

PIONEER

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System delivers activities transcript to employers' hands

By Melissa Guice
Editor

Plans are currently underway to help OKCCC graduates turned job-seekers to get their hands on official extracurricular activity transcripts.

This is in answer to a new student activities transcript system recently given the go-ahead by Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

It will allow students to present an official transcript of their out-of-class activities and accomplishments to prospective employers.

The transcripts will include information regarding a student's leadership activities, professional and educational experiences, such as workshops or conferences.

It will also include honors, awards, scholarships or special recognitions and participation in campus organizations or sports and

student employment.

OKCCC wants to use the system in a way that graduates will benefit most.

Diana Boyd McElroy, OKCCC dean of student life, said she is working diligently to fine-tune the system for OKCCC.

"Right now, we're looking at different options and are in the process of trying to find a system that will be the most beneficial to our students."

Higher Education Chancellor Hans Brisch is certain the program will give students the edge in today's job market by showing potential employers more than just grades.

"Involvement in co-curricular activities enhances the college experience and allows students to develop a well-rounded view of the world around them," Brisch said.

"Learning experiences outside the classroom often play an important role in helping students determine their real-world interests and abilities and greatly contribute to their success in life beyond college."

The state regents adopted an activities transcript originally developed by students at the University of Oklahoma as a model for other institutions to use for their individual campuses.

The Web-based activities will allow students to enter, retrieve and change their activities information as appropriate.

Participating colleges are

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Photo by John Thomas

And the winners are... Clara Baker, OKCCC student and computer lab assistant, won a bicycle in the Lean Cuisine contest held in the student union. Baker donated the bicycle to fellow student Sharon Kear who has raised foster children for more than 35 years.

Kear said her 4-year-old daughter, who will be facing surgery on both feet soon, will now be able to join the family on their therapeutic equestrian outings by riding in a special cart to be pulled by the donated bicycle. Kear said she will never be able to thank Baker enough for her generosity. Sellers Catering plans another bicycle giveaway May 12.

Financial aid, loan awards top last year's numbers

By Jamie Johnson
Assistant Editor

More Oklahoma college students received financial aid this year than last, announced Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Statewide, there were 250,970 financial aid awards and loans that valued more than \$487.4 million awarded to 106,225 students in the 1997-98 school year.

Oklahoma colleges have a very low tuition rate explained Chancellor Hans Brisch, Oklahoma State Regent for Higher Education.

"Oklahoma colleges and universities have some of the lowest tuition rates in

the nation. However, Oklahoma higher education is sensitive to the pressure that the college costs may place on some students and their families and have made more financial aid available than ever before."

OKCCC Financial Aid Director Harold Case said OKCCC students have benefited from this wave of money.

"More than 4,000 of the 10,000 students who attend our college each year receive some sort of financial aid," he said.

OKCCC helps students through the use of federal grants, tuition fee waivers, and work-study jobs. Statewide, the total amount of financial aid awarded is

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OKCCC Financial Aid
Director

double what it was 10 years ago, Case said.

"Loans have been the predominant source of financial aid in the 1990s.

"This has opened financial aid to the middle- and upper-income families and has made higher education something for everybody."

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Editorial

Unmarked cars make for unsafe driving

Maybe you've seen them. Then again, maybe you haven't.

I'm talking about those infamous unmarked police cars that are part of the Reduction of Accidents and Aggressive and Inconsiderate Drivers, RAAID, program.

House Bill 1212, a bill that would ban the use of these cars in traffic stops, has been passed by both the Oklahoma Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

The original bill, written by Representative Richard Phillips, was amended in the Senate before it was passed on to the governor.

The new version of the bill allows Oklahoma sheriff's departments to use the unmarked police cars only if they're equipped with red, white, and blue flashing lights and the officers in the car must wear their uniforms.

Representative Ron Kirby said that it would make sense and be a better use of taxpayer's money to put more black-and-white patrols on the road instead of spending the extra money to buy the cars and train the officers.

I recently saw someone being pulled over by an unmarked car.

At that time I thought of the story I read about a girl who was pulled over by what she believed was an unmarked police car. She was killed.

The unmarked car was not the police. It was simply a newer car with flashing lights and a sick driver.

After seeing that story, I decided I would never pull over for an unmarked car. I value my life more than that.

In Oologah, a 16 year-old girl was pulled over less than six weeks ago by what she thought was an unmarked car. It wasn't. Being scared, she drove off, but what would have happened if she hadn't?

There have been at least four other reports in Oklahoma of similar situations. How can we ignore the obvious? These circumstances are too easy for psychotics and murderers to take advantage of.

I can understand and appreciate what the police are trying to do — help put a stop to road rage and catch speeders.

Unmarked cars may seem like a great idea to help stop this problem but communism was also considered a pretty nifty idea until it was implemented.

One solution to the unmarked car controversy has already been implemented.

The police have adopted newer cars painted black and white. They do not have lights on top of the car but they are marked and identifiable.

This ingenious idea should be written into Oklahoma's law books.

—**Jamie Johnson**
Assistant Editor

Oklahoma Public Health Week slated for second week in April

To the Editor:

Public health — what is it?

It's parents who, as they watch their young child being immunized, will never know the fear that parents faced in the last century when epidemics like smallpox, diphtheria and typhoid fever cut their children down like wheat.

It's a young expectant mother waiting on a home visit by a nurse from the county health department's Children First program, who will bring her information she needs to care for herself and the baby that's on the way.

It's a laboratory technician performing tests to detect infectious diseases, like tuberculosis or sexually transmitted diseases.

In observance of public health's contributions to

Oklahoma's well-being, Gov. Frank Keating has proclaimed the week of April 5-11 as Public Health Week in Oklahoma.

Some of the services provided in 1998 by Oklahoma's public health network include the administering of 716,536 doses of vaccine.

About 24,000 home visits were made by Children First, a statewide home visitation program targeted to reach pregnant women and first-time mothers.

Another 42,812 retail food inspections were conducted and 183,582 tuberculin skin tests were administered.

About 57,570 persons received family planning services.

There were 851 complaints investigated in nursing facilities.

Nearly 20,000 fifth graders participated in tobacco use prevention education and a monthly average of 88,976 at-risk mothers and children participated in the WIC program.

—**Oklahoma State Department of Health**

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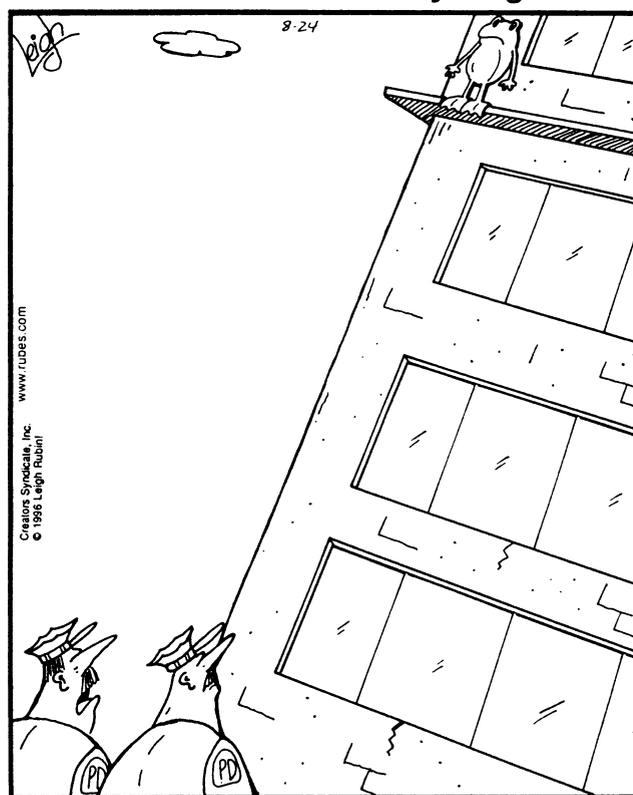
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RUBES®

By Leigh Rubin



"Better call the paramedics ... it looks like we've got ourselves a real jumper."



Comments and Reviews

New trivia board game in search of common bond

What do an animal clinic, a classic car show, and a Memorial Day parade all have in common?

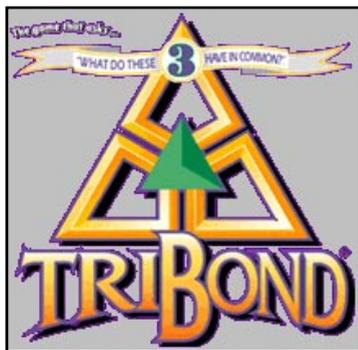
Give up? They all have vets (short for veterinarian, Corvette and war veterans).

If you knew the answer to that question you would probably enjoy playing Patch Products' game, TriBond®.

The object of TriBond® is to move your three game pieces, one around each path, into the numbered spaces. After rolling your dice (one picture and one number die), you move the designated number of spaces around the board only if you answer the question correctly. The picture symbol on the die determines the category from which the Threesome question will come. The first team to get all three pieces in the number position wins.

Four categories of questions are entertainment, sports, history and chance.

An entertainment question might give these three



examples: Scott Bakula on "Quantum Leap," Ted Danson on "Cheers," and Humphrey Bogart in "The Maltese Falcon."

A typical sports Threesome is: A fly, a flare and a flea-flicker.

If you roll a history question you could be asked the commonality of cytoplasm, nucleolus, and organelles.

A chance question may ask you to find the common bond between Yankee stadium, a jewelry store and a deck of cards.

TriBond® rules include multiple choice questions, challenges and rule variations to make the game more interesting.

Recommended ages are

12 to adult. Two or more players are needed to play.

Jack and Ron, the morning deejays on KISS (98.9 FM) radio station play a variation of this game each morning around 7 a.m. They read the TriBond® question and give a free prize to the caller who can correctly identify the common bond.

TriBond® retails for \$25 to \$30 at most stores and is well worth every penny. It is a fun game that encourages and enhances cognitive reasoning skills in a fun and challenging way.

So, you want the answers to the Threesome questions, huh?

Entertainment: Their characters were all named Sam (Beckett, Malone and Spade).

Sports: Passes or pass patterns in football.

History: Parts of a cell.

Chance: They have diamonds.

Get the game, enjoy and good luck!

—Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

'The Lord of the Flies': the perfect book for all occasions including term papers

It's the middle of a nuclear war and you've crashed on a deserted island. What do you do?

William Golding wrote a book about that same thing. In his book, "The Lord of the Flies." Golding addresses many deep philosophical issues, but it's a great book to read.

The book begins with a plane crash on an island. The surviving passengers are all English prep school boys with no adult supervision. The boys, being the socialized people they are, form their own government.

The books goes on about

Book Review

the adventures that the boys encounter and ends with the downfall of their government.

The best part is the names. Ralph is your leader. He's the fair and just guy everyone likes. Jack is like that guy you work with — you like him if he likes you but you hate him if you're not part of his crowd, but any way you look at it — you envy him. And who can forget Piggy? The lovable guy is as nice as the day is long, but has few friends.

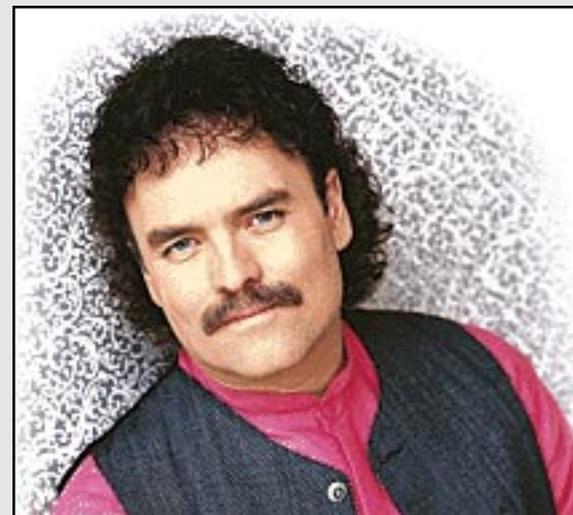
This book is must for any college student. It's a book like "Huckleberry Finn." You can make allusions to it for almost any paper and impress a multitude of people.

Golding writes about man's inherent evil and people's need for society and civilization. For political science majors, it can also be interpreted from a political standpoint, with Ralph representing democracy and Jack representing a dictatorship society.

The possibilities are endless, but you need to read the book first.

—Jamie Johnson
Assistant Editor

Boltz's tunes soothe savage beasts



Many say music can calm the savage beast.

I find music can set the mood for the day and meet the needs of the moment.

Have you ever grown discouraged? Then just the right music comes on the radio or CD player and suddenly you forget all about your troubles.

"Moments of the Heart, The Very Best of Ray Boltz" is contemporary Christian music that can evoke an inner peace and contentment deep within your soul.

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In "Watch the Lamb," Boltz sings of a father with two sons.

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Boltz has a gift to be able to put you there in actual time and space during the heart-wrenching sorrow the loved ones of Jesus must have felt that day.

Again, Boltz sang "watch the lamb."

"Thank You" was written and sung by Boltz. The song helps us stop and think of heaven and the unthinkable joy we will have when we realize how many lives we may have touched for God.

The mellow, smooth voice sings to your very heart, about what really matters in life.

—Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

Other songs on this CD include:

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- "The Hammer"
- "Shepherd Boy"
- "Always Be A Child"
- "Let's Begin Again"
- "I Will Praise The Lord"
- "Feel The Nails"
- "Take Up Your Cross"
- "Here Comes A Miracle"

This spiritual and inspirational tape can be found at Mardel's on S.W. 74th. The cost of the CD is \$15.98 and the tape is \$10.98.

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Tech Fling catapults OKCCC students into future

Door prizes, help with web pages, web boards, e-mail accounts offered at technological event

**By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer**

The first annual OKCCC Tech Fling was a huge success according to Martha George, chair of the future technologies team.

"It was beyond our fondest hopes.

"It really met every one of our expectations," she said.

George was instrumental in planning and carrying out the event. The idea came to her in an unusual location.

"I was sitting in a tree, and I mean that quite literally," she said.

"I am a novice deer hunter and so I was sitting in a tree waiting for an unlucky deer to stumble by.

"If you've ever been deer hunting before, you know you have to sit absolutely still for a long period of time."

George used the time to work out some ideas. She said she came up with

some conclusions.

The future technologies team had three main objectives for the event: they wanted to communicate to their colleagues and to others about the applications of technology that are available, they wanted to raise money for student scholarships and they wanted to make the event fun.

The "fling" idea originated from an episode of "Northern Exposure" in which a radio disk jockey flung a piano.

"It's not what you fling, the fling's the thing!" he said.

George said she decided a fair with serious booths, fun booths and a carnival-like atmosphere was just what was needed to increase awareness about technology.

To culminate the event, they decided to use a catapult to fling a replica of a computer.

"Here at the college it's been too long since we've all

had just a belly laugh," George said.

Professor of sociology Chuck Carselowey, Clay Randolph, professor of composition and literature and George's husband, Stan, designed the catapult.

Randolph liked the idea of using an ancient catapult to fling a contemporary computer.

The event was a group effort. Several different campus groups, staff, and faculty got involved.

Phi Theta Kappa, Chi Alpha, Chess Club, Scholar's League, Psi Beta and Pass With Class all ran booths and got to keep 25 percent of the profits for their club or organization.

The information technology division sponsored the "IPTA" booth.

IPTA stands for "It Pays To Advertise" and the booth was all about advertising.

Serious booths included

demonstration, hands-on and vendor booths.

Some demonstration booths included Adaptive Technologies, who showed some of the technology available for people with hearing and vision challenges.

The OKCCC library had a representative on hand to conduct tours of the library's web page.

Hands-on booths provided the opportunity for students to set up e-mail accounts, join web boards and design web pages.

Faculty could visit a booth that showed them

how to set up online courses.

Vendors participating in the event included: Telepath, Flashnet, AOL and Enteq.

Denny Myers ITP/IP applications specialist at OKCCC, was responsible for soliciting the prizes which included free Internet access, T-shirts, and software.

Almost everyone attending the event received at least one door prize.

Approximately 750 students attended the tech fling and \$1,000 was raised for student scholarships.

Obtaining a business degree not that simple

**Devin Gravlee
Newsriting I Student**

Deciding on a major is one of the most important decisions a student will make in college.

Many students opt for what some consider to be an easy major — business.

Jason James is one student who chose that route.

The OKCCC business major said working toward the degree hasn't been as easy as he initially expected it to be.

"Shortly after I declared my major, I came to realize that the business degree wasn't all just fun and games," James said. "That is when I decided I was going to have to try harder."

Business Professor Kayla Fessler said students must be disciplined in order to obtain a business degree.

"It's not a matter of if you can do it," she said. "It's if you can get through it."

OKCCC's business division has grown 3.4 percent since last year.

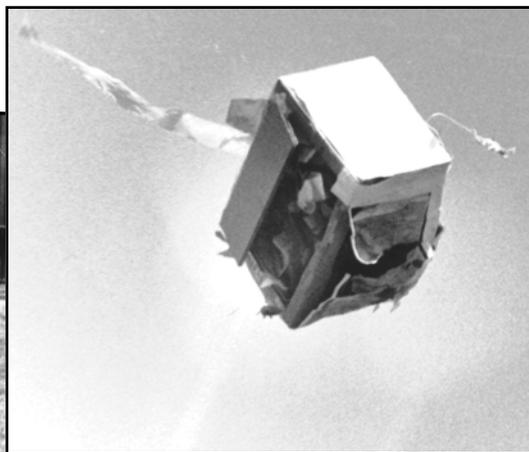
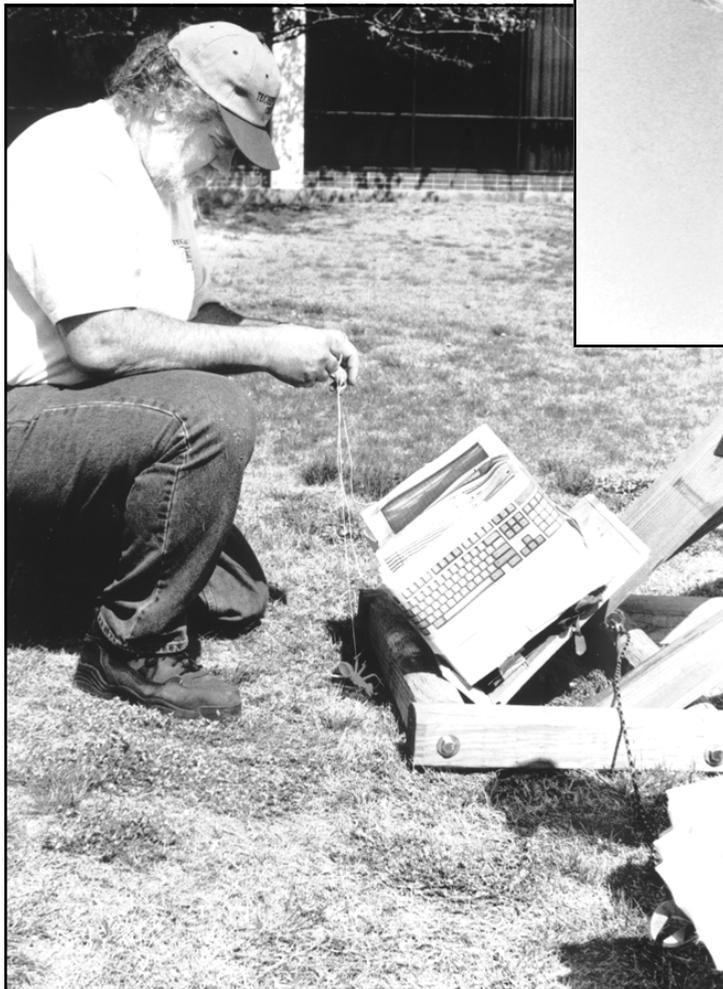
Fessler said business-degree-seeking students have two options after completing the requirements at OKCCC.

The choices are the transfer degree (associate in science degree) or the associate in applied science degree (technical degree.)

The transfer degree gives a student the opportunity to choose from many options when transferring to a university.

Fessler said the student may choose to major in such areas as accounting, management, marketing, banking and finance.

The AAS degree is a two-year degree which is not designed to transfer. It prepares the student for immediate job entry.



Left: Professor Chuck Carselowey prepares the catapult for launch in the college courtyard during Tech Fling '99. Above: A box of plastic insects is flung from the catapult.

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Tony Stancampiano, OKCCC biology professor, (back, right) leads a group of students on last year's intersession field trip. This year, May 14 through 22, Stancampiano and Biology Professor Kent Smith will take a group of students to Colorado for Ecology of the Colorado Plateau, a four-credit hour class.

Call of the wild goes out to all students

By Devin Gravlee
Newswriting I Student

The dream college course would be one which had no tests, no homework and did not involve sitting in a classroom all day but still counted toward a curriculum requirement.

Through a four-credit hour class offered by OKCCC, this dream has come true.

Ecology of the Colorado Plateau, a May intersession class, will be held in the great outdoors of Colorado.

Twelve students and two professors — Kent Smith and Tony Stancampiano —

will head off to southeast Colorado and trek to southwest Colorado in eight days, May 14 through May 22.

The purpose of the trip is to discover the transitions which occur from one area to the next.

Students will participate in small mammal trapping, hiking and studying the geology of Colorado.

Science Professor Stancampiano said it will be the experience of a life time.

"It is pretty intense because you're living in the classroom."

All interested students should contact Smith at 682-1611, ext. 7270 or Stancampiano at ext. 7788.

Pioneer staff — past and present — win numerous journalism awards

By Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

The Pioneer returned home from Stillwater with 12 awards after attending the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association award presentation March 26.

Entries were judged from Pioneer articles printed in 1998.

All competition entries were judged by the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press.

The Pioneer took third place in the Newspaper General Excellence category.

Pioneer Lab Director Ronna Johnson said a win in this category speaks highly of the newspaper's quality.

"I'm always happy when we place in the General Excellence category," she said.

"It means we are definitely doing something right."

Current editor Melissa Guice won third place in the open category of investigative reporting for a three-part open record se-

ries.

Guice also won honorable mention in news writing, two-year schools.

Guice said the long drive to Stillwater's Oklahoma State University campus was worth the outcome.

"It's a great honor," Guice said. "I'm looking forward to lengthening my résumé."

Assistant Editor Jamie Johnson won third place in news writing, two-year schools.

Former staff members also clinched awards.

Nick Spross, former staff writer, won first place in the sports news, two-year schools.

Former staff writer Theresa Pitts took first place in the feature writing category, two-year schools.

Last semester's editor Robyn Lydick won second place in editorial writing, two-year schools.

Former Student Life reporter Rica Mitchusson won two honorable mentions — in reviews and feature photography, both open category which include two- and four-year schools.

Kim Morava, former Pio-

neer business manager, won honorable mention in the open category of display ads.

Former photographer Trent Dugas won honorable mention in feature photography.

Past editor John Easley won honorable mention in investigative reporting, open category.

Ronna Johnson said the staff is to be commended.

"I'm very proud of the Pioneer staff. They're always professional and it shows when we do well in contests such as this one," she said.

Pioneer adviser and OKCCC Journalism Professor Sue Hinton said her students have been participating in the OCPA contest since 1979.

She said numerous winners of past and present competitions have gone on to bigger things in their chosen field of journalism.

Last year's business manager Kim Morava and a winner in this year's contest is now a reporter for

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—Ronna Johnson
Pioneer Lab Director

the Shawnee News-Star.

Former student Linda Swift won in 1995. She now works for the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Another winner in 1995 was former student Michael Patrick. He now works for a television station in Austin, Texas, as a news producer.

1995 winner Clytie Bunyan is now a business reporter for the Daily Oklahoman.

Three-time winner in 1981, Paul Shell is currently a copy editor for the Daily Oklahoman.

The list goes on. Hinton said she has kept track of many of the students over the years and feels great pride in their accomplishments.

"We have a good training newspaper," Hinton said.

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Student learning to adjust after liver transplant

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

Ann Arthur, a student in the physical therapy assistant program at OKCCC, is well on her way down the road to recovery after surviving a liver transplant operation last year.

Arthur was diagnosed with Wilson's disease, a rare liver disease which only affects one in 30,000. People with Wilson's disease cannot metabolize copper.

Her condition was discovered after she tried unsuccessfully to give blood. She was advised to go to the doctor for testing.

As Arthur waited for her test results she became ill and within a matter of hours her liver shut down sending her into a coma.

A liver transplant was the only way to save Arthur's life.

Because Arthur has a rare blood type, finding a liver that her body would accept was a difficult task.

As fate would have it, Arthur said, a patient with a compatible blood type had died earlier that day. The person was registered as an organ donor.

Arthur pulled through the risky surgery and Peggy Newman, professor of physical therapy, said she bounced back quickly.

"It was less than a

month after she was released (from the hospital) that she was back in class."

Arthur will have to take necessary precautions for the rest of her life.

She can't drink tap water, only bottled water. She must take anti-rejection medications twice a day and she cannot be out in the sun for more than 30 minutes without wearing a sunscreen of SPF 35 or greater.

Arthur is also more susceptible to diseases than other people.

Newman said when Arthur returned to school her class was so supportive of her that they would wear masks if they thought they might be contagious

so they would not pass germs on to Arthur.

Currently, Arthur is a full-time student completing her clinicals at Baptist Medical Center.

She said she plans to graduate in May.

Arthur is doing well and is glad to be alive.

She said she is extremely grateful to organ donors.

"Be sure that you tell



Ann Arthur with Dr. Anthony Sebastian, the surgeon who performed Arthur's liver transplant.

someone in your family if you want to donate your organs," she said.

"Just signing your driver's license is not enough."

Feeling artsy? The Annual Art Show wants you!

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

Video artist Rick Glenn will be the guest speaker for the opening reception of the upcoming OKCCC Annual Student Art Show to be held April 9 through 16.

The reception and presentation of awards will take place Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in CU3.

Glenn is a video game art director for Pandemic Studios.

He has helped to create such popular games as "Battle Zone" and "Quake." He is currently working on "Dark Reign II."

Carolyn Farris, professor of visual art, said she encourages everyone to be a part of the competition.

She said contest entry is open to all OKCCC students, not just art majors or graphic arts majors.

"This is for any currently enrolled student," she said.

"That means it's science students, it's nurses — anyone who wants to enter can enter the show."

The two major categories are Visual Art and Graphic Communications.

Each student is allowed to enter three pieces in

each major category.

A "Best of Category" award which includes a \$100 cash prize will be awarded in both major categories. Each major category includes several sub-categories.

The Visual Art sub-categories are: ceramics (pottery), sculpture (3-D design), oil and acrylic painting, watercolor, mixed media painting, photography, serigraphy (screen printing), digital illustration, graphic design, multimedia design, animation, pen and ink, drawing, mixed media drawing, and mosaics.

The sub-categories for graphic communications are: electronic publishing, multimedia, illustrations, and photography.

Entry guidelines and entry forms are available at the arts and humanities office in area 1D2 of the arts and humanities building.

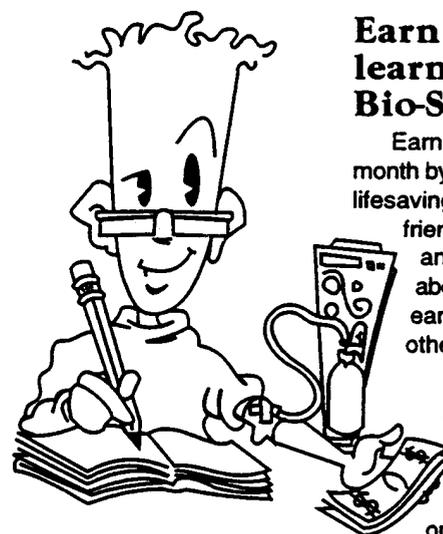
Artwork must be taken to the arts and humanities office or given to any visual art or graphic communications faculty between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. from April 5 through 8.

Entries can be viewed on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday

through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

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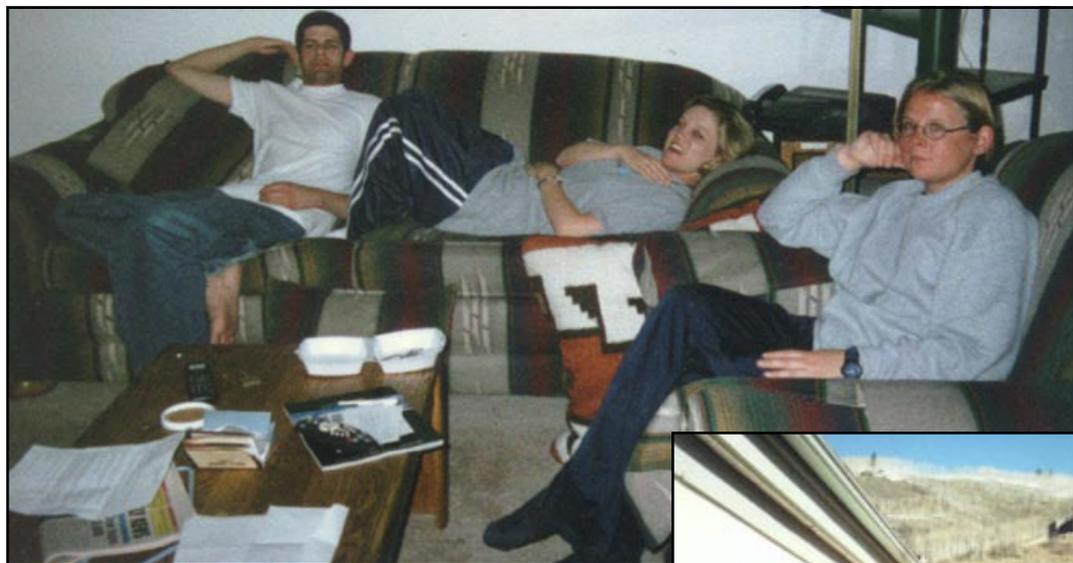
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Ski trip satisfies thrill-seekers

Right: Jackie Dorsey, OKCCC student, made friends with the leaders of a dog sled team during a recent spring break trip. Dorsey snowboarded for the first time during the OKCCC spring break excursion. "Let's just say I tried," Dorsey said of the first-time experience.



Below: Students from OKCCC shared a condo at Saw Mill Creek during a spring break trip sponsored by the OKCCC Office of Recreation and Community Services. OKCCC students, left to right, Chance Hutchens, Amy McPherson and friend Anna Oberg relax at the condo.



Near right: OKCCC students (back to front) Frieda Pasvelsson, Amy McPherson and Chance Hutchens check out a map so they can determine which slopes to ski during their spring break trip to Colorado.



Far right: Students Chance Hutchens and Amy McPherson get ready to ski the slopes in Colorado over spring break.



Photos courtesy of Jackie Dorsey

Diversified studies solution for some

By Courtney Owens
Newswriting I Student

Students with their eyes on a degree not offered at OKCCC have a solution — the Diversified Studies program. The program gives transfer students the opportunity to obtain a degree not offered at the college.

Faculty involved in the program determine what classes students must take, gather transfer research and work with the students on a plan to help them reach their educational goals.

Sue deCardenas, program coordinator, said students need to go to the Educational Support Services office and fill out an application for entrance into the program.

“It’s very important that students come to the office, fill out an application and have a contract on file.”

—Sue deCardenas
Diversified Studies
Faculty Coordinator

After determining which classes are needed, students are then paired with a faculty adviser who works in the student’s area of interest she said.

The student then creates a contract with help from the adviser, who then formulates a concrete plan to help the student achieve the

necessary educational needs.

The process works well because students are given the attention they need deCardenas said.

“Faculty advisers spend many hours in preparation and advisement of the students,” she said.

“It’s very important that students come to the office, fill out an application and have a contract on file,” deCardenas said.

“Only people with a contract on file are eligible for tuition fee waivers.”

For more information on the Diversified Studies program stop by the Educational Support Services office or call 682-2804.

Teacher for a day...



Photo by Melissa Guice

Oklahoma City Mayor Kirk Humphreys spoke to Rick Moore’s American Federal Government class March 29. Among the topics of discussion were the downtown MAPS project and the city’s interaction with the federal government.

Chamber choir to take part in Oklahoma Choral Days

By Melissa Guice
Editor

Guthrie’s Scottish Rite Temple will be the host of OKCCC’s Chamber Singers April 9 and 10.

The group will be performing for Oklahoma Choral Days, a two-day music event that features workshops, discussions and rehearsals.

Gwyn Williams, OKCCC visiting music professor from Wales, planned the event that features Simon Carrington, director of Choral Studies at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Also in attendance will be 800 to 1000 students from 16 area public school choirs.

“This will be a wonderful opportunity for these students to learn from a world-renowned professional conductor and clinician,” Williams said of Carrington, who also hails from Great Britain.

Williams said the idea for Oklahoma Choral Days came about when he real-

ized Carrington was geographically nearby.

Carrington, like Williams, has traveled around the world to conduct choirs.

“Simon Carrington is the founder of The King’s Singers, a ground-breaking, five-member group that started in Cambridge in the 1960s,” Williams said.

Carrington was an adjudicator for many of the students during a choral festival in February, so it will be an interesting opportunity for students to get feedback from him about their performances, Williams said.

As for the facility, Williams said the temple was very beautiful and was provided with an excellent stage.

“I had the good fortune to visit there my first week in Oklahoma. Since there was no facility available at the college for that weekend, I thought it would be a marvelous venue,” Williams said.

“The whole point of a community college is to reach out to the citizenry. I think by conducting this event, OKCCC is doing that in a tremendous way.”

—Gwyn Williams
OKCCC Visiting
Professor of Music

OKCCC’s Office of Global Education and Cultural Programming is funding Carrington’s trip from Kansas.

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Unsecured locker results in wellness center theft

By Mike Colley
Newswriting I
Student



One student may be wishing he had heeded early warnings after his personal items were stolen recently.

According to an incident report filed by OKCCC safety and security officers, Dustin Williams returned to his locker in the wellness center March 23 to find that the lock had been pried to the point that it could not be opened.

Williams notified wellness center personnel

who cut the lock off.

Williams said he then took out some items he needed for a shower and shut the locker, not securing it.

About five minutes later he returned to find the locker had been broken into again.

This time Williams' wallet and a checkbook had been taken.

Keith Bourque, interim

director of safety and security, said incidents such as this are avoidable.

"He should never have put his things back in the locker without the security of a good lock on it," Bourque said.

"The lock had kept the theft from occurring the first time."

Williams was not available for comment.

College transfer simplified with addition of classes

By Melissa Guice
Editor

Transferring from one Oklahoma school to another has never been so easy now that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have added about 500 courses to the transferable courses list.

Transferable courses now total 4,187 and span 27 subject areas.

"By enhancing the student transfer process, we are helping students fulfill their educational goals more easily and more economically," said Chancellor Hans Brisch.

Since fall 1995, faculty committees from every state college and university have identified transferable freshman-through senior-level courses in various areas.

Formerly, English, biology, math, history and marketing courses were the only intrastate transferable courses.

In the fall of 1999, faculty committees added computer science, criminal

justice, world and foreign languages, information systems and philosophy and religion courses.

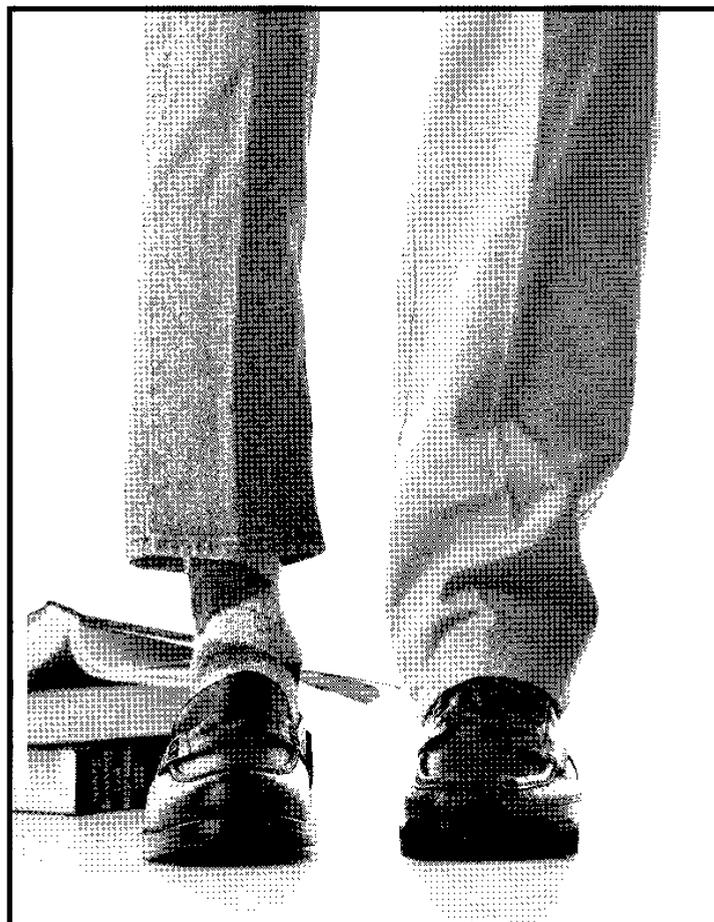
"Streamlining the transfer process is a priority of the State Regents and we will continue our efforts in this area," said John Massey, State Regents' chairman.

Other initiatives taken to ease student transfer include guaranteeing that an associate in arts or in science satisfy all freshman and sophomore general education requirements.

Also mentioned was ensuring that a student who transfers to another college before completing an associate degree receives general education credit for courses already taken.

It was also proposed to make 37 hours of required basic courses a general core education for all students except those seeking associate of applied science degrees.

Information about the courses is available by calling the Regents' course transfer hotline at 1-800-583-5883 or going to their website online at www.okhighered.org



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Highlights

Yo quiero HOPE nachos, burritos

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will be having their second nacho burrito sale of the year from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6 at the counter in the student union.

Art Show reception features video game artist

The Student Art Guild and the Office of Student Life at OKCCC is sponsoring speaker Rick Glenn an accomplished video artist. Glenn will be the guest speaker during the OKCCC Annual Student Art Show opening reception and awards ceremony to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13 in College Union Room 3. Glenn is a video game art director at Pandemic Studios and has helped to create such popular games as Civilization: Call to Power, Battle Zone and Quake. He is currently working on Dark Reign II, which is being co-developed by Softimage and Intel. The student art show will be held April 10 through April 16 and may be viewed in the main building on OKCCC's campus on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Native American organization to offer Indian tacos

The Native American Cultural Awareness Organization will be selling Indian tacos from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. or until they run out on Wednesday, April 7 at the counter in the student union. Advance tickets will be on sale from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, April 5 and Tuesday, April 6 in the main building. The organization is trying to raise money so they can attend the "Gathering of the Nations Powwow" in Albuquerque later this month.

Tuition fee waiver applications available

Summer tuition fee waiver applications are now available in the student financial aid center. Completed applications should be returned to the financial aid center no later than April 23. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23. Academic tuition fee waiver awards will be posted in the student financial aid center on May 7.

Self defense course offered at OKCCC

The Office of Recreation and Community Services at OKCCC will present Fit to Fight, a progressive, primary response self-defense system designed specifically to provide the most effective methods possible to avoid, diffuse and neutralize a hostile situation. The course will be taught by Jeff Jefferson, an instructor of martial arts with experience as a police officer and U.S. Army Ranger. The first class, held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, will be offered free to the public as a demonstration of the importance of self-defense. Regular class will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for four weeks beginning April 8. Cost is \$30. For more information or to enroll, call Jonie Wells at 682-1611 ext. 7205.

Office of Recreation holds scavenger hunt

The Intramural department of the Office of Recreation and Community Services at OKCCC will conduct a college-wide scavenger hunt for student teams at 1 p.m. Friday, April 16. For more information contact Michele Harris at 682-1611 ext. 7363.

Professor to recite original poetry

Richard Rouillard, professor of composition and literature at OKCCC, will present some of his original poetry at noon on Monday, April 12 in the library.



Photo courtesy Phi Theta Kappa

Honor society Phi Theta Kappa "nose" best: Phi Theta Kappa President Stacia Roybal (center) and Becky Wade, PTK member (bottom left) ham it up at a leadership retreat. The Alpha Theta Alpha chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is a very active organization at OKCCC. As a service project, the organization participated in the America Reads Challenge. Their goal was to read for 40 hours to the children at OKCCC's Child Development Center. PTK also participated in "Casino Night" and the "Family Halloween Carnival" at OKCCC. Members of PTK must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.75 with 12 credit hours. The four hallmarks of PTK are scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. The Alpha Theta Alpha chapter has been ranked 9th internationally and has maintained a 5-star rating for the last five years.

Crazy Olympics team entry deadline extended

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

The deadline for the Crazy Olympics team entry has been extended. Students are encouraged to get six or seven friends together, form a team and enter.

Entry deadline is 5 p.m. on Monday, April 5.

Entry forms are available and should be turned in to the Office of Student Life located on the first floor of the main building at OKCCC.

Each team should consist of at least six OKCCC stu-

dents and can contain up to two alternates. Co-ed teams are encouraged. Entry fee is \$10 per person and includes a T-shirt and snacks.

The Office of Student Life is sponsoring the Crazy Olympics.

Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities, said he wants all students to get involved, either by joining a team or by coming to watch the festivities from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 9 in the college courtyard.

If the event has to be held inside because of inclement weather, Jones said, it will

be held in the college gymnasium.

The six events will be athletic in nature and may include a volleyball contest, a marshmallow eating contest, slippery water balloon pass, 3-legged race, or a flash card relay.

Jones said the main purpose of the event is to have fun outdoors and enjoy the spring weather.

It is also a great opportunity to meet new people, support the college and have a great time with your friends.

Trophies will be awarded to the winning teams.

Does your club or organization have news to share with the world? If so, we're interested! Contact Student Life Reporter Darcey Ralls at 682-1611, ext. 7676 or drop by the Pioneer offices in 2M6 in the main building.

Classifieds

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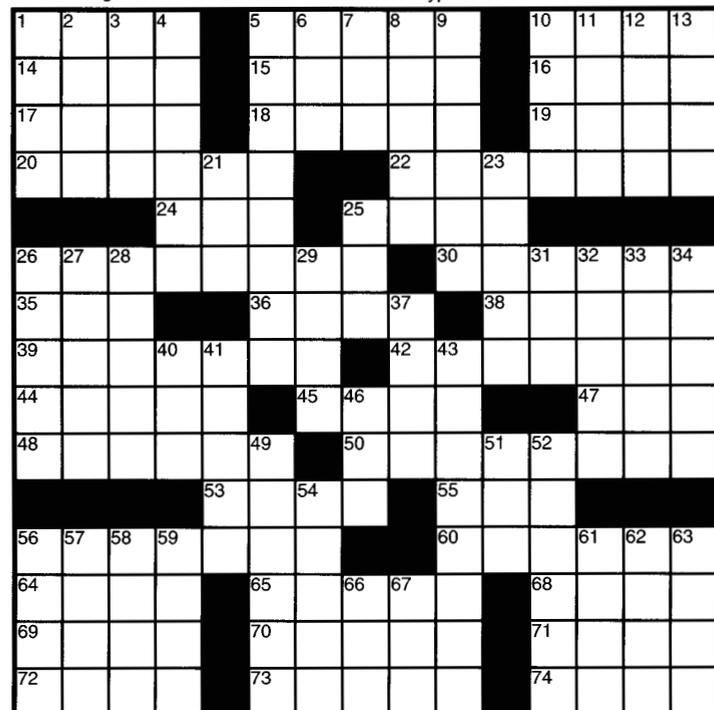
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Storyteller brings tales of Japan to life

By Lucy Song Ping Hu
Newswriting I Student

A crowd of 80 adults and children stared at the woman kneeling on the mat



on the stage at OKCCC's theater March 23.

Everyone's eyes followed the movement of her hands.

With the help of small animal puppets she used as visual aids and the Japanese sounds she produced, they could understand her story.

The group, enthralled with the storyteller, showered her with warm applause and smiles of gratification after each story.

Hiroko Fujita, a master teacher in her 50's, wore a Japanese farmer's outfit.

She wore the traditional wrap-around jacket and colorful straw slippers.

She told the stories she learned when she was a little child.

She said most of her stories are from the Japanese farmers who lived for generations in the mountain area near her village.

Fran Stallings, a famous Native American storyteller, praised Fujita's talent.

"I was amazed how people who understand little of her language can understand her story."

Stallings said when she

traveled to Japan in 1993, she found Fujita's way of storytelling to be very interesting.

Later on, they worked together, telling stories to people all over the United States, who spoke different languages and who were all different ages.

"It's fascinating that people speaking little English understand our stories," Stallings said.

In fact, she said, they understand them so well that when Fujita was telling the scary moment of one story, a 4-year-old boy in the au-



dience started screaming.

The event, one of the spring Cultural Awareness Series, was sponsored by OKCCC's global education and cultural programming office along with the Oklahoma Arts Council.

OKCCC making plans to personalize system

"System,"
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responsible for verifying the information on the system and will store it for five years after the student leaves the institution.

State Regents Chairman John Massey said students will greatly benefit.

"Validating student involvement and leadership in out-of-class activities will give Oklahoma students a decisive edge as they compete for jobs after college."

Michael Allen, chairman of the State Regents' Student Advisory Board and senior at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, said the system is a step in the right direction.

"Being involved in out-of-class activities requires students to have the discipline and maturity to balance their academic and non-academic schedules and priorities."

A statewide use of the activities transcript is anticipated to begin in fall 1999.

Many students qualify for financial aid, loans

"Aid,"
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Case said OKCCC has gradually increased the amount of money available for tuition fee waivers.

"We grant more than \$350,000 in tuition fee waivers each year.

"It's nice for students because more of their other financial aid dollars, such as grants and loans, can go toward transportation, books and fees."

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