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# PIONEER

## Past Pioneer editors win writing awards

By Michael Hawk  
Newswriting I Student

Former Pioneer editors Melissa Guice and Darcey Ralls joined the lineup as many of Oklahoma's top journalists stepped into the spotlight Feb. 26.

The two were recognized by the Oklahoma Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists at its annual awards banquet.

Held at Applewoods Restaurant and Banquet Center in Oklahoma City, the banquet followed a contest period that drew more than 600 entries from journalists statewide. Three out-of-state SPJ chapters judged the entries.

Awards were presented in 77 categories that came from newspaper, television, radio, magazines and public relations.

Guice took home three awards for her work at the Pioneer. She won first place for investigative reporting/individual, third place for general reporting and an honorable mention for an editorial/column piece.

Guice's first place award came from a three-part series on the Open Records Act.

Her general reporting award came from a story titled "Ruling Says Tin Drum Not Obscene," and her honorable mention award came from an editorial titled "Commandments Posted Where."

Guice said she was surprised when she received the notice she was a winner.

"I was not aware my work had been entered," she said.

Guice graduated from OKCCC with her associate degree in journalism and is currently the editor of the Mid-Del News newspaper.

Ralls, another former editor of the Pioneer, took home second place for spot news at the Pioneer.

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Photo by Ryan Johnson

**What a job!** Ron Mansour, right, looks over a sheet of job listings with Rachel Hacker, Integris Health Center recruiting officer. Integris was one of numerous companies set up at the recent job fair hoping to recruit students for employment.

## GM helps college attain commercial success

Advertisement shot in OKCCC's Aquatic Center to air during Academy Awards

By Vu A. Vu  
Newswriting I Student

Students and faculty may see some familiar faces and places in national General Motors commercials scheduled to be aired during the Academy Awards in April and during the 2000 Olympic Summer Games.

OKCCC employees and the Aquatic Center may appear in the commercials, made possible by Olympics sponsor GM.

The spots will make comparisons between Olympic athletes and GM,

using Oklahoma locations, GM employees and Olympic athletes.

Chris Moler, director of recreation and community services, said an ongoing relationship between OKCCC and GM led to portions of the commercials being filmed at the college.

"The local GM plant and local United Auto Workers have donated 100 cars to support the 2000 Summer Olympics in Australia," Moler said.

"As part of their commitment, they are creating several commercials using sport movements and comparing them to working parts of GM cars."

Omaha Productions of Los Angeles shot the commercials throughout Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Film Commission then picked various locations that best represented the Olympic theme. Some of the cities chosen were El Reno, Enid and Oklahoma City.

OKCCC was selected because of its Aquatic Center, which was also the site of the Mountain West Conference's inaugural swimming and diving championship a few

See "Commercial," page 12



## Editorial and Opinion

### Editorial

# Cheaters never win; students sometimes cheat

It's test time at OKCCC. With only a few days left until spring break, professors and students are preparing for the first of the two main exam seasons for college students.

Professors are busy stressing the virtues of studying for the tests and reminding students that cheating can lead to horrible consequences for their future college careers.

Students, on the other side, have their brains in overdrive, trying to figure out how to get through the exams and being concerned with how the grades they make may affect their GPA.

Despite the warnings, some students may even consider a little cheating as an option for keeping their grade-point averages at presentable levels.

Academic dishonesty, like all issues, has two sides — that of the student and that of the college.

Even though students like to believe they will never be lured into cheating, every once in a while cheating flashes through almost every student's mind.

It makes sense, considering that nobody gets hired for having a lovely personality but for having a great academic record and proof of proficiency in the form of letter grades.

Also, many students carry a full load of classes and have a job, which can be quite stressful and leave little time for studying.

On the other side of the argument is OKCCC. The college considers academic dishonesty a serious offense according to the college catalog.

Cheating can lead to a range of consequences. The professor can give the student a zero for a grade or make him retake the test. The worst possible scenario is suspension if the student has a record of cheating attempts.

I have a very busy schedule and will admit, sometimes I feel that I would rather write a cheat sheet than stay up all night studying.

However, I know it is more effective in the long run that I actually strive to learn the things for which I pay tuition.

I suggest that students try not to freak out but to stay calm before a test. Flunking a test is not the worst possible thing that could happen. Being suspended may be.

For all professors who have to deal with cheaters, I say: "Don't take it personal." Students are just people, too. It's about them, not you.

One thing both parties should keep in mind: Eventually, this test marathon will be over. Then everyone can relax for a few weeks before the end of the semester when it is test time again.

In the meantime, don't cheat yourselves out of a good education.

—**Michaela Marx**  
Pioneer Editor

# Macintosh user praises Pioneer

### To the Editor:

There I was, walking out of my last class of the day like I do every Monday and Wednesday.

I passed by an area on the second floor where a sign hung from the ceiling designating it as the location where the Pioneer is created and lo! I saw a famil-

iar sight.

The screen of the computer I saw had a pleasant, white menu bar running across the top and there in the corner sat a happy, little fruit ornamented with rainbow stripes.

As I glanced around this office I discovered the same features on each computer

as far as I could see.

There was no doubt about it; I was blessed with the presence of Macintosh computers. Do you guys use Macs exclusively for the OKCCC newspaper?

I believe you've just given me one more reason to look forward to reading the Pioneer everyday.

—**Jeff Lawrence**

**Mac Addict since birth**

(Editor's note: Jeff, we're proud to say we do use Macs exclusively. Thanks for reading the Pioneer.)

# Beware of spring fever

### To the Editor:

Here we are, nearly halfway through the semester. Spring break is just around the corner.

It's the point in the semester when students are ready for a break so they can replenish their minds and bodies.

It's also the point in the semester when some students began to slack off on their classwork.

The weather is warmer, the days are longer. Those days practically scream for your presence outside.

Don't be lured by the season.

Not only are you learning information by attending

college, but also you are learning the self-discipline you'll need to carry you into the world of job competition.

After graduation, on the job, you may not be given a break except for a yearly vacation.

You'll be expected to carry the ball day after day, without a break, a pat on the back or a grade. And, if you aren't prepared to do so, someone else will be. You are replaceable.

So, buckle down and keep on keeping on. I realize it's tempting to slack but don't. Later, you'll be glad you persevered.

—**Ronna Austin**  
OKCCC employee

Abby

By Akram Taghavi

**Why never to take and early morning class**

**Reason #5:**

**3% of the time you're the only one who shows up.**



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## Comments and Reviews

### Life's a 'Beach' for DiCaprio

Are you a tourist or are you a traveler?

In "The Beach" young American Richard (Leonardo DiCaprio) travels to Thailand with hopes of experiencing something new and different.

Bangkok is loud, colorful and exotic, but it is not the thrill Richard expected. He checks into a cheap hotel where he meets a stranger named Daffy — Daffy Duck to be correct.

Daffy tells Richard about a hidden island, a paradise on earth, with the perfect beach and drugs growing literally in bushels, but he also warns Richard about the place.

A few hours later Richard finds Daffy dead in his hotel room and a hand-drawn map of the paradise island pinned to his door.

Richard decides to go off the tourist trail and on a journey searching for the island. He asks a French couple to travel along with him.

The three young people leave on an adventure, not knowing where it will take them.

To maintain an element of surprise, I will only say that they eventually find the perfect beach, but paradise turns out not to be picture perfect.

"The Beach" is directed by Danny Boyle. Some might remember him as the creative head behind the 1996 movie "Trainspotting" with Ewan McGregor. Boyle remains true to his unusual, provocative style. The movie is very un-Hollywood-like.

DiCaprio does a great job portraying the young-American-off-the-path-hero Richard.

A relief is that "The Beach" is not at all schmaltzy like the "Titanic," another DiCaprio movie.

It incorporates fun techniques such as a scene in which Richard runs through the jungle tripping out on some kind of jungle drug, but the whole sequence is animated like a video game.

As I left the movie theater I had a undeniable hunger for adventure. If someone would have suggested jumping down a gigantic waterfall, I would have.

I enjoyed the movie journey to "The Beach." It was fast, exotic and adventurous.

If you are a tourist type of person, stay at home and watch Baywatch. If you are a traveler, go see "The Beach."

—Michaela Marx  
Pioneer Editor



Leonardo DiCaprio

### Scholarships are for everyone

Reader says diverse cultures should be embraced

To the editor:

This is regarding last week's letter to the editor about scholarships. The first thing that comes to mind Mr. Schrupp is, did you apply for a scholarship?

It may come as a surprise to you but scholarships for minorities are often funded by private sources. Nevertheless, there are still a number of scholarships available for the not-so-silent majority white males.

So if Bill Gates sees fit to donate to a scholarship that promotes the advancement of minorities. I say "More power to him!"

What about the scholarships that benefit single women? Are you opposed to them as well? We live in a diverse culture and, in a perfect world, we would be able to embrace that diversity instead of taking cheap shots at those things that we don't agree with.

The fact is, scholarships benefit more than the individuals or groups that receive them. As a society, we all gain something when

oppressed people are given a fair opportunity for advancement.

The glass ceiling is something I have had firsthand experience with and I'm thrilled to see these scholarships offered to any oppressed group — not just women, Hispanics, African Americans, Indian and Alaska Natives, Asian Pacific Americans or gays.

I do believe the "Discriminatory Clause" should be amended. About your believing that "sexual orientation" should not be included in the anti-discrimination policy — are we to conclude that you believe gays should be discriminated against?

And, if so, how should this discrimination be effected? Should we not allow them admission to

**"No group, for whatever misguided reason, should be deprived of the rights, freedoms and privileges guaranteed to all under the Constitution."**

—Cathy Bowman  
OKCCC Student

the college? Or should we, as students and instructors, just treat them with a general disrespect?

Perhaps we should also discriminate in regard to property taxes gays pay — like everyone else — which helps to pay for education.

Many gays do not have children but they do help to pay for all children's education.

No group, for whatever misguided reason, should be deprived of the rights, freedoms and privileges guaranteed to all under the Constitution.

If you believe that being gay is perverse — don't be gay. Your belief, however, does not give you the right to deny other citizens their rights

—Cathy Bowman  
OKCCC Student

### 'Reindeer Games' no laughing matter

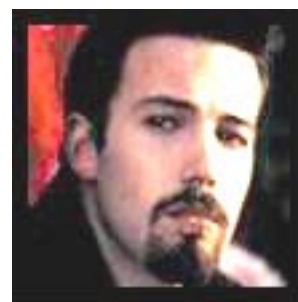
Having just been released from prison after serving five years, a person might think about trying to make a living within the law.

But what do you do when the brother-of-the-girl-of-your-dreams and his gang are threatening to kill you unless you help them rob a casino?

That's the plot of John Frankenheimer's "Reindeer Games." Frankenheimer's probably best known for the recently notable movies "Ronin" and "52 Pick-Up."

So — back to the plot — do you help, and hope that you don't get killed and maybe get to run off with your girl or do you try to run your sorry self as fast as possible through four feet of snow?

Our man Rudy Duncan, played by Ben Affleck, is dropped into just that situation. He is supported by Charlize Theron as Ashley the girlfriend, and Gary Sinise as



Ben Affleck

Gabriel the crazy brother.

The story is entertaining and has just about the right mix of love and guns that shoot successive bullets really fast.

But if this movie's ending had any more twists and turns you'd need a seat belt.

The one thing that did bother me was that it's just now being released but the

story is set at Christmas time.

Affleck carries the movie but I have to say that Sinise makes the scariest looking maniac man in a Santa suit there has never been.

On a scale of "what the heck do I do now; my girlfriend's brother chained me to a bed unless I help him rob a casino" this one comes in on about the upper half of an entertaining movie.

—John Huggins  
Contributing Writer



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# Program tells high schoolers: THINK college

By Michaela Marx  
Editor

Seniors from 10 Oklahoma City Public Schools will be on campus March 31 to get a taste of the college experience, which will be their reality next fall.

Some students have already made one trip to OKCCC Feb. 29. A second group will be here as a part of the OKC GO! program.

OKC GO! is a program designed to encourage seniors from the Oklahoma City School District to stay in school and go to college. It is also designed as a chance to recruit visiting students for OKCCC, said Craig Robinson, OKCCC college recruiter.

The program provides information about college, offers financial assistance once students choose OKCCC and provides support from OKCCC staff to get them started or for further assistance later on, said Robinson.

"The Oklahoma Public School District has a very high dropout rate," he said. "Many students do not even finish high school and even fewer plan to go on to attend college."

Robinson said OKCCC President Bob Todd works closely with the Oklahoma City Public Schools to make sure students are aware college is possible.

The first class of high schoolers recruited through this program started last fall.

"Many students from OKC Public Schools have bettered their lives because of their educational experience here (at OKCCC)," Robinson said.

The students visiting in the next few weeks are scheduled to graduate in May, he said.

Robinson said groups of four to 100 students are expected to visit between now and March 31.

He said students will tour the campus and sit in on class sessions to get an idea of what college is all about. To conclude their visit, they are going to get general information about college.

**"The Oklahoma Public School District has a very high dropout rate. Many students do not even finish high school and even less plan to go on to attend college."**

—Craig Robinson  
OKCCC High School Recruiter

# Nursing program's hard work pays off

By Kathi Etherton  
Staff Writer

The OKCCC nursing department has met all of the criteria needed to continue fully serving nursing students.

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing reviewed the department at OKCCC and reaccredited them for the next five years.

In order to be accredited, Jane Nelson, acting dean for the nursing department, and the department staff had to prepare a book answering board-prepared questions.

They were required to explain the criteria and classes taught.

This included the campus labs, classrooms and the clinical agencies the students attend.

The OBN then visited the college on Nov. 3 and 4, and met with Robert Todd, OKCCC president; Paul Sechrist, vice president for academic affairs; Carolyn Rouillard, senior human resource specialist; college counselors, support course faculty, Nelson, the nursing faculty and 16 students.

Board representatives observed the types of courses offered at OKCCC and the ratio of credit hours to clinical hours. They also talked to students and faculty about the program.

Nelson said, at that time, students could also express their concerns with the program.

In the end, the OBN approved OKCCC for five years, the maximum allowed. The board gave its stamp of approval Jan. 26.

"They were pleased with the program curriculum, and the quality of teachers and graduates," Sechrist said.

If something does not pass the OBN's standards, the college or program is put on probation and given a certain amount of time to improve the standards before the board comes to re-



Jane Nelson

view them again.

"We know a year in advance so we are prepared," Nelson said.

"We passed with flying colors."

In addition to the OBN, OKCCC is also accredited with the Oklahoma Nursing Association (ONA).

That group approved the program last year for eight years.

**"They were pleased with the program curriculum, and the quality of teachers and graduates."**

—Paul Sechrist

OKCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs



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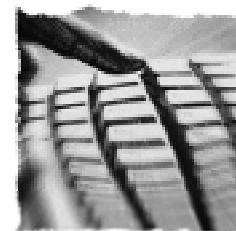
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# Professor explores deadly 1918 flu outbreak

**By Amanda Farris**  
**Newswriting I Student**

Nigel Sellars said he became curious about the deadly 1918 flu outbreak after hearing a report about a group of scientists excavating bodies of miners believed to still be carrying the deadly flu virus.

Sellars said he wondered what life was like in Oklahoma during the most devastating flu outbreak the world has ever seen.

About a year ago, the OKCCC adjunct history professor conducted extensive research on the killer flu.

He began poring over old state newspapers, medical journals, basically anything he could get his hands on.

He said what he found was mind-boggling and frightening.

## The Background

The first reports of the Spanish flu came out of Spain. However, when scientists traced the virus they discovered it began in the United States military dur-

ing World War I and spread like wildfire.

"More soldiers died from flu and disease than from combat," Sellars said.

Around 650,000 Americans died. Of those, 7,350 were Oklahomans.

Scientists believe the outbreak began when pigs where infected by both the human flu variety and the bird flu variety. The new killer flu came out of that, infecting millions.

## Millions Affected

Scientists estimate about 40 million people were killed worldwide from the 1918 influenza, commonly known as the Spanish flu.

This flu was incredibly deadly. It would kill some within 24 hours.

People were getting blood clots, causing the air sacks in their lungs to burst or fill with fluid. They were drowning in their own fluids.

It got to the point where so many people contracted the virus, doctors had to decide who needed immediate treatment through triage — a military procedure where they would divide the patients into three different groups.

The first group consisted of patients who were on the verge of death and could not be saved, the second were those who had minor problems that could wait, and the third were those who needed immediate help.

The doctors triaged people by looking at their feet. As people's lungs filled with more and more fluids, it became harder for them to breath, turning them blue. The most serious patients' feet were a dark blue meaning they were beyond help.

Those who survived the flu would sometimes be so weak they would die of pneumonia.

Towns closed schools, churches, theaters, and encouraged people to wear surgical masks.

Surprisingly, people were not cooperative in following the rules, causing the virus to spread even more. The state of Oklahoma was no



**Nigel Sellars**

exception.

## Closer to Home

In Tulsa, buildings were converted into emergency clinics. The death rate in Tulsa exceeded the birth rate in 1918.

Tulsa ran out of coffins, forcing families to make coffins and dig their own relatives graves.

Sellars said he came across an appointment book of an Alva doctor who

was seeing so many patients a day, he had to paste additional pages in his appointment book just to record the names of those he saw in a single day.

Bartlesville had the second highest death rate in the nation.

The highest was Philadelphia where steam shovels were used to dig mass graves.

Sellars' research of the flu will be published in an upcoming issue of "The Chronicles of Oklahoma."

## Words of Advice

Sellars said his advice to students interested in certain topics is to find out all they can about that topic.

He said students should also read other articles covering their topic of interest, conduct interviews and try to look at documentaries, journals and archives.

"Start at the top and work your way down," he said.

"This killer flu could definitely happen again because the flu virus is so adaptable. We will always be one step behind."

# Class to delve into Hispanic culture first-hand

**By Amanda Farris**  
**Newswriting I Student**

Many people think the only way to engross oneself in a culture is to travel abroad.

However, OKCCC professor Patricia Jiménez Brooks, assisted by Professor Diane Broyles, will provide students with a unique opportunity to experience Hispanic culture without leaving the country.

A Spanish Immersion Weekend will take place April 14 through 16, 2000, at the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, 7501 N.W. Expressway.

There will be an orientation from 6 to 8 p.m. April

10, in room 3E4 in the Arts and Humanities Building.

That day, students will receive a course syllabus and other information about the weekend activities. They will also meet their instructor and fellow students.

The total cost of the weekend is \$170.60. This includes tuition for one credit hour (\$45.60), meals, lodging, and materials (\$125).

In order to participate in the Immersion Weekend students need to have had at least one semester of Spanish.

Students should enroll at



**Patricia Jiménez Brooks**

admissions and pay the tuition in the college bookstore. Then, they'll need to pick up a fee payment form in the Arts and Humanities Division office and pay the \$125 fee in the bookstore. Students may opt to pay a deposit of \$50 by March 10 and pay the remaining \$75 by March 31.

The Spanish Immersion Weekend will be filled with Spanish conversation and activities. According to Brooks and Broyles, one of the most important aspects of the Immersion Weekend is the participation of the Spanish-speaking volun-

teers.

Most volunteers are from the Intensive English classes at OKCCC.

These volunteers work with students in small and large groups and converse with them at meals, sharing not only their language but also their culture.

Broyles said, through this interaction, students expe-



**Diane Broyles**

rience Hispanic culture in a very real way.

Broyles said students will receive one-credit-hour for participating in dances, watching films, playing games, singing, eating, shopping and listening to music

—all in Spanish.

"We cannot guarantee that students will dream in Spanish but it is a possibility," Broyles said.

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## St. Patrick, his mission in life recognized

The luck of the Irish began with St. Patrick, but many don't know the story of St. Patrick and the man to whom we pay respects to on March 17.

Born into Roman rule in either England or Scotland, St. Patrick was not destined to have an easy life, but he found his calling. Converting the Irish to Christianity.

In his teenage years, St. Patrick was kidnapped and was taken to Ireland as a slave by Niall of the Nine Hostages, a famous king of Ireland.

St. Patrick was sold to Meliuc, a local landowner. He was put to work as a shepherd for the next six years. During this time, St. Patrick prayed to the Christian God to bring him comfort.

Then one night he heard a voice calling him, telling him that it was time for him to escape. St. Patrick traveled 200 miles to Wexford where there was a boat heading towards Britain was waiting.



Unfortunately, the captain of the boat told him he couldn't get on. He turned away and prayed for God's guidance and sure enough, before he even finished the prayer he heard a crew member call him to come on the boat because they had changed their minds.

Once again, St. Patrick had troubles. He was captured by a band of brigands and they returned him to slavery. But then he heard a voice that said "Two months will you be with them." This held true because in 60 days he was released.

The next seven years, St. Patrick traveled throughout Europe trying to determine what his purpose on earth was. He came to the conclusion that he was going to study to become a true servant of God and tell his message throughout the world.

The story continued when in 432, Pope Celestine gave St. Patrick the honor of Bishop. Then St. Patrick and 25 followers went to Ireland for a holy mission.

In spring of 432, St. Patrick confronted the High King of Tara, King Laoghaire. He impressed the King and was invited to the Royal Court at Tara.

St. Patrick went the next day and the King demanded that he create snow. St. Patrick replied that it was not his place, it was God's, but then he turned around and the sunny sky miraculously dropped blankets of snow. Patrick made the sign of the cross and made the snow disappear. The astonished King asked St. Patrick to reveal the religion he wanted Ireland to take.

This was the beginning of Christianity in Ireland, but the idea of one God with three personalities—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—was laughed at. St. Patrick then picked up a shamrock and said, "There is one God but three persons stemming from the same divinity King Laoghaire."

The King then allowed St. Patrick to preach the Gospel in Ireland and agreed to support him, but the King could not convert because he felt that he would be betraying his ancestors.

On March 17, 461, at the age of 76, St. Patrick died. That is the day that is set aside to commemorate his life and devotion to Christianity.

*Information courtesy Internet  
www.saint-patrick.com*

## Follow the pot of gold to Bricktown for celebration

**By Michaela Marx  
Editor**

In Oklahoma City the Leprechauns will be loose in the heart of Bricktown March 17.

The annual Bricktown St. Patrick's Day Celebration will be held in huge tents at the corner of Sheridan and Oklahoma Avenue downtown for the ninth time.

Obviously Oklahoman Leprechauns aren't sleepy heads. The day will begin with traditional green eggs and ham. From 6 to 10 a.m. KJ 103's T.J. and Tooker will give away green eggs and ham.

Later that day visitors



can enjoy ice-cold green beer, food, prizes, fun and music. The festival offers continuous live music from 5 p.m. to 12:30 the next morning. Among the numerous bands playing at this event are TBA, Blackhawk Bluesband, Irish Dancers, Panhandlers, Super Freak and Wakeland.

As long as the green beer keeps flowing the bands promise to be entertainment and the visitors keep the singing and dancing.

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration downtown is fun for the whole family. Before 7 p.m. admission is free. After that it will cost \$7 at the gate and children under the age of 10 get in free with an paying adult.

The first 500 people arriving in Bricktown ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day will receive free green beads, accessories everybody needs on St. Patrick's Day.

Make plans to follow the rainbow to a pot of fun and check out how Oklahoma celebrates St. Patrick's Day.

## Irish descendents find roots at OKCCC

"My favorite Irish story is the ancient tale of the Red Hand of Ulster. The story goes that one of the Neals was racing his boat against another family. They were trying to reach a piece of land; the first one to touch the land would own the land. Neal was losing the race so as the two boats neared the shore, he took

out his sword and chopped off his hand; then he threw the severed hand to the shore. Neal got the land but lost his hand. The flag for his family displays a bloody hand in the center. That should tell you something about the Irish."

**—Clay Randolph  
Professor of English**

"I am half Irish. My great-grandparents were Patrick and Bridget Clark, and emigrated to the United States in the late 19th century. I will be in New York to see the St. Patrick's day parade this year on Spring Break!"

**—Jane Carney  
Professor of Gerontology**

## Easy recipes for St. Patty's Day

### Shamrock Party Punch

Provided by sarakitchen.faithweb.com

2 liters of ginger ale

1 large container of frozen lemonade

1 large can of pineapple juice — chilled

1 quart of lime sherbert

Stir together. The lime sherbert melts and makes a milky green punch with foam on top



### Leprechaun Dust

1 box of jello instant pistachio pudding

one baby food jar with lid

milk

Place one tablespoon of leprechaun dust (pudding powder) in each jar and add 1/4 cup of milk. Place cap on jar and shake. Adding the milk makes the pudding turn green

### Shamrock Shake

Blend one banana, two cups of lime sherbert and one cup of milk.

# Escaping from OKC doesn't have to be costly

Tips on how to have fun without spending big bucks

By Michaela Marx  
Editor

Spring break is travel time. Every year in March, thousands of students stream out of their home states and are driven, like metal flakes to a magnet, to the various vacation paradises.

Then they party hard and return to school after a week to recover from their exhausting vacation.

Everybody wants to go to an island paradise or skiing in the Rocky Mountains. However, vacationing is the expensive kind of fun. Students, on the other hand are most of the time broke, so they have to find affordable ways to travel.

One idea is to check if the college or school you attend offers trips, just like OKCCC organizes trips to England during the summer. You may even earn college credit for it. Also it is cheap and organized, because it is a student trip.

Another option is to find out if you or your friends may have an aunt or cousin living somewhere you would like to vacation. If you are lucky you save lots of money for a hotel when you can stay with somebody you know.

If you plan to travel within the United States consider traveling by car or bus instead of flying all over the place. A road trip is fun and

America has lots of beautiful landscape you will never see if you don't drive by.

Also in some cases it is cheaper to rent a cabin or something of this kind with a bunch of friends instead of staying in a hotel. The advantages of this possibility are that you save money and nobody is going to knock on your door when you are too loud.

Oklahoma is said not to be the most exciting state, but here are many attractions to discover. Call the tourist information and find out what there is to do around your home state.

However, if you plan a bigger trip or even international traveling, here are a few tips on how to save money.

When talking to a travel agency you should always check for youth or student specials. If you are under 21 or have a valid student I.D. you sometimes can take advantage of great values.

Also it would be good to plan in advance and book you trip early on, because it makes you more flexible with travel time and you have more values to choose from.

Another good way to sometimes save lots of money is to compare prices. When I was planning my spring break trip I got price differences of sometimes up to \$500. So don't buy the first offer you get.

Whatever, you plan to do during spring break, have lots of fun, a great time and recover from your classes.

## Where to find ski, surf, sand and fun

By Michaela Marx  
Editor

Spring break is traditionally the time of the year when poor overworked students have to relax and recover from the hard work professors laid upon them over the past eight or nine weeks.

Also it is the party and travel time of the year, because the weather is either still too cold to do things outside or too warm to play in the snow.

In case you belong to the tiny percentage of students who does not have definite plans for your week off, here are some tips for you.

**Favorite beach destinations are:** Cancun, Mexico; South Padre Island, Texas; Panama

City, Bahamas, Cabo San Lucas, Daytona Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Hawaii, Jamaica, Key West, or Puerto Vallarta.

**Cool snow places are:** Breckenridge and Winter Park in Colorado and New Mexico also has some great mountains to ski on.

**Something else for a change:** How about a trip to Las Vegas, New York, Orlando or another city of your choice, which promises to be more exciting than OKC.

Also something that is not a usual spring break destination is Europe. When it is spring

break in America, it is off-season in Europe. Therefore the trip would be reasonable in price.

**Home sweet home...**

The final tip for spring break is just stay at home do nothing, eat chocolates, go out for lunch and catch up on soap operas.



## Students speak out about plans for Spring Break

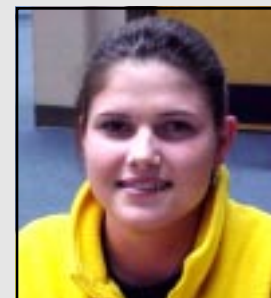


"I am going to the Caribbean to Cayman Islands with some friends."

—Don Watkins  
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"I am going to go see some friends in Dallas."

—Tinna Taylor  
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"I am not going anywhere, I will be working."

—Chandra Maynard  
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"I'm staying in the city and partying every night."

—M.Brent Harding Jr.  
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"I'm going to South Padre to do anything and everything. I'm going after my birthday."

—Jessica Mayberry  
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"We are going to Venezuela. We are going for fun, but also to see family and friends."

—Anagabriela Carvallo  
Petroleum Engineering  
—Michelle Rodriguez  
Mechanical Engineering



# Regents establish sites for ACT testing, training

By Kathi Etherton  
Staff Writer

Often qualifying for better jobs and boosting job skills seem to be hard or even impossible. Hopefully, that will be a thing of the past with the establishment of a statewide network of ACT testing and training centers.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has announced a partnership with the ACT, Inc. to provide a convenient library of training programs and testing services in hopes of developing workforce skills.

Chancellor for Higher Education Hans Brisch said the partnership is needed for Oklahoman employers and potential employees.

"A skilled workforce is crucial to achieving a prosperous economy," Brisch said.

"Our ACT centers will be a resource for employees and employers to benefit from the latest training programs and methods. Oklahomans can use the ACT centers to boost their skills and qualify for better jobs," he said.

"Employers can use the assessment and training programs to hire and develop employees, raising productivity and profits."

The ACT center services include computer-delivered certification and licensure tests for professions, workforce development assessment, distance learning and video conferencing and computerized edu-



cational and career guidance counseling.

Laura Callahan, executive director of communications for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, said Oklahoma is involved with the program because it will help enhance the workplace and the employees.

"ACT Inc. is one of the nations largest workforce training providers," she said.

ACT Inc. is the same company that administers the testing that students take as college entrance exams.

As of Feb. 28, there are six statewide implementations across the country, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education being one of them. There are also 42 individual institutions nationwide.

The ACT centers will be located in Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan areas initially and they will be in operation later this year. There are plans to expand throughout the state.

The web address is [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

**"A skilled workforce is crucial to achieving a prosperous economy."**

—Hans Brisch  
Oklahoma  
Chancellor for  
Higher  
Education

# OKCCC dean named to success task force

By Kathi Etherton  
Staff Writer



Anna Wilson

Anna Wilson, OKCCC dean of science and mathematics, has the distinction of being the only member from OKCCC to serve on a new task force created by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Success in school is the focus for the task force, the State Regents announced.

Laura Callahan, the executive director of communications for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, said the members were nominated by presidents of public and private colleges, and universities.

"It is a broad-based group of individuals," she said. "There are academic and student service leaders, faculty and advisers, and even students."

Callahan said the task force is in its beginning stages. She said the members realize they may face problems and will need to find solutions that will keep students in school and produce more college graduates.

"We are hoping to see great things out of this task force that will bring in different viewpoints and insights," she said.

The task force is made up of 35 faculty, staff and students from Oklahoma colleges and universities who aim to improve student retention and to improve graduation rates among colleges across Oklahoma.

It was created as part of the Regents' Brain Gain 2010 plan.

Through this plan, the regents hope to double the expected growth rate of college degree holders in Oklahoma by the year 2010.

"We want to help students get to college and then support them to com-

**"We want to help students get to college and then support them to complete college and earn a degree."**

—Laura Callahan  
Executive director of  
communications for the  
Oklahoma State  
Regents for Higher  
Education

plete college and earn a degree," Callahan said.

The members will compare state and national data to determine what contributes to student success and then recommend initiatives that could increase retention and graduation rates.

Chancellor Hans Brisch said the task force has much to learn about students.

"We need to learn more about why students leave college without earning degrees and find proactive solutions to help students achieve success in college," he said.

"This task force will propel us much closer to these goals."

The task force will be led by Dr. Joe A. Wiley, president of Rogers State University in Claremore, and Dr. Paul B. Bell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Vice Provost for Instruction at the University of Oklahoma.

# Former Pioneer staffers awarded for writing

**"Award,"**  
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Her award was for a story she wrote following the May 3 tornadoes titled "Professor Survives Twister."

Dr. Terry Clark, UCO journalism professor, presented both Guice and Ralls their awards.

Kim Morava, this year's SPJ vice president and co-coordinator of the awards contest and banquet, is also a former Pioneer staff member.

She now writes for the Shawnee News-Star.

"Guice and Ralls should be proud of their awards," said Morava. "Their work was chosen from a competi-

tive group of entries."

During their stints at the Pioneer, Guice and Ralls worked under the supervision of OKCCC Pioneer Lab Director Ronna Austin.

"I am really proud of both of them," Austin said. "They both did outstanding work at the Pioneer and deserve recognition for that work."

Sue Hinton, newswriting professor and Pioneer sponsor, said she enters students' work to the contest every year.

"We do it to win," she said. "It also gives the students an opportunity to meet some important journalists and see them in action."

Hinton said Guice and Ralls were both exceptional

students.

Guice was a student fresh out of high school who knew she wanted to be a journalist, Hinton said.

"It is not that common to have students out of high school who know what their goals are."

Hinton said Ralls stood out in the newswriting labs.

"She worked hard, always finished her stories and took care of business," Hinton said.

Hinton said she likes to feel like she has a small part in her students' success.

"It is always a big thrill to see students win awards."

The contest and awards banquet is held every year as a fund raiser for the local SPJ chapter.



# Love of music follows professor through life

By Wendy Dire  
Newswriting I Student

From the time he was a young boy Ryan Hebert knew he loved music. A few decades later, he still has that passion.

At 25, Hebert is one of the youngest professors at the college.

Hebert teaches a variety of music classes at OKCCC. He teaches music appreciation, music theory and conducts three choirs which include the Concert Choir, the Chamber Singers and the Symphonic Choir.

"I can't see myself doing anything else," Hebert said when asked why he decided to spend his life surrounded by music.

He received his undergraduate degree in organ at the University of Alabama.

After graduating, he at-

**The music department is not just for music majors. We would like anyone who enjoys singing to come join us."**

—Ryan Hebert  
OKCCC Music Professor

tended the University of Kansas where he received his master's degree in choral directing and church music.

Hebert said, although he chose to major in the organ, he plays a number of other instruments.

He has played piano since elementary school and played trumpet since the days of being part of high school band.

Dave Archer, OKCCC's other professor of music, said he enjoys working with Hebert.

"Ryan is very energetic, and does nice work with his choirs," Archer said.

Hebert said he would like

to see more involvement in the music department from students and the community.

"The music department is not just for music majors," he said. "We would like anyone who enjoys singing to come join us," he said.

Along with his busy schedule at the college, Hebert is also the assistant organist at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City.

Hebert said he still has one goal that has not yet been fulfilled.

"Someday I would really like to take a choir on a tour of Europe and have them sing in the cathedrals."



Ryan Hebert

## Bill Gates scholarship geared toward helping approximately 4000 minority college students

By Dena Drabek  
Newswriting I Student

Twenty thousand American students will be granted the means to attend undergraduate and graduate colleges of their choice through funding made possible by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Gates Millennium Scholars program enables teachers, principals, professors, deans, and program directors to nominate low-income minority students for this scholarship award.

The goal behind this program is to give outstanding under-represented students the opportunity to receive a college education in an effort to build a stron-

ger America for the new Millennium.

Rick Waters, a Gates Scholarship representative, spoke at a workshop for eligible applicants at the University of Oklahoma campus recently.

He estimated that 200 college graduates, 2800 undergraduates and 1000 entering freshman will be awarded funds for the 2000-2001 academic year.

He said the remaining awards will be distributed in future years to entering freshman only.

Fifty million dollars in scholarships will be awarded each year over a 20-year period.

The money will pay for the cost of tuition, fees, books, and living expenses.

In addition to funding, scholars will also be invited to participate in a leader-



Bill and Melinda Gates

ship program being developed. The Millennium Scholars program will be administered by the United Negro College Fund and partners.

Potential nominees include high school seniors, college undergraduates, and college graduates who meet eligibility requirements and qualify as a minority.

Minorities as defined by the scholarship are African Americans, Asian Pacific

Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, and Hispanic Americans.

To be eligible to apply, nominees must have a 3.3 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, be enrolled full-time or accepted to an accredited institution at the time of the award, demonstrate significant financial need, and show leadership capabilities.

Those nominees who apply will be asked to submit a nomination form, personal information form, essay, official transcript, and a recommendation form.

All forms are included in the application packet. Native Americans and Alaska Natives will be asked to provide information concerning tribal enrollment or proof of descendency.

Additional information and applications are avail-

able outside the Prospective Student Services office and should be completed and postmarked on or before March 15.

Recipients will be notified on or before May 1.

The amount of each scholar's award will be determined after copies of their admission and financial aid package are received.

Changes in the application process may occur in subsequent years.

Any decisions to do so will be made after review of this inaugural year.

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# Highlights

## Math Scholarship adds up to \$250

In honor of former math professor Jack Cain, who died in a mountain-climbing accident in 1996, a \$250 memorial scholarship in his name will be awarded this semester. Eligibility criteria includes: Completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at OKCCC; Completed or enrolled in math 2225, Calculus or Analytical Geometry I; have a minimum GPA of 3.25; be intent on completing a degree at OKCCC. Applications are available in the Math Center. Deadline for scholarship applications is 5 p.m. March 21.

## Public Works Employees scholarship

The OKCCC Office of Prospective Student Services is announcing the American Public Works Association scholarship. Applicants must be dependents of public works employees or enrolled in a course of study to pursue a career in public works. See Prospective Services for more information or call Linda Sapp at 682-1611, ext. 7580.

## Spring 2000 Commencement

Any Spring 2000 graduation candidates who have missed the February 3, 2000 deadline, may submit their application by appointment, through March 24, 2000. After that date, candidates will be considered for Spring 2000 graduations but will not have their names in the commencement program. Applications are available in the Graduation/Transfer Evaluation Office, Admission and Records Office.

## Kay Edwards scholarship offered

Applications for the Kay Edwards Scholarship are now available in the Arts and Humanities division office on the first floor of the AH Bldg. A faculty person may nominate a student by completing a nomination form; then the nominated student must fill out a student data sheet. Both forms must be turned in to the AH division office by 5 p.m. March 10.

## Free dolphin shows at the zoo

The OKC Zoo is offering free dolphin shows the weekend of March 11 and 12 to highlight the special characteristics of Atlantic bottle-nosed dolphins, their environment and their conservation needs. Plus, the first 100 visitors to attend the 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 5 p.m. performances will receive a free dolphin visor.

## Teen confidence on the menu

A teen modeling class will meet from noon to 12:55 p.m. each Saturday for eight weeks beginning March 25. Call 682-7560 or 682-1611, ext. 7205 for information.

## Health clinics offered

The second annual conference, "Pathways to Community Health Clinics," sponsored by Voluntary Health Clinic Coalition will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, March 24 at Norman Regional Hospital.

The conference is intended for anyone interested in starting or expanding a low-income clinic in his or her community.

Those interested in attending may call (405)329-4558 for more information or mail \$15 registration to P.O. Box 1224, Norman, OK 73070. Please include name, address, phone and fax with registration. Scholarships are available if need is demonstrated. Registration fee includes lunch and breaks.

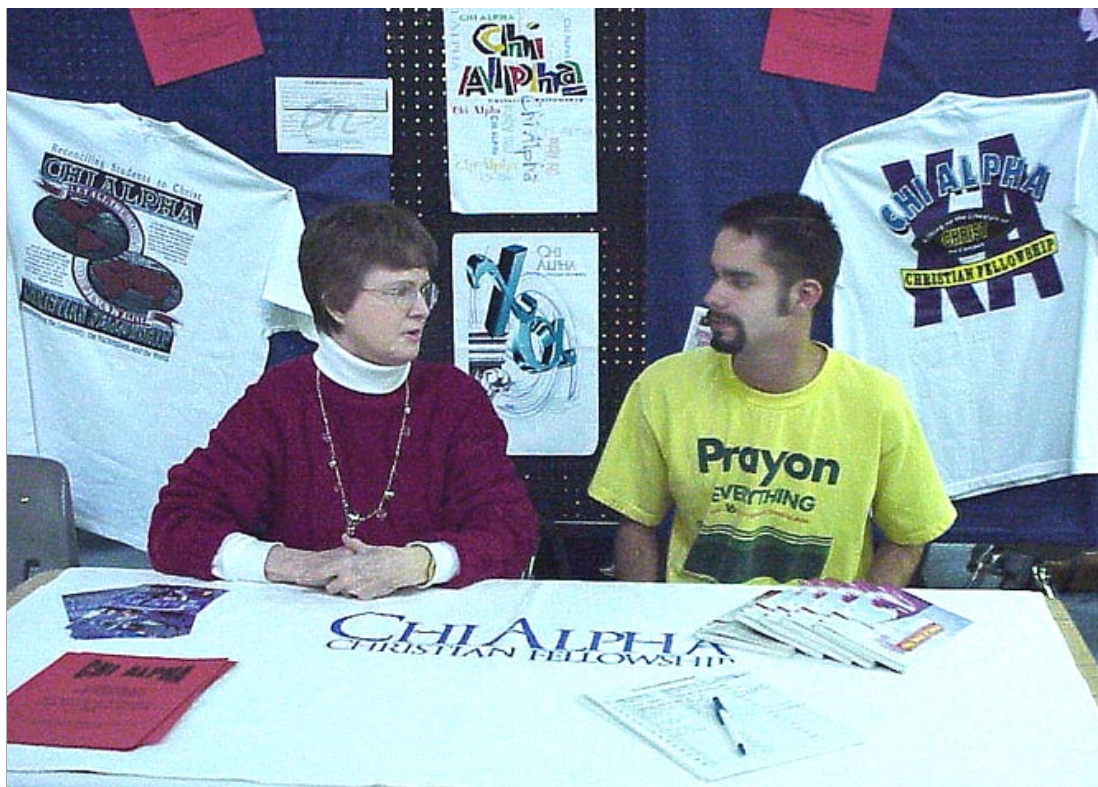


Photo by Ryan Johnson

**Alpha 'bout joining up?** Ruth Hudson, sponsor of Chi Alpha, and club President David Badders await new members at their sign-up table in the lobby of the main building. Hudson said the club set up the table to make up for the recruitment days they missed when the snowstorm that closed OKCCC's doors also closed down the Organization fair.

# College Republicans club looking for candidates

**By Holly Hyden  
Newswriting I Student**

Calling all Republicans! Students who are interested in supporting or learning more about what the Republican Party stands for now have that chance.

Ralph deCardenas, club sponsor, said the organiza-

tion — the OKCCC College Republicans — will provide members with the principles of the Republican Party along with active involvement in promoting Republican candidates in local, state and national elections.

All students who are interested in the conservative values that the Republican party stands for are encouraged to join deCar-

denas said.

"College Republicans will benefit its members in that it will help develop leadership skills and knowledge of the political process," deCardenas said.

For more information, call deCardenas during the day at 682-1611, ext. 7216.

The first organizational meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m., March 7 in room 2N5.

## Central Oklahoma Community Action Agency

will be on campus from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 8 and 9 in the main building foyer to offer help with the following:

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In addition, Dialog 2000 surveys will be available to fill out. This will help raise the minimum wage to \$6.15 per hour as well as help with other important issues.



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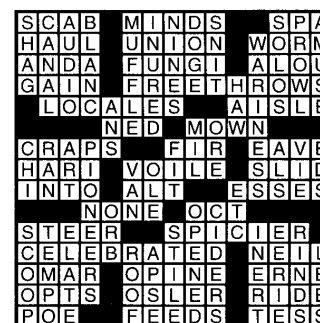
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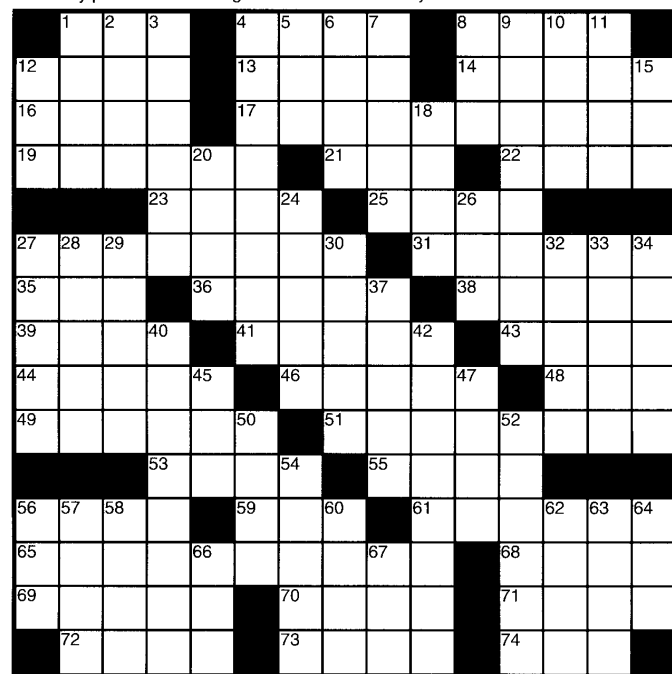
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# OKCCC business grads may opt for University of Phoenix

**By Susan Craig  
Contributing Writer**

OKCCC is helping make the process of earning a higher degree easier by forming an articulation agreement with the University of Phoenix, Oklahoma campus.

The agreement will allow OKCCC business graduates to transfer all their credits to the University of Phoenix baccalaureate program.

Dr. Paul Sechrist, vice-president of Academic Affairs at OKCCC, said the University of Phoenix is a private university with campus sites across the nation.

He said the college focuses primarily on business degrees. Like OKCCC, the University of Oklahoma and most other Oklahoma schools, the university is accredited by North Central accrediting association.

He said almost all of the faculty at Phoenix University are practicing professionals. They have the academic preparation, the master's degrees and Ph.D's but they also are working in the field or related field for which they

are teaching.

"For example, the chief executive officer of a corporation might teach financial accounting or financial management," Sechrist said.

"The University of Phoenix is designed for the working adult student," he said.

The classes meet one night a week, which makes the program convenient for working adults.

They use the cohort-based learning model, which means a group of students in the same field of study are assigned to complete the program together.

The students form study groups and work together between classes.

"OKCCC is considering letting the University of Phoenix offer a program of studies here on campus in the evening so some of their southside students won't have so far to drive," Sechrist said.

"They are currently located on the Broadway Extension. This is just in the works. Nothing has been signed yet.

"Normally if we let outside people use our facilities we



do charge them.

"There will be some sort of in-kind arrangement with the University of Phoenix where we might use some their facilities to teach our classes during the day," Sechrist said. "This would allow people who work downtown to have a closer facility."

As with all programs at OKCCC, he said, students who are considering going to another college need to check with counselors to make sure all classes will transfer.

"We are glad to have the University of Phoenix in Oklahoma City to provide an alternative."



Photo by Ryan Johnson

**Quilted with love:** Willie Washington, Director of Educational Support Services, shows off a quilt he received at a retirement party thrown in his honor Feb. 29.

Washington worked for the college for 19 years. His friends and colleagues designed quilt squares and Professor Linda Thornton pieced them together.

## Aquatic center to be featured in national ads

**"Commercial,"**  
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weeks ago.

"We've got the best pool in the state of Oklahoma," Moler said. "They looked at other pools and OU, but the others didn't compare with what we had to offer."

The filming at the Aquatic Center took place Feb. 15.

OKCCC received \$1000 for the shoot, along with a \$500 donation to the OKCCC Film Institute.

Former OKCCC employees Jennifer Gaines and

Claudia Ramos were filmed as extras alongside an Olympic swimmer.

Aquatic Center employees waited to be filmed for the water polo portion of the commercial but, in the end, weren't included due to time constraints.

"It wasn't really a big thing," lifeguard Riley Williams said. "It would've been really interesting though [to be in the commercial]."

Lifeguard Gina McCullough said the lifeguards did receive some benefits for attending the shooting which began at 5 a.m.

"They fed us well."

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