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Photo by Ryan Johnson

Hurry up and wait: Several OKCCC students wait patiently in line at the student bookstore the week before classes begin. The bookstore, located on the first floor of the main building, sells textbooks and other supplies such as paper, pens and pencils.

Online college begins programs

It seems as if learning goes beyond the classroom in this computer age.

Going to classes is easier and more convenient for students with the establishment of the Online College of Oklahoma or OCO.

OCO begins its pilot program this spring.

It will build on existing distance education resources to provide students with high quality education

courses.

Chancellor Hans Brisch from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education said the online program is necessary.

"To meet Oklahoma's changing educational needs, Oklahoma colleges and universities must provide more convenient access to quality programs and courses," he said.

"Each of our higher edu-

cation institutions already offers distance education programs and courses over OneNet.

"The Online College of Oklahoma will further extend these offerings by coordinating courses and resources statewide."

OCO will give access to

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Observing rules will prevent most parking headaches

Being late for class is no excuse for ignoring law

By Michaela Marx
Editor

Classes have started which means thousands of students will drive to school every day to attend classes.

One of the first learning experiences at OKCCC for new students will be that parking on college ground is not an easy task.

Currently there are approximately 9000 students enrolled in OKCCC on-campus classes and the college provides a capacity of 2335 parking spots.

It does not take a rocket

scientist to do the math. It is often crowded in the parking lot during the busy times of the day.

Although the student-to-parking-places ratio does not add up, tickets for disobeying rules will.

If students fail to honor the rules it might result in an expensive ticket.

Keith Bourque, director of Campus Safety and Security, said that not only can the OKCCC Safety and Security Department issue tickets, but also the city of Oklahoma City, which is

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OKCCC president readies for next term

Bob Todd rehired for next year

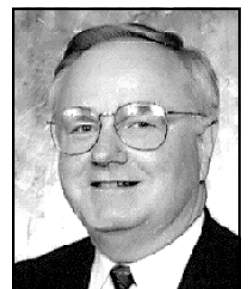
By Michaela Marx
Editor

Robert P. Todd will remain as president of OKCCC.

On Dec. 21 the Board of Regents took action to re-employ Todd as the president of OKCCC for the fiscal year 2000-2001.

Todd, who has been a member of the college family since OKCCC's beginnings in 1972, has been president since 1995.

He took over the position from former president Bob Gaines, who retired due to health problems. Todd began his career at the college as pro-



Dr. Robert Todd

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Electronic college alienates students

Ahh... a new millennium... a new semester... back to school!

The halls of OKCCC are filled with students trying to get enrolled. The check out lines in the bookstore are long and it takes approximately 15 minutes to purchase anything — even just a pencil and a bottle of orange juice.

This picture doesn't look much different from any pre-Y2K semesters.

However, things have changed over the past years. The future holds some real technological possibilities for colleges.

OKCCC has invested in a huge amount of this technology.

The number of telecourses and online classes has increased over the last two years. Students do not even have to show up physically to take some classes. Convenient isn't it?

Last semester, one of my professors predicted that all college education may move into cyberspace in the not-too-distant future.

The technology is fully developed and available. It's just a matter of time before it's put into use.

There are several reasons to applaud this technology.

This kind of education would be cheaper because the salaries paid to professors would be lower since they would no longer have to show up at the college every day.

Students could stay home and never have to enter a college to earn a degree.

Those same ideas are also what make this prospect a scary one.

There would be no personal contact at all between professors and students, no socializing with classmates and no more Cokes and candy bars from the vending machines.

Distance Education Programs that are now offered are convenient for people who live outside the metro area, miles away from a college, or for those physically unable to attend class, but exclusively broadcast education should not be the goal.

Part of the entire college experience involves actually going to class and meeting people.

Just imagine the future without long lines at the bookstore and people everywhere in the halls of OKCCC at the beginning of the semester.

Instead the students would enroll online, pay their tuition via online banking and then turn on the television, ready for their first class session without even having to talk to a single human being in the process.

For the new millennium, I hope college remains an experience that has to be physically and actively lived instead of transformed into some additional online service students consume because of its convenience.

—Michaela Marx
Editor

Thanks goes out to 'guardian angel' for help after accident

To the Editor:

My family and I would like to thank the young man who got me out of my vehicle on Dec. 13.

Someone had hit me on my passenger side, making my car roll onto its driver's side.

The young man opened the back hatch and helped me out.

He even climbed back into the truck to get my bookbag and purse.

As soon as he realized that I was all right, he disappeared into the school.

I was pretty shaken up and would not have gotten out of the truck safely without his help.

I even called him my guardian angel.

I have something that I would like to say to him.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart, my angel. You were truly looking out for me. Without you helping me, I could have been seriously injured.

—Michelle Perry
OKCCC Student

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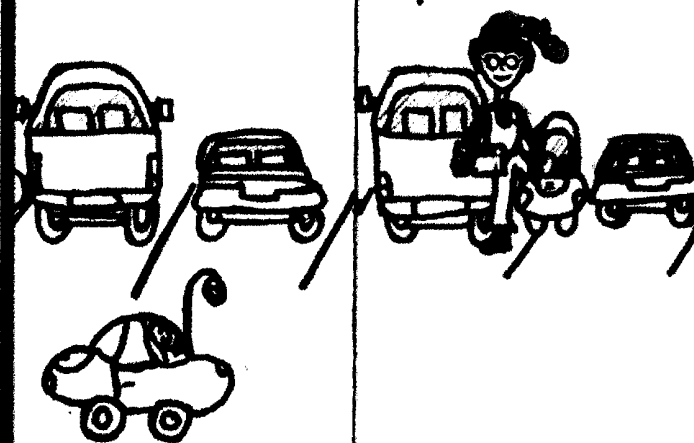
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By Akram Taghavi

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Comments and Reviews

'Sleepy Hollow' not the fairy tale folks remember

I'm sure we all remember the story of Ichibod Crane and Sleepy Hollow as told by Disney.

It was happy and playful and full of fun, but that's not what the "headless horseman" is about.

He is a ruthless killer, not a cartoon. What is a person supposed to do to get the real story?

Head straight for the nearest theater to see "Sleepy Hollow," starring Johnny Depp as Ichibod Crane.

It contains all the blood and gore you would expect

from a guy with no head.

The story starts in New York with Ichibod in a courtroom standing before a judge.

He is petitioning the city to stop using torture on people who commit petty crimes.

The city, in an attempt to get rid of him, sends Ichibod to Sleepy Hollow to put to use his "state of the art foren-



sic sciences" in finding the killer of three people.

Upon arrival he is told

about the three murders — all of the victims were decapitated. He is then told that no mortal being could be capable of committing such crimes.

Being the scientist he is, Ichibod sets out to disprove their theories of supernatural beings and find the real killer.

Ichibod receives help from a young boy he takes in as his apprentice

and a beautiful lady named Katrina, who is played by Christina Ricci.

Needless to say, by the end of the movie, all is exposed about the "headless horseman" and his crimes.

If you want to know the ending, I would suggest you haul yourself to the nearest movie theater and buy a ticket to "Sleepy Hollow."

I give the movie 4 out of 5 decapitated heads due to one lame scene that threw the tempo of the movie for a loop.

—Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

Music moves into 21st century via Sony Playstation, MTV

I know there are those out there who listen to music in the car or at home, all the while tapping your hands to the beat and thinking "I wish I could make music like this." Now you can.

MTV Music Generator for your Playstation console is all you need.

This game is like your own personal music studio. It caters mostly to the techno and club music people but any type of music can be made.

It features ready-made samples of differ-

ent types of music, each ranging from one to ten seconds. Each sample varies in its content in the approximately 3000 pre-made samples.

This allows you to make a great amount of music and never have it be the same as a song you have already created.

But that's not all. You don't have to use the pre-made samples. You can make your own, ending up with an entire song created solely by you.

The best part about the game is that you can sample music off your favorite CD which means you can recreate your favorite song on your own Playstation.

After you have created that top hit single, you can hook your Playstation audio to your home computer and save the song onto a CD and have it to listen to anytime you wish or even to sell.

In order to sell it you must use the MTV Music Generator logo on your CD, a small price to pay for your own creation.

As an aspiring musician I would have to say that, short of professional equipment, this is the best music studio equipment a person can buy and at an affordable price to boot.

I give this game 5 out of 5 CDs and highly recommend that if you have even the slightest interest in music you buy your copy today. Prices run about \$44.

—Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer



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'Male Gigolo' worth every penny

Rob Schneider dishes up tasteless laughs

"Deuce Bigelow - Male Gigolo." The name of this movie is almost as funny as the movie itself.

Rob Schneider is a fish tank cleaner and self-trained aquarium expert. He has no luck with the girls. In other words, he is a loser.

One day his path crosses with a dark-haired, hot-tempered and muscle-packed gigolo. He lives in an apartment on the ocean and the fish tank, the centerpiece of this apartment, alone costs more than \$6000. He gets paid to show women "pleasure" and his life is what Deuce's will never be.

However, a sick fish is a treat from destiny for Deuce when the gigolo asks him to baby sit his fish and the house while he is out of town.

The first night in Deuce's dream apartment turns into a catastrophe and all of a sudden he is in desperate need of

cash to fix the broken \$6000 fish tank as well as a few other things that broke.

So he decides to try his luck as a gigolo and engages in a comic adventure trying to earn the cash. He is surrounded by hilarious characters, such as a mad police man, a huge lady customer and Deuce's He-Pimp.

The humor is just on the border between hilarious and tasteless. That's what makes it so funny. Rob Schneider is great and the movie is a fun film to see with a bunch of friends.

—Michaela Marx
Editor



Faculty Association awards eight \$250 student scholarships

The OKCCC Faculty Association chose eight talented and involved OKCCC students as recipients for their semi-annual \$250 scholarships.

The winners are: Tory Aylesbury, math and physics major; Cathy Bowman, graphic communications major; Valerie Case, biology major; Tina Hale, elementary education major; Angie Lovett, physical therapy assistant major; Joel Mann, engineering major; Michaela Marx, journalism major and Dorothy Tietz, physical therapy assistant major.

Rachel Butler, chair of the scholarship committee, said the association is pleased with the choices.

"These are outstanding students," she said.

"As a group they do excellent academic work, are leaders in campus organizations, class and elsewhere, and write in both a thoughtful and articulate manner. Each has wonderful potential."

In order to be considered by the scholarship committee the student has to be nominated by a faculty

"These are outstanding students. Each has wonderful potential."

—Rachel Butler
Faculty Association
Scholarship Committee
Chair

member, Butler said.

The criteria on which the committee selects the recipients are academic performance and leadership, especially outside the classroom.

Also the student's potential, as the nominating faculty members evaluate it, is an important criteria.

One of the requirements was to enter an essay about the student's role at OKCCC as well as his future academic goals.

The ideas from the essay were also taken into account when choosing the eight winners, she said.

The Faculty Association funds the scholarships through work at the Arts Festival, a craft and bake sale held in the spring and through donations.

OKCCC director of recreation and community services awarded for community work

By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

Volunteering has paid off for Chris Moler, OKCCC's Director of Recreation and Community Services.

He recently received the award for the American Red Cross Health and Safety Services Department Volunteer of the Year.

Kristi Leonard, the volunteer coordinator for the Oklahoma Chapter Red Cross, said Moler had some real competition.

"There were quite a large number of nominees for this award from volunteer staff members as well as paid staff members," she said.

"He is very dedicated and he works very hard for the Red Cross.



Chris Moler

"He gives up a lot of his free time to help us out and if we ever need him he will be right there ready to help," Leonard said.

Moler earned the award for his work with the American Red Cross as volunteer chair of the annual Southwest Regional Aquatic School, the Southwest Regional Lifeguard Games, serving as co-chair of the Wacky Water WaHoo Water Safety Day, at White Water Bay, and various other health and safety committees.

Moler said he stays busy

with the activities.

"I have been involved with the Red Cross for about 27 years and I serve on a number of committees," he said. "I love the organization and I will continue to support it for as long as I can."

Moler has given presentations at the Oklahoma Recreation and Parks Society statewide conference speaking on Aquatic Risk Management and Trends in Aquatic Programming.

He recently traveled to Orlando, Fla. and spoke at the Athletic Business National Conference on "How To Get the Most of a Collegiate Aquatic Center" and "Perfecting the Business Plan Process."

He also volunteers as Aquatic Track Chairman for the National Conference and is on the national publications Editorial Advisory Board.

Dedicated students receive Jack Cain scholarships

By Michaela Marx
Editor

Hard work pays off. That was proven lately

when four OKCCC engineering students each received a special reward for their dedication and

hard work in the form of a scholarship check.

The Engineering Club also sponsored, for the first time, a scholarship as a part of the overall Jack

Cain Memorial Scholarship.

Jack Cain Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Joel Mann, Hanna Smith and Patrick Figaro. These students each received a \$250 check.

Justin Hawkins was awarded a \$100 scholarship, said Professor of Engineering Masil Masilamani.

The Jack Cain Memorial scholarship is available exclusively to engineering majors, he said.

Other requirements are a GPA of at least 3.0 and the students should have completed at least 30 credit hours at OKCCC. Recipients also need to be involved in the Engineering

Club, Masalamani said.

The Engineering Club raised most of the money for this year's scholarships with its successful book-sale in December, Masilamani said.

Many faculty and staff members had donated numerous books for that cause.

Masilamani said he appreciates the donations and help.

"Thanks for all who helped to raise the money," he said.

The scholarship fund was created in remembrance of Jack Cain, a former OKCCC math professor who was killed in a mountain climbing accident in May 1996.



Ever Get Somebody Totally Wasted?

Please Don't Drink and Drive



The Verdehr Trio
Pianist Gary Kirkpatrick, Elsa Verdehr on clarinet and violinist Walter Verdehr

Verdehr Trio to make appearance

By Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

The Verdehr Trio will be performing two of their newest pieces for the first time at 7 p.m. Jan. 25, in the OKCCC Theater.

The Verdehr Trio, made up of violinist Walter Verdehr, his wife Elsa on clarinet, and pianist Gary Kirkpatrick, said they have concentrated on defining the personality of the violin-clarinet-piano trio for the past 20 years.

During this time they have been successful in commissioning more than 80 works from some of the world's most prominent composers.

They have rediscovered and transcribed 18th and 19th century pieces for inclusion in concert programs.

The Trio has also commissioned the work of a local composer Zhu Shuhua,

teacher of violin at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

They have performed in 14 European countries, the former Soviet Union, South and Central America, Asia, Australia, and in the musical capitals of the United States.

The Trio is currently working on producing a CD with the recordings of new works created especially for them.

The group is also working on the video, "Making of a Medium," which will consist of several half-hour programs.

These programs will include interviews and discussions by composers and performers, and performances of each work.

The Verdehr Trio will also be giving a lecture, "The State of New Music," Jan. 24, 5:30 p.m. in room 1C5 of the Arts and Humanities building.

They will discuss the state of modern chamber music and the process of commissioning works.

Verdehr Trio

Lecture
Time:
5:30 p.m.

Place:
1C5 in AH

Date:
Jan. 24

Concert
Time:
7 p.m.

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OKCCC
Theater

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Insulation fire put out quickly

By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

Smoke in the college over the holidays called the attention of security and other faculty members on the morning of Dec. 21, 1999.

According to Keith Bourque, coordinator of Campus Safety and Security, OKCCC physical plant workers were soldering a water line on a water fountain on the second floor of the main building and it caught the insulation on fire.

Bourque said the fire didn't spread from the second floor in the computer technology room, but the smell it created did drift to the bathrooms around the corner and the offices in that area.

He said there was minimal damage because the fire was put out right away and didn't continue to any other rooms.

When asked why no alarms sounded, Bourque responded that there are no smoke or fire alarms in that area.

Harve Allen, director of public relations, was close by and could smell the smoke.

Allen said he felt there wasn't a real danger because the flames were extinguished before it could spread but, he said, the smell lingered and caused attention to be called to the area.

Nick Ackles, coordinator of media services, said he also became concerned when he smelled smoke from his second floor office.

"It was all over in a matter of a minute" Ackles said.

The physical plant workers were not available for an interview.

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Math made easier for students

Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

Math may be a little easier now thanks to a computer software program that teaches, tutors and assists students in difficult lessons.

Academic Systems is the interactive software program that will be used in several OKCCC remedial math courses.

Students are given individualized lessons and can work at their own pace and advance to the next lesson when they feel that they are ready.

Marsha Austin, OKCCC professor of mathematics, said students will find the program helpful.

"The main benefit of the program is the student can work at his or her own

"The main benefit of the program is the student can work at his or her own pace."

—Marsha Austin
OKCCC Math Professor

pace," she said. "They can go over and over something they are having trouble with which they couldn't do in a traditional classroom,

The software presents problems for the student to work on and then afterwards, the student receives immediate feedback on the best way to solve the problem. The student can go over that concept more to understand it better or move on to the next lesson.

Students can also take quizzes to test what they have learned.

"This is for the visual learner, and it works best if the student is self-motivated and an independent

learner," Austin said.

"The instructor still plays an important role. They work one-on-one with students, but now students both the instructor and the computer to call on for a particular program."

The software is installed in 24 of the college computers.

This spring the Intermediate Algebra course with the Academic Systems format will be offered online for the first time.

"We also hope to offer students the option of purchasing CDs they can take home and work the lessons through the Internet," Austin said.

Former occupational therapy students score

By Eduar do Vasquez
Newswriting I Student

All fourteen former OKCCC Occupational Therapy students who recently took the Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant test passed.

The students are now licensed to work as Occupational Therapy Assistants.

They all scored above the national average as well.

The average test score was 524.86 out of 600 possible points.

OKCCC students scored almost 10 points above the average of

515.75.

OTA professors Phyllis Baker and Tom Kraft said the success of the students came from hard work, an interest in what they are doing and their experiences through the program.

Baker said great instructors and good students were the main reason for the high average.

She said the students have to meet several requirements before enrolling in the OTA Program.

The students are not only good with the classes, she said, but are also special people, dedicated to help and to serve their clients with their special needs.

New century comes complete with new fashions

By Kristin V incent
Newswriting I Student

Spring is around the corner. Even more important — we've entered the 21st century. It's obviously time for a fashion update.

A Chicago department store, Kohls (our version of Dillards), has the scoop on what is in and what is out for the upcoming season and millennium.

Kim Carter, Kohl's manager of operations and personnel, sees the upcoming fashion as a new beginning for most people.

Carter said gray is the new black. Black is still one of the best choices, she said, but gray will be noticed as a nice versatile color, too.

She said animal prints have made a comeback as well.

"Animal prints on accessories are a nice choice for women," Carter said.

She said wearing animal prints as an outfit is not the best thing to do.

"Animal prints need to be worn in moderation, like a purse or nice pair of shoes."

Cashmere blends, twin sets, and three-quarter length shirts are the look of the upcoming season for women. A black leather belted coat, or a flowing black jacket are in style for the women who want to look business-like.

Corduroy is back in for the men in the upcoming sea-

son.

"Long coats look good on the men rather than short coats, giving them a more confident and striking look," Carter said, "Short coats create a casual look, but seem to not be as versatile."

Carter said there are many fashion options this season.

"Fashion is one thing, style is another," she said. "Style is personal.

"Take what's in fashion and modify it to suit your individual style and one that best fits your figure type. Being comfortable in your choice of clothing leads to confidence. Confidence is the best reflection of you."

One OKCCC student may have summed it up best in her comments.

"Today [fashion] seems less trendy. Basic is the best way to go, then you can accessorize with something edgy or trendy.

"The big hair, big earrings, Brat-written-across-the-chest shirts, fluorescent colors and pants down to the rear are all something we need to forget."

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The life, the legacy

By Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

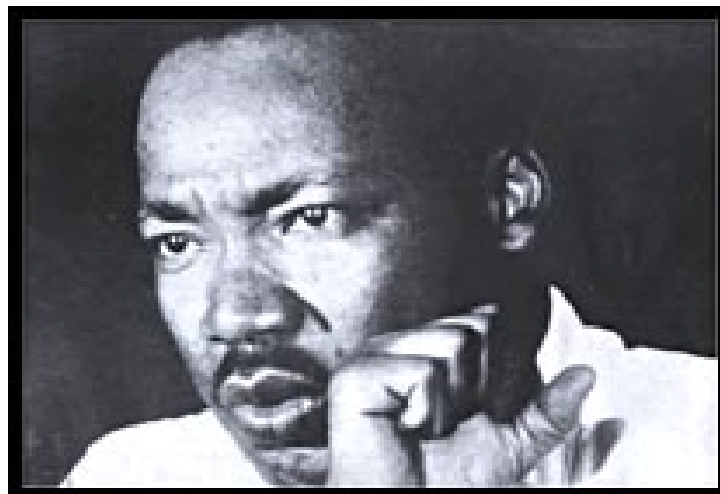
On Jan. 17, we celebrate Martin Luther King Day, but who is this man?

King was born Jan. 15, 1929, to Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. and Alberta Williams King. He was the second child and the first son to the King's.

Because of his high score on the college entrance exams in his junior year of high school, he advanced to Morehouse College at the age of 15.

He completed his dissertation in 1955, at 26, and was awarded a doctorate the same year on June 5.

Two years before, he had married Coretta Scott on June 18, 1953. The ceremony took place at the Scotts' home in Marion, Ala. The Rev. King Sr. per-



formed the service. During his marriage they had four children.

After graduating from Morehouse College in 1955, King was awarded many honorary degrees from numerous colleges and universities in the United States and various foreign countries.

In February of 1948, at the age of 19, King entered the Christian ministry at the Ebenezer Baptist

Church in Atlanta.

Upon completion of his studies at Boston University, he went to Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala. He was pastor there for five years. He resigned in 1959 to become co-pastor with his father at Ebenezer Baptist Church and President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

King was a member of many national and local

boards of directors and served on the board of trustees of several institutions and agencies. He was also a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

King received hundreds of awards for his role in the Civil Rights Movement. Among them were: Most Outstanding Personality of the Year by Time, 1957; the Springarn Medal from NAACP, 1957; and the Nobel Peace Prize, 1964.

King's life ended on April 4, 1968. He was in Memphis to lead sanitation workers in a protest against low wages and intolerable conditions when he was shot by James Earl Ray.

His funeral services were held on April 9, 1968, at Ebenezer Church and the campus of Morehouse College. The President of the United States proclaimed a day of mourning and flags were flown at half-staff.

The man behind the vision

By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

African-American civil rights were defined by Martin Luther King Jr. in many history-making moments. King's vision was presented in speeches and is still observed today.

King was elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, the organization which was responsible for the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott from 1955 to 1956. The Bus Boycott, initiated by King, faced the problem of segregation in transportation. Rosa Parks, a black woman, was riding the bus when a white person demanded that she give her seat up for him, but Parks refused and was arrested. A white individual had the right to sit down and force blacks to stand in the back. The African-Americans were denied the right to sit at the front of the bus.

King led protests in Birmingham for desegregated department store facilities and fair hiring in 1963. In April of that year he was arrested after demonstrating in defiance of a court order. While in jail he wrote "Letter From Birmingham Jail." This letter was widely circulated and became very well known in the civil-rights movement.

King had a dream of integration of blacks and whites and he announced his vision to the American people in his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963, at the March on Washington at the Lincoln Memorial.

"...So I say to you, my friends, that even though we must face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed - we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood...

...I have a dream my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today!..."

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The following year on Dec. 10, 1964, King won the Nobel Peace Prize and delivered yet another moving speech.

King's selfless devotion gave direction to 13 years of civil rights activities and his speeches inspired many. Because of his participation in civil rights activities, he was arrested 30 times.

King's philosophy was nonviolent direct action. His concept of "somebodiness" gave blacks as well as poor people a sense of worth and dignity which was not seen until then.

Martin Luther King's CIVIL RIGHTS Timeline

1954

Brown vs. Board of Education

1956

Rosa Parks



1960

Sit-In Protests

1961

Freedom Rides

1963

March on Washington "I Have A Dream..."



1964

Civil Rights Act

1965

Nobel Peace Prize ceremony

March to Montgomery courthouse



1968

King is murdered



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Volunteer work involves occupational therapy students

By Eduar do Vasquez
Newswriting I
Student

Two years ago, Tom Kraft, professor of the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program, started a partnership with the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled.

Since then, numerous Occupational Therapy Assistant program students have volunteered time to the foundation.

The students help out in a variety of ways.

Some help in organizing activity rooms while others work directly with members of the foundation.

Student volunteers have also helped prepared a summer camp

"We are so thankful to the students for coming out here to help us get this program started."

—Lisa Matthews

Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled

and participated in it.

The foundation has its own Wilderness Challenge Center that is located on the shores of Lake Stroud.

The Wilderness Challenge Center provides a peaceful atmosphere for groups up to 100 persons to enjoy and learn.

Lisa Matthews, Foundation Program Director, said she appreciates the OKCCC students' hard work and dedication.

"We are so thankful to the students for coming out here to help us get this program started."

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tion for the Disabled is a United Way Partner Agency.

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The disabled participate in outdoors experiences, arts and craft, sports and all types of networking with peers.

The foundation is currently in need of volunteers. Interested persons should contact Kraft at 682-1611, ext. 7227, or call the Foundation for the Disabled at 842-6636.

Students set goal of helping others

By Philip Rajakanu
Newswriting I Student

The desire to help others is one of the main reasons people are attracted to OKCCC's Emergency Medical Technician's program.

Brent Stafford, EMT instructor, said he sees that desire in his students.

"The excitement and the interest in emergency medicine are the secondary reasons," he said.

Stafford's EMT career began in 1979. He has been teaching OKCCC's EMT program for 16 years.

Within the EMT program students become qualified to provide pre-hospital emergency health care.

All coursework is designed to prepare students for careers as ambulance and emergency vehicle personnel, industrial medical technicians or as emergency medical personnel at special events.

It also provides them with the knowledge to administer emergency health care and react appropriately in situations demanding fast decision-making.

Stafford said graduates must be able to work well under pressure and make critical decisions without hesitations.

As part of the training, students have to ride on EMSA ambulances and are exposed to real life emergencies.

They also are required to go into emergency, labor and operating rooms as well as all other areas within a hospital to get the feel of actually being in the medical field.

It is a two-year program in either a certification program or a degree course.

Many graduates have gone further to become physicians, as many as 40 in the last 16 years.

For more information on the EMT program, please call 626-7573.

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Highlights

Twelve Angry Women and three men needed

Auditions for Twelve Angry Women will be noon to 1:30 p.m. in 1F5 AH on Thursday, Jan. 20. The show needs 12 women and three men and the performance dates will be 7 p.m. Feb. 16 through 19 in the lobby of the college library. If any questions call Darin Young at 682-1611 ext. 7588.

Enrollment for spring semester continues

On campus enrollment for the spring semester will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays until Jan. 23. Previously admitted students may enroll by phone at 682-6222 or over the Internet at www.okc.cc.ok.us. Traditional 16 week and the condensed eight-week semesters begin Monday, Jan. 17. Fast-Track classes begin Jan. 22 and the eight-week mid-spring semester begins March 20. On campus, internet and telecourses are available.

Auditions for Chamber Singers being held

Auditions for Chamber Singers will be held from Jan. 17 through 20 in room 1C5 in the Arts and Humanities building. Tuition fee waivers are available for eligible members. Need not be a music major to participate. Sign up for a time at 1C5 or call Ryan Herbert at 682-1611 ext. 7249.

Drawing teacher needed

An adjunct teacher is needed to instruct a Drawing I class and an Advanced Sketching class beginning Saturday Jan. 22 at Western Oaks Middle School, 7200 NW 23rd. Each class meets for eight weeks from 10-10:55 a.m. and 11-11:55 a.m. on Saturdays. Adjuncts need to be 18 yrs. or older and show proof of experience and/or portfolio of work. Call Jonie Welle, Community Education Coordinator at 682-1611 ext. 7205.

Mensa offering scholarship

Mensa is offering their annual Scholarship Essay Contest to any student enrolled in a degree program at an accredited American college or university for the academic year following the award. The awards are based on a 550 word essay detailing the students academic and career goals. Membership in Mensa is not required and advanced degree students are welcomed. To request a scholarship application contact the college scholarship office.

Teen years made easier through confidence class

Teen Modeling, a class designed to help teens, ages 11 to 17, build self-esteem and confidence is being offered by the Office of Recreation and Community Services at OKCCC. The class will meet from noon to 12:55 p.m. Saturday afternoons for eight weeks beginning March 25. Cost is \$40 for an eight-week session. Call 682-7560 or 682-1611, ext. 7205 for more information.

Telephone helpline volunteers wanted

CONTACT, a United Way agency, needs volunteers to help callers that need help or just want to talk. Volunteers will undergo training to learn how to listen, reflect feelings, and help callers solve their own problems. Free introductory classes for anyone wanting to participate are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday Jan. 20. You can call CONTACT 848-2273.



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Surprise! Professor Abra Glenn-Allen Figueroa was surprised when one of her classes hosted a baby shower for her in December. Figueroa teaches English as a second language at OKCCC and is expecting a baby any day.

College clubs offer students variety of fare

By Susan Wierimaa
Staff Writer

An array of clubs and organizations have been established at OKCCC to encourage students to become involved in college activities.

•Collegiate Secretaries International (CSI) provides social and educational activities for students in the office administration program.

•Drama Club promotes the College's Theater Arts Program, sharing ideas and common interests.

•Engineering Club provides students with opportunities to learn engineering through a variety of activities.

•Future Teachers' Organization/Student Oklahoma Education Association (FTO/SOEA) provides

students with the opportunity to investigate teaching as a career and learning more about the art of teaching.

•Health Professions Club affords students the opportunity to meet for professional growth and social interaction.

•Psychology/Sociology Club provides meetings of groups and individuals interested in understanding human behavior.

•Science Club explores various aspects of the "pure sciences," introducing students to both formal and field research techniques.

•Student Art Guild (SAG) is composed of anyone with a love for art.

•Student Nurses' Association (SNA) is designed to contribute to the student's educational development.

•Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) increases OTA

student's social and educational opportunities.

•Student Physical Therapist Assistant Organization (SPTAO) increases SPTA student's educational, social and professional opportunities.

•Hispanic Organization to Promote Education (HOPE) plans activities on campus and offers services to the Hispanic community.

•Parenting as Single Students with Class (PASS) provides a network of other single parent students to help each member be successful in their endeavors.

Additional information on these clubs and organizations, as well as their faculty sponsors, is available in a brochure "OKCCC Clubs and Organizations, 1999-2000," distributed through the Office of Student Life or you may visit their website at www.okc.cc.ok.us.

Does your club have news to share? Call 682-1611, ext. 7675

Classifieds

Pioneer Classified Advertising is **free** to all **currently enrolled OKCCC students** and employees for any **personal classified ad**. Ads must be submitted in writing with IDs supplied or work area and college extension included. Deadline for advertising is 5 p.m. Tuesday prior to the publication date. Call 682-1611, ext. 7674 for more information.

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FOR SALE: '84 Pontiac Parisienne, 4-door, V8, 5.0L, automatic with overdrive. Cold A/C and new tires. Runs great and starts every time. \$1,000 OBO. Call Joe or Nancy, 681-4244.

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FOR SALE: Wooden bunk bed with mattress, twin double bottom with drawers under bottom bunk, paid over \$600 new, \$300 OBO; complete 10-gallon fish tank with extras, \$40. Call Cheryl at 682-7510(work) or 672-

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even more expensive.

Tickets for parking in a fire lane costs \$25 or \$50 if the Oklahoma City Police Department writes the ticket. Parking in handicapped spots is \$50 if issued by Safety and Security or \$100 by the city, Bourque said.

Parking in a Faculty and Staff spot, or in a special-permit-required parking spot, which are reserved for regents and the president

runs \$5, as does double or improper parking which are indicated with a blue outline.

Bourque also said students, staff and faculty caught without proper parking sticker also have to pay \$5.

Other traffic violations on campus that might cost are speeding, going down a one-way-street the wrong direction, reckless and unsafe driving and running a stop sign, Bourque said. All of these tickets are \$25.

It is smart to make plans for arriving in time to

search for a parking spot.

"Traditionally the busiest time of the day is from just before 9 till 11 am, and from around 5 till 8 p.m.," Bourque said.

The Safety and Security Department will be out around campus and write tickets, but they also provide advice and help if needed.

"We are out there the first three days of class directing traffic," Bourque said. "We will show the students where to find empty parking spots and trying to make it easier for them."

Technology includes full online college

"Online,"
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programs such as electronic library databases, allow students to be served by multiple providers, expand concurrent enrollment opportunities for high school students, serve colleges and universities with programs they can easily import and make available to their students, and allow colleges and universities to share resources, knowledge, course content, and expertise.

"The Online College will be of great benefit to students, colleges, universities and businesses," Brisch said.

"It will help students and businesses because it provides one point of contact for information concerning distance education."

OKCCC as well as other Oklahoma colleges and universities will be participating in this establishment.

OKCCC does have online classes right now offered through OKCCC.

However, the OCO will expand on that and will make classes accessible to more people and areas of interest.

According to State Regents Chairman Bill W. Burgess Jr., Oklahoma colleges and universities had more than 23,500 enroll-

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—Hans Brisch
Chancellor of Higher Education

ments in electronically-delivered courses in 1997-1998 alone and they expect that number to grow.

"Changing student needs and lifestyles now make it necessary to take education to the community, home or workplace of students via technology.

"The Online College of Oklahoma can do this in an accessible and economical way," Burgess said.

Although the OCO will begin in the spring, it still needs a commitment of financial resources.

The State Regents have requested \$8.7 million in their state budget request.

The funding would be used to develop online course registration for students; purchase necessary hardware, including Web and application servers; and add new library catalog software and databases.

In addition to the OCO, the State Regents also announced plans to participate in a national pilot offering the Online Learning Exchange or OLE.

The OLE will establish discipline-based communities online where higher education professionals and students can access

information and share resources on certain subjects.

Oklahoma will serve as the lead state for physics, while California leads biology, Georgia, business, and North Carolina, teacher education.

Each state will also lead efforts in its areas as well as involve faculty from all four states in developing and reviewing processes, including standards for admission and access.

The states will then share this information with faculty in other states.

"With the Online Learning Exchange, college faculty will have an extensive and easily-accessible resource for online and multimedia materials," Brisch said.

"This saves time and money because they do not have to create all of the resources themselves.

"Students also benefit as college faculty incorporate multimedia into their instruction because the students are encouraged to access lecture information and do class assignments online, helping them further develop their computer skills."



Photo by Ryan Johnson

New to the college? Need answers? Don't know where to go? Melanee Hamilton and Craig Robinson of OKCCC's Prospective Student Services may have the answers you're looking for.

The two have set up a booth on the first floor of the main building for the first week of class. Students who may be experiencing problems can stop by and get help.

College president prepares to serve another term

"Todd,"
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gram manager in the science and business area in 1972.

One thing Todd said he enjoys most about his position at OKCCC is to see how large the college's impact is on the community.

"This work gives me the opportunity to make things better to help students succeed," he said.

The positive growth and development of the college throughout the years prove that the college's mission and Todd's work have a great deal of impact on the lives of the people in the community.

One of his fondest memories of his time at OKCCC is the college's involvement in the 1989 Olympic Festival.

OKCCC hosted all

aquatic activities and was awarded Number One site [facility] in terms of quality and assistance to the athletes.

"That still fills me with a great deal of pride," he said.

Todd said he also appreciates the opportunity to be part of the growing college.

He said the relationships among OKCCC staff and faculty are unique and have been from the early days of the college.

Todd also mentioned the excellency of the Board of Regents.

He said the men and women serving on the board truly represent the people within the community and the college greatly benefits from their work.

After almost 28 years at the college and being in his fifth year of presidency, he is still having fun, Todd said. He enjoys the work and the people at OKCCC.

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