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Prof gets honey of a deal

By Trent Dugas Staff Writer

ary Houlette, pro-J fessor of physical science, has a buzzing sensation in his ears coming from about 40,000 honey

Houlette just purchased the bees from Horn Seed Company at 7405 S. May. He has two hives set up in the woods of his 80-acre ranch and home in Wanette, southeast of Oklahoma City.

Houlette said one of the reasons he is indulging in the yellow-striped creatures is because of the threat of extinction to honey bees everywhere.

"There is a real epidemic across the United States right now due to a bee mite that's basically wiping out all of the natural bee hives," Houlette said.

"It's a very critical situation right now for the bees."

Houlette said Horn Seed Company flew in the bees by mail through the U.S. Postal Service in two



According to Houlette,

the bees will kill the queen

bee because the queen

comes from a different hive

and the bees are very terri-

torial and will kill her if they

think she is invading their

space. However, that soon

placed in the hive, along

with the caged queen, and

a few days later the bees

will have eaten the sugar plug in her cage to let her

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He said the bees are

changes.

out.

Professor of Physical Science Gary Houlette examines the box in which he received a shipment of honey bees. The bees — totaling more than 40,000 — arrived via the U.S. Postal Service. Houlette said about 30 bees died during the transport.

wooden boxes of about 15,000 to 20,000 bees per

The boxes were rigged with a can of sugar water, an insecticide strip and most importantly, the queen bee.

"They suck the bees out

of a hive with a vacuum and then blow them into the wooden boxes," Houlette said. "Then they put the queen bee in the box, hanging from the top in her own

Anatomy, biotechnology lab construction to begin soon

By Robyn Lydick **Editor**

KCCC could have a simulated clean room, a biotechnology lab and a human anatomy lab as early as August 1999.

The human anatomy lab, also called a cadaver lab, teaches students how to dissect the human body, a basic part of a medical education.

OKCCC will have the

fifth cadaver lab in the state, said Anna Wilson, dean of science and math-

The biotechnology lab will be for second-year students in the new biotechnology program.

The students will replicate DNA strands, Wilson said. The lab expands on processes taught in micro-

In addition to the two medical labs, a mock computer chip production facility is planned.

"We are simulating a clean room like those used in industry and laboratories," Wilson said.

Clean rooms are used in laboratories, semiconductor (computer chip and circuitry) manufacturing, the making of light bulb filaments and other products, Wilson said.

Students will experience what clean rooms are

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Pipeline break lowers OKCCC water pressure

By Trent Dugas **Staff Writer**

t probably has not gone unnoticed that, in the past week, OKCCC bathrooms and water fountains have not been at fullrunning capacity.

John Knight, physical plant director, said a recent water line break in south Oklahoma City caused the water pressure in the college's restrooms, showers and water fountains to be extremely low.

Knight said the combination of a lack of rain and the water line break at S.E. 164th and Bryant is the cause of the low pressure.

Oklahoma City Public Works Department said the break should not have caused the pressure problem at OKCCC.

"The water main break should have only affected up to 5 percent of the school's water pressure,' said Bret Weingart at the Public Works Department.

Food Service Director, Eddie Hartwick said the food service area was not affected by the low pres-

Knight also said the grounds crew may have played a part in the low water pressure.

"OKCCC watered several days when they weren't supposed to," Knight said.

'It will not happen again."

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Editorial

Simple addition to campus best bet to hide vent

The regents of our fine institution may have hit upon a solution for unsightly vents and duct work required for the new science labs.

The simulated clean room, or semiconductor lab, and the biotechnology lab will require some additional duct work to meet code.

This means that a portion of our elegant roof line will be disrupted by bits of metal jutting up 10 feet into the sky.

Solutions to hide this bit of ugly utility ranged from bricking it in, covering it in more esthetically-formed metal or planting trees to screen the roof line from view.

Let's hear it for Regent Dan Hardage who suggested the trees. Hurrah to the rest of the regents who were willing to consider trees over more construction.

All too often, institutions get caught up in the excitement of structural improvements and euphorically blunder on, adding structure after structure

Granted, it will take larger evergreens which are not inexpensive. The trees will need to be installed over the winter during their dormant period, to handle the move well, so they will go in after the ducting is in place. Aside from a one-time expense and a patience requirement, upkeep of the trees should be minimal. The life span of evergreens can be quite long.

In addition to the esthetic value, there are environmental benefits to adding large trees, such as wildlife habitat and oxygen production.

What an improvement over mere construction. Aside from the library, the college leaves much to be desired visually. The older buildings are boxy and the berm portion blends oddly with the surrounding land contours. The interior is worse.

A friend of mine, who visits the Pioneer often, calls us the trailer park of community colleges. She thinks it is homey. We may not have pink flamingos in the landscape, but the interior decor away from the administrative area and a few other offices is utilitarian at best.

Eventually the college will evolve from its '70s design roots. Hopefully, the concepts that work will be incorporated into future plans. I actually chose this college because of the berm-building techniques used in the original building. I felt that if the college had been innovative then, it would probably be so now. I still feel that way.

This college has every right to be ecstatic over additions and improvements. We are getting some very impressive-sounding labs. However, the college should not lose its collective head over cosmetic issues or grandiose possibilities. Often the simplest solution is the best solution.

Up with trees!

-Robyn Lydick

Physical therapy student doing well

To the Editor:

Good news! Ann Arthur is doing much better.

I was able to visit with her on July 10. She is out on the floor now and slowly but surely getting rid of all the tubes and lines so she can function on her own.

She has been up walking with physical therapy and with her family.

Plans are under way for her discharge to home.

As of July 10, there was still concern regarding her liver functon and a lowgrade temperature of unknown origin.

She was in good spirits and her memory was excellent while we visited about school, classmates and her clinical experience earlier this summer.

I have been most impressed by the numerous compassionate responses I have received from the faculty and staff of OKCCC. It is wonderful to work with such caring people.

Our prayers are being answered. Please continue to keep Ann, Tom and her family in your prayers so she may enjoy a complete restoration of health and independence, including the ability to return to our program and complete her degree.

Also, a great big thank you to all who contributed

financially. Every little bit helps with these kinds of medical costs.

> —Peggy Newman Physical Therapy Program Director

Editor's note: Arthur received a liver transplant July 26. Donations may be made at any Bank One metro location or mailed to Bank One OKC

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Be responsible for you

To the Editor:

Congress is talking about throwing money at teenage smoking. You know what? I don't care if teenagers smoke! Mine didn't and they are the only ones I was responsible for. No amount of money is going to keep people from smoking. No amount of money is going to make our schools safe or make Johnny learn to read.

Social problems are not going away until we all take responsibility for ourselves and our own. That one word means so much: responsibility. Take credit when you do well and take the blame when you screw up. If you have children, be responsible for them until they are old enough to be responsible for themselves (and then allow them to be).

I am old enough and wise enough to start sharing this wisdom. Take advantage of it.

> —Pam Zamora Student Services

off the mark

by Mark Parisi



Entertainment and Reviews

Marilyn Manson book details singer's past

Publisher: Harper-Collins, \$24

"The Long Hard Road Out of Hell" sounds like a book that is for those into Satan. Guess again.

This book is about the life of Brian Werner, a.k.a. musician Marilyn Manson.

He talks about his struggles growing up in Canton, Ohio, as a kid who was always picked on.

He displays the ways he coped with his problems and how he dealt with certain fears.

Manson has been called devil's child and freak

In his book he explains what pushes him to play the music he plays and the antics he uses on the

Manson explains how he developed his name from good and evil, Marilyn, derived from Marilyn Monroe for good and Manson, derived from Charles Manson for the bad.

I think some of his beliefs are wrong but the way he explains it in his book kind of makes you won-

The book is really an easy read and a joy. I highly recommend it.

I definitely give it a thumbs up.

Nick Spross **Staff Writer**

This Stray Cat back in the swing

Setzer shines on 'Dirty Boogie'

Even if you haven't yet heard of "The Dirty Boogie," a brand new CD by the Brian Setzer Orchestra, you have heard the music.

This CD can be compared to a musical crock pot filled to the lip with a concoction of sassy '40s swing and randy '50s rock'n'roll with a little ageless New Orleans nasty mixed in for flavor.

The CD is delicious.

In the early '80s Setzer was the lead singer for the Stray Cats, a juiced-up '50s-style band.

With selections "Switchblade 327" and "This Cat's on a Hot Tin Roof," Setzer reminisces about his Stray Cats days.

Although Setzer can sing, his talent is most definitely exemplified in his mastery of the guitar.

Therein lies the difference in "The Dirty Boogie."

The complex multihorned sound of the postwar era is fattened by the addition of the electric guitar. Yummv.

With five saxophones, four trumpets, three trombones, two basses, drums and Setzer on guitar, the



band only lacks the banging of the ivory keyboard to fully round out the sound.

Gwen Stefani, lead singer with No Doubt, is guest vocalist on "You're the Boss." Stefani's voice is a bit reedy to complement this music genre

Other selections that may be familiar include the gospel favorite, "This Old House," which in this rendition could make a non-believer shout Hallelujah.

Perhaps you've seen the GAP commercial advertising khakis. The song behind the swing is "Jump Jive an' Wail" by the Brian Setzer Orchestra. The original 1956 release by Louis Prima has a superior, richer depth, but Setzer still puts forth a good effort.

This CD, complete with up-beat, post-World War II nostalgic swing, '50s enthusiasm and sultry jazz magic is well worth the modest price.

It's feel-good all over.

—Rica Mitchusson **Staff Writer**

Christian website pushes free speech bounds to extreme limit

free speech in today's society is no other than the Internet.

You can express absolutely whatever crosses your mind, in a legal standard, whether it is true or

"A Journal for plain folk who love the Lord Jesus Christ" is the phrase that headlines one of the daring websites brushing the boundaries of free speech on the Internet.

Steve Van Nattan claims to be "Editor and Jack Ass in General" and asserts that the site delivers warnings, resources and a journal of good

news concerning the Bible and Jesus Christ.

News, resources and information supplied from outside sources on controversies regarding religion, churches, spiritual items,

The last bastion of true, politics and political issues are packed into this site at www.balaams-ass.com

> Nattan remarks on the debatable issue of the "latest sodomite perversion, the Billy Doll.

> The child's doll is the "Ken" type and is gay, decked with male organs and body piercing. The site offers a picture of the four

> "With this in mind, I find it insane that a doll promot-

(Nattan) claims the "U.S. government is now ready to declare martial law due to the Y2K fears and response."

> ing and perpetuating the very lifestyle that originally circulated the [AIDS] virus would be sold to raise money to stop the virus," Nattan said. "Only human depravity could originate

such a scheme."

Nattan's site offers a multitude of other issues and ideas.

He claims the "U.S. government is now ready to declare martial law due to the Y2K fears and response." Of course the Y2K is the year 2000 technology problem.

Another issue he discusses is martial arts.

Nattan believes that practitioners of the martial arts have no business in church and claims it is "unlike Jesus" because it takes away from God with its Buddhist background.

Nattan rattles all his points with proof, government memos, letters from linked sources and websites.

The hundreds of issues, controversies, information, news and ideas are all backed and Nattan makes good arguments for his own personal editorials.

On the site is a person-

ally-written biography from Nattan describing his beliefs, life and values, and his debates are just as controversial.

Nattan professes to be a white, African-American who grew up in Africa and experienced the African culture firsthand.

"I have sung the songs of Zion with real 'reverends' -Black African pastors whose faith in Christ was severely tested. They had to watch helplessly as their babies were hacked in half by their own Mau Mau countrymen because they would not denounce a Jew named the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reverend Jesse (Jackson), baby, that's just awaaaaaay beyond your cheap racist religion, sir," Nattan said.

He goes on to say, "But, Reverend Jesse, you cannot understand what it feels like to really suffer 'unto blood' for the Gospel of Jesus Christ at the hands of men of your own color. You are too well insulated to allow for that option.

"Indeed, you haven't even learned to suffer yet on the south side of Chicago and on Michigan Blvd. in Detroit.

"Your 'walk throughs' are a cheap gesture, friend."

This site covers an incredible amount of ground in terms of controversial ideas.

I recommend this site to sift through for useful information while excluding the radical, offensive opinions.

The belief the Internet upholds supports such sites and endures the act of free speech — whether the speech is true or untrue, right or wrong, offensive or not.

> -Trent Dugas **Staff Writer**

OKCCC lifeguards place at competition

By Trent Dugas Staff Writer

OKCCC, along with the American Red Cross, sponsored the 1998 Southwest Lifeguard Games July 11 at White Water Bay.

The games were divided into three categories: junior guard competition, dual competition and team competition.

In the junior competition, OKCCC scored second and fourth out of six entries

In dual competition, OKCCC grabbed five spots. One of its lifeguard teams took a first place award while two of the college's teams tied for fifth.

OKCCC teams also placed 11th and 18th out of the 24 entries in the category.

Within the team competition, OKCCC scored fourth, 12th and 22nd out of 23 entries.

The games included such contests as relay, CPR and spinal cord injury.

Photos by Trent Dugas

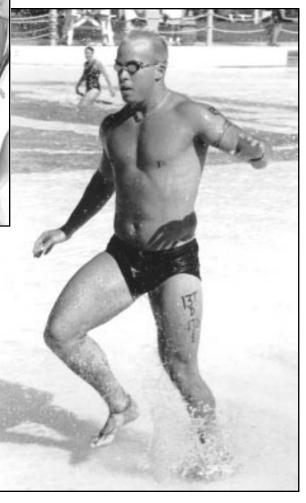


Samantha Jones and Mandy Moore rescue the volunteer spinal cord injury ZSvictim. Jones and Moore ranked eighth with a combined point score of 197.



Above: Lifeguards David Toland and Rusty Britton receive directions from the judge in the spinal cord injury competition. Toland and Britton won first place in the two-guard competition with a combined point total of 231.25.

Right: Casey Yochum runs for the shore during the relay race at White Water Bay July 11. His team was required to save a mock drowning victim, then run to the shore. The last team member had to dive to the bottom of the pool and retrieve a 10-pound brick.



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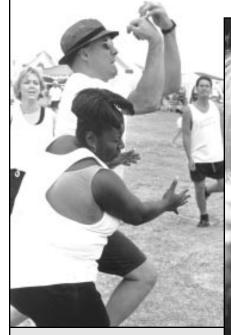
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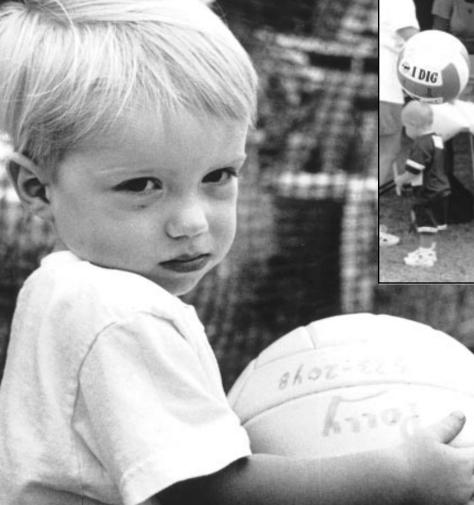
Volleyball served up United Way style



Above: LaDonna Williams and John Houck collide as they both go for the ball. They participated on the McBride Bone and Joint Hospital team.

Text by Ronda Williamson

Below: Dave Taylor goes to the net for the ball. Taylor played on the Last Impressions team.



Southwestern Bell Sunrays gets off a sure serve. Her team was decked in designer orange and black shirts.

Above: Diana Grundmann of the

Photos by Trent Dugas

Below: Oklahoma Blood Institute member Julie Walden serves it up to the other team. Her team went by the name of Iguana Volley.

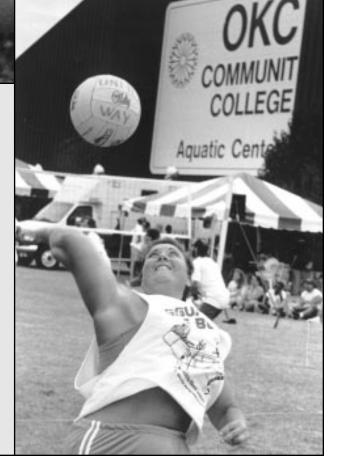
Above: Two-year-old Brennan Fanning gets a young start in the game of volleyball. His dad, Travis Fanning, played on the American Fidelity team All Spiked Up.

The seventh annual United Way Sun Spike coed grass volleyball tournament was held for the first time at OKCCC July 11. Eighty-seven teams "spiked it" for United Way.

Winners of this year's tournament were: Corporate Recreational: 1st place, Midfirst Bank; 2nd place, Fleming II; and 3rd place, ONG Naturals. Corporate Competitive: 1st place, Hertz Gold; 2nd place Fleming I. Open (non-corporate): 1st place, Block Party; 2nd place, OKCCC.

"When working with a major non-profit organization like United Way, the college benefits by the community exposure as well as large companies seeing our college facilities," Chris Mohler, OKCCC director of recreation, said.

Sponsors for this year's event were Albertson's Food Stores, American Red Cross, Big Ed's, Coca-Cola, OKCCC, Pizza Hut, Salvation Army and Taco Mayo.



Highlights

Class sets sights on achieving career goals

The Women's Career Development Program is now enrolling students for classes which begin Aug. 25. Orientation for enrolled and interested students will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 24 in CU1. The program helps women set career goals and identify steps needed to achieve them. The 16-week program consists of two classes totaling four credit hours. The classes meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information call Dr. Cecelia Yoder at 682-1611 ext. 7231 or Larry Golden at ext. 7667.

Graduation office open and accepting applications

Application deadline for Summer 1998 graduation is past but the graduation office will accept late applications until the last day of the summer semester. Students are required to submit their applications by appointment with the Graduation Office. Applications are available in the Admissions and Records Office, the Graduation Office or at the Information Center. Summer graduation is July 31. Diplomas and certificates will be available Sept. 14.

Fall tuition fee waiver applications available now

Tuition fee waiver applications for the fall semester are available in the Student Financial Aid Center. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. Aug. 7. Academic tuition fee waiver awards will be posted in the Student Financial Aid Center Aug. 21.

Volunteers sought for College Fest '98

OKCCC provided College Fest for the first time last year. The College Fest program offered new students pertinent information and tours of the college campus. More than 900 students attended the initial retention program. Volunteers, speakers, tour guides and hosts for the upcoming College Fest are now being sought. College Fest will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 22. All students, staff and faculty interested should contact Myron Mayberry at 682-1611 ext. 7538.

Computer lab open to aid staff, faculty

The computer technology training room, located in 1F8 main building is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Fridays for staff and faculty who require computer assistance. Contact Dudley Freeman at 682-1611 ext. 7566 to reserve a meeting time.

Immunizations required, state law

Before classes begin, all school-aged children will be required to show proof of having received or be in the process of receiving the following: DPT (Diptheria-Tetanus Pertussis), MMR (Measles Mumps Rubella), Polio, Hepatitis A and B and Varicella (chicken pox). The City-County Health Department of Oklahoma County will be giving vaccinations free of charge at various locations throughout the Oklahoma County area. Clinics will be offered at Crossroads Mall Aug. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Main facility: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 921 NE 23, West facility: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. every Friday at 4540 NW 10, Southeast Child Health: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 4 and 8:30 to 11 a.m. Aug. 25 at 2824 Parklawn Dr., Latino Community Center: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 6 at 420 SW 10, Oak Grove Recreation Center: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 21 at 3301 SW 17 and Edmond Church of Christ: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug 10 and 24 at 1101 E 9.



Right: Sandy Burchett received the Project of the Year award from Safe Kids for "Wacky Water Wa-Hoo."

Left: Chris Moler, director of the Office of Recreation and Community Services, received the President's Award for his dedication and service to Safe Kids.



Safe Kids honors staff, college

By Rica Mitchusson Staff Writer

Safe Kids of Oklahoma, dedicated solely to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury, recognized OKCCC with three honors at the organization's annual meeting June 30.

Chris Moler, director of recreation and community services, received the President's Award.

Moler said he is pleasantly surprised by the award which, he said, he believes he received because of his long-term commitment.

Moler has been affiliated with Safe Kids since its inception 10 years ago in Washington, D.C..

Moler has been a charter board member with the Oklahoma Safe Kids coalition for the same 10 years.

In addition, OKCCC has been a Safe Kids supporter for 10 years.

OKCCC was recognized for its support of Safe Kids projects.

"We are considered a corporate member because of all we do to support Safe Kids," Moler said.

Also receiving an award was Sandy Burchett, Learn-to-Swim coordinator.

Burchett received the Coalition Project of the Year award for the development and management of "Wacky Water Wa-Hoo."

Coalition members

"Safe kids makes a huge difference with our best resource, which is our kids."

> —Chris Moler Director of Recreation and Community Services

across the state develop and implement projects on the preventative approach to injury through education, Burchett said.

Safe Kids include smoke alarm education, fire safety and prevention and child car seat education, among other programs, Moler said.

"Safe Kids makes a huge difference with our best resource, which is our children."

About 600 youngsters

attended "Wacky Water Wa-Hoo" at the college last May.

The event taught children water safety by setting up six stations, Burchett said. "The stations taught kids about things like rescue breathing and life jacket safety.

"We use slogans that they hopefully will remember later like, 'reach-throwdon't-go'."

Teaching kids about water safety prevents tragic drownings, Moler said.

"OKCCC provides the safety training location for the local Red Cross where more lifeguards and swim instructors are trained than at any other location."

Several agencies have the duty to search for victims.

"We open the pool free to the Air Force, Navy, police, fire, lake patrol and drug enforcement agencies to hone-up on dive rescue skills."

These agencies make up the people who are out there looking for these preventable drownings, Moler said.

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OKCCC triathalon team stopped short of finish line



Left to right: Deven Glover, Rusty Britton, and Bret Wood competed in the Hi-Tec Adventure Race July 12 in Dallas. The team was unable to finish after Wood suffered medical problems.

College construction scheduled; classes to be temporarily relocated

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really like.

"Students will learn how to wear the 'bunny suit', the enclosed suit, and how to live in that kind of environment." Wilson said.

The simulated clean room will also teach the chemical processes used in the manufacture of computer chips, Wilson said.

The simulated clean room has a mechanical room which is inherently noisy.

Architect Walt Joyce designed the mechanical room adjacent to the simulated clean room to use walls more soundproof than standards call for in such situations, as well as acoustical insulation and ceilings in adjacent classrooms to minimize noise.

Minimizing the disruption of classes during construction is also a high priority, Joyce said.

"We will do everything we can to minimize noise," Joyce said.

"With construction there is noise. It's the nature of the beast."

Plans are for classes to be moved away from the construction.

"We are relocating sev-

eral classes out of the underground building for the fall semester," said Gary Lombard, vice-president for business and finance.

Evening classes will still be held in that portion of the college, Lombard said.

Phase one of the remodeling of the first floor was approved at the May 19 Board of Regents meeting. Permission to open construction bids will be sought at the July 23 Regents meeting.

The new labs, along with faculty offices and classroom space are the focus of the first remodeling phase.

The new labs will be located near entry 12 and at the connector to the Math Center.

The new labs are part of a capitol improvement plan submitted to the State Regents for Higher Education.

Money for the labs came from a \$500,000 grant awarded by the State Regents for Higher Education.

The grant is specifically for the labs to build a workforce in the semiconductor manufacturing and biotechnology fields.

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By Nick Spross Staff Writer

As the desire to finish grew more intense, so did the heat as three individuals from OKCCC competed in the Hi-Tec Adventure Race July 12 in Dallas.

Unfortunately, the heat put an end to the team of Brett Wood, OKCCC coordinator of aquatics and sports, Rusty Britton, head lifeguard, and Derek Glover, lifeguard.

At one point in the race, Wood began to suffer from an irregular heartbeat.

"The heat was unbearable," Wood said. "I was two miles from the finish line

and I starting blacking out."

Wood received an intravenous solution for heat exhaustion.

The race combined the sports of kayaking, trail running and mountain biking. Teams of three competed in all the events. The rules stated that the teams had to start and finish the race together.

Each event had a minimum one-hour kayak course, a 10- to 15-mile mountain bike course and a 5- to 8-mile trail run.

The exact order of the events was not revealed until the day of the triathalon, keeping the 260 competing teams guessing about

which event would be first.

Special tests were placed at various stages along the course route. In the past the tests have included an obstacle course, a rock climbing wall and a mud pit.

Wood said, although his team wasn't able to finish, he won't let it keep him down. He plans to compete in a future contest as soon as he is back to normal.

"I still have to see a doctor for my heart, but I plan on competing in Portland on Aug. 30," Wood said.

Those interested in competing in a Hi-Tec Adventure Race can get information from the Internet at www.mesp.com

Bee-keeping professor learning, having fun

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"They go from wanting to kill her to falling in love with her because of her pheromones. All this happens in about five days or so."

Houlette said the real incentive that prompted him to raise bees was a donation from an OKCCC professor.

"I started buying books and reading about bees. I was going to Horns and like a little kid, looking at their bee equipment hanging on the wall," Houlette said.

"But the one thing that helped me the most is when Professor Martha George's own bees died. She gave me all her hives and equipment.

He said the best buys in beekeeping is used. Once, he said, he attended an auction and bought \$1000 worth of bee equipment for only \$13.

Houlette said he has harvested a lot of information from the bees and has gained a better respect and understanding of bee behavior.

He said the bees all have their own duty toward the hive, honeycombs and fellow bees.

One job some of the bees might have is to keep the hive clean of dead bees by flapping their wings to flush them out.

Also, Houlette said, when it gets hot certain bees have the job of keeping the hive cool.

"One day I came out to the hive and 40 to 60 bees were standing at the entrance of the hive making their wings go as fast as they could, trying to draw the air in and out of the hive.

"It is really cool to watch. They are as busy as a bee."

Even though he has never had to wax a bee sting, Houlette said, when he first started managing the bees in their hive, all he owned to wear for protection was coveralls, welders gloves and a vented helmet.

He said he worried whether he should tape up the coveralls so the bees would not get into the pockets.

"One time when I was checking them they were all over my hands and were so mad at me and buzzing so hard they were literally vibrating my hands," Houlette said.

"You've got to be calm when they are crawling all over you even though your first instinct would be to run."

He said when feeding the bees their half-andhalf mixture of sugar water, he carries a paintbrush with him and brushes off the bees back into the hive.

"I am not an expert at this by far and every time I open up the hive it's a new experience."

Houlette said the bees drink the nectar from flowers or lap the sugar water and then regurgitate the substance into a concoction called honey.

He said he hopes his bees make enough honey so he can give it away, sell it and use it for his own ailments.

"Another reason for raising bees is because of my allergies.

"I have ragweed allergies and locally raised honey — if you can eat it unprocessed — is really good because the honey is from the plants that you are allergic to."

Houlette said his bee raising adventures have been fun and exciting, and he is looking forward to expanding his hives with more bees.

At \$50 per box of 20,000, the bee business is one honey of a deal that Houlette said he couldn't let buzz by.