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# PIONEER

## Theater students find selves in real life drama on trip

Drama club member attacks professors, student

By Becky Gerred  
Staff Writer

What began as a spoof of a nightmarish movie turned all too real for OKCCC drama club members.

On Oct. 22 the group traveled to the Arbuckle Mountain Motel near Davis, Okla., to film footage of "A Church Camp Massacre," a spoof of the movie "Blair Witch Project."

Instead, students endured an evening of non-staged fear after student Angelo Gambino allegedly went on a rampage.

As a result, Gambino, along with fellow drama student Jeremie Cook, wound up in jail.

Cook paid a fine and was released that day. At press time Gambino remained jailed in Murray County on a \$26,500 bond.

Cook said the trouble began when, just before filming, Gambino handed Cook a small plastic bag containing a white sub-

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—Jeremie Cook  
OKCCC Student

stance.

"He asked me to hold it for him because he was afraid the bag would fall out of his pocket," Cook said. As it turned out the bag contained drugs.

"I was naive," Cook said. "I took it thinking it would keep him from taking any more drugs. I didn't know he had some more."

Shortly after that, Cook said, Gambino started losing control for no apparent reason.

"Gambino just went crazy and started running through the parking lot writing on cars, switching lights and alarms on and off in the motel rooms, shouting, hollering and swinging a machete."

Witnesses told Davis Police Sergeant Darin Rogers that Gambino went crazy and assaulted several people, threatening to kill everyone there.

According to the police report Gambino was drinking and using drugs while attending the workshop.

OKCCC drama Professor Patrick Daugherty told the officers that Gambino had become argumentative with other students.

When Gambino saw Daugherty, he threatened to cut him with the machete. Cook said he was trying to calm Gambino when Gambino threw the machete at Daugherty, missing him.

OKCCC student Elizabeth Collings told officers

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Photos by Ryan Johnson

### He's no chicken:

OKCCC student Matt Strasner dons a medical glove and makes like a clucking hen during the Crazy Game Show in the student union.

Strasner danced around to the "Chicken Dance Song."

Participating students were given a choice between a cash prize and a randomly-chosen prize for performing variety-show type skits and acts.

After seeing another student win a Walkman, Strasner decided to go for the random prize instead of the alternate cash prize of \$5.

What did Strasner win for all of his efforts? A box of 16 crayons.

Strasner wasn't disappointed though. He said it was all in good fun and left in search of a coloring book.

## Internet enrollment popular among OKCCC students

By Kevin Robinson  
Newswriting I Student

Enrolling at OKCCC by phone may become a thing of the past as Internet enrollment becomes more popular.

Students have been able to enroll via the Internet since 1998.

Gloria Barton, dean of admissions, said the college is keeping up with the latest and best procedures by offering this type of enrollment.

"I believe OKCCC has one of the better enrollment processes around," she said.

Currently, a student has three options of enrollment — on campus, telephone and Internet.

Barton said Internet enrollment is up 175 percent. In a two-week period in August, she said, 650 students used computers to enroll.

Does that signal the demise of telephone

enrollment?

"We would like to see more students use the Internet," Barton said.

Barton also indicated telephone enrollment may be discontinued.

That may not sit well with students who aren't entirely comfortable using the Internet to relay private information such as Social Security numbers.

"I knew there were several different options to enroll, such as the Internet, but I don't trust computers," said Jennifer Stanley, OKCCC student.

"I just want to speak to a real person," she said.

Barton said she has noticed some hesitation for students to trust Internet enrollment.

"That's probably why students call to verify their class schedule after they've enrolled by the Internet," she said.

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## Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

# Attendance policies vary too much

OKCCC needs a consistent attendance policy.

I have seen it all. Everything from "please be there, if you can" to "miss three times and I'll drop you" has been printed on the syllabus.

This is because, professors currently make their own attendance policies which are then subject to approval by the dean of the department.

OKCCC's official version is: Students are encouraged to attend regularly and be punctual.

Don't get me wrong. I do understand the importance of going to classes. Academic success is due in great part to classroom attendance. There is no way to truly understand and apply the material if a student has never discussed it.

Also, I understand the frustration of professors who lecture to half-empty classrooms right before and after holidays and vacation times.

And it does take time and energy that could be better spent to deal with students who ask questions about issues that have already been covered in lectures the student missed. That type of student keeps the whole class from moving on.

On the reverse side I do not think it is fair to be able to drop a student for missing class, as long as the student does not miss an unreasonable amount of time and keeps up his grades.

There are other alternatives. For example, if the student misses too much it could be reflected in the grade, because participation in class goes along with learning. If a student is not there, he can not participate.

Dropping someone for missing class only hurts the student and might scare him away from college altogether, especially at a community college which is known for reaching out to students who are working on a degree while juggling a full-time job, family or both. Whoever is responsible for enforcing a rule like this should understand that there are days one just can't make it.

If a student is dropped from class, but is in good standing, that student not only loses work done in the past weeks or months, but also loses a big amount of money. Students pay for their educations. They should be able to take care of their responsibilities.

I am seriously disappointed with the type of student who misses class for no real reason and then burdens professors with lame excuses. They really mess things up for the students who are really sick, at work or without a baby-sitter.

My suggestion is that an attendance policy be set by the college that is the same for all students.

For example, students could miss 25 percent of class without explanation and a doctor's note would be required for any further absences to be excused. Without a note, grade reductions would occur.

I believe this would be a more fair solution everybody can live with. It would still make the students responsible, without hurting that student financially.

—**Michaela Marx**  
Editor

# Playboy subject defended

**To the editor:**

Since reading one reader's response to the article [Michaela Marx] wrote on the former student who was featured in Playboy magazine, I've been thinking — do you think it would be appropriate for me to complain to the television networks for showing those big over-muscled guys playing football and exposing their manliness on national TV?

After all, they are lucky enough to have great physiques and are using them to make a lot of money and advance their careers.

Since the beginning of time, the female form has been a subject of art, starting with the 'Venus of Willendorf,' to present.

The young lady featured in Playboy magazine was blessed with a beautiful

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—**W.D. 'Bill' Thomas**  
OKCCC Student

body like the sportsmen and women who use their God-given attributes to make money and further their careers.

I can find no fault with them, but I can admit I am envious, (not jealous).

Playboy magazine has been in the forefront of good literature, ( yes, I read the stories and articles,) both politically and with its social commentary. It's also entertaining and a measure of where our society is and where it is going.

Your responding reader should check in with the women's organization,

COYOTE, which stands for 'Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics,' but with her attitude, they probably won't let her join.

—**W.D "Bill" Thomas**  
OKCCC student

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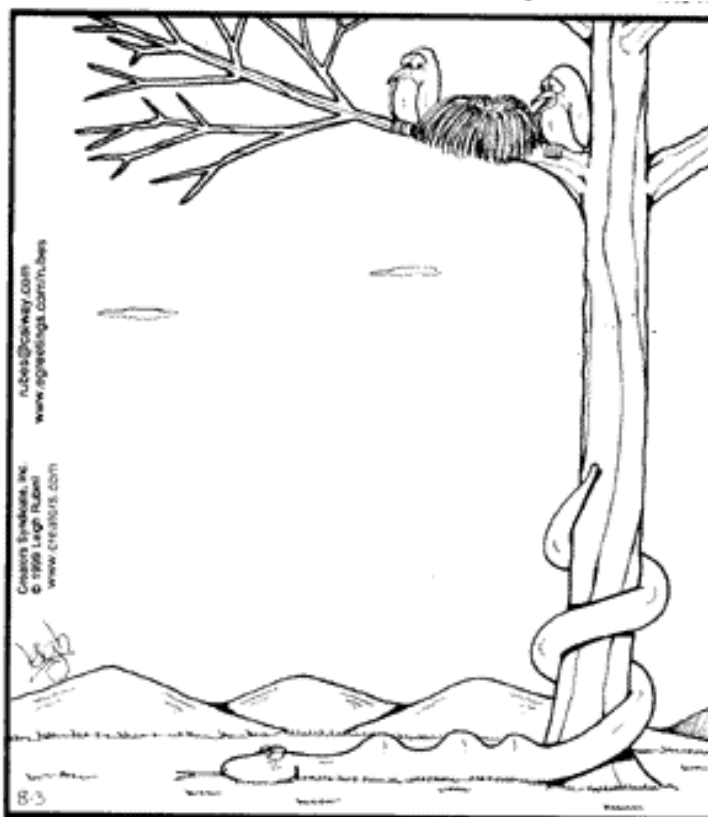
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**"I'd always looked forward to the day when we'd have an empty nest and it would be just the two of us. ... I just didn't expect it to happen so soon."**



## Comments and Reviews

# 'The Insider' lights a fire

Tobacco issues focus of 4-star movie

With the recent confession of the tobacco industry stating that nicotine is — gasp — addictive, a new movie that will appeal to the masses is in our midst.

"The Insider" focuses on the true-life account of Jeffrey Wigand, played by Russell Crowe.

As a former tobacco scientist for a major company, Wigand has significant information concerning his former pals.

The usual black-mail scenario follows and Wigand has to make a decision: air the truth to the American public or keep his benefits, family and job security together.

Al Pacino stars as a "60 Minutes" correspondent who sides with Wigand in his defense.

Although the movie is



long by audience-patience standards (roughly 2 hrs. and 45 min.), the dialogue is meticulously pieced to flow together beautifully.

The camera work is refreshingly original — as is the use of sound — and all components come together to create a thoroughly en-

tertaining piece.

Also a big thumbs up for Mr. Pacino's outstanding performance — although that's nothing new.

"The Insider," which opens nationwide Nov. 5, gets 4 out of 5 stars.

—Mark Thompson  
Contributing Writer

# Ricky who? Mana the epitome of Latin community rock music

Those not born into a Latin family might not realize that there is more to Latin music than the songs of Ricky Martin and Jennifer Lopez.

Although their music is currently very popular, it does not encompass what the rest of the Latin community listens to.

One of those underrated facets is Latin rock.

This is where the Grammy-award-winning rock band Mana comes into play.

They are one of the leading rock bands in the Latin music industry.

The members of Mana started their careers playing in underground bars in the late '70s under the name of Green Hat.



They changed their name to Mana in 1986 and released their first major album in 1989 entitled, "Falta Amor" which catapulted them into the number one category with the hit "Rayando El Sol."

Since then they have released four more albums which have all contained number one songs.

In total, Mana has won six Billboard awards and one Grammy award.

Their latest album "Mana Unplugged," was released this year. It includes songs that deal with everyday topics such as teen pregnancy

and the ever-dying rain forest.

The songs range from hard rock in "Ana" to a softer ballad sound in "Vivir Sin Aire."

They even include some Caribbean sounds in "Perdido En Un Barco."

Although the whole album is in Spanish, the sound is universal.

It receives a 10 from this Latina.

—Jennie Martinez  
Newswriting I Student

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*You asked for it...*

by Becky Gerred

## Job fair overlooks some professions

Many OKCCC students have questions about the campus. Some are serious, some are whimsical.

For the remainder of the semester, staff writer Becky Gerred will use this space to provide the answers to some of those questions.

One student feels OKCCC's last job fair had little to offer some students.

"It mainly dealt with communications or the health field," said journalism major Sue Wierimaa said. "There was no representatives for journalism or future teachers."

This has caused Wierimaa to question why more variety was not offered and what can be done to change this situation.

OKCCC Coordinator of Graduate Employment Services Staci McPhearson said it isn't personal.

"We send out more than 600 invitations and wait for a response," she said.

"Normally we hear back from employers who are in the most need of employees."

McPhearson said her department must also keep in mind that potential employers at the job fairs are looking for students and employees who will complete their degree after two years.

The larger colleges hold job fairs where companies reach out to those students who are looking for jobs that require four-year degrees, she said.

Still, McPhearson encourages everyone who has in mind a specific company they would like to see at OKCCC's next job expo to call her at 682-1611, ext. 7595.

"It never hurts to send an invitation to them," she said.

## Top 10 bestselling books 1990-98

1. THE PELICAN BRIEF by John Grisham
2. THE CLIENT by John Grisham
3. MEN ARE FROM MARS, WOMEN ARE FROM VENUS by John Gray
4. JURASSIC PARK by Michael Crichton
5. THE FIRM by John Grisham
6. IN THE KITCHEN WITH ROSIE by Rosie Daley
7. THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY by Robert James Waller
8. RISING SUN by Michael Crichton
9. THE CHAMBER by John Grisham
10. THE RUNAWAY JURY by John Grisham

For a complete listing of the Top 100, visit:  
[www.topbestsellers.com/90sbest.htm](http://www.topbestsellers.com/90sbest.htm)

# Comfortable shoes a must for campus life

**By Stephanie Kuhnert**  
**Newswriting I Student**

Shoes should not only make a fashion statement but must also be comfortable when spending long hours on campus.

What are students wearing on their feet as winter approaches?

Brooke Smith, an OKCCC student and a sales associate at Nine West shoe store, said students tend to gravitate toward two types of shoes — mules

and tennis shoes.

"These are fashion forward shoes that are also very comfortable," she said.

OKCCC student Angela Baldwin said when she wants comfort she loves to wear mules.

She said an added plus is that mules go with everything — a skirt or a pair of pants.

Student Lyndee Laubach agrees.

According to Laubach, mules have flexible soles that are made of rubber.

She said each shoe is

made with extra cushions under the ball of the foot and under the heel.

Laubach said she likes the brand Cloud Nine best.

Cloud Nine shoes are sold at Nine West in Quail Springs and

Penn Square malls.

White canvas tennis shoes are another favorite with college students.

Smith said there are several reasons for this.

The shoes are comfortable, they go with everything in one's wardrobe and they can be found at most shoe stores for a reasonable price.



## Automotive students challenged

**By Erik Jackson**  
**Newswriting I Student**

Second-year Auto Service Education Program students took third place when they attended the ASE Challenge — a college bowl that annually quizzes students over automotive product knowledge they will encounter in their careers.

ASEP professor Larry Grummer said the bowl is a great motivator for his students.

"This is one of the best ways to get them excited about what they are learning and consequently, they are more than willing to crack the books in hopes of winning the tournament," he said.

Grummer said the OKCCC students competed with eight schools, earning the third highest point total available.

"We have competed in the ASE Challenge for a number of years, never placing worse than third," he said.

"This speaks volumes for the quality of our students' knowledge," said Grummer.

The regional conference was held in Dallas, which enabled students to enjoy numerous activities typically reserved for those who are in the upper echelon of the automotive business, Grummer said.

Not only did the students participate in the bowl, but also they were given the opportunity to enjoy many other festivities preceding and following the ASE Challenge.

The two-day trip began with a trek to Ennis, site of the Grand National Drag Races. The students attended the race and each was given a pit pass, enabling them to have access to many of NHRA's elite, such as Tony Pedregon and Gary Densham.

They also had the chance to meet with a number of manufacturers of tools and diagnostic equipment.

After the bowl, the students toured the Arlington Assembly Plant, one of the nation's top C/K truck and sport utility manufactures.

Because of GM sponsorship, students were allowed to tour every part of the plant, viewing many portions that are off limits to

the general public.

The tour enabled them to witness the amount of robotics and new technology that is currently changing the face of the automotive world.

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## College Club offers hope to at-risk group

**By Michaela Marx**  
**Editor**

For many high school students the possibility of attending college or earning a four-year degree does not seem to be an option.

Some high school student may drop out before graduation date or cannot afford to attend college. For others college is simply not part of the plan.

The College Club helps high school students become aware that higher education is possible.

More than 500 at-risk students participate in College Club activities each year, said J.P. Johnson, director of Early College Awareness and coordinator of the College Club.

The program is a volunteer partnership program of networked teams. The teams are made up of faculty and staff of OKCCC, Rose State College, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma State University, OU Health Science Center,

and teachers and counselors from Oklahoma City area high schools.

Johnson said higher education representatives and high school sponsors offer their knowledge and experience to high school students who usually would not go on to college.

"The College Club team members act as role models and cheerleaders for these students," she said.

Counselors and teachers from seven Oklahoma City area high schools currently host College Clubs.

They sponsor and support activities such as College Club meetings, special activities, and field trips to colleges and universities.

In order to start a new club at a high school the principal has to contact the College Club and initiate a new team.

Johnson said all coordinators and team members are unpaid volunteers who donate their time and efforts to lead young people

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# State Regents propose changes to tech degrees

By Michaela Marx  
Editor

Two-year technical-occupational degree programs in the State of Oklahoma are getting a needed facelift.

Adding more coursework in English composition or oral communications is one of the changes.

Laura Callahan, director of communication for the Oklahoma State Regents, said changes in the program are necessary in order to meet the growing expectations of future employees in industry and businesses.

The State Regents approved revisions of the technical-occupational degree programs Oct. 13.

Oklahoma Higher Education Chancellor Hans Brisch said the revisions will help Oklahoma meet a growing demand for graduates in high-tech areas.

"Projections show that jobs in technical fields such as computer science, computer engineering and computer support are among the fastest growing in Oklahoma," he said.

The revisions will make it easier for those with an Associate degree in Applied Science to transfer to bachelor degree programs in the technical field.

Callahan said prior to the changes, technical-occupational programs had been designed to train students to enter the workforce after they graduate from a two-year college.

She said the idea is to strengthen the program by adding communications coursework to its general education requirements and technical skills training.

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—Hans Brisch  
Oklahoma Higher Education Chancellor

The degree, which did require a minimum of 60 credit hours is expanding by three credit hours of communications, such as technical writing, oral communications or English grammar, she said.

"As the business world becomes more complex, businesses are looking for employees who have more technical skills, but also the ability to communicate and share their idea," Callahan said.

State Regents also made the policy regarding electives more flexible.

"It will be easier in future for the colleges to design programs that are compatible with four-year programs," Callahan said.

The changes will go in effect for students entering technical-occupational degree programs in or before fall 2001.

Another policy is also being reviewed by the State Regents that, if approved, would enable colleges and universities to award students competency-based college credit.

Students could earn credit by demonstrating knowledge skills and abilities they have gained through experience.

State Regents are scheduled to vote on the proposals in December.

## Ziggets training sessions offered through OKCCC

By Brandy Benton  
Contributing Writer

OKCCC employees Terri Hodges-Pickering and Penny Hampton are ready to help Oklahoma City businesses and people in metro communities better themselves.

The two are now certified Ziglar education systems trainers for OKCCC. Hodges-Pickering said they are the only two people in the state trained and certified in the program.

Hodges-Pickering, training consultant for workforce development and Hampton, a part-time professor at OKCCC, were trained at the Ziglar National Headquarters in Dallas.

The Ziglar training systems are designed for people already in the workforce and marketplace to further their knowledge.

The training systems are on-the-job developments to help improve skills in different areas such as sales, management, customer services.

Although the training systems are made to accommodate businesses and people ready in the work force, they can also be used as a good learning experience for people who think they might want to go into retail or sales fields,

Hodges-Pickering said.

The system that Hodges-Pickering and Hampton use is known as Ziggets.

Ziggets are designed to be one-day workshops that concentrate on a specific developmental topic that deals directly with the work force.

The sessions help prepare business owners, managers and employees alike to be more in touch with the customers and co-workers.

Hampton said the training systems use involved teaching combinations of discussions, videotapes and worksheets which help make the training sessions interesting and interactive.

"The Ziggets are a great learning experience because the training received is a practical application for job skills that are in that line of work now."

There are a total of six Zigget sessions that are offered at OKCCC. Sessions cost \$75 apiece.

A sales session has already taken place. However, five sessions are still scheduled.

They are:

- Customer Services, Nov. 15
- Team Development, Dec. 6
- Management, Jan. 24
- Personal Development, Feb. 7
- Marketing, Feb. 28.

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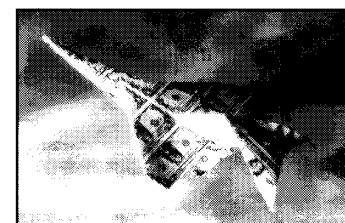
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# Computers cut through age, communication barriers



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**Above:** Volunteer Hung Ta helps Nguoc Nguyen, 71, surf the Internet as part of National Make a Difference Day.

**Below:** Van Anderson listens closely as Quang Dinh, 67, tells her about all the great things he has learned so far.



**By Swapna Lakshman**  
**Newswriting I Student**

Doors to a whole new world were opened to the Vietnamese elderly by their youngsters during the 8th Annual National Make a Difference Day Oct. 23.

The association of the Vietnamese American Community (VAC) along with OKCCC participated in the nationwide event designed to lend others a helping hand.

True to the name, the event did make a difference when the youngsters taught the elders the basic skills of using the Internet.

The workshop, which lasted from 2 to 5 p.m., began with opening remarks by OKCCC English Professor Michael Punches.

The master of ceremonies, VAC vice president Hoang Nguyen, translated the remarks in Vietnamese.

Guests of honor, Oklahoma City councilwoman Amy Brooks and OKCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Paul Sechrist, also addressed the crowd.

Sechrist said the young and the old need to know each other.

He said he'd like to see them work together to make this a better world.

"This class is a good start," he said.

With the help of Thein Anh, Nguyen then used the Vietnamese language to give a basic introduction to the Internet.

The class then moved to the Arts and Humanities computer lab, where they were taught individually.

Dan Nguyen, a volunteer and OKCCC electrical engineering student, said he was glad for the chance to be involved.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to help elders," he said.

Volunteers first set up an

e-mail account for each one of the attendees and then taught them how to surf through the Internet.

They also handed out a brochure which listed a few sites of interest such as Vietnamese music, cooking recipes, medical information and chat rooms.

There were approximately 30 volunteers including 10 from OKCCC.

Nguoc Nguyen, 71, said he was really enjoying himself as volunteer Hung Ta assisted him in exploring the Internet.

Oanh Pham from the University of Oklahoma said this was a great way to bridge the gap between the two generations.

This whole idea started when Dong Bui, who works with the Vietnamese youth, and VAC wanted to do something for the National Make a Difference Day.

The seniors expressed the desire to learn how to use the Internet.

Once the event had been determined, the group had the challenge of finding a place where they would have access to computers.

Nguyen said he approached Punches about the issue. Punches said OKCCC would be glad to help.

"Then it was just a matter of planning," Nguyen said. "The technical staff, administration, faculty — all of them helped this come through."

Van Anderson helped with the transportation. Anderson is Director for bilingual education for the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Nguyen said he hopes the event will start a chain reaction in communities.

"This event may trigger other communities to look up to seniors," he said.

"They are not receiving the attention they need and this is an opportunity to help them enjoy life."





# United Way golf tourney brings out the pros



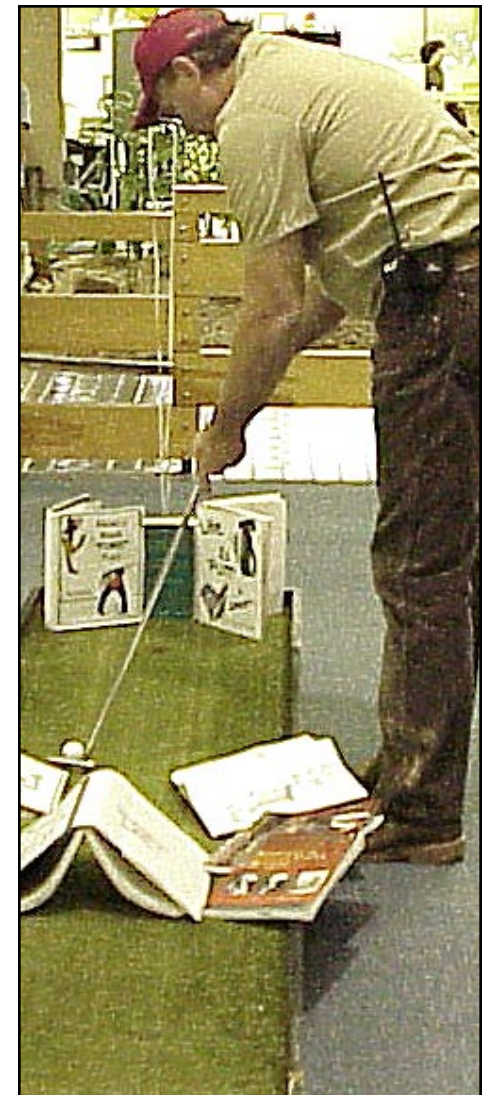
**Left:** Hole 15 was a bit challenging for physical plant employee Diane Moore. It took her six shots to sink the ball.

Hole 15 represented the Sunbeam Family Services which United Way donations help to fund.

**Right:** J.B. Messer, assistant director of the OKCCC physical plant, didn't quite make a hole-in-one on this shot.

The hole represented the Community Literacy Centers, another agency United Way gives assistance to. Coordinator of Student Activities Mike Jones kept watch over the hole.

"Like in life, you have to go through books to succeed," he said, "so at Hole 6, you have to putt through the books."



**Left:** Left to right — student Chad Wilcox, United Way spokeswoman Holly Henson, and OKCCC Professor Ron Summers study the challenge set before them at Hole 11. The Girl Scouts were represented at the hole. United Way donations help fund the Girl Scouts.



**Below:** Dr. Patch Adams awaits the next hole in one at Hole 3. United Way contributes helps fund the group represented here.



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# Program lets students borrow books from others

By **Ryan Johnson**  
Staff Writer

Students across the state are now able to check out books from academic libraries even if they are not students at that school.

The Oklahoma Council of

Academic Directors has started a program called OK-Share that has gone into effect this semester.

All academic libraries participating will provide an OK-Share library card at no cost to the user. The card will allow free circulation access to the main and branch libraries of the main

college or university.

"It gives all the students, faculty and staff of each participating library the option to go to any of the other participating libraries any where in the state and use their facilities to check out books," said Barbara King, director of library services.

A student who attends OKCCC would have to go to the library to receive a card.

King said the cards let the participating libraries know that the student, faculty or staff is from an institution using OK-Share.

Each person then using the card would have to abide by the rules of the library from which they borrow a book. This includes the date by which it must

be returned.

"If any of our students or users go to another library, and they have overdue books that they won't return, then we will assist that library in trying to get them back from our student or user," King said.

The penalty for not returning a book to a participating library will result in OKCCC putting a hold on the offender's registration until the books they borrowed are returned to the

facility from which they were borrowed.

"The main thing to remember is, when going from here to another institution, a student has to abide by the rules of that institution and each one is going to be different," King said.

For a complete listing of libraries participating in OK-Share go online to: [www.okhighered.org/ocald/OKSHARElibraries.html](http://www.okhighered.org/ocald/OKSHARElibraries.html)



Photo by Becky Gerred  
Barbara King

## Students treated to world-class architectural tour

By **Swapna Lakshman**  
Newsriting I Student

The sun shone bright Oct. 11 to match the mood of 28 OKCCC students who were preparing to leave for Guthrie, Oklahoma's former state capital.

At 9:30 a.m. the English as a Second Language students left the OKCCC campus with Professors Patricia Brooks and Abra Glenn-Allen Figueroa on the field trip, which is a regular part of the curriculum for that class.

They first stopped at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic center, a world class architectural museum where each room represents a different civilization.

Retired history teacher Don Odom took the group on the tour, showing different architectures of the world, ranging from Middle East to Egyptian.

Son-Cha, an OKCCC student from South Korea was impressed with the tour.

"I liked it," he said. "It's very different."

The students then went for lunch at the Victorian Tea before returning to the college to pursue less fun activities such as classes.



Photo by Swapna Lakshman  
ESL students gather 'round for a group picture in Guthrie during a recent field trip.

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# Warning signs of violence often ignored

By Becky Gerred  
Staff Writer

Potentially violent people often give signs but others tend to overlook them or discount them.

This is one message given at a conference recently, attended by Psychology Professor Richard Anglin. The Tulsa Mental Health Association sponsored the conference.

Violence in schools, work places and elsewhere — even violence which is self inflicted — was addressed at the conference.

"Particularly they focused on violence in the schools because that seems to be the topic that has been in the news the last several years," Anglin said.

He said violence in schools has always existed but it can be more deadly now than in the past.

"Usually what happened in the past was between two people or one person and two others," he said. "But it was not 'I have an anger problem with everyone there,'" he said.

Anglin said people involved in the Littleton, Colo. killings were present at the conference.

"They actually had people from the counseling center from Littleton talking about some of their response to parents and other students and so forth from Columbine."

Two Colorado students were also at the conference speaking about their school, he said.

Many important issues were covered at the conference and some offered real insight.

Anglin said he was not surprised part of the blame for violence comes from a person's home life.

He also said he learned the role schools play in contributing to the problems.

"There are also problems in the schools.

"When schools get really

**"If a person already has anger problems, an additional load could cause them to act out like they did in Colorado."**

—Richard Anglin  
OKCCC Psychology Professor

large it's hard sometimes for students to feel like they fit in."

When things pile on a person, sometimes the fact of not fitting in can cause emotional overload.

"If a person already has anger problems, an additional load could cause them to act out like they did in Colorado," he said.

He said in the Colorado incident not only did gunmen Dylan Harris and Eric Klebold feel like they did not fit in, but also the students, teachers and administrators who knew that looked the other way.

Often, Anglin said, teachers hear the taunting and teasing but ignore it.

"You really should not condone taunting and putting people down," he said.

"That is one thing I insist on in my classes. I encourage people to disagree but we disagree respectfully. We don't disrespect anyone in the class."

He said almost everyone has seen the rage that fills some people when discussing certain issues.

"There seems to be a trend to do that.

"Things become personal instead of just ideas that we disagree with."

Anglin said education could be the key to change these attitudes.

"I would think in a high school, community college and even in universities that there ought to be an effort to establish an academic environment that says 'OK. We examine ideas here,'" he said.

"Just because someone throws out an idea that you disagree with, it doesn't mean they are a bad person or that you need to take it personally."

Anglin said part of the

solution could be building success in each individual.

The conference focused on creating an environment where there is an avenue of success for everyone.

Often, he said, the schools become too focused on their sports and music programs and overlook other areas of achievement.

"I think there should be an avenue of success for everyone, regardless of their talents," Anglin said.

"If we really care about young people, and I do, then we should try and find a way where everyone can have some measure of achievement regardless of their particular interest or talent."

He said some people do not want to join anything. Parents and teachers alike are usually puzzled as to how to help that type of student.

"There is nothing wrong with somebody saying 'I'm not a joiner' and 'I don't want to be a part of everything going on,'" Anglin said.

"Usually that person has some kind of interest that somebody in the school could interest them in.

"If they can't then they may be already caught up in this anger thing to the point that they may need some kind of intervention," he said.

"The bottom line to this is students and faculty, administrators and everyone should have a renewed pledge to treat people with respect. Even when we disagree we should disagree respectfully," Anglin said.

Coordinator of Campus Safety and Security Keith Bourque said he does not believe OKCCC has much to worry about since people are not forced to be here as they are in high school.

However, he said, some professors on campus have noticed students that concern them. Bourque said these students appear to possess more than the average amount of red flag warnings.

"Some professors have asked us to monitor individuals," Bourque said.

Bourque said campus security officers let their presence be known to a student they feel needs to be observed.



Richard Anglin  
OKCCC Psychology Professor

## Red Flag Warnings should not be ignored

Everyone exhibits some of these red flags that signal a potential for violent behavior, Anglin said. The real danger is when they exhibit the majority of these red flags.

1. Has a history of tantrums and uncontrollable angry outbursts.
2. Characteristically resorts to name calling, cursing or abusive language.
3. Habitually makes violent threats when angry.
4. Has previously brought weapons to school.
5. Has a background of serious disciplinary problems at school and in the community.
6. Has a background of drug, alcohol or other substance abuse or dependency.
7. Is on the fringe of his/her peer group with few or no close friends.
8. Is preoccupied with weapons, explosives or other incendiary devices.
9. Has previously been truant, suspended or expelled from school.
10. Displays cruelty to animals.
11. Has little or no supervision and support from parents or a caring adult.
12. Has witnessed or been a victim of abuse or neglect in the home.
13. Has been bullied and/or bullies or intimidates peers or younger children.
14. Tends to blame others for difficulties and problems she/he causes her/himself.
15. Consistently prefers TV shows, movies or music expressing violent themes and acts.
16. Prefers reading materials dealing with violent themes, rituals and abuse.
17. Reflects anger, frustration and the dark side of life in school essays or writing projects.
18. Is involved with a gang or an antisocial group on the fringe of peer acceptance.
19. Is often depressed and/or has significant mood swings.
20. Has threatened or attempted suicide.



# Highlights

## Gay, Lesbian & Friends Club meeting

There will be a meeting at 8:05 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4, in college room 7, for the Gay, Lesbian & Friends Club.

## Speaker of the psychology field

Joe Smith will share his fifty years in the psychology field at a meeting of the Psychology/Sociology Club from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10 in room 3P5 in the main building. Students are encouraged to be interactive and bring questions.

## Chess Club welcomes members

Every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in college union room 5 the Chess Club meets for tutorials and demonstrations by experts. Beginners and advanced players are welcome.

## Correction on 'Bus Stop Benches'

The Pioneer was premature in announcing the production of "Bus Stop Benches" on campus. In fact, no such production has been placed on the schedule. The Pioneer regrets the error.

## Distance Education Courses enrolling

Students who are interested in enrolling in online and/or telecourse classes for the spring 2000 semester need to pickup the updated Distance Education Schedule in admissions. The college's new spring 2000 schedule incorrectly lists telecourses as online courses. For more information, please contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 682-7512 or the Office of Distance Education at 682-7574.

## Here's your chance to have your work published

OKCCC's Absolute is looking for donations of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, black-and-white photography and drawings by Dec. 1. The Absolute is published in April by the Arts and Humanities Division. Pick up submission guidelines and release forms at the Arts and Humanities office located on the first floor of the Arts and Humanities building. For more information call Clay Randolph at 682-1611, ext. 7238 or e-mail him at crandolph@okc.cc.ok.us. Web site for the Absolute is [www.okc.cc.ok.us/ah/absolute](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us/ah/absolute)

## Spring Tuition Fee Waiver applications are available

Spring Tuition Fee Waiver applications will be available Monday, Oct. 18, in the Student Financial Aid Center. Deadline to return applications is 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19. No applications will be accepted after this time. The Student Financial Aid Center will post the Academic Tuition Fee Waiver awards on Dec. 13.

## Pass With Class plans semi-annual clothing drive

This is the weekend for students, faculty and staff to clean out your closets. Please bring serviceable mens', women, or kids clothes to the planning office located in area 3L7 in the main building on Nov. 4. Pass With Class (Parents as Students with Critical Learning Activities for Student Success) is planning their semi-annual clothing exchange. Pass With Class is calling their clothing exchange, The Clothing Cruise. The cruise will begin for Pass With Class members from noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9 in room 3N4 in the main building. The general public can attend from 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9 in room 3N4 in the main building.

**Highlights deadline is Tuesday by 5 p.m.**



Photo courtesy of Dorothy Mullahey

Cecil Gray, a Fancy War Dancer, will compete on Nov. 5 at a powwow in Austin, Texas. When Gray dances, he wears a brightly-colored costume known as the regalia. Gray said he plans to compete well into his golden years.

## Club president readies for powwow competition

**By Dorothy Mullahey  
Newswriting I Student**

Cecil Gray has savored the pleasure of living a dream deferred.

As a youngster, Gray said, he always wanted to perform in traditional Native American dance ceremonies.

But he didn't have enough money to purchase the expensive regalia he needed.

As an adult, Gray has been able to afford the costumes required to participate in the circuit.

Now, at age 21, he competes against many who have been performing since early childhood.

Gray is the president of the Native American Cultural Awareness Organization on campus.

On Nov. 5, members of the NACAO will be leaving for Austin, Texas to attend a powwow in which Gray will compete.

Even though many of the other dancers in his cat-

egory have been dancing since they were young boys, Gray has managed to hold his own.

This summer at a powwow in Mt. Vernon, Ala., Gray won first place in the Men's Fancy dance.

He said his passion for dancing comes from "the desire to keep my culture alive so that it is never lost."

Gray is a Fancy War dancer.

In this type of dance, his steps follow the rhythm of the beating drum.

He wears an elaborate, brightly colored costume known as the regalia, which includes feather bustles at both the top and bottom of his back.

His headdress is topped with two feathers that rock back and forth as he dances to the beat of the drum.

Dancers compete in groups according to their age. The Tiny Tot group is for little ones under age 6

all the way up to the Golden Age group for those 45 and older.

Gray is enthusiastic about his dancing.

He said he plans to keep dancing competitively for many more years — well into the Golden Age group.

"It means a lot to me that my elders can see me excel in the American culture and keep my Native American heritage at the same time."

In Gray's first year as president, the Native American club's agenda is full of activities.

Next is the upcoming Taco Sale on Nov. 3, which will take place in the college union.

The club has meetings every Wednesday during the day and every other Monday night.

During club meetings, members get together and talk about future events, including powwows and exhibition dances.

**Share your club news with us!  
Call Becky at 682-1611, ext. 7674**



# Classifieds

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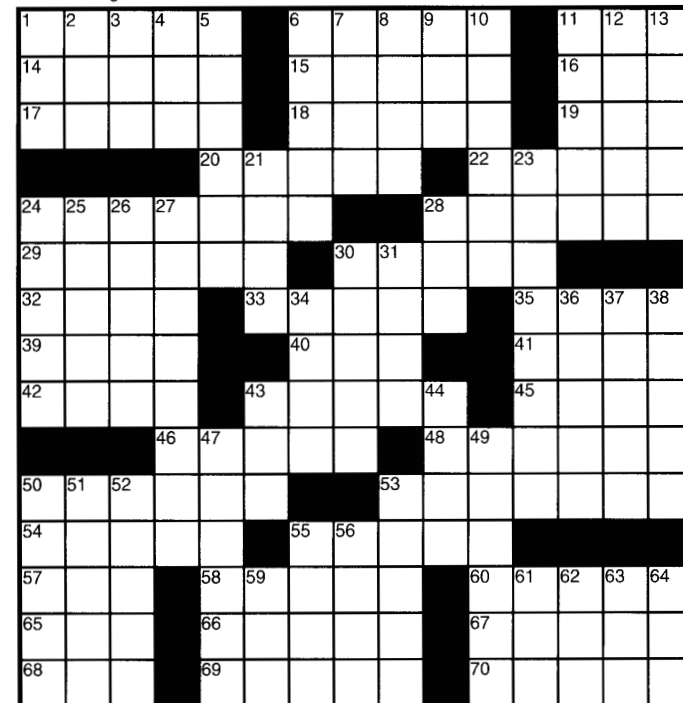
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# Drama club field trip turns violent, student arrested

**"Drama,"**

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that Gambino grabbed her by the neck, choking her.

The report further stated that OKCCC part-time professor Linda McDonald was shoved in the scuffle.

Gambino was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, aggravated assault and assault with a deadly weapon.

Cook was arrested for willfully taking possession of a controlled dangerous substance and was released the same night after paying a fine of an unspecified amount.

Cook said he felt he was set up by Gambino.

"I never even had a speeding ticket before this," he said. "I have only known Gambino for six weeks and had never seen anything except what he wanted me

to see.

"I thought he was a really nice guy. He told me he was 24. I had no idea he was 31."

Cook said he failed to consider the consequences of having drugs in his possession.

"My whole scholastic future is ruined," he said.

Cook said he has been told by school officials that he is not allowed on the campus.

Part-time OKCCC Professor Rick Lippert had Cook in a May intersession class. Lippert said he is surprised by the incident.

"Cook was always well rehearsed and was really into his acting," he said.

The incident has affected students of the Drama Club. Daugherty said he feels the irresponsible actions of a few students have cast a shadow over the majority of the students attending the retreat.

Daugherty issued a written statement to the Pioneer about the incident.

"The students representing the Drama Club of OKCCC in general are good, conscientious individuals.

"In addition, all participants were clearly told, and therefore knew, the behavior that was expected of them, as well as what was explicitly inappropriate.

"As students of the college they were in fact representing the college," Daugherty said.

"Most of the students acted with maturity and I'm very proud of them.

"During much of the retreat there were positive experiences..." he said.

Daugherty said he challenges students and faculty who were in attendance at the retreat to strive to put the incident behind them.

He said the students involved have received counseling through the college.

"Though the events were unfortunate and at times frightening, the students and faculty involved must move forward and prepare for future educational activities and shows," Daugherty said.

Director of Public Relations Harve Allen said at least one student is facing disciplinary action from the college.

"Apparently there was an incident where one of

the students had become violent and threatened several of the other students and faculty members," Allen said.

College officials will be holding a closed-door meeting next week to determine if the Student Conduct Code has been violated, Allen said.

If the conduct code is judged to have been broken then discipline must be decided at that time.

## OKCCC telephone enrollment in decline

**"Enroll,"**

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Despite whatever concerns students have, it didn't stop 32.3 percent of them from enrolling by computer in August.

On-campus enrollment remained most popular at 47.7 percent and telephone enrollment came in last at 19.9 percent.

Barton said every effort is made to ensure students know all their options when it comes to enrollment.

In addition, page 14 in OKCCC's Spring 2000 schedule fully explains Internet enrollment and page 15 explains the procedures for telephone enrollment.

Curtis Rhodes, OKCCC paramedic student, said he wasn't sure how to enroll by telephone.

"I had seen an advertise-

ment on enrolling by phone, but was unsure how it worked," he said.

"I always found enrolling [on campus] fast, convenient and efficient."

Regardless of the enrollment method students choose, Barton said, it should be a smooth process.

"Technology has made enrollment easier," she said. "We're more efficient and have fewer steps in the process."

"We utilize technology as it was intended which makes our staff better."

Barton advises enrolling early to avoid crowds, busy lines and bogged down networks.

In fact, she said, early enrollment for spring has begun.

Students can enroll on campus, by telephone by calling (405)682-6222 or through OKCCC's website at [www.okc.cc.ok.us](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us)

## Students benefit from College Club

**"Club,"**

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in the right direction.

The College Club operates on a shoestring budget that is exclusively sponsored by donations, said Johnson.

At OKCCC, College Club activities and services such as the concurrent enrollment scholarships and Mini College planned for March 31 are funded through the Development Fund.

The program was started in 1989 at Emerson Alternative High School in cooperation with OKCCC.

At that time, the nationwide high school drop-out rate was nearly 30 percent. As the program progressed, other high schools and higher education institutions saw a need for a program like the College Club Johnson said.

Thuy Nguyen, sponsor of the Western Heights High

**"The College Club team members act as role models and cheerleaders for these students."**

—J.P. Johnson

College Club Coordinator

School College Club, said she feels the program is very helpful to her students who had not considered college.

She said it helps students and points them to the right way.

"From my group [of students] approximately 80 to 90 percent go on to college," she said.

The College Club program targets students who come from households which are economically or educationally disadvantaged, first generation college students, members of the population that are traditionally underrepresented in post secondary education, and every student at risk for dropping out of high school.

The next big event planned by the College Club is the Mini College on

March 31.

On that day College Club students from all participating high schools will visit the OKCCC campus.

Several activities are planned such as short sessions with faculty, panel discussions and campus tours.

This event is hosted every year by another institution and has not been at OKCCC in three years.

The College Club is always looking for new volunteers.

Johnson said faculty, staff, administrators and counselors are wanted.

Also, she said, donations to scholarship funds or other projects are more than welcome.

If you have any additional questions please contact J.P. Johnson at 682-1611, ext. 7533.



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