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Photo by Ryan Johnson

**Roses are red...** Child Development Center teacher Lisa Young shows off her Valentine's Day gift from Daniel Kregei, her boyfriend of six years. The three dozen roses, from Howard Brothers Florist, required two men to carry it in. She said, after the flowers begin to wilt, a friend is going to dry them and make a flower arrangement that Young can keep for years. As for the large vase, Young has plans to convert it into a fishbowl.

## Nursing prof prepares to run for life

By Michaela Marx  
Editor

The illness of a co-worker's child has inspired Lea Ann Loftis to prepare for the run of her life.

On April 29, the OKCCC nursing professor will run a marathon in Nashville in honor of 3-year-old leukemia patient Aaron Lindsey.

She will also be helping raise money for the Leukemia Society. Leukemia is the leading killer disease of children.

Every 10 minutes in the United States a



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Lea Ann Loftis

person dies from leukemia or related cancers.

In the days leading up to the run, Loftis is on another mission — to gather at least \$2700.

She hopes OKCCC family, staff, faculty and students will help her in that endeavor.

"I challenge everyone to give something to show your support," she said.

"The nursing department has already donated \$151 and I know we will raise more before the race."

The young man she is specifically helping can tap into these resources she said.

The money will actually be donated in his name.

Lindsey, the little boy for whom Loftis will run in this marathon, is the son of a nurse who works at the same hospital as

**"I challenge everyone to give something to show your support."**  
—Lea Ann Loftis  
OKCCC Nursing Professor

Loftis.

Loftis is asking those who can, to donate as much money as they can.

She said she plans to turn the fund-raiser into a challenge she has dubbed, Miles Around the College

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## Enrollment increases by 1.1 percent

Average student younger than in years past

By Michaela Marx  
Editor

If one wanted to summarize OKCCC's enrollment development, it could be done in two words: it's up!

For the fourth consecutive semester, enrollment has grown, said Dr. John Barker, Director of Research.

He said spring enrollment has increased 1.1 percent in terms of the number of students and is up 2.52 percent in the number of credit hours taken.

OKCCC President Bob Todd said he is satisfied with the enrollment development of this spring semester.

"I am very pleased with the enrollment increase," he said. "The college's focus is on meeting the educational needs of our community."

"The increase in the enrollment is evidence of the college's continued effectiveness in meeting those needs."

Currently 9770 credit students are enrolled at OKCCC. The average course load among these students is 7.7 hours, slightly up from 1999, Barker said.

Barker said about 32 percent of students this spring are enrolled in at least 12 credit-hours. He also said OKCCC's population is younger than ever.

Ten years ago the average student at OKCCC was 31 years of age. Today's OKCCC students average 23 years old, Barker said. The age group 18 to 22 makes up 46.3 percent of this students enrolled this spring.

"Typically, when the economy is good, as it is now, community college enrollment goes down. Because of this we have had a decrease

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**"The college's focus is on meeting the educational needs of our community."**  
—Dr. Bob Todd  
OKCCC President



## Editorial and Opinion

### Editorial

# Record keepers required to obey open records law

It has come to my attention that certain departments at OKCCC often believe they have the final word when it comes to deciding who will receive public records and who will not.

The thing that confuses me about that is that public records are exactly that — public.

That means the public is entitled to look at any public record they wish to see.

This is all made possible by a series of Oklahoma laws called the Oklahoma Open Records Act. There's even a book that lists all of those laws.

The second section, titled Public Policy, Purpose of Act, reads as follows: "The purpose of this act is to ensure and facilitate the public's right of access to and review of government records so they may efficiently and intelligently exercise their inherent political power."

What this means, in short, is that the public is allowed to view government records so they may be educated about their government.

People requesting open records don't need to jump through hoops either. For instance, it is never required that someone state how the information requested will be used; it is enough to simply request the record through the proper channels of the institution where the record is housed. At that point, the information should be given to the person without question.

Certain departments of OKCCC have, at times, taken the liberty of asking individuals how the information they requested will be used. Those officials should realize they are the keepers, not the owners, of that information.

Sometimes, citizens are denied a record and, because they are not educated about their rights, don't give a second thought as to why they were denied.

Many people may not know that they have the right to such public records as "any book, paper, photo, microfilm, data files, computer tape... created by, received by, under the authority of, or coming into the custody of public officials or public bodies."

To deny a person a public record is illegal and can be punishable by jail time and a fine.

What public bodies can do is charge up to 25 cents per page for records.

We've all heard that knowledge is power, and we know that someone with power has the ability to change things.

So it makes sense to believe that knowledge may equal change which really frightens some people, especially if it means relinquishing some power.

There is no better example of this fear than the many public bodies that will break the law before giving up information the public is entitled to — all thanks to the Open Records Act.

—By **Ryan Johnson**  
Staff Writer

# Students learn from job shadowing

### To the Editor:

This letter is to say thanks to the staff at the Pioneer for a recent experience we had there.

We are students at Rachel Carson Academy in Norman and, as part of our education, are required to

participate in a job shadowing program.

The two of us asked to shadow the staff at the Pioneer. We had a great time.

We watched as the newspaper for that week was put together. We helped out too.

We learned how to use

some of the programs used to build the paper each week such as PageMaker, and Photoshop.

Our job shadowing experience was a good one.

We definitely wouldn't mind doing it again if the opportunity were ever to arise.

—**Laycee Johnson and Wes Stinson**  
**Rachel Carson Academy students**

# Kudos go out to food service employee

### To the Editor:

There is a lady in the student union who always gives you service with a smile. Her name is Don Hill.

Every time I go to the student union she is there, ready with a smile. And she is always ready and willing to serve you.

If I could give out an award to the most courteous and the friendliest food

server, I would give it to Don.

We need more people like her in every place of business.

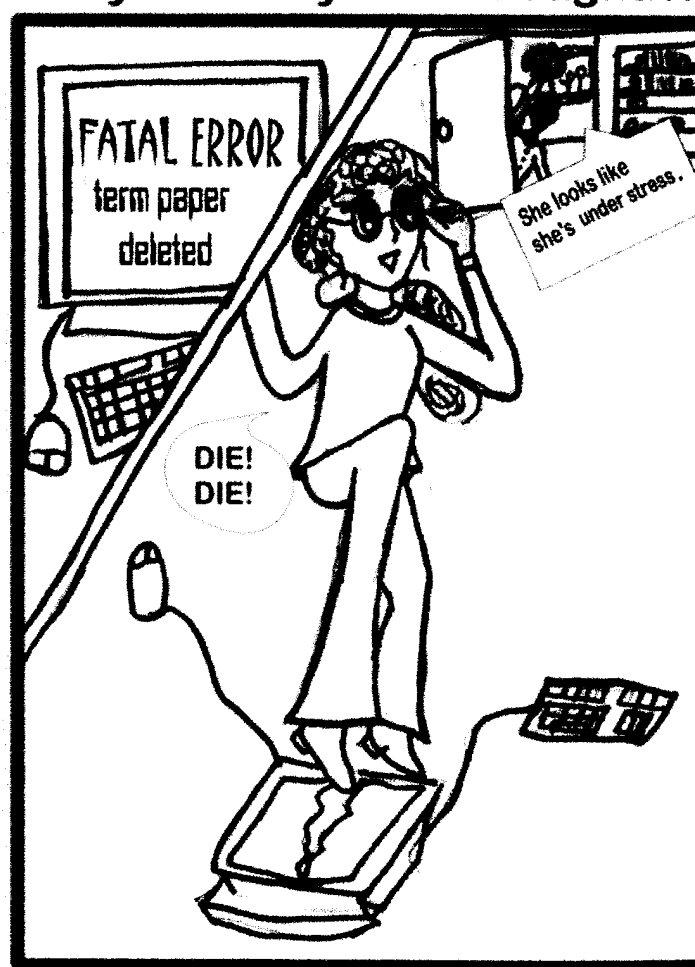
So the next time you are in the OKCCC student union look for Don and tell her what a good job she is doing.

—**LaWanda LaVarnway**  
**OKCCC Photography Lab Director**

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By Akram Taghavi



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## Comments and Reviews

# 'Mickey Blue Eyes' — and its leading man — adorable

Hugh Grant steals the movie with his trademark look of confusion

The romantic comedy "Mickey Blue Eyes" with Hugh Grant hit the shelves at local video stores last week.

It's a story about love, fine art and the mob.

Michael (Grant) falls in love with the beautiful Gina

(Jeanne Tripplehorn) and proposes marriage. What Michael doesn't know is that Gina's father, Frank (James Caan), is well respected within the mob "family."

The movie takes you through a comedy of events

ranging from a manslaughter to a burial at the local "mob cemetery" and climaxes at the end with... now, I can't give that away.

What really stood out for me was the utter state of confusion on Grant's face.

Have you noticed that he's always "utterly lost" or "confused"? He looks like he just woke up from a coma.

In "Nine Months," he got confused when Julianne Moore got pregnant.

In "Sense and Sensibility," he fell in love with Emma Thompson and was

totally confused as to why.

In "Notting Hill" he again became confused when he fell in love with Julia Roberts.

Is it just me or do you see a pattern here?

Some would say that it's OK because he's so adorable.

When I think adorable, I picture a basset hound stumbling over his long ears. Come to think of it, that's how I see Grant. Maybe he is adorable after all.

What can I say? Some of you will like this movie and

some of you won't.

It's like Arnold — you know, the "I'll be back" guy — and Clint Eastwood. Some people love their movies and others absolutely hate them.

So here goes. If you enjoy seeing Hugh Grant looking debonair and totally confused, then you'll love this romantic comedy.

What it finally boils down to is your particular taste in entertainment: what you enjoy and what you don't.

—Susan Wierimaa  
Staff Writer

## No lines, good food and it's affordable too

By Kathi Etherton  
Staff Writer

Lookin' for a place that serves good food at good prices without the wait of other restaurants?

Seems too good to be true, right? Well, it is true.

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It has a casual setting — televisions, a bar, and peanut shells on the floor.

Those come from customers who munch on peanuts they scoop from a large, rectangular trough by the front door.

Santa Fe Cattle Co. also has a variety of food to satisfy anyone.

My personal favorite is the marinated club steak. It comes with a potato of any kind and a salad for only \$9.99.



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I have always been too full to eat dessert, but the selection looks great.

They serve great food for every age at all times that isn't expensive.

The atmosphere is suitable for whatever the occasion may be.

Santa Fe Cattle Co. gets high marks from me.

I give them two thumbs up.

—Kathi Etherton  
Staff Writer

## 'Army of Darkness' just the right mix of all things frightening, fun and evil

By John Huggins  
Staff Writer

We all know there are movies out there that make you say "what the crap just happened" and there are movies that make you want to say "how you doin'?" to the leading lady.

But every so often you find that one certain movie that has just the right mix of action, chase scenes, the best one-liners you'll ever hear and a shotgun-toting hero with a sarcastic side the size of an already obese man suffering from elephantiasis.

What movie in the world could fit that profile? "Army of Darkness," a science fiction thriller that came out in 1993 and is available on video and DVD.

You don't have to look to thought-provoking movies with meanings hidden so deep they might as well not be there or foreign films that supposedly are "artistic" because this is one of the best movies of all time and it's right here in America.



Some of you may have heard of it or its predecessor "Evil Dead," but it remains a relatively unknown movie to the masses.

It stars Bruce Campbell and is directed by Sam Raimi, most notable for their work on "Hercules" and "Xena."

The movie takes place after Ash — that's the hero — banishes the evil from the present and is transported back in time to some medieval place.

Well, it just so happens that this place, probably England or someplace where they have English accents, is being plagued by the horrible Deadites, the bad guys.

Equipped only with his trusty double-barreled Remington, his chainsaw and his '73 Oldsmobile, Ash is up

against an entire army of dead trash-talking skeletons and zombies that make Sandra Bernhardt look attractive.

So pull your favorite boy or girl close to you and get ready to have some "campy-cult-classic fun" with this one. On the scary meter, this movie rates at the top.

—John Huggins  
Contributing Writer



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## Future college students facing more preparation

By Michaela Marx  
Editor

State Regents have approved a third gateway for students to gain college admission.

In order to better prepare high school students for college, the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education have approved college and university admission standards that will increase the focus on academic preparation.

This practice will start in the fall.

The Regents added a third option for admission based on a high school GPA in the 15 core high school courses required for college admissions.

These courses currently are: four units of English, three units of math, two units of lab science (such as biology or chemistry), two units of history, one course demonstrating citizen skills such as economics or geography, and three classes previously listed or computer science or a foreign language.

Dean of Admissions Gloria Cardenas Barton said OKCCC is not directly affected by the changes.

"The optional use of a high school 'core course' GPA for admission purposes will have no direct impact on two-year colleges," Barton said. "Two-year schools do not require a specific GPA or ACT score for admissions."

However, she said, the curriculum changes may help all students planning to attend college, regardless of where they go.

"The addition of four recommended high school units should result in better prepared students for college," Barton said.

She added that changes in admission standards for concurrently enrolled students may result in an increased number of students eligible for admission.

In the past students were required to have a specific ACT score to be admitted to college while still attending high school.

The new rule allows the college to admit high school students based upon their GPA. For seniors that would be at least a 3.0 GPA, for juniors a minimum of 3.5.

Students wishing to attend a comprehensive university such as the University of Oklahoma need a GPA of 3.0. For a regional university, a 2.7 GPA is required. However, the old admission standards — ACT and SAT scores and ranking in your graduating class — are still in use.

High school students still have to submit their ACT scores as well as recommendations from parents and the principal, Barton said.



Gloria Cardenas Barton

## Cold audition calls go out for upcoming production

By Chad Pittman  
Newswriting I Student

Calling all actors!

OKCCC's theater department is calling for students to audition for the upcoming production "Open Plains Originals 3."

The play will consist of six to eight 10-minute segments with two to three characters needed for each one.

All OKCCC students are

welcomed to audition. No preparation is required because there will be cold readings only.

Special guest director Melanie Scott will be there to decide who will be chosen for the cast.

Auditions will take place from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 in the Arts and Humanities Building, room 1F5.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the many talented students that we have here at OKCCC," Scott said.



Photo by Kathi Etherton

Melanie Scott

## Adult college fair draws 100

By Ryan Johnson  
Staff Writer

More than 100 people registered at OKCCC's Adult College Fair Feb. 12.

Representatives from 13 area colleges and universities attended the fair.

Among them were Mid-America Bible College, Rose State College, Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma.

The representatives said they found the fair beneficial for both the recruiters and the students.

Kendall Richardson, OKCCC recruiter, said the purpose of the fair was to help adults with unusual or busy schedules find a way to attend college and still keep their lifestyle.

Richardson said free workshops were offered that focused on seeking alternative course formats and methods for obtaining college credits.

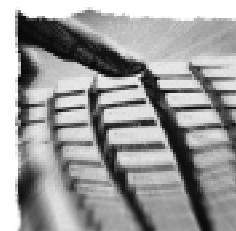
"Students can attend college just about anytime of the day or night," Richardson said.

"We want to encourage working adults to look at all

the options in education that are now available to them."

Richardson said he appreciates the participation of everyone who attended.

For more information on the Adult College Fair or information pertaining to college enrollment please call Richardson at 682-7580.



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# Educational support office closes, personnel reassigned

**By Michaela Marx  
Editor**

Plans are currently under way to eliminate the Office of Educational Support Services and reassign the staff elsewhere.

College officials say this is being done in an effort to serve students in the best possible manner.

The action is under the supervision of Marion Paden, vice president of Student Services.

Paden said services will remain the same, but will shift into other departments' responsibilities.

"I am always interested in finding ways that reduce administrative costs and increase direct service to students," Paden said.

"This is the goal of the reorganization that I have proposed or implemented in Student Services over the past seven years."

The plan will go into ef-

fect March 1.

Carlos Herrera, who works in the Educational Support Services Office, said, currently, the Educational Support Services Office's work services:

- GED enrollment.
- English as a second language students.
- diversified studies program coordination and some GAP tutors.
- test center administration.
- evening and weekend administration.
- public copiers.
- AV distribution.
- the honors program.

Of the employees in the office, one is retiring and the position will not be refilled. All other employees are being shifted throughout the college, Paden said.

She said about 18 people will be affected by the reorganization.

Herrera said he and many others have already been reassigned.

"I believe it is mostly de-



**Marion Paden**

cided where we will be transferred to," he said, "I will be working at admissions."

Paden said the reorganization was planned with the input of the staff of the affected department.

"I had several discussions with Mr. Washington (head of Educational Support Services) as well as with a number of staff within the department regarding their thoughts and ideas," she said.

The elimination of the Educational Support Ser-

vices department will lead to the following changes:

- Additional personnel in the Test Center will be provided.
- The honors program will be assigned to the Enrollment Management Department.
- Evening and weekend services will be expanded.
- The honors program will be moved to the enrollment department.
- Most tutoring will be assigned to the different instructional labs.

Many services will become a part of the Student Development Center, Paden said.

She said she has chosen individuals within this department who will continue to coordinate and expand the Supplemental Instruction program.

Paden said she also wants counselor Mary Turner to develop methods by which the college can provide individual tutoring.

In addition, Paden

wants to provide some proactive training and materials that will help students avoid the need for a tutor in the first place — for example, study skills workshops and test preparation.

The reorganization will free up about \$16,000 to hire additional students as supplemental instructors and tutors, she said.

There will be expansions in many parts of the college, she said.

"As a result of these expansions, there is not much saving in the plan because we turned around and used the resources created through this reorganization to provide additional services to students," Paden said.

Paden believes that OKCCC will be able to provide higher quality service as a result of the restructuring.

## Internet site makes job search simple

**By Kathi Etherton  
Staff Writer**



JobOptions.com, which contains a network of job sites, should make finding a job easier for more than 50 million Internet users.

This network job site is made up of 28 sites that not only helps students find jobs, but also helps employers looking to hire.

Students can post their résumés, search online job listings, compare salary offers with industry averages and calculate the cost of living in different U.S. cities.

In addition to these services, JobOptions offers students expert advice on thousands of job search topics including how to write a résumé and cover letter, and how to answer interview and on-campus recruiter questions.

"By posting their résumé

students are being exposed to companies of all sizes across the nations," Emily McCormick, the marketing coordinator of JobOptions, said.

More than 3,000 companies are listed among employers who post jobs available at their company.

Browsers can also access a résumé database of more than 272,000 resumes and more than 400,000 registered users.

"Employers who post jobs on our site get outstanding exposure throughout our network," McCormick said.

There isn't a limit to the kinds of jobs or the level of expertise needed to find a job on this network.

"JobOptions offers all types of jobs across the every industry.

"Some of the most popular industries include technical, sales and marketing, and healthcare," McCormick said.

"All levels are available on our site from entry-level through executive management positions."

One of the 28 sites the network site has a partnership with is efollett.com,

the online version of campus Follett bookstores.

"Through our partnership with efollett.com, the JobOptions/efollett Career Center reaches over 1,000 college campuses and millions of students across the nation," McCormick said.

JobOptions started this service in 1991 under the label AdNet and since then has also been known as Espan. In September of 1998 it assumed its current name.

JobOptions is free to job seekers posting their resume, but there is a fee to post job openings on the site.

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# Basketball players find winning 'easy'

3-on-3 team will compete in Super Hoops tourney

By Kathi Etherton  
Staff Writer

OKCCC will be scoring some points when an intramural three-on-three team representing the college competes at the efollett.com Super Hoops Regional tournament Feb. 26 at the University of Texas in Arlington.

OKCCC is represented by the "Easy" team consisting of players Anthony Wright, Billy C. Brown, Sajon Philip and Darian Dyer.

These four players are friends and have played together on occasions other than this tournament.



"The team I got together for this have been playing together for a while," Wright said.

Wright has been playing basketball for some time. He said the first tournament was a tough competition.

"I have been playing for 24 years," he said. "I played at John Marshall for a couple years and I played while I was in Atlanta, Ga.," said Wright.

There will be 40 other colleges and universities competing for bragging rights as the best team in the region.

Demetrious Farrow, special events assistant, said the OKCCC team advanced to the regional championship by winning an on-campus tournament earlier in the year.

"We had three-on-three team tryouts on Feb. 10 in the gym," he said. "There were seven teams that competed in double elimination.

"This competition resulted in 'Easy' winning, but it was a close competition."

The second place team, called "Big Ballers," had players Joe Elerick, Jason Plotnerr and Jason Gary. The "Bears" ranked third with Colby Burrell, Dustin Wallis and Joseph Mallory as players. All are from OKCCC.

## INTEGRIS Health Career Day

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# Renting math calculators helpful but costly if kept

By Cami Burns  
Newswriting I Student

Most college students know the feeling of being rushed — rush to class, rush to work, and rush to make dinner before rushing through homework.

But some math students will need to calculate some extra time when renting a math graphing calculator. This is a process that cannot be rushed.

The first step is finding the math lab. To get to the math lab, enter the main building through the east doors and turn left. Then follow the long, winding hall past the science lab to the set of double doors.

This is where the long process of renting a calculator begins.

To rent a calculator students must show proof that the current semester's tuition has been paid. An updated school photo ID or a schedule showing the balance due is zero is sufficient. The student is then given a fee card.

The next place to go is the student bookstore. There, the student will pay \$25 to lease the calculator for the semester before going back

to the math lab to receive the lease agreement and calculator.

An assistant in the math lab will go over the lease agreement with students if they choose.

The lease agreement states that if "the student is not attending or is no longer enrolled in the qualifying OKCCC Mathematics Section" they then need to bring the calculator back to the math lab immediately.

Deanne Ingram, math lab assistant, said students who drop math classes, but still need the calculator, can discuss that with one of the math lab assistants.

She said the reason the math lab requires students to return the calculators if a class is dropped is to prevent students from forgetting to return the calculator later. The cost per cal-

culator is \$110.

Math Professor Shawn Woods said the math lab wants to keep track of the calculators because the calculator inventory is low.

He said there are so few because of students not returning calculators.

"The college is not required to provide calculators to students," he said. "We provide this service to help students defray the cost of school."

Ingram said, last semester, nearly 20 graphing calculators went unreturned.

Woods said, until last summer, all they could do to the students who did not return calculators was to put a hold on grades and send a reminder letter.

Now, he said, the phone call will be followed up by a call to report the student to a collection agency.

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# Hot dog! Good time had by all



**Above:** Joseph Saylor, 3, and Myranda Saylor, 2, hool-hoop to a jazzy rendition of "Rock-A-Bye-Baby" at the Hot Dog Dinner Theater Feb. 17.

**Below:** Dave Rudolf plays and sings to a packed dance floor. The kids were doing the bouncy dance.



**Above:** Dave Rudolf — the Hot Dog Man — entertains the crowd at the Hot Dog Dinner Theater Feb. 17. Student Life sponsored the event. About 50 people came to the college to eat, drink and be merry.



**Above:** The Aguilar family — l-r: Raquel, 8; dad Alfredo, mom Irene, Joel, 12; and Brandon, 4, enjoy the evening out at the Hot Dog Dinner Theater. Alfredo works in the OKCCC student union.



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## Storyteller speaks volumes with hands

By Bryan Nuber  
Newswriting I Student

Those entering the college theater Feb. 9 were met with a mixture of conversation and silence.

For those who speak English verbally, it was a different experience.

Hands were flashing rapidly, because most of the people in the theater were speaking in sign language.

The Student Activities Office and the Office of Services to Students with Disabilities combined efforts to have deaf Peter Cook visit the college with his storytelling presentation.

Cook is a performer of international fame and was also recently featured at the 19th Annual Wintertales Storytelling Festival.

He tells stories and performs other acts in sign language.

Yet, Cook's show is not only for the deaf.

He brings an interpreter along to verbally translate what he is signing.

**"The performance was wonderful, very entertaining for the deaf."**

—Joni Bice  
Interpreter  
at OSU-OKC

Cook's show lasted for about an hour and a half, and included everything from poetry and the sights of Santa Monica Beach to a Batman skit.

Cook animated and used an arsenal of gestures and sign language to entertain the audience.

Joni Bice, interpreter at OSU-OKC, said she enjoyed the performance.

"The performance was wonderful, very entertaining for the deaf," she said.

James Higgins, a student at Oklahoma School for the Deaf, signed that he too had a great time.

"I laughed the entire time. Mr. Cook is a wonderful performer. The signing was very clear and very professional."

## Bake sale equals sweet success

By Holly Hyden  
Newswriting I Student

The success of the Student Occupational Therapy Association's bake sale will help ensure that future members will have opportunities to get hands-on training in their field.

This is the club's first year to host the bake sale but, members said, hopefully it will not be

their last.

The SOTA members hosted the bake sale to raise money for supplies used to further their studies on rehabilitation.

OKCCC is the only two-year college in the state that makes SOTA available to students studying occupational therapy.

This club makes it possible for these future therapists to have hands-on training in the rehabilitation field.

Read the Pioneer on the Internet:  
[www.okc.cc.ok.us](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us)



# Road construction may stymie easy entry to main parking lot

**By Ryan Johnson**  
**Staff Writer**

Beginning March 1, students will have to muster up quite a bit of patience while May Avenue gets a facelift.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation will begin a seven-month project to widen May Avenue from S.W. 80th to S.W. 60th.

Construction crews will start at S.W. 74th and work

toward the south  
in the north-  
bound lanes of  
May Avenue.

When the construction crew reaches S.W. 80th, they will move to the southbound lanes of May Avenue and work north until the completed.

May will become a two-lane street for the duration of the construction, making traffic more congested.



## Harve Allen

What does this mean to students? The construction project will make it harder to get into some of the college parking lots.

“There won’t be any way to avoid the two-lane traffic if you want to park in the east main

parking lot," Harve Allen, director of public relations, said.

Construction is scheduled to be finished in 200 calendar days. In the meantime, students are advised to get an earlier start if they want to avoid getting stuck in the traffic and being late for class.

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# Professors given chance to learn through training

**By Kathi Etherton**  
**Staff Writer**

OKCCC's instructors now have the opportunity to practice what they preach.

On-the-job training, called externships, is being offered to professors so they can learn what is most useful and relevant to their students in their field and pass it on to their students.

Dr. Gary Rankin, OKCCC vice president for External Educational Programs, said the concept is designed to keep the faculty and staff up to date on their fields.

"The purpose is that the program provides the person with a business or industry experience that would help update the curriculum," Rankin said.

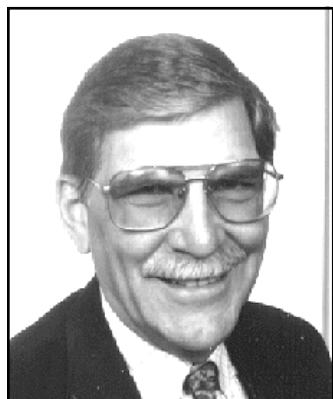
“Professors are funded for three days at a location related to what they teach.”

This is the second year the college has offered externships. Last year five professors participated. Rankin said about 20 could be accommodated.

Individuals interested in being a part of the externship program must submit a request to Rankin by April 14. A detailed explanation of the process is available through his office.

All individuals who put in a request form will be notified of their status by May 1.

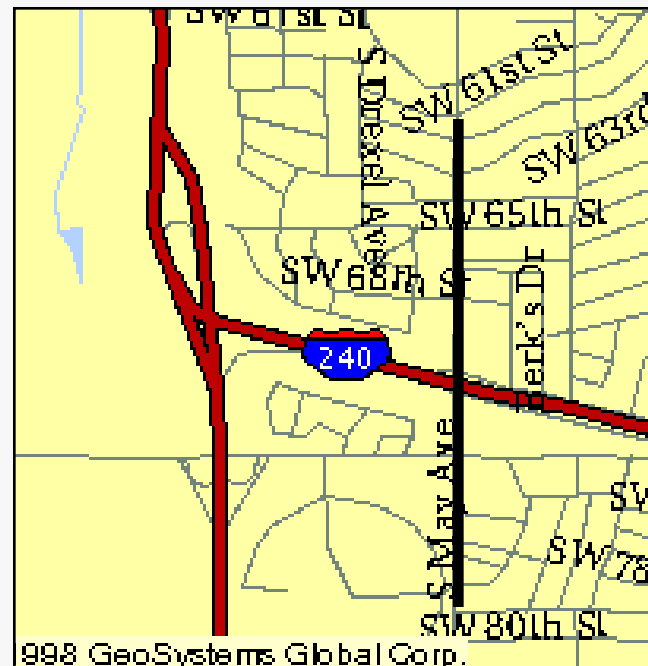
For more information, call Rankin at ext. 7536.



**Dr. Gary Rankin**

# May Avenue construction area

**The dark line indicates the area that will be affected by road construction beginning in March. The construction will take place in front of OKCCC as well, so people coming to the college should allow time for delays**



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# Highlights

## Local, global musicians to perform classical concert

At 7 p.m., on Feb. 22, in the College Theatre, the Edmond Chamber Players, a quintet of musician-educators from various parts of the globe, will perform chamber music of a variety of styles and combinations. The group will be joined by soprano Pamela Richman, flutist Amy Zuback and guest conductor Alicia Terzian, who will play the piano. Terzian will also lecture about her compositions during a special 6 p.m. session. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Any instructor wishing to bring a class is eligible for free tickets. For information call 682-7579.

## Spring Job Fair

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on March 1, Graduate Employment Services in the Office of Student Life is sponsoring the Spring Job Fair in the Rooms 1-3 in the College Union. Bring your resumes and network with employers.

## Cardio-Kickboxing at OKCCC

From 6:30 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. beginning Feb. 29, OKCCC will start an eight-week exercise class that lets you have fun while burning tons of calories. The class combines self-defense with aerobics and will progress from beginner to advanced levels through shadow-boxing and the use of kickboxing bags. No previous aerobic or martial arts experience required. Cost is \$35. For more information call 682-1611 ext. 7205.

## Gay Alliance and Friends meeting

At 4 p.m., Feb. 22 the Gay Alliance and friends will meet in room CU4.

## Indian State basketball Tournament

American Indians who carry a tribal roll card can register now through March 3 to compete in the Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department's 43rd Annual Indian State Basketball Tournament. The tournament will be held March 17-19 at various gyms in the Oklahoma City metro area. Registration is \$135 per team. For more information call 297-2211.

## Gates Millennium Scholarship Applications

The Office of Prospective Student Services has announced that the Gates Millennium Scholarship applications are in. If you are African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific American or Hispanic, please check it out. The deadline is March 15.

## SAFE KIDS Coalition Needs You!

The Oklahoma SAFE KIDS Coalition, a program of the Oklahoma State Department of Health, is currently conducting its annual volunteer recruitment drive. Weekday and weekend hours are available. For more information, call 271-5695.

## SPJ Job & Internship Fair

From 12:30 to 4 p.m., on Feb. 25, the Society of Professional Journalists will host the SPJ Job & Internship Fair in the Frontier Room of the Oklahoma Memorial Union at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Bring your résumé and clips.

All Highlights are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday



Photo by Ryan Johnson

**Free juice and cookies:** Melanie Bone takes a rest after donating blood at the recent drive held Feb. 16 and 17.

## Blood drive nets 82 pints

By Rhonda S. Hill  
Newswriting I Student

About 83 people responded to the call for blood during last week's spring blood drive.

In the past the college's average unit count has been about 80.

Each year since 1979, OKCCC staff and students have been generous in helping the non-profit organization gather its blood supply.

Every three seconds someone is in need of blood

and a single donor could be a "blood" link to at least three lives.

Denise Duranbaugh, blood program consultant of the Oklahoma Blood Institute said blood donors may even save their own lives.

She said the confidential pre-screening, mini-health check performed on donated blood has saved several lives by detecting such problems as cancer and hepatitis C.

Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities, said OBI needs everyone to support the two-day pre-

scheduled time set aside each semester for blood drives at OKCCC.

"I invite you to attend the next donation drive which will be April 26 and 27," said Jones.

Jones said those who are 17 years or older, at least 105 pounds and in good health should eat a hearty meal, drink plenty of fluids six hours ahead and be ready to give on those upcoming dates.

"Thanks to all who participated," Jones said.

"See you next time with our usual cookies and juice."

## Clubs combine to give kids head start on Easter fun

Holly Hyden  
Newswriting I Student

Head Start students will benefit from the team efforts of members of the Psychology, Sociology and Psi Beta clubs.

The clubs teamed up last week to sell various Valentine's Day goodies in

the student union.

The money raised will go to a local Head Start program.

The members of the three clubs combine their efforts every year to raise money for different charitable causes.

This year, club members said, they hope to gain support from sponsors and provide all 200 Head Start

students with an Easter basket.

Psi Beta President Kelli Thompson said the fundraisers are always for a good cause.

"Whenever students on campus buy things that are being sold, they are not only getting something for themselves, they are also helping out a good cause," she said.

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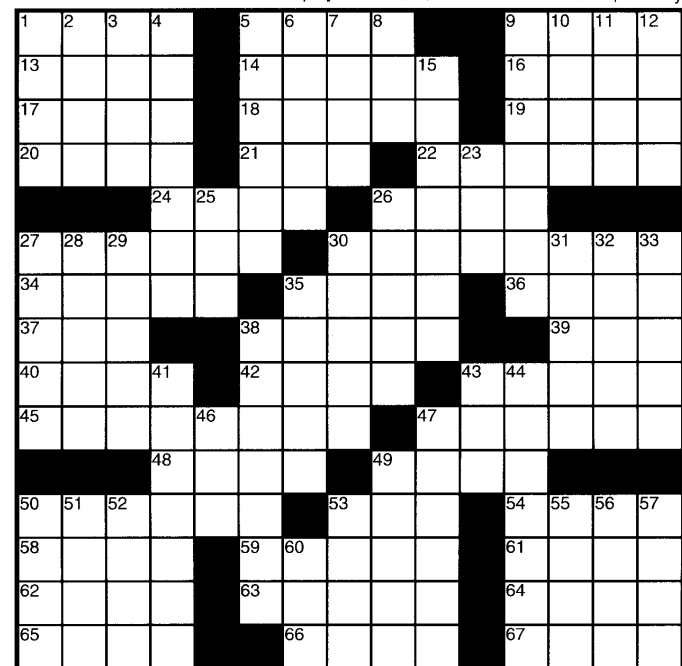
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**Imagine this:** Michael Morris, Linda Evans and Mark Evans are the vital components to the 1001 Inventions machine. The trio acted out different parts of a machine that gave random information about black inventions.

## OKCCC enrollment increases

"Enrollment,"

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in recent years in the number of students age 25 and older," Barker said. "However, the number of students under the age of 25 has grown substantially in recent years.

An indication that OKCCC has made the leap into the 21st century is shown by the enrollment for online courses which has increased by 170 percent. Telecourse enrollment is up by 17 percent.

Barker said this is due in large part to the greater availability of this type of classes, he said.

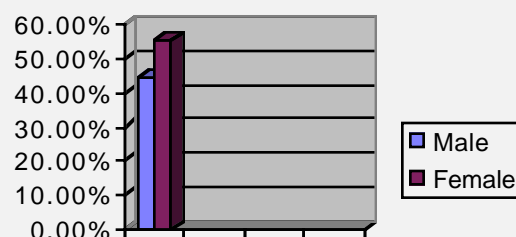
Most OKCCC students don't seem to have a preferred time of the day to attend class. Most students — 39 percent — are enrolled in classes evenly throughout the day and the week.

Classes taught at night are very popular with 27 percent of students exclusively enrolled in evening classes.

Sixteen percent of students choose to attend class exclusively in the morning.

The weekend classes are very popular, too, with about 5 percent of OKCCC's students exclusively enrolled in

### Did you know...



**Of the 9,770 students enrolled at OKCCC, 55.6% are female, 44.4% are male**

these courses. Eight percent of all students exclusively attend arranged classes.

Barker sees the rising enrollment numbers in a positive light.

"This growth is in line with current population trends and also points to the fact that OKCCC is known as a great place for a person to start college," Barker said.

## Donations sought for leukemia run

"Run,"

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Against Leukemia.

"I will place footprints around the college with each [donor] department's name and the given amount," she said.

Loftis said the Leukemia Society does great research and provides support to patients and family.

The Leukemia Society's research led to the development of a drug that can cure some forms of leukemia, Loftis said.

Money she raises through Miles A-round the College Against Leukemia will go toward this research.

Loftis will be running 26.2 miles at the marathon in Nashville.

She said she started running marathons two years ago.

"In 1998 I entered my first marathon just to see if I could do it," she said.

Last November, after she had moved to Oklahoma, she started working with the Leukemia Society.

"It gave me a commitment to run," she said.

Loftis said she hopes many people from the college will help her support the fight against the deadly disease.

She said she would be willing to help student organizations and others prepare projects to raise money.

She said she can also help individuals who might be interested in entering a marathon of this kind.

The next marathons for the Leukemia Society, following the Nashville marathon, are in Alaska and San Diego.

For more information, contact Loftis at 682-1611, ext. 7211.

She said donors may also deliver donations to her office or she will come by and get them.