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Student enrollment increases

By Darcey Ralls
Editor

Fall enrollment at OKCCC has increased for the first time in the past five years. Student enrollment increased by almost 2 percent while the number of credit hours those students are taking also increased by nearly 2 percent.

Charlotte French, OKCCC's director of enrollment management, said the increase in enrollment is due to the increase in the number of Fast Track, weekend and Internet courses.

A current enrollment trend shows an increase in the number of traditional college students, 18 to 22 years old.

The average age of OKCCC students is 26.4. The current median age is 23.

French said the influx of younger students has had an effect on the college.

"The younger students like morning classes, but not too early," French said. "They prefer a starting time of 9 and then they want to finish by noon or something like that."

She said the increased number of morning students has increased the need for more classrooms.

"We expect to continue to increase in younger students.... That's going to put that demand in the morning on us. We have pretty much filled every classroom we have in the morning right now," French said.

OKCCC's parking lots also provide evidence of increased enrollment.

"We used to say that parking would get better after the first three or four weeks," French said. "It hasn't gotten better."

French said, personally, she doesn't mind having to park far away because that means that more students are here.

The average course load among the 9,817 students enrolled in fall credit courses is 7.6 hours.

About 17 percent of those students are enrolled exclusively in morning classes, 6 percent exclusively in afternoon classes, 28 percent exclusively in evening classes, 3 percent exclusively in weekend classes, 4 percent exclusively in arranged classes and the remaining 42 percent are enrolled in some combination of these times.



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Noontime entertainment: David Harris delights the lunch crowd with his musical performances Sept. 22. The California-based guitarist and vocalist's visit was sponsored by the office of Student Life.

Professor suspended

Stephen McCloy cites 'unfortunate misunderstanding' as reason

By Darcey Ralls
Editor

Two days after Oklahoma City police searched his office, OKCCC business professor Stephen McCloy was placed on administrative leave.

Sgt. James Chiles and Lt. Greg Taylor executed a search warrant Sept. 15.

Taylor said they confiscated a computer and other items from McCloy's office. He said he and Chiles are now examining McCloy's hard drive and computer files for evidence of Internet pornography.

No charges had been filed in connection with this case as of Sept. 23.

"It takes a long time to look

through computer files," Taylor said.

McCloy remains on administrative leave pending a reinstatement hearing scheduled for Oct. 18.

"I think it's a very unfortunate misunderstanding," McCloy said. "Nothing is more important to me than returning to the classroom."

McCloy has taught full-time at OKCCC since 1982.

McCloy said he was given a reason for his suspension but would not elaborate.

"It's too painful," he said.

Dr. Paul Sechrist, vice president for academic affairs, placed

McCloy on administrative leave but refused to comment about the rea-



Stephen McCloy

See "McCloy," page 9

Satellite series to focus on Y2K

John Huggins
Newswriting I
Student

The year 2000 will no doubt bring many technological and religious changes.

Fortunately, the first of this year's series of satellite seminars, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, will be held before any of the predicted upheaval.

OKCCC English Professor Richard Rouillard, Phi Theta Kappa sponsor, said the first seminar will address the current issue of the Y2K bug, the religious ramifications on most faiths and the exploitation of the millennial anxieties by corporations.

It will be presented by Mark Anderson, the Honors Director at the State University of New York in Brockport, NY.

Rouillard said PTK is a proud sponsor of the series.

"We're very excited about this year's series of seminars."

The first seminar will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5 in room 201, on the second floor of the library.

For more information, call Rouillard at 682-1611, ext. 7389.

The free seminars are open to the public.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Fear controls our society

After arriving home from church Wednesday evening, Sept. 15, I flipped on the television set. I sat in horror, watching as an all too familiar scenario was playing out.

Police lights flashing, ambulances pulling into hospitals, wounded people being carried on stretchers. At first all they were saying was that a shooting had occurred at a church in Texas. My first thought went to my son and his family who live in Texas. I watched intently, waiting to hear the location. Shortly after, they said a Baptist Church in South Fort Worth. Panic was beginning to set in at this time. My son's family lived and worshipped in South Fort Worth.

We called to check on their safety.

The Wedgwood Baptist Church was just six short blocks from where my family had been in services that fateful evening.

Why does society appear so different today than in the fifties?

When I grew up in the fifties it was a treat, not a right, to own a television. Mom and dad strictly monitored what their children watched.

Reading was a must.

Families ate together at least once a day. The table was set and certain things were adhered to very strictly. Hands and face had to be clean and you were always cautioned not to argue with your brother at the table.

Fear did not control your every movement. Doors were never locked. School was a continuation of what we were exposed to at home. God, home and country were sacred and strong.

Oh, we did have blackboard jungles. Thugs ruled the schools and people trembled when the thugs became angry, but they were far removed from Oklahoma.

Our main fears in Oklahoma City were communism and bombs. I remember people building bomb shelters and stockpiling food. You always seemed to know your enemy.

Now children fear each other, their parents' anger or being abducted by nice-looking strangers. Everything they listen to seems to have subliminal messages of hate, anger, death and discouragement. No one has any patience with anyone else. We have our rights. When our feelings are hurt now we go out of our way to get even.

Used to be, the good guys always wore white hats and the bad guys wore the black hats. Now the guys in the white hats can kill you in a fit of rage.

Fear controls our freedom of speech and actions.

Where issues were more black and white in the past everything falls into the gray areas now. There is no right and wrong.

It's all irrelevant.

— By Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

Event promotes college

To the Editor:

On Sept. 14 OKCCC hosted the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Education Banquet. Dr. Todd, OKCCC president, acted as Master of Ceremonies. The keynote speaker was the honorable Cal Hobson state senator from Cleveland County.

In his speech Sen. Hobson spoke of the need to focus on educating the young people of Oklahoma. He underscored the need by pointing out that it takes only \$4,600 a year to educate a child while it takes over \$18,000 to maintain an inmate in the state prison system.

After the keynote address many awards were presented. Amy Thompson and Joyce Mauldin of the Women of the South awarded Primary Provider Scholarships to five female students at OKCCC. These scholarships cover full tuition, fees and books for all classes leading to an associate degree. The recipients

were: Barbara Brown, Ronni Evilla, Dana Foreman, Stormy Jackson, and Lisa Stephens.

Next was the Sponsor-a-Student Program and scholarship recipients. There were 22 students who received these scholarships from six different high schools. These awards allow high school students to earn college credit before they graduate from high school.

Sen. Hobson awarded the 1999 Student of the Year Award. All of the finalists received a gift bag, a U.S. savings bond and a certificate. The winner, Kimberly Wooden, received \$100.

Craig Knutson, Vice President of Planning for the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, awarded the Excellence in Education Awards to outstanding teachers and administrators.

The event brought many important people to campus and provided a good

opportunity to make them aware of the college. Dr. Todd pointed out that OKCCC is now the fifth largest college in the state and growing every day. With all of these opportunities, perhaps by next year's banquet we will be the fourth!

— Ronni Grace
OKCCC Student

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RUBES®

By Leigh Rubin



"I suppose this really puts that cat allergy of yours into perspective, eh, old boy?"

Comments and Reviews

'Trailer' provides long, long laughs

If you are in need of a good laugh never sell and move on down the road. Lucy decides she long before the load gets too heavy.

Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez short.

The Long, Long Trailer was released in 1954 but the experience is very timely with recreational vehicles being so popular today.

Lucy and Desi play Tacy and Nicky Collini, a newlywed couple.

Nicky travels with his job so Tacy convinces him to purchase a trailer. She wants to be near his side preparing his meals and being a wife to him.

Fear grips Nicky as he maneuvers this 28-foot home through traffic and over mountains.

Backing into the driveway at Aunt Anastasia's house creates havoc, as he comes to rest on Tacy's aunt's prize roses.

They cut their visit short



needs to prepare dinner while Nicky is driving. Lucy plays the part with her usual zany approach.

Tacy collects rocks and canning jams from all over America. It doesn't take

Nicky orders her to throw out the rocks and canned foods but Tacy hides them instead.

The climb up the steep, narrow mountain road becomes hilarious as the load shifts.

The laughter was as spontaneous and hilarious as it was the first time I saw it on the big screen.

I rented this movie at Blockbuster Video.

It is also available for purchase through amazon.com for less than \$15.

— **By Becky Gerred**
Staff Writer

'Foxfire' full of friends, fire, fun

Foxfire is the story of five high school girls: Legs, Maddie, Rita, Violet and Goldie — total strangers who become best friends.

It begins with Rita's harassment at the hands of her science teacher, Mr. Buttinger. All of the girls band together and save Rita.

Each girl has her own set of serious problems. Goldie is looking to lose herself in drugs. Violet is addicted to her own sexual power over herself and others. Rita is so shy, she is almost construed as emotionally unstable. Maddie is lost in her art. Then Legs becomes a part of their lives. Through her friendship, they cease to be lost and in turn, find themselves.

These girls, with problems with drugs, sexuality, shyness and identity are seen as a gang. "Those girls who run with foxes." But through their friendship together, they overcome the obstacles in their lives and become more than just faces in the crowd. This friendship not only lifts the girls up, but also it gives them wings.

The girls go through some adventures together. When the girls are suspended for defending Rita, Maddie forgets her art portfolio.

So, they break into the school and steal it, setting the art room on fire in the process. After that night, the girls tattoo themselves with a fire tattoo as a sym-

bol of their friendship.

Superbly acted by Angelina Jolie as Legs, her screen presence makes you see her character. While you're looking, we see a part of every woman inside of her.

Also, a terrific supporting cast of what were "unknowns," Dash Mihok, Peter Facinelli and Jenny Shimizu have gone on to fame and fortune.

With a vehicle like "Foxfire," I can see why. I greatly recommend this movie. I

t's a story of how to find yourself through the love of your friends. Every girl, woman and child should see it.

— **By Danielle Keel**
Staff Writer

Men's mags offer poor advice

A new generation of men's magazines is invading the market.

It used to be like this: Men read magazines dealing with car engines, sports or girls with very little clothing.

Guys used to make fun of every "Cosmopolitan" magazine their girlfriend purchased.

"You don't really take this stuff seriously," men would comment on the articles about relationships, make-up and how to charm your male boss into giving you a pay raise.

Well, times have changed and magazines like "GQ", "Maxim" and "Gear" are what men read now.

The interesting thing is the contents of those magazines are very similar to women's magazines.

Advice on fashion, sports, food, spirit, relationships and technology are regular features.

As we all know males react to visual stimuli, so of course every issue comes with a half-dressed TV-star or naked Victoria's Secret model. Jeans fashion tips are presented by topless super-models.

This month "GQ" features everything a man needs to know for the start of football season. Besides that it follows the usual pattern.

"Gear" turned out to

be more interesting. Unlike the other magazines it introduces relatively unknown music acts, movies and artists. It is actually informative. Of course there are pages dedicated to half-naked chicks and how to get abs of steel.

I grant to "Maxim" the new not-get-caught-buying-one-if-you-ever-want-to-be-taken-seriously-by-a-woman-again award.

Articles like "How to transform my hormone-driven psycho-girlfriend into the sweetheart I started dating" or "The beer workout, keep on drinking and stay buff and fit" simply won me over.

My favorite articles were "Don't feed the foreigners," a warning about the weird habits of the non-shaving Europeans and scary people from other parts of the world, as well as the article on how to become the lover she'll never forget.

In conclusion: Men are as vain, body-obsessed and eager to learn how to impress the other sex as women.

I hope they do not rely on the advice of these magazines.

— **By Michaela Marx**
Staff Writer



From culinary tastes to European history

By Emily David
Newswriting I Student

After one semester of part-time teaching, Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen has been given a position as full-time history professor.

Sheetz-Nguyen holds several degrees in European



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen

"I like the students and their interest in the subject. I never cease to be surprised at the hard work they do in class."

—Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen

history but, she said, her love of Europe goes beyond academic.

To her friends and family, the OKCCC history professor is known as "The Fish Sauce Queen" for her culinary expertise in European cuisine.

She said she learned this talent through a two-year European-style culinary apprenticeship at the Greenbriar Hotel in West Virginia.

When Sheetz-Nguyen completed her apprenticeship in 1986, she pursued a career as a professional chef.

Ready to expand her horizons, Sheetz-Nguyen said, she returned to school in 1987, this time obtaining a secondary education degree in

social studies.

During her college years, she said she visited and fell in love with Germany. It was from that trip that her love for European History arose.

"I did a lot of research in London," she said.

"I spent 16 months working on my dissertation.

"It took me several years to complete."

Her degrees include a bachelor's in European history and philosophy from Cabrini College in Radnor, PA, a master's in European History from Millersville University of Penn., and a doctorate in European history from Marquette University in Wisconsin.

Sheetz-Nguyen has also served as the coordinator for the Preparing Future Faculty Program at Marquette University, a program that, she said, is "very near and dear" to her heart.

History prof fulfilling 'lifelong dream'

By Emily David
Newswriting I Student

Professor Mendy Bergin is a woman of many interests.

Not only does she serve as the new full-time professor of history, but also she holds a certificate as a couture seamstress.

In fact, Bergin said, other than history, sewing is her next love.

She is the owner and president of her own company, Creative Additions, Inc. She also sews clothing for her children.

Bergin said if she could design her own clothing line, she would follow the paths of Ralph Lauren, Harold's, and Talbot's.

Bergin said her position as a professor of history has fulfilled a "lifelong dream."

"The best thing about

working here is that all the people I've met that work here are happy to be here."

Bergin has taught at both Columbia College and Barat College in Illinois, the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma City University and Rose State College.

She has been teaching as an adjunct professor at OKCCC since August of 1990.

She received the promotion to full-time professor this fall.

Her other interests include the Junior League of Oklahoma and the Barr Foundation, both of which she is currently active.

Within the Junior League of Oklahoma City, she volunteers with the Boys and Girls Club, providing at-risk students a safe place to go after school.



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Mendy Bergin

The Barr Foundation was begun by Burris' family to promote women's education projects in Nicaragua.

Her degrees include a bachelor's in letters and master's in American History, both from the University of Oklahoma.

Her research interests focus on women's history because she said, those groups are the "poorest of the population."

Sheetz-Nguyen said she is glad to be teaching at

OKCCC.

"I like the students and their interest in the subject," she said.

"I never cease to be surprised at the hard work they do in class."

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Piano lessons pay off for prof

Ryan Herbert named choir director

By Kyle Ferguson
Newswriting I Student

Ryan Herbert said he is glad his mother made him stick with the piano lessons he took as a child.

Otherwise, the 24-year-old music professor said, he might not be choir director at OKCCC today.

This is Hebert's first year at OKCCC.

He said he brings with him great hopes and ideas.

Hebert graduated in July from the University of Kansas where he received his master's degree in choral conducting and a master's in church music with organ emphasis.

He received a bachelor's degree at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa before moving on to Kansas.

While studying at KU, Herbert said, he also worked as an organist and choir director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Leavenworth, Kan.

He said he has high hopes for the direction of OKCCC's choir.

"I would like to get out in the community more and have our college known for its choir.

"We need to be visual because it can be a recruiting tool so we can build a center for excellence."

OKCCC has three choirs: the Symphonic Choir, Chamber Singers and the Concert Choir. Hebert said he encourages all students with an interest in music to get involved in one of those singing groups.



Photo by Ryan Johnson
Ryan Herbert

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Photo by Darcey Ralls

Left to right: Shawn Lee Peebles, Ronii Grace and Amber Taylor participate in a dress rehearsal for the upcoming OKCCC theater production, "Our Town," a Thornton Wilder play set in the year 1901. The play will run Sept. 29 through Oct. 2.

'Our Town' opens OKCCC fall theater

By Jennie Martinez
Newswriting I Student

The theater department is hard at work rehearsing for the first of two plays scheduled this semester.

The feature play, "Our Town," written in 1938 by Thornton Wilder, is considered to be one of the best representations of life in America.

Wilder, who is the only writer to win a Pulitzer Prize for both literature and drama, won a Pulitzer Prize for this play.

"Our Town" is set in

the town of Grover's Corners, NH, in 1901.

Student director Stephanie Doyle said "Our Town" is a century piece.

"It's interesting to see how much we've changed since 1901 and how much we've remained the same," Doyle said.

This is Doyle's debut as a director which, she said, is both "nerve racking and fun, a real learning experience."

The play is open to the public and runs Sept. 29 through Oct. 2. The curtain will rise at 7 p.m. each night.

General admission is \$5 and \$4 for students and senior citizens.

Special attention given to details of production

By Ronii Grace
Contributing Writer

Costumes are being specially made for the upcoming production of "Our Town" by Dis Guy's Costumes of Oklahoma City.

Students and faculty are working hard to make this performance stand out from others performed by other theater groups.

There will be a billboard in the theater lobby with original histories for each of the characters in the play written by the student actors who play the roles.

This serves to give the characters in this performance a unique life unlike any performance of the play before it.

There will also be a very special multimedia presentation featuring actual family photos from the period (late 19th



Patrick Daugherty
Theater Professor

and early 20th centuries) as well as additions to the original scenes that include live musical performances by students of music from the period.

CAST LIST

Leila Mahmoodjanloo.....	Stage manager
Michael Cross.....	Doc Gibbs
Olivia Glenn-Allen.....	Joe Si Crowell
Scott Huard.....	Howie Newsome
Ronii Evilla.....	Mrs. Gibbs
Shawn Peebles.....	Mrs. Webb
John West IV.....	George Gibbs
Jennifer Armstrong.....	Rebecca Gibbs
Amber Taylor.....	Emily Webb
Jason Mayo.....	Constable Warren
Jeremie Cook.....	Editor Webb
Rachel Cheatwood.....	Wally Webb
Lacey Sitton.....	Beligerant woman
Tammy Barton.....	Lady in the box
Spencer Francis.....	Simon Stimson
Susan Thompson.....	Mrs. Soames
Angelo L. Gambino.....	Joe Stoddard
Rhonda Hill.....	Vocalist
Andrea Boyd.....	Vocalist
Elizabeth Collings.....	Woman among the dead
Greg Daubenspeck.....	Sam Craig
Stephanie Doyle.....	Audience member
Seth Tarkington.....	Professor Willard

Student, postal worker, husband, hero

By **Michaela Marx**
Staff Writer

OKCCC student Loren Schrupp, and his friend and co-worker Eddie Altunian became heroes Monday after chasing down a suspected armed robber who tried to carjack their vehicle.

Mail workers Schrupp, 48, of Choctaw and Altunian, 38, of Moore pulled into a parking lot at a car dealer's garage to pick up a postal service vehicle.

Schrupp said as they were waiting in front of the shop in a pickup truck the suspect, running from the police after an armed robbery, suddenly threw the door open.

"He lifted his shirt, saying he had a gun," Schrupp said. "He yelled, 'Get out or I am going to kill you.'"

The man then pulled

Altunian out of the car and jumped in the driver's seat.

Schrupp, sitting on the passenger seat, said he reacted instantly and wrestled the man down in a headlock.

"I am a former wrestler," Schrupp said.

"I used to wrestle with my sons and they are all strong, big boys. Compared to them this guy was nothing."

Schrupp said Altunian then grabbed the man's hair and pulled him out of the car.

Altunian and Schrupp held him down until the police arrived to arrest the suspect.

Schrupp said he was not scared at any time during

this incident.

"Only after it was over my heart started beating a little bit faster.

"The scariest part was when the cops started pointing all the guns at us," Schrupp said.

The suspect had escaped after he and an accomplice had robbed a motel front desk.

The two suspects were taken to the Oklahoma County jail and booked on complaints of armed robbery, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and attempting to elude police.

Schrupp walked away from the scene with only a scratch on his shoulder.

He said he started working for the postal service in

1992 after he retired from the Air Force.

He currently attends two classes at the college, he said.

The father of five has already completed two college degrees and is taking computer classes this semester.

His daughter Jennifer also attends the college as a sports medicine major.

His wife Janice is a GED professor at the college. She said she was

at OKCCC when the incident occurred.

"By the time I got home I had missed the story twice on TV and they didn't show it in the 10 o'clock news," she said.

Janice Schrupp said she



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Loren Schrupp helped capture an armed robber after the man tried to carjack the vehicle he was in.

is very proud of her husband but not surprised.

"He is a very honorable man. He has served 22 years in the military.

"He would not let anybody do any harm or let someone get away with it."

"The scariest part was when the cops started pointing all the guns at us."

—Loren Schrupp
OKCCC Student



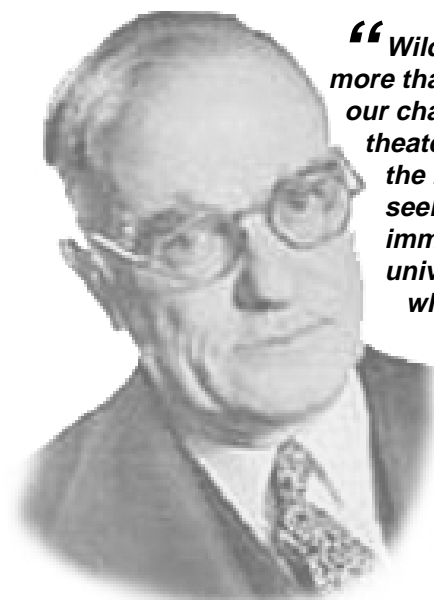
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Dr. Debra Burris

Semiconductor lab position best birthday present

Confirmation of her hiring as Professor of Physics and Director of the Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology Program was a welcome birthday present for Dr. Debra Burris.

She started full-time in August.

Burris, an adjunct professor at OKCCC for the last year, said she really likes the students here. She said they have a good work ethic.

"Some of the best students I have had since I started teaching have been here."

Dean of the Science and Mathematics Department, Anna Wilson said she is glad to have Burris on the staff.

"OKCCC is very fortunate to have her as a professor and to direct the semiconductor program."

Burris said she has loved science since she was a small child and read every book she could find on the subject.

After high school, she attended Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, and received a bachelor's degree in nuclear physics.

While in school, she said, she worked at the local hospital as a radiation physicist, planning radiation therapy treatments for patients with cancer.

Burris said she would use some of the same applications in this program.

She attended graduate school at the University of Oklahoma and received her doctorate in astro-physics.

Burris said her goal is to show students the practical side of physics.

"Physics is what makes the world go around."

She said she would like her students to walk away with a general understanding of why the world turns on its axis, why the light comes on when they flip the switch and how they can find their way at night because they can find the North Star.

"That's what I want them to appreciate."

Astronomy and meteorology are just a couple of the areas covered in her physical science class.

She said she encourages students to go outside and look at the sky to see what's going on around them.

"I call it being a more informed consumer."

Burris said some students tell her at the beginning of class that they are scared of science.

By the end of the semester, she said, they say "wow, I really learned something."

"That's really great and makes me feel like I've done my job."

The first class of students will begin training in the new Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology Program Clean Room in January 2000, said Professor Debra Burris, Director of the program.

Burris said every mother knows what a clean room is, but this is not the ordinary clean room.

One major difference, she said, is, in order to enter this clean room, one must put on a special outfit called a bunny suit.

There is a specific order in which you suit up.

First, she said, a hood which covers everything but your eyes and nose is put on. That is followed by a jumpsuit, then by booties, gloves and goggles.

"This material is not meant to protect the student, but is designed to protect the electronic devices from the student," she said. "The devices are so tiny that in order to see the individual components you have to look through a microscope."

"A hair, a flake of skin or a piece of fingernail or anything so inconsequential to us would destroy the circuit," Burris said.

The semiconductor program will be using a simulated clean room.

A true clean room is too expensive to operate.

In industry, a clean room worker would walk through a big blower, and have the equipment to filter the air and keep the temperature very cool.

A similar program exists in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Integrated Circuit Fabrication Institute at Pikes Peak Community College began in January 1996.

The Director of ICF, Philip Myers, said they do not have a simulated clean room at the college. The equipment is expensive and becomes outdated too fast he said.

In Colorado several fabrication plants support the Pikes Peak program and allow the students to tour their clean rooms, Myers said.

Burris said safety will be taught for the first few weeks of the program. Part of the process involves using chemicals like hydrofluoric acid and sulfuric acid.

Before working with the chemicals, the student

dresses in acid safety equipment. The room is equipped with an acid shower and eyewash.

There will be drills signaled by a flashing red light and buzzer that warn of an accident.

Students will learn the process of how to build chips as well as how to maintain the electro-mechanical equipment that is used, Burris said.

The student will be more employable, she said, because even if the demand for technicians goes down, the equipment still needs to be maintained.

Technicians who can build the chips and maintain the equipment will be the ones who usually keep a job, Burris said.

"Right now we are trying to attract fabrication plants to the state," Burris said.

"After completing their training in this program, students can work anywhere there is a clean room facility. There is a clean room at Xerox as well as a pharmaceutical plant."

A Mesa Ridge High School counselor in Colorado Springs, Colo., Barbara Smith, said she knows of one student who graduated from the Pikes Peak Program at 19 and went to work with a starting salary of more than \$30,000.

OKCCC Dean of the Science and Mathematics Anna Wilson said OKCCC's clean room will be operational in January 2000.

"OKCCC is looking for students to start the program," she said.

Burris said the students will learn how to take a silicon wafer through the process of building a "transistor-size device" which, she said, is huge on a scale of integrated circuits but tiny to the human eye.

According to the IC Fab Institute's brochure, nearly all of the chip manufacturers are expanding their operations. Through the year 2000 it is estimated that 35 wafer fabrication plants will be built, generating a need for 40,000 new technicians and skilled operators.



Photo courtesy of Debra Burris

Dr. Debra Burris holds a silicone wafer like the ones the students will use to learn how to build microscopic electronic circuitry on in the simulated clean room.

TEXT BY
SUSAN CRAIG
NEWSWRITING I STUDENT

Latino Bingo offers fast-paced fun

By Karee Borovetz
Newswriting I Student

If you like to watch music videos or play bingo, Latino music video bingo is for you.

The Campus Activities Board and the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will host Latino music video bingo from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 12 in the college union.

Mike Jones, OKCCC coordinator of student activities, said Latino music



Mike Jones

video bingo is easy to play.

He said videos are displayed on a wall of televisions and each player re-

ceives a bingo card.

Players watch the videos and mark off each video shown.

The first person with four in a row wins. Prizes include CDs, T-shirts and OKCCC merchandise.

"The event is free and everyone is welcome to come play," Jones said.

Representatives from CAB and HOPE will be present to answer any questions.

Through the event, organizers hope to raise awareness of HOPE and encourage students to get involved

with campus activities.

For more information about the event, contact the Office of Student Life at 682-7523.

Latino Bingo

Where?
College Union

When?
Oct. 12

What time?
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Flag football begins

By Matt Strasner
Newswriting I Student

Are you ready for some football? Flag football season kicked off Sept. 23 for the gridiron greats of OKCCC.

Six teams will play games at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. every Thursday at the field located on the southeast corner of the campus.

The teams consist of seven players, including student team captains who serve as the coaches of the teams. All teams have a six-game schedule.

Jonie Welle, OKCCC recreational coordinator, said flag football has been at OKCCC for some time.

"I am certain it has been going on for the past nine years," she said.

Welle said she'd like to see students and the OKCCC community get out to a game and show support of the team.

Students donate 100 units of blood

By Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

A young man is wheeled into the emergency room, bleeding profusely. The doctor orders a blood transfusion.

A new mother hemorrhages after giving birth. The doctor orders a blood transfusion.

The bombing of the Murrah Building in downtown Oklahoma City needed immediate blood to treat the first victims arriving at the hospital.

Where did the blood come from?

The Oklahoma Blood Institute has been processing and banking blood for 20 years.

Donors lay on tables, ready to sacrifice for the needs of others at OKCCC on Sept. 22 and 23.

Many are willing to donate every chance they get.

"It's for a good cause and it's good for guys to donate from time to time," student Rick Tautfest said.

"Out with the old and produce some new."

One student said it's an inexpensive way to show others you care.

"It's something I can give, it doesn't cost me a thing and it helps everyone," student Al Dean said.

"I'm up to about three

Right: Student Shelley Steele donated blood at the latest blood drive held Sept. 22 and 23 at OKCCC. OBI Nurse Patricia Jimboy draws blood from Steele.

Photo by Becky Gerred

and a half gallons now. I donate whenever I can."

Donors supply the blood needs of more than 70 hospitals throughout Oklahoma including Oklahoma City hospitals.

Donations vary from place to place.

Tiffany Barnett, team leader for the Oklahoma Blood Institute said they hope to get 140 units during this OKCCC drive.

Over 100 units is good for OKCCC, Barnett said.

The final count at the end of the drive was 100 units.

All the donated blood is transported to the lab where tests are run to assure its safety.

"We don't actually send the students any of their test results unless something comes up that is not in range," Barnett said.

"Then we will bring them back in for re-testing at that time."

So, according to Barnett, no news is good news.

"We do give them their cholesterol and blood type."

Those results arrive in the mail a few weeks after the donation.



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Free-for-all in the library for books and magazines

By Michael Taylor
Newswriting I Student

Those who like free stuff need to check out the "free-bee" table located on the main floor of the library.

There, one will find some magazines and certain books or textbooks that cannot be put on shelves.

Reference Librarian Rachel Butler said the books that are given away are those that are falling apart and, as a result, have been removed from the shelves of the OKCCC library.

Duplicate copies of magazines are also placed on the table.

Butler said the giveaway table was started in the spring of 1999.

"The table started as an experiment," she said.

"We used to give copies of old publications of magazines and books to prison libraries.

"If the books were in too bad of shape, they would

end up in the trash."

Coordinator of Public Services Jay Ramanjulu said the prison libraries were getting too full so

OKCCC librarians decided to put together the table.

"The table will be continued because it is such a big success," he said.



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Robyn Cole, Oklahoma City resident, looks over the free magazines and books in the library.

Surplus auction nets \$4K

By Darcey Ralls
Editor

For the low price of \$32.50, a bidder picked up several Apple computers, including monitors, keyboards, central processing units and other accessories.

The items sold at the college's surplus sale Sept. 11 at Kelly Auctions on Interstate 35 between Moore and Norman.

Physical plant director John Knight said the college holds surplus sales whenever there is enough surplus in storage to make it worthwhile.

Equipment, furniture and other property is designated as surplus when it becomes obsolete, inoperative or if there is an excess of that particular item, he said.

"Before we send anything to auction we

check to make sure that it can't be utilized somewhere on campus," Knight said.

Among the items auctioned were IBM computers, Dell computers, two fax machines, printers, microscopes, file cabinets and office furniture.

Glen Mays, OKCCC material control and fleet management clerk, attended the auction.

He said there weren't as many people there as he thought there would be. He did not purchase anything.

Knight said the auction went well and the college made more money than it would have if it had held the auction on campus.

"You never really get what the merchandise is worth," Knight said.

He said Kelly Auctions won the bid for the surplus auction which generated \$4,050 in revenue for the college.

Computer confiscated from professor's office

"Jump,"

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son.

Jerry Steward, general council for the college, would not comment further on the matter.

"I have to abide by the law in terms of privacy," Steward said.

When police officers arrived on campus, they were escorted by two campus security officers to McCloy's office.

OKCCC's security chief said he did not know about the city police officers conducting a search here.

"I have not been in-

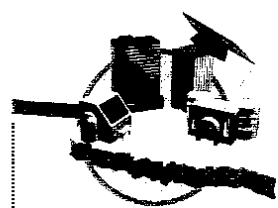
formed that they were here," said Keith Bourque, coordinator of campus safety and security.

Bourque did say he received a special request to place a security officer outside of Sechrist's office.

McCloy said he plans to resume teaching after his reinstatement hearing.

"I have the highest regard...for [Dean] Joel Kinnamon and Vice-President Paul Sechrist," McCloy said. "The happiest years of my life have been teaching."

Taylor said Oklahoma City police became aware of this issue when Steward called and asked for their assistance.



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Highlights

"Endings" seminar to help with life's transitions

The Center for Student Development presents a seminar to help students, faculty and staff to look at the endings in their lives, such as job changes, death, divorce and natural disasters.

"Endings" will be held from 11 a.m. until noon, Tuesday, Sept. 28, in college union room 8, or from 2 until 3 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 29, in college union room 2. Admission is free. For more information call Mary Turner at 682-1611, ext. 7369 or Peggy Jordan at 682-1611, ext. 7362.

Meeting promises lots of drama

The Drama Club will be holding a meeting at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 28, in room 1F5 in the Arts and Humanities building.

Future Teachers' Organization meeting

Future Teachers' Organization meeting will be held at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 29, in room 2M2 in the main building.

Leadership scholarship available

The George and Donna Nigh Scholarship for \$1000 is available for students with leadership abilities and future plans of entering public service. Application requirements and qualifications can be picked up in the office of Prospective Student Services, located across from Student Organizations Office in the main building. Deadline is Nov. 1.

Tutoring program needs your help

Young children need tutoring in their reading skills for one hour a week. Volunteers will be working with the tutor/mentoring program through the Oklahoma City Public Schools at Capitol Hill Elementary. For more information, call Pat Berryhill at 682-1611, ext. 7591.

Heartland Flyer special

For students wishing to go to the OU/Texas football game on Oct. 9 by train can rest easy about transportation to Dallas from Fort. Worth.

Shuttle buses will meet the Heartland Flyer at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8, in Fort Worth and will deliver passengers to hotels in downtown Dallas, Market Center Area and Union Station. The buses will then transport passengers from designated areas in Dallas by 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 10, and take them to the train station in Fort Worth for their return trip. Advance reservation must be made by calling Amtrak's toll-free number at 1-800-USA-RAIL. For more information call Nico Gomez at 405-521-6006.

Seminar for mental health care professionals

Dr. Curtis Nigh, Ph.D., a licensed professional counselor and marriage and family therapist will be holding a Mental Health seminar titled "Being an Optimistic Therapist and Teaching Optimism to Our Clients." The seminar for therapists and other mental health care professionals will be from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8, by the Training Center at OKCCC. Cost is \$55. For more information or to enroll, call The Training Center at OKCCC at 682-7562.

Russian internships available for summer 2000

Write to Bill Mueller at REAP International, 1427 4th Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404.



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Acting warm-ups: Susan Thompson, along with drama students, playing "zip, zap, zup," an acting warm-up that gets the student's speech crisp and clear.

New club on campus

Gay, Lesbian and Friends Club encourages respect for others

**By Dorothy Mullahey
Newswriting I Student**

OKCCC has a new special interest organization to offer the student body this year — the Gay, Lesbian and Friends Club.

The idea of the GLFC was born last spring by OKCCC student Holly Rhodes.

She said her purpose was to form an on-campus organization for gays and lesbians, as well as their friends and families.

Her vision for the club would be a time where those folks could come together, offer one another support and, most importantly, she said, be themselves.

The GLFC had its first meeting Sept. 16. Twelve

members and of three faculty sponsors attended.

GLFC sponsors are Professors Lyn McDonald, Charlotte Mulvihill and Leroy Ball.

During the meeting the members talked about the club's mission, future meeting plans, long-term goals and elected officers.

McDonald said she enjoys being a sponsor.

"Our purpose is education and dialogue and trying to get the word out on the organization."

One of the GLFC members said oftentimes, a community views homosexuality as something negative.

McDonald said that's the wrong attitude to have.

"We're here and we're not going to go away so let's not beat each other up," she said.

"We need to learn to deal respectfully with one another."

The members of GLFC said they want people to understand their views and see that they can have a positive impact on the community.

McDonald said she is overwhelmed by the number of students and faculty members who have approached her and expressed support for the club.

Although the club is an on-campus organization, the meetings are open to the community.

The next open meeting will be at 8:05 p.m. Oct. 7 in college union room 7.

For more information call Lyn McDonald at 682-1611, ext. 7218, Charlotte Mulvihill at ext. 7225, or Leroy Ball at ext. 7267.

**If you have any club news
call Becky at
682-1611, ext.7675.**

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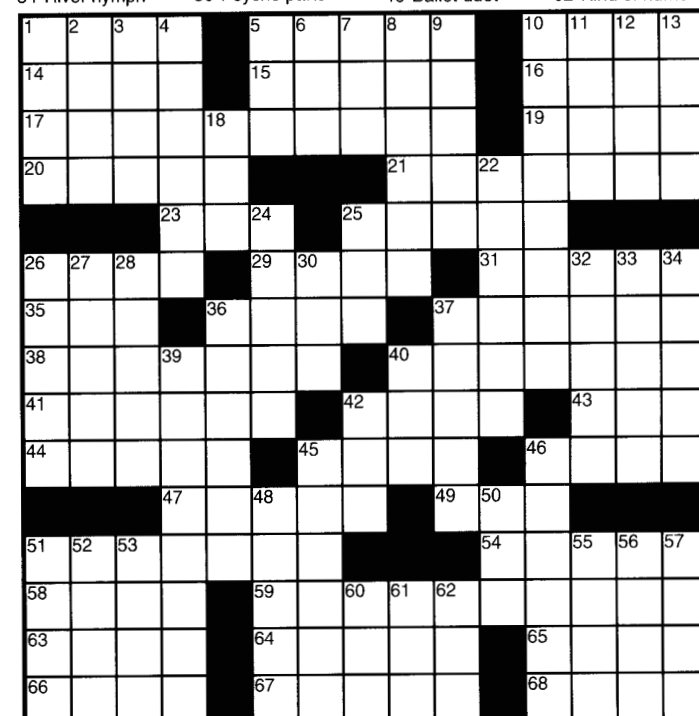
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OKCCC's theater department makes a clean sweep

**By Ronii Grace
Contributing Writer**

The Drama Club really cleaned up in the OKCCC theater when they sponsored Theatre Clean-Up Sept. 18.



Photo courtesy of Ronii Evilla

Student Susan Thompson works to clean up a mess on the stage of the OKCCC theater. Theater professor Patrick Daugherty got the group of theater students together to prepare the theater for the fall season.

About 25 students arrived at 8 a.m. to clean the college theater located in the Arts and Humanities building.

Theater Professor Patrick Daugherty said the clean-up was necessary before the first full production.

The students reorganized

the prop and costume rooms as well as cleaned the shop and stage areas.

Disorganized lumber piles, heavy wooden crates and piles of trash were cleaned up.

It was also discovered that many items were missing or destroyed including several tools that were purchased by the department last year for prop building.

Daugherty said the missing items represent a real loss to the students and to the community.

In his speech to the group during the clean-up, Daugherty said the students should be proud of their efforts.

"You have placed your mark on this theater and, by showing up and working today, you have taken pride in this theater," he said.

"It is yours. Get in here and use it."

Daugherty encouraged the students to make use of the theater outside of re-

hearsal and classes.

He also urged students to report any vandalism, to speak up if they see others leaving trash behind or misusing theater equipment and to report any drinking or smoking in or near the theater.

Clean-up lasted nearly two hours with all hands working together to make improvements.

When the work was done the students and their faculty sponsor went to break-

fast. While there, they began planning a working retreat tentatively set for late October.

Thanks to the clean-up effort, Daugherty said, the stage is now empty and clean — in perfect condition for the upcoming performance of Thornton Wilder's classic stage play "Our Town." The play is staged in black-box style, exposing the backstage area to the audience during the production.

Comfortable jeans in, bikini tops out for State Fair fashion plates

**By Stephanie Kuhnert
Newswriting I Student**

It's now unofficial — bikini tops have been voted as unacceptable to wear to State Fair 1999.

As state fair attendance rises so do the fashion don'ts of fair-goers.

Retail sales associate Alicia Branch visited the state fair on opening day.

She said, while there, she noticed several fashion problems.

Branch said, while the fair is considered a casual affair, there are still fashions that should be avoided.

She said don't wear:

- go-go boots with cut off shorts.

- jeans two sizes too small — there is a difference be-

tween a thong and jeans.

- classic-rock group T-shirts.

- leg warmers

- jeans with holes in the rear. (never show your undies to people you don't know.)

- straw hats. (summer is over.)

- bikini tops. (the pool party is over.)

- last but not least, if you have a gut, do not wear a tube top. (Your belly shouldn't hang over your jeans.)

Branch said some fashions will help make the fair experience a good one.

She said do wear:

- comfy jeans

- a bra

- color-coordinated clothing. (It's inevitable that you will see people you know.)

- your dentures.

And, she said, do bathe

before and after the fair.

Lori Cunningham, a retail manager at The Limited, a clothing store located at local malls, said she has fun observing the annual fair fashion show.

"I go to the fair to watch the people," she said.

"This year has proved to be just as colorful as last year."

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