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Grant will benefit child center

By Bryan Nuber
Newswriting I Student

A need for more child care in Oklahoma, and on campus, has resulted in a \$173,000 grant for the Child Development Center.

The Department of Commerce awarded the federally-funded block grant.

Director of the Child Development Center Charlotte Wood-Wilson said she was notified April 26 that the funds were approved.

Until now, the state allowed only 50 children to be enrolled in the OKCCC center. The grant will add 24 additional full-day slots in the center. About 35 "share" slots will actually be available because most children attend half-day.

Priority will be given to students, Wood-Wilson said, but anyone can apply. She said the money is mainly intended to help single parents who are busy with classes and can't afford child care.

She said there is a shortage of quality child care for children preschool through third grades.

Wood-Wilson said she believes this is an excellent way to allocate federal funds because it helps the center help students succeed.

She said students need help with children while they go to school so they can get good jobs. With the grant, she said, even more students will be helped.

New openings in the Child Development Center will become available in August.



Photo by Ryan Johnson

VOTE: Roger Randol, Scholar's League treasurer, waits for students to stop by his table and register to vote. The group hosted a voter registration drive for MTV's "Rock the Vote." Prizes were given to each person who registered.

Efforts to improve campus safety, security continue

By Michaela Marx
Editor

With only two months left in fiscal year 1999-2000, and 52 reported campus security incidents through March 24, it may be safe to say that this year's campus crime rate will remain level with last year's.

However, listed among those incidents have been two cases of harassment, one armed robbery, several car vandalisms and three car

thefts.

So, even though the crime rate has remained somewhat stable over the last few years, the student body, college staff and the Board of Regents are alarmed.



Gary Lombard

Regents' March meeting.

As a result, on April 24, the board authorized the

college to increase the amount for additional security services, currently provided by Wackenhut Security, from \$19,000 to \$25,000.

Lombard said Wackenhut Security provides all of the security for weekends and after hours, as well as on special occasions such as the Arts Festival. Wackenhut personnel also provide security on holidays and breaks.

"We are constantly looking for ways to strengthen campus security," Lombard said.



Keith Bourque

Coordinator of campus safety and security Keith Bourque said, currently, campus security shifts are staffed with two armed

and one unarmed officer during the day and four armed officers during the night shift. Those shifts are supplemented by one additional Wackenhut officer.

He said the college is al-

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

OKCCC restroom occupants urged to flush and wash

Everyone learned how to use the restroom when they were younger, but from the looks of things in OKCCC's restrooms, some must have forgotten how to be sanitary at the same time.

Bathroom etiquette should involve flushing the toilet, washing hands, throwing paper towels in the trash. However, the opposite is happening.

It is just plain nasty to walk out of a bathroom stall and out of the bathroom altogether without washing your hands. What's worse is not washing your hands and then, touching your face. When shaking someone's hand, it would be nice to know that it is a hand that has been washed after shaking another body part.

And, after washing your hands and drying them, throw the paper towel away. It isn't a difficult concept, but it seems that every restroom in the college has paper towels and toilet paper all over the floor. This is just as unsanitary as not washing your hands because now someone else has to pick up the mess and then they get your germs all over their hands.

That aside, let's go back to one of the first lessons in potty-training.

Flush the toilet. Simple as that. It is like the saying goes, "clean up after yourself." Go to the restroom and then get rid of what you've created. No one else wants to see what you've so lovingly produced.

One last complaint on bathroom etiquette is about the individuals who carry on a conversation while they are both using the restroom. It is a place of "business," so get your necessary "business" taken care of and then talk amongst yourselves while you are washing your hands.

These seem like simple requests; however, they are being avoided every day by some. Using the restroom is a natural occurrence, but do it in a sanitary way.

Have some respect for yourself and for others. You never know — somebody may be watching.

—Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

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Adjunct prof says communicate

To the Editor:

In the April 24 Pioneer, Ryan Johnson wrote an editorial asking why professors have such strict rules regarding attendance in their classes.

He objects to the rules, saying the student will be dropped after so many absences regardless of their grades.

He mentions that the reasons for absences can be many, including emergencies, illness, job requirements, etc.

As an adjunct, I have had to enforce these rules also. However, as long as a student keeps me informed as to their reasons for missing class, and keeps up with their assignments, I will not drop them.

The key here is communication between student and professor.

I had one student who was having a difficult pregnancy, requiring her to remain in bed. She attended

maybe six classes that semester.

We corresponded via e-mail and telephone. I even went by her house to give her the one test she was unable to get to class for.

All of her assignments were e-mailed to me. She received the highest grade in class!

Most of the professors I work with will do the same thing, as long as the student keeps the professor informed as to their problems and upholds their end of the bargain.

In general, students who do not attend class do not do well nor do they complete assignments.

Many are on some sort of education assistance.

I do not believe they should continue to get as-

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—OKCCC Adjunct Professor

sistance if they are not doing their part.

There are too many students who deserve to have help and are willing to do the work required.

—Name withheld by request

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Comments and Reviews

Students' helping hands appreciated

Services to Students with Disabilities include notetaking volunteers

To the Editor:

We in Services to Students with Disabilities want to say a big "thank you" to all those students who volunteered to share their class notes with students whose disabilities restrict their own ability to take notes.

These notes give students with disabilities equal access to classroom lectures, study information and test reviews that otherwise would be difficult to obtain.

As an added bonus, many volunteer notetakers have said they find that they take better notes knowing that someone else will be looking at them and thereby can improve their own academic success.

If you are interested in being a volunteer notetaker, the service to students with disabilities office has available NCR paper that will make an authentic copy of your notes and a pamphlet entitled "OK, I'll be your notetaker... What does that mean?" that can answer any question you might have and even give you ideas for taking better notes.

So once again, thanks. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

—Vicky Wilson

OKCCC Disability Accommodation Assistant

Four-week classes may be the ticket for summer

To the Editor:

I just wanted to make everyone aware of two four-week classes that are being offered in June through the Division of Science and Mathematics.

The first is a four-week course that is an introduction to the new program in Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology.

SMT 2001-Special Topics in SMT is a survey course that is being offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. during June.

It will be an overview of the semiconductor manufacturing industry and a opportunity for people to "test drive" our new program. There are no prerequisites for the course, so this is a perfect opportunity for people to check out the program without

waiting a year to get other courses taken.

The second is a four-week General Astronomy course (ASTR 1504/PHYS 1504) that will meet from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday during June. I know that sounds daunting but yes, we get breaks and yes, astronomy is exciting!

It would be a perfect opportunity to get a four-hour course taken and still have a summer break!

I encourage anyone who is interested in either of these courses to contact me at 682-1611, ext. 7187 for further information. Peace.

—Dr. Debra L. Burris
**Professor of Physics/SMT
Division of Science and
Mathematics**

Reader implores research into Scientology

To the Editor:

The letter from the Scientology publishing group printed in the Pioneer last week worries me.

The letter, which touts the virtues of Scientology, makes me worry that even one person may believe this is a good group in which to belong.

That would be a very wrong assumption that could negatively affect someone for life.

I implore anyone who is even remotely considering becoming part of Scientology to do extensive research first — even if you believe everything written here.

Do not be sucked in by the empty promises made in the book "Dianetics" or the statement made in John Goodwin's letter promising "solutions to social ills."

In fact, the book "What is Scientology?" actually contradicts the book "Dianetics."

Where "Dianetics" makes references to resolving your internal conflicts in a peaceful manner, "What is Scientology?" says, among other things, in its code of honor on page 623, "Never fear to hurt another in a just cause." Peaceful?

In fact, anyone who reads "What is Scientology?" should come away with a real fear of this group, their ideas, language and the rules imposed on the members.

You may have to read between

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—Concerned Reader

the lines and you may have to be wise enough to know you can't take everything you read at face value. (That is why I say, "don't just take my word for it; do the research.")

The book also lists the group's enemies which, simply put, includes anyone who doesn't abide by and believe in the rules of Scientology.

Have a family member who doesn't agree with Scientology? You, as a Scientologist, will be asked to disassociate with that person, be it a child, a parent, sibling or spouse. Don't take my word for it. Do the research.

If the book doesn't scare you away, visit any of the many websites created by former Scientologists. I promise you won't sleep well afterwards.

Visit www.scientology-kills.com and follow some of its numerous links. In fact, it is even kind enough to link you to the actual Scientology website so you may be provided with both sides.

It may even link you to Bridge Publication, the publishers of all Scientology propaganda. That,

along with Narcanon and Crim-anon, is just a front for Scientology churches doing business under a different name. More harm is done to people through these so-called churches than help given.

Some people are lured by the fact that several celebrities are Scientologists. Don't be. It won't be the same for you. Celebs are given preferential treatment because they are effective as "bait."

Just do research and more research and then, even more. You'll see Scientology is no religion. It's not even a cult. It's worse than that.

At best, it's a hostage situation headed by a group of people used to getting what they want through intimidation, threats and worse.

There is so much more to be said about Scientology but it would require that I write a book. One last word of caution — if you decide to join this "church," be ready to either make a lifelong commitment or be in hiding for the remainder of your life should you want to leave it — and if they let you leave.

—Concerned reader
Name withheld by request

Praise harder to dole out than criticism

To the Editor:

I wish to write in praise of our college.

Too often it is easier to criticize or gripe about something that we feel is wrong, rather than to simply sit down and write what we think is good about our college.

I am finishing my third semester at OKCCC and have yet to find anything that is worthy of a grumble.

The faculty and support staffs are helpful and caring, the administration is supportive of student needs, and even the much-maligned cafeteria food is not as bad as some believe. Try eating a military meal if you want bad food.

Demonstrating pride in the school we attend seems to be a quality slowly ebbing away. However, I believe that praise is "catchy."

Let us start complementing the things that are good and we will find those things we thought bad are insignificant. "Pride" and "praise," two simple words, but worthwhile in doing.

—Cathy L. Hume
OKCCC student

Arts and humanities thefts go unexplained

**By Vu Vu
Staff Writer**

A rash of thefts and vandalism in the Arts and Humanities area of the college have left folks there puzzled.

Ten crimes were reported in the period of April 12 to 20.

Campus Security Officer John Hughes Jr. said the latest incident occurred in the pottery lab when someone poured a brown adhesive on a silk screening machine, making it inoperable.

Professor Mary Ann Moore discovered the vandalism when she arrived at the lab. She said it has been cleaned.

More than 50 compact disks worth \$900 were reported stolen April 17 from Professor Jean Lombardo's locked office in the Arts and

Humanities building.

Other items have come up missing as well.

Darin Young, communications labs assistant, reported a set of keys on a keyring missing.

"The ring is kept in the front desk and occasionally faculty borrow it to unlock classrooms," Young said.

"I figured someone may have borrowed the keys and just forgot to return them."

Professor Bertha Wise said she discovered about \$10 missing from her desk in the AH office.

"This was the first time anything was taken from my office," Wise said.

A piece of artwork from the student art show was also stolen.

Dean of Arts and Humanities Susan VanSchuyver said the thefts are upsetting to everyone.

Several solutions are being examined and some are

being enacted soon.

At its April board meeting, the OKCCC Board of Regents approved a motion to raise campus security's allowance from \$19,000 to \$25,000 to pay for additional security provided through Wackenhut.

Also, Campus Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Bourque said his staff is in the process of changing the locks that go with the missing keys.

Nothing has been reported missing from the rooms those keys open, Bourque said.

VanSchuyver has issued a memo regarding safety and security. It reads:

- When not in the office keep all doors, desks and file cabinets locked.
- Do not trust individuals unknown to you.
- Avoid placing yourself in vulnerable, dark or "no exit" locations.
- Do not hesitate to call

Campus Safety and Security if confronted by suspicious persons.

- At night, walk in groups of at least two in the college parking lots.

- Be aware of your surroundings and of what is occurring around you, and walk with confidence.

- When parking on campus, remove valuables from plain view and lock your vehicle.

- Do not leave personal items such as books, book bags and briefcases unattended on campus.

- Engrave valuables with your driver's license number and record your property's serial numbers.

- Make copies of credit cards and other valuables in your billfold or wallet.

- Report all incidents and losses to Campus Safety and Security.

She also offered a last word of advice.

"Crime victims, regardless how seemingly insignificant the crime, are encouraged to report the incident to the Office of Campus Safety and Security."

Mythology classes deepen knowledge

**By Cami Burns
Newsriting I Student**

Students might want to consider taking a class this fall that could deepen their understanding of the underlying psychological, spiritual and social similarities between all humans throughout time and space — mythology.

Mythology is taught by OKCCC Professor Charlotte Mosteller. She also teaches Modern Humanities and Beliefs and Believers. She has taught for 25 years.

Mosteller said mythology involves stories passed from one generation to the next in which tools for life are given.

The humanities professor said she began teaching English at the high school level and pursued her interest in mythology on her own.

Mosteller, who has studied all of the major world religions, said she has decided she doesn't want to label herself as belonging to a particular religion.

"I consider myself a seeker and a deeply spiritual person who is not limited by the doctrine of any church."

She said she believes organized religion is often too confined about its own mythology.

It is through her fascination with mythology, she said, that she came to the conclusion that humans are basically the same everywhere. Mosteller said all humans have "the same need to establish their identity, give meaning to their life, and then find the sacred in everyday life."

After realizing that, Mosteller said, she then pursued the cause of man's personal suffering.

Buddha, the man who established Buddhism, decided the suffering of humans is a result of their own personal cravings to establish themselves as the center of the universe.

Mosteller said she still has much to learn about her spiritual journey as well as those of her students.

She said students may be surprised to find that mythology is not just limited to Greek and Roman gods; all cultures have their own mythology.

Check the latest schedule booklet to find out when classes will meet. Mythology classes are listed in the Humanities section.

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Student awards ceremony honors winners

**By Vu Vu
Staff Writer**

Students excelling in academics and student organizations were recognized at the annual Student Awards Ceremony April 21 in the college union.

This year, more than 100 students stood in the lime-light in front of friends and families. Awards in 29 different categories were given to deserving students.

Certificate of Appreciation

Michaela Marx.

Student Organization Awards

Elizabeth M. Andre, David Badders, Cathy Bowman, Rachel Cheatwood,

Michal Christian, Meredith Dunkeson, Cecil Gray, Marcie Green, Tina Hale, Eri Ishimine, Ronda Kemberly, David Lawson, Joel G. Mann, Brian Owen, Michelle Perry, Jessica Shatley, Shelley Steele, Paul Stuke, Kelly Thompson and Jamie Winders.

English Student Essay Awards

Nela Foster, Arti Stanton.

1999-2000 Scholarships

American Society of Women Accountants Scholarship: Mary Tasier.

Bobby D. Gaines Scholarship: Shelley Steele and Mike Walters.

Computer-Aided Design Scholarship: Jeff Adams, Steven Conner, Mark Goyette and Andy Secrist.

Faculty Association Scholarship: Tory Ayles-burg, Cathy Bowman, Valerie Case, Patrick D. Figaro, Nela J. Foster, Tina Hale, Cathy Hume, Angie Lovett, Joel Mann, Michaela Marx, Jennifer Mobley-Allen, Amy Perkins and Dorothy Tietz.

Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship: Cameron Dobbie.

Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarship: Rachel Cheatwood and Rosana Guerrero Munoz.

Matt Skvarla Journalism Memorial: Katherine Ehterton and Michaela Marx.

Nursing Scholarship award: Lynne Eckerson, Traci Jackson, Ronda Kemerley, Paula Lambeth, Paula Leverette and Rachelle Selensky.

Women of the South Scholarship: Leann Cade, Joy Dillard, Laurene Hubler, Betty Kuhlman, Evelyn Neson and Heather Olternan.

Academic Awards

Courtney Brisco, Krisha Brown, Valerie Case, Stephanie Cavner, Stacy Cummings, Sara Kelley, Dustin O'Connor, Kira Richardson, Melanie Scruggs, Kara Tomlinson and Jamie Winders.

Certificates of Achievement

Arts and Humanities: Shawn Abbott, Erin D. Burgess, Michael Cross, Emily-Liza David, Connie Fuller, Cathy Hume, Michaela Marx, Kasie Sallee and Jamie Winders.

Business: Chirlei Bustos, Misty Edwards, Barbara Lynn Kelly, Mary Tasier, Wendy Wright and Joshua Yarger.

Health, Social Sciences and Human Services: Heather Gardner, Kyle A. Hurley, Lynn M. Mullinax, Brian K. Owen and Scarlett Shannon.

Information Technology: Jeff Adams, Brenda Ashby-Baldwin, Kathal Bales, Paula Belcher, Brandon

Burk, Darlene Chaney, Andy Fair, Richard Hampel, Gary Lozano and Cory Wilson.

School of Nursing: Jennifer Dolph, Teresa Macy and Lisa Tehauno.

Science and Mathematics: Rhonda Ballare, Lara Eastwood, Christopher Giberson, Jeanette Lain, Dan Nguyen, Ca Tran and Ilze Viedemane.

President's Award for Excellence

Arts and Humanities: Cathy Bowman, Tina M. Hale and Kara Tomlinson.

Business: Krisha Brown and Kimberly Stephens.

Health, Social Sciences and Human Services: Teresa Borum, Christiana M. Penn and Betty Tinsley.

Information Technology: Barbara Brown, Larry Burgardt and Russ Friday.

School of Nursing: Bill Brazil and Laura Marino.

Science and Mathematics: Tory Aylebury, Melanie Bone and Patrick Figaro.

Prof tells students 'do unto others'

**By Candice Stephens
Newswriting I Student**

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Many know this rule, but how often do people apply it to their daily lives? Jenean Jones hopes at least all of her students have learned to apply it.

Jones has taught at OKCCC for the past 22 years and, for the last nine, has taught the course Administrative Office Systems.

She said she makes it a point to try and incorporate the Golden Rule into her lessons. Now, it seems, the latest version of the textbook she uses has finally incorporated her style into the book.

Jones recently covered a chapter in her classroom book pertaining to work ethics and business etiquette.

This chapter, in the book "Administrative Office Management," states that "two familiar examples of the ethical codes in society today are the Golden Rule and Rotary International's 4-way test."

Jones said she has taught from this same book, only changing to upgrade to the latest revised editions.

"This year's textbook has the biggest revision so far," she said.

She said the Golden Rule was never mentioned in any of the previous editions. Still, Jones said, she has talked about the Golden Rule in her lectures in previous years when discussing work ethics and business etiquette.

"The trend is going back, especially in the business world, to learning about values and how important it is to be a trustworthy neighbor.

"Putting the Golden Rule into effect in your dealings with customers, employees, and other businesses is a great way to build trust and earn a good reputation in the community."

Swim parties a splash

**By Jennifer Miller
Newswriting I Student**

Balloons, cake, kids and an Olympic-size swimming pool can add up to a good time.

Sandy Burchett, employee for Recreation and Community Services, said the college makes it simple for children to celebrate a fun-filled birthday.

She said the parties, which are held in the aquatics center, provide a lot of fun and exciting water activities where kids can splash around and play as much as they want.

RCS provides the decorations, utensils, lifeguards and clean up. Parents or guardians provide the cake, munchies and drinks.

Burchett said those who want to hold a birthday party at OKCCC will need to pay a \$25 rental fee and a \$2 fee for each child. The birthday child is free. She said there is no limit on the number of children allowed at a party, but children under six must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information about the birthday parties call Burchett at (405) 682-7860.



Thief, vandals hit college

Music and drinking are behind the latest crimes to hit OKCCC.

On April 24, OKCCC student Daniel Robinson was notified by campus safety and security that his car may have been broken into after a passerby reported it had a window broken.

Robinson discovered a pair of Jensen 10-inch subwoofers and a Legacy 400-watt amplifier, valued at \$375, to be missing.

The Oklahoma City Police department also took a report of the incident.

Later that same day, two men were seen overturning a Pepsi machine located in the connector hall between the CLC and math lab.

Campus security officer James Springer said the men, both described as about 20 years old, one white and one Asian, have not yet been identified.

May 12 marks the final chapter for some students

Tips on preparing for graduation ceremony

When and where to go

By Susan Craig
Contributing Writer

The Myriad Convention Center, located at One Myriad Gardens, at Reno and Robinson, is the site for the OKCCC 2000 Commencement Ceremony.

Frank Keating, Gov. of Oklahoma, is scheduled to present the commencement address.

Barbara Cornelison, credentials analyst in Admissions and Records, offered the following tips for a smooth ceremony:

All candidates should meet in Exhibit Hall E at the south end of the Myriad no later than 6:45 p.m.

Students should pick up their name cards upon arrival.

Caps and gowns are required for participation in the ceremony. The bookstore sells the cap, gown and tassel for \$21 plus tax.

Class rings and announcements are also for sale in the bookstore. Announcements are \$5 for a package of five.

Traditionally, women wear a dress under their gown with dark shoes. Gentlemen should wear dark slacks, dress shirt and dark shoes.

Candidates may bring as many guests as they wish to the ceremony.

Students are asked to leave purses, jackets and other similar items with their family or in their car.

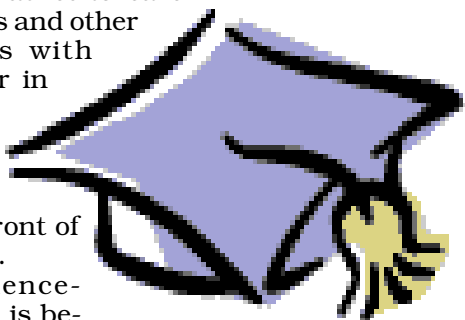
A reception will be held following the ceremony in front of Exhibit Hall E.

The commencement program is being printed now. If you have failed to apply for participation in the ceremony, please call Mary Jones at 682-1611, ext. 7443, to learn if you qualify to take part.

Letters with final instructions are in the mail to the students who have purchased a cap and gown in the bookstore. If you obtained a cap and gown elsewhere, contact Jones.

President Robert Todd congratulates the candidates and wishes them the best of luck.

"Remember that learning is a lifelong process. Even though you get that degree... or you go on to another college for another degree... or you land that job... education will always play an important part in your life. It will always be your key to continued success."



Commencement ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. May 12 at the Myriad Convention Center. Purchase cap and gown in the bookstore.

Governor to give advice to graduation candidates at commencement

By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

Students attending the commencement ceremony at 7:30 p.m. May 12 at the Myriad Convention Center can look forward to hearing from Gov. Frank Keating. Keating will be the guest speaker this year.

"I look forward to addressing the graduates of Oklahoma City Community College," Keating said.

"Achieving a college education is paramount to success in the ever competitive global marketplace of the 21st century."

He is going to tell the candidates to strive for their best and take advantage of the opportunities



Governor Frank Keating

In order to keep the pace on the number of graduates in other states, Keating said

the minority leader.

Keating was named U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma by President Ronald Reagan in 1981.

Four years later in 1985, Keating accepted appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and later Associate Attorney General.

During the Reagan and Bush administrations, Keating was the highest ranking Oklahoman.

In 1990, Keating served as General Counsel and Acting Deputy of the Housing and Urban Development Secretary along with Jack Kemp, Secretary of HUD. Keating supervised the cleanup of the agency.

Sworn in as the 25th governor in 1994, Keating is serving his second term.

In the final hours of the legislative session in 1999, Keating negotiated an education reform bill. It included charter schools, school choice and increased graduation requirements.

He lists among his many accomplishments, in February of this year, signing the largest teacher pay raise in Oklahoma history.

"I plan to encourage the OKCCC graduates to extend their education to the highest level and to always keep learning."
—Governor Frank Keating

tage of the opportunities that come their way.

"I plan to encourage the OKCCC graduates to extend their education to the highest level and to always keep learning."

"I will encourage the graduates to take advantage of professional development opportunities, to be active in their community and to become involved in the public debate of state government."

Keating emphasized that he wants each OKCCC graduate to be able to achieve their goals and lead a productive life, but in order to do so, they need to push themselves and expect excellence from their public leaders.

that Oklahoma is going to need an additional 70,000 college graduates in the next 10 years.

Keating graduated from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. with a bachelor's degree in history. He received his law degree at the University of Oklahoma in 1965.

Before becoming the governor of Oklahoma, he began his career in law enforcement as a special agent of the FBI.

Then he served as an assistant district attorney in Tulsa. In 1972, Keating was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

Two years later he won a seat in the Oklahoma State Senate where he became

The aftermath – one year later

**By Michaela Marx
Editor**

It has been a year since the most powerful tornado ever ripped through Oklahoma City. Many students, faculty and staff members were affected by the storm.

It was business as usual at OKCCC when a huge tornado appeared on radar May 3, 1999. The twister touched down in Chickasha, and didn't leave the ground for more than an hour, heading straight toward south Oklahoma City.

Bill Hodgson, OKCCC night computer operator, was in the college's computer room. He followed the tornado from a PC TV in the computer room.

Ross Kiddie, OKCCC biology lab assistant, remembers: "I had a student continue with a laboratory project while everyone else was preparing for the worst."

"It seemed to be coming right up the turnpike towards us," Kiddie said.

"I decided to watch one or two more sweeps of the radar before heading down to the shelter when the storm turned. With each sweep of the radar it bent more easterly on its track."

After the storm turned south Kiddie went outside to see if it was still visible.

"I could make out the darker shape of the tornado itself, within the gray band. Bits and chunks of debris flew up. To be seen from that distance, they had to be cow- or car-sized at least. Flashes marked transformers exploding," Kiddie said.

Kiddie sketched what he saw. He said he plans to do paintings capturing his memories.

Learning Skills Professor Carlotta Hill was with her daughters at Westmoore High School for an awards ceremony when the storm hit. She said they stepped outside of the building after the tornado went through Moore. What

they saw was like a scene from a movie. Buildings and cars, including two cars belonging to her family, were destroyed.

They walked the three miles home through devastated neighborhoods, she said.

"As we turned the corner to our neighborhood, we could see that the tornado had not touched anything there. Our house was standing, even our lights were on," Hill said.

In retrospect the loss of the cars did not hurt her too much. Hill said, "The week after the tornado I had a cute little new Nissan Maxima. The car even has a CD player. My old 1987 van did not even have a working radio in it," she said.

"I said then, and still say, 'My God is an awesome God,' said Hill.

A visiting professor from Wales got the scare of his life.

Music Professor Gwyn Williams and his two sons were at his home in south Oklahoma City when the tornado struck their neighborhood. Their home was destroyed. Williams was a guest professor in Oklahoma for 10 months. Without hesitation they were taken in by friends for their remaining five weeks in Oklahoma, Williams said.

"One couple we spoke with on the doorstep of what had been their home—now reduced to rubble—were concerned that a Welsh family visiting for 10 months had experienced such a trauma."

However, the experience of surviving the strongest winds recorded on the surface of the planet didn't dull Williams' time in Oklahoma.

"Our encounter with the tornado emphasized what we already suspected: Oklahoma City has the bravest and kindest people that you would hope to find anywhere."

Chris Moler, director of

recreation and community services, volunteered after the tornado as a public relations volunteer for the local American Red Cross. He said he was amazed by the fast response from Oklahomans. People donated



Photo by Ronna Austin

A pick-up truck lay on a pile of rubble next to a tree near North Windemere Drive in Moore.

blood, brought clothes, tools, food and other immediate-need items.

"It was a long day following the tornado, but it was a rewarding experience," Moler said.

Political Science Professor Jim Johnson, whose home was destroyed, advises people to document everything they own.

By coincidence, he had taken photographs for insurance purposes prior to the storm. Because of those pictures, all of his claims were honored, he said.

He said, from a philosophical standpoint most of what a person has can be replaced, except family items such as pictures.

"As my teenage son Tyler reminded me one day as we were rummaging through our debris, 'Well, Dad, you know that we had lots of junk we needed to get rid of.'

"Keeping these two thoughts in mind, I am happy to report that I updated my picture file and I don't have as much junk as I used to," Johnson said.

Find comfort in college safety

**By Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer**

When bad weather strikes, OKCCC is prepared.

Campus Safety and Security has a direct 24-hour-a-day radar link with the National Weather Service which is updated every 15 minutes.

Security officers carry pagers that are connected to KWTN 9's weather report system to keep them updated on the weather.

The college is prepared to take people into safe areas found throughout the college.

The largest safe spot is located under the college in an underground building.

"During last year's May 3 tornado, we were able to fit 2500 people in there, and we still had plenty of room for more," said Keith Bourque, head of safety and security.

The college will alert people of the storm by portable bull horns in the case of an emergency.

"It allows us to warn the students, and at the same time physically check for stragglers," Bourque said.

If bad weather arises, be assured that safety will be top priority.

"We'll do everything we can to get everyone to an area that is considered a safe place."

Reunion planned for four students trapped at OKCCC

**By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer**

While the hospitality at OKCCC's mini-hospital was unbeatable, the foursome who were stuck there on the night of the May 3 tornado, has chosen to take their slumber party elsewhere for a reunion.

The reunion is planned for Annette Carr, Susan Craig, Chrissy Marsee and Misty McGlutch for May 28.

The four women were in different classes when an F-5 tornado was making its way through Chickasha. However, when the tornado got closer, these four as well as many others at the college, were taken to the underground science building.

As the storm moved away toward Midwest City, the once stranded faculty, staff and students were allowed to leave, but the four women lived in areas that weren't accessible due to roads being closed off.

So, the four women were given a place to stay when Al Horn, a former campus security officer, overheard them. He set up camp for the foursome in the Nursing Center's mini-hospital. Horn and his wife provided clothing and supplies for the women.

The women did eventually make it home, but it wasn't until after they spent the night at the college.

Although they didn't know each other before that night, they became friends and are now hoping to have a PLANNED slumber party to catch up.

"I think that [a reunion] would be great. I was a basket case [that night]. I wouldn't have made it through without them," McGlutch said.

Craig is hoping that the four can catch up in a more relaxed atmosphere such as a restaurant as opposed to a mini-hospital.

Hearing-impaired student sees her world as a stage

By Amy Double
Newswriting I Student

Drama has coursed through Rachel Cheatwood's veins since the age of five.

She was inspired at such a young age by her mother and father, both former thespians in college.

Nineteen years later, Cheatwood still enjoys life on the stage.

"I have been involved in theater on and off," Cheatwood said. "I always keep coming back to it. I'm stuck on it."

"I try other things, but I always come back to theater; it's who I am."

Cheatwood said, for a period of time, she worked with Oklahoma Sign Theater Unlimited Inc. which has performances for and employs those who are deaf and hearing impaired.

At OKCCC, Cheatwood stays active in dramatic endeavors.

She performed in "Tongues and Savage Love," a play that was performed by the OKCCC drama department at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.

Cheatwood said she attended the Festival because it focuses mainly on improving acting skills and encourages teamwork.

The learning material offered at the festival was the most important, Cheatwood said, because her main goal is not to act, but to teach someday.

"My goal is that I hope to be a teacher after I get out of school. Or I could become a professional, it could go either way."

She said her favorite actors include Nathan Lane and Julie Andrews, and her favorite movie is "Shakespeare in Love."

Though Cheatwood has experienced many successes in drama, there is still one battle that she fights daily. Cheatwood is hearing impaired.

When she was three weeks old, she experienced spinal meningitis and then slipped into a coma. She fought hard and came out of the coma. She attributes much of her strength to her family.

"My parents were always there," she said.

She developed other health problems later when she was three which led to her hearing disability. Al-



Rachel Cheatwood

Photo by Kathi Etherton

though all of the other ailments have subsided, deafness in one ear persists.

However, she has overcome what seems like an insurmountable task. She speaks very well and has been fluent in sign language since she was 4 years old. Her newest endeavor is learning American Sign Language, which moves much faster than the traditional sign language.

She also graduated from the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in 1995.

Most of her struggles in the performing arts center around communication and pronunciation.

"The other cast members help me a lot if I don't understand something," she

said. "I am trying so hard."

Cheatwood gives much credit to her family, friends, and a special professor for her strength to go into the performing arts, despite her deafness.

"Patrick [Daugherty] inspired me to go into OKCCC drama," she said. "So did the people at the Center for Students with Disabilities, and all my family and friends."

"They all work together to help me when I have problems."

Students can expect to continue seeing Cheatwood in a lot of dramatic productions and activities as she plans to take summer and fall classes.

Cheatwood said anyone can make it in the theater if that person wants to badly enough.

"You might fall, but don't ever give up. People with disabilities are special people. Being told you are special helps you stay positive and that's the way I am."

Physical therapy students donate time to others

By Carrie Reichenbach
Newswriting I Student

Members of the Student Physical Therapist Assistant Organization have been busy with two community service projects they completed at the end of April.

SPTAO members have been gathering clothes to donate to the Jesus House in Oklahoma City as well as putting together a basket that was auctioned off at the annual state meeting of Oklahoma Physical Therapist Assistant Organization.

The Jesus House provides shelter for families during difficult times. It also helps them to recover from problems they may be enduring.

SPTAO member Debbie Fowlkes said she contacted the Jesus House to ask what help SPTAO might be able to provide and was told the shelter was in need of dress clothing, shoes and jewelry for women who were interviewing for jobs.

"These are bright women who have gotten into a rough spot," Fowlkes said. "They need to get back on their feet, and to do that they need nice clothes to wear for an interview to help them get a job."

The members of the SPTAO gathered clothes throughout the month of April from their own closets to give to the Jesus House.

President of SPTAO Sheree Sander said the work is fulfilling.

"It gives us an opportunity . . . to give something back to the community," she said.

The OPTAO gathers donations from organizations all over Oklahoma and has both a silent and live auction.

President of OPTAO and sponsor of SPTAO Peggy DeCelle Newman said, "The students did a fantastic job of getting a basket together for donation."

The proceeds from the auctions go to two causes. Half of the profits are given to research on improving physical therapy methods in Washington D.C.

The remaining money stays in Oklahoma and helps the OPTAO reduce fees for members.

The auction was Saturday, April 29 at the Clarion Convention Center on Meridian.

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Kids learn the value of a buck

Children from the Child Development Center visited Bank One

By Bryan Nuber
Newswriting I Student

Bank One recently had some guests too young to open an account but old enough to handle \$10,000.

The Child Development Center visited the institution on a field trip March 24 when kindergarten teacher Lee Ann Nardin took her class to see an actual bank because they were learning about currency.

Nardin said the trip was very educational and the children had a good time.

One of the most exciting moments of the trip was when bankers let the kids go into the vault and handle \$10,000 in cash.

Youngsters also wrote their first checks for the amount of one dollar while at the Bank One located at

SW 74th and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Children received foreign currency to illustrate that U.S. money is not exclusive. One of the most memorable gifts all the children received was a Bank One yo-yo.

"The students were excited about going and they had a good time," Nardin said.

Back in the classroom, students made their own bank and performed dramatic plays such as a bank robbery scene.

The center continued to teach the children about currency after the field trip. Children learned about the value of every domestic coin and how foreign currency differs from that of the United States.

Teachers ended the lessons on currency with the completion of paper maché banks made by each child.

Summer good time to relax, have fun

By Amanda Farris
Newswriting I Student

Birds chirping, the smell of cut grass, freshly-squeezed lemonade and the sound of children playing all signal the onset of summer.

Everyone looks forward to summertime perhaps because of the memories it evokes — vacation time, riding bikes to the pool and spending all day outside.

As people grow older, summer may take on dif-

ferent meanings for some. For others, it still means having fun.

Student Celeah Oriskill said she looks forward to the warm season.

"Summer means sleeping and going on vacation," Oriskill said.

Student Katie Plumb said she plans to get away this summer.

"Summer is a time to relax and go camping," Plumb said.

Summer officially begins June 20. The summer semester at OKCCC starts June 5.



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Onward and upward: Several OKCCC retirees were honored at a party thrown by the college April 25. Pictured, College President Bob Todd in the center, surrounded by honorees (left to right) Ruth Hudson, Anita Phillips, Barbara Henke, Marilyn Kreig and Pam Zamora.

Intercession all about quick credit

By Wendy Dire
Newswriting I Student

Intercession courses allow full-time and part-time students to complete three- to six-credit hours in three weeks.

"Students usually take these classes because they can be completed in a shorter amount of time," said Tracey Rodgers, admissions clerk.

Students can choose from a plethora of courses including economics, history and a choice of many art classes.

Class schedules vary. Some classes are held five days a week for four hours a day and some only twice a week. Both day and evening classes are available.

Rodgers said intercession enrollment has increased 138 percent since 1998. All types and ages of students take intercession classes including international and out-of-state students.

The classes are also a great opportunity for concurrent students still in high school to complete college courses.

Heather Pinkerton, energy management junior, said she takes advantage of the classes.

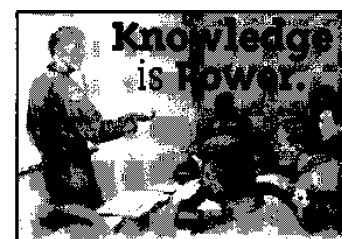
"Intercession allows you to complete a couple of hours of college credit in a short amount of time allowing for other opportunities during the summer such as internships and traveling," she said.

The prices for intercession are the same per credit hour as other OKCCC courses — \$43.60 for in-

state tuition and \$113.10 for out-of-state tuition, plus student fees.

Enrollment is currently under way. Most spring intercession classes begin May 15 and end a week after Memorial Day.

Check the college schedule for exact dates and classes.



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And the winners are...

The Secretary's Day winners are: Kim Velleca, Vice President of Student Service; Linda Schulenberg, Human Resources; Dixie Devilbiss, Financial Aid; Denise Gomez, President's office; and the Grand Prize Winner is Michele Jones, Admissions. Winners can stop by the bookstore to claim their prizes.

Occupational Therapy Assistant program

Applications for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program will be accepted until noon on May 12 in the Admissions and Records office. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Gowdy at 682-7528.

Volunteers still needed

The Oklahoma Tournament of Academic Champions will meet at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, May 6. Proctors and general helpers are still needed. OTAC will provide food, bottled water, and the warm feeling that you are doing something wonderful for learners. Contact J.P. Johnson at 682-1611, ext. 7533.

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Fall Program for Academic Achievement Scholarship applications are available from Mary Ann Merz in Communications Lab or Sue deCardenas in room 2E4A. The scholarships are for pre-education majors interested in teaching elementary, early childhood or special education. Minority students are especially encouraged to apply. Benefits include tuition, fees, and books. Deadline is May 12. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7247 or 7547.

Spring is in the air

On Friday May 5, at 7:30 p.m., the OKCCC Symphonic Community Choir and the Concert Choir will present a special performance featuring Robert Ray's Gospel Mass at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. Marsha Henderson will serve as the guest soloist for this presentation.

Tuition Fee Waiver

Fall Tuition Fee Waiver applications are available in the Student Financial Aid Center. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Aug. 4.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday. Items that are turned in by deadline will be considered for publication first.



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The gift that keeps on giving: Tracey Rodgers relaxes as she donates blood into a pouch that will be taken to the Oklahoma Blood Institute. During the two-day blood drive, April 26 and 27, OBI collected 70 units of blood.

Chi Alpha makes big plans

By Amy Double
Newswriting I Student

Chi Alpha Christian fellowship may be winding down for the spring semester, but don't expect to see the action of Chi Alpha to diminish completely.

The club has many plans for the fall semester that it is beginning to gear up for.

Chi Alpha president David Badders said one goal of Chi Alpha has for the fall is to contribute \$1000 to a program called Speed the Light.

Badders said Speed the Light is a missionary program that raises money for supplies for missionaries and their needs such as vehicles and medical supplies.

Other activities include getting involved in children's ministry.

"We participate in an

"We could all sit around and talk about Jesus to each other all day long but unless we have a plan we won't accomplish anything."

—David Badders
Chi Alpha President

event called Super Saturday," Badders said. "We go out on a Saturday to the inner city and find kids who are just out on the street.

"We bring them to a church and have games and candy."

A fall tradition of Chi Alpha since its inception in 1990 is to take up an offering of food so the club can present a needy family with a Thanksgiving dinner.

Although Chi Alpha is not planning on much for the summer schedule, Badders said, the goals for fall are being thought of and planned now.

Badders said the major goal of Chi Alpha is to turn the organization into more

of an outreach than a fellowship program.

"We could all sit around and talk about Jesus to each other all day long but unless we have a plan we won't accomplish anything," he said.

"Without an outreach, what is our purpose?"

The direction of Chi Alpha remains a sure thing in the mind of David Badders.

"I can't remember who said this, but I love this quote — 'People won't care what you know unless they know how much you care,'" Badders said.

"That is what the OKCCC chapter of Chi Alpha is about."

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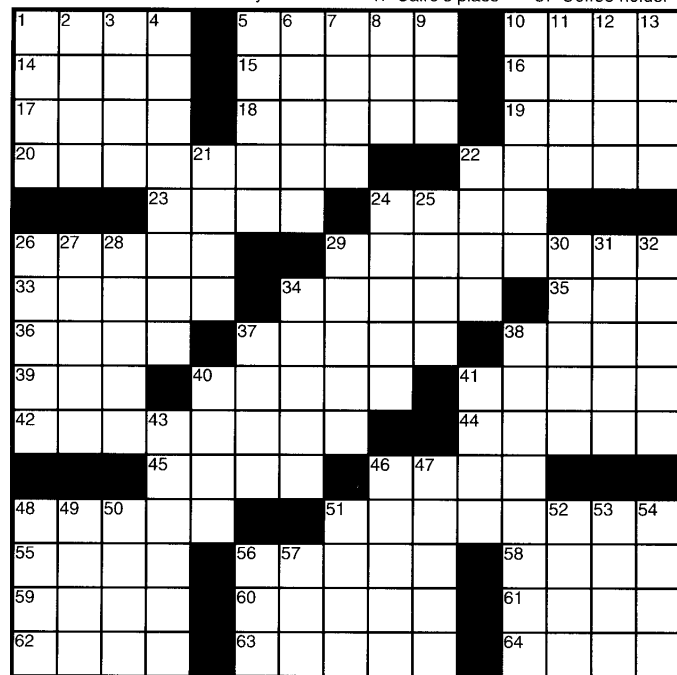
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Armed officers, additional lighting to help increase security

"Security,"

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ways seeking ways to increase the safety of those on campus.

Bourque said some improvements have been made in recent years and other improvements are forthcoming.

For instance, he said, all officers are currently being trained for armed duty.

"Within the next few months, there won't be any unarmed officers anymore," he said.

The frequency of Oklahoma City police patrols on college ground has been increased as well, Bourque said.

During the 1998-1999 fiscal year, emergency call boxes were installed in parking lots. Bourque said the boxes guarantee a direct connection to an on-duty security officer.

Additional lighting was

installed last year, he said. The loop road around the college was also provided with lights.

Lombard said, subject to funding, surveillance cameras will be installed in areas with a lot of technology equipment and in parking lots. These improvements are still in the planning stages.

Bourque said he encourages everyone to take advantage of the escort service provided at OKCCC. If requested, officers will escort people to their cars.

A real area of constant concern, Bourque said, is securing students' and college employees' belongings.

He said one key to preventing thefts is to keep an eye on your belongings and to lock desks before leaving offices.

Bourque said he feels these measures, plus signs posted in the aquatics center cautioning people to use locks on lockers, contributed to a lowered crime rate

between the 1995-1996 fiscal year and the following school year.

During that time, OKCCC's crime rate dropped from 272 reported incidents to 95 reports.

He said, specifically, office thefts and aquatics center thefts decreased after these actions were taken.

College President Bob

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE!

The J. Lee Keels (main) entrance of the college will close for a couple of days beginning May 2 or 3 while drain pipes are put in. Brewer Construction will perform the work.

Todd said adjustments to the campus security system will be made as needed.

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ture of our society and specific security incidents as necessary," he said.

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Brian Garey strikes a pose for the camera after he dressed in women's clothing to help out a classmate. Garey's friend Shawn Randall performed a visual aid speech in Professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert's class on "How to Break Up with Someone," and Garey played the female role.

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Sat. 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-5 p.m.
Sun. 1-5:30 p.m.

MATH 3333 940
Linear Algebra
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:10-5:25 p.m.

MATH 2213 940
Math Systems
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1-2:25 p.m.

PSY 2113 940
Research Methods I: Statistics
Wednesdays, 5-7:55 p.m.

PSY 2513 940
Psychology of Personal Adjustment
Thursdays, 5-7:55 p.m.

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