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College web site has everything but kitchen sink

Enroll, find scholarship money, get statistics

By Reagan Jett
Newswriting I Student

Website addresses. They are listed everywhere — on television commercials, in newspapers, on billboards and on bumper stickers.

Type in the address www.okc.cc.ok.us and you'll find OKCCC's homepage. It's intended for students, staff, and faculty to gain information concerning the college.

Not only can students enroll at the website, but also they can find out exactly what classes they need to complete their degree, how many seats are open in any class and the description for a class.

And that's not all.

Want to know that the percentage of part-time to full-time students at OKCCC is 65.2 percent to 34.8 percent? Go to the college homepage.

Find any OKCCC professor's e-mail address or office hours. Learn the open hours of the financial aid office, the testing center and the library.

Find out exactly where room 2E5 is, read back issues of the Pioneer, scan old press releases. Get to know the philosophy of the college.

OKCCC students can find all that and more on the college website.

Some students said they have never looked at the site, while others have looked at it, but never re-

ally "surfed" around on it.

Eighteen-year-old business major Patrick Taylor said he doesn't see the need to go there.

"What would I gain out of it? It won't improve my grades."

Hieu Vu, an economics major, said he hasn't visited the website because he only goes to websites where he can find specific information he needs.

However, he said, some students could probably benefit from the site.

"I can see how it would be useful for those with a busy schedule who can't make it to the college"

The page is not only useful for students, but also for professors also.

Bertha Wise, professor of English uses the college homepage to check tests, read the Pioneer and access the library.

"I usually log on to the site from page so I can request audio and visual aids for my classes the next day," she said.

The site is the result of the ongoing efforts of Harve Allen, director of public relations and Dan Tysor, public relations coordinator and web developer.

Allen acts as an overseer for the information that goes on the college website.

Allen suggests that students visit the website.

"There are a lot of questions answered on the site," Allen said. "For example,

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Photo by Ryan Johnson

All work and no play: OKCCC Bookstore employee Alizabeth Bryant finds a comfortable spot on the floor to place labels on flyers that are being sent to students.

Brain cancer claims life of popular English prof

Gene Bragdon spent years sharing his love of words

By Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

Professor of Literature and Composition Gene Bragdon will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Bragdon died Tuesday, Nov. 9 of lymphoma, a rare brain cancer.

Bragdon had fought the intrusive disease on and off since 1994. The last thing Bragdon wanted was to leave his job at OKCCC. He was able to continue working until his cancer came out of remission.

Bragdon's wife Jo said her husband was a special and interesting person.

"Gene was a lover of words and he was a collector of all that interested him," Jo said.

"He rejoiced in the beauty of music, nature, flowers in particular, and people. Students liked for him to read to them. He had a gift for reading aloud and an unabashed joy in doing so."



Gene Bragdon

She added that her husband and teaching were a good match.

Dean of Arts and Humanities Susan VanSchuyver recalled the early days with Bragdon when they both worked as adjunct professors.

"Gene had a love of language and he loved words, crossword puzzles, puns, jokes that used words and language," she said. "He was just a warm and nice person and a good teacher."

Bragdon loved cats and enjoyed swapping cat stories as well as work-related stories with VanSchuyver and others.

VanSchuyver said she and Bragdon exchanged funny and frustrating stories about what often happened at the end of the semester in their classes.

"He told a story about a student he had not seen for 10 weeks," VanSchuyver said.

"The student showed up and wanted to

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Vandals need to examine Golden Rule

Last Saturday, Nov. 6, OKCCC's library staff arrived at work to find that some senseless, childish people had sprayed graffiti on four outside wall panels on the west side of the library.

I know that I would never do something like that, so I wonder: what is going through peoples' heads when they perform such an illegal act.

Not only did the graffiti mar something that represents educational excellence at the OKCCC campus, it also made the vandals look like children.

OKCCC is a beautiful college and is portrayed as such most of the time. When something like this happens, it makes the college look cheap and uninviting to the public and potential students.

As far as I have seen, up until this event, the college has been a clean, beautiful place. I believe college administrators have done everything possible to make OKCCC a place of learning and professionalism, so the answer must lie in the students' and community's hands.

Students and members of the community should be proud of OKCCC and, as a result, should never cause damage to it. The estimated costs to clean up this childish act is about \$500 in taxpayer dollars.

What a waste.

The only solution is to make people understand that they should not ruin public property. This idea must be instilled in children by parents and teachers.

It's not rocket science. It's much harder. It may take several repetitions before children begin to understand the importance of respecting public property.

The Golden Rule was taught to me when I was young and I am still trying to grasp it fully.

"Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you."

This is not easy to understand and occasionally a person may slip, but the individuals who sprayed nonsense words on the OKCCC library not only slipped but fell hard.

One wonders: Will they ever be able to stand tall and grasp the Golden Rule concept?

—**Kathi Etherton**
Staff Writer

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Harvest barrels for food only

To the Editor:

Today I was passing one of the Harvest Food barrels and stopped to look inside. It made me sad and angry at the same time.

What I saw was more evidence of the lack of respect people have for anything.

The barrel only had trash in it — cola cans, water bottles, half-eaten food, candy wrappers.

It's not like there are not any trash cans around.

They are everywhere and the barrels are very visibly marked as to what they are there for.

If anyone does put food in the barrels, whoever is responsible for them will have to sort through your trash to get [to the donated food items].

Because of the trash in there, people may not put

in any food and someone might go hungry.

Please, folks, for those of you who are doing this, I really would like to think you are capable of better behavior than this.

At least try.

Someday you might be one of those hungry people.

—**Gloria Stewart**
Division Secretary of
Health, Social Sciences
and Human Services

Pioneer stories stated facts about prof's plight

To the Editor:

In response to the Nov. 8 letter titled "Professor in need of support" I would like to say to Miss Brown just two words — grow up.

While I agree that Professor McCloy is innocent until proven guilty, I do not believe that the Pioneer is responsible for damaging his reputation.

The Pioneer has simply been relating a series of facts included in police reports, incident reports, quotes from law enforcement and college administrators. I do not believe I have seen any comments in the Pioneer where staff members have said they believe Mr. McCloy is guilty.

There have been no editorials calling for his termination. Staff members have not been quoted in any of the articles. As a matter of fact, I can guarantee you that if Mr. McCloy presented himself for an interview with the Pioneer editor she would gladly give him equal space to tell his side of the story.

It is unfortunate that in today's society people still blame the messenger. I thought that went out with the dark ages.

—**John Easley**
Former Student

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By Leigh Rubin



"Relax, Mary. There's nothing to worry about.
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Comments and Reviews

Three leading studs makes 'Three Kings' worthwhile movie

What is your next career move if one of the following applies to your last movie?

a) Jennifer Lopez made you look like a unimportant prop.

b) You played a '70s porno star and you still have to battle the questionable reputation that came with that role.

c) You wrestled a larger-than-life Anaconda in such a bad movie that you didn't make any more until now.

Well, George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg and Ice Cube decided to team up as the "Three Kings" and take matters in their own hands in Operation Desert Storm.

America has victoriously ended Operation Dessert Storm. The American Army tries to clean up the mess and disarm Iraqis and the civilians. A secret map falls into Barlow's (Wahlberg) hands, which is the key to Saddam Hussein's secret bunkers.

George Clooney's character Special Forces Captain Archi Gates is ordered to take care of an annoying lady reporter who search-



"Three Kings."

The story is dumb, but the movie is crafted precisely and smart. The pictures are fast and director David O. Russell used some interesting methods and images to tell the story.

The movie is not exactly a comedy be-

cause it contains some shocking and critical issues, but it has comical scenes that add to the fast and independent looking storytelling.

When Gates learns about the secret map he comes up with a plan.

He will give the reporter a false tip for a story far out in the dessert. Barlow, Sergeant Chief Elgin (Ice Cube), Private Conrad Vig (Spike Jonze) and Gates will escort her andoops... all of the sudden lose her in the dessert. The plan is to head from there to the bunker. Supposedly gold bars are hidden in the bunkers.

The group takes off without the knowledge of the military.

Of course, nothing works out quite like they hope, but you'll see if you put down the money to see

ers for her break-through story in the dessert.

"Three Kings" reminds me a bit of Quentin Tarentino's style. There is a lot of blood, guts and shootings and fatal goof-mistakes.

Even though I don't like brainless shoot-everything-that-moves-and-keep-on-shooting-it-even-though-it's-already-dead movies, "Three Kings" was worth putting up with the bullets.

The movie is fun, fast and has some beautiful macho men as the leading cast.

—Michaela Marx
Staff Writer

You asked for it...

by Becky Gerred

Book buy-back needs to last longer

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 question.

OKCCC student Micah Magmess is curious about book buy-back.

He wants to know why the timeframe in which books can be sold back to the bookstore is so short.

Magmess said, because of the holidays and summer vacations, he finds the timeframe inconvenient.

"When I arrived back from my summer vacation before school started I tried to sell one of my books back from the last semester," Magmess said.

"I had to hold the book until then. The

bookstore would not buy it back. Time had already expired."

Bookstore Director Kathy Reed responded to Magmess' question.

"The main reason we only have book buy back for one week is because we are preparing for the next semester," Reed said.

"We have to know the exact number of books we need to order.

"We have a very small window of opportunity to get the used books on the shelf and order new books."

Dec. 13 through the 18 will be the fall semester book buy back.

'Pokémon: The First Movie' cool for 'older' kids too

I am 19 and I like pokémon. No, this is not a line from a pokémon anonymous meeting.

I recently went to see "Pokémon: The First Movie." It was an excellent movie despite the fact that it was geared toward a younger audience.

The animation was very good and stayed true to classic animé style.

The storyline was very strong and had plenty of detail to keep movie-goers interested.

The movie starts with a view from someone else's eyes, whom movie-goers soon find out is a pokémon called mewtwo.

Mewtwo, who has been created for the sole purpose of fighting, has been cloned from another pokémon named mew.

Mewtwo has the gift of superior intelligence and great psychic powers because he was created and not born naturally.

After he discovers his life is to be one of slavery, he destroys his creators.

He sets out to wipe out the human who wish to use the pokémon for slaves.

He also wants to destroy the pokémon race because they are too willing to be slaves to the humans.

Then comes Ash, the star of the pokémon world. He

is on an adventure to become a pokémon master.

His journey is interrupted when he gets an invitation to have a pokémon battle with the world's greatest pokémon master.

He accepts the invitation and travels to an island with many other pokémon trainers where they meet the famous pokémon master.

No one knows the identity of this master until they get there — not the characters or the movie-goers.

They all soon discover that the pokémon master is someone none of them had expected.

The movie goes further

into the tournament and eventually, gets to the moral of the story.

This movie might have been intended for kids under the age of 10, but it is such a good movie that anyone of any age should go to the theater to see it.

I give this movie 5 out of 5 pokéballs.



Blastoise from, "Pokémon, the First Movie."

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Credit card companies can be friend or foe

Students are often targeted by lures of free gifts

By Emily David
Newswriting I Student

You see them everywhere — in magazines, department stores and even in college course catalogs and schedules. They are credit applications and they can become either a college student's best friend or worst enemy.

Today a number of students have credit cards. They are often enticed with free T-shirts and CDs to fill out applications.

The credit card then comes in the mail with a credit card limit anywhere from \$200 to \$1000. Many first time card holders don't realize what a credit card is until they receive their first bill.

Jennifer Chaffin, OKCCC sociology major, knows about the headache of bills. Her Visa is currently maxed out on "little junk." However, she said, she's glad she has it because "it comes in handy."

Scott Ray, public rela-

tions major, has had his credit card since he was 16.

Ray said he used to buy small things like CDs and clothes on his credit card. However, he said, he feels he has been responsible because the credit card has never been a source of trouble for him.

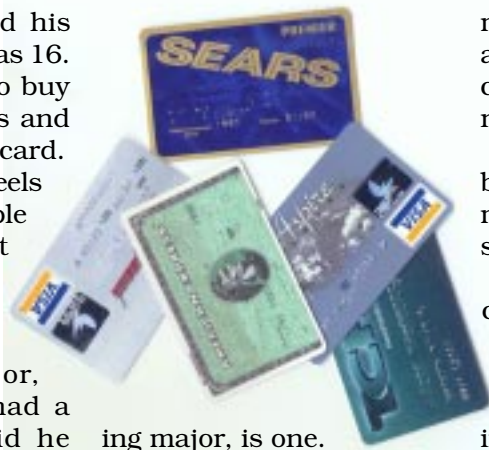
Broadcasting major, Nathan Kilpatrick had a credit card but said he never used it.

"I didn't want to have to worry about making a payment on something I could just pay cash for."

Kilpatrick's only credit card is a Visa check card or debit card. It works like a credit card but actually debits the purchase out of a his checking account.

He said he likes the check card because he never has to worry about making a payment since he can only use the amount of money available in his checking account.

There are some people who would rather not bother with credit cards. Chad Pittman, broadcast-



ing major, is one.

"I don't want one because it's just too much of a headache," he said. "It's not the responsibility because I can handle that. I don't even have a checkbook. If I don't have cash, I don't buy it."

Computer programming

major David Affentranger also doesn't have a credit card but said he would definitely take one.

"I would use it mainly to buy sound equipment for my band," Affentranger said.

For those who do have a credit card and have gotten in over their heads, help is available through the many credit counseling agencies in Oklahoma.

One is Consumer Credit Counseling Services. CCCS is a nonprofit organization that was established in 1967. The company provides an alternative to bankruptcy through financial management and debt

repayment.

Lisa Rangel of CCCS said the company usually handles the cases "after the fact — after the late fees and finance charges have added up."

And, she said, if it's not the students calling, it's their parents calling for them.

"We try to get them on a program that let's them get back on track," Rangel said. "But my advice would be not to get credit cards. If you do, be responsible and make sure you get a low interest rate."

"And most importantly, be responsible and stay current on your payments."

Car accident knocks out power to most of college

By Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

Inside and outside lights went out and computers shut down Nov. 15 when two cars collided on the OKCCC campus causing electric power to be interrupted to two-thirds of the campus.

Student Angela Snead was traveling north on Regents Boulevard when student Charles Tollison struck her car with his car as he was turning south onto Regents Boulevard from Faculty Circle. He struck Snead's vehicle on the front left bumper according to the Oklahoma City Police report.

Coordinator of Campus Safety and Security Keith Bourque said Snead's vehicle careened off the road and struck a power transformer box located near the intersection.

Snead was transported to St. Anthony hospital by EMSA where she was treated for head and arm injuries the report stated.

"It was really dark, even the parking lot lights on that side of the building were out,"

—Cindy Price
OKCCC Student

According to patient information at St. Anthony hospital, Snead was released the same day. Tollison refused treatment at the scene.

Estimated damage to Snead's vehicle was \$6000.

Estimated damage to Tollison's vehicle was \$3000. He was ticketed for failure to yield while turning left.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts. Neither could be reached for comment.

Bourque said he was home when the accident happened but returned to the college to assist.

"We attempted to evacuate the areas that were affected," he said. "It is a three-pole system and the accident knocked out two of the poles so we still had some lights," Bourque said.

"The majority of the professors who weren't teaching computer classes de-

cided to continue teaching their classes."

Student Cindy Price said the lights in the Arts and Humanities building were out in the halls and bathrooms for part of the evening but were back on before the evening was over.

Price said she was waiting outside entry five at 8:15 p.m. for her husband but decided to go back into the building.

"I noticed the OG&E men working just outside of entry five and didn't think much about it until all the lights went out just as I started through the door."

She said, at that point, she decided to go back outside the college.

"It was really dark. Even the parking lot lights on that side of the building were out," she said. "I couldn't figure out what was happening. It was really weird."

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Wanted: fun families for housebroken Christmas trees

OKCCC Employee John Knight's tree farm has the perfect tree for everyone



Above: A sign directs tree-buyers to 45 acres of trees. **Left:** Brianna Price, daughter of OKCCC student Cindy Price, picks out her favorite tree on the entire lot, a "Charlie Brown" tree. **Below:** A view of one area of Sorghum Mill Tree Farm.



photos and text by Becky Gerred

Christmas tree farms are not common to Oklahoma but OKCCC's Physical Plant Director John Knight proved it could be done.

Knight planted his first batch of Christmas trees in 1980. It took a few years before he could begin harvesting the trees, but he said it was worth it.

"That first tree I sold I was hooked," Knight said. "It made me feel good to see the people so happy."

Knight is the owner of Sorghum Mill Tree Farm located north of Edmond.

Twice a year, Knight said, he shears the trees, which shapes them into the perfect shapes people look for when buying a Christmas tree.

The trees are then prepared by

spraying them with a fire-retardant spray. They are also sprayed for insects.

The day after Thanksgiving excitement abounds on the farm as the families begin arriving.

Families are given a saw and pointed to the direction of the trees, Knight said.

They cut the tree and haul it up to the front gate where it is shaken and bundled tightly for transporting home.

"We have any kind of tree anyone would want," Knight said.

The farm has two varieties of fir, three varieties of spruce and seven varieties of pine.

Knight said the farm sells around 2000 trees each year. He estimates he has 50,000 trees in various stages of growth.

What Knight cannot grow on his

farm, he purchases to sell at the farm through the holiday season.

"We open the day after Thanksgiving and try to stay open until Christmas," Knight said. "Sometimes we run out of trees before Christmas."

Free hot chocolate, cider and cookies are served to the families while they shop for a tree.

Knight said, when the trees are being cut, a fresh sweet smell of pine fills the air. Not everyone cuts their own trees.

Some customers prefer their tree be dug up with the roots intact for transplanting in their yard after the holidays.

Knight said those trees can only be kept in the house for about seven days before transplanting them in the yard. These customers prefer to leave the tree outdoors

at the farm until just before Christmas.

Knight said when the family loads into the car to come search out the perfect tree, they should travel north on I-35 to exit 143 (Covel Rd.). Then, he said, go east 1 1/2 mile to the second stop sign. Then, travel north 1 3/4 mile.

"At Midwest Lane you will see a small sign on a fence post that reads Sorghum Mill Tree Farm," he said. "Turn right."

The farm will open the day after Thanksgiving and remain open seven days a week.

Hours are from 1 to 8 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekends.

Prices range from \$5 a foot and up for the cut and harvested trees to \$11 a foot and up for the transplantable trees.

Different Places Bring Different Traditions

Holidays bring change

By Michaela Marx
Editor

OKCCC is home to students and faculty from many different places in the world.

Many will spend the upcoming Christmas most likely American Style. On Dec. 25 Santa Claus will come down the chimney, drink the milk and eat the cookies people in your house provided for him and leave gifts under the tree.

Did you know that Santa Claus is actually German and his name is Saint Nikolaus?

In Germany Saint Nikolaus visits on Dec. 6 and brings chocolates and small gifts, said Gaby Brooks, OKCCC programmer analyst. She was raised in Braunschweig, Germany.

"On the 24th, the Christkind brought the gifts," she said. The Christmas tree is put up on Christmas Eve. So to speak, the Christkind brings the tree with the gifts.

Children usually have to stay away from the living room on Christmas Eve so as not to interrupt the Christkind's work.

When a little bell rings, that's the sign for children to come out of their rooms, she said.

German families have a big dinner at night.

"In our house we had white Bratwurst on Christmas Eve and a big Christmas goose dinner the next day," Brooks said.

Math professor Krzysztof Nowakowski, from Poland, said that Santa Claus comes to the homes in Poland as soon as the first star in the sky appears.

Families get together and have large dinners on Christmas Eve. Usually it consists of 13 different dishes. The dinner table has an additional table setting.

"The additional plate is for an unexpected guest.

Everybody is welcome on Christmas,"

Nowakowski said.

OKCCC student Marcin Borowik, also from Poland, added: "We set the table with one more plate to remember people who aren't with us."

It is an important family time.

"We sing together and forgive every-

thing," he said.

Borowik's

family always has a natural, live tree.

"We believe that animals can talk that day. If you were not good to animals they will tell you."

Carlos Franco, ESL student from Mexico, said his country is influenced by the United States. Children believe that Santa Claus brings presents.

Franco said a Mexican Christmas tradition is that the family separates at midnight on Christmas Eve. One group goes outside of the home, while the others stay inside.

They sing the "Posada,"



German Saint
Nikolaus

Muslims sacrifice for beliefs during Ramadan

By Swapna Lakshman
Newswriting I Student

Imagine staying away from food, beverages, and even water, for one full day.

For all Muslims, Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar, is the month where they refrain from eating from dawn until dusk every day of the month.

The only exceptions to this are the elderly, pregnant women, children and the sick.

Ahmed Yafai, an OKCCC student from India, said he looks forward to the month of Ramadan.

Ramadan is the holiest month for the Muslims. The five pillars of Islam are: Swam - the fasting, Salat - five prayers a day, Shahada - acknowledging one God, Zakat - alms to the poor and the holy pilgrimage to Kaba. The pillars of Swam, Salat, Shahada are followed during this month.

"Ramadan is about self restraint. It also teaches us to keep ourselves away from all kinds of temptation, like foul language and bad habits. In addition it teaches us to be kind, forgiving and truthful," Yafai said.

For Yafai it is definitely a challenge to follow the month of Ramadan in the United States.

"What helps back home is that your family and friends do it with you," he said.

They get together to eat once before sunrise and then after sunset.

Also everyone goes to the mosque together every day five times — once before sunrise, at noon, around 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and then around 10 p.m.

Amr S. Solimon is a student from Egypt, who has never missed a Ramadan since he was 5 years old. "It

is difficult to make a non-Muslim understand the necessity to pray, every day, five times," he said.

If a person works it makes it even harder to pray five times a day.

For instance, Solimon said that he works at Chili's restaurant and during Ramadan he prays in the back room.

One evening when Solimon was doing his prayers, a girl who did not know about Ramadan came to the room and was startled when she saw him crouching on the ground. She thought Solimon was an intruder out to get her. The havoc caused after that was unforgettable for Solimon.

Soliman said Ramadan is about not torturing yourself but it is all about controlling your desires about materialistic things.

It is also about understanding humanity. The feeling of hunger makes you think about all the others who actually are hungry in the world. It reinforces you to become a more positive human being.

It gives you a sense of being pure and clean. It is the time of the year when family and friends get together.

After the month of Ramadan, there is the practice of Zakat wherein a particular percentage of all your wealth is donated to the poor. It is also one of the five pillars of Islam.

"The wealth is then shifted from the rich to the poor and this helps the economy a lot. This bridges the gap between the rich and the poor," Yafai said. Knowing the difficulties of trying to be a true Muslim, Yafai encourages others to observe Ramadan to the best of their abilities.

"No matter how much a plant sways in the wind, it comes back to its original position when the roots are strong."

a song about Mary and Joseph looking for shelter. The families act out the song and at the end, the group outside is invited to come into the home.

Student Hue Nguyen, from Vietnam, said in her country Christmas is not about gifts.

"You bring your teacher or boss a little present, but your family doesn't get

gifts."

In Vietnam presents are exchanged on New Year's Eve. Nguyen said on Christmas Eve, there are big parties everywhere. "We dance, celebrate and eat."

Professor Nirmala Varmha, who teaches a Comparative Religion class at OKCCC, said in far parts of Europe, Santa Claus or Father Christmas brings

presents and fresh trees are put up.

"In Copenhagen people buy trees two days before and put real candles on the tree," Varmha said.

Maybe you and your family will want to try a new tradition for this year's Christmas celebration.

**Have a Happy
Holiday!**

Lifestyles of the Winter Holidays

Tradition plays a part in celebration

By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

The winter holidays are upon us and the time has come to celebrate. However, different religious denominations celebrate differently or even not at all.

The Jehovah's Witnesses don't celebrate Christmas or any holiday regarding the birth of Jesus Christ. Instead they celebrate the Memorial of Christ's Death at the time of Passover. They estimate that Jesus was born on Oct. 2, but this day is not celebrated.

Members found celebrating holidays such as Christmas or Thanksgiving may be disfellowshipped or excommunicated.

Jehovah's Witnesses do not have a Sabbath and they regard all days as holy. However, members are free to use any Bible transla-

tions. In fact, they are encouraged to read the Bible. They regard the world as being under the control of Satan and that is why they do not run for public offices, salute the flag, join the military, or vote.

The Jewish celebrate Hanukkah in December. This year it begins at sundown on Dec. 3. It is a symbol for when the people of Israel got the Temple back.

This celebration lasts eight days because that is how long one day's worth of oil lasted for the people of Israel and that was a miracle. Candles are lit and displayed on a Menorah candleholder every day for those eight days. The lighting of the candle symbolizes the spreading of light and faith to the Jews. Usually the little children receive small gifts on these days.

Christians such as Catholics, Episcopalians,

Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, and Presbyterians celebrate Christmas as the birth of Jesus Christ.

Usually there is gift giving, family gatherings, and big meals.

The Bible tells the Christmas story and some families include reading the Bible in their tradition.

"On Christmas day, our family gets together and we read a Christmas story out of the Bible.

"We open presents. We eat a big meal and usually we go to a Christmas Eve service, but if it's (Christmas) on Sunday, we go then," said Jessica Moore, a Christian.

Spending time with families and celebrating with



the closest people in your life are among some of the important times at Christmas.

"In my opinion, it's just a family gathering ending out the year with family and beginning a new year with family," said OKCCC student Tina Robinson.

The Christian beliefs started many years ago and were meant to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Sometimes the religious origins of Christmas are forgotten.

"Many people don't know what Christmas is all about.

"My children and I bake a cake and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus. They have to understand why we celebrate," said Silke White,

a Christian.

At OKCCC, Nirmala Varmha will be teaching a religion class, Comparative Religion, next semester. She will offer the students a broad understanding of different religions and compare and contrast them.

Her family in India celebrated Christmas as a family celebration even though her family isn't of a Christian background.

"I want to be as objective as I can," Varmha said.

She said she doesn't want to influence the students religious decisions, just inform them of what's out there to learn from different religions.

Varmha said that sometimes the students come in with a narrow mind because they are scared of what they don't know, but by the end they are more open minded and able to understand others' beliefs.

Various religious holidays

By Michaela Marx
Editor

This time of the year is not only reserved for celebrations for Christians. For other religions, December and January are also important months.

In early December the Sikh, from India, celebrate the Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur. On Jan. 16 they celebrate the Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh.

Also on Dec. 8, Buddhists celebrate the Bodhi Day.

The Muslims operate on the Lunar calendar system. Therefore the ninth month of their year is dedicated to Ramadan.

This year it is in December. The Jewish Hanukkah starts this year on Dec. 3 at sundown. The celebration lasts eight days.

Also some Christian festivals or customs seem to get less attention than the popular Christmas holidays. On Jan. 6 Christians celebrate Epiphany, the coming of the three wise men to show the gentiles the first manifestation of Christ.

For the Russian Orthodox Catholics, Jan. 6 is Christmas Eve. Christmas Day is on Jan. 7.

All this information is taken from a Calendar of Religious Festivals. Many religions operate on different calendars. Christian holidays are based on the Metonic cycle and Gre-

gorian Calendar. Indonesian holidays are based on the Masehi or Solar Calendar.

The Buddhists are based on the Indonesian Buddhist Calendar. Hindus operate on the Saka Caka Calendar System and the Muslim's Calendar is known as the Hijriyah or Lunar Calendar. That is why holidays like Ramadan and Hanukkah shift throughout the year.

Editor's Note: If your religion was not featured on these pages and you want to inform readers about your religion and your celebrations, please bring your information by the Pioneer office or contact the editor.



Club members get real look at artificial limbs

**By Eduardo Vasquez
Newswriting I Student**

Members of Students of Occupational Therapy Assistant club ventured off campus for a unique learning experience recently.

SOTA attended a lecture at the Scott Sabolich Prosthetic & Research Center. There, they were given insight into the history of the company that researches and provides amputees with prosthetic devices.

The Scott Sabolich Prosthetic & Research Center is a dream come true for founder and owner Scott Sabolich. He is the youngest member to carry on the family legacy of restoring patients' lives.

The dedication of the Sabolich family into the prosthetics field started a half century ago, when

Lester Sabolich opened Sabolich Artificial Limb and Brace Company in 1947.

When Lester retired in the early 1980s, his son John Sabolich took over the business.

Under John's management, the company became Sabolich Prosthetic & Research Center, developing a worldwide reputation.

"When my father sold to NovaCare, he sold them the name Sabolich Prosthetics," Scott said. "His contract with them expired in July and now neither of us are associated with NovaCare in any way."

Scott Sabolich opened his own 7,200-square-foot prosthetic facility bearing his name. There, he said, he gives patients the best possible care.

"People want to be treated like human beings, not like numbers," explained Scott. "They want

a prosthetic customized to their individual needs, not an assembly-line approach.

"They want you to give them the time and proper attention it takes to get the proper fit. They also want to feel like they got more than they expected and paid less than they expected.

"This is what I want to do for my patients."

"The prosthetics created in today's world are considered state of the art," Scott said, but the business is still always evolving.

He said all of the different gel liners, composite feet, hydraulic knees and other high-tech components allow them to adapt the prosthesis to the patient's lifestyle.

The process to make the prosthesis has several steps.

First, the residual limb of the patient is cast and a

"The prosthetics created in today's world are considered state of the art."

—Scott Sabolich

Scott Sabolich Prosthetic & Research Center

mold is made for the socket. The process of fitting the socket is done by hand in order to ensure the socket will be soft and comfortable. Scott said this process will allow the prosthesis to function better and the patient to experience less fatigue from wearing the prosthesis.

Once the socket is completed, other components help complete the prosthesis. Scott Sabolich's group customizes each prosthesis to meet the complete needs of the patient.

"Everybody has special needs," Scott said. "Everybody is a different age, height, weight, skin color and has a different activity

level. All these factors have to be taken in consideration when creating their prosthesis."

New processes developed with Universal Studios give latex skin a more realistic look he said. Tones, depth and variation of color, as well as freckles, blotches, hair and veins can be added. He said some people ask for tattoos.

The trip to the Scott Sabolich Prosthetic & Research Center not only gave SOTA members the opportunity to learn the history of prosthetics but also to understand the future will include Scott Sabolich carrying forward his family's legacy.

Future teachers given small taste of chosen career

**By Michaela Marx
Editor**

OKCCC hosted a day of college experience for Pro Team middle school kids from the Oklahoma City area Nov. 12.

In the morning yellow school buses stopped behind the college, unloading 75 middle schoolers, mostly minority students, plus teachers.

J.P. Johnson, director of Early College Awareness, and Edra Thrower, program director for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, stood ready to welcome the crowd.

Pro Team Clubs focus on raising college awareness at an early age. They are part of a Minority Teacher Recruitment program.

Most of the participating students, ages 11 to 14, had expressed a desire to become a teacher.

The activities centered around information designed to help the students focus on their future careers in the education field.

After arriving from Rogers, Hoover and Millwood Middle schools, the kids were divided into three groups.

Johnson recruited volunteers, OKCCC faculty and students, to help. Among the helpers were: Jason Bigelow, Chrystal Nicole Factor, Cameron Riggs, Chavette Watson, and Veronica Watson.

Craig Robinson led campus tours to give students an idea of what OKCCC has to offer.

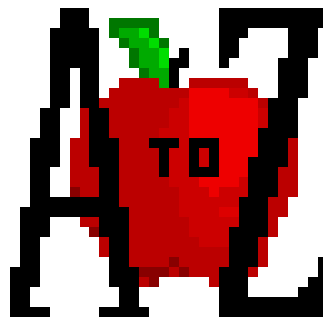
"I liked the Mini Hospital best," said Octavia Robinson from Rogers Middle School.

Additionally, three other classroom sessions were planned.

Physics professor Dr. Debra Burris met with the students in the new semiconductor lab.

Burris taught the youngsters about physics concepts, while she or student volunteers were spinning around on a chair, experiencing the effects of the conservation principle.

Bill Hill hosted a multimedia technology session,



titled "Teaching Technology."

"By the time [the students] will be teaching this, technology will be part of their classroom," he said.

OKCCC drama students and Boo the Clown (Chris Steele) put on a "College can be fun" session. They offered short theater workshops such as stage combat, Shakespeare's plays and other theater-related activities.

"It is great to be able to share the magic of theater with kids who may otherwise not be exposed to it," said Amber Taylor of the Drama Club.

After the students had rotated through the morning sessions they met for lunch in the cafeteria. It was not only time to eat,

but to reflect on the morning activities.

Most students said they enjoyed the sessions and the helpful information.

"The Shakespeare theatre session was the best, because, actually, I want to be a singer," said visiting student Jolanda Gilliam.

Other students had reconsidered their career goals by lunch time.

"I don't think I want to be a teacher anymore," said Latisha Watson from Rogers Middle School. "The kids would get on my nerves."

In the afternoon the students were split up into smaller groups of approximately 15.

History professor Melinda Bergin gave them an opportunity to give teaching a try.

She let them teach a session about musician Ricky Martin. The kids gave their fellow students a test and graded them. For high scores Bergin gave rewards.

She wanted to illustrate to the kids that if they stay in school and become teachers, they will have a

lot of educational and creative freedom.

"You have to earn this privilege," she said.

Director of the OKCCC Child Development Center Charlotte Wood-Wilson also presented a program to the students. Early childhood education was the topic.

Nora Pugh-Seemster and Claire Echols held a session titled "Adventures in Psychology" where they informed the students about careers in psychology.

Johnson and her group explored GRO Early College Awareness shareware from the College Board Website. Financial aid and college preparation were the main focus.

The day at OKCCC was concluded with a wrap-up session.

On Nov. 19 the college opened its doors again for approximately 100 Pro-Club students from Harding, Del Crest, Anadarko, Moon and Jackson Middle Schools.

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Child development center proud of accomplishments

By Dorothy Mullahey
Newswriting I Student

The OKCCC Child Development Center proudly displays a plaque in the entrance hallway that lets visitors know they have entered a quality center.

On the plaque is a torch — the accredited sign for the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Charlotte Wood-Wilson, director of the Child Development Center at OKCCC, said NAEYC is the largest and most recognized national accreditation system for all types of early childhood schools and centers.

"Only 7 percent of early childhood programs nationwide have achieved NAEYC recognition."

NAEYC standards are higher than the state of Oklahoma's licensing standards for early child-

hood programs.

Programs that seek NAEYC accreditation voluntarily undergo an intensive internal self-study.

The results of the self-study are then validated through an on-site visit by an NAEYC early childhood professional.

"Only 7 percent of early childhood programs nationwide have achieved NAEYC recognition."

—Charlotte Wood-Wilson
OKCCC Child Development Center Director

A review of the information determines if the program complies with NAEYC's criteria for High Quality Early Childhood Programs.

If accreditation is awarded to the program, it is valid for three years. During this time programs must submit annual reports on program improvements and changes.

She has directed the program for more than eight years.

She also periodically teaches child development courses at the college.

Student reinstated after committee hears testimony

By Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

On Nov. 15, Student Jeremie Cook received word he had been reinstated as a student at OKCCC.

Cook appeared before a committee to decide the outcome of his academic future at the college.

He was suspended from OKCCC following an incident on Oct. 22, at the Arbuckle Motel near Davis.

Of the incident that caused the suspension, Cook said OKCCC student Angelo Gambino handed him some drugs to hold. Later that day, police were called after Gambino became out of control.

When the police arrived they found drugs not only on Gambino but also Cook. Both were arrested at the motel.

Later the same evening Cook paid a fine and was released from

any criminal action but still faced possible suspension from OKCCC.

Gambino has been held at the Murray County jail on a \$22,000 bond since the incident.

Cook said many people came to the reinstatement hearing and spoke on his behalf.

"I had nine witnesses along with a police officer that was at the scene, a college professor, a retired college professor and several character witnesses," Cook said.

Cook also presented the committee with a petition signed by those supporting his reinstatement.

"I have to serve 100 hours of community service here at the college after January 1," Cook said. "I also received a one year probation."

Cook said he has not had any problems getting caught up on the classwork he missed while under suspension.



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Charlotte Wood-Wilson, director of OKCCC's Child Development Center, proudly displays a plaque naming the CDC as a quality child-care center.

Wood-Wilson said she feels children benefit from the amount of training their teachers receive.

She said the better the quality of training a child care staff receives the higher quality of child care the kids receive from that staff.

Wood-Wilson hopes the Child Development Center will be able to expand. She said she would like the expansion to include an Early Head Start program — a child care program for infants. She has applied for a grant that would accommodate that program.

The center now serves 50 children ranging in age from 15 months to 6 years.

Wood-Wilson said one of the hardest things is not having room for a student's child and having to turn the child away.

The Child Development Center is more than a place for children to spend the day while parents work. It is also the lab school for OKCCC's Child Development Program, Wood-Wilson said.

It is used by other programs at the college, including the Emergency Medical Technician and nursing programs.

During visits to the center, students from these programs take temperatures, check heart rates and have even made cast molds of the children's arms.

The Child Development Center offers child care to the community.

Staff, faculty and full-time students at OKCCC receive a \$20 discount.

Call Wood-Wilson at 682-1611, ext. 7612 for more information.

End-of-semester nap



Photo by Ryan Johnson

An unidentified student finds another use for his backpack other than toting around books for classes. This tired student was found snoozing outside of his next class on the second floor of the main building.

Highlights

Chi Alpha meeting

Chi Alpha club holds meetings every Wednesday, from noon to 1 p.m., in room 3N4 in the main building.

Gay Alliance & Friends hold bake sale

Gay Alliance & Friends club is planning a bake sale to raise funds for a community service project. The sale will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, in the main building.

Everyone is invited to a bible study

Christians on Campus sponsors a bible study at 12:30 p.m., every Thursday in room 2R5 in the main building. For more information call 634-2241 or e-mail OCCCBibleStudy@usa.net.

Sponsor needed for College Republicans

The College Republicans are an enthusiastic group of students who are ready to move forward once they find a club sponsor. If you can help, please call Director of Student Life Staci McPhearson at 682-1611, ext. 7726.

Business hosts college nights

AMF Moore Bowling plans to have a college night from 9:30 p.m. until closing every Thursday night. The price will be \$1.19 a game per person plus if shoes are needed rental is \$1.85. The address is 420 S. W. 6th Street in Moore. Current Student ID required.

New intercession class planned in history

Hist. 1002, American History Through Film, is a new intercession class being offered this Jan. Dr. Nigel Sellars will be the instructor and will be focusing on how the public learns from television, movies and Hollywood about historical events. The class will need a minimum of 25 students, so please hurry and enroll if you are interested.

Academic Tuition Fee Waiver awards announced

The Student Financial Aid Center will post the Academic Tuition Fee Waiver awards on Dec. 13.

Metro Transit working with the community

Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority (COPTA) approved a contract with Airport Express to operate a new flexible route service called Metro Link. COPTA is responding to a need that has developed with the Welfare-to-Work participants in reaching jobs, child care and training opportunities. As of Nov. 15 Air Express began providing a flexible route service on an hourly frequency in Oklahoma City from 7 p.m. until midnight, Monday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays when Metro Transit bus service is not currently operating. For reservation and information on Metro Link, call 688-6552.

Distance Ed Courses open for enrollment

Students who are interested in enrolling in on-line or telecourse classes for the spring 2000 semester need to pick up the updated Distance Education Schedule in admissions. For more information, please contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 682-7512 or the Office of Distance Education at 682-7574.



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Cotton candy anyone: OKCCC Engineering club members Joel Mann left and Jim Whitaker sell cotton candy to earn money for a club project.

Giving birth takes work when forming new clubs

International students want to form club

By Michaela Marx
Editor

OKCCC represents a large number of different cultures.

Currently 278 international students are enrolled, said Melanie Scott from the Admission and Records Office.

Many clubs represent individual cultures, such as the Native American organization or the Hispanic student club.

The Office of Global Education and Cultural Programming presents events to raise the awareness of different cultures in this institution.

OKCCC also plans an international studies program.

Overall our society is preparing for a future of globalization. Cultural awareness of different cultures will be very

important.

An international student organization is needed and wanted.

OKCCC student Ayodeji Famuagun from Nigeria said a International Student Club would be a great addition to OKCCC campus life.

"Personally I would be interested in learning how other foreign students coped with the situation of studying far away from home," he said.

Also it would be a good place to meet other international students and learn about their countries, he said.

Abra Glenn-Allen Figuera teaches English as a Second Language. She said many different nationalities come through her classroom.

"It would be great to have an international students club," she said.

Students would have the chance to exchange

experiences, and share their respective backgrounds, she said.

Mike Jones, Coordinator of Student Activities said an international student club is a good idea.

"We (Student Life) would work with the students," he said. It is important to Student Life that the students show interest, he said.

Jones said forming a club is not very hard. The students have to fill out a form, which can be picked up at the office of Student Life.

They have to find a sponsor and 10 signatures of active OKCCC students, who are interested in the club. If the club is approved Student Life can help to find meeting places and so on.

If you are interested in giving birth to such a club or if you are interested in sponsoring, please contact Student Life at 682-1611 ext. 7523.

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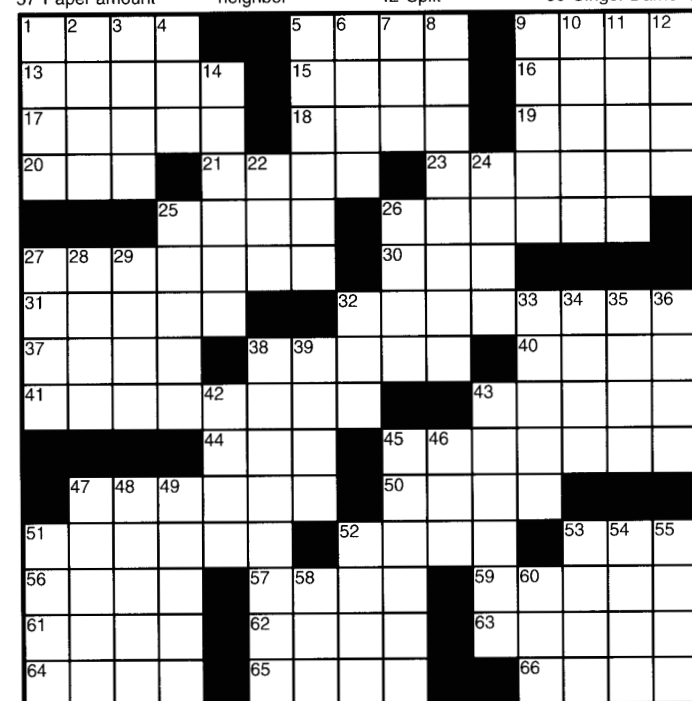
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Co-workers, former students have fond memories of professor

"Bragdon,"

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make up everything in two days.

"Gene was so kind. He just shook his head and explained she couldn't really do a whole semester in just a couple of days."

VanSchuyver said she is sad that Bragdon won't be around to share stories with in the future.

"He will be a hard person to replace," she said. "It truly was a loss for the college and the individuals who cared about him," she said.

Photography lab assistant LaWanda LaVarnway recalls taking his English class.

"He was tough but he was good," she said.

"I had written the phrase 'a picture is worth a thousand words' in one of my essays," LaVarnway said.

"He looked at me and asked 'how do you know?'"

LaVarnway remembers Bragdon as being bigger than life but cuddly as a grandpa.

"He knew how to touch his students," LaVarnway said. "He could make you feel you were the only one in the class."

Gene W. Bragdon was born in Mobile, Alabama, Oct. 2, 1935, to Grace Sunderland Bragdon and Ernest Bragdon.

He earned his master's degree at the University of Oklahoma and his doctorate of Philosophy at the University of Texas.

He was a member of the First Unitarian Church of

Oklahoma City.

He is survived by his wife Jo Bragdon, of the home, his stepson Michael Douglas and wife Julie and two granddaughters Sarah and Erin of Napa County, Calif.

Memorial services were to be held at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 21, at the First Unitarian Church located at 600 N.W.

13th and Dewey in Oklahoma City.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to OKC Community Foundation's designated fund for Canterbury Choral Society at 1300 N. Broadway Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73103, or to Oklahoma City Com-

munity College Development Foundation, 7777 South May, Oklahoma City, OK 73159.

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