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Photo by Ryan Johnson

Cold feet: Despite the cold weather outside, people are still enjoying the water inside the OKCCC Aquatic Center. Jayason Ramanjulu, currently enrolled as a student and OKCCC lifeguard, watches the swimmers to make sure they stay safe. The pool is open year round to the public.

Diversity displayed in OKCCC's full-time workforce numbers

By Michaela Marx
Editor

OKCCC leaders say the campus workforce mirrors the racial and ethnic diversity of its community.

Currently, of 351 full-time college employees, 13 percent represent different minorities.

Annemarie Shirazi, dean of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, said Oklahoma City's population is made up of approximately 16 to 17 percent minorities overall.

The college wants to

emulate that in hiring its employees.

Sharazi said every institution has to have an Affirmative Action Plan. However, she said, no hard rules have to be followed.

Shirazi said OKCCC is not required to employ a certain percentage of minorities, but the college tries to keep the percentage in a range that is representative of the community.

Carolyn Rouillard, senior human resources specialist, said there is no longer a minority quota for institutions. She said this practice has been ruled unconstitutional in the past.

She also said the hiring

process is an equal opportunity process. However, she added, "in the employment process, human resources encourages selection committees to be sensitive to areas of underutilization of protected classes, such as minorities and women.

Rouillard's department, Human Resources, prepares the annual employee statistics, she said. A monthly analysis is done, which serves as a source for the annual report.

One part of the annual plan is statistical data about the workforce of the institution. The current plan is effective for 2000.

OKCCC's full-time workforce consists of 145 men and 206 women.

OKCCC's 109 full-time faculty members represent 13 percent minorities. The groups represented are African Americans, Hispanics, Asians and American Indians.

Administration, executive and management staff has 18 percent minorities. The percentage of minorities for other professionals is 9 percent.

Of the college's 78 secretaries and clerks, 8 percent are from one of the mi-

Televised courses convenient

By Susan Craig
Contributing Writer

OKCCC offers telecourses for students who may be looking for an alternative to attending class on campus.

The classes use printed material with supplemental video lessons that can be viewed on Cox Cable, Oklahoma's Public Access Channel, OETA (Oklahoma Education Television Authority), or in the college library.

Telecourses allow students to watch the videos from the comfort of their home and at the convenience of their busy schedule. That is if they are enrolled in a course that is being telecast on OETA or Cox Cable.

Most telecourses are telecast on Cox Cable.

However, not all telecourse students are in the Cox Cable viewing area.

Glenda Prince, coordinator of distance education, said negotiations with Multimedia are ongoing. In the meantime, students not in the Cox viewing area can view the video lessons at the college library.

OETA provides 25 free hours of telecast time for OKCCC telecourses each semester, Prince said.

"This is because OKCCC is a member of HETA, the Higher Education Telecommunication Association, which includes 15 higher education institutions in Oklahoma.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

History lessons often incomplete regarding facts

On the first day of this semester, I was waiting for class to begin when I heard another student say, "Why do we need to learn history? All it is old stuff!"

My first thought: "hopefully to learn from our mistakes."

As far as history being "old stuff," I beg to differ. History is constantly rewriting itself. In this regard, I'm not talking about future history, but past history.

As a child growing up in Arkansas during the 1960s, our history books were "white."

Yet, how could it have been any different? There were no black students in any of my classes until my junior year in high school (1969).

When looking at present-day history books, it's amazing to see that a lot of the history I was taught was in fact long on bias and short on the "whole story."

Sure, the Civil War was discussed. There was no mention of ill-treatment of slaves or lynchings or burnings. There were two basic concepts on the Civil War, the North fought for the end of slavery, and it was the first and only war actually fought on our native soil.

Excuse me? What about the war and persecution of the American Indians? If that wasn't a war, then what was it?

In the old history books, when the calvary won it was called a "battle." When the Indians won it was called a "massacre."

Never in high school were the words "Massacre at Wounded Knee" used in my history books, acknowledging that the U.S. 7th Calvary attacked and killed 300 starving Indian men, women and children. "The day the snow turned red."

Yet, it is in today's books.

In 1870, U.S. Congress passed the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that guaranteed Civil Rights. "Civil Rights" weren't mentioned in my history books.

Today's history also tells us that no UFOs or aliens were ever found at Roswell, New Mexico.

History also tells us that Neil Armstrong walked on the moon and spoke the words of the 20th Century, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Again, history tells us that Lee Harvey Oswald was not part of a conspiracy when he assassinated President John Kennedy.

Will these historical facts be rewritten?

Will they stand up over time?

Only history will tell.

—Susan Wierimaa
Staff Writer

Adult college fair scheduled

To the Editor:

The Office of Prospective Student Services is on a mission to encourage adults to finish a college degree.

We will be hosting the first local Adult College Fair on Saturday, Feb. 12 from noon to 4 p.m. in the college union.

Representatives from 13 colleges and universities will be on hand to tell us about their accelerated and non-traditional programs.

"We promise an informative and motivational afternoon."

—Sally Edwards

There will be several 30-minute information sessions throughout the afternoon on topics such as: Financing Your College Education, Alternative Methods for Credit, and Accelerated Degree Programs.

Please join us and bring friends and family who are interested in accomplishing

a college degree in the shortest possible time.

We promise an informative and motivational afternoon.

—Sally Edwards
Director of Prospective Student Services

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Comments and Reviews

Crosby and Nash 'Whistling' happy tunes

Duo joins other half of popular '60s quartet CSN&Y on 2000 tour

Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young first appeared on the music scene in 1968 when music was beginning to convey a social message.

They rose to popularity through such hits as "Woodstock" and "Ohio," a song about the National Guard shootings at Kent State University.

Fans will remember such hit-packed albums as "Deja Vu" and "Four-Way Street."

However, fans may not know that, in 1976, David Crosby and Graham Nash teamed up to record the 10-song album "Whistling Down the Wire."

Hard to find on vinyl because it went out of print early on, "Whistling" has been remastered and re-released — still on the MCA label — in CD form.

"Whistling" didn't initially interest me as I listened to

the first track "Spotlight."

But then, as the melodic second track "Broken Bird" began to play, I realized I was listening to two of the four masters who sang the sweetest harmonies ever. Boy, did this sound good.

The rest of the CD followed familiar paths and, after a few more listens, I realized I even liked the first song. It just took a while since it didn't have the trademark sound I'm accustomed to hearing from any combination of CSN&Y.

Good voices, strong harmonies, instrumentation that doesn't overpower the music — "Whistling" demands to be put on loop in the CD player.

And, if you have a desire to hear any of the music live, you're in luck.



Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young

The four musicians who comprised CSN&Y have reunited and are touring again. They will be close to Oklahoma City on March 7 when they play at the Reunion Arena in Dallas.

Other concert dates can be found at www.csnny.net

The foursome consists of an all-star lineup — David Crosby who began his rise to stardom with the musical group The Byrds (and recently was identified as the "sperm donor" for the two children of the lesbian couple, singer Melissa Etheridge and Julie Cypher); Stephen Stills, formerly of the group Buf-

falo Springfield; Graham Nash, formerly of the popular '60s musical group The Hollies; and Neil Young, also of Buffalo Springfield, who joined the trio of CS&N in 1969 and launched a successful solo career after later parting ways with CSN&Y.

Although the faces may have aged some, the music hasn't. The words still convey messages that deserve a listen.

Concert-goers are bound to hear bits and pieces off of all the albums ever released by CSN&Y — some as solo artists, some as the threesome CS&N, others in duet or classic quartet form.

Whatever the combination, the music promises to evoke some cherished memories as well as leave the CSN&Y fans with some new ones.

—In-House Relic
Contributing Writer

Commodores smooth sailin'

In the beginning of music, humans beat sticks as a sort of primitive drum. Sounds like a lot of talent going on there to me.

Now look at where we are in music. We have evolved to prefabricated bands made by corporations.

That's not music, that's marketing.

Fortunately for us, good music came along before the rise of "alternative" music. Music like that of the Commodores.

I recently listened to the CD "20th Century Masters Best of The Commodores."

If ever there was a band with a lot of talent and a long history, this is that band.

The history of The Com-



modores goes back to their college days, back when they formed a band for the love of the music, not because they were brought together by a business.

But the real factor of the Commodores is their music. They have the talent to have you up and dancing to one song, and the by the

next song they can have you sitting with the one you love in your arms.

They are very diverse in their musical talent.

This CD contains their very best recordings of songs we all know and love.

"Brick House" is the best known Commodores song, and a funky one at that. "Three Times a Lady" is the other song that

comes to mind when I think of the Commodores, a very love-struck song if ever I heard one.

This CD is a must have for anyone who is a Commodores fan.

I give it a 5 out of 5 on the soul chart.

—Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

'Next Friday' fun movie any day of week

Sequel lives up to original satire

Make plans this Friday to see "Next Friday." Ice Cube has made another splash with this sequel to "Friday."

The main character Craig, played by Ice Cube, is living in the 'hood with his parents in the same neighborhood that four years earlier had been the setting where Craig had beaten up the local bully. The first movie, "Friday," ended with the fight and the bully going to jail.

The sequel is four years later and the bully, Debo, escapes after being behind bars and is out for revenge.

Craig's parents think it would be best if Craig went to live with his Uncle Elroy, played by Don "DC" Curry and cousin, Day-Day, played by Mike Epps, who have won the lottery and put all of their winnings into a home and a BMW.

During his stay, Craig finds that trouble can find you wherever you are. Things happen that are beyond his control and will test his survival and devious mind.

He runs into his dream woman, but she is the sister of the bullies in that neighborhood. Here is where his troubles come from this time, but then the Friday that occurred four years earlier resurfaces and he is faced with more problems.

Craig not only brings himself into these situations, but also his cousin and his friend (and the gorgeous BMW). The bullies' dog, Chico, is another key player in making situations difficult. The bullies have trained the dog to hurt whatever is in their path, but when Craig needs to distract the dog, drugs work quite well...

Mark you calendars for Friday to go see "Next Friday." I give it 4 out of 5 stars.

—Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer



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Emmy-winning play set for OKCCC stage

By Michaela Marx
Editor

"Twelve Angry Women" will take over the college library's lobby from Feb. 16 to 19. The play is the latest production by the theater department, guest directed by Adjunct Professor Darin Young.

"Twelve Angry Women" is based on the Emmy-award-winning film "Twelve Angry Men" by Reginald Rose, adapted for stage production by Sherman Sergel.

Young said the adaptation was pulled together in the early '90s. Adjustments to the characters were made so it would fit an all-female cast.

The play is about the members of a jury for a case in which a young man is accused of killing his father. All but one jury member are convinced the defendant is guilty. This is where the conflict begins. They are trapped in jury duty and none of them wants to be there.

The play will be performed in the college library's lobby. "It is a more intimate location," said Young. "It puts the audience in the middle of the events."

An ensemble cast of 12 actresses and three actors are currently rehearsing for the show. Young said due to the snow they are behind with their preparations but on Friday, he said, the cast "managed to catch up."

"It is going to be a hearing-impaired friendly production," Young said. In the jury stand they placed a 13th person, who is going to sign.

All showtimes will be at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 general admission or \$4 for students or senior citizens.

Cast List

Foreman.....Ronii Evilla
Juror #2.....Stacia Roybal
Juror #3.....Jacque Hocking
Juror #4.....Leila Mahmoodjanloo
Juror #5.....Christina Cassens
Juror #6.....Rachel Cheatwood
Juror #7.....Jacquelyn M. Dorsey
Juror #8.....Chris Shay
Juror #9.....J. Diane Trout-Harwood
Juror #10.....Jeri French
Juror #11.....Jennie Martinez
Juror #12.....Emily Jaworsky

College workforce diverse

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minority groups.

Nineteen percent of the college's technical and para-professional employees are minority.

Out of OKCCC's eight skilled craft employees, six are white and two are

American Indians.

The highest number of minorities, 31 percent, is employed in the service and maintenance field.

Mary Turner, OKCCC student development counselor, agrees the college is diverse.

However, she said, there's always room for improvement.

"We can always use more diversity."

Media services employee recovering after heart attack

By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

Paul Tomlin, OKCCC Media Technician, had a close call Jan. 24 when he suffered a heart attack while at the college.

Tomlin said he doesn't remember the whole ordeal, but said he is grateful that it turned out the way it did.

"God's plan was greater than ours," Tomlin said.

"I am alive and joyous. I survived. I'm grateful to God. I was in the right place at the right time and I recognized the problem."

Tomlin said he was working out on an exercise bike in the college gym when he started to feel numb under his neck and felt a tingling in his little finger.

He went to the Safety and Security office and told Coordinator Keith Bourque he had a chest pain and needed an ambulance. Bourque made the call and began giving Tomlin oxygen and taking his vital signs.

According to the accident report Tomlin, after receiving oxygen, had what appeared to be a small amount of seizure activity. Then his head rolled back.

At that time, he didn't have a pulse.

The Oklahoma City fire department arrived and helped Tomlin's breathing by placing a tube in his airway.

After his breathing was assessed again, emergency workers determined Tomlin's heart needed to be shocked.

After the first shock, Tomlin began breathing on his own and EMSA workers, who had arrived in the meantime, took over. He was shocked once more before being transported to Hillcrest Hospital.

The whole ordeal took about four minutes, said Bourque.

"I remember them taking me out of the school and putting me in the ambulance, but I don't remember the ride," Tomlin said.

Later Tomlin was trans-



Paul Tomlin

ported to St. Anthony's Hospital where he had angioplasty surgery.

"It (the surgery) was quick and painless," Tomlin said.

On Friday, Jan. 29, Tomlin was released from the hospital. He doesn't have heart damage.

Tomlin credits OKCCC Safety and Security officers for their knowledge and quick action.

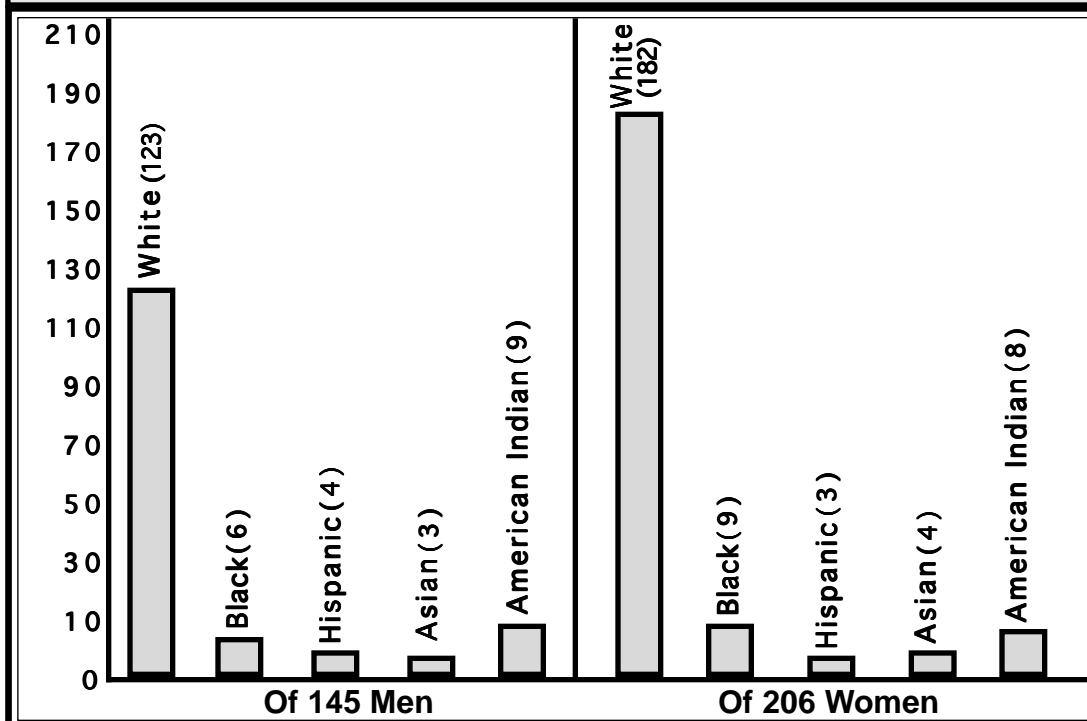
Bourque said he talked to Tomlin the day after the heart attack and also on Friday after his surgery.

On Monday, Tomlin came to the college and talked to the men who helped save his life.

"For a man that went through what he went through, I was surprised to see him here and walking," Bourque said.

Larry Lundy, OKCCC Community Service officer, said his whole outlook on life will change from this incident and little things won't bother him as much anymore.

OKCCC Workforce Diversity



High schoolers get taste of technology

By Michaela Marx
Editor

Students from Northeast High School visited OKCCC's state-of-the-art biotechnology lab which is one of the most modern in the industry.

Two groups of about 15 to 20 students came to campus Jan. 10 through Jan. 21 to check out the facility and the new equipment in the lab.

Each group attended four sessions as part of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center's Discovery program, said Charlotte Mulvihill. A Biotechnology professor at OKCCC, she prepared the sessions at the college.

"The students went through three different labs," she said. Most had to do with DNA.

They also learned about the different programs and careers in the field of science, she said.

On the last day of their visit the Northeast High School students took a campus tour.

"The Discovery program allows juniors and seniors from area high schools to take field trips and explore the world of modern science," said Mulvihill.

Mulvihill planned all the activities on the OKCCC campus, but the man behind the Discovery program is OU professor Dr. Stephen Hull.

He started the program two years ago at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, together with Dr. Ray Kling.

The concept of Discovery is to introduce high school students to career possibilities in the health and science field.



Charlotte Mulvihill

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Taxing Times: Don Wigley, Volunteer Income Tax Assistant, crunches numbers for George Cooley as he figures his 1999 tax return.


VITA volunteers converge on the OKCCC campus each year until April 15, offering free tax services to all. The volunteers are trained each year and updated on the latest changes in the tax laws. Look for more information in next week's issue about tax-related items that could affect you.

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'1001 Black Inventions' comes to OKCCC

By Susan Wierimaa
Staff Writer

Did you know that Benjamin Banneker, a mathematician and astronomer, built the first American clock?

Did you know that Dr. Daniel Hale Williams is credited for America's first successful open-heart surgery?

Did you also know that these two brilliant men were black?

Ersky Freeman's play, "1001 Black Inventions," provides not only these noteworthy tidbits of information, but also many more accomplishments made by blacks in the field of science.

Freeman penned this play as a rebuttal to the following statement made by Arnold Toynbee, a famous historian, when summarizing the general world view of "the black race":

"The only race that has not made an (intellectual) contribution to civilization is the black race."

Through comedy and drama, Freeman

shares the lives of some of African-Americans who were ingenious innovators.

In the last act, Freeman brings us back to comedy, where he presents a family in a typical American home attempting to survive without black inventions. The segment is aptly titled, "The Twilight Zone."

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, in honor of Black History Month, OKCCC will offer "1001 Black Inventions," during a special presentation at 7:30 p.m. in the College Theatre. Admission is \$3.

Pin Points Theater, an educational theater company that promotes the intellectual accomplishments of Africans and African-Americans, has presented this play for more than 10 years and 2,500 appearances.

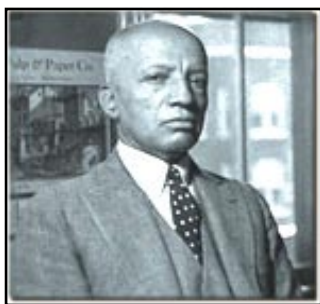
For more information, contact Mike Jones, Coordinator of Campus Activities at 682-1611, ext. 7318.

Mark your calendars, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m., the OKCCC College Theater — "1001 Black Inventions."



Black history changed history

The establishment of Black History Month



Carter G. Woodson

Black History Month has evolved and changed over the century to what we see today.

In 1915, Carter G. Woodson, a noted black scholar and historian, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History which was later renamed the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH). Woodson then initiated Negro History Week, or Black History Week, on Feb. 12, 1926. This week was celebrated by

black people in the U.S. and was designated as the second week in February in order to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

In 1976 that changed as part of the nation's Bicentennial and it was extended to cover the whole month. This was a time for Americans to reflect on the history of African Americans and their contributions throughout time.

Such contributions include Frederick Douglass for his fight for human rights, Thurgood Marshall for his NAACP court victories, George Washington Carver for being the father of inventions, Wilma Rudolph for overcoming polio to become a track star and Martin Luther King for his stance on civil rights.

The ASALH has thought of a theme every year since 1926 and this year it is *Heritage and Horizons: The African Legacies and Challenges for the 21st Century*.

—Information courtesy
Internet

What does Black History month mean?

"It is the celebration of all black history all throughout America. It's not just the good things, it is the bad things too."

—Ernie Adkins



"Remembrance and recognition for African-Americans."

—Chinedu Obowu



"Freedom from racism."

—Julie Willmon



"The attaining of social equality."

—Cato Ellis



"Civilization and human rights."

—Jide Famuagun



Cupid's arrow struck early for lovebirds

How Valentine's Day began

The holiday for you lovebirds is coming up. Feb. 14 is celebrated as Valentine's Day, but do you know how it all started?

In today's age, Valentine's Day is celebrated with the giving of candy, flowers and gifts, but it really originated in 5th Century Rome as a tribute to St. Valentine, a Catholic bishop.

Before Valentine's Day was established, the Romans practiced a pagan celebration to the god Lupercus commemorating a young man's rite of passage. It was celebrated with a lottery where the young men would draw a name of a teenage girl and the girl was to be his sexual companion during the year.

Pope Gelasius didn't like this so he ordered a change. Instead of teenage girls names in the

box, there would be the names of saints. The young men were to emulate the saint that they drew for the rest of the year. As you might have guessed, the young men didn't like this idea.

The Church then looked for a patron saint of love to take the place of Lupercus and they found that person in St. Valentine.

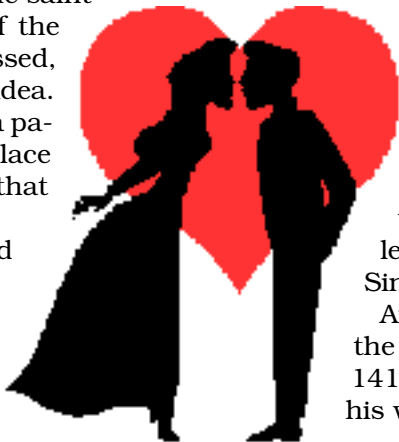
Emperor Claudius banned marriage from his empire, but Valentine would secretly marry young men and women. After Claudius found out, he tried to convert Valentine to paganism, but Valentine instead tried to convert Claudius. This

failed and Valentine was beheaded by Claudius in AD 270.

Beforehand though, Valentine was imprisoned and he fell in love with the blind daughter of the jailer. With his love and faith, he managed to heal her of her blindness. Before he left to be put to death, he wrote her a farewell letter signed, "From your Valentine."

Since then, the phrase has been used. Another little piece of information, the first Valentine card was sent in 1415 by Charles, duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned.

Information courtesy Internet
www.wilstar.com



Gift ideas for the upcoming holiday

FOR HER...

1. Flowers — get creative and find out what her favorite flower is
2. Jewelry — engagement rings (if you are ready). Rings, necklaces, and earrings are always good investments.
3. Candy — be sure she likes chocolate
4. Perfume
5. Scented candles
6. Lingerie — for him to enjoy
7. Tickets to her favorite show or ballet
8. Stuffed animals
9. Dinner — guys who cook dinner can make the night romantic with a candlelit dinner or a picnic
10. A simple card that tells the one you love that she means the world to you

FOR HIM...

1. Concert tickets to see his favorite band
2. Candy
3. CDs
4. Dinner — a candlelit dinner for the two of you
5. Watches
6. Lingerie — with a woman included...
7. Tickets to his favorite sporting event with a second ticket for a guest
8. Sporting equipment
9. A hat that reflects his personality
10. A simple card to tell the one you love how much he means to you

Valentine's Day Giveaway

It is time again to buy Valentine's Day gifts and there is somewhere right on campus to buy them. The bookstore. And if you feel lucky, the bookstore is having a

"Valentine's Day Giveaway."

The drawing is to win a Valentine gorilla or elephant. "They [contestants] just have to come in to the bookstore and fill out an entry form with their name and number," said Pam Simons, a bookstore employee.



Photo by Ryan Johnson

done this during different holidays for the past few years," Simons said.

Besides the giveaways, the bookstore can also create custom order gifts with balloons, candy, shirts and other gifts in the bookstore.

"As long as we get a couple days notice, we can make a gift in almost any price range," Simons said.

The drawing will be held in the bookstore at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 14. The winners will be notified by phone and posted in the bookstore.

"We (the bookstore employees) have

What was your best Valentine's date?

He said...

"I took my girlfriend to the Precious Moments Chapel on Valentine's Day."

— Justin Gann

She said...

"We went out to a nice dinner and then he had rented a room. He surprised me with a dozen roses and a gold chain."

—Laura Alexander



Student newspaper hits stands despite college closing

By Michaela Marx
Editor

When the Jan. 26 snowstorm brought Oklahoma City, including the college, to a sudden stop most OKCCC students had only one thing in mind — two days of vacation.

However, the Pioneer staff was faced with another decision.

Deadline day at the college newspaper is Wednesday. Production day — the day the paper is put together and sent to the printers — is Thursday.

By 1 p.m. Wednesday the announcement went out that the college would close at 3 p.m. and remain closed on Thursday. But the newspaper was not ready.

Ronna Austin, Pioneer lab director, gathered the staff. The choice, whether to try and finish the paper or wait until the college reopened to put it out, had to be made.

"We needed to determine which stories were ready and if we had what we needed to put out the paper," Austin said.

The Pioneer staff decided to cut the planned 12-page paper down to eight pages and do their best to get it out by Friday.

Austin then sent the newspaper template and all of the related items necessary to complete the Pioneer to her home via e-mail.

"Oddly enough, I had bought an iMac computer that previous Saturday, installed the software we use to build the Pioneer on Monday, and hooked

"The Jan. 31 issue was only possible because of the combined efforts of a lot of people."

—Ronna Austin
OKCCC Pioneer Lab Director

up to the Internet on Tuesday," Austin said.

"It was fate. In the four years I've been lab director, we've never missed production day at OKCCC.

"Had this happen a week earlier, we would have."

From her home computer, she edited stories and laid out pages.

Pioneer adviser Sue Hinton got into the act when Austin e-mailed her stories to proofread.

Hinton would then e-mail any editing changes to Austin.

Staff writer Kathi Etherton also helped out. After Austin made all corrections, she sent a completed version of the Pioneer to Etherton's home.

"It was late Thursday night when I got a call from Ronna, saying she needed another pair of eyes to look at the completed paper," Etherton said.

"With the help of my boyfriend Brian Garey and my mom, a journalism major at the University of Central Oklahoma, I printed the Pioneer, edited it and called Ronna with corrections."

The newspaper was then sent to the printers as it usually is each Thursday night by e-mail.

On Friday Austin and staff writer Ryan Johnson made their way through the snow to pick up the paper from the printers.

By Friday afternoon, students found the newspaper in the stands, without a sign of all the improvising and rushing.

"The Jan. 31 issue was only possible because of the combined efforts of a lot of people."

Austin said a couple of people outside of the Pioneer came through too.

She refers to OKCCC Publications Coordinator Dan Tysor and Graphic Communications Professor Lyn McDonald as Pioneer heroes.

"Dan loaded all of my fonts onto a CD before he left Wednesday so I would have what I needed to work from home," she said.

"Lyn made herself available to me until the wee hours of the night.

"I had to rely on her to help me download the Pioneer template correctly so I could open it on my computer."

Pioneer adviser Sue Hinton said this was a first. She said there had been times in the past that classes were canceled.

"The staff would stay and work because the college was still open," she said.

Hinton said this is the first time in Pioneer history that the college closed on production day. The Pioneer has been produced as a student newspaper since 1978.

Hinton said she is satisfied with the end results of all the hard work.

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—Sue Hinton
Pioneer Adviser

Surplus computer precautions taken

By Kathi Etherton
and Ryan Johnson
Staff Writers

Selling a computer to upgrade to another?

Deleting important personal information off a computer to get it ready to sell may be more of an ordeal than anyone realizes.



Lisa Davis

Computers can have personal information so deeply embedded into their system that deleting the files will not remove them.

Before considering selling a computer, there are some precautions to take.

Deleting isn't enough because there are software applications available that will retrieve deleted information.

OKCCC Network Administrator Lisa Davis said, there is an effective way to rid a computer of personal files and information forever.

Davis is familiar with the steps because, she said, she performs them on all surplus college computers before they are sold at auction.

OKCCC's computers often have student records on them so erasing the memory is a necessity.

"First we run F-disk on

the drives themselves which basically blows away the fat table [file allocation table]," Davis said.

"And after we have done that, which is actually enough, we take a secondary step which is to format the drive itself. That is a precaution. We don't have to do that step," Davis said.

She said after performing these two steps the information that was once on the computer is no longer accessible or retrievable.

Davis said F-disk comes with the computer as part of the operating system.

The F-disk creates a new file allocation table, or fat table, that keeps track of where everything is on the hard drive.

David Anderson, OKCCC

Microcomputer Technical Support Supervisor said,

the reason the files are unretrievable is when F-disk is used, the table is rewritten, reformatting the drive so the old information cannot be retrieved.

John Knight, OKCCC physical plant director, said the college's surplus computers are sold at auctions.

The auctions are open to the public and are held whenever there are enough computers to send,



Dave Anderson



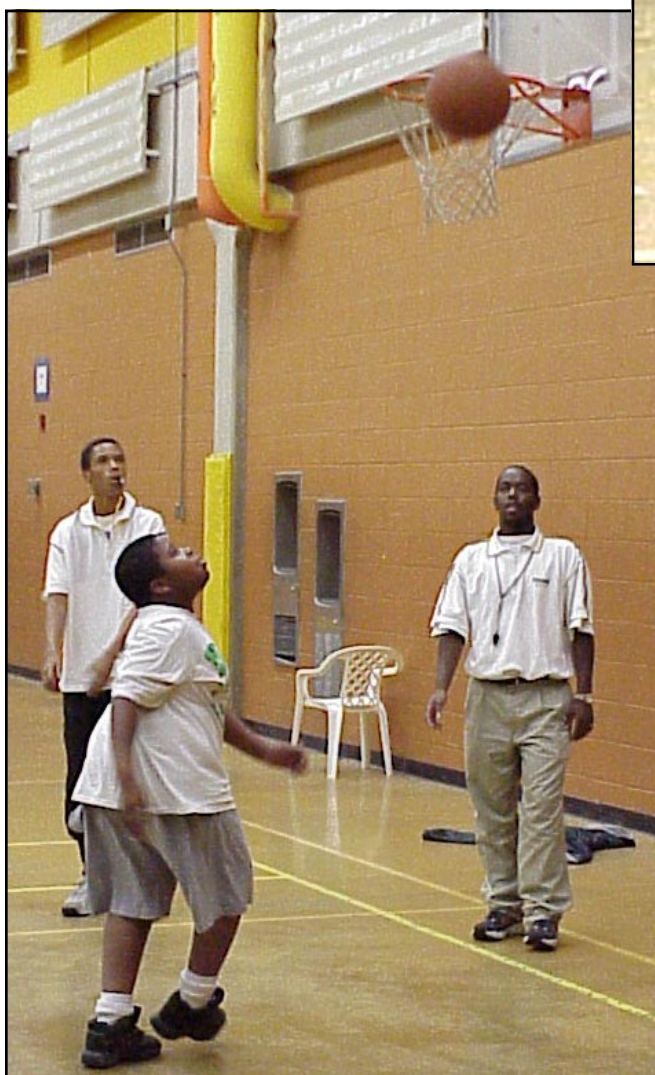
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Basketball player opts to coach kids



Above Left:

Lawyer Henderson applauds his team's progress during practice. Henderson said praising the kids for their efforts is important for their growth as a team.

Above Right:

Reginald Johnson drives the lane toward Ryan and Brian Hulseburg. Players are taught to go toward the goal despite the players in their way.

Left: Quinton Hunt is coached in the proper way to shoot a jump shot by coach Lawyer Henderson and assistant coach Antoine Cross. Henderson said proper shooting is the key to winning games.

It is the rare individual indeed who has his heart set on one thing and changes his mind for the good of a few.

One such person is Lawyer Henderson, theater major. Henderson saw an ad in the newspaper for a position on a basketball team signed up.

"I thought it was a team I could join, but then I found out it was for a coaching spot on an OKCCC little league team and I decided to take it for them," Henderson said.

Henderson has been coaching the team for about two months now. He said the team has come a long way since the beginning.

"They came in with no athletic ability at all, but after a few practices they started getting better," Henderson said.

Does he think it has been a good experience?

"It is definitely a great experience, maybe even something I'd like to look into for the future."

Text and Photos by Ryan Johnson

Highlights

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship weekly meeting

From noon to 1 p.m., Feb. 9 in room 3N4 of the main building, Chi Alpha will be having special speaker Pastor Greg Tiffany, Chi Alpha pastor from the University of Oklahoma. Everyone is invited to the meetings held from noon to 1 p.m. each Wednesday.

Science Club Lake Tour

At noon Feb. 10, the Science Club will be holding its first meeting of the semester. The Feb. 12 Bald Lake Tour at Lake Purcell will be discussed.

Psi Beta and Psych/Soc Club sale

On Feb. 10 and 11, at the college union counter, Psi Beta and Psych/Soc Club will be hosting a Valentine's Day Balloon and Candy Sale. Please come by for a gift for your sweetheart and show support for our organizations.

First Engineering Club Meeting

From 12:30 to 1 p.m., Feb. 9 in room 1D5, the Engineering Club will hold its first meeting of the semester. Topics to be discussed will be: election of new officers, planned trips, fund-raisers, and guest speakers. Anyone interested can attend; you need not be an engineering major.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered scholarship

The GLBT Task Force unveiled a \$240,000 scholarship for GLBT college journalism students. It is for high school seniors and undergraduate college students who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in journalism. For scholarship guidelines and an application contact Lyn McDonald at 682-1611, ext. 7218. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15.

SPJ Job and Internship Fair on the horizon

Beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 25, the SPJ Job and Internship Fair will be held at the University of Oklahoma Memorial Union. All journalism students are encouraged to attend. Several people from the journalism field will speak and students will have the chance to meet with prospective employers. Bring your clips and résumé.

Presentations are available from Health Department

The OKC County Health Department has formed a speaker's bureau and is offering groups and organizations a choice of presentations in several areas. Topics include: Public Health Issues in Our Community, Consumer Protection, Adult and Child Health, Epidemiology, Tuberculosis, Children First, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Child Guidance. Presentations are designed to last 15 to 20 minutes and are free to the public. Requests should be two weeks in advance. For more information contact Mr. H.R. Holman, Community Relations Coordinator at (405) 425-4361.

Insurance, Finance courses offered in weekend format

On Feb. 4 through 6 and 12 and 13, the first pre-licensing course, "Introduction to Life and Health Insurance," will meet. Teaching the course will be Dr. Jack Werner, and insurance professional with more than 20 years in the industry. For more information or to enroll, call Business Division at 682-7550.

All Highlight items are due by 5 p.m. Tuesdays



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Decisions: Premed major Jennifer Wilson, right, and Barbara Grant, computer science major, check out the latest news on the club board outside of the student union. College clubs frequently post upcoming events on the board.

Donors sought to give blood in upcoming drive

Flu, cold season has created shortage

By Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

"The pain of the needle is far outweighed by the lives that you will save."

These are the motivational words Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities, said about the upcoming Oklahoma Blood Institute blood drive.

OKCCC will be holding the blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 16 and 17 in the college union.

Students are asked to give blood to help make up for the shortage created by the cold and flu season.

Jones said the antibiotics people took to keep from getting ill kept them from being able to give blood.

One unit of blood can be



used to save three lives by using not only the blood, but also by using the plasma and the platelets found in human blood.

OBI tests each person's blood to evaluate if it safe to use and, in the process, will give you a test for such diseases or viruses as HIV, hepatitis and syphilis.

"Normally tests for such viruses can run you up to a hundred dollars, but you

are getting it for the price of a pint of blood which in the process will save a life," Jones said.

Jones also suggests people telling as many friends as possible about giving blood so as many lives as possible may be saved.

"If you tell three friends, and they give blood, you have saved three lives," Jones said.

Another advantage to giving blood with OBI, Jones said, is the fact that any blood you need when in the hospital will be free if you have donated to OBI.

Donors will also receive a free T-shirt to commemorate the new millennium.

"This is our way of giving back to the community all that they have given to the college," Jones said.

Share your club news with us
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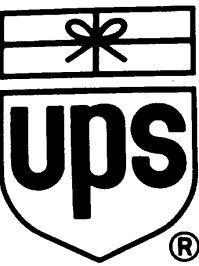
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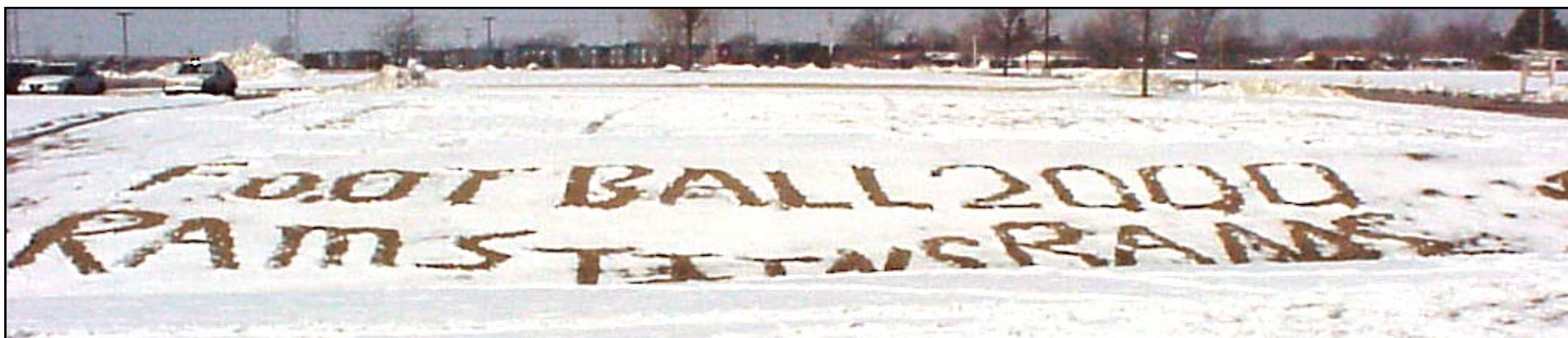


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Super Bowl fever: It's difficult to tell which team the creator of this snow homage to Super Bowl XXXIV rooted for but it must have taken a while to spell the letters seen here, "Football 2000, Rams, Titans, Rams." The St. Louis Rams were victorious over the Tennessee Titans.

OETA airs telecourses

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"This group provides access to state, regional and national organizations, and consortia concerned with educational telecommunications and other cooperative endeavors," she said.

Each semester, HETA divides OETA's 25 hours between their 15 schools. The course enrollment numbers at each participating school determine the schedule for the next semester on OETA.

This semester, OKCCC has 10 of its total 25 telecourse classes on OETA.

The remaining 15 classes were only accessible with Cox Cable or at the library.

Prince said once OETA becomes digital within the next couple of years, a channel will be provided to HETA which will allow OKCCC to air all of its telecourses on OETA.

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Anonymous snowman:

This large snowman, built on the OKCCC campus, has no face but he has plenty of personality as seen by the spiky hairdo. The snow storm brought out the creative side of many Oklahomans. Snow men and women could be seen in almost every yard. Warmer temperatures have melted most of the snow creations.



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