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OKCCC backs State Regents 'brain gain' plan

By Melissa Guice **Editor**

klahoma currently ranks in the bottom third of all states when it comes to college degree holders.

Consequently, the same goes for its economic performance, said Hans Brisch, Higher Education chancellor.

"Although Oklahoma has made some progress in recent years to increase the educational attainment of its citizens, the state is not keeping pace with increases nationally," Brisch

He noted the proportion of Oklahomans who held associate degrees or higher increased only 2.3 percentage points from 1990 to 1996, compared to 4.3 percentage points nationally.

To counter this imbal-

ance, the regents announced a plan called "Brain Gain 2010: Building Oklahoma through Intellectual Power.'

The plan is intended to increase Oklahoma's number of bachelor degree holders from 20 to 28 percent by 2010.

Dr. Bob Todd, OKCCC president, said the school is in support of the State Regents' program and intends to emphasize the importance of the college de-

"During the last eight to 10 years, the college has focused attention on increasing the number of students receiving the associate degrees and certificates," Todd said.

"Faculty and staff have communicated to students the importance of receiving an associate degree and students have responded."

OKCCC's number of graduates has



Photo by John Thomas

What a taxing job! Volunteer Income Tax Assistance member Margaret Squires helps OKCCC Student Kelli Brands with her tax return. VITA is a group made up of volunteer tax preparers. The volunteers can prepare federal tax forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and W-4 and will assist taxpayers with state and local returns as well. The service is free and open to the public, not just students or staff. VITA will be on campus Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. until April 15.

steadily increasing over the past decade, Todd said.

"From 1990 through 1998, the number of gradu-

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Can you spare a pint?

Blood donors sought for spring drive

By Nicole Winfrey Newswriting I Student

By Becky Gerred **Newswriting I Student**

 \mathbf{Y} ears ago day care meant a box of toys in the corner of the room, a long table in the center for coloring time, and an over-tired, grumpy lady who sat in the corner, worn to a frazzle, with way too many little ones to care for.

Not anymore.

The OKCCC Child Development Center has put a fresh new face on child

Because of the experience of Charlotte E. Wood-Wilson, director of the cen-

ter, the children attending there are receiving the latest developmental care available while mom or dad are at school or work.

ay care has come a long way baby

Wood-Wilson has been at the center for nine years. She brought with her an array of experience.

In the 1970s she began teaching kindergarten and first grade before deciding to venture into child care.

She said she is proud to have ended up at OKCCC.

"Our center is a two-star center," Wood-Wilson said with a smile.

Certain things are taken into consideration in order to earn a two-star rating.

Wood-Wilson said, for

instance, classes are kept small.

"The center maintains a 4 to 1 ratio with the toddlers and 10 to 1 ratio with the older children."

Each member of the staff also has to complete at least 20 clock hours of additional training yearly and the director must accomplish 40 or 50 clock hours

Although it isn't necessary for the rating, the center also maintains a fullday kindergarten.

This is all very desirable

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et it flow. L Its time once again for the annual blood drive, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

The drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 17 and 18 in room 3 of the College Union.

OKCCC sponsors five vearly blood drives. This is the first drive for the spring semester.

Each donor will be given a free T-shirt followed with juice and cookies.

"Eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids before and the day after you donate," said Rachael Perrin, Oklahoma Blood Institute representative.

Each donor will receive cholesterol, blood pressure, temperature and pulse checks.

The Health Professionals Club will be helping by enrolling walk-ins.

Mike Jones, student life coordinator, said he hopes the turnout is strong.

"By giving blood you have the potential of saving three lives," Jones said.

"A unit of blood (pint) has a shelf life of one month. Blood donors are needed.

Jones said if everyone tells three of their friends to donate, nine lives could be saved.

Those wishing to donate must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 105 pounds.

For additional questions contact Perrin at 297-5559.

Editorial and Opinion ____

Editorial

Gentlemanly manners lost to lib movement

On my way to get lunch last week, my friend and I were cut off twice in a 10-minute time span. Once by a young male student and then again by an older male professor. I see a pattern starting to develop

I've noticed that, as the years go by, men are becoming less gentlemanly.

The number of doors that are being held have declined, the number of seats being pulled out is barely countable. Even allowing a female the right of way in the hall or on the street has been slowly diminishing.

The ironic thing about the whole situation is it's not all the guys fault.

Yes, I know it is a matter of common courtesy not to trample someone into a greasy spot on the pavement, but gone are the days of a guy putting his coat over a puddle of water so a woman doesn't get her shoes wet.

Women have drawn a very fine line that guys have trouble seeing. After all the bra burning and women's liberation, I can understand why guys don't know how to act.

However, I like wearing my bra and I like being treated like a girl.

Many of the women's liberation fighters have ruined it for us girls who like to be treated like we are different, because we are.

Wait a minute, girls. Before you jump off the deep end, there are a lot of good things that the women's movement has accomplished for us but I think that, without even realizing it, the movement has taken just as much away from us.

I don't maintain that guys should bend over backwards for girls but being treated with a little more respect and kindness is not too much to ask.

While I may expect a guy to open the door into a building for me, I don't expect him to get out of his car and open my door so I can get out.

Maybe we women need to help out by providing men with a pocket guide on how to treat us.

The biggest thing that we as women can do in order to be treated like women lies not in our hands but in the hands of those women who feel the need to always prove that they don't need men.

For the women who feel that way and openly harass guys because of it, more power to you on thinking like that, but please take it easy on the guys.

Believe it or not, it's turning them into mindless idgits. They're clueless and they can't really help it

I don't know how to solve this problem totally. Things will never be the same as it used to be when women were revered and respected for the simple fact that they are women. But when guys see me coming I hope to get just a little glimpse into the way guys used to be — gentlemen.

> Jamie Johnson **Assistant Editor**

Transfer days help pave smooth path to OU, UCO

To the Editor:

Here we are, already into the second month of a new

The frantic rush to get into classes has been replaced with the frantic rush to get through classes.

For some of you, this is the final semester before completing that longawaited associate degree; for others, it represents the final semester before transferring on to a sister institution.

The University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond and the University of Oklahoma in Norman each hosts a transfer workshop for students who plan to attend their institutions in the fall.

UCO's workshop will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on March 24 on its cam-

OU's will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on

March 24 and March 25 and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m on March 26 on its cam-

These workshops are an excellent opportunity for students to acclimate to a new environment and get settled into fall classes before the general crunch that occurs later.

Students interested in attending the transfer workshop at OU need to submit an application and transcripts to OU by March

Students wishing to attend the UCO transfer workshop should take a copy of their transcripts with them.

To help facilitate a smooth transfer process for students, the Center for Student Development will offer transportation to UCO on March 24 and to OU on

one of the other days.

WANTED: Opinions. Looking for some in good condition, running well. Need to include name and home phone number. Call 682-1611 ext. 7675, ask

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By Leigh Rubin



Had Dizzy Gillespie been a pro golfer

Interested students can contact the Center for Student Development in person, by calling 682-7535, or by accessing our web

> — Mary Turner **Student Development** Counselor

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Comments and Reviews

War, what it is good for

'Thin Red Line' good movie about bad times

What is war? Does graphic and very real. A war make men or do men make wars?

Both are very difficult questions that are addressed in the new movie, "A Thin Red Line.'

This move has an all-star cast in Sean Penn, Woody Harrelson, Nick Nolte, Vince Vaughn, John Cusack, John Travlota and several other guys who all look good in a uniform.

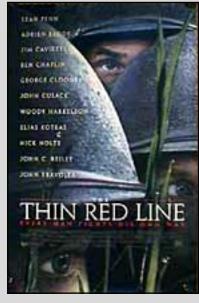
The movie takes place during World War II on a Japanese Island where a brigade of troops are sent in to "clean-up" the island so the United States can use it as a landing strip.

This is a very visual movie, with great footage of the Japanese mountains and jungles. The scenery is awesome.

The action scenes were shot in the same manner as the action scenes in "Saving Private Rvan."

couple of tears even made their way down my cheek.

I'm going to warn you though. If you don't like



movies with symbolism or movies that make you think, then stay away from this one.

In all, there may be about an hour and a half of talking. A voice-over provides most of the dialogue throughout the remainder of the movie.

"A Thin Red Line" is

about every man's war the way men see war and what war they have to fight inside themselves in order to make it through

the times in which they are forced to live.

It deals a lot with every man's courage to do what needs to be done and how to deal with the consquenses of those actions.

"A Thin Red Line" is not for the weak at heart or for the person who likes to be totally entertained by movies.

It sucks the viewer into a world which creates the illusion of experiencing the same situation as onsreen heroes.

If you do go see "A Thin Red Line" go prepared to experience a plethora of emotions.

Personally, I liked this movie. It captured my interest from the very beginning and never let go. I hardly noticed it was a three-hour movie.

> - Jamie Johnson **Assistant Editor**

Golden oldies worth second listen in '99

If you have never listened to golden oldies you are miss-

An interest is being rekindled to bring back the good old days of music — the early days of rock-n-roll.

Remember, "Love Letters In The Sand," by Pat Boone? "Young Love," by Tab Hunter?

When I hear those songs now, my eyes tear up with fond memories of my younger years — lying across my bed with the 45's playing as loud as I could turn them. I could get lost in my own little world with the music of those times.

One day, while driving along, listening to KOMA, a local golden oldie station, (AM 1520 or FM 92.5 on the radio dial) I asked my husband what he was feeling in his heart as he listened to the songs of long ago.

"An empty feeling," he sighed. "A funny feeling in the pit of my stomach."

Now my old record player is an antique. My records are classified as antique. Even I have been labeled antique, but listening to "Stagger Lee," by Lloyd Price or "Battle of New Orleans," by Johnny Horton, once again I am young and carefree.

Want to feel that way too?

Then I offer the following music taken from the top 10 list of 1957 to 1963:

- •"Lonely Boy," by Paul Anka
- •"Let Me Be Your Teddy Bear," by Elvis Presley
- •"April Love," by Pat Boone
- •"Tom Dooley," by Kingston Trio
- "Mack The Knife," by Bobby Darin
- •"I'm Sorry," by Brenda Lee
- •"Twist," by Chubby Checker
- •"Roses Are Red," by Bobby Vinton
- •"He's So Fine," by the Chiffons

- Becky Gerred **Newswriting I Student**

The Mimsies offer brightly-colored power pop on latest CD

They're hot, they're sexy, they're from Norman?

Hey, who said you have to be from California to be cool?

Our lovely little state of Oklahoma is filled with some of the coolest bands in the business.

Bands like The Mimsies. The Mimsies, who are known for their high-energy stage performances, are clearly one of the hottest unsigned bands in the market.

Their brightly-colored vinyl, raw-edged, power pop sound has a certain uniqueness to it that's not commonly found in these parts.

And that uniqueness transferred well to their debut CD "Sex On Demand.'

"Sex On Demand" features five brilliant alternative-style rock songs.

From the heavy-ended Trash," to the high "Chrysanthespeed mum," to the dream-like "Silk Cut," this CD clearly "rocks casbah."

Lead singer Casey Shelton has a voice that is both innocent and rebellious. Shelton's voice is backed by guitarist Jerod Vance and bassist Sam Perkins.

Vance provides beefy



Photo by John Thomas

destorted rhythms while Perkins keeps the songs

solid with his steady bass

Behind the energetic vocals and heavy guitars is the rhythm man himself, drummer Ed Van

You probably pass Ed in the hall daily. For, on top of being an extraordinary drummer, Ed is also a student at OKCCC.

The Mimsies fame has risen quickly. You may recall the Mimsies winning first place in the Oklahoma Talent Search last November at the Tower Club Theater.

Also the band is expected to sign with the L.A.based label Rainy Day Records.

The band is planning a move to L.A. sometime in late spring to pursue the Rainy Day contract.

So if you have never seen the Mimsies perform, I strongly recommend that you do so before they move.

I also recommend that you pick up a copy of the Mimsies CD, "Sex On Demand."

"Sex On Demand" can be found at Shadowplay, Hastings and CD World in Norman.

The CD can also be purchased at almost any Mimsies Performance.

> — John Thomas Staff Writer

Technological advances add vision to blind woman's future

By Darcey Ralls Staff Writer

Diane Bresin may be blind, but she definitely has a vision.

With the help of new technology that "reads" her computer screen, she is able to take computer courses at OKCCC. "Technology has advanced so greatly over the past 10, even 20 years, it is sometimes hard to keep up," Bresin said.

Bresin said she has been blind her entire life.

She was born prematurely in 1952. At that time doctors were not aware that oxygen, which was used with premature babies, damaged and distorted the

retinas. As a result, the network of blood vessels in her eyes were distorted and burned.

Bresin did not let her disability keep her from getting an education or joining the work force.

She attended Oklahoma's School for the Blind and took some classes at the University of Tulsa. She has worked as a secretary and as a medical transcriptionist.

Bresin has been a student at OKCCC since the fall of 1996.

"I appreciate everyone's help," she said. "The college has a very nice computer lab."

Bresin said she plans to continue taking courses at OKCCC and also has plans to upgrade her home computer system.

In her spare time she enjoys reading, playing the piano and home computing. She is currently enrolled in a self-defense course for the impaired and she is also active in the Central Oklahoma Council of the Blind

Bresin said she will continue to focus on her possibilities, not her limitations.

We Stand Corrected

It was reported last week that emergency call boxes are not located in parking area A. Emergency call boxes are located in all parking areas on the campus.

Class explores Indonesian culture

By Lucy Hu Newswriting I Student

A lively presentation about Indonesia was given last week at OKCCC as Dr. Djuhertati Imam Muhni, an Indonesia Fulbright scholar, told an audience of about 50 students a love story using "Wayang," Indonesia shadow play.

Muhni said watching the shadow play is an important and memorable ceremory rather than entertainment.

"We believe that our life is like the shadow," she explained.

Located at the bridge of the Indian and Pacific Oceans, Indonesia is an old country of more than 13,000 islands. It is the fifth most populated country in the world, Muhni said.

Indonesian people are friendly and accepting. There are more than 300 minorities speaking their own dialects. Now the government accepts five main religions. They have a unified language called "Bahasa." Their motto is: "Unity in Diversity."

Muhni also spoke about Indonesia's history and second President Suharto's serious corruption.

When asked later about the effect of the Asian economic crisis on Indonesia, she said that because of the government's monopoly and corruption, Indonesia suffered the worst next to Thailand.

"I hope the situation will be getting better," she said.



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Diane Bresin, blind since birth, said she doesn't let her disability slow her down. She has been a student at OKCCC since 1996.

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Chess Puzzle

Answer to last week's puzzle: Nh5 wins the rook on the next move

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MAPS Project: you are here

OKCCC regent designs south segment of canal

By Jamie Johnson Assistant Editor

C hairman of the Board of Regents has dipped his finger into yet another project.

Dennis Clowers, owner of Clowers Engineering, is the designer of the South Canal for the Oklahoma City MAPS project.

His engineering firm has worked on public projects for more than 15 years.

When the chance arose to be selected for the canal project, Clowers said, he jumped at the opportunity.

"The city usually sends out a notice for projects. If you're interested you send in a letter and the city will

"This is the first project that we have done that people will closely look at and scrutinize. I think the people will like what they see."

—Dennis Clowers
 Clowers Engineering
 and OKCCC Regent

make selections to see who will be interviewed for the project," Clowers said.

Because of the complexity of this project, it was necessary for Clowers to assemble a team of engineers to help with the project.

"I had to assemble a landscaping architect, Howard Site Design; a structural engineer, Zahl Ford' and an electrical engineer, Darr and Collins, to make sure that all bases of the project were covered," Clowers said.

"There were six firms chosen to interview for the project and then two were elected to work on the canal. We were chosen to do the south part of the canal," he said

Mike Davis, computeraided drafting technician for Clowers Engineering, said he is awed by the project.

"It was pretty amazing to design something for that large amount of area," Davis said.

A recent graduate of Southeastern State University, this was Davis' first large- scale project to be involved in.

"I had a lot of questions going in but I learned a lot about it from Dennis," he said.

One of the engineering challenges that Clowers had to face was that, although there were three different levels to the land, the

water had to remain the same level throughout.

"At first we were going to have to dig down into the ground to make the water level even but the city added money to the project to make the ground level," Clowers said.

"Over 120,000 cubic yards of dirt

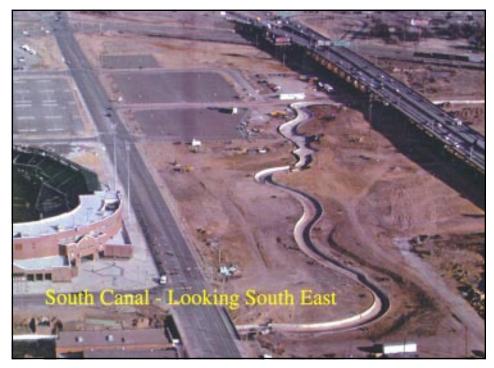
had to be brought in to level the ground.

"It was seven feet higher than planned."

The city hired Frankfurt, Short and Bruza, the city architect, to come up with the conceptual design. All that had to be done was for the firm to use Frankfurt, Short and Bruza's concepts and stay within the budget, Clowers said.

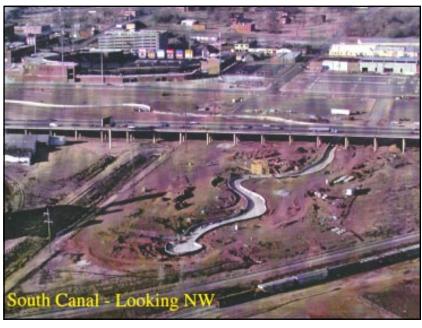
"We made the canal curved in nature and the landscapers did a great job using natural stone to create a waterfall system and plazas," Clowers said.

There will be trails at the canal level, mainly for pedestrians. The upper walkway will be open for bi-



Above: The beginning of the south segment of the MAPS canal with the ball park on the left. The canal will run across the rail road tracks and empty in the North Canadian River.

Right: This will be the site of one of two waterfall systems. After the landscaping artchitects finish, it will look like a park.



cycles and roller blades, Clowers said.

The trails will go down to meet the river project so people can walk all the way from the start of the canal down to the North Canadian river.

"The plans and specifications had to be reviewed by more people than we were used to," Clowers said.

The city looked over the plans when they were 35 percent complete, 60 percent complete, 95 percent

complete, and again when they were 100 percent complete, Clowers said.

Design work started in the summer of 1996 and was completed in the spring of 1997.

Only one area of the canal needs to be revised — where the canal meets the river. That redesign will be completed shortly, Clowers

Photos courtesy of J.C. Reiss said.

Davis said he is excited about the last part of the design project.

"That's the part that I have the opportunity to really work on. I feel like it's almost my little baby but I'm very excited about it."

Clowers said he anticipates success.

"This is the first project that we have done that people will closely look at and scrutinize. I think the people will like what they see," Clowers said

Highlights

Native American organization to hold bake sale

The Native American Cultural Awareness Organization will be selling baked goods from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, Feb. 19 in the student union. If you are interested in Native American culture and would like information about joining the club, come to the next meeting at 12:30 on Thursday, Feb. 18 in room 3N5 of the main building. Members will be discussing the upcoming Indian taco sale, bake sale and other fund-raising efforts.

Chess club hosts tournament

The OKCCC Chess Club will hold a chess tournament at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 in CU8. There is no entry fee and prizes will be awarded. There will also be free food and drinks. The chess club is very active this semester. The meetings are held every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the student union.

OBI to give free T-shirts and health checks to donors

The Oklahoma Blood Institute invites OKCCC staff and students to help save a life. Everyone is encouraged to donate blood between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17 or Thursday, Feb. 18 in CU3. In addition to helping patients, donors can help themselves with a free health assessment. All donors will receive a check on blood pressure, temperature, pulse rate, iron and cholesterol levels. Cholesterol tests will be mailed within two weeks of the donation. All donors will also receive a free T-shirt.

Soccer League to hold try-outs

The OKCCC Intramural Soccer League will hold tryouts at 10 am. Saturday, Feb. 20 on the south side of the college. All students who are competitive and like to play soccer are encouraged to try out for the team. Practices will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4:45 p.m. Games will be played on Saturday afternoons beginning March 6 against other area colleges. Last semester OKCCC's soccer team challenged Rose State, OSU, OU and UCO. For more information or to sign up call Michele Harris at 682-1611, ext. 7363.

Seminar provides tips for looking sharp

In more ways than one, the skills an employee has on the job can make or break a business. The Training Center at OKCCC is conducting its 1999 Success in Business Series, "Essential Skills for Managers, Supervisors and Office Professionals" to help employees gain the knowledge they need to succeed. The first seminar, "Your Professional Image — Looking Sharp on a Budget," will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 23. During this meeting, participants will learn helpful tips on mix-and-match wardrobes, shopping on a tight budget and other topics on reflecting the proper professional image. Cost for the seminar is \$25. For more information about the series call The Training Center at 682-7562.

Local artist demonstrates watercolor techniques

The Office of Recreation and Community Services at OKCCC offers classes which appeal to students with a wide range of interests. Local artist Dottie Hughes will lead one such class, "Watercolor Arts," from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays for 6 weeks beginning Feb. 16. Hughes will demonstrate how to have successful watercolor adventures while learning the medium and how to use it. Cost for the class is \$55. For more information call the Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-7560.



Photo by John Thomas

Won't you be mine, Valentine? Phi Theta Kappa members sell chances to win a sweetheart basket. Pictured (I to r) are club members Cindy Matthesen and Malinda Elliott (vice president) and OKCCC students Marie Peddycoart and Stephanie Hanning.

Baptist director returns

By Susan Brown Contributing Writer

Mike Barnett has begun his new job as director of Baptist Collegiate Ministries at OKCCC.

Well, it's sort of a new job. Barnett has served as director before about 20 years ago. Only it was called the Baptist Student Union then and the college was called South Oklahoma City Junior College.

"It was a much smaller school but the students were much the same," Barnett said.

"They wear different styles of clothes now their jeans are baggier but they have the same concerns.

"They're concerned about relationships — their relationship with God and with other students."

Working on those relationships, he said, is what the BCM group is all about.

"We're sponsored by local Baptist churches, but we're not just for Baptists.

Everyone is welcome to our Tuesday Bible studies and our Thursday lunch fellowships."

Barnett, 44, has been

working with college students since he was barely out of college himself.

He had just graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University when he came to OKCCC in 1979. He continued as BSU director here for a year and a half while going to Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

When the former director was forced to resign after the

fall semester because of his ongoing battle with cancer, Barnett volunteered to return to fill the post.

"I think this is an exciting campus," Barnett said.
"And I live only about a mile away, so it seemed like home to me."

Now he divides his time between OKCCC and OU Health Sciences Center.

He's the campus minister there. Barnett also pastors Southern Temple Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

"We don't try to take the place of the local church," Barnett said about the BCM.

"But we do many of the



Photo by Susan Brown

The new BCM director, Mike Barnett, sings while Paul Stuke, BCM president, plays the guitar. Stuke opens the meetings and fellowships with a few favorite hymns and singalongs.

same things a church does. We try to reach out to those who are not Christians and we try to help build the faith of believers."

Barnett extended an invitation to OKCCC students to attend the weekly meetings at 12:30 every Thursday in room 3NO of the main building. He also will be happy to respond to any questions. His e-mail address is:

barnett_mike@juno.com

"Mike has had many years of experience working with college students," OKCCC student and BCM member Chris Groves said. "I know he'll do a good job for us."

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free to all currently enrolled OKCCC students and employ ees for any personal classified ad. Ads must be submitted in writing with IDs supplied or work area and college extension included. Deadline for advertising is 5 p.m. Tuesday prior to the publication date. Call 682-1611 ext. 7674 for more information.

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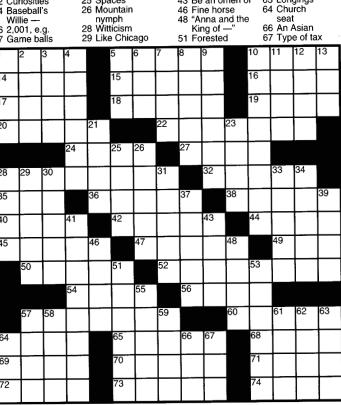
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Both events will be held in the College Union Questions call **Student Life 682-7523**

Todd hopes to increase number of OKCCC grads

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ates has almost doubled."

Todd also agrees with Chancellor Brisch about education's influence upon the economy.

"We believe that for eco-

nomic development to ing more Oklahoma graduflourish, we must have a better educated technical workforce," Todd said. "This will happen if we increase the number of college graduates."

Other facets of the plan include strengthening admissions standards, keepates in state, and attracting degree holders from outside Oklahoma.

For more information, go to Oklahoma's higher education's web site at: www.okhighered.org under Studies and Reports or call 524-9180.

Renowned Russian pianists to perform

By Melissa Guice Editor

The Russians are coming!

At 5:30 p.m. Feb. 23, OKCCC's theater will play host to Pavel Nersessian and Andrei Pisarev, Russian pianists for the evening.

Sponsored by OKCCC's office of global education and cultural programming and the Oklahoma Arts Council, the event is one of many scheduled for the Spring Cultural Awareness Series.

The pair will start the evening with a lecture discussing their impressions of Russia before and after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

At 7 p.m. they will settle in for a night of Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Rachmaninov, De Falla and

The two have won several awards in music competition.

Nersessian has won a prize in every piano competition he has ever entered, including the 1985 Beethoven Competition in Vienna and the International Piano Competition in Tokyo. He has performed in Russia and its surrounding states since he turned

Pisarev placed first in the Rachmaninov International Competition in 1983. In 1991, he earned first prize in the International Mozart Competition in Salzburg, Austria, the first time since 1956 a first prize had been awarded at the competition.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact OKCCC's office of global education and cultural programming at 682-7579.

OKCCC two-star child care center popular place to be

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for parents wanting the best for their children. However, it's not always easy to get into a two-star day care.

"There is a waiting list of three months to 15 months," said Wood-Wil-

She said the waiting period is sometimes shorter.

The center tries to maintain a balance of boys and girls, Wood-Wilson said.

So, periodically, an opening may come open for a certain sex or age which will warrant moving a child from low on the list to the top of the waiting list.

Wood-Wilson said she is also working on receiving accreditation with the National Association for Education of Young Children.

The Child Development Center has qualified for this accreditation for the past four years.

"To receive the accreditation, the staff, parents and the center must do a self study to monitor themselves for six to nine months," Wood-Wilson

Once the paperwork is submitted to Washington, a representative comes and observes for an entire day before putting a stamp of approval on the recognition.

Wood-Wilson said she is working toward a grant that will allow the center to care for babies younger than 16 months of age.