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## Students run for seats in state Legislature

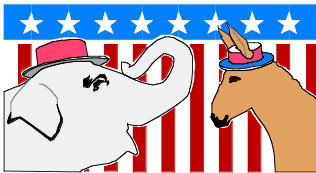
By Theresa M. Pitts  
Staff Writer

The race is on for OKCCC students Hart Green and Brian Maughan. It's a race these young men hope will open new doors for them — as members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

On campus, you may pass Maughan or Green in the hall and notice nothing about them that would tell you that they are political candidates.

There is no fanfare, no campaign buttons hanging from their chests (not yet anyway). Each looks like any other college student trying to make the grade.

But sit and talk to either of them for a few minutes and right away it's apparent these two are serious contenders.



Green, 22, is a licensed practical nurse who returned to school seeking a degree in international business. He said even as a child he was fascinated with politics.

"I always preferred to watch the news to just about anything on television," he said. "And I always tried to convey my opinion, or at least have an opinion, about political issues."

Maughan, 21, is much the same. The public relations major, who last year ran for state chair of the Republican party, but lost, recalls the first time he was affected by a political event.

"It was the final press conference of President Ronald Reagan," he said, which he watched at the age of 12.

"I had participated on a minor league level with mock elections, campaigning for George Bush in 1988 in junior high," Maughan said.

"I was really happy whenever I convinced enough students to vote for Bush so he could win the mock election."

Junior high school wasn't the only place Maughan has worked to persuade others to vote Republican. Though originally one of his parents was a Democrat and the other was Independent, they both are now registered Republicans.

"There's two votes," Maughan said, since his parents live in his district, House District 93, which covers parts of south Oklahoma City.

Green, like his parents, is a Democrat. He is running for House District 90, which encompasses parts of north and west Oklahoma City, including Bethany.

Currently, Green's only opponent is long-time incumbent Charles Key, R-Okla. City. Key is best known for his involvement in the state's grand jury investigation into the Oklahoma City bombing.

Green's disappointment in his opponent's handling of his legislative responsibilities is one reason he entered the race but, like Maughan, those opinions are not the only reason he decided to run for office.

"I want people to vote for me because I believe I have the correct issues on my side," Green said.

The issues he is talking about include education, health care, criminal justice reform, and the environment.

Maughan's only opponent at this time is incumbent Al Lindley, D-Okla. City, who has served only one term as a representative.

"I'm seeking to have less government and lower

See "Politics," page 16



OKCCC Students Hart Green, above, and Brian Maughan, right, have entered the Oklahoma political arena.

Photos by Trent Dugas

## Retiring prof has future planned

By Nick Spross  
Staff Writer

Jane Barrett, professor of biology, said she will miss teaching students after she retires this month.

"The feeling of seeing that lightbulb go off in a student's head is a great feeling," she said.

"I am intrigued when I have students who take their work seriously."

"It's a neat high knowing you have helped a student."

Barrett has taught for 28 years, 22 of those at OKCCC.

Barrett received her

master's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

She began teaching at Moore High School in 1970.

In 1974 she started teaching as an adjunct professor at OKCCC and joined the faculty full time in 1976.

Barrett has won several awards for teaching including being named one of 5 Alive's Teachers of the Year.

In her spare time she volunteers at the Women's Resource Center and has served on the Faculty Advisory Committee for Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Barrett said, upon retir-

ing, she plans to catch up on things she hasn't had time for and spend time with a loved one.

"I have plenty of gardening to do, plus I will be able to spend a little more time with my husband," Barrett said. "I will also do volunteer work for my college sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma."

Barrett received admiration from those who had her for a teacher, and from some who didn't.

"Mrs. Barrett is a nice, sweet and caring person," said student and neighbor Ameil Shadid. "It's a shame I never got a chance to take any of her classes."



Jane Barrett

# Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

### Vegetarian diet personal choice

Can anybody hold the leg of a chicken in their greasy hands, tear the meat off with their teeth and be truly happy about it?

Yes, I know the majority of people are extremely happy about it. Eating meat is a popular habit.

What makes some people who do eat meat so offended by people who do not? Vegetarians are the same as everyone else.

When I told my grandfather that I was a vegetarian, he actually got enraged with me. He was totally disgusted at my presence and existence.

"What, are you part of some sort of cult?" he asked.

What, does my grandfather own the meat industry?

I do not understand why he takes it personally. It has nothing to do with him. It is my choice.

Now, every time I talk to him he makes snide, demeaning comments about the fact that I do not consume flesh off an animal's bone. As if I might be a lower life form.

These people will set up cute, wooden birdhouses so they can sit in their lawn chairs and enjoy watching the sparrows. Then, come supper time, they go inside and devour a dead chicken.

It does not end there. My brother-in-law got on his high horse at Easter during the family gathering and rode it for all its worthiness. To show his mentality he began his argument by trying to quote the Bible.

"Uh, the Bible says to kill and eat quail," he said. This man lives off a dirt road in Tuttle. Enough said.

In Genesis 1:29 it says humans are to be vegetarian: "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed... to you it shall be as meat."

It is almost as if people feel guilty about eating meat. I think there is guilt on a deep, subconscious level that affects the carnivore's mental state and causes him or her to become overbearing, belligerent, unreasonable and judgmental against vegetarians.

I cannot hold the cooked body of a once-living creature up to my nose and not smell the fumes of carnage. I also do not eat juicy pineapples, gummy honey or chalky coconut. Where are all the critics who want to judge me on those shortfalls?

Don't get me wrong, I do not discriminate against meat eaters. I think eating meat is very important to people and is their choice.

However, my personal choice is not to ask a calf to lay its blood into the soil so I can shave off its flesh for food.

It is a personal choice based on human progression of intelligence. I believe we can move beyond relying on animals for survival, simply because we are not animals.

—Trent Dugas  
Staff writer



### Minorities too touchy

#### To the Editor:

I was very impressed by the "Team Names..." editorial. It's about time the editorial is about something real and of interest to everyone instead of a select few.

The column made some very good, solid points about the pettiness over names. Certain ethnic groups are too touchy when it comes to these issues. It's not as if the names are meant to be demeaning.

School names are created

to carry pride for the students and everyone else involved. They are created to be positive, not negative.

Ethnic groups should ease up and focus their energy on important matters such as bettering our world as a whole. This includes whites, blacks, Native Americans, Asians and all others. Complaining only adds to hate and distrust.

—Cassie Truel  
OKCCC student

### Lydick, Joyce need a life

#### To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Nick Spross' editorial in the April 27 issue. I feel Spross made very good points. It's time we quit crying over spilled milk. A nickname is just a nickname. I have yet to run into an Irish person who is offended by Notre Dame's nickname, the Fighting Irish.

I think it is just plain silly to bicker about a team nickname. After reading some of the responses in

the May 4 issue I realized that there are people who really need to get a life.

Melody Joyce makes reference to a local sports reporter calling Spross "nutso." She declines to give the name of the reporter. Please, she gets this from a sports reporter in Oklahoma. I didn't even know we had them here.

At least we know two people who need to get a life: Robyn Lydick and Melody Joyce.

—Steve Castner  
OKCCC student

### Highlights lacking

#### To the Editor:

I was wondering why the Pioneer will not print all the organizations' news so that the students and faculty could be informed about upcoming events. I have tried, and others I have talked to say that they have tried, and their Highlights are not being put in the paper either.

I suggest that if the paper does not have enough room in the Highlights section, then add another column to the Highlights section, or a page of organizations' news.

P. S. We have also given them to you on time!

—Chleora Campbell  
OKCCC Student

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## Editorial and Opinion

# Honor another race as mascots

Nearly every Lakota (Sioux) man and woman knew the basketball team from Utah would lose in the finals of the NCAA tournament. How did we know? Because Utah calls themselves the Utes (named for an Indian tribe in Utah) and all of the major athletic teams in America that used Indians as mascots in 1997 lost in the big games.

The Atlanta Braves, Cleveland Indians, Washington Redskins, the Fighting Illini of the University of Illinois and the Florida State Seminoles all lost last year and we are happy that Utah started 1998 by joining their brethren. The lesson: Indians are human beings, not mascots for America's fun and games.

The Standing Rock High School Warriors of the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation won the North Dakota State "B" Championship last week, but the team is made up of real Indians, not non-Indians making themselves up as Indians.

You will notice that the two new big league baseball teams have chosen the Devil Rays and the Diamond Backs as their mascots. There was no thought of either team using the American Indians as their mascots. I wonder why.

Could it be that the protests of the Indian people and the column I have been writing about this disgraceful habit for the past 16 years have finally reached a few sensitive ears?

I would ask John Kent Cooke, the new owner of the Washington, D.C. professional football team to stand tall and change the name of his mascot to the Washington Blackskins. Since D.C. has a population nearly 75 percent African-American, this would be the right thing to do.

The American Indian is tired of this honor bestowed upon us and we believe it is only proper to honor another race of people as mascots. This way the Washington fans can put away their tomahawks, warbonnets, facial paint and other items made of turkey feathers, for

good. They can prepare for the Sunday football games by painting their faces black, wearing Afro wigs, selecting some appropriate African attire and creating some new African war chants. Just think, we could see a football stadium filled with modern versions of Al Jolson. Wouldn't most African-Americans consider this to be a real honor?

I mean the white man and the black man have

been honoring American Indians for 100 years. Don't you think it is time to honor another ethnic group? Why shouldn't

the Dallas Cowboys change their name to the Dallas Caballeros? Think of the honor their fans could bring to the Mexican-Americans if they filled the stands with people wearing sombreros and serapes. I'm sure they could come up with a real Mexican chant to egg on their team.

Why should all of this honor be reserved for American Indians? We're not selfish. We wouldn't mind a bit if it were spread around a little bit.

Why shouldn't the San Francisco Forty-Niners change their mascot to the San Francisco Chinamen? After all, the Minnesota professional football team honors a long dead warrior called a Viking. We all know there are no more Vikings, but Minnesotans still feel obligated to honor them.

My imagination runs wild when I think of all the things the San Francisco fans can do to honor the Chinese people. Just picture a television camera panning the stands filled with people imitating the Chinese. Doesn't that sound like so much fun? I mean, what an honor for them.

There must be a professional team somewhere in America that would love to honor the people from the Middle East. Would those

people known as Arabs be honored if football, basketball or baseball fans dressed up in their traditional attire and paraded camels around the infield at half-time? Sounds like a perfectly good way to honor them, doesn't it?

Aren't we forgetting the Jews? Why don't the New York Jets change their name to the New York Jews? When is the last time the Jews have been afforded such an honor?

**"Perhaps the Cleveland Indians could change their name to the Cleveland Honkies."**

—Tim Giago  
Founder, Indian Country Today

Think of the possibilities. The fans could have a field day impersonating the Jewish people. After all, they really have a good time mimicking the Indian people. But, as I said, we're not selfish. Heck, spread those mascots around a little bit.

Lordy, Lordy: I almost forgot the dominant society. What about the white people? I realize this includes Germans, Irish, Italians, French, Danes, etc., but they all have one thing in common: white faces. Just as the Washington football team rolls all Indians into one group, perhaps the Cleveland Indians could change their name to the Cleveland Honkies. This takes in the whole group. All of the fans could paint their faces white and imitate the things they believe the white folks do. What an honor.

John Kent Cooke and Ted Turner: are you reading this? If so, please spread this honoring thing around. It's getting a little old to the American Indian.

—Tim Giago

*Editor's note:*  
Tim Giago is he founder of "Indian Country Today." He has given permission for the Pioneer to reprint his column.

## Choice of a generation?

### Students left out of soda deals

On May 19, the OKCCC Board of Regents will discuss changing the vending contracts. Now, only Coke products are available on campus. If the contract is changed, only Pepsi products would be available in machines around campus. Dr. Pepper would go. The reason? Money.

Pepsi-Cola company of Oklahoma City would give the college 51 percent of gross cold drink sales with a guaranteed minimum of \$120,000 for the college.

Great Plains Coca-Cola has been providing 20 percent of gross sales, or a minimum of \$33,880 to the college.

Do the math. What does the mark-up on Pepsi products need to be to supply the college with 51 percent of gross sales?

The average retail business has a 50 percent mark-up. Not all of the mark-up is profit. My husband's business pulls maybe 30 percent profit. Something sounds odd in this vending bid.

Money aside, shouldn't the consumers have a say in this? We are a captive market, unless all students are willing to drive to a convenience store to purchase a before-class soda, which is not very likely. In this situation, the students cannot easily vote with their feet.

Granted, a large number of students do not care which cola is available, as long as something is available. But for those who do care, their opinions should be heard. Personally, I would like to have Blue Sky soda available somewhere on campus. I may be in the minority, but I doubt I am alone.

The Board of Regents meeting is at 7 p.m. May 19 in meeting room A. Let the Regents know where you stand.

—Robyn Lydick  
Student Editor

## International Perspectives

### Breard execution right...

I am not concerned about Virginia's recent execution of Angel Francisco Breard. This man admitted that he was guilty and the evidence was clear. Justice determined that the death penalty was the best choice.

As for calling on his embassy for help, he should have thought about it sooner.

—Jamie Londono, Mexico

I am not concerned about the recent execution of Angel Francisco Breard. The state of Virginia did the right thing. Peace and security in the community is the main issue.

Why should such a clear case of criminal guilt create problems and conflicts between countries?

—Nabil Gourgem, Morocco

### Or wrong?

I am concerned about the recent execution of Angel Francisco Breard because, like him, I am not a U.S. citizen. Every foreign resident here should have the right to be supported by his country's embassy in such cases.

The United States always seeks extradition for its own citizens who are in trouble abroad.

—Francisco Galaz, Mexico

I am concerned about the recent execution of Angel Francisco Breard. The U.S. government should have made the case public worldwide. Breard had a right to talk with his embassy about his situation.

The United States should not have the power to ignore the opinion of the World Court on this matter.

—Kalkidan Edjigu, Ethiopia

# Gus Pekara leaves college after 25 years of service

By Theresa M. Pitts  
Staff Writer

In 1972, Dr. Gus Pekara helped welcome the first students onto the campus of OKCCC. Some 25 years later, the students, faculty and staff of a now much larger OKCCC bid him a fond farewell.

Pekara, vice president for academic affairs, is retiring and moving to east central Illinois, where he has accepted a position as vice president for academic services at Lake Land College in Mattoon.

The move is both an advancement for Pekara, as well as an opportunity for him and his wife Emily to move closer to family.

Pekara, originally from Chicago, received both his bachelor's and master's degrees at Eastern Illinois University before moving to Oklahoma, where he received his doctorate at Oklahoma State University.

Though Pekara is returning to a familiar place, saying goodbye will be difficult for a man who has called this college home for more than a quarter century.

"I have my ups and downs," he said. "I feel good about where this college is, and I am proud that I played a small part in the start and growth of it."

"I'm also sad," he added, his eyes mirroring his words, "because I'll be leaving a place where I spent half my life."

Pekara has indeed spent much of his life filling various positions in south Oklahoma City's red-roofed landmark. Though today he is an administrator, in the early years, Pekara had an even more difficult job — as

a mathematics professor.

"I learned long ago that if someone asks you what you teach, the answer shouldn't be mathematics," he said, "it should be, 'I teach students.'"

One such student was Naomi Christofferson. Now an assistant in the Communications Lab, Christofferson had Pekara as her



Gus Pekara in his role as Seemore Art at the annual Arts Festival. Pekara enjoyed interacting with the kids there.

professor when she took contemporary mathematics.

"He was a very good teacher, and I enjoyed his class very much," she said.

Keith Wilson, professor of mathematics, was one of the first members of the math department, which was led by Pekara.

"Because of his leadership and insight, the math department is what it is today," Wilson said.

Wilson said Pekara could think quickly on his feet, had excellent problem-solving skills, and was a pretty good tennis player as well.

Another of Pekara's former students is now a professor at OKCCC. Gary Houlette, professor of physical science, studied mathematics under Pekara.

Pekara said seeing his former students become teachers is rewarding, and hopefully speaks to his abilities as an instructor.

"Maybe I had a little part in the decisions they made," he said.

Over the years, Pekara has helped many students attain their goals and, from day one, has helped the college reach new levels of achievement in serving those students.

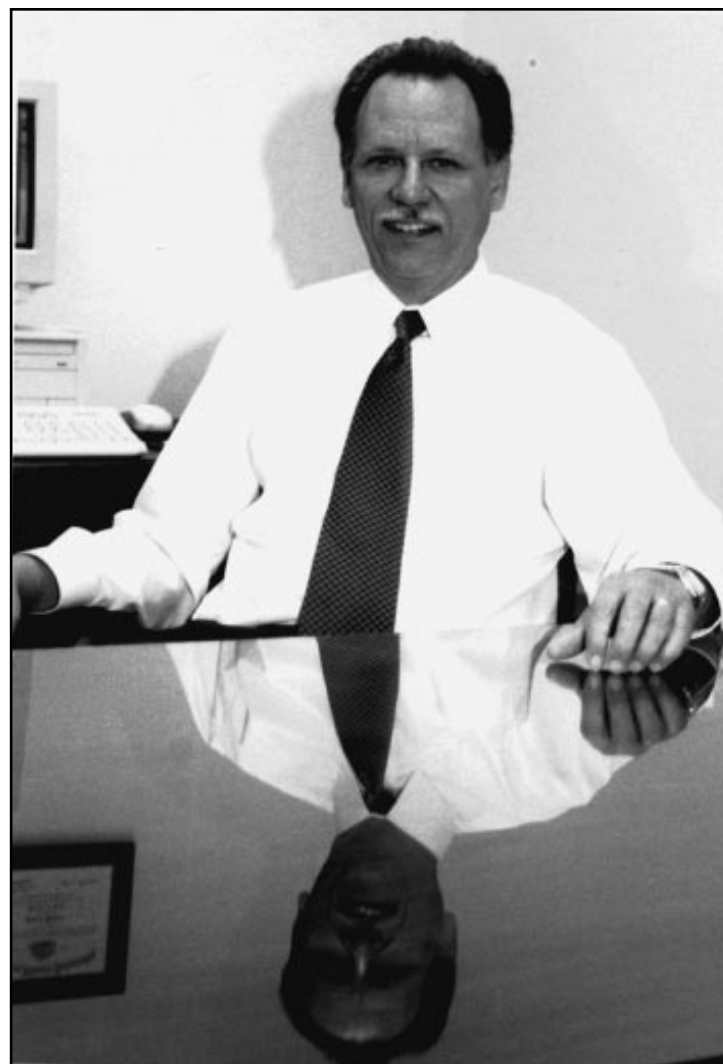
"It was remarkable to be a part of all that," he said of the college's opening. "We [the faculty and staff] were involved in every decision from the grading system, which was unique, to the individual placement concept."

Now, Pekara will be making decisions that affect the education system of students in Illinois, but the progress of OKCCC will still be on his mind.

"My vision is to visit the college after I retire from education, and still see a very student-centered learning environment," he said.

As Pekara looked out the window of his office in the Arts and Humanities building, where he has spent the last five years, he was reminded of one piece of unfinished business.

"I want to come back for the final mosaics in the courtyard too," he said, smiling.



Gus Pekara

Photo by Trent Dugas

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# Fans flock to see former OKCCC students

John Humphrey and Jesse Davis of The Nixons receive their musical education on the road

By Michelle Humphrey  
Newswriting I Student

Two members of The Nixons, an alternative band from Oklahoma City, are past OKCCC students. John Humphrey, drummer, and Jesse Davis, lead guitarist, both attended OKCCC in the late 1980s.

The Nixons are a nationally-known alternative band whose home lies in Oklahoma City. The band was formed in 1990 by Davis and lead singer Zac Maloy. Humphrey joined the band in 1992.

Ironically, Humphrey and Davis disliked each other the first time they met, but later became the best of friends. It is now an ongoing joke between the two band members.

Humphrey enrolled in general education classes at OKCCC in 1989. How-

ever, he did not complete school because of his love of music.

"After playing at the local bars until 3 a.m., it was hard to make it to class," he said.

Even though he has no regrets regarding that de-

In fact, he said, he is planning to enroll at OKCCC in some business and marketing courses while the band is home this summer working on their next album. He believes the courses will help him with the marketing of the band's merchandise and other business matters concerning The Nixons.

Davis attended classes at OKCCC off and on between 1984 and 1990 before moving on to the University of Oklahoma to pursue his degree in social studies. He graduated from OU with a teaching certificate.

However, because of the success of The Nixons, neither he nor Humphrey had time to put their educational

accomplishments to much use.

The band started out by playing clubs in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. They put out two albums on their own before being signed by



Photo courtesy of John Humphrey

The Nixons, John Humphrey, Zac Maloy, Ricky Wolking and Jesse Davis.

cision, he now believes that education is very important.

"I definitely have a different attitude now about education than I did back then."



Photo by Jason Humphrey

Jesse Davis, guitarist for MCA recording artists The Nixons, pleases screaming fans during one of the band's national tours. Davis attended OKCCC off and on during the years of 1984 to 1990.

MCA in 1994.

Since that time, The Nixons have released two albums on the MCA label.

Their first album, "Foma," reached gold when they sold 500,000 copies. Their latest album, "The Nixons," has been a big hit among all different types of people with their mixture of hard rock and ballads.

This summer they will be working on their third album. The band has received national air play with songs such as, "Sister," "Happy Song," "Baton Rouge," "Miss USA" and "The Fall."

They have toured all across the United States, and have played with bands such as KISS, Soul Asylum, Megadeth and Slash, formerly of Guns 'n' Roses.

Humphrey said opening for KISS has been his most memorable moment since joining the band.

"Opening for KISS was my childhood dream," he said.

Davis agrees. "Playing with KISS at Madison Square Garden in New York City has been my favorite so far."

Even though they have traveled extensively, Humphrey and Davis both said Oklahoma City is still their home.

Davis said his favorite shows are the ones they play in Oklahoma.

Both musicians know how it feels to succeed with their dreams.

Davis said it's important to never give up.

"Believe in what you are doing and follow your heart," he said. "Hard work, persistence and faith add up to good ingredients for success."

For band information and upcoming concert dates, go to the official website at: [www.nixons.com](http://www.nixons.com)



Photo courtesy of John Humphrey

John Humphrey, former OKCCC student and drummer for The Nixons, gets intense as he plays during a concert. Humphrey, who once put aside his education to pursue a musical career, plans to enroll in a few business courses at OKCCC during the summer while the band is in Oklahoma rehearsing for an upcoming CD recording session.

# Candidates for spring graduation named

The following students are candidates for graduation this spring from OKCCC. One asterisk indicates the student is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Two astericks indicate the student is an honors student. Three astericks indicate both.

Graduation is May 18 at the Civic Center in downtown Oklahoma City.

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### CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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### Associate in Science

#### BUSINESS

Travis Abney\*, Rafael Avila, Latoshia Bolden\*\*, Jaime Bond, Vaughn Boyd, Laurie Broussard, Sunny Cain, Alexander Shyanglin Chang\*, Jennifer Clanton\*\*\*, Jeremy Emerson\*\*\*.

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Benjamin Marshall, Jessica Mashburn\*\*\*, Monica McCurdy, Trinh Duy Nguyen, David North, Elaine Nowak, Cindy Owens, Trent Primrose, Paula Ramirez\*, Marcia Ramsey, Edith Ratcliff\*, Brent Robinson, Lillie Scrivner.

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### MATHEMATICS

Darin Craig, Donald Smith, Franklin Waddell.

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### PRE-ENGINEERING

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Jamie Schultz, Dustin Schwartz, Beverly Shorter, Hanh Diem Tran, Tommy Trent\*, Janet White, Robert White, Kathryn Woods\*.

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Laura McLaughlin, Kristan Templeton.

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# OKCCC graduates more than 10,000 students in 25 years

Since 1973, the number of degrees and certificates awarded has steadily climbed

**By Robyn Lydick**  
Student Editor

So, the reader may be wondering, how many graduates have walked the stage and flipped a tassel for OKCCC?

While the actual number of tassel-flips is not available, the total number of degrees and certificates awarded is.

If all goes well and the

candidates for spring actually graduate, the college will have awarded a total of 10,305 degrees and certificates over the past 25 years.

Conference rates are reported to the State Regents by fiscal years, which run from July 1 to June 30. This means 1998 will contain degrees and certificates awarded in summer '97, fall '97 and spring '98 semesters.

The first graduating

class of 1973 had five members, two men and three women.

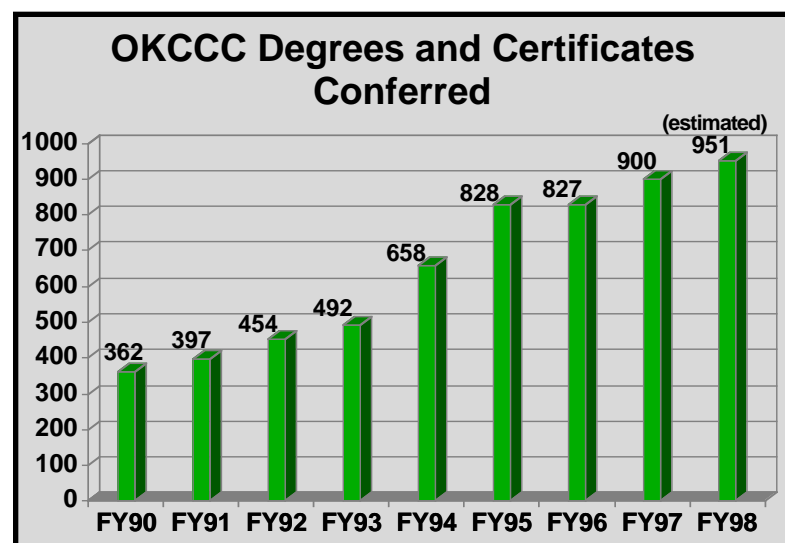
Graduation rates increased tenfold the following year to 33 degrees and certificates.

The number of degrees and certificates conferred has climbed steadily since then. From 1979 through 1993, degree and certificate awards stayed in the 300 to 500 range. In 1994, 658 degrees and certificates were awarded.

Much of the increase has been due to the Emergency Medical Technician certification program, said Dr. John Barker, director of institutional research.

Romeo Opichka, EMT program director, said there are three certification levels and an associate degree in Applied Science for EMT students.

This year it is estimated that 951 degrees and certificates will be awarded by OKCCC.



## Thousands of Oklahoma college students to receive diplomas

**By Robyn Lydick**  
Student Editor

An estimated 23,128 students will receive academic diplomas from Oklahoma colleges and universities during commencement exercises this spring.

Of those degrees, 6,540 will be awarded by two-year colleges such as OKCCC.

The most popular degrees at the two-year level are nursing, business and general studies.

Closer to home, 477 students have applied for graduation, said credentials assistant Kari Chancellor of OKCCC.

The associate's degree in

nursing has the largest group of candidates with 48 recipients. Business follows with 45 candidates and psychology has 38 candidates.

The certificate of mastery for emergency medical technology has 60 candidates, the largest number in the college.

Statistically, health care practitioners are in high demand nationwide. This demand is reflected in the nursing degree candidate numbers and the EMT certificate numbers.

"We have several outlets," said Romeo Opichka, EMT program director.

There are three levels of certification: basic, inter-

mediate and paramedic.

Opichka said students with a paramedic certification could go on to earn an associate in applied science in EMT.

The AAS candidates are not counted in the certificate figures.

OKCCC has the third largest enrollment of the 17 nursing programs in Oklahoma, said Anita Jones, dean of nursing.

"We're good. We have a great faculty, support from administration and good students," Jones said. "What else do you need?"

"Health care professionals are in demand, and there is a growing demand for nurses," she said.



Dave Lopez

## Southwestern Bell president to speak at commencement

**By Robyn Lydick**  
Student Editor

The scheduled speaker for OKCCC's commencement exercise will be Dave Lopez, president of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Commencement will be 7:30 p.m., May 18, at the Civic Center.

Lopez began his career with Southwestern Bell in 1979.

He became a senior manager in 1989, and was named to his current post in 1995.

Lopez is currently chairman of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and presi-

dent of the Oklahoma Business Roundtable, an organization to promote investment in Oklahoma.

He has served as a member of several national Hispanic organizations.

He currently works with LULAC's National Education Service Committee and Amigos de S.E.R., an organization for corporate retraining and employment.

Lopez earned his bachelor's degree in 1975 and master's degree in 1979 from New Mexico State University.

He served five years as sports information director at New Mexico State University.

"This is a trend that grows and wanes in cycles directly related to what is going on in the health care arena."

Jones also said graduates of OKCCC's nursing program qualify for the exam to become a registered nurse.

One of the reasons the business degree is so popular is its flexibility, said accounting and business Professor Myra Decker.

"At this college a business degree is the university parallel. Students with an associate's in business go on to accounting, management, economics and finance," Decker said.

For the fiscal year (measured from July 1 through June 30), OKCCC had an estimated 951 graduates. Final numbers will be given to the State Regents for higher education at the end of the fiscal year.

# Enrique Perez nets large scholarships

Perez was awarded the Oklahoma Hispanic Professional Association scholarship

By Rica Mitchusson  
Staff Writer

There will be no break between classes for Enrique Perez, HOPE president.

Perez will take one more class this summer at OKCCC and transfer to the University of Oklahoma in the fall.

Recently Perez won two tuition-fee waiver scholarships, a \$3500 scholarship from Phi Theta Kappa and a \$1000 scholarship from the Oklahoma Hispanic Professional Association.

The OHPA scholarship application was given to Perez by Karyn Seabrook,



Enrique Perez

president of OHPA scholarship committee, who also presented him with the award.

Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society, also recognized Perez' po-

arships to two-year colleges outside Oklahoma. These 20 recipients then transfer to OU to complete their education, said Richard Rouillard, professor of English and PTK sponsor.

The scholarships will go a long way toward helping Perez realize his dreams.

Those dreams entail double majors, including international business and management informational systems, Perez said.

The dreams don't stop there.

"After graduation, I want to go to law school," Perez said. "Then I'll practice law maybe five years and retire in Mexico City where I'll open my own business."

Perez is originally from Mexico City.

He moved to Oklahoma during his senior year in high school and has spent the last two years at OKCCC.

Dana Glen-cross, professor of political science and PTK sponsor, said,

"One thing that stands out about Enrique is his well-rounded background."

Rouillard agreed, "He is a diversified young man."

**"It will help in that I won't have to pay back PTK or OHPA, but I will pay back the community."**

—Enrique Perez  
Scholarship Winner

tential.

The PTK alumni chapter at OU offers 10 scholarships to two-year colleges in Oklahoma and 10 schol-

"It's networking. This is all about people you communicate with.


"It's what education is all about," he said.

Perez said he is very happy and surprised about

the scholarships.

"It will help in that I won't have to pay back PTK or OHPA, but I will pay back the community.

"I'll be able to help in some way."



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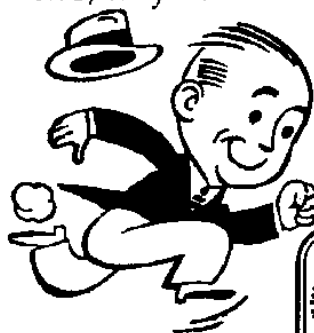
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## Writers, artists published

By Breana Pinto  
Newswriting I Student

Students and non-students alike were recognized for their artistic entries into the 1998 issue of Absolute.

Absolute is a collection of poems, essays, artwork, photos and fictional stories.

The entries were submitted by OKCCC students and other members of the community.

The students who were honored with the Critics Award this year were: Debbe Moon for "There Have Been Times," Darlene J. Kidd for "The Child," Julie Shilling for "Sunday," Shannon R. Bridges for "Fingers and Toes," and Robyn A. Lydick for "Portrait."

Others students recognized were Chris Daugherty, Todd Mihalcik, Dawn Rogers, Jane Crossett, Carrie Smith, Wynona Day,

Heather Moody, Alex Fugazi, Trent Dugas, Chrystal Chastain, Bobn Bernhart, Jerrie "Jai" Gronemeier, Ginger McGovern and Melissa Mayo.

College faculty and staff also contributed material. They are: Teresa Hawkes, former arts and humanities division secretary; Mary Punches, adjunct professor; and Pam Zamora, administrative assistant to the vice president for student services.

Students interested in submitting a story, photo, poetry or essay for next year's "Absolute" should contact the arts and humanities department for an application.

The college bookstore, located on the first floor of the main building, currently has copies of the Absolute in stock for \$5 a copy.

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# Maintenance mechanic sheds light

By Jason Goodwin  
Newswriting I Student

Georgie "Buster" Dunn has traveled a long way from life in a one-room log cabin without electricity to his present life at OKCCC where he may change as many as 200 light bulbs in a day's time.

Dunn has worked in the college's physical plant as a maintenance mechanic for more than 15 years.

He started at OKCCC in 1982.

Dunn said his favorite thing about working at the college has always been the people.

"It's a great school and we have always strived to make it that way," he said.

Among the memories that stand out for Dunn is when the college's earthen basement, located under the former library, flooded about 14 years ago.

"Around 1983-84, we had 46 inches of water down in the basement," Dunn said. "We worked on that for three weeks getting every-

thing back on and working. Most of the faculty that has been here as long as I have can remember that."

Overall, regarding his years of service at OKCCC, Dunn commented, "It has just been a real good...I don't know what you would call it, a story."

Dunn, who is Chickasaw, grew up near Tishomingo, a place he describes as "the fabulous town of Tishomingo — that's the capital of the unconquered and incomparable Chickasaw nation."

Born in 1939, Dunn lived in a log cabin caulked with red clay.

He remembers his childhood home as being very warm because of the clay.

He attended school at a place known as Fillmore which was on a then-gravel state highway. There were no actual roads leading to the school which was about four and a half miles from Dunn's home in the woods.

"If it ever rained you would be stuck," Dunn said, "The only way you could get out was with a

covered wagon. I remember going to Fillmore quite often in a covered wagon."

After attending Fillmore, Dunn relocated to New Mexico where his father had taken a job working on pipelines for the

Texaco oil company.

In his pocket, Dunn still carries a credit card that belonged to his father.

Dunn graduated from Milburn High School in Oklahoma in 1958. From there he attended classes at Southeastern Oklahoma State University (which, at the time, was known as Southeastern State Teachers College) in Durant.

During this time of his life, Dunn moved around and held many positions before marrying and moving back to Oklahoma in 1960 where he worked in service and sales for Frigidaire.

"I've worn many hats," Dunn said.

Among those was that of a heavy equipment mechanic, who enjoyed drilling domestic water wells in the state.

"One of the things I liked best — and it was cold hard work — was drilling water wells with a cable tool rig. I have drilled a bunch of them and they are still working."

Dunn is the father of two daughters and one son. He also has three grandchildren with one more due in August.

Dunn has several hobbies.

"I do anything. I just have to be busy. I do a lot of things for other people."

Dunn said he enjoys working on older model cars. He also fishes and hunts deer.

Sue Wright of the finance department has known Dunn for years.

"He has always come here to get his paycheck. He is a friendly guy who likes to hunt.

"He is always helpful, courteous and friendly."

One of the most notable things about Dunn, is he likes to talk to and help people.

Many commented that if you bring up the subject of hunting or fishing, Dunn will talk forever about the two subjects.

College operator and security dispatcher Marilyn Kreig has known Dunn for almost 15 years.

"Buster is the kindest, most honest person I have ever met in my entire life."



Photo by Trent Dugas

Dunn inspects the cooling tower behind the gym. The cooling tower helps cool classrooms at OKCCC. Dunn says surprisingly, regulating temperatures in classrooms is not much of a problem. Dunn has been making sure classrooms are cool during the summer for over 15 years.



Photo by Trent Dugas

Dunn prepares to replace light bulbs in classrooms. He says he has been called to replace around 200 light bulbs in one day at the college.

# Outstanding students receive awards

More than 100 honored for achievements, contributions to college

By Rica Mitchusson  
Staff Writer

More than 100 students received awards at the 22nd annual Student Awards Ceremony held at the college April 24.

Awards were presented in the following categories:

**President's Award for Excellence:** Arts and Humanities: Victoria Dysinger, humanities/literature; Rica Mitchusson, public relations; Martha Townsend, graphic communications.

Business and Information Technologies: David Hendrickson, computer-aided drafting/design; Jessica Mashburn, business; Jason Reavis, computer science.

Diversified Studies: Crystal Neasbitt, diversified studies.

Health, Social Sciences, and Human Services: Chris Carter, psychology; Ryan Hagain, political science; Kristen Riley, physical therapist assistant.

School of Nursing:

Lynna Moniz, nursing.

Science and Mathematics: Kendra Kisor, mathematics; Thuy T. Pham, engineering; Tommy A. Trent, biology.

**Academic Awards, Recognition of Honors Graduates:** Molly Bell, Latoshia Bolden, Chris Carter, Jennifer Clanton, Jeremy Emerson, Shawnessy M. Jiwa, John Keefe II, Amy Knop, Jessica Mashburn, Hillary Mueller, Heather Nelson, David Pease, Traci L. Saxton, Elayne Stewart.

**Certificates of Achievement:** Diversified Studies: Molly Bell.

Arts and Humanities: Virginia Adair, visual arts; Ken Brown, graphic communications; Tom Johnson, theater; Josh Martensen, humanities/literature; Rica Mitchusson, public relations; Theresa M. Pitts, journalism; Kallie Tillery, music.

Business and Information Technology: Joann Bethel, computer science; Howard Boatman, management/marketing; Kenneth Brown, automotive techni-



Photo by Harve Allen

Student Tom Trent displays his President's Award for Excellence, which he received for his academic achievement in biology. Standing with him are his award sponsors, Steve Shore, professor of chemistry, and Kent Smith and John Perry, both professors of biology (L-R).

cian internship program; Stanley Campbell, management; Misti Chancellor, computer science; Maribeth Colker, business; Melissa Doster, electronics; David Farmer, computer science; Kari Hill, office administration; Christine Hubley, finance; Chester Putnam, computer science; Tamara Shoemaker, office administration; Donna Stocke, accounting; Bradley Walker, automotive service education; Michael Warren, computer-aided design; Crescentia Woods, office administration.

Health, Social Sciences and Human Services: Carrie Barnes, gerontology; Brenda Carnes, physical therapist assistant; Celeste Krebs, health psychology; Michelle Laukat, political science; Thomas Showalter, emergency medical technology; Bonnie Willis, psychology; Patricia Young, child development.

School of Nursing: John Williams, nursing.

Science and Mathematics: Ervina Baruti, pre-dentistry; Patricia Carr, mathematics; Linda John, chemistry; Jennifer Jones, science; Lan D. Le, engineering; Thomas Mosley, biology; Evelyn Nwosu, pre-pharmacy; Fera Shokat,

pre-medicine; David Wong, physics.

**Bobby D. Gaines Scholarship:** David Wong.

**Faculty Association Scholarships:** Sara Bieger, Anita Franks, Jessica Mashburn, Mark Miller, Trena Whitefield.

**Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship:** Long V. Pham.

**Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarships:** Tom Johnson; Portland Michele Jones; Nguyen Nguyen; Rebecca Leigh Sullivan.

**Matt Skvarla Journalism Memorial Scholarship:** John Trent Dugas.

**Nursing Scholarships:** Penny Czerwinski, Joyce M. Hunt, Helen Knouse, Carolyn E. Marshall, Robin McMurry, Tammy Miller, Danny M. Whitmill.

**English Student Essay Awards:** Marisa Ann Keller and Melissa Martin.

**Certificate of Appreciation:** Pioneer Award: Robyn A. Lydick.

**Student Organization Awards:** Abilities Galore: Chris Carter; African-American Association: Francis Bampoe; Aging Studies Club: Brenda Jennings; Asian Cultural Exchange: Trinh Pham; Baptist Student Union: Matthew Townsend; Chess

Club: Neil Harmer; Chi Alpha: Boyd Fulton; Collegiate Secretaries International: Kelly Burns; Deaf Student Association: Barbara Lee; Drama Club: Tom Johnson; Engineering Club: Jeremy Reed.

Future Teachers' Organization and Student Oklahoma Education Association: Carla Thomas; Health Professions Club: Becky Wade.

The Leadership Council: Becky Wade; Hispanic Organization to Promote Education: Enrique Perez; Native American Cultural Awareness Organization: Kimberly Codynah and Michelle Bointy; Phi Theta Kappa: Chris Malcom.

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Student Art Guild: Thomas Allen; Student Emergency Medical Technicians Association: Amanda Gilchrist; Student Nurses' Association: Brenda Layman.

Student Physical Therapist Assistant Organization: Sam Penny and Shelly Bross; United Methodist Student Ministry: John Upshaw.



Photo by Harve Allen

Keith Wilson, professor of mathematics, stands with student Long V. Pham, at the Student Awards Ceremony. Pham was the recipient of the Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship.



# Program exposes students to careers

High school students spend day as job shadows to OKCCC staff

By Dustin Johnson  
Newswriting I Student

Several departments from OKCCC hosted students from U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma City April 6 through the 10 in a job shadowing program. The program is designed to give high school students a look at careers they might be interested in.

In its first year, the job shadow program involved several businesses from around Oklahoma City

such as Kerr McGee, American Fidelity Insurance Corporation and United Systems (a computer company) along with OKCCC and public high schools from Oklahoma City.

The program was founded and sponsored by the Oklahoma City Public Schools Business and Technology Advisement Committee.

Jenean Jones, professor of Office Administration at OKCCC and a member of the Business Advisement Committee, commented on how willing OKCCC depart-

ments were in trying to help the high school students.

**"This is certainly a program that we want to build on."**

—Sherry Gleaves  
U.S. Grant High School

"I feel really great that the college was so supportive of their program."

Fourteen department heads volunteered to host students. Departments

that volunteered included Counseling, Student Services, the Pioneer, Financial Aid, Computer Sciences, Emergency Medical Technician, External Education Programs, Learn-to-Swim, Educational Support Services, Microcomputer Applications, Aquatics and Wellness, and the Physical Science Lab.

Students followed the department coordinator of their choice as they went through the daily routines, getting an idea of what they might be required to do if they chose that profession.

Amy Barber, a freshman at Grant, toured the Pioneer office with Lab Director Ronna Johnson.

"The journalism department seems like a lot of work, but people like Ronna, who like writing, do a good job. All in all, it was a really fun day," she said.

There are plans to have the job shadowing program again next year.

Sherry Gleaves, business and technology teacher at U.S. Grant High School, and a graduate of OKCCC, said, "This is certainly a program that we want to build on."

## Campus food service given mixed reviews by students

By Hillary Mueller  
Newswriting I Student

Students may have noticed that OKCCC has a new food service.

The food service is operated by Jim Sellers who owns Sellers Catering. Sellers also runs the food service at Metro Tech, which, he said, has been very successful.

So what does all this mean? Bill Coffey, the college's liaison to the food service area, hopes and believes that this change will promote this college as having the best food of any higher education cafeteria in this state.

The new food service, which has only been here for a little more than a week, has already had several strong reactions — some positive, some not.

Film major Kevin Whitely said, "They've got good food in there. They have a wide variety. The fettuccini was gnarly!"

Student Tommy Sturdivant said, "It's pretty good. It's grade 'A.'"

Then some people don't like the new service.

Rick Carrera, a graphics communications major,

said that the food was "extremely overpriced" and said he'd rather eat at Del Rancho.

When confronted by the complaints, Coffey said he "takes them personally."

Coffey believes that complaints are due to the fact that Sellers has not had enough time to get the new service situated.

"The end of a semester is no time to have to begin a new food service. Everything has to be changed."

Coffey and Sellers are confident, however, that the new menu will eventually draw in more students and staff.

Sellers mentioned that they have already lowered prices on some entrées because they are comfortable with the price and quality of the food.

Sellers also said he plans to cater special events at the college, such as swim meets.

"We had a very good week and we want to get the idea of the new menu out to people," Sellers said. "We will try to bring in foods occasionally that the students and staff haven't had before."

"Some people don't like change, but we will try to make it as palatable as possible."

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# Popular politicians debate party lines

Co-hosts of KFOR's Flashpoint add a touch of comic relief to political issues

By Trent Dugas  
Staff Writer

It was typical fashion.

It was the elephant vs. the donkey, the left vs. the right, the blue vs. the red, and the liberal vs. the conservative.

However, it was light-hearted.

The Democrat went head to head with the Republican when Mike Turpen, the Democrat, and Burns Hargis, the Republican, were the guest speakers at the Downtown College Consortium.

The two KFOR Flashpoint television show hosts were serious and critical but, best of all, they were comical.

"The fundamental difference between Democrats and Republicans are Democrats believe a rising tide lifts all boats and a Republican believes a rising tide lifts all yachts," Turpen said.

Hargis responded, "We just want everyone to own a yacht."

The two explained how they became the co-hosts for KFOR's Flashpoint.

Turpen and Hargis said for years Oklahoma City television stations were bland and sterile on their election coverage.

"Channel 4 wanted the same two yahoos together all through the election season and leading into election night and that is when we got put together," Hargis said. "1992 was the beginning of the dark period in my life."

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—Mike Turpen  
Democrat

Hargis said on election night of the 1992 presidential race, the two argued and debated about issues and policies on Channel 4.

Hargis reflected George Bush and Turpen reflected Bill Clinton. They argued and debated about issues and policies on the presidential campaign.

"I was making state-

ments like the only thing Bill Clinton knows about foreign affairs is taking Jennifer Flowers out for Mexican food," Hargis said.

Ratings that 1992 election night were so high, KFOR decided to keep them together. That was the birth of Flashpoint. The show is on Channel 4 at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings and has been airing for five years, 52 weeks a year.

Turpen and Hargis were also very critical in their debate speech.

"Put this in your pipe," said Hargis. "Patricia Ireland from the National Organization of Women is going to weigh in and side with Paula Jones."

"I would have fully expected to see Saddam Hussein at a Bar Mitzvah than to see Patricia Ireland take the side of Paula Jones."

Turpen was critical on the national debt and said the national debt, from the presidency of George Washington to the beginning of Ronald Reagan's, was only \$1 trillion. But from that time, up through the Bush years, it has ballooned to \$4 trillion.

"So elephants walk around in a circle for 12 years," Turpen said.

"They leave a big mess for Bill Clinton to come in and clean up."

"The truth is that he has the guts to push through a deficit reduction plan that not one Republican voted for."

"You've seen eight good years of Bill Clinton and you are going to see eight good years of Al Gore because people want to keep a good thing going."

Hargis, in true form, dis-



Photo by Trent Dugas

Democrat Mike Turpen points out differences of opinion with Republican Burns Hargis in their political debate at the Downtown Consortium. Turpen and Hargis can be seen on their show, Flashpoint, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on KFOR, Channel 4.

agreed. "Even today the middle class has not achieved the income levels that they did under the Reagan administration and you brag about the deficit

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—Burns Hargis  
Republican

reduction? The military has been cut by almost 40 percent.

"We could not even have another Desert Storm if we needed to."

Turpen got really serious

when discussing Ken Starr.

He compared Ken Starr subpoenaing the book purchases by Monica Lewinsky with the Third Reich.

"The Republican Congress would rather get a letter from the Unabomber than to get a report from Ken Starr," said Turpen.

Both Hargis and Turpen ended the debate by giving praise to politics, Oklahoma, and the Master of Ceremonies former Gov. George Nigh.

Hargis complimented the political scene in Oklahoma.

"Never have I doubted for a moment their absolute gut sincerity for wanting the best for Oklahoma," said Hargis.

Turpen concluded, "Even though we disagree on the various programs and avenues to take, I love our country and Burns and I believe in the greatness of Oklahoma."

The speech was part of the Lunch with the Media series sponsored by Local Federal Bank.

The Downtown Consortium is a combination of five institutions of higher education including OKCCC, and jointly offers classes to students and the public.

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

A new geometry course is 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.

## Graphing calculators available in math lab

TI-85 graphing calculators will be available June 1 for math students to lease during the summer semester. The calculators will lease for \$25. Please inquire at the math lab desk for more information.

## 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 682-1611 ext. 7355 or Dwayne Tate at ext. 7258.

## Candy counting contest winner announced

The winner of the Natural High Week candy counting contest was Clara Baker, who guessed the number to be 73. Baker's name was drawn from a hat with others who guessed 73 or 75. The actual number was 74, which nobody guessed.

## Red Earth tickets now on sale

Plan to join in the festivities during the 12th annual Red Earth Festival June 11-14 in downtown Oklahoma City. 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.

## Ethnic women's health forum announced

The Oklahoma State Department of Health's Office of Minority Health, in cooperation with the U.S. Office of Women's Health and the Oklahoma Ethnic Women's Health Planning Committee is sponsoring the Ethnic Women's Health Forum June 10 through June 12 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The theme of the event is to help improve women's health through education, prevention and cultural awareness. Registration fees are \$25 before May 15 and \$35 thereafter. Call 271-8458.



Photo Courtesy of HOPE

**Big night on campus:** Hispanic Organization to Promote Education held its annual banquet April 18. HOPE officers pictured from left to right: Francisco Galaz, Myrna Rojas, Vanessa Mendoza, HOPE sponsor Luis Gallegos, Dora Rojas and Enrique Perez.

# Acting class calls Coney Bologna second home

By Duane Dershem  
Newswriting I Student

For the last month, students in Patrick Daugherty's Acting II class have been performing at Coney Bologna, a coffee shop and deli in northwest Oklahoma City. Every Wednesday beginning at 2 p.m., the students have been reciting memorized two-minute monologues assigned by their instructor.

Robert Crawford, Coney Bologna's owner, said having the students perform has been an answered prayer. He said

they add the missing ingredient to his establishment.

"I like to give people a central place, without pretention or politics, to enjoy the arts," Crawford said.

The students have performed pieces written by authors that include Anton Chekhov, Tennessee Williams, Teresa Hawkes, for-

Miller.

"It's good to leave the safety of the lab situation and head out to some legitimate performance spaces," Daugherty said.

"Robert has invited us to become his in-house performance company and we hope to make use of that next semester."

The class will be using Coney Bologna as the stage for its final projects, reciting at least three of the monologues learned this semester. The performance starts at 7 p.m. May 15, 1101 NW 10th.

Richard Rouillard, professor of English and literature will also perform.

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—Robert Crawford  
Owner of Coney Bologna

merly division secretary in OKCCC's Arts and Humanities office, and Arthur

## Last issue of the semester!

The Pioneer will cool the presses for a short time. We will hit the stands again June 8. All organizations and clubs are encouraged to submit Highlights and events to the Pioneer office, c/o club reporter, Rica Mitchusson or call ext. 7675.

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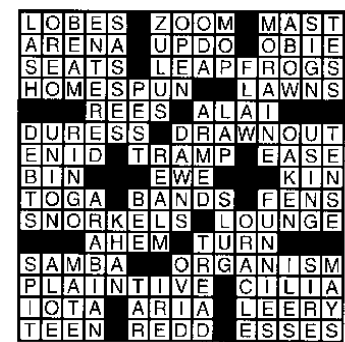
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12 Attention  
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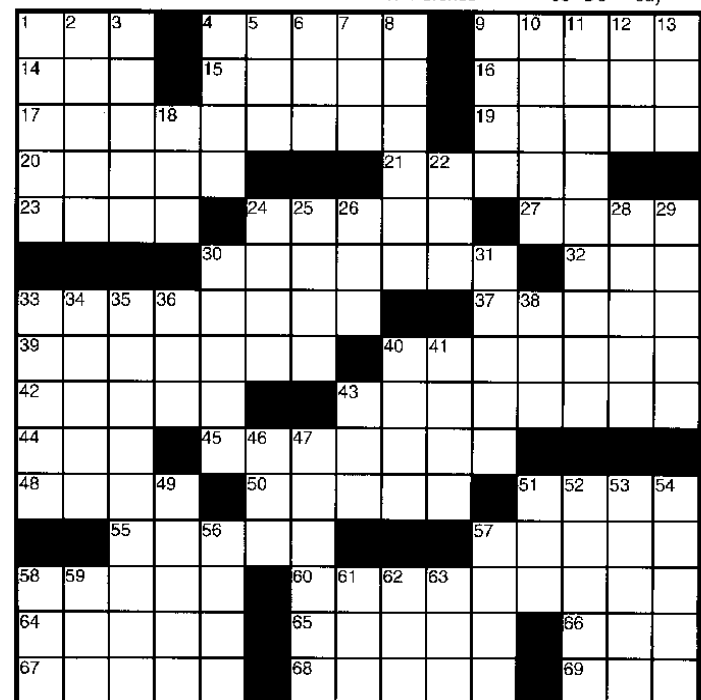
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## Students run for Oklahoma House seats

"Politics,"  
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taxes," Maughan said. "My opponent is in favor of spending the Rainy Day funds — the surplus funds. I'm against more government spending.

"It's just a difference of philosophies," he said, "not a personal vendetta."

Do either of these candidates think their age will be a deterrent in winning the election or, once in the State Capitol, prevent them from getting the job done? Both say absolutely not.

"I think my age is a benefit," Maughan said.

He said he feels in touch with his community, as well as with his generation, particularly when it comes to issues involving tuition costs and rises in those costs.

"Plus, we're kind of skewed in the Legislature right now," he said. "We don't have very many young people to voice some of the issues that are confronting us today."

Green said he will have to be cautious because of his age. He knows there will be those who try to take advantage of him. However, he doesn't look at it as a liability.


"I think my age can be used as an asset," he said. "I don't have a lot of the baggage or connections these other people have going in. And being young, I am more idealistic. I do believe there are positive changes that can be made."

Though young candidates are rare, Green said he believes they will become more common when term limits go into effect in Oklahoma in the year 2002.

He encourages other young citizens to consider seeking political office. Green said candidates for the House of Representatives must be 21 years old, be a registered voter and a resident for at least one year in the district in which they plan to run.

"Everyone has something that they're born with that really fascinates them," Green said.


"Some people love to sew, some love to sing. I just love politics."




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