

# PIONEER

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**Detail work:** Advertising major Ashley Martin carefully applies adhesive to a piece of tile. The tile, along with hundreds of others, will help create a mural in the college courtyard.

## OKCCC hiring freeze leaves positions empty

By Jamie Johnson  
Assistant Editor

Since an OKCCC hiring freeze was implemented Feb. 1 several positions at the college have been left empty.

The freeze was imposed by Bob Todd, president of OKCCC, along with the OKCCC Board of Regents.

Ruth Boone, director of human resources, said the college has left 17 clerical, professional and service po-

sitions unfilled.

Todd said the freeze came about as a result of three items.

"This action was based primarily upon anticipated limited state funding, the belief that the growth in college employees would exceed our enrollment trend and the desire to focus resources toward working directly with students," Todd said.

The empty positions are being assessed at this time.

A process for a review of vacancies was approved March 29 by the college's executive council.

The process contends that, when a vacancy occurs, the affected council member may present justifications for filling the position to the council.

The council would then pass its recommendations to Todd.

"Some positions have been filled through reassignment," Todd said. "Others remain vacant."

Keith Bourque, interim director of safety and security, said he has one empty position.

"We currently have one position unfilled from the resignation of one of our security guards, and I have begun the paper work to get one guard hired."

Boone said that doesn't affect the safety of the OKCCC campus because of a contract the college has with the private security company Wackenhut.

Todd said it is important to analyze employment trends and make adjustments as necessary.

"I believe that a close re-



Bob Todd

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OKCCC President

view of each employee vacancy will assist us in our commitment to increase effectiveness and efficiencies in serving students.

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The hiring freeze does not affect work study students.

Todd would not speculate as to when the hiring freeze would be lifted.

## Student killed in car wreck

By Melissa Guice  
Editor

OKCCC student Deena Renee Miller, 23, died March 28 in an automobile accident near Clinton, Okla.

She suffered massive chest and stomach injuries when the car in which she was traveling struck a ditch.

Mitchell Adam, 67, was the driver of the car.

According to an accident report, as Adam traveled westbound on Interstate 40, another car crossed the highway and drove eastbound into Adam's lane.

Adam swerved right and landed in a ditch where his

car came to a stop.

The eastbound vehicle continued east and left the scene of the accident.

Miller was pronounced dead upon arrival at Integris Clinton Regional Hospital.

Adam was also taken to the hospital where he was treated for internal injuries and later released.

A second passenger, Heather Swearingen, 21, survived the accident with neck and upper body injuries.

Adam was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident.

Neither Miller nor Swearingen wore seatbelts, according to the accident report.

Miller was born Nov. 23,

1975, in Norman.

She was a part-time student at OKCCC and a member of the Norman YMCA.

She had been attending OKCCC since fall of 1997.

Funeral services were held March 31 at Primrose Chapel in Norman with burial in El Reno Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Rick Renfro, and grandparents, Roy and Mildred Miller.

Survivors include her father, Roy L. Miller of Norman; her mother Cheryl L. Miller of New Jersey; a special friend, Nabil Aboughazale of Oklahoma City; two brothers, David Thompson and Carl Renfro; and grandparents, Leroy and Johnnie Williams of El Reno.

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

# Give it up for the Regents

It had to happen again. Tuition is nearing another increase.

Thankfully, this time it is not too bad. About a 5 percent increase among community colleges is being proposed by the State Regents.

Normally, 5 percent can sound like a lot, but a \$31 per credit hour cap has been proposed. We already pay \$29.50 per hour at OKCCC.

In return for this extra \$1.50, several programs could receive much-needed upgrades and equipment.

If approved, the increase could generate up to \$14.8 million statewide in new monies for financial aid, libraries, computer network enhancements and distance learning classrooms.

Also receiving much needed upgrades would be the teacher workforce as well as teacher salaries.

As for the comprehensive universities, students transferring to the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University can expect a 9 percent increase up to an extra \$5 per hour.

Students with intentions to transfer to the University of Central Oklahoma can expect a 7 percent increase with an extra \$3 per credit hour increase.

Again, I feel this is a good thing. As tuition increases, financial aid increases as well. What's wrong with that?

According to John Massey, State Regents chairman, since 1990, tuition at state schools has increased at about the same rate as inflation while financial aid has increased more than three times the rates of both tuition and inflation.

Oklahomans pay some of the lowest tuition and fee rates in the country. Currently, we rank 41st when it comes to tuition and fees.

Oklahoma students, on average, pay only about a quarter of the total cost of tuition while taxpayers pay the rest.

Now, whether you agree with the tuition proposal or not, your opinion should be expressed and heard. A public hearing to discuss the tuition proposal is scheduled for April 16 at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Enid in the first floor conference room.

The hearing will be part of the State Regents regular meeting that starts at 8:30 a.m.

Those interested in speaking at the meeting are asked, but not required, to call the State Regents at 405-524-9120 by April 12.

If you can't attend the meeting, write to: Tuition and Fee Proposal, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, State Capitol Complex, 500 Education Building, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Even easier is to e-mail your comments to: [forum@osrhe.edu](mailto:forum@osrhe.edu)

Let them know how you feel. It is your money and if you don't contact them, it may soon be theirs.

—Melissa Guice  
Editor

# It's OK to be gay

## To the Editor:

I was disturbed last Thursday, April 1, when I noticed a poster advertising a talk being given on campus. The topic was "Can a Homosexual Change?" There was a guy standing at a table distributing literature expressing the religious right's opinion of homosexuality.

This really upset me, and I chewed the guy out. I would like to apologize to him. Of course, I realize that my actions didn't help matters. I think the thing that really bothers

me is that some people still believe there is something wrong with homosexuality.

The extremists on the religious side have discov-

ered that a blatantly discriminatory stance discredits their ideals. The fire and brimstone approach has been toned down. Now, they hope to convert gays and lesbians to heterosexuality offering salvation from their "sinful" lifestyles.

Rev. Mel White, minister of justice for a mostly gay denomination, stated, "They (religious organiza-

**"One thing to remember is that we are all the same in God's eyes."**

—Kyle Walker  
OKCCC Student

tions opposed to homosexuality) seek out gay people who are vulnerable to charges that God does not love gay people." Many gays and lesbians get very little support from outside the

gay community and are susceptible to rhetorical charges like this.

This is unfortunate, but it is important to say that

most gay people live happy, fulfilling lives and deserve our love and support. I know many religious, gay, and religious gay people, and I cherish their friendships.

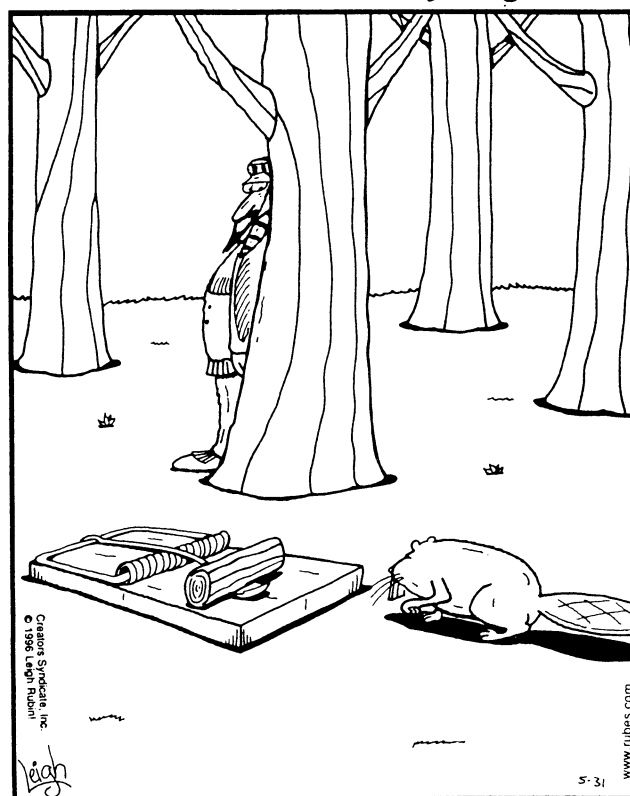
One thing to remember is that we are all the same in God's eyes.

—Kyle Walker  
OKCCC Student

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## Comments and Reviews

### '20 Dates' not worth 20 cents

What does a struggling filmmaker do when he tries to make a movie deal and, at the same time, he falls in love? Myles Berkowitz tries to find the answer in the movie "20 Dates."

As if his first movie-making experience isn't hard enough, Berkowitz faces a major road block — love.

The movie begins with Berkowitz just wanting to go on 20 dates with 20 women from Los Angeles and make his movie. It's as simple as that.

Or is it? He falls crazy-in love and has to deal with loving Elisabeth while still facing the problem of hav-



Myles Berkowitz

#### Movie Review

ing to finish his movie, "20 Dates."

The movie starts off extremely slow. There are some funny dates and a lot of the women he goes out with are odd. They aren't Berkowitz's type. They are either

too fake or not real enough — something is always wrong with them.

If you like to sit home every Friday night and watch home videos from nine years ago, you might like it.

But, if I were you I wouldn't waste my money or time.

—**Devin Gravlee**  
Newswriting I Student

### College newspaper, no place for credit card advertisements

#### To the Editor:

In the Feb. 22 issue of the Pioneer there was an article discussing credit cards and college students.

Should college student credit card applications require parental signature? Some say yes, others say no.

I agree with Peter Brown. Most people are not capable of handling credit cards and the company issuing the credit card already knows that.

In the March 29 issue of the Pioneer there was a half page ad promoting credit cards. "Instant Credit" and "Guaranteed Approval" it stated in big bold letters. Can someone please explain to me how someone with no credit, no job, no income, and no parental co-signer can pay off the balance of a credit card?

Our society does not know how to postpone self-gratification. When was the last time you heard of

someone saving to buy a home, car, or a television with cash? That sounds ludicrous.

You are not normal if you do not finance everything you own. Most of us have been persuaded into buying on credit, including myself.

Not anymore! I have made a goal to get out of debt and quit paying these financial institutions to take advantage of me.

In a survey done by PIRG (Public Interest Research Group) about college students and credit cards. It reported that 61 percent of the students surveyed obtained their credit cards at campus tables. Students reported obtaining gifts ranging from T-shirts, Frisbees, coffee mugs, Slinkies, or bottles of soda in return for filling out applications at tables.

What are we teaching our students? You can trade your personal infor-

mation and a lifetime of paying interest for a free Slinky or coffee mug. We need to teach our students and children how to live debt free. If we invest all of the money that we spend in interest, we would all be wealthy and could retire at an early age. By living in debt, we are in bondage to the credit card companies.

Part of the college's mission statement states, "The College, with an emphasis on student success, is committed to making a significant and positive difference in the lives of individuals."

In my opinion, permitting companies to advertise and promote their credit card is not making a positive difference in our students' lives.

—**John Helton**  
OKCCC Professor

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### OKC Blazers kick ice

This weekend I had the opportunity to introduce my boyfriend to the Oklahoma City Blazers. Yes, I hate to admit it. He was a hockey virgin.

The Blazers made me proud by blitzing the Topeka Scarecrows 7-1 in Game 2 of a first-round Central Hockey League Western division playoff series.

After the Blazers score a point it is kind of a tradition to do the "puck dance." Needless to say, not only did I get to enjoy a great hockey game with lots of fights, I also got a wonderful aerobic workout- YOO HOOO!

A crowd of about 10,800 flocked downtown to the Myriad Convention Center



to watch Chris Johnston set a franchise play-off record

scoring five points on Saturday night.

The other two goals were scored by rookie Cam Severson in his first play-off game.

After the hockey game, we went back to the Bricktown Brewery which is, by the way, THE place to go after a hockey game.

I give two thumbs up to the Blazers and the Bricktown Brewery.

Thanks for helping me show my boyfriend what a cool place Oklahoma City can be.

GO BLAZERS! GO BLAZERS! GO BLAZERS!

—**Darcey Ralls**  
Staff Writer

### Nachos, burritos add up to mucho dinero

#### To the Editor:

On April 6, the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education (HOPE) held its second annual nacho and burrito sale. We are very thankful for all of the wonderful food that many great restaurants donated to us.

All students and faculty who donated to HOPE were eligible for a \$5 gift certificate from Monterey Jack's.

If you have not received your certificate, you can pick it up at the next general HOPE meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 15 in room 2R7 in the main building.

#### Winners include:

Jeremy Davy  
Keith Patel  
K.J. Janjua  
Che Loessberg  
Kim White  
Ron Scribner  
John Thomas  
Staci McPhearson  
Dana Benitez  
Laurie Mills

Jane Carney  
Pam Simonds  
Sharon Disterlic  
Mike Tucci  
Steve McGaha  
Chuck Carselowey  
Elijah Eckert  
Kim Beckett  
Julie Barton  
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#### Special thanks to:

•**Chelino's**  
•**Monterey Jack's**  
•**Taqueria Jalisco**  
•**Tacos San Pedro**  
•**San Marcos**

**HOPE raised \$370 at the annual sale.**

—**Yvonne Orozco**  
HOPE Vice President

# Speaker says homosexual lifestyle is not God-created

Gays can change ways says Minister Stephen Black

**By Darcey Ralls  
Staff Writer**

"The word's getting out that we're here and we're not queer," said Stephen Black, an ordained minister and co-director of First Stone Ministries.

FSM is an organization dedicated to helping homosexuals who want to become heterosexual.

Black spoke at the noon meeting of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries on April 1 about whether homosexuals can change.

"There are hundreds and thousands of people that are leaving the gay lifestyle," Black said.

"Once they've gone through the process, they're not going around saying, 'I'm ex-gay. I used to be a homosexual, I used to be a queer,'" he said.

"They are going into the churches and they're leading their lives normally so you don't see them a lot, but they're there."

Black told the group that people want to hear the story he has to tell.

"They're not getting it in the media," he said.

"The media is pretty liberal and biased toward believing that homosexuality is not changeable and that you're born that way."

"More people are becoming aware of our presence and I think there are a lot of people that want to hear our side."

Black said he lived a homosexual lifestyle for eight years.

"During that time I believed vehemently that I was born gay and that there was no other choice for me."

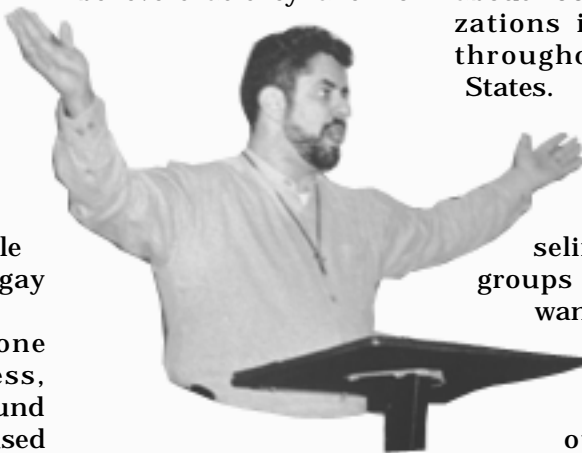
An audience of about 20 listened to Black's personal testimony about how Jesus Christ came into his life

and changed it.

He spoke about some of the root causes and problems that would lend someone or give someone an environment to become attracted to the same sex.

He shared some of the problems and causes from his own life experiences such as having been sexually abused and having an alcoholic father.

What makes someone believe that they are ho-



mosexual?

"It's a very complicated issue," Black said.

He cited some common reasons that come out in the support groups: dysfunctional home environment, alcoholic parent or parents, emotional detachment from the same sex parent, sexual abuse, insecurity about masculinity or femininity and exposure to sexuality at a young age.

Black said some of the needs within homosexuality are legitimate.

He said that does not include the sexual part, but the need for gender affirmation from same-sex parents and peers.

He said homosexuals need to find freedom and love and respect.

Otherwise, he said, their lifestyle causes them to embrace a belief system that is false.

Black said making yourself feel better is a basic psychological instinct and a distortion comes when you don't feel affirmed with

your gender.

He said people will try to make themselves feel good through the practice of homosexual activities.

If they consistently engage in these behaviors, he said, a perversion or distortion will occur.

FSM is an Exodus International Organization member.

Exodus is a network of ministries consisting of about 100 member organizations in major cities throughout the United States.

"We offer different levels of biblical discipleship, counseling and support groups for people who want to find freedom from unwanted same-sex attractions and other forms of sexual brokenness."

Black said.

"Sexual brokenness is anything outside of God's original intent for sexuality which is with one man and one woman in a coveted marital relationship."

"We don't believe that a person is created by God to be a homosexual," he said.

"We wouldn't go around and say, 'Well, someone's born to be a murderer or someone's born to be a pedophile and excuse that behavior.'"

"We believe that any kind of addictive or sinful behavior can be changed."

Prior to his testimony Black sat at a table in the foyer of the main building to talk to students about his ministry and hand out information.

Black said about six students stopped at the table.

"We had a lot of people looking, but this particular table is not one everybody wants to run up to."

For more information call Black at 236-HOPE.

## Psychological association says sexual orientation not a conscious choice

**By Darcey Ralls  
Staff Writer**

Why would anyone choose to become a homosexual, willing to face the wrath and scorn of family and society? Is this sexual preference really a lifestyle choice, as we now refer to it? Is it genetic? Is it a deviant moral perversion?

On its website, the American Psychological Association provides these answers to common questions about sexual orientation and homosexuality:

### What causes a person to have a particular sexual orientation?

The development of a particular sexual orientation is not well understood by scientists. Various theories have proposed differing sources for sexual orientation, including genetic or inborn hormonal factors and life experiences during early childhood.

Most scientists share the view that sexual orientation is shaped for most people at an early age through complex interactions of biological, psychological and social factors.

### Is sexual orientation a choice?

No. Sexual orientation emerges for most people in early adolescence without any prior sexual experience. Psychologists do not consider sexual orientation for most people to be a conscious choice.

### Is homosexuality a mental illness or emotional problem?

No. Psychologists, psychiatrists and other mental health professionals agree that homosexuality is not an illness, mental disorder, or emotional problem.

### Can therapy change sexual orientation?

No. Scientific evidence does not show that conversion therapy works. Actually, it can do more harm than good. Changing one's sexual orientation is not simply a matter of changing one's sexual behavior, it requires altering one's emotional, romantic and sexual feelings and restructuring one's self-concept and social identity.

The APA, located in Washington, D.C., is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States and is the world's largest association of psychologists. APA works to advance psychology as a science, as a profession and as a means of promoting human welfare.

For more information, contact the American Psychological Association at (202) 336-5700 or visit its website at: [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)



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# Theater troupe geared up to perform in the round

**By Traci Washington  
Newswriting I Student**

Theater in the round is coming soon to a library near you!

The drama department will be featuring "Open Plains Original, A Night of New 10-Minute Plays," at 7 p.m. April 14 through 17 on the second floor of the OKCCC library.

The drama students at

the college wrote, will direct and are performing in the 10-minute productions.

The plays will be performed in an arena-style setting.

Chairs will be arranged in semi-circle surrounding the actors.

Each play is different, ranging from very serious

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—Linda McDonald  
Adjunct Professor and Director

matters of religion and suicide to a heart-touching moment of a young daughter's first date and the emotions her father goes through.

Linda McDonald, adjunct professor and director, said those attending the plays will be well entertained.

"For the audience, it's like spending an evening reading short stories," she said. "And the nice thing about a 10-minute play is, if you don't like the one that is being performed,

stick around because a new one will be starting soon."

Tickets for the show are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. They can be purchased at the door the night of the show.

For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7558.



From left to right: Steven Xavier Phillips, Spencer Francis and Director Tom Johnson practice for the upcoming play "Dudes" in the college library. "Dudes" is one of many 10-minute performances that will be given April 14 through 17 as part of "Open Plains Original, A Night of New 10-Minute Plays."

## Open Plains Originals A night of new 10 minute plays

**Dude** by Katy Barker  
Directed by Tom Johnson  
Chad- Spencer Francis  
William- Xavier Phillips  
Receptionist- Jackie Stanley

**Secrets** by Tracey Rodgers  
Directed by Stacia Roybal  
Uncle Jack- Darin Young  
Benjamin- Jason Lamb  
Lanita- Sarah Hanks  
Debbie- Shawn Peebles  
Sheila- Kirk Suttles

**Falling Broker** by Mike Fry  
Directed by Michael Cross  
Broker- Jason Mayo  
Birdie- Kirk Suttles

**Wanda's Dress** by Ginnie Tack  
Directed by Caroline Mosley  
Wanda- Joyce Sullivan  
Salesman- Scott Huard

**Daddy's Little Girl** by Tom Johnson  
Directed by Linda McDonald  
Dad- Paul Tomlin  
Ted- Phil Morris  
Suzy- Jen Armstrong  
Donnie- Shane McKenna

**7 p.m. April 14-17  
2nd floor of library**

**A Good Day to Die** by Spencer Francis  
Directed by Linda McDonald  
Michael- Spencer Francis  
Uncle John- Mark Salas  
Hannah- Charlie Rose  
Hokti- Lia Nguyen  
Chisi- Chris Bruza

**Jane** by Susan Reilly  
Directed by Linda McDonald  
Dr. Walker- Alice Onco  
Jane- Stephanie Doyle

**Remote** by Allen Brawner  
Directed by Linda McDonald  
Man- Philip Morris  
Ershad Rezaie  
Jen Armstrong  
Woman- Holly Wilson  
Dondi Elias  
Christina Chapman

**Killing Time** by Andy Cheatwood  
Directed by Linda McDonald  
Man- Michael Cross  
Woman- Caroline Mosley

**Y2K: It's A Wrap** by Sherrill Glenn- Allen  
Directed by Linda McDonald  
Ralph- Paul Tomlin  
Clyde- Tom Johnson  
Ted- Darin Young  
Reporter- Christine Stanley

# National awards awarded to profs

*Editor's note: Six OKCCC professors will receive the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development award May 26 in Austin, Texas. Three of those professors are highlighted below. The other three were highlighted March 29.*

**By Darcey Ralls  
Staff Writer**

OKCCC Professors Robert Allen, Patricia Brooks and Suzanne Farris will receive the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development award on May 26 in Austin, Texas.

NISOD is awarded for excellence in teaching and learning.

Robert Allen, Professor of Biology, has been teaching at the college since 1972.

He said he is flattered to have been nominated for the NISOD award but does not have any idea who nominated him for it.

"It causes you to ask yourself, 'why me rather than another individual,' but it's just a part of what we are supposed to do," Allen said.

Allen said he gets a lot of feedback from his students. He said that is very satisfying and moti-

vating for him.

Patricia Brooks, professor of modern languages, was nominated by Susan VanSchuyver, dean of arts and humanities.

"I nominated her because she is patient, dynamic and creative in the classroom.

"Students rave at how good she is and she is a really excellent teacher," VanSchuyver said.

Brooks said she is honored to have been nominated.

Suzanne Farris, professor of nursing, was nominated by Dean of Nursing, Anita Jones.

"Suzanne is highly qualified academically.

She has a master's in nursing," Jones said, "She is quite experienced.

"She retired from the Air Force and has a rich background.

"She has a sincere interest and dedication in making sure students have a high quality education."

Jones said Farris is a real asset to the college.

Farris has also participated as a speaker and planner with a statewide child abuse education program for public school teachers.



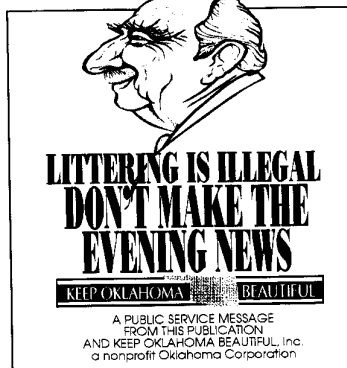
Bob Allen



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# More than \$3000 in scholarship money raised

**By Darcey Ralls  
Staff Writer**

Several students will be receiving scholarships thanks to the efforts of the Faculty Association.

OKCCC's Faculty Association has raised more than \$3,000 for student scholarships for the fall semester.

The Faculty Association's Annual Bake Sale and Craft Fair raised more than \$2,000, while the First Annual Tech Fling sponsored by the future tech-

nologies team raised \$1,000 for student scholarships.

According to Faculty Association member and OKCCC Political Science Professor Dana Glencross, the money raised will be used to fund at least 15 scholarships in the amount of \$200 each.

To be eligible to receive a scholarship, students must be nominated by a faculty member.

For more information about the Faculty Association scholarships, contact Dana Glencross at 682-1611 ext. 7385.



Dianne Broyles, professor of modern languages, and Lisa Adkins, professor of administrative office technology, show off some of the wares available at the Faculty Association's Annual Crafts and Bake Sale.

More than \$2000 was raised at the sale. That money, along with another \$1,000 raised at the recent Tech Fling, is being used to fund at least 15 scholarships in the amount of \$200 each.

Photo by John Thomas

## Science and math summer academies offer hands-on learning for students

**By Jamie Johnson  
Assistant Editor**

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education approved 35 summer academies in math and science for students in grades 8 through 12.

Hans Brisch, higher education chancellor, said students attending one of this year's academies will gain more than just experience in those fields.

"During summer academies, students gain real-life experiences in math and science, in areas such as meteorology, engineering, biology and physics," he said.

"They work side-by-side with college professors, scientists and mathematicians on exciting, educational projects in classrooms, outdoors and in laboratories."

Brisch said students can learn concepts and skills that can be applied throughout their education and in the work place.

Both public and private institutions compete to host Summer Academies. The institutions submit proposals to the State Regents. The plans are then

reviewed by a committee of educators representing both common and higher education.

This summer's programs will be held on 23 Oklahoma college and university campuses and are funded through a \$1.5 million appropriation by the 1998 Oklahoma Legislature.

In addition to the hands-on training, students have the opportunity to learn from a chosen role model.

This summer's role model is Dr. Benjamin S. Carson Sr., director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutes in Baltimore.

Carson, born into poverty, said he struggled with failing grades and a violent temper until his mother challenged him to strive for excellence.

He rose to the top of his high school class and received scholarships to college and medical school.

World-renowned in his field, Carson has headed up a medical team that separated West German conjoined twins in 1987 and led a team of South African doctors in the first successful separation of vertically-conjoined twins in 1997.

This is the 10th year for students to attend the hands-on programs.

John Massey, State Regents Chairman, thinks that this a perfect opportunity to learn problem-solving skills.

"Students attending summer academies are able to explore advanced math and science prin-

ciples and learn more innovative ways of problem solving in these areas," he said.

"In addition, because the summer academies are held on college campuses, students are introduced to higher education and college life and may be encouraged to continue their education at Oklahoma colleges and universities."

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# Science labs bring college into 21st century

## College first two-year to offer cadaver lab

OKCCC joins universities in offering course

By Susan Brown  
Contributing Writer

**D**ead bodies will be arriving at OKCCC this August — and the science department couldn't be happier.

The bodies will be escorted to the new, state-of-the-art cadaver lab to be a part of the human anatomy with cadaver dissection course.

"Ours will be the only community college in the state to have a cadaver lab," said Kent Smith, biology professor and developer of the program. "Most schools use models or computer simulations for their human anatomy courses. Some, like OSU-OKC, have cadavers, but the students just watch while the professors do the dissections."

Only the University of Oklahoma, Southern Nazarene University and St. Gregory's College have dissection classes. OKCCC's course will be the fourth in the state.

Smith said the course is designed for sophomore-level students majoring in the fields of physical education, science education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, dental hygiene and pharmacy.

Students must have already completed general zoology with at least a C and must have permission from the instructor.

The course will be accepted for transfer at the Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and at other four-year programs in the state.

"It will be a demanding course," Smith said. "The students will have two labs at least three hours in length each week."

There will be two classes of 40 students. Each class will have 10 students assigned to each of the four bodies. Smith said students will work in teams to do the dissection by regions, or areas of the body.

Work to transform an area of the science center into a cadaver lab will begin in May.

Modifications in the ventilation system will be made to ensure that the chemicals used to preserve the bodies do not present a health risk. Also, special security equipment will be installed to comply with the requirements of the Oklahoma Anatomical Board, the authority for granting donor bodies to science programs.

The funds for the renovations and the equipment came from a state grant to the science department.

Smith is assigned to plan the course. He also put together the equipment list and designed the lab.

The program will cost approximately \$250,000.

Smith said he believes the program will be a tremendous asset to the college and a great benefit to the science students.

"Each human body has unique differences," Smith said. "Working with cadavers gives experience that can't be duplicated with computer simulations."

The course will be offered for the first time in the fall 1999 semester.



Kent Smith

**Right:** Kenneth Kennedy (left) and Chris Doyle build cabinets for the bio-tech lab.

**Below left:** Steve Garner works on the air ducts in what will be the semi-conductor clean room.

**Below right:** Ray Anderson takes a break from wiring to share a laugh with a co-worker. The men work for J.L. Walker Construction.



Photos by  
John Thomas



## Biotech lab offers hands-on opportunity

By Lucy Hu  
Newswriting I Student

**I**f you have strong interest in science and mathematics — especially biotech science — and you hope to get a job that pays up to \$43,000 a year, you're enrolled at the right place.

OKCCC's biotechnology training program, which began this semester, offers a two-year, 65-credit associate degree program or 44-credit certificate of mastery.

Dr. Charlotte K. Mulvihill, director of the program, said students completing the program can immediately apply for a job.

Mulvihill said most jobs are research-oriented. And the pay isn't bad either.

"There are several current popular topics such as DNA, human genes, AIDS and cancer," Mulvihill said.

As a bio-technician, the current annual salary is \$34,500 a year for those just entering the field and



Charlotte Mulvihill

\$43,000 for an experienced worker. That is a significant increase from 1997 when the average starting salary was \$25,000.

"Many companies that hire you as a bio-technician will support you to get a four-year degree," she said.

With a \$250,000 grant for work force development from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the college has equipped a state-of-the-art biotechnology laboratory that will be ready by the end of April 1999.

"It's a lab-intensive class," Mulvihill said.

"Students should be ready to work six straight hours in the lab."

"You must enjoy hands-on work."

Mulvihill said, with the rapid growth in this area, there is a huge number of databases available.

"Certainly anyone interested in this field is going to be learning all the time and going to workshops to update their skills. There are thousands of workshops," Mulvihill said.

"There are always new technologies coming, so everybody is constantly learning. It's a life-long learning field."

Sound interesting? Take the one-credit class BIOT 1011: Survey of Biotechnology to learn all the basic information or visit the website at: [www.okc.cc.ok.us/biotech](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us/biotech)

# Hot dogs, hot popcorn mixed with comedy equals family fun

By Jamie Johnson  
Assistant Editor

A special treat is coming to OKCCC at 6:30 p.m. April 30 in the college union.

Flanked by a multitude of hot dogs, Coke and popcorn, comedian Dave Rudolf will star in a musical comedy show for kids.

Rudolf's promotion literature says his show is very interactive and his wide range of appeal attracts adults and children alike.

Rudolf has been performing for more than 10

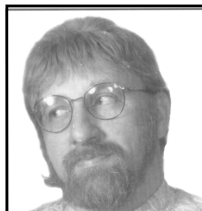
years and has opened for shows such as Cheech and Chong, Sha Na Na, the Smothers Brothers and has written songs for Disney.

"My children inspired me to do this," said Rudolf.

He just signed a record deal with Tangle-wood, a Canadian family label.

Rudolf wrote "The Owl Song" for Disney's newest Grammy-nominated album "Winnie The Pooh, Song from the Hundred Acre Woods."

Rudolf was also on the pilot as the new Captain Kangaroo.



A hot dog dinner will be served from 6:30 to 7 p.m. with Rudolf's performance beginning at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for children and \$5 for adults. Coloring contest participants will be eligible to win door prizes.

For more information, stop by the student life department and pick up a flier, coloring contest forms and make reservations for this fun family event.

Rudolf warns folks not to come unless they're looking for fun. And, he adds, don't expect Barney.

## Middle-schoolers tour campus, get a sampling of college life

By Becky Gerred  
Staff Writer

Five bus loads of sixth graders from Jackson Middle School arrived on the OKCCC campus recently, ready to see the sights.

Giggly and restless, the students wove their way through the hallowed halls of OKCCC.

The students were the first group of many scheduled to tour OKCCC over the next few weeks.

J.P. Johnson, coordinator of the College Club, an organization designed to familiarize middle school students with college life, has been planning for the event since February.

At that time, Johnson was just beginning to get volunteers into the middle schools.

The volunteers talked to the principals of several metro schools and began to formalize plans.

The idea, they told them, was to encourage middle

school students to stay in school and eventually attend college.

Now, a month later, tour guides Michelle Jones, Charlotte French, John Barker, Paula Belcher, Molly Henderson, David Rushton and Jim Messer waited eagerly as the students disembarked the yellow school buses.

Brenda Campos, a volunteer from the campus club Hispanic Organization to Promote Education was available to translate for the Spanish speaking students in the group.

Before the students arrived at the doors of OKCCC, Johnson said, they had attended an assembly at the school where speakers addressed the importance of planning toward college.

They arrived with an eagerness to learn.

Student Salvador Perez listened intently as he stopped at each place.

When asked if his parents ever attended college he said "no." When asked if he intended to go to college,

Perez answered "Yes, I want to be a doctor."

Heather Greis giggled as she spoke of being a marine biologist. Greis said her parents had never attended college.

Student Patty Hernandez was asked where she wanted to attend college.

"Probably Yale if I can get into it," she said.

Hernandez said she hopes to go into marine biology or archaeology.

When Hernandez was asked about her parent's education she said, "My mom went to college but my dad didn't."

Johnson said feedback she received from students and teachers indicated they had a wonderful time and are interested in knowing more about the college.

Webster Middle school will be on campus April 12, 13 and 14.

Roosevelt Middle school was here the first week of April.

To assist in future tours, contact Johnson in the Prospective Students Services office.

### Plant a tree and watch it grow...



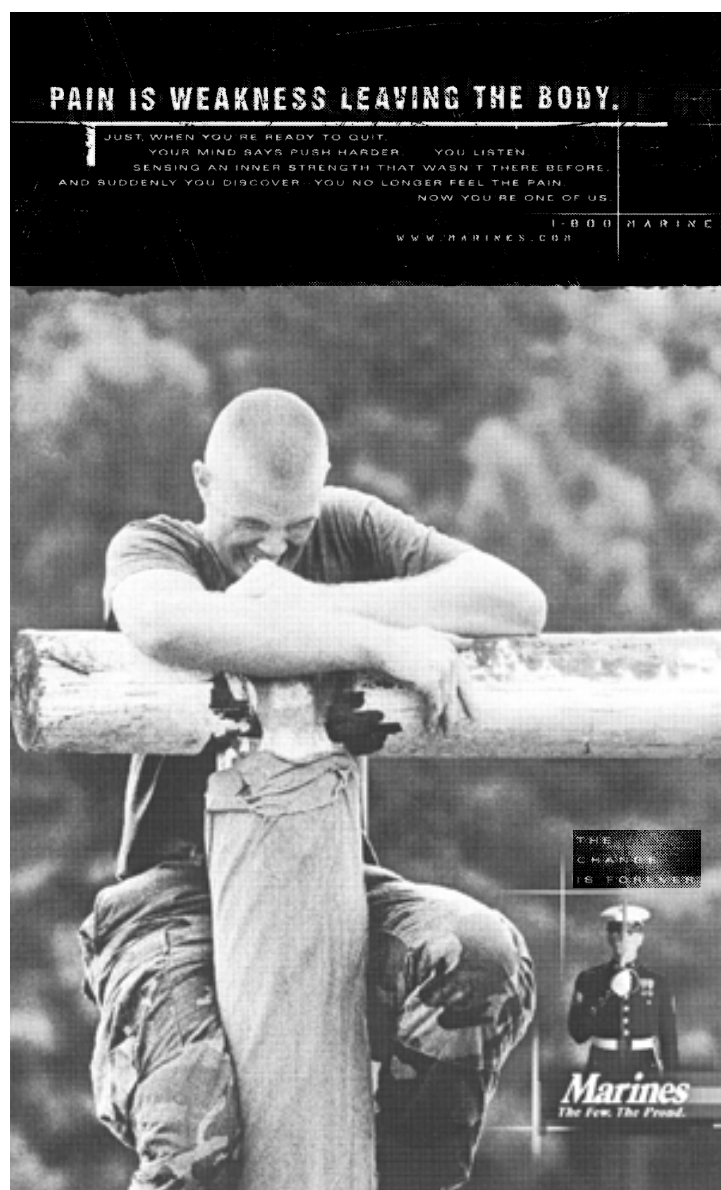
Photo by John Thomas

Tom Ledbetter, president of the South Rotary Club; Karen Luke, president of the OKCCC Foundation; and Jerry Steward, college attorney and South Rotary Club member, join in a tree-planting ceremony at OKCCC.

The South Rotary Club of Oklahoma City donated \$4,200 to OKCCC as a part of its campus beautification project. The college used the money to purchase and plant trees all over the campus.

Pat Berryhill, the executive director of institutional advancement, said she is excited about the project.

"We were very fortunate to receive these funds from the Rotary Club," she said.





# Home-schooled students fare well in college setting

**By Susan Brown**  
**Contributing Writer**

The last time Chris Young went to class before enrolling at OKCCC, he was about 10 years old.

No, he's not a grade-school dropout.

For the last seven years of his schooling, his home was his classroom.

Young is one of the estimated 10,000 to 20,000 Oklahomans who are home-educated each year.

According to Molly Henderson, Prospective Student Services Representative, most homeschooled students are high achievers.

In fact, she said, they do so well that OKCCC actively recruits homeschooled students.

Prospective student services has an information booth at the annual homeschool convention. Scholarship opportunities are also made available to homeschooled students.

Young, a freshman computer science major,

said he found college life required some adjustment.

"It's kind of different being in a classroom with a lot of people," he said.

However, Young succeeded in making those adjustments. He's a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and is on the leadership council of the Scholar's League. He is also a member of the chess club.

Henderson, who serves as the college contact person and counselor for homeschooled students enrolled at OKCCC, agreed that homeschooled students are sometimes overwhelmed when they first begin attending classes.

"Typically, they have always been associated with people who have the same ideals and values as they have," she said. "Here, they are presented with many different values and world views."

However, she said, most homeschooled students do adjust and excel.

Henderson's opinion agrees with the findings of a landmark national report on homeschooling conducted by the University of Maryland's Educational Resources Information

Clearinghouse.

The study concludes that homeschoolers test higher than their counterparts at public and private schools.

The gap between achievement examination scores widens between them each year after homeschooled students reach the equivalent of the fifth grade.

Young agrees that homeschooling gave him certain advantages.

"I had more time to concentrate on academics," Young said. "I feel I got a better education than I would have otherwise."

He was taught by both parents through middle school.

He then studied independently by correspondence through his high school years.

Henderson said she feels Young didn't suffer from lack of school experience.

"Chris immediately took an active leadership role in the college," Henderson said.

"He's a prime example of a homeschooled student who has done well."

## Remote teaching sites applauded

**By Alicia Price**  
**Newswriting I Student**

Math Professor Shawn Woods is well-liked by his physical class.

However, Woods teaches a larger audience including three remote sites using the 12-Live interactive system.

12-Live is an interactive two-way video system that allows students to see, hear and talk to each other at all the sites.

The system is anticipated to enhance economic development of the Oklahoma City area.

Woods said the technol-

ogy in this type of class is a big benefit.

"You can do presentations and engage students using the Internet," he said.

All students receive college credit, even qualifying high school students.

The sites where 12-Live broadcasts include Deer Creek, all Putnam City high schools, Crescent, Millwood and Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech.

Woods said, during the broadcasts he doesn't just lecture the students.

"I engage my students with questioning," he said.

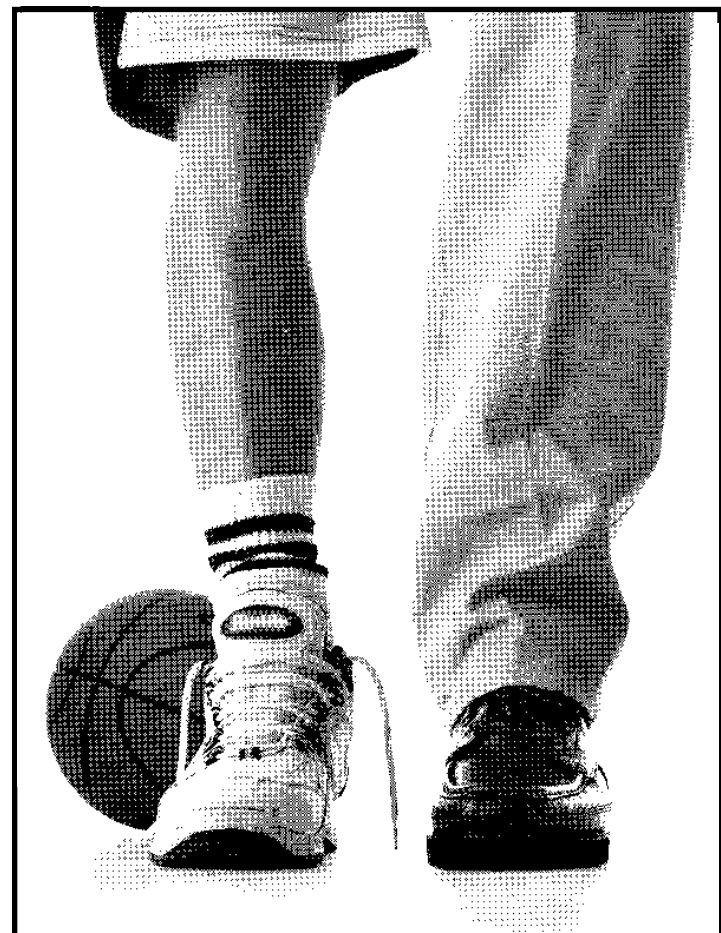
The students in the class like the format and Woods' style of teaching.

"I think he's one of my better instructors," said Evan White, a student in Woods' college algebra class.

White said he learns more from listening to Woods cover a wide variety of questions from a wide variety of students in the audience.

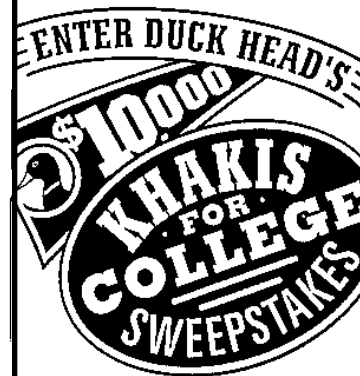
In addition to college courses, 12-Live is also offered at undergraduate and graduate levels, for business and industry training, and consortium meetings.

For more information on the 12-Live program, contact the OKCCC distance education department at 682-7574 or 685-8399.



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# Highlights

## Enrollment under way for intersession, summer, fall

Enrollment is now open for May and August intersessions, summer and fall classes. Regular on-campus enrollment hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. Students may enroll on campus with staff assistance or by using computer terminals located in the lobby. Previously admitted students may enroll at any time over a touch-tone telephone by calling 682-6222 or over the Internet at: [www.okc.cc.ok.us](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us). For more information, call the Office of Prospective Students at 682-7580.

## Video game artist to speak at art show reception

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. Tuesday, April 13, in College Union Room 3. 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.

## Plays feature student writers, directors, actors

The OKCCC Department of Theater presents "Open Plains Originals" at 7 p.m. April 14 through April 17 in the round on the second floor of the library. Open Plains Originals is a night of 10-minute plays which feature new works by OKCCC students Tom Johnson, Tracey Rodgers, Katy Barker, Spencer Francis, Sherrill Glenn-Allen and concurrent student Susan Reilly. The plays will also feature student directors Michael Cross, Caroline Mosley, Stacia Roybal and Tom Johnson. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.

## 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.

## Scavenger hunt promises great fun for all

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.

## Faculty, staff celebrate National Poetry Month

Faculty and staff at OKCCC will be celebrating National Poetry month by presenting a series of readings and original work in the college library. At noon on April 12, Richard Rouillard, professor of English, will recite several original poems. On April 14, Todd Mihalchik, adjunct professor of English, will read at 5 p.m. Mary Punches, adjunct professor of English, and Bertha Wise, professor of English, will read original poetry at 12:30 p.m. April 15. At noon on April 19 Linda Marshall, adjunct professor of English, and Naomi Christofferson, communications lab assistant, will read some selected works. Robert Jones, adjunct professor of English, will read original poetry and selected works at 5 p.m. on April 19.

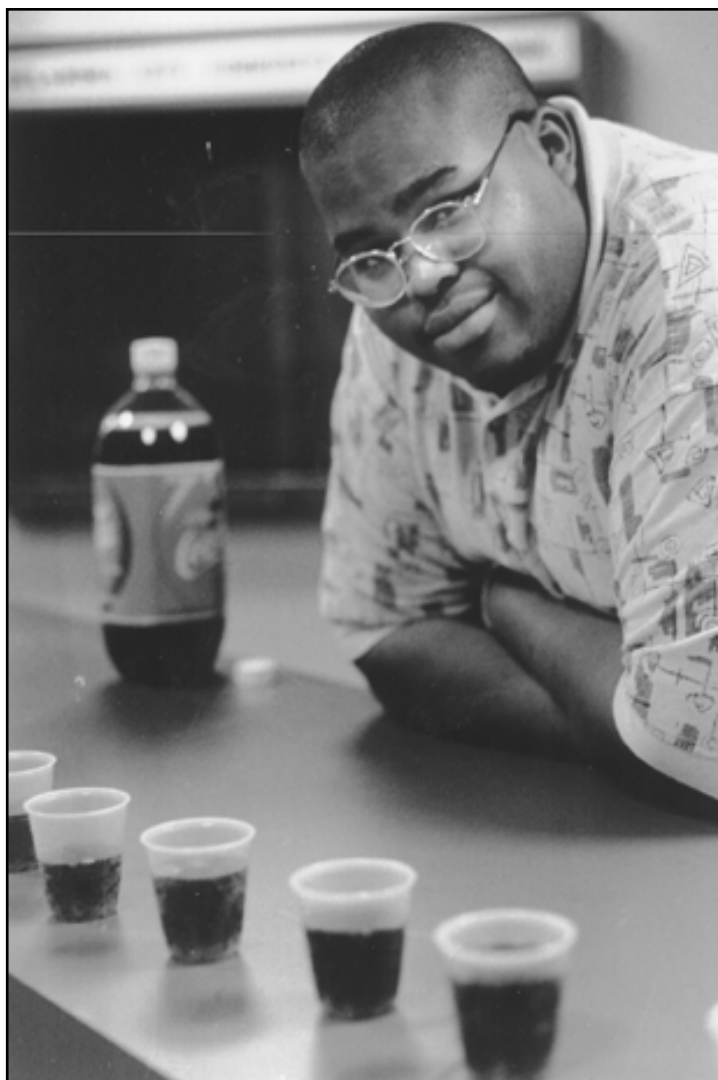


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## Have a Coke and a smile:

Stephen Xavier Phillips of OKCCC's Chess Club gave away plastic shot glasses full of soda on April 1 for April Fool's Day.

Phillips said that the chess club gave out the free soda as a way to let students, faculty and staff know that there is a chess club that is very active on campus.

"We mainly did it just for fun," Phillips said.

The OKCCC Chess Club meets every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in CU5. They provide chess lessons for interested persons. Everyone is invited to attend.

The chess club has hosted several chess tournaments including one against Rose State College where they won 15 out of 16 games.

The organization has performed various community services including tutoring junior high school students about chess and taking on the responsibility of adopting a street beside the college. For more information, contact Dennis Anderson at 682-1611 ext. 7271.

# OKCCC students have chance to save lives by donating blood

By Darcey Ralls  
Staff Writer

They want your blood!  
No, vampires are not invading OKCCC. The Oklahoma Blood Institute is.

The next opportunity for health-conscious individuals to donate blood is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 21 and 22 in the college union. Donors will receive a free health assessment and possibly save a life.

Because of the generosity of OKCCC students, fac-

ulty and staff, OBI sets up donations at the college five times a year.

According to Rachel Perrin of the OBI, every three seconds someone needs blood. Without blood

cancer and organ transplant patients would be lost.

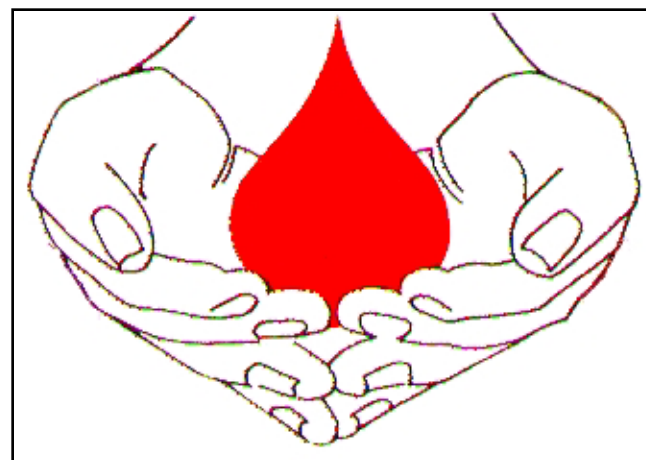
After giving blood, all donors will receive cookies, soda or juice and a free T-shirt.

All donors must be at least 17-years-old and weigh no less than 105 pounds.

Before donating blood, donors should eat a well-balanced meal, increase fluid intake, avoid taking aspirin 48 hours prior to donating and note the

name and dosage of any medications.

For more information, call 297-5700.



from volunteer donors, many surgical procedures would not be possible and the lives of accident victims,



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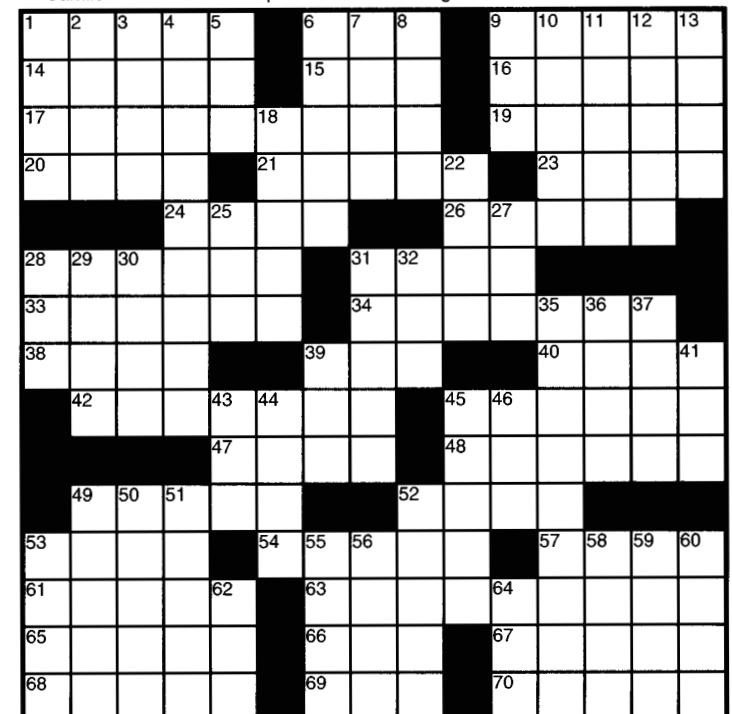
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# Dean of Global Education named to Fulbright post



Dr. Manuel Prestamo

**By Brandi Pierce**  
Newswriting I Student

Dr. Manuel Prestamo, Dean of Global Education and Cultural Programming, was elected vice president of the Central Oklahoma Fulbright Association in February.

He will serve in this position for a two-year term, from 1999 to 2001.

The Central Oklahoma Fulbright Association allows select Oklahoma graduate students and faculty to travel the world, learning about other cultures while sharing their knowledge about our American culture.

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Fulbright Association represents past and present Fulbrighters from higher education institutions in central Oklahoma, including the University of Oklahoma, the University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, OKCCC and more.

"Being chosen as vice president of this association gives recognition to Oklahoma City Community College for the type of faculty that our school offers," said Prestamo.

As vice president, Dr.

Prestamo will be responsible for coordinating the Taste of the West Celebration, which gives foreign Fulbright scholars the opportunity to learn Oklahoma history while touring some of the state's historical landmarks.


Prestamo has been involved with the Fulbright Association since 1988 and has traveled to Brazil and Ecuador with the program.

In 1997, he was selected as a Fulbright scholar to develop an Arts curriculum for Ecuador universities.

Working with Ecuadorian professors, administrators, and artists, Prestamo helped implement a curriculum that included dance, theater and art.

Prestamo has been a part of the Oklahoma City Community College faculty since 1995.

He is currently the president-elect for the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges. He is also currently serving as vice president for the OKCCC instructional administrators.



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