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# PIONEER

## May Avenue construction project delayed

By Kathi Etherton  
Editor

The facelift on May Avenue is continuing beyond the expected August completion date because construction crews had to modify plans for the new water lines.

Construction began March 1 to add a left turn lane to May Avenue to prevent traffic jams due to people stopping and waiting for traffic to pass before turning.

When the project started, it was scheduled to be completed before the fall semester started in August, but has since been pushed back to a later date.

Derek Jackson, engineering manager of the project from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, speculates the project will be completed within the next two months.

"There are 40 days left on the construction contract, but it will actually probably be completed in November right before Thanksgiving," Jackson said.

Because of the delay, the state will be paid damages of approximately \$500 a day after the scheduled 200 days. The money will go into a general account, Jackson said.

The construction crew has completed the drainage project on the eastside of May that involved installing water lines and storm sewers to improve drainage.

A stop sign was also added at the intersection of S.W. 74 Street and Regents Boulevard.

Gary Lombard, vice president for business and finance, said the sign makes it easier for students to exit the campus.

"It was rather dangerous to make a left turn before," he said, "so it is providing traffic control. I encourage students to be aware of the new four-way stop."

To help alleviate the congestion of the traffic, the city has installed triangular signs to alert

**I encourage students to be aware of the new four-way stop."**

**—Gary Lombard**  
Vice president  
for business and  
finance

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Photo by Ronna Austin

**There was a very freaky band:** Super Freak members Donnie Lee Rothchild, vocals; Idzo D. Long, bass; Hugh Hefner Jr., guitar; and Tony Bravo, drums, entertained the noontime lunch crowd Sept. 6 in the student union. The band played retro-'70s hits such as "YMCA," "Carwash" and "Super Freak." Student Life sponsored the event. Look for another concert when Celtic rock band Cuillin hits the stage at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 13.

## Long-time honors professor battles cancer a second time

By Kathi Etherton  
Editor

One day at a time is the biggest step that Linda Thornton, OKCCC English professor, can take. Thornton was diagnosed with lung cancer at the beginning of August, just three years after fighting a battle with breast cancer.

Her first chemotherapy treatment was on Aug. 30. While she said it went well, she said it was also quite different from three years ago.

"Nothing prepares you for something like this," Thornton said.

"It feels like a truck backed over me."

Thornton was given the bad news when she went for her regular four-month check-up following her previous cancer treatment. She had an X-ray taken and there was a spot on her lungs. The doctors immediately performed a CT scan and discovered not only one spot, but

multiple lesions on both lungs.

"My son had prepared me for it. He said that if the spot shows up that big on an X-ray, then the chances are that they are going to find something," Thornton said.

At Thornton's regular four-month check-up in December, X-rays were taken, but she did not show signs of cancer at that time. However, at the check-up four-months later, Thornton had been doing well so X-rays were not taken.

"If they had taken X-rays at my last check-up, they may have caught it, but that's hindsight," she said.

"There's nothing that I did or didn't do."

Thornton had a highly aggressive form of breast cancer three years ago. She said if cancer comes back after breast cancer, it typically affects the brain, bones or lungs. She said she



Linda Thornton

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## Editorial and Opinion

### Editorial

# Nader supports hemp at all costs

Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader will not be on Oklahoma's ballot this fall.

After a huge campaign effort, the Oklahoma faction of the Green Party fell short by just 150 signatures.

Al Gore won't lose the "green" vote to Nader, giving him a much-needed edge in conservative Oklahoma, and George W. Bush won't be able to complain if he loses in Oklahoma.

If elected Nader would probably go "veto-happy" and truly change the way we do business on Capitol Hill. He would also probably change things so much he would be a prime target for an assassination.

But what would Nader do when or if Iraq defies sanctions?

What would Nader do if Iran and North Korea developed ICBM's? (North Korea called the United States a rogue nation.)

We know what Gore and Bush would do because of the media reports. But the media hasn't asked how Nader would handle a war.

How does Nader feel about using human embryos and fetuses and discarding them?

How does Nader feel about industrial hemp?

We do know that he's all for it.

(This may have been his consumer advocate stance, not necessarily his presidential stance.)

He compares industrial hemp and marijuana to a Chihuahua and a St. Bernard.

He says Henry Ford was a proponent of industrial hemp. In the past, a car was even made using industrial hemp.

We import clothing and goods made with industrial hemp, Nader says, and yet it is illegal to grow it.

Industrial hemp does contain THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) but not enough to give smokers a high.

Nader says smoking industrial hemp will only give smokers a headache.

Nader even said that consuming industrial hemp, whether for nourishment or medicinal value, is like eating poppy seeds on a bagel.

In Canada, industrial hemp is grown legally.

Also, industrial hemp can be used for construction. If used in construction, industrial hemp as mortar is rustproof.

It can also increase crop yield with crop rotation. Just compost it and it'll grow like weeds.

And it's different from marijuana, with the exception of appearance.

It's bulky, which is a key element. It would be economically sound to process the industrial hemp as close to the farm as possible, creating more jobs.

Gore and Bush have not taken stances on industrial hemp, but Nader has.

—Vu Vu  
Staff Writer

Tell the PIONEER your ideas and comments

# Be considerate when riding

### To the Editor:

On Aug. 31, I witnessed the actions from four to five elevators full of people that just upset me.

Around 10:45 a.m. that morning, I was walking with a classmate who is wheelchair bound to the elevators, her only way to move up or down to go to classes.

When we arrived at the elevator, there were about 10 people standing around

waiting for the lift. Not one asked my classmate if she would like to use it before them.

After waiting for three more chances to use the elevators, a second student in a wheelchair joined us in our wait.

After two more passes by the elevator, they were finally able to get on for the trip down.

When the door opened, people tried to get on before

they got off. This is wrong.

If you can use the stairs please use them.

Give the persons with disabilities the opportunity to use the elevator.

There may look like there are two elevators, but students and staff can use only one.

—John McCuan,  
OKCCC student and  
work study for the  
Veteran's Department

# 'Need Help — Ask Me' buttons appreciated by students

### To the Editor:

I would like to thank all of you who wore your "Need Help? — Ask Me" pins for the past few weeks.

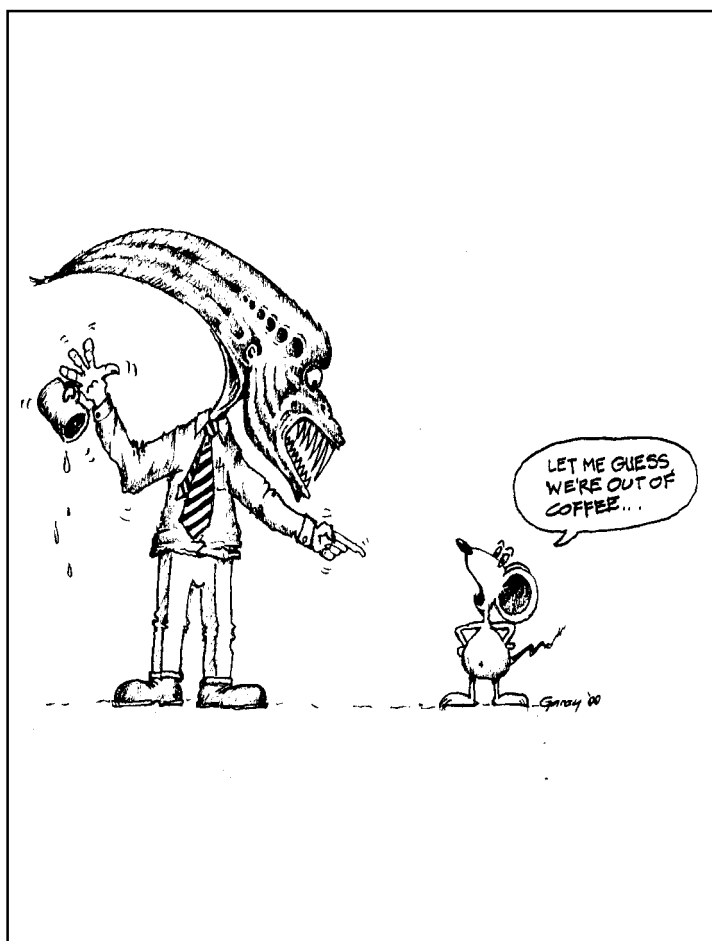
Students told us they noticed the pins and were able to identify faculty and staff who could assist them. They appreciated the friendly and helpful attitude of the college employees.

This was an important part of the retention initiatives on campus and I encourage you to keep your pins and wear them again when we begin the busy enrollment time for spring semester.

Again, thank you for involvement in this activity.

—Charlotte French,  
Executive Director of  
Enrollment Management

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## Comments and Reviews

# Unknown culture revealed

Book takes readers on a trip through history

The dreadful events occurring in what is the territory of former Yugoslavia during the past decade has drawn attention to a land that people know little about. Yet it is rich on culture and history.

If you would like to learn more about the land, cultures and people behind the current events, but you don't want to sit through history lessons or a dull documentary on the history channel, there is another way.

"The Bridge on the Drina" is a book that takes its readers on a fictional trip in the Balkans history.

Subject of the novel is a bridge built in the 16th century by a Turkish Grand Vizier. The bridge crosses the Drina; a river in what is now eastern Bosnia.

The author portrays the life of people living in the town by the bridge, intro-

ducing the reader to Balkan and Ottoman history.

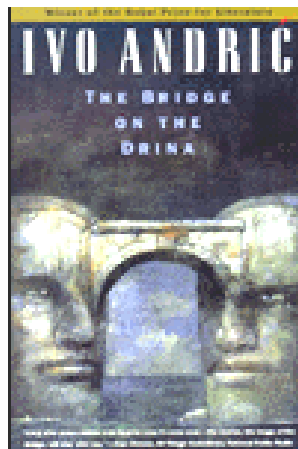
Besides historic parallels there are intriguing stories of characters worked into the book. These stories allow the reader to identify with the times and circumstances.

Take for example Radisav, the Christian workman who tries to hinder the construction of the bridge by the Turks. He is impaled, alive, on the bridge's highest point.

Then there is the beautiful, smart Fata, who takes her life on the bridge to escape an unhappy, arranged marriage.

The novel spans a period from the 16th century when the bridge was erected until its destruction during World War I.

It is a little bit hard to read, but not because it is boring. I assume in order to keep the local color of



places and characters, the translation has turned out as it did.

The author Ivo Andric received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1961 for this work.

It is definitely worth reading. It gives insight into a world that is foreign to us, yet the characters make one understand the life of the people at the time.

—**Michaela Marx**  
Staff Writer

# Color brings personality to computer

A colorful addition to any room, this useful, but stylish computer will add to any decor.

The iMac computer doesn't take up much space because it has combined the CPU and the monitor in one.

In addition to it being one unit, it takes on a personality because of its distinct color. The newest colors include ruby, sage, indigo, graphite and snow.

Other nice features in-

clude the Apple Pro Mouse and the Apple Pro Keyboard.

The mouse has a high precision optical sensor so it doesn't require cleaning or a mouse pad.

The keyboard has functional keys to adjust audio volume and eject a CD or DVD disk from the slot-loading drive.

The iMac also has the plug-and-play feature, which makes even the computer illiterate able to use the highest technology by simply plugging it into the computer. This is nice because there is easy access to the plug-ins. Also you don't have to have too many things plugged in at once, only the items you need.

On the flip side, it doesn't have an internal floppy or

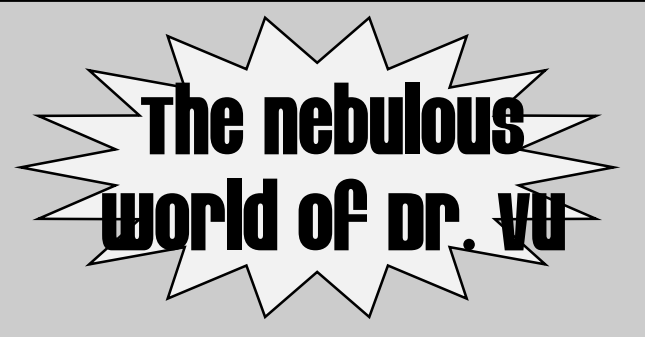
zip drive. You have to take time out to plug everything in when you need it.

The iMac also has the one-up on the PCs and older computers because it lacks the noisy internal fan. It boots up with little noise and welcomes you with a pleasant ring.

This upgrade has made connecting to the internet faster. I also have enough memory to use more than one program at time, a luxury I didn't have before.

With 128-megabytes of ram and a 20-gigabyte hard drive, these computers receive the highest rating and I would recommend them to anyone searching for a fast, fun computer to match any decor.

—**Kathi Etherton**  
Editor



# Baby ducks disappear and reality reappears

*Boy, I sure am tired.*

It was Sept. 1, a Saturday morning. The sun was out in full force and torched my skin a funny shade of pink after a few hours at Arts Festival Oklahoma.

My partner-in-journalism, new photographer Melissa Depew and I took pictures of salivating babies and carnivorous birds in the art desert.

(My colleague Kathi Etherton was also there for eight hours, sacrificing herself to the sun for the sake of art.)

We searched for an oasis, which turned out to be a golf cart with a jug of water provided by Phi Theta Kappa.

Phi Theta Kappa vice-president Amy Perkins and her younger sister (who remains a mysterious mirage to my mantra) gave us cups of water.

Our thirst was quenched and I bought a \$15 reprinted painting in a \$5 frame.

Then on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 5., I went to the Crystal Bridge with my photography class and took pictures with my SLR camera.

It was cool and pleasant, especially underneath the bridge, considering that the day before was a blistering 106 degrees.

The clouds blanketed me from the light.

The pitter and the patter of the water made me forget about the world.

The sound of ducks rustling through the grass and fish splashing in the water replaced the roars of cars and the voices of people.

Grass replaced carpet.

Trees replaced concrete supports.

The air was fresh, clean and newly made.

The most beautiful thing I saw was when a baby duck and its mother jumped into the water together.

The duckling stood at the water's edge, as if it was afraid. But its mom was there.

I wondered why there was only one duckling, but then I saw the big golden koi.

They didn't get that big by eating bread.

Eggrolls and apple juice maybe, but definitely not bread.

The poor baby ducks... No wonder the lone duckling waited as long as it did.

Then I had to go back to the salt mines.

Back to work. Back to people. Back to carpet. Back to support pillars. Back to noise.

Back to tension and nausea.

*Mommy, I want to go home.*

—**Vu Vu**  
Staff Writer



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# Laser tag offers students chance to relieve stress

By Vu Vu  
Staff Writer

OKCCC students will have a chance to dodge, shoot and run to their hearts' content during Laser Storm laser tag held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 19 and 20 in the gymnasium.

"It's stress-reducing relief, a chance to chill out," said Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities. "It gives students a chance to get into the fun of learning."

Two random teams made of random people compete for 8 to 10 minutes.

"With random people, there's no animosity," Jones said.

The goal of Laser Storm is to knock out the opposing team's weapons.

Shooting the opposition's gun, helmet or vest deactivates their gun and racks up points for your side.

The two teams are separated by a boundary, a no man's zone. No physical contact is allowed between the two teams.

Competitors either use their athletic ability to dodge the lasers, or placed barriers that deflect the lasers.

In the event that your gun is knocked out, you must run to the recharging station and reactivate the gun.

The game promotes exercise, Jones said.

Since Laser Storm will take place in the gym, ease of play will be greater, whether you're walking or in a wheelchair.

Last February, OKCCC received some negative feedback regarding the hosting of Laser Storm tag, because of the school violence that had occurred around that time.

"It's all in fun," Jones said. "They don't even look like real guns."

"They say the game is played at the speed of light-technology. That's why I brought it here."

He said the light emitted from the gun is harmless.

Jones said one of the reasons Laser Storm will be at the college for two days is so skeptics can come in and see what the game is about.

"[School] isn't all business. We like to have fun."

Laser Storm was voted back for the fall by the campus activity board.

# Recently-named dean ready to face challenges of position

By Vu Vu  
Staff Writer

The desire to care for her aging parents brought Jo Ann Cobble, dean of the recently-formed Health Professions Division, to OKCCC.

Cobble, who has lived in Arkansas for the last 25 years, was hired as dean of the Health Professions Division over the summer.

Cobble said she decided to take the job for two reasons.

"It was a new challenge and opportunity," she said. "It gave me the opportunity to be closer to my parents."

After leaving Arkansas, Cobble received the Lifetime Membership to the Emergency Medical Technician Association Board of Directors, and service awards from the Arkansas Department of Health Service and the Arkansas Emergency Medical Services Instructor Society Service award.

Cobble said she enjoys her position in OKCCC's Health division.

Cobble said the division is different from others in that it has more cooperative agreements and a different structure.

"The faculty is excellent. They care about students," Cobble said.

"I'm very impressed."

Cobble grew up in Okla-



Jo Ann Cobble

homa and began her career in education as a public school teacher in Fayetteville, N.C.

She continued her education, receiving a doctorate in Higher Education, a master's degree in Human Relations and Public Administration, a bachelor's degree in Education, and associate degrees in Nursing and in Applied Science in Emergency Medical Technology — all in the span of 20 years.

The mother of three grown children, Cobble has also worked as a paramedic and a nurse.

While working two part-time jobs, she was the

chairman of the University of Arkansas' Emergency Medical Science Department for 16 years.

In her spare time, she said, she enjoys swimming, hiking, art museums, reading historical books and gardening, although the gardening has been somewhat of a challenge.

"There hasn't been a drop of rain since I've been here," she said.

Cobble said she plans to work hard as dean.

"I have a lot to learn," she said. "It's been a real learning curve."

"I want to be a good dean, but it's going to take some time."

# Software glitch creates down time for bookstore

By Michaela Marx  
Staff Writer

The main bookstore's computer system failed Aug. 24, slowing down business at the OKCCC bookstore during the busiest time of the year.

An upgrade to the WebMate software, which operates the new online

bookstore, caused the system failure, said Gary Lombard, vice president of business and finance.

The glitch limited the college bookstore to one cash register, which was operational using the back-up server, he said. However, the bookstore remained open.

The morning of Aug. 25, technical support personnel were called in from Ar-

kansas, said Lombard.

They upgraded the primary management system to address the system failure, and modified the back-up system to allow more than one cash register to work, said Lombard.

The system was fully operational again by Friday afternoon, with less than 24 hours down time.

Lombard said there was no risk to students doing

any transactions during this period.

The online bookstore wasn't as lucky.

The system failure has closed the online service for the time being.

Until the WebMate software is fixed, students can't access the bookstore webpage.

"We expect a remedy to the software problem very soon," Lombard said.

However, it will be a while before the bookstore goes back online.

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# Racing to the top of the cycling world

**OKCCC student successfully combines college work and sports career**

**J**uggling college work and a job is hard enough, even if you are not among the national elite in cycling.

Steve Cate manages all of this and just won the national amateur title at the Elite Road National Championships at Natchez, Miss., on May 20.

When the field of 169 top cyclists rolled out of the small town of Natchez to race 120 miles, everything was open. Later in the race things heated up. Cate's team, Mercy Fitness, began to do everything to get their top men in position for a run to the top of the field.

The plan went through and Cate outsprinted the field of the final 60 starters.

He finished in a head-to-head finale in front of Shawn McCormack, whom he passed shortly before the finish line.

"My team helped me a lot," Cate said. As a sprinter he did his work on the last three miles, he said, going up to 40 miles an hour, after the team had paced the way for him.

This was his first week out of school after finishing his semester at OKCCC, Cate said.

Even though he is proud of his win, winning the national title is not his first brush with success.

"I have done it before," he said. Cate won the nationals in 1997, during a year that he called a rest year. He also was a member of the national team.

Just a few weeks after his triumph in Natchez, Cate broke his collarbone, of course in a cycling crash. Nevertheless, he went on to compete in 19 races alone during the month of August. His latest coup: He won a race in St. Louis on Labor Day weekend.



Cate wearing his amateur national champion jersey.

Now it's back to school, like all the rest of us. The OKCCC biotechnology major

has been racing for 11 years. He became motivated by Greg Lemond's successes in 1989.

When he was only 19 years old, he made the national team as one of the youngest members, Cate said. At age 24 he has won many major races and has been competing internationally in such events as the Tour de L'Avenir in France, which is the Tour de France for under 23-year-olds. However, since he turned 24 years, his days on the national team are over, he said. There is no program for over 23-year olds.

Combining a successful sports career with education can be tricky, but Cate said, his professors are extremely supportive.

"They let me go to races and help me catch up later," he said. In other colleges that would not be possible, he said.

Charlotte Mulvihill, director of the biotechnology program, said it is easy to give a student like Cate a break, because she knows he will get his work done.

"Even though he is very focused on his racing, he is also very focused on his work," she said. Cate is one of the first students in the program that was started about two years ago, she said, and he never disappointed her.

"He is just a very focused person," Mulvihill said.

Cate recently started the required internship for his biotechnology degree.

He interns 20 hours a week at Pure Protein and is enrolled in 12 hours at the college. This schedule limits his time for training. Still he is on his bike at least 200 miles per week, he said.

During the summer, when not injured, he usually races 350 miles a week.

"Efficiency is a major part of this sport," Cate said.

The sport is not only time consuming but also quite expensive. The bike cost \$3800. However, the young talent does not have to worry about that. His sponsor, Mercy Fitness Center in Fort Smith, Texas, takes care of equipment and travel cost. The Mercy cyclist team consists of six elite team riders and 130 members who love cycling just as much, but

**"Efficiency is a major part of this sport."**

**—Steve Cate**



The national champion races between 200 and 350 miles a week despite a busy school schedule. He trains every day, but he cuts down his miles every other day as a rest day.

ride only for pleasure.

Johnny Jones, Mercy Cycling team manager, said that Cate's position on the team is very important.

"Steve is one of the two national champions on the our team. With his racing experience he is our captain," Jones said.

Jones not only acknowledges Cate's leadership and experience, but also said that Cate is a role model combining school

**"Even though he is very focused on his racing, he is also very focused on his work."**

**—Charlotte Mulvihill, director of the biotechnology program**

with racing.

"He is really a first class person and represents our team very well," said Jones.

As a successful cyclist, Cate also makes an extra buck or two in prize money. For the national title, he "only" got a watch, Cate joked, but the most money he has ever won was \$1100.

Sometimes, when his team helps out such as at the Nationals, Cate splits the money with his teammates.

Cate is still an amateur, he said. He has been with Mercy for two seasons now. Starting next year he will earn a salary.

Cate's next race will be in California next March.

**Text & photos  
by  
Michaela Marx**



# Arts festival offered something fun for everyone

**H**undreds of art lovers filled the tents of artisans from all over America selling their works despite the record heat that caused several heat-related injuries during the four-day event.

Thousands of dollars of pottery, photography, paintings, jewelry and trinkets went for sale.

Clay artist Reid Gibson and his family journeyed to Oklahoma from Missouri to sell his custom tiles and his raku sculptures. Raku is a Japanese pottery firing style.

HawkQuest, a non-profit educational organization based in Denver, displayed golden eagles, hawks and gray owls.

The group uses festivals to raise money for their educational programs that promote the preservation of wildlife and the environment.

Food was abundant.

The India Temple Shriners cooled people's palates with their made-from-scratch waffle ice cream sundaes. The profits went to charity.

Other vendors hawked burgers, curly-fried potatoes, Indian tacos, and bratwurst.

During the coolness of the night, live music, from rock to country and western, filled the air. The Oklahoma City Philharmonic stirred audiences with the sounds of yesterday.

The festival was a true celebration of artists and their creations.

—Vu Vu  
Staff Writer



**Above:** Allison Taylor, senior at Westmoore, paints the face of Baylee Lakey, 4, in the Children's Creative Center at the Oklahoma Arts Festival. Taylor worked at the tent as part of her Key Club Service project. "Face painting is the best," Taylor said.

**Right:** HawkQuest volunteer Jean Vore believes that even fine-feathered friends deserve a break from the heat. She lets her Harris hawk partake of her tasty beverage at the Arts Festival. Vore said she is a bird-handler and exerciser for the non-profit organization from Denver.



**Right:** The four-day Arts Festival Oklahoma saw record-setting temperatures but that didn't deter the art lovers who attended. The four-day festival included musical concerts, arts and crafts booths and all types of food vendors.



Photos by  
Melissa Depew



# Searing heat doesn't wilt crowd's festive spirit



**Above:** A member of the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department fingerprints Miranda Lundy, 4, at the Arts Festival held Labor Day weekend. The girl's mother Janie Lundy said she was glad to see the booth. "In case something happens — you never know."



**Top right:** Chee adjusts handmade jewelry in a tent set up by jewelry-maker Martin Hausner. The tent was one of many offering hand-crafted wares.



**Right:** James Massie, left, and Paul Boyer of the Norman-based band Full Circle rock out on the tune "Johnny B. Goode."



**Above:** Seemore Art, a.k.a Andria Whaley, the mascot of Arts Festival Oklahoma makes friends with 4-year-old Rachel Strouhal.

**Right:** Carol Manning, left, and Emma Wesson, far right, examine the wares. Wesson has made pottery for 26 years. "It's functional pottery," she said. "It cooks well, cleans well. I make pottery for people to use — cheaply." She has attended the festival for two years.



Photos by  
Vu Vu





Photo by Melissa Depew

Robert Engler, left, comforts Vietnam veteran Dennis Bradley as the men recognize names in the Moving Wall, a miniature replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The wall was brought in as part of Arts Festival Oklahoma over the Labor Day weekend. Engler served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Bradley is a U.S. Navy veteran.



Photo by Vu Vu

Darrell Lanham, with his friend Melain Eavenson, searches for familiar names on the Moving Wall. Lanham did not serve in the military but knew many people who did.

## Vietnam memorial wall replica makes stop at Arts Festival Oklahoma

By Vu Vu  
Staff Writer

There is silence. There is solemnity.

There is humility and an unspoken gratitude among the people walking past the name of thousands of people who gave their lives for a cause.

They who survived, and they who stayed at home, came and saw the names of their friends and relatives on the black, reflective wall.

It was a remembrance and a chance at reconciliation, after a bitter welcome home so many years ago.

Some wept while others comforted and remembered.

Despite temperatures of more than 100 degrees and a location separate from the Arts Festival, the people came.

"There's a lot of names," said Darrell Lanham, of Oklahoma City.

"A lot of people sacrificed their lives."

People traced the names of loved ones in the more than 58,000, something they couldn't do if they couldn't afford the trip to Washington, D.C.

People left memorials in the form of military documentation and medals.

People touched the Moving Wall, and the wall touched them.

"There's more names than this," said Dennis Bradley, a Vietnam veteran.

"I'll know them when I see them."

The Moving Wall will go to another town, another city, another gathering, another festival.

More people will remember, and the healing process will begin again.

"The Moving Wall" is the half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. that has been touring the country for the past 16 years. When John Devitt attended the 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of "The Wall." He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington. The Moving Wall was built by Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other Vietnam veteran volunteers. It went on display in Tyler, Texas, in October of 1984. Three structures of "The Wall" now travel the United States.

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# Recent heat wave keeps Pepsi man busy

By Michaela Marx  
Staff Writer

During the first week of classes thirsty students often ran into disappointment as Pepsi vending machines across campus read "sold out."

Some students settled for a drink from the water fountain, others shook and kicked the machines, as if to punish them for withholding refreshing, chilled beverages.

Wayan Parks from Pepsi Cola said record temperatures raised the demand for cold soft drinks at OKCCC as well as everywhere else.

"The extreme heat has definitely put a strain on our capabilities to take care of all our vending machines in Oklahoma City," he said.

Parks said the recent heatwave put the company behind on filling up machines for three days.

The sweltering weather made cold beverages a hot item.

"We don't anticipate the

problem to continue," Parks said.

However, he said, if a machine is empty, notify Pepsi. The phone number is 748-7500.

Increased sales not only affect Pepsi; the heat wave could also pay off for the college.

Bill Coffey, OKCCC coor-

inator of risk management and service contracts, said the college receives either 51 percent of the gross Pepsi makes on cold drinks if the amount exceeds \$235,294, or an annual minimum of \$120,000 for letting Pepsi put up its machines. The more drinks that are sold, the better for

the college.

Pepsi has been the main provider of cold drinks for approximately two years, Coffey said. Pepsi provides the drink vending services at OKCCC all over campus.

However, Coca Cola fans can also purchase their favorite beverage in the cafeteria, Coffey said.

Business major Bill Newman makes a selection at one of the many soft drink vending machines located around the campus. Recently, students found that many of the machines were sold out as the heat wave created a high demand for cold beverages.



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# Highlights

## HOPE meeting on the calendar

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will meet from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, in room 2N7 of the main building to have officer elections. Everyone who is interested in joining is invited to attend and enjoy refreshments and music.

## Gay Alliance and Friends ready to get started

The Gay Alliance and Friends club will hold its first meeting of the semester at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, in CU7. For more information contact sponsor Lyn McDonald at 682-1611, ext. 7218.

## Health Professions Club ready to meet

The Health Professions Club is holding its first general meeting of the semester at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, in room 2N5 of the main building. For more information, contact science instructors Steven Kamm 682-1611, ext. 7268 or John Perry at ext. 7330.

## Recreation and Community Services needs you!

College for Kids needs a teacher for Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Drama for ages 6 to 13 years on Saturdays from Sept. 16 to Nov. 4. There will be four classes — 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and noon to 2 p.m. Must be 18 or older and have extensive experience in drama and working with youth. Pay is \$20 per hour.

Adult Community Education needs someone to teach Traveler's Spanish for adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 12 to Oct. 17. Must be 18 or older, speak fluent Spanish and have some experience teaching. Pay rate is \$20 per hour.

Contact Jonie Welle at 682-1611, ext. 7205 or e-mail at [jwelle@okc.cc.ok.us](mailto:jwelle@okc.cc.ok.us) for more information.

## Phi Theta Kappa meeting

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society is holding its first official meeting of the semester at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, and 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, in room 3P5 of the main building. Come and find out what great things are in store for this year! For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7771 and leave a message, including a phone number.

## Scholarship opportunity

The Soros Scholarship is available in the Office of Prospective Student Services. Qualifications are: Must be an Oklahoma resident, graduated from Oklahoma high school, have a GPA of 3.2 or above and be enrolled in 12 credit hours per semester of college work. The deadline is Sept. 15. For more information call Linda Sapp at 682-7580.

## Semester gets into full swing with noontime concert

The Celtic rock band Cuillin skirts into the Student Union for a return engagement at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 13. Everyone is encouraged to drop by and listen to some great music. The event is sponsored by Student Life.

## Attention all sharp-shooters

Laser Storm laser tag will be on campus Sept. 19 and 20. Details will be on the Student Life webpage at [www.okc.cc.ok.us/studentlife/calendar](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us/studentlife/calendar) as they are available.



Photo by Ronna Austin

Oklahoma Blood Institute phlebotomist Jacey Richards swabs Marilyn Wise's arm before she draws blood. The OBI set up in the student union for students to donate blood. In two days the institute collected 65 pints of blood.

## Donors give gift of life 65 times

By Vu Vu  
Staff Writer

Despite summer blood shortages across the nation this summer, Oklahoma's supply is stable thanks to institutions like OKCCC.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute's supply is sufficient to meet the need, said Elizabeth Smith, blood program consultant.

"We're able to supply to the 72 hospitals in Oklahoma," Smith said.

OKCCC had its first of four scheduled blood drives Sept. 6 and 7 in the student union.

OBI has a five-day supply of all blood types and is able to maintain it because of blood drives like OKCCC's, said Eden Manning, OBI manager of mobile recruitment.

"One liver transplant that goes wrong can use 100 pints of blood," Manning said.

It takes 12 hours of testing for each pint of blood

before it is put into circulation, she said.

Manning said one of the reasons people aren't donating as much is that the largest donating group — baby boomers — are beginning to experience various

illnesses as they age.

"Age doesn't affect donation, but illness does," Manning said.

The OBI had 78 donors this time out. Of those, 65 were able to donate blood, supervisor Tiffany Barnett said.

Each donation lasts 8 to 10 minutes and can save three lives.

OKCCC's next blood drive is scheduled for sometime after Thanksgiving.

OBI has three locations in Oklahoma City.

Donors can visit OBI's main headquarters, located at 1001 N. Lincoln Boulevard, or call 297-5700.

The north OBI center is located on 5104 N. Portland, 947-6621.

The south OBI center is located on 1139 S.W. 59. The phone number is 643-1167.

The Red Cross also needs blood.

Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

## Student activities planned

By Vu Vu  
Staff Writer

Student Life has more music planned for the lunchtime crowd.

The Celtic-rock band Cuillin (pronounced "cool-in") will make its sophomore debut at noon Wed.

Sept. 13 in the student union.

The OKCCC Campus Greens, the Green Party student club, has its first meeting planned from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wed. Sept. 13 in room 2N5, main building.

The club will talk about recycling at the college and the possibility of profiting from OKCCC's trash.



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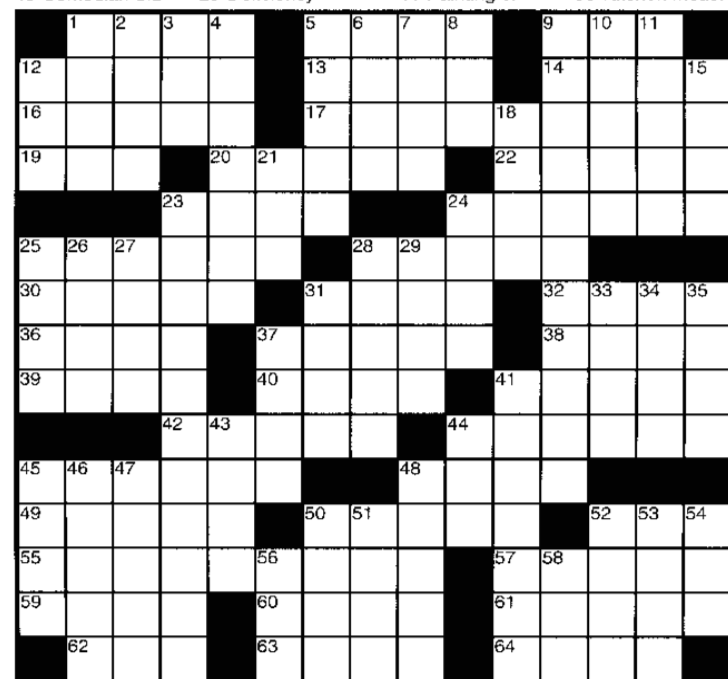
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# There are ways to beat the heat

By Michaela Marx  
Staff Writer

The heat claimed several victims during the recent Arts Festival Oklahoma. Six people reported heat-related problems to Campus Safety and Security officers.

Even though the Labor Day weekend traditionally marks the end of the summer, this year temperatures up to 110 degrees felt very much like summer.

Security Officer Kevin Tipton, who responded to many of the emergency calls, said, on Saturday, the temperature on the asphalt measured 140 degrees.

If a person has to be outdoors during high temperatures, the following tips should be followed.

- Drink plenty of water or fruit and vegetable juices. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, both cause dehydration.

- Wear lightweight and loose-fitting clothing. Avoid dark clothes.

- Wear a hat to protect your head.

- Don't overdue physical activity in the sun.

- Rest and get out of the sun if you start feeling dizzy or too hot.

- Minimize exposure to heat or direct sunlight, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

- Never leave a child or pet unattended in a car.

- Stay in well-ventilated areas, preferably in air conditioning.

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## Professor fighting battle with cancer

"Thornton,"  
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feels fortunate that it didn't travel to her brain.

"The first five years are critical. If you can make it through that then your chances are good," Thornton said.

She said her doctors felt she had a good chance of beating the odds and not having to go through the ordeal again, but unfortunately that wasn't the way it happened.

Thornton's odds are 50/50 with a hope that, with treatment, the cancer can be sent into either partial

or complete remission. She said is unlikely though and her hopes are that the cancer won't travel and affect other areas.

"I may not have good odds and my doctor said that it isn't curable, but it is treatable," she said.

Another CT scan is scheduled for the middle of October and she will be receiving chemotherapy treatment every 21 days.

"There is a week where I feel bad then a week where I feel good and then I have to do it all again," she said.

Thornton visited the American Cancer Society office in Norman to donate the wig that she wore

during her last battle with cancer and get another one that suits her better.

"Fortunately, I did find a wig that is the same color and cut as my real hair," she said.

Thornton has traveled to Houston to visit with specialists to find the newest treatments.

"I owe it to my family to see if I can find the cutting-edge treatments."

Thornton, with the help of English professor Bertha Wise, has created a webpage she wants to share with everyone.

She included a favorite poem by Emily Dickinson entitled "Hope is the thing with feathers."

"I want people to know that I am a fighter and I have hope," she said.

Wise said it is important to help a friend during a difficult time. She said, sometimes, the little things like sending a prayer or a message mean as much as the big things.

"Linda is a remarkable person," Wise said. "If all goes well, and I think it will, she will be back."

Thornton began teaching part time at the college in the fall of 1976 and became a full-time professor in the fall of 1979.

Every semester, Thornton sets aside time to talk to the scholarship students who are interested in honors classes, advising them and helping them enroll.

Susan VanSchuyver,

## Tips to avoid road construction given

"Construction,"  
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drivers to the upcoming stop signs.

Other newly-installed signs are on Interstate 240, directing traffic away from May Avenue and toward S.W. 74 Street.

Lombard and Jackson both encourage students to avoid May Avenue because it has been reduced to two lanes. Instead, they said, enter the college at the S.W. 74 Street entrance right off Interstate 44.

There is also a four-way stop instead of traffic lights at the intersection of May Avenue and S.W. 74 Street that has added to the confusion.

Jackson said traffic waiting at that sign often backs up as far as Inter-

state 240. He also said cars are lined up on westbound Interstate 240 waiting to exit.

Lombard said students who are coming to the college from the south on May Avenue can avoid the construction altogether by entering OKCCC at the south drive next to the Child Development Center instead of going on to the main entrance.

Lombard said he has been pleased with the response and cooperation of the students, faculty and visitors.

"I really appreciate the cooperation and patience that everyone has demonstrated," he said.

"In a couple of months, when the project is complete, it will make access to the college much more convenient."

dean of Arts and Humanities, said Thornton is a valued part of the college.

"She is a generous colleague, a patient and warm student adviser and a wonderful person."

"Linda is a person who goes the second mile without even considering that she is doing more than what is required."

"She answers every request with 'Yes, I can do that.' We miss her and look forward to her return in the spring."

Thornton expressed the need for individuals to live life to the fullest. People need to learn to appreciate every day they've got. "I certainly do," she said.

"You have a new perspective on everything, from the sunrise to the sunset."

Thornton asks for everyone's prayers and said she enjoys getting mail. Those interested in contacting Thornton can e-mail her at [lthornton@okc.cc.ok.us](mailto:lthornton@okc.cc.ok.us)

"I miss everybody — my friends, my colleagues and my students," she said.

"The hardest thing is this

could stretch out indefinitely.

Thornton said she can hardly spare the time to be sick.

"I have too many people who need me to organize their lives."


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