Indian.

There lies the difference: who profits from the use of names or terms and who bears the burden of the mass culture's ignorance of the historical background?

In the case of the Atlanta name, the "braves" were most likely Cherokee or Creek.

In the case of the Cleveland baseball team, the "Indians" perhaps were the Shawnee people, at least

until the Civil War.

The use of Native American images and traditions in a money-making endeavor is callous and inappropriate.

Perhaps teams in Oklahoma should change from redmen to rednecks.

I attended a year and a half of high school in a school which tagged its team the rebels, complete with that disgusting rag of a flag flying overhead.

Team mascots do matter in the view of history accepted by people who grow up around such iconism. Were people in that high school racist? You better believe it. Was their racism influenced or encouraged by the mascot and Confederate flag? Most likely.

Allowing such images to stand unchallenged creates an atmosphere of acceptance. This is not to say such images should be banned. The right of free speech, which is to say freedom of expression, is enjoyed by everyone.

Truckers can display the Confederate flag on their truck grills. I have the right to think they are backward, insensitive, inbred dorks. I can even print this opinion.

While enjoying the rights granted to citizens, we should avoid stepping on the toes of other people who also have these same guaranteed rights.

In other words, THINK.

—Robyn Lydick  
OKCCC student

## Editorial, letter placement offensive, insulting

Issues should be separated, writer says

### To the Editor:

In response to your staff writer Nick Spross, and his editorial "Team names much ado about nothing," I would like to suggest that he "get a life." I find it offensive that Mr. Spross makes invalid statements that have nothing to do with the issue at hand. First, the writer states that the names of the Chickasaw Bingo Hall and the Choctaw Trading Post should, in some way, be offensive to American Indians. Chickasaw and Choctaw are names of tribes.

They are not stereotypical. Second, Spross claims that we should compare "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" with some sports team's use of the "tomahawk chop" chant. Sorry, it is not the same.

To make things worse, Spross uses examples of the Chicago White Sox and the St. Louis Blues to make his point of team nicknames being "much ado

about nothing."

The Chicago White Sox were not given the name because of Caucasians, and a local television sports reporter thinks you are "nutso."

Further, the St. Louis Blues were named so because of that city's music heritage, not because African-Americans are blue, (and, sorry, "Padres" means "Fathers" in the Spanish

**Racism and stereotyping are offensive in any form.**

—Melody Joyce  
OKCCC student

language, it has to do with the Jesuit missionaries who were in California long ago.)

American Indians today are not the mystic warriors of mascot imagery. How can you be honoring people when they tell you that what you are doing is demeaning to them?

How can it be right to celebrate when one group of people witnesses their cul-

ture being ridiculed? What would the white society say if we chanted "Ave Maria" or had mascots dressed as the Pope?

This country has, for far too long, ignored the feelings and beliefs of American Indians. We prospered from their lands and grew from their blood.

No, it is not "much ado about nothing" to expect a little respect.

American Indians are not asking you to forego your precious traditions. However, remember that tradition is no reason to be trapped in the past. It is no excuse for racism.

Racism and stereotyping are offensive in any form, including the nicknames of sports teams. In today's society, we do "have more to worry about than what a school's nickname is." However, we all pay the consequences of ignorance.

In conclusion, I would like to add that I am a

member of NACAO. I am not of American Indian heritage, as far as I know.

The whole purpose of this

**How can you be honoring people when they tell you that what you are doing is demeaning to them?**

—Melody Joyce  
OKCCC student

group is to raise cultural awareness. The "Pioneer" has totally disregarded its obligation to the student body of OKCCC by ignoring the contributions to human awareness that NACAO has made.

By placing Spross' editorial in the same issue of the Pioneer, and then to further place his insulting remarks on the same page as NACAO's concerns, it is made clear that awareness has not yet been achieved. I am highly disappointed and highly offended.

—Melody Joyce  
OKCCC Student

## J.A.M. Fest '98

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music

### To the editor:

On May 10 in the Frontier City Amphitheater, several bands will perform in an all-day concert.

The concert will be 10 hours of live music featuring the Nixons, Stabbing Westward, Jimmie's Chicken Shack, God Lives Underwater, The Urge, Course of Empire, Econoline Crush, Two (with former Judas Priest vocalist Rob Halford), Union and more.

The Nixons began their musical climb in Oklahoma City and are now a nationally-known band.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at Blockbuster Music and OK Tickets outlets. To charge tickets call 948-6800.

—Michelle  
Humphrey  
OKCCC Student

# Another vehicle stolen

By Nick Spross  
Staff Writer

Andy Viravong discovered he needed a ride home on April 17 after his vehicle ended up missing.

Viravong said he arrived at OKCCC at 8 a.m. and parked his 1991 Honda Civic, estimated in value at \$9,000, in parking area G. He went to class and returned to his car to find it missing.

Viravong filed a report with campus security and the Oklahoma City police Department.

Greg Matsoukas, campus armed security officer, said there are no sure ways to prevent a vehicle from being stolen but there are several ways to deter those who steal.

"Always lock your doors and, if possible, buy an alarm or use the club," Matsoukas said. "This at the least will slow them down."

Matsoukas said there are also some expensive ways to try to protect your vehicle.

"There is an ignition circuit breaker that can be installed where only the driver knows where it is," Matsoukas said.


"However these could be expensive."

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**April 3 - 9 is National Safe Kids week**

# Paden recognized for community service

Vice president for student services receives the 1998 Distinguished Leadership Award

**By Pauli Morgan  
Contributing Writer**

Marion Paden, vice-president of Student Services at OKCCC, will receive a 1998 Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association for Community Leadership at the 18th Annual Leadership Conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

The reward results from her work in SchoolScapes, a community project Paden created and co-chaired.

Paden said the project, in which various members of the community work to-

gether toward a common goal, is full of rewards for her.

"It is neat to see students, parents, teachers and other members of the area around the schools interact with the firemen, plumber and pipefitter apprentices along with AT&T Retired Association to improve a school." SchoolScapes a project, which Paden created and co-chaired in partnership with Oklahoma City public schools two years

ago, was founded to help improve schools. It will



Marion Paden

build flower beds, plants trees and flowers and repairs sidewalks as annual projects.

The Plumber and Pipefitters put in a sprinkler system as a special project. Paden was selected for her work in SchoolScapes because of her devotion of personal time, talent and energy to her community.

The function of the National Association for Community Leadership is "Strengthening and Transforming

Communities."

"I was humble that we received the award," Paden said.

"There are so many talented people devoted to

**"I was humble that we recieved the award. There are so many talented and devoted to helping in the community from OKCCC."**

—Marion Paden  
Vice President of Student Services

helping in the community from OKCCC."

## New center for student development assembled

**By Jeremy Driggers  
Newswriting I Student**

Enrollment may now be easier for some students because they need only make one stop course placement, career planning and academic advising. The recent merger of the former Counseling and Assessment office with career planning and placement formed the Center for Student Development.

Mary Turner, a student

development counselor at OKCCC, said, "It makes it easier on students, who will not have to go as many places."

In the former office of Counseling and Assessment, the department dealt with all forms of student assessment on campus.

In the new Center for Student Assessment, three types of assessment will be handled. First, all entry level assessment will be handled in the new center. This includes GED, ACT,

and TOEFL testing. The center will also handle all forms of Assessment of career services, and career

guidance.

"We wanted one place for a student to go for a problem," Turner said.

The new arrangement will allow this. All other forms will be handled in their respective areas.

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- Breathe
- Make yourself physically comfortable
- Tense and relax
- Take a quick fantasy trip
- Describe it (if you can completely experience a physical sensation, it will often disappear)
- Exercise aerobically (but not in the classroom)
- Get help (talk with a counselor)

—This helpful hint  
courtesy of the office  
of Counseling and  
Assessment

# Summer includes school for some

By Ameil Shadid  
Newswriting I  
Student

The semester is almost over and there are so many things to do with the onset of warm weather and more free time. A person could go swimming, camping, ride bikes, take classes.

Classes?

Why not? OKCCC offers classes during intersession and summer school and some students plan to take advantage of the shorter session to earn some hours toward the completion of a degree.

When asked how he felt about summer school at OKCCC, Joe Robertson, communications sophomore, said he plans to take a summer class.

"I like taking my summer school classes at OKCCC, because the classes are two months long and they are held only two days a week," he said. "That leaves four or five days a week that I can work to save up money for my trip to Florida in August."

Other students have had their share of school.

Dean Richard, finance and real estate sophomore, said he decided to take the summer off to work part time and relax.

"I think that I am going to take this summer off, play a lot of golf and work part time. Last summer I took a class, but this summer I need a few months off of school," Richard said.

John Langford, management information systems sophomore, also had a positive response about summer school.

"With Calculus II being offered on Monday and Wednesday nights and Financial Accounting offered during the day on Tuesday and Thursday, I can take six hours in two months and still have a three-day weekend," Langford said.

Students who think that taking three hours during the summer is difficult, should try doing what Brian Maughan has planned for the summer.

Maughan, a public relations sophomore, is taking photography and campaigning for his run at the Nov. 3 District 93 State House of Representatives election.

"It should be a very busy summer. I am really looking forward to getting my name and ideas out into the public forum."

One student had another idea of what to do this summer.

When asked what he had planned, Jay Jones, communications junior, said, "I plan to work as a bartender and sharpen my softball and drinking skills."



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# Ex- Ivy Leaguer finds time to complete education

Anitra Hernandez is married and has a child while finishing school and completing her dream

By Theresa M. Pitts  
Staff Writer

What does it take to make a dream come true? Just ask OKCCC student Anitra Wright Hernandez. At only 23 years of age, the daughter of former Dallas Cowboy Rayfield Wright knows what it takes, and despite some setbacks, is still on the right

path, but I had to convince my mom of that."

Hernandez soon did convince her mother that both she and Felipe were committed, not only to each other, but also to the completion of her education.

After the two were married, Hernandez returned to Harvard with the support of her husband and family, anxious to finish what she had started.

Soon after arriving, however, Hernandez was faced with yet another of life's little surprises—she found out she

**"I talk about going back and say, 'if we go to Boston,' and my husband corrects me and says 'not if we go — when we go.'"**

—Anitra Hernandez  
Student

was pregnant.

Though today Hernandez can be found on the campus of OKCCC, a few years ago she was a freshman at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Thanks to her high school performance and college entrance exams, a generous scholarship covered the bulk of her education expenses there.

While attending Harvard, Hernandez was living out her dream.

As a biomedical engineering major, the gifted Texan's goal was to graduate from the Ivy League school, and become a medical researcher.

Then life got a little complicated.

Before entering her third semester, Hernandez announced she was getting married.

To others in her family, Hernandez' dreams appeared to have withered. As a matter of fact, Hernandez' mother wasn't at all for the idea.

"Her main concern was for me and my education," Hernandez said.

"I knew Felipe [Hernandez' then fiancé] wanted me to get everything out of the opportunities I

was pregnant.

Though finishing school was important to Hernandez, taking care of herself and her baby meant more.

"That's when I decided that I needed to take time to raise my child, and go back when she was older," she said.

So, the decision made, Hernandez packed away the belongings of a student, and went about the business of becoming a mother. One day, she knew, she would return.

Today, the young mother is serious about her new role, but hasn't lost her desire for learning—nor her dream of returning to Harvard.

"I talk about going back and say, 'if we go to Boston,' and my husband corrects me and says 'not if we go — when we go.'" Smiling, Hernandez reflects on her appreciation of the man she married.

"He would never let me let go of that dream."

In the meantime, Hernandez and her family are in Oklahoma while her husband completes a job assignment here.

Though most students would enjoy the break from



Photo by Trent Dugas

Student Anitra Hernandez enjoys a nice day on campus. Hernandez is currently attending OKCCC, awaiting her return to Harvard.

school, Hernandez sees it differently.

She fills her spare time by taking classes at OKCCC.

"I came out here [OKCCC]

physiology, and says that what she is doing here at this college is simply 'mental gymnastics.'

"She is probably one of

**"She is probably one of the top two or three students I've ever had in terms of natural intelligence."**

—Richard Trout  
Professor of Biology

just to keep my mind going," she said, "and not get too comfortable not studying."

Richard Trout, professor of biology at OKCCC, isn't worried about Hernandez' study habits.

Trout has taught Hernandez in general zoology as well as anatomy and

the top two or three students I've ever had in terms of natural intelligence," he said. "And in terms of performance, she is my number one student ever."

Trout is equally impressed with Hernandez' experience at Harvard.

"I think she is such a wonderful success story.

She is a black female from the South, who has attended an Ivy League school, and competed with the top minds in America."

But, Hernandez' book of success isn't finished yet.

Come next fall, Trout will miss thinking up challenging test questions for his prize pupil when Hernandez returns to the rigors of a Harvard education.

Under the terms of her scholarship, Hernandez could take up to a five-year leave of absence from Harvard.

Since her daughter is a toddler now, Hernandez believes it is time to return.

The choice to head east may have been easy, but the trip back will be difficult for the Boston-bound

wife, mother, and student.

In order to return to school now, Hernandez and her husband will have to live apart for awhile.

"He's staying with the company, and taking a job in Chicago so that he can support me and my daughter in Cambridge," she said.

Though it will be tough to live apart, Hernandez believes she will be successful because she has a strong motivation—her daughter.

"Ten years from now," she said, "I want to tell my daughter that regardless what path you choose to take, your dreams are yours and your goals are yours."

There'll always be obstacles every step of the way, but there's no excuse for not going after what you want."

## Swing your partner...



Photo by Alejandro Gonzalés

Couples promenade and do-se-do at the '89er Square Dance and Barbeque held April 23 at the OKCCC gymnasium. The fundraiser will benefit the renovation of the gymnasium.

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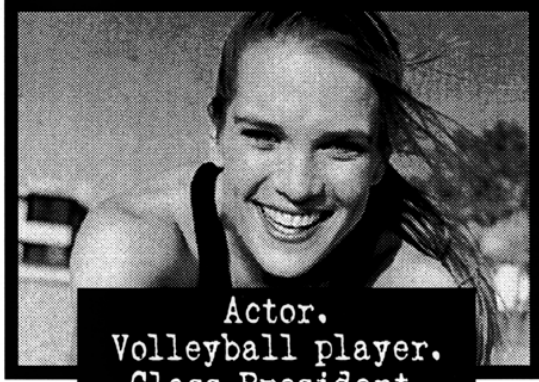
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The pages were recently designed and expanded to include the new information.

"Oklahoma higher education has been providing information to students in numerous publications distributed to Oklahoma high schools, and colleges and universities," said Chancellor

lor Hans Brisch. "Posting the information at one location on the Internet is another way we can conveniently provide information to students, as well as their parents, and ensure that Oklahomans have access to the latest information."

The address for the site is: [www.okhighered.org](http://www.okhighered.org)

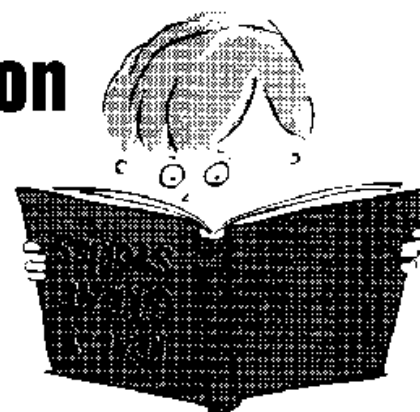
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Dana Glencross received the Advisers Continued Excellence award April 4 from Phi Theta Kappa, OKCCC's honor society. Glencross is the faculty adviser for PTK.

## Government prof honored at PTK event

By Amy Lawrence  
Newswriting I Student

Political Science Professor Dana Glencross received the Advisers Continued Excellence Award April 4 from Phi Theta Kappa, the college's honor society.

Glencross, OKCCC's PTK adviser, was chosen for the award along with 25 other advisers throughout the world.

An active member in PTK, the professor served on the Oklahoma and Arkansas Regional Governing Board for the Regional Convention.

Glencross was nominated by her local chapter officers and members. A letter from OKCCC's President Bob Todd was also received in support of her nomination.

The professor has taught political science at OKCCC for nine years.

She received her bachelor's degree in English and her masters in political science at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

When asked how she felt about winning the award, she exclaimed, "I'm totally overwhelmed."

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# Highlights

## New geometry course may be the right angle to take

There is a new geometry course being offered at OKCCC. Education majors may need to zero in on this one. Geometry and Measurement Math 2023 will be offered in the fall of 1998 for elementary education, early childhood and special education students. See your adviser to fit this class into your degree plans. For more information call Dave Palkovich at ext. 7337.

## CSI offers last popcorn, goodie sale this season

Collegiate Secretaries International will host its final fundraiser for the semester from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 5 in the foyer of the main building. It's snack time.

## Newcastle Chamber of Commerce to host bike ride

The seventh annual South Canadian Annual Tour bicycle ride will start at 7:30 a.m. May 30 at Newcastle High School. The event will feature 12, 26, 46 and 62 mile distances. Cost is \$18. Call (405)387-3232 to register or for more information.

## "Walk to Cure Diabetes" team forming

OKCCC is now forming a team to participate in the 1998 Oklahoma City walk to cure diabetes. The five-kilometer walk will take place May 16 at Remington Park. For more information contact Elwyn Hastings at ext. 7355 or Dwayne Tate at ext. 7258.

## Chess Club announces upcoming tournament

The Chess Club will sponsor an intramural chess tournament from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 8 in CU8. Everyone is invited to join in the fun and free food.

## Red Earth tickets now on sale

Plan to join in the festivities during the 12th annual Red Earth Festival June 11 through the 14 downtown. Call 427-5228 for ticket information.

## Brown baggers pack your sack

The brown bag lunch bunch will gather from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 20 in CU1, 2 and 3. Special presentations will be given by Morris Dees III, M.D. on "How to stay healthy this summer," Nancy Galloway on "Personal safety travel tips" and "Safeguarding your home while you're away" and Bill Smith on "Armchair travel." The cost is twenty-five cents. Space is limited, so please RSVP at 682-7560. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

## Career planning chat night offered on the Internet

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education announce Internet chat night to offer career planning assistance to students and families. Sponsored by the Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loan Program and other guarantee agencies around the nation, the live chat session will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. May 6. Those interested may participate by visiting OGSLP's website at [www.ogslp.org](http://www.ogslp.org) and connecting to Mapping Your Future.

## Commencement rehearsal is a no-go.

There will be no rehearsal prior to the '98 graduation ceremony. Graduates and candidates planning to participate may rest assured that detailed information concerning the ceremony will be provided early in May. Commencement exercises will be held beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 18 at the Civic Center.



Photo by Trent Dugas

Exercising a bit of comic relief, nursing student Kimberly Wheeler hams it up for the camera at the recent Oklahoma Blood Institute's blood drive. OKCCC students, staff and faculty collectively donated 44 units.

## Students, staff and faculty give 44 units of blood to Oklahoma

By Rica Mitchusson  
Staff Writer

The story has been written before. In fact, it will appear a minimum of five times a year.

What story generates such coverage?

Saving lives.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute was on campus April 29. During the six hour drive, OBI obtained 44 units of blood from OKCCC students, staff and faculty.

Four students waiting to give blood said they had all donated before.

Accounting major Lori Winkler said she would reach the gallon mark with her latest donation.

"I have rare blood, A negative, and I help out because people need it," said Winkler.

"You never can tell, you may need blood in the long run."

Student Jeremiah Botchlet agreed.

"I give because I want to, and I feel like if I were in

need, I'd get blood.

"It's a reasonable contribution to society and a cool thing."

Chemistry major LaChanda Stephens said she gave because recently the need for blood hit close to home. Last year Stephens donated blood for her mother's surgery.

**"It's a reasonable contribution to society and a cool thing."**

—Jeremiah Botchlet  
student

"It makes me feel good to do something for somebody," Stephens said.

Business major Dustin Troxell echoed Stephens' statement adding, "It's easy, it doesn't hurt and it only takes about 30 minutes."

In a recent Pioneer interview, Mike Jones, coordinator of student life, said what donors are actually doing when they give blood is helping those in crisis situations.

"It's the easiest way to

save a life," Jones said.

The April 1998 OBI newsletter states that someone is in need of blood every three seconds. Volunteer blood donors supply the vital ingredient so that many surgical procedures are possible. The lives of a great number of accident victims and cancer and organ transplant patients would be lost without life-giving transfusions.

In order to replenish the ever present demand, the OBI is constantly set up somewhere to take donations, said OBI

staff member Ammie West.

According to the OBI tally sheets, OKCCC donors gave 90 units during February, up 14 units over the November drive.

The OBI and OKCCC's next blood drive is slated for mid-summer.

"We are grateful to OKCCC students, faculty and staff for their great support of our community blood supply," said Suzanne McCombs, OBI director of communications and donor recruitment.

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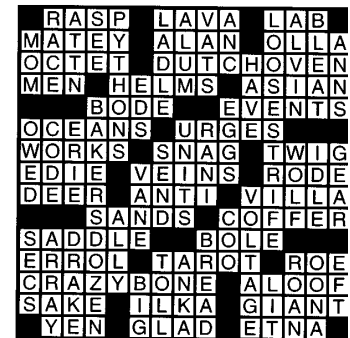
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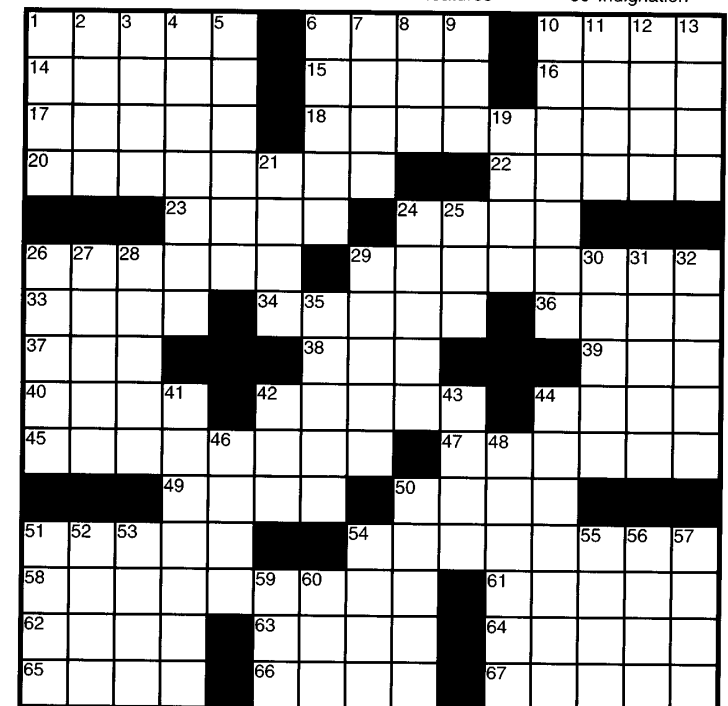
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# Pioneer staff, newspaper nab journalism awards

**By Ronda Williamson**  
**Newswriting I Student**

Past and present Pioneer staff members received recognition April 3 during the 11th annual Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association awards luncheon at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Adviser Sue Hinton, along with the current staff, returned from the event triumphantly clutching seven awards.

Those honored were: John Easley, first place, investigative reporting; Julie Retter, second place, investigative reporting; Nick Spross, second place,

feature writing; Robyn Lydick, second place, editorial writing; Jessica Martinez, honorable mention, editorial writing; and Rica Mitchusson, honorable mention, news writing.

Easley, Retter and Martinez are all former Pioneer editors.

The Pioneer also took third place in the general excellence category for two-year newspapers.

"I was absolutely stunned at the award I received," Lydick, Pioneer editor, said.

She added that she likes receiving opinions of her writing by other people in the journalism field.

The awards luncheon capped a week-long Paul Miller lecture series.

Fifteen colleges throughout Oklahoma were represented, with 119 people in attendance.



The lecture series allows journalism students the opportunity to listen to guest speakers lecture about topics that could enhance their journalism careers.

Students had the opportunity to choose between several topics of discussion

throughout the morning.

Topics included: Computer Assisted Reporting, with Griff Palmer, database editor for The Daily Oklahoman; Column Writing Techniques, with Arnold Hamilton, the Oklahoma bureau chief for the Dallas Morning News; and News Interviewing and Reporting, with David Fallis, assistant city editor for the Tulsa World.

The keynote speaker for the event, Lois Romano, regional correspondent for the Washington Post, spoke about her personal experiences during her lecture "Behind the Headlines."

Lydick said she enjoys

attending the OCPA lectures.

"I have always walked away with information I can use to improve my writing and photography as well as making the Pioneer a better paper."

Along with her award, Lydick had another honor bestowed upon her as well when Brooks Garner, OCPA Coordinator, introduced the new board members for 1998-99.

He announced that Lydick will be serving on the OCPA board this year.

So, what does a journalist do to celebrate a big win?

"Like a kid with a new toy, I ran out immediately to the Medieval Fair to tell my friends," Lydick said.

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