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Photo by John Thomas

Ah...the great outdoors: With only three weeks left in the semester, students Paul Freeman and Beth Brown enjoy the remaining days of school by soaking up the sunshine outside in the college courtyard. When the weather allows, many of OKCCC's students, faculty and staff eat lunch or study at the picnic tables in the area.

General Motors to shut down state training center, relocate to OKCCC

By Melissa Guice
Editor



Of the 23 General Motors training centers nationwide, 17 are about to close.

Oklahoma City's center is one of them.

The training center currently trains a number of auto maintenance technicians from around Oklahoma.

"The technicians are sent from different GM dealerships to train at the center for one or two days, eight hours each day," Grummer said.

Courses at the center are primarily taught by OKCCC faculty, said Larry Grummer, professor of automotive technology.

"Our faculty provides

about 60 percent of the training at GM's training center."

The training center staff consists of three full-time OKCCC faculty members and two to three part-time instructors who teach on a contract basis through OKCCC.

The plan is to move a majority of the training from the Oklahoma City GM center to OKCCC.

The closing is scheduled for October 1999 although the actual move to OKCCC will probably be some time after the closing.

"There will be a period of a couple of months where we'll be moving equipment and getting set up for the

transfer and so forth," Grummer said.

The training center's equipment will be relocated to OKCCC's Career Learning Center which is the east wing of the college.

The college should be able to house all of the equipment, Grummer said.

The college's own ASEP, Automotive Service Education Program, a two-year degree program, will not be affected by the move because OKCCC students don't train at the GM center.

As for the training center's faculty and staff, OKCCC's faculty will continue to train auto technicians at the college.

GM's staff will be re-

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NATO actions affect college's foreign students

By Michaela Marx
Newswriting I Student

The Balkans have been the scene of many violent conflicts over the centuries. Most recently, the Kosovo Albanians have become the victims of a Serbian aggression.

More than 315,000 ethnic Albanians have been displaced from Kosovo since March 24, according to a Newsweek article.

The current NATO actions involving U.S. armed forces have drawn the attention of many Americans to Yugoslavia.

Locally, it has captured the attention of several international students from the region.

OKCCC part-time student Ibrahim Hastopalli, 23, moved from Elbasan, Albania to Oklahoma three years ago. He is in favor of the NATO actions.

He said the support of NATO and the United States offer hope to the Albanian people.

The NATO actions are the fastest and best way to a solution, he said.

Hastopalli, who is a political science major and is enrolled at the University of Central Oklahoma, said he talks to his family in Albania frequently.

He said his family is safe but the people in Albania are very nervous about the situation. The conflict could shake the sensitive relations among the Balkan states, he said.

Labinot Avidue, 19, came to the United States almost five years ago as an exchange student in high school.

He recently received political asylum and is enrolled at the University of Oklahoma. Avidue is an Albanian from Pristina, just outside of Kosovo.

Avidue said the Albanians, even though they make up the majority of Kosovo's citizens, have long been the target of Serbian aggressions and he believes it is time something is done.

Avidue's family is still in Prestina.

He said after an attempt to leave Kosovo they were

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Back to the three R's: reading, writing and respect

There are no new words under the sun to describe the carnage that took place April 20 in Littleton, Colo.

Everyday, Americans are being bombarded with news of death and destruction to ordinary people.

The first question people ask is why. Many variables are in play in each individual situation.

Children all over America are crying out for help and no one is hearing the cry.

We are fast becoming a heartless society and the children are the losers.

My granddaughter came home a few weeks ago heartbroken as the teacher refused to read her favorite story book to the class. It was a Bible story book. A book similar to Power Rangers was read instead. Get real, folks.

What message was imparted to my granddaughter?

We better get back to the basics before we lose anymore children. In our homes, in our schools, in our media culture, we need to teach self respect and respect for others.

I know a kindergarten helper who is faced with unruly 5-year olds.

She has been kicked, spit on, and screamed at by kindergartners on a daily basis.

She dragged one little fellow to the principal's office, kicking and screaming, after he refused to come in off of the playground, only to be told by the secretary to get that kid out of there.

What recourse do we give our educators?

There are so many troubled kids today in our schools that I sometimes believe educators do not know where to start with them.

Many of you may say: "Wait, you are wrong, my kids do not act that way." I am not saying all children are troubled but I do contend that more and more children every year do not know anything about respect for authority or for others.

It's important that morals, values and beliefs be nurtured and instilled into the hearts and souls of our babies from birth.

If the schools' hands are tied, then we as parents and grandparents must be vigilant in the training of our children.

I do not blame teachers. I empathize with educators trying to educate when their hands are tied.

I do not blame parents. I have been there trying to get help for a rebellious teen.

I do not blame the child. He is a product of society.

Society as a whole must carry the blame — including the movies, music and smut on the Internet.

Wake up America! Stand up and be heard for our children.

Give every child in your home a hug each morning and every time they leave the house. Let them know they are special.

Pray for the people of Littleton and pray for America.

—Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

Nation's foundation based on diversity and acceptance

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the recent debate about homosexuality being a rite of passage and therefore, tolerated as such.

I was very pleased to read last week's editorial by John Thomas in which an intelligent response was made concerning the speech given by a prior homosexual who had redeemed himself from his deviant ways through religion.

It saddens me that even today people feel they can force their moral standards on others in the name of righteousness and use scare tactics of eternal damnation as the tool. The foundation of freedom on which our country prides itself is based on the fact that we are a nation of diversity, and through this

diversity we still have the basic individual right to be free from persecution.

Although at this time the law still does not extend to include any sanctions protecting the right of sexual orientation, I have faith in our government that these victims, with their consensual "crimes" will be given reparations for this unjust oversight.

Arthur Schopenhauer, 1788-1860, said it best with his own time-tested words: "All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed.

Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as self-evident."

The day will come when personal preference in sexual orientation is no longer shunned by the masses and all will be given the civil liberty to live ac-

ording to choice.

I wonder, when that time does come, if in reflection, there will be any justification for the current standards homosexuals are forced to accept.

I doubt there will be any absolution at any time.

—Valorie Rodgers
OKCCC Student

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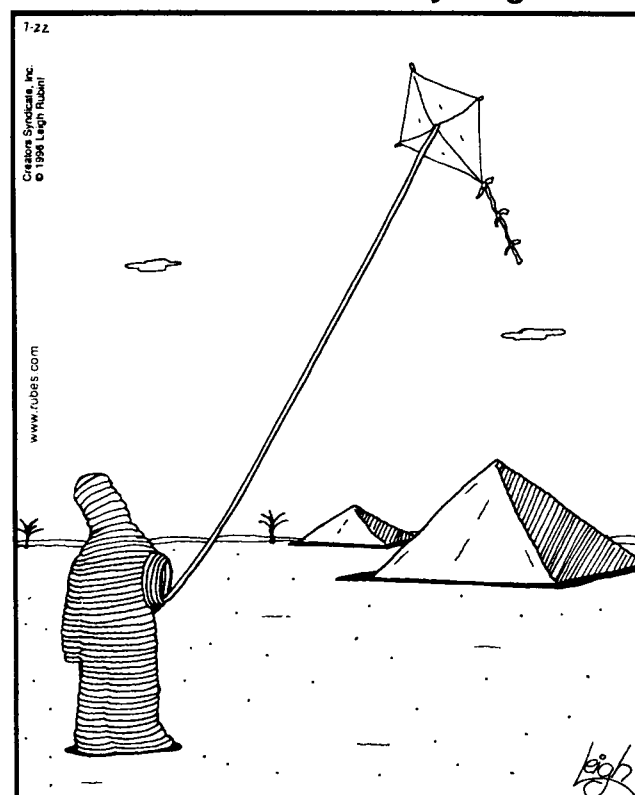
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By Leigh Rubin



Comments and Reviews

God loves straights and gays equally

To the Editor:

This is in response to Patrick Firago's response to my friend Kyle Walker's letter. I, myself, was going to confront the First Stone Ministries people but I wanted to be prepared. By the time I wrote my questions down, they had already left.

FSM's literature says that they oppose all sexual deviance, but homosexuality is their number one target. What about rapists and child molesters? They are more dangerous to society than homo-

"God doesn't laugh when 'fags' die. He cries when Christians hate."

— Robyn Webb
OKCCC Student

walk down the streets for fear of being beaten? They wouldn't.

These "reformed" homosexuals were never gay. If they were, they would still be gay and not have any conflicted feelings about it. People get confused. People go through rough points in life and they look for answers in many places. Sometimes the answers are

right, sometimes they aren't. Every gay person I know [and there are many] has no problems being gay. My uncle is gay and he was raised in a

Christian family. My grandparents didn't throw him out when he told them he was gay. They did the Christian thing and embraced his choice. God loves us all despite our many faults, including hatred. All sin is the same in His eyes. If homosexuality were not part of God's plan, no one would be gay.

When is this madness going to end? It starts with groups like FSM saying they can "cure" homosexuality. Then it goes to fanatics like the preacher in Kansas who pickets funerals of people who have died of AIDS. He and his followers carry signs that say "Fags die, God laughs," and "God hates fags."

Everything I ever heard in church said God loves everyone. When religious leaders go around saying that God hates gay people then the really unstable people will think it's OK to beat gays to death.

This will only stop when "Christians" start acting like Christians and accept people without judging them. God doesn't laugh when "fags" die. He cries when Christians hate.

—Robyn Webb
OKCCC Student

Capote's book makes good movie

In the late 1950s and early '60s you did not have to sell all just to take in a movie.

At the Yale and Redskin theaters in Capitol Hill you could lay your dollar on the counter and receive change back. Then you could enter the door and stay all day if you chose to.

In case you grew hungry, you could get a Slow Poke sucker, a Coke and bag of popcorn, and be very content for just a quarter.

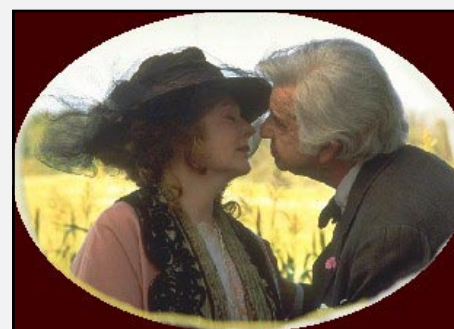
Of course, those were the days when a Slow Poke sucker meant an all-day sucker with its thick caramel through and through.

I have protested going to the movies ever since I went to the last one in the '80s and had to contend with sticky floors and unruly children.

Much to my despair, I had to leave after watching the movie only once.

Videos have put me back in touch with my youth. I can rent a movie from any era I wish to watch. I can watch three at a time if I want to.

This weekend was my 35th wedding anniversary and we splurged.



Piper Laurie and Walter Matthau in "The Grass Harp."

We went to the video store and laid our dollar on the counter and walked away with our movie, "The Grass Harp."

The film is an adaptation of the novel written by Truman Capote.

The movie is set in a small southern town around 1940.

Dolly is a character who is love and life personified. Her childlike qualities make her appear a little too carefree to her sister Verena.

Verena is business and sternness personified.

Judge Charlie Cool is twilight years and loneliness personified but Dolly becomes the love of his life. He is transformed by knowing Dolly.

Collin is a young man who comes to live with his father's maiden aunts, Dolly and Verena, when his mother dies. Dolly becomes

his best friend.

The movie was produced and directed by Charles Matthau.

I guarantee you will laugh and cry and most of all think about the real things in life that are important.

An all-star cast was gathered together in the making of this movie.

Actors included:

- Grayson Fricke
- Edward Furlong
- Sissy Spacek
- Piper Laurie
- Nell Carter
- Walter Matthau
- Jack Lemmon
- Roddy McDowall
- Mary Steenburgen

We walked across the carpeted floor and removed the tape and retired for the night.

We had no traffic to contend with at a late hour and did not have to worry about being mugged on the way to the car.

With a warm and fuzzy feeling, the Gerreds gave it four thumbs up.

—Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

Business resources found on library website

To the Editor:

Know a student who needs business, finance or company research for a class?

Know someone else running a small business who would die to get some easy-to-get information?

Great new resources are at your fingertips, whether you're on campus or working at home.

Recently, the OKCCC library put together a collection of useful Internet sources.

Groups of selected sites

include: company directories, telephone and e-mail directories; markets and statistics; products and technology; laws and regulations; small business and entrepreneurship; business nuts and bolts (including all kinds of forms); and reference sites and tools.

These recommended web sites can be found by going to the library's home page at <http://sirsi.okc.cc.ok.us> and then clicking on Reference Online, followed by "Business."

For other business research, join your friends. Search the online article databases by clicking on "Magazines."

And if you're on campus, whether student or "civilian," our regular reference collection is packed with wonderful business resources not found on the computer.

Don't just rely on imagination! Use our resources to solve your problems.

—Rachel Butler
OKCCC Reference Librarian

Student succumbs to stomach cancer

Okyre Kwabena Boakye, 54, died of stomach cancer March 30. Boakye was a student in the English As a Second Language class taught by Abra Glenn-Allen Figueroa. She said she remembers Boakye as an excellent student.

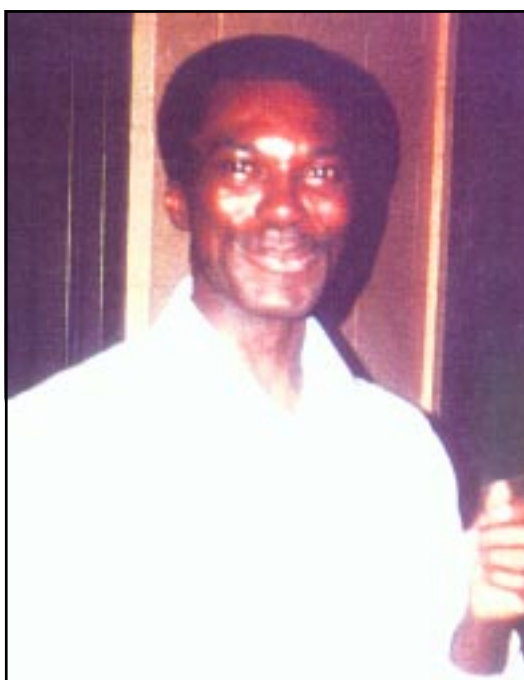


Photo courtesy of Kwabena Boakye's family

**By Michaela Marx
Newswriting I Student**

OKCCC student Okyre Kwabena Boakye, 54, of Oklahoma City, died March 30 of stomach cancer.

Boakye had been enrolled in the English As a Second Language program.

Professor Abra Glenn-Allen Figueroa said she remembers Boakye as an excellent student.

"He was always very enthusiastic," she said.

"He was well liked by his fellow students."

Boakye was born in

Asamakese, Ghana on June 8, 1945.

He left his home country in 1977 to go to Germany.

Boakye's family said he returned to Ghana seven years later.

Two years later, in 1986, he decided to leave again and start a new life in the United States although he knew no English.

Because of his language problem, Boakye, who had an accounting diploma, worked hard in several low-paying jobs until he was diagnosed with stomach cancer in 1997.

He went through surgery and treatment.

After a long recovery, he

left the hospital a healthy man his family said.

Determined to change his life, he enrolled at OKCCC to improve his English.

He hoped to become a physical therapist assistant.

This February the cancer attacked him again.

Boakye was forced to drop his spring classes, said Figueroa.

He died after a short battle, only a month later, his family said.

Figueroa, who was asked to speak at Boakye's funeral, said the Ghanese funeral was very different from any funeral she had been to.

Family and friends were dressed in colorful, traditional outfits.

The people celebrated in remembrance of their friend and paid tribute to Boakye.

Traditional dances were performed, Figueroa said.

Boakye leaves behind daughters Afua Boakyewaa and Akosua Oforiwa; his wife Margaret Nortey Accra and eight brothers and sisters.

OneNet links students statewide

Classmates may be seated several miles away

**By Alicia Price
Newswriting I Student**

Don't be surprised if your classmate is from Rose State in Midwest City — figuratively and literally.

Students from several colleges can share classes through OneNet, a statewide, full motion, two-way interactive system.

"OKCCC shares courses and programs with other higher education institutions, such as Rose State and the USAO," said Glenda Prince, distance education coordinator.

OneNet uses the same technology as the 12-Live program.

Students taking either of these interactive courses can see, hear and talk to each other and the instructors at the different sites.

Whereas 12-Live is broadcast to 12 sites located at high schools and at vo-tech, OneNet has no boundaries within the state's borders.

Rhonda Simmons, education major, simultaneously attends OKCCC and the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

in Chickasha.

Simmons goes to room 206 in the OKCCC library to receive the Human Development course that is broadcast by Professor Tina Winn from Chickasha.

OneNet solved Simmons' need for that particular course, with the added benefit of not having to drive to Chickasha to take it.

Simmons joins education major Karrie Votaw in a classroom that is equipped with microphones, video screens, a telephone and a fax machine.

The students fax their assignments to their professor. In turn, the professor e-mails back their grades.

Simmons said the program makes things easier for her.

"We take our quizzes on the library's computers and the Santroc computer system grades it for us."

The OneNet courses offered at OKCCC are dependent upon student needs and other colleges' class requests.

Prince said OneNet has many uses.

Not only does it share resources and provide public services, it aids in the transfer of technology to businesses in Oklahoma.

OneNet supports education and research and conducts governmental affairs, while encouraging economic development.

For more information, check the OKCCC course catalog under interactive courses.

Students can also contact the distance education department at 682-7574 or at the website address of: www.okc.cc.ok.us/distanced

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—Glenda Prince

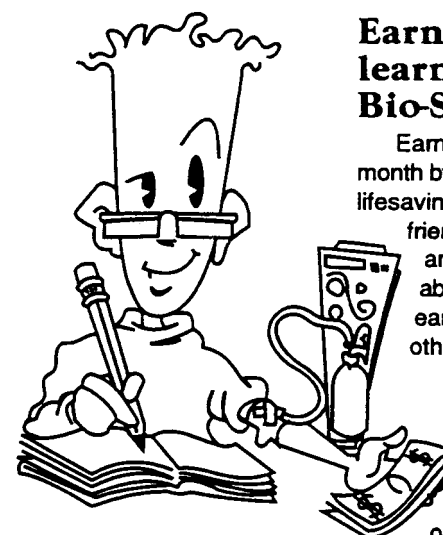
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Art show entries intrigue OKCCC students

By Casey Felty
Newswriting I Student

The recent annual student art show provided many different mediums of art.

Pencils, paint and computers were among those used to construct the projects entered into this year's show.

This wide array of materials allowed students to create some different and unusual entries.

Several students took notice of this fact.

"I saw half of a blue dragon coming out of a wall," said OKCCC student Natalie Wilson.

"I had never seen anything so mysterious."

Student Mike Rogers took his time in viewing the art.

"A lot of it is really outstanding," he said.

"All of these students have a talent. I could never

create anything this good."

The show impressed many people.

Everyone who passed by took a second to look at the amazing art each student had created.

Student John Stephens said he enjoyed the unusual art.

"The dragon thing was cool but I also liked the computer-designed art.

"The painted tent was also pretty cool."

The art show also provided a relaxing and enjoyable environment for the spectators.

"I enjoyed the art show because it was a chance for the students to express their creativity," said Chenoa Copeland.

"Art is an expression of who we are.

"We are all different people and have different

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—Chenoa Copeland
OKCCC Student

tastes when it comes to art."

Professors had opinions as well.

"It is very important for the college to allow students to express themselves in this way," said Charlotte Mosteller, professor of English and humanities at OKCCC.

Right: A dragon emerges from a wall in a recent art show entry. OKCCC Student Natalie Wilson said she had never seen anything so mysterious.

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Proposed tuition hike topic of State Regents' meeting

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have proposed an increase in tuition that would cost OKCCC students an extra \$1.50 per credit hour.

The proposal calls for an increase not to exceed 9 percent at comprehensive universities, 7 percent at the state's four-year regional universities and 5 percent at two-year colleges and technical branches.

Proposed tuition rates could generate up to \$14.8 million in new revenue for financial aid, libraries, technology equipment, computer network enhancements, distance learning classrooms, faculty and staff technology training, faculty salary increases and new faculty positions.

Citizens expressed their opinions about the proposed increase at the State Regents' meeting April 16 in Enid.

A Regents' student liaison, Saul Magana, released information at the meeting that he collected during March and April.

During that time, Magana met with several student government organizations at higher education institutions in Oklahoma to discuss legislation of importance to higher education. He visited OKCCC April 8.

"The majority of informed students support the proposal," he told the audience at the meeting.

He said, of the 300 Oklahoma student government officers surveyed, three quarters of them indicated they would support an increase in tuition with certain stipulations.

More than 50 percent of

the students stipulated that the revenue be used to increase financial aid and technology.

Only 27 percent of those surveyed were in favor of using the revenue for campus maintenance and operations.

Those who were not able to attend the meeting did have the opportunity to submit their comments and suggestions to the board.

University of Oklahoma student Bill Yeager, had a suggestion.

"If you do increase the cost of college, you should do more to provide better paying jobs for students," he said.

Cheryl Williams, the mother of a University of Central Oklahoma freshman, is adamantly opposed to any tuition increase.

"You don't need more money," she said. "You just need to know how to budget."

"You've come to this trough one time too many!" she admonished the State Regents.

Others expressed concern that tuition increases would make it impossible for some people to attend college.

"No young person will ever be denied a college education for financial reasons," said State Regents Chairman John Massey.

"Since the turn of the decade, tuition at Oklahoma colleges and universities increased at the same rate as inflation, while financial aid increased more than three times the rates of both tuition and inflation," Massey said.

State Regents noted that Oklahoma students pay some of the lowest tuition and fee rates in the nation.

For example, tuition and

Calling Dr. Bones...



Photo by John Thomas

Pre-physical therapy student Rachel Owens, left, and premed student Jennifer Bishop examine animal skulls in the zoology lab. The students in the class are learning how to identify different types of animal skulls ranging from owls to beavers.

"The majority of informed students support the proposal."

—Saul Magana

Oklahoma State Regents
Student Liaison

fees rank 44th in the nation at regional universities and 29th at Oklahoma's two-year colleges.

Oklahoma State Representative John Sellers, D-Enid, spoke in favor of the tuition increase.

He said Oklahoma needs to move closer to the national average, but does not need to go overboard.

"We don't want to be number one," he said.

The tuition proposal is part of the State Regents' long-term plan to have Oklahoma students pay one-third of their college costs.

Currently, Oklahoma students pay approximately 26 percent of their college costs with taxpayers picking up the rest.

The State Regents are expected to take action on any tuition and fee increases at their May 28 meeting.

Students immerse themselves in Spanish

By Portland Jones
Newswriting I Student

One OKCCC student recently had the opportunity to learn the secret to making refried beans.

Spanish student Erin Burgess uncovered the age-old recipe during the fifth annual Immersion Experience at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee April 9 through 11.

Eighteen Spanish-language students and eight Spanish-speaking student volunteers from the college's Intensive English program attended, along with Spanish Professor Patricia Jimenez Brooks.

Also participating in the program was Professor Dianne Broyles.

She said the program was designed to immerse the students in Spanish while simulating an authentic language environment. Students attending signed contracts and pledged not to speak or respond to English during the weekend program.

A variety of activities were then carried out which included exercises, a dance class and a museum trip. The students also took an excursion to the Abbey, held class presentations, played games, engaged in informal conversation, went shopping and prepared meals.

Burgess said the experience was a good one.

"The opportunity was great, communicating directly with native Spanish-speaking people."

And the secret to refried beans?

"Start with really hot grease, then add cooked pinto beans and smush them."

May 14, 1999: G-Day

Jack of many trades will speak at OKCCC graduation

**By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer**

Robert A. Funk, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Express Personnel Services International, will be the featured speaker at OKCCC's commencement ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the Myriad Convention Center.

Funk graduated from Seattle Pacific University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and theology. He completed graduate studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Funk holds his master's degree in business administration and Theology from Seattle Pacific University and he was presented with an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from SPU in 1995.

"My desire as a young person was to be in the ministry."

Funk said due to a lack of skills in the ministry, his secondary interest was to build a business that would make him proud by contributing to the community and society.

"I found that ministry in helping people find gainful employment."

Funk is a businessman who recognizes the importance of finding the right job.

"When looking for an employment opportunity, you should look for a com-

pany that has lots of opportunity," Funk said.

"Small growth companies make up 82 percent of the employment opportunities. Find a company that you will enjoy and a posi-



Robert A. Funk

tion that fits your interests and desires for a long future."

Before founding Express, Funk gained extensive experience with ACME Personnel Services. Beginning as a consultant in 1965, he became First Vice President in 1975.

Among his many honors, Funk has been named to the Board of Trustees for the International Franchise Association Educational Foundation. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and is a Charter Honoree of the Sales and Marketing Executives International Academy of Achievement. He serves on the Board of the National Association of Temporary and Staffing Services, and was the 1992 National Tempo-

rary Help Week chairman.

Funk has been a regional finalist for the prestigious Entrepreneur of the Year Award for four years and he was recently listed in "Who's Who of American Executives."

As a result of Funk's leadership and expertise, Express Personnel Services International serves more than 350 offices which employ more than 250,000 people annually.

A deacon for the Piedmont Baptist Church, he is also a member of the Allied Arts Circle Club. He has served on the Advisory Boards of the Canadian Valley and Gordon Cooper Vocational Technical Centers and as president of the Piedmont School Board.

In his spare time, Funk enjoys attending cattle and horse shows and sales. He also loves to be a spectator at all types of athletic events.

Funk has been very successful in his endeavors. His home north of Yukon is built on the site of "A Thousand Campfires" which was part of the Chisholm Trail.

"It is great to look out the window of our home at past historical significance," he said.

Funk contributes to the society in many different ways. He played an instrumental part in erecting an historical marker which documents the Chisholm Trail and he gives advice to young people who are getting ready to start their careers.

Graduation: The final frontier

**By Jamie Johnson
Assistant Editor**

It's the day we've all been waiting for, well, the ones of us who are graduating in May.

Yes, May 14 is fast approaching, and the question is, are you ready?

For those of you who still haven't bought your cap and gown, do you know where to get them?

The bookstore sells the black cap, gown and tassel in a package for \$21.68.

Now that you have your cap and gown, who are you going to invite?

Invite everyone you know. The bookstore also sells announcements in a package of five for \$4.95. That solves that problem.

OK, so you're all set, right? Do you know where to go? Or have

you even thought that far ahead?

The place to go is the Myriad. Yeah, they're currently working on it, but don't worry you can still get in.

The commencement ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. More importantly, graduates need to be at the Myriad by 6:30 p.m. That means you need to be there no later than 6:30 p.m.

So, now you've found the place and you're actually on time, but where are you going to park?

Don't worry. The Myriad parking garage will be open and so will various other parking lots downtown.

The bottom line is you need to know what's going on.

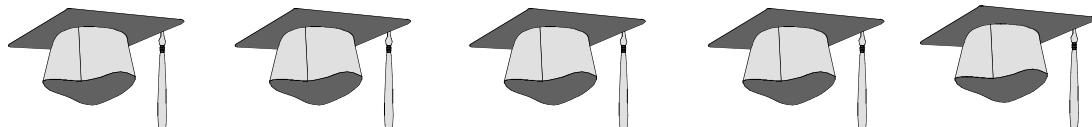
The longer you wait to take care of these things, the more stress you're going to endure toward the end.

Don't finals give you enough stress?

Graduation candidates will be listed in the May 10 issue of the PIONEER.

The Commencement Ceremony will begin at 7:30 pm May 14 at the **Myriad Convention Center.**

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Part-time profs rated by students

By Brandi Pierce
Newswriting I Student

Part-time faculty.
OKCCC employs an estimated 280 of them, more than twice the number of full-time professors.

Most OKCCC students will be taught by an adjunct professor during their academic career.

Student reaction about part-time versus full-time professors varies.

One student said he likes adjunct faculty because they bring their work experiences into the classroom with them.

Brian Maughan, public relations major, said he feels adjunct professors bring more into the class-

room than just book facts.

"Being a part time professor allows them to practice what they preach," Maughan said.

"Often times the real-world knowledge is more essential than what comes out of a textbook."

Joe Watson, computer science major, said it depends on which classes professors are teaching as to whether they are better as full-time or part-time faculty.

"Some of my best computer science professors have worked full time in the computer field," he said.

"They bring more hands-on experience than what a professor teaching out of a textbook can give."

However, Watson said, certain professors may be better suited to teach full time.

"Classes like

"Being a part-time professor allows them to practice what they preach."

—Brian Maughan
OKCCC Student

accounting are taught straight from the textbook and require a little more time from the professor."

Some students feel part-time professors offer less difficult classes than those who teach full time.

Student J.T. Ragsdale is one of those students.

"The classes may be easier, but you can tell that they don't put as much effort into them."

Since most of the adjunct faculty have full-time jobs elsewhere, their time on campus is limited.

Student Dirk Armstrong complains that part-time professors aren't as available as full time.

"The part-time professors are hard to get in touch with and are difficult to find during their office hours."

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—Dirk Armstrong
OKCCC Student

Online class protocol discussed

By Charay Johnson
Newswriting I Student

Cyndy Cashman, Director of Instructional Technology at OKCCC, made a big cyber splash recently when she presented "Designing, Implementing, and Managing Online Courses."

Cashman made her presentation at Moore Norman Technology Center during a quarterly meeting of Oklahoma Vocational Instructional Materials.

Cashman trains OKCCC faculty to use instructional technology, which primarily consists of computer applications such as the Internet and web sites.

She has been employed at the college for five years.

Cashman's presentation included advice to instructors about successfully operating a cyber classroom.

She talked about which computer equipment is needed, what the expectations of students taking the classes are, how to present information, electronic communication guidelines, and the use of bulletin boards, e-mail, chat rooms and whiteboards.

She said online courses are beneficial in that instructors are able to use audio and video clips for helpful information.

To better serve student needs, Cashman said,

online chats should be scheduled by instructors at the beginning of the course.

She said online course instructors should give online tests and should also supply immediate feedback regarding students inquiries and responses, such as why an answer is or isn't correct and why one answer is best.

"There was very positive feedback," Cashman said of the presentation.

"I have received several e-mails thanking me."

Ruth Giddens, president at Metro Tech, said the presentation was very useful.

Giddens said she had received calls from the Tulsa Technology center saying the information Cashman shared was useful and something they were eager to implement.



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Producers ponder future of public television

**By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer**

Speakers at a recent forum to discuss public broadcasting, agreed that, with the onset of cable and satellite television, public broadcasting, as we know it, is in serious trouble.

"I believe that public broadcasting, if not already dead, is dying," Gwyn Williams, BBC senior producer and visiting scholar at OKCCC, said.

Approximately 30 people gathered in OKCCC's theater April 21 to discuss public broadcasting.

Conducting the forum were Williams and Dr. Arnold Goren, television performer and producer, professor emeritus and former vice chancellor of New York University.

Among the topics dis-

cussed were the similarities and differences of the public broadcasting systems in the United States and the United Kingdom.

In the United States public broadcasting is funded by the voluntary donations of viewers who tell their local affiliates what they would like to see.

In the United Kingdom, everyone who has a television pays an operating fee equivalent to \$150 per year, which supports the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Williams explained that the BBC still produces all of its own programs. In America, the work is commissioned by filmmakers.

Goren also expressed concern about public broadcasting.

"I lectured to a class this morning and none of the students listened to national public radio."

Goren said he believes,

however, that public television can be saved.

"I think there's some survival technique. In this society nothing is immediate.

"We have to debate. Nothing happens simply. It's complicated to get change."

Members of the audience offered their opinions as to why young people don't watch public television.

Patsy Brock, an OKCCC student, said that the remote control may be a big factor.

She said the remote makes it very easy for someone to switch chan-

nels if they don't like what is on a channel.

With the many choices that cable offers, they can usually find something, somewhere that they do want to watch.

Williams expressed concern that public television will "dumb down" programming in order to appeal to a greater audience.

"The Jerry Springer show is one of the most popular television shows in Great Britain," he said.

Goren remained optimistic.

He said public broadcasting will continue to adhere to a certain level of public accountability.

"We will slowly, surely be dragged in the right direction if we live long enough," Goren said.

"Me, personally, I don't think I'll live that long."

The forum was sponsored by the Office of Global Education and Cultural Programming at OKCCC with support from the Oklahoma Arts Council.

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Highlights

College presents Cultural Awareness Series

Mary Lou Fallis will share her "choral commandments" and some of her various experiences as a performer at 12:45 p.m. on Monday, April 26, in room 1C5 of the AH building. "Primadonna," an entertaining, comic and charming look at the life and work of an opera singer will be staged at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, in the OKCCC theater. Both events are free and open to the public. Support for the presentations has been provided by the Oklahoma Arts Council and the Office of Global Education and Programming at OKCCC.

Hispanic organization to discuss events, elect officers

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will meet at 12:30 on Thursday, April 29, in room 2N7 of the main building to discuss upcoming events and hold officer elections. Refreshments will be served.

Gay, lesbian and friends wanting to form club

In order to form the Gay, Lesbian and Friends club, at least 10 students must sign a petition saying that they would be interested in it. According to Hollie Rhodes, the student who started the petition, the club is not just for the gay community, but also for friends and supporters. For more information or to sign the petition go by the Office of Student Life located in OKCCC's main building.

Clubs collected over \$200, winners list posted

The Native American Cultural Awareness Organization and Abilities Galore joined forces and raised over \$200 in student donations. Several students won items as a result of the event. The winners are: dream catcher-Ron Scribner; handmade vase-Ron Hudson; handmade horse-Marion Hey; vase-Arnie Duncanson; horse-Crystal Baka; recorder-Marion Hie; and 19" color television-Mark Foreman. Winners who have not claimed their items should contact Gary Houlette at 682-1611 ext. 7272.

Fall tuition fee waiver applications available

Fall tuition fee waiver applications are available in the student financial aid center. The last day to submit applications to the student financial aid center is Friday, Aug. 6. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. Awards will be posted in the student financial aid center on Friday, Aug. 20.

Oklahoma Blood Institute needs OKCCC blood donors

A blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, and Thursday, April 29, in CU3. Everyone who donates blood will receive a free T-shirt, mini-physical, juice or pop and cookies. For more information contact Rachel Perrin at 297-5559.

Students to help staff celebrate National Poetry Month

OKCCC will celebrate National Poetry Month with a series of selected readings and original work in the college library. At noon on April 26, Dianne Krob will read and Sherrill Glenn-Allen will take the stage at 12:30. Students will participate at 2 and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28. At 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, non-native English speaking students will read poetry in their native language. The poetry will then be translated in English.

Professor displays photographs at gallery

Jerrie A. Gronemeier, adjunct photography instructor, is the guest artist at the Westgate Gallery, 2313 Exchange Ave. in OKC. Her work will be on display through May 1.



(Cotton) Candyman:

OKCCC's Engineering Club sold cotton candy on April 12 to raise money for their club. The Engineering Club promotes interest in engineering education and engineering professions. The club provides opportunities for students to learn the most recent developments in engineering through forums, small projects, guest speakers, design competition and field trips. Pictured (l to r) are club members Joel Mann, Kashif Janjua, Patrick Figaro and Chad Anton. For more information contact Masil Masilamani, sponsor, at 682-1611, ext. 7394.

Photo by John Thomas

Gays, lesbians, their friends need own club, student says

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

Freshman Hollie Rhodes thinks that something is missing at OKCCC — a support group for gay and lesbian students and their friends.

Rhodes has taken the first step to form just such a group. She went to the Student Life office and asked how to go about starting up a new organization on campus.

She found out that she must collect at least 10 signatures from students who would be interested in the club. She must also find a faculty or staff member who would be willing to sponsor the organization.

"One thing that I do want to point out," said Rhodes, "is the reason that I named it the Gay, Lesbian and Friends Club is because you don't have to be gay to be in the club. It's also for friends and supporters."

Rhodes doesn't think

people will be hesitant to join the club.

"They know who they are and they know what their choice is. Most people that support us wouldn't really care [what other people think] because they know who they are," she said.

If GLFC becomes a reality, future activities may include speakers from the Human Rights Campaign, HIV awareness presentations and political endorsements.

"The gay and lesbian vote is increasing big time... In the next presidential election it's going to really show," Rhodes predicted.

Rhodes attended a recent Baptist Collegiate Ministries meeting which featured speaker Stephen Black. Black represented First Stone Ministries, an organization that is dedicated to helping homosexuals who want to change and become heterosexuals.

"I guess basically the point that I want to give to the people is that... homosexuality is a choice to a

certain point.

"It's a choice that we want to live the life that is our life," Rhodes said.

"From my own personal experience there's the choice that, yeah, I want to come out and live my life for who I am.

"If people don't like me just because I'm gay, then I don't want to be their friend anyway."

Rhodes is determined not to let people stand in her way who think that the homosexual lifestyle is wrong or immoral.

"Basically, I think the people that are like that — they have no clue.

"Either that, or they probably are [gay] and are trying to hide from it."

Rhodes hopes that a lot of students will show an interest in joining this group.

"A lot of people think that they don't know anyone who is gay, but they never know."

For more information contact the office of Student Life at 682-1611 ext. 7596.

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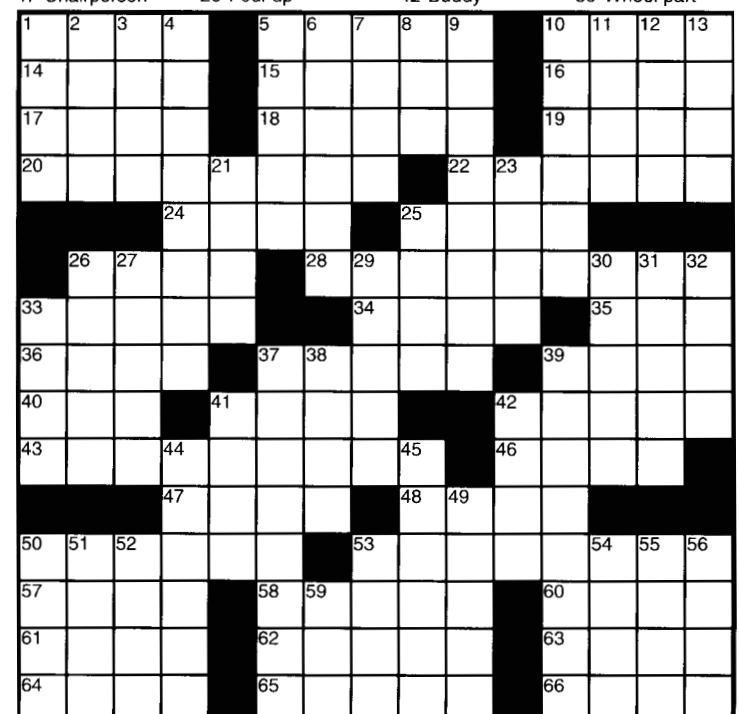
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Professor says NATO strikes aren't helpful

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forced to return to their hometown.

Avidue said, when he has the chance to speak to his family by phone, they tell him they are fine.

"They make it sound like everything is just great. This makes me worry even more," he said.

Political Science Professor Dana Glencross disagrees with the actions by NATO.

She said it will not bring peace to the Balkan.

"Peace only works when a conflict is terminated or resolved."

Glencross said, among the Balkan nations, the memory of historic wars,

displacement and ethnic controversies that lead to conflicts like this, are too deeply rooted to be resolved by the possible disappearance of Slobodan Milosevic and his regime.

In fact, Glencross said, bombs actually hurt the Albanians because they will be returning to destroyed homes and the aggression against them might become even stronger.

She said the United States should help the refugees financially in order to prevent possible starvation and to help rebuild homes.

Melanie Scott, OKCCC admissions officer, said five international students from Balkan states are currently enrolled at OKCCC and even more from neighboring countries.

College automotive program to include GM training

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cated within their company as well, Grummer said.

Other forms of training will also be implemented, Grummer said.

"Interactive distance learning (Internet-based teaching) as well as learning through training tapes is already in practice," he said. "We'll just strengthen the use of the two."

Grummer said the reason given for the closings

was to increase the number of sites where training could take place.

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Kosovo conflict dates back as far as 600 years

By Michaela Marx
Newswriting I Student

The origin of the Kosovo conflict dates back as far as 600 years.

Over time, the Turks conquered more and more territory in the Balkans. This brought the Islam to Europe.

In 1389, the Christian Serbs were defeated by the Turks on the territory which is today Kosovo. The Serbs were driven out of a territory which had been a part of their empire.

From that point on, Kosovo, as well as Albania and Macedonia belonged to the Ottoman Empire, a multi-national state, that stretched as far as the Arabic peninsula.

The Islamic Albanians lived in a united territory that included Kosovo.

The Ottoman empire collapsed in the early 20th century. In 1912 Montenegro, Greece, Serbia and Bulgaria declared war on Turkey.

After the war, Kosovo was divided between Serbia and Montenegro. Albania became independent. Macedonia went to the Serbs.

The Albanian nation was split into Albania and Kosovo.

On Dec. 1, 1918, following World War I, Kosovo became part of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, which later became Yugoslavia.

Protests by the Kosovo ethnic Albanians arose. They were denied several basic rights such as education in the Albanian language.

During World War II, Yugoslavia was occupied by Axis forces. Kosovo was torn between Albania, Bulgaria and Ger-



Shown on the map are locations that have been involved in the ongoing Kosovo conflict over the years.

many.

After that war, Yugoslavia was reconstituted in 1946. Kosovo would be an Autonomous Region within the Serbian Republic.

The Serbian Constitution provided Kosovo would direct its own economic and cultural development, and was responsible for the protection of its citizens' rights.

In 1969 Kosovo Albanians were permitted to fly the Albanian flag as their national emblem. The ethnic Albanians increased their participation in the public sector.

In 1974 Yugoslavia, commanded by the communist Josip Broz Tito, adopted another constitution providing the Autonomous Province of Kosovo would be entitled to status almost equal to that of the other six Yugoslavian republics.

After Tito's death in 1980, the Kosovo Serbs began to seek a return of the earlier political system in which the Serbs held greater privilege and power.

On March 23, 1989, after years of protest, Serbia took away Kosovo's autonomy status.

Albanian protests were violently silenced by the Serbian regime.

In 1990, Albanians were dismissed from jobs in the

public sector and replaced by a Serbian-controlled public body.

The Albanian resistance grew stronger. In 1991, the Albanians announced the independent "Republic Kosovo."

Other Yugoslavian republics, following after the Serbian regime, began blocking federal presidency and removing non-Serbs from public positions.

This movement led to the Yugoslavian civil war in the first half of the 90s.

In 1992, the Kosovo Albanians elected a legislative body and a president. The government in Belgrade declared the elections to be illegal.

From 1989 to present, the Kosovo Albanians have been denied the ability to participate in government as well as the right to establish self-government.

Human rights, such as protection from police violence or torture, were violated.

The Balkans and its patchwork of different nations, cultures, religions and diverse political history developed once again into a ticking time bomb.

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