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Photo by Melissa DePew

Wanted: College grads — OKCCC Student Marissa Shirley speaks with a representative from La Petite Academy during a job fair held Oct. 11 in the college union. "I'm broke. I need a job," Shirley said about her reason for being there.

Pre-kindergarten classes now offered in reading and math

By Michele Ryan
Newswriting I Student

Some Oklahoma City area kids are getting the jump on their reading and writing skills.

College for Kids is now offering reading and math classes for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students.

The classes were started because of a high interest shown by the community, said Jonie Welle, coordinator of Community Education.

Welle said studies have shown that the two main areas that children struggle

with are reading and math.

Kim Williams, the mother of a 4-year-old, said she likes the pre-kindergarten classes because it gives her daughter a head start for school. It can do nothing but help her.

The Reading and Math program is an eight-week program.

Children attend every Saturday and focus on the basic reading and math skills they need.

OKCCC offers many special programs for children and teenagers, as well as for adults.

College for Kids and Teens is a program designed to provide children with educational experi-

ences.

A variety of activities from tumbling to guitar lessons for children are offered.

Welle said the classes are an inexpensive way for children to receive private teaching.

The ratio per class is kept at 10 to 1 to give the children some one on one attention Welle said.

For more information about the College For Kids and Teens Program, contact Welle in the Recreation and Community Services Department at 682-1611, ext. 7205.

Information on all programs is available at the college's website located at www.okc.cc.ok.us

Congress ponders minimum wage hike

A \$1 increase is anticipated by January 2002

By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer

Students working in minimum wage jobs may soon get a raise. The U.S. Congress is considering a minimum wage increase from \$5.15 to \$6.15 per hour over the next two years.

OKCCC student Devyani Patel said the proposed increase is a good idea. She said the current minimum wage rate is too low for anybody to support themselves.

"Not everybody's parents pay for college."

Patel recently quit her job at Burlington Coat Factory. She said she made \$6 per hour, not enough for school and living expenses.

Fellow student Jennifer Whitehurst works at Wards. When she started, she said, she made minimum wage, but now she makes \$7.

"I think, to get more students in the workplace, it (raising the minimum wage) is good," she said. "But for people who have been working for a while it is not good."

"If you have been working for a while and a new person makes more than you when you started, you feel cheated out of money," Whitehurst said.

Yet not all OKCCC students have minimum wage jobs.

Many are adult students who have already established themselves in the workforce.

Those directly affected by minimum wage raises are traditionally unskilled workers entering the workforce for the first time, said Maxwell Avers, profes-

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—Jennifer Whitehurst
OKCCC Student and Wards employee

sor of economics at OKCCC.

However, he said, everybody is affected indirectly.

Raising minimum wage leads to what is called "wait unemployment," Avers said.

Businesses stop hiring and possibly even lay off people, because the money to raise wages needs to be generated somehow. Businesses also pass their increased labor costs on to the consumer, he said.

"All of a sudden a cheeseburger at McDonald's costs 15 cents more," Avers said.

If an entry-level employee earns a dollar more than the current minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour, a more skilled person wants the extra dollar as well, he said.

All people pay for the increase, Avers said.

"Minimum wage often hurts the people who are intended to benefit."

Raising minimum wage is a political tactic, because it makes people think they are cared for, Avers said.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

You can find time to work out

So little time and so much to do. That seems to be the motto for most college students. Aside from the anticipated social life of parties and fun, there are also so many responsibilities.

Going to class, studying, applying for scholarships, working, doctor appointments plus a somewhat normal social life take time and work.

In high school, sports and exercise seemed to be on the agenda, but in college, time prohibits any such activity.

From a personal standpoint, I danced for 15 years. Then when I graduated from high school, I simply could not fit the time needed for training into my schedule. The lack of time restricted me from doing something I love.

It seems, from my observation that students are giving up activities that they do very well and like to do all for the sake of time.

College students still need exercise despite their busy schedules.

OKCCC provides facilities for students to take an hour or so out of their day and work out for free. With a swimming pool, exercise equipment, basketball, volleyball and soccer, students have a wide variety of options to stay physically active.

Students need to realize that lack of exercise can come back to haunt them later in life. Running up and down the stairs to class doesn't count as exercise.

Another option for students is to go to a gym such as Gold's Gym or Weight Room. These places stay open later than the college gym, which would accommodate college students.

Students work and go to classes during the day, so it would be nearly impossible for some students to work out or participate in activities other than late in the evening or early in the morning.

While exercise tones bodies and works muscles it also relieves stress — often associated with college. Exercising gives students and adults alike the opportunity to take a minute and forget the hassles of everyday life and work on keeping themselves healthy and in shape.

So, while it may seem like exercise to run to class, study and fit two days work into one day, young adults still need to take time out for themselves and participate in physical activities and exercise.

—Kathi Etherton
Editor

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Help shouldn't be prejudged

Acceptance doesn't hinder support

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter that Lyn McDonald wrote in the last issue of the Pioneer.

She wrote that the Gay and Lesbian Club would not be supporting the United Way this year in their fund-raising campaign, because United Way supports the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts of America does not allow gays into their organization. For this fact alone, Lyn and the GLC will not be supporting the United Way.

That would be like me saying that I won't work at the college because gays and lesbians are working and attending college here.

The United Way has supported a lot of organizations and people. Lyn herself said that they had helped her in the past.

Did United Way ask her

"It is the Boy Scouts of America that doesn't support gays, not the United Way."

—LaWanda LaVarnway

which gender she preferred before they helped her? Or did they say let's support the Boy Scouts because they don't allow gays in?

It is the Boy Scouts of America that doesn't support gays, not the United Way.

So, why punish United Way for what the Boy Scouts are doing?

I am a Christian and I don't believe in the gay and lesbian lifestyle.

However, this does not mean that I would not come to your aid when you are in need. If I am not able to help you, I will try to help

you find someone who could.

So, I think it would be in everybody's best interest to support the United Way. You never know when you may need their help.

—LaWanda LaVarnway
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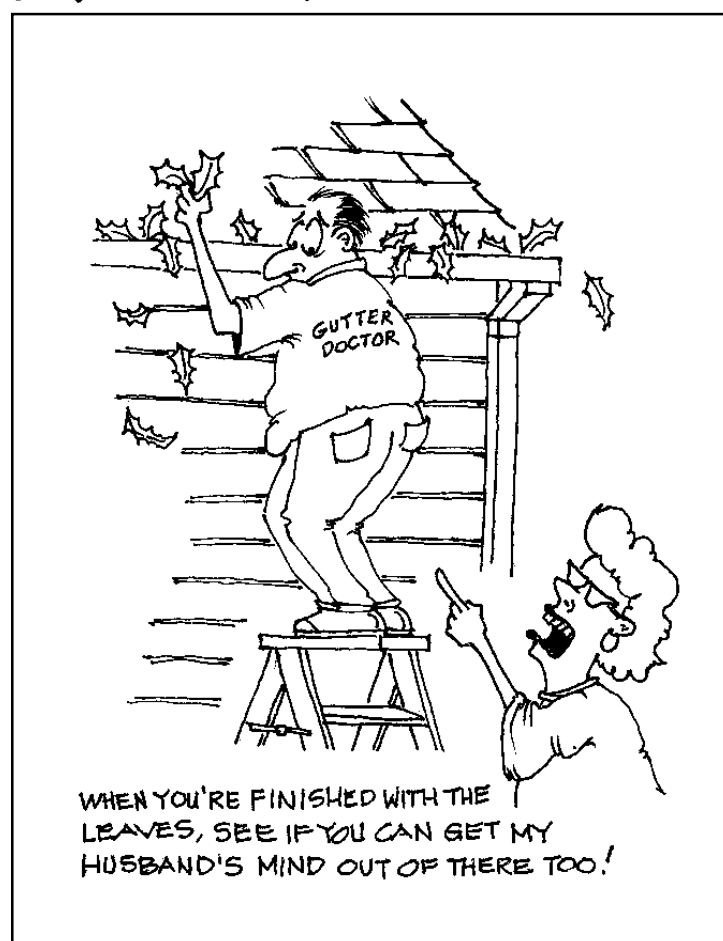
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Comments and Reviews

Adjunct profs not impossible to reach despite student's belief

To the Editor:

I am an adjunct professor here at OKCCC and have been for several years. I am writing in response to the article regarding the unavailability of adjunct professors.

In my syllabi every semester I provide my students with several ways to get hold of me: work phone with voice mail; home phone with voice mail; college voice mail system; e-mail; and office hours.

The requirement is for the teacher to have two hours a week of office hours on campus for each class taught.

I work a demanding 40 plus hours a week job; teach two sections; and spend up to four hours per week on campus for office hours.

All of this is typical of the other adjuncts that I know.

I am sure there are exceptions, but the majority try very hard.

Every semester I spend considerable time the first few classes explaining how to get in touch with me. Yet very few students take advantage of any of the above options, even though several could use the extra time and help if their assignments and tests are any indication.

Because I teach a computer programming class, it is very handy for students to e-mail me their program. I can evaluate it and e-mail suggestions back to them.

I try very hard to return phone calls as soon as I am able.

Every semester I have several students who have

"Perhaps these adults need to take charge and take advantage of the assistance that is out there instead of whining."

—Adjunct professor

not availed themselves of any help — mine or the lab or the tutors available.

Yet somehow, it is my fault. I do not buy that. Just about every student in college is considered an adult by law.

Perhaps these adults need to take charge and take advantage of the assistance that is out there instead of whining.

—Name withheld by request

Good times breed belly achers

To the Editor:

I was reading the Pioneer issue last week and ran across the article about the United Way and the Boy Scouts of America. How ridiculous have we become as a society?

I support the BSA and the United Way. I agree with the stand that the Boy Scouts have taken and stand by them. Lets look at this from a different point of view.

Think of how mean kids can be, especially teenagers. Now put a very different child with a group of boys on a camp over the weekend. I, for one, would be concerned with the homosexual child's safety. The constant teasing would

be overwhelming.

Also why should all of the other straight boys be forced to feel uncomfortable because one child wants to fit in?

After reading the letter, I tried to think of why we have all of these social problems like guns in a classroom, prayer in school, gun violence and gay and lesbian marriages.

The only thing I can think of is the economy is too good. We are not as concerned with getting or keeping a job so we have time to think up things to gripe about.

It started in the nineties. The economy started booming thanks to tax cuts under Ronald Reagan and

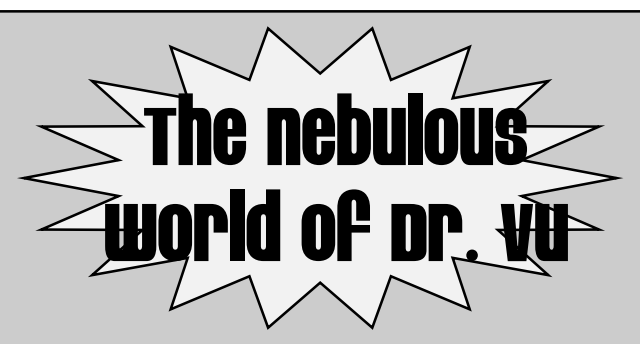
Bush in the eighties and the prosperity grew stronger. People worried less about their income and had to think of something to complain about.

It all started by outcasting the one being that we entrust all of our money, God. Go ahead and look at your money. "In God we Trust" is in bold print.

So, next time you want to raise social issues try opening the minds of the people dictating what you will do.

Exercise the only right that you have left. VOTE! If you don't vote you have no right to complain about anything your government does or does not do.

—Michael Pascarella
Business major



Heavens devour answers to questions

There's a cold wind blowin' down the plains of Oklahoma.

And I'm still wearing shorts.

Why? I don't know.

There are many things I do not comprehend.

For example, whom do I vote for on Nov. 7?

Why are Israelis looting and burning Muslim buildings?

Why are Palestinians throwing rocks at Israelis?

Why does Hillary Clinton have to come to Oklahoma to raise funds for her campaign in New York?

Why are we giving Mrs. Clinton the money?

Why did we give Venezuela \$1 billion, when they're a part of OPEC?

Why doesn't OKCCC have a mascot?

Why did I let that stranger borrow my green plastic alien that I won at the State Fair? Will I ever get Copernicus back?

Why do people still starve?

Why does poverty still exist?

Why are there churches that say they are right, when they are wrong?

Why do people go to these churches?

Why is Oklahoma hot one week, cold the next week and hot the week after that?

Will the University of Oklahoma win the national championship?

Will Oklahoma State ever... Nah. I don't think so.

Why do women choose to abort *zygotes/fetuses/babies*, even though it's not a case of rape/incest/health of the mother?

Will I ever pass Intermediate Algebra?

Will the cafeteria offer eggrolls?

Will anyone ever smell what the Vu is cooking?

Will I ever find true love?

Will I ever get a correct exposure in photography class?

Will Social Security survive?

Will Medicare survive?

Will Oklahomans be able to vote for Ralph Nader?

Will there be a "Back to the Future: 4"?

Will the New Orleans Saints make the playoffs?

Will Yasir Arafat and Ehud Barak ask to end the violence?

Will there ever be peace in the Middle East?

Sometimes I look towards the heavens for answers.

Sometimes my questions are answered.

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer

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Search for student-oriented college leads prof to OKCCC

By Sara Damlo
Newswriting I Student

The demise of the student newspaper was one of many changes made at Westark Junior College in Fort Smith, Ark., that sent math professor Ken Harrelson looking for a school that better supported student activities and organizations.

After six years of teaching at Westark, Harrelson said, he faced structural and philosophic changes that he could not agree with.

Harrelson said he stayed two more years in hope that it would again become the college he had once enjoyed teaching at.

When that didn't happen, he came to OKCCC.

"I am very pleased with the support from the faculty, staff and administration here," Harrelson said.

He teaches college algebra as well as business calculus.

A native Oklahoman, Harrelson moved to Ama-



Photo by Melissa DePew

Ken Harrelson

rillo, Texas as a teenager. He graduated from Amarillo High School and then moved on to Amarillo College on a scholarship to study engineering.

He had received the scholarship from a local petroleum company.

He earned an associate's degree in pre-engineering from Amarillo College. While pursuing that associate's, he realized he did not want to further his education in engineering.

Harrelson decided math would be his new direction and he would become a teacher just as one of his high school instructors had encouraged him to do.

Harrelson attended Texas Tech University and then transferred to West Texas State University where he obtained his bachelor's degree in mathematics.

While pursuing his master's degree at Oklahoma State University, Harrelson worked as a graduate assistant.

He first started teaching at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva where he worked for two years. Then he moved to Fort Smith and started teaching at Westark.

Harrelson has been married for 14 years and has three dogs and two cats.

He said he is very interested in computers. Harrel-

son said he also enjoys fishing, especially with his father-in-law.

He and his wife also spend quite a lot of time with their family.

News article changes one man's career path

Math professor inspired by former student

By Sara Damlo
Newswriting I Student

Picking up a copy of The University of Oklahoma Alumni newspaper changed Paul Lewis' career path.

Lewis read an article from a woman who had graduated from OU. She told of her experiences as a Sooner — which included a Contemporary Math class she had one semester. She went on to tell about a professor she had who was great at what he did. Lewis, somewhat curious about whom this girl was writing about, later found out through a friend that she was referring to him. That's when Lewis knew he needed to return to teaching.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Paul Lewis

For the eight years prior to reading the article, Lewis had been working at American Fidelity Insurance. He moved into the insurance field to take a break from lecturing.

Lewis has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, both in mathematics, from OU. After lecturing at OU for three years, Lewis had become discouraged. He said he felt he wasn't reaching any of the 240 students who sat in his classes.

After reading and being inspired by the article from the OU student, Lewis said he felt he had to get back into the classroom. He chose OKCCC.

Lewis believes OKCCC puts a great deal of emphasis on students. He said he is very happy to be here.

Lewis grew up in Midwest City. After graduation he attended Rose State College before transferring to OU. He has been married for 17 years. He has four children, three boys and a girl. He said he doesn't have a whole lot of spare time because he is studying to become a Deacon in the Catholic Church. He will be ordained just as soon as all his preparatory work is completed.

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International student enrollment on the rise

Smaller class size, friendly professors some of the reasons listed for attending OKCCC

By Theresa Eng
Newswriting I Student

Enrollment of international students is on the rise.

Enrollment is up from 278 students in the fall of 1999 to 335 students in the fall of 2000.

Students from the United States often wonder why an international student would want to come to OKCCC.

Melanie Scott, processor of international student admissions, said international students hear about OKCCC mainly through word of mouth. She said many students have relatives or friends who have gone to OKCCC or live in the Oklahoma City area.

Many international students plan to transfer to nearby universities while others who already attend a university are at OKCCC trying to get their general requirements at a community college or are trying to raise their GPAs.

Scott said students like attending OKCCC because the tuition is affordable.

OKCCC charges \$110.13 per credit hour for international and non-resident students, compared to the University of Oklahoma's \$215.12 per credit hour for international and non-resident students.

OKCCC student Carlos Herrera, is from Mexico. He came to the United States to study advertising.

Herrera said he heard about the college from his cousin who lives in Oklahoma and attended OKCCC. Herrera plans eventually to transfer to the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

Former student Dhruba Pandey of Nepal said he heard about OKCCC from friends from his country.

"OKCCC is a good place to start your college experience because it is an easier place to meet new people than a university which has thousands of people," Pandey said.

"You are able to communicate with teachers on a more personal level because the classes are smaller."

Pandey transferred to UCO from

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—Dhruba Pandey
OKCCC Student from Nepal

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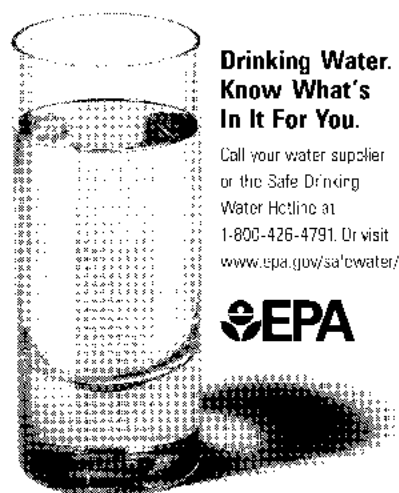
After graduation, Pandey said, he decided to stay in the United States and is working for a large computer company in Texas.

Scott said international students come to OKCCC to get a good education, just like anyone else.

Many international students attend college in the United States hoping to find a job in the United States, while others go back to their home country to find jobs after graduation.

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Blind Courage



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Patrick Duckett eagerly waits as motivational speaker Bill Irwin autographs his book "Blind Courage." Irwin is known as being the only blind person to have hiked the 2,168-mile Appalachian Trail.

In his autobiography, Irwin tells of his ordeals during the 8-month trek. He slept outside and ate dehydrated macaroni and cheese daily.

The speaker, accompanied by his dog Orient, impressed upon audience members the importance of believing in oneself.

The event was hosted Oct. 11 by Student Life.

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Breast cancer survivor runs race of her life

By Brandi Peterman
Newsriting I Student

The race to save lives was run Sept. 30. The sky was clear and the weather was warm, a beautiful September day.

People lined up at 9 a.m. to walk the walk. The racers included men, women, children, and even some four-legged friends.

An estimated 12,000 people arrived at the Myriad Gardens to participate in the seventh annual Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure.

Helen Searfoss, 97, of Edmond, was the oldest breast cancer survivor in attendance. Searfoss enjoyed being "Queen for the Day." She has been a survivor for more than 50 years.

Four generations of walkers were also present. Pearlina Nelson, 67, of Arcadia walked with her daughter, granddaughter, and three great-granddaughters.

"I am proud to be a part

of such an important event," said Nelson. "When I was diagnosed with breast cancer 30 years ago, there wasn't anything like this being done."

This event dramatized the increasing awareness of a disease that is killing mothers, sisters, and daughters.

The day was full of festivities. The events included the one-mile fun walk, the 5K run, and the Komen Kids dash for the little athletes.

The race benefits research for breast cancer. It also helps provide low cost mammograms to those in need.

Participating in the Race for the Cure cost \$16 for adults and \$10 for children. Participants received a goodie bag from the sponsors, and a pink-and-white T-shirt. All proceeds go to the Komen Foundation.

Volunteers were there to lend a helping hand. Event coordinators said the foundation relies on volunteers to coordinate the event and ensure that it runs smoothly.

A pre-party was held at



Photo courtesy of Brandi Peterman

Four generations of women band together to help find a cure for breast cancer. Back row, left to right: Brandi Peterman, 27, of Moore; Gloria Matte, 49, of Arcadia; Pearlina Nelson, 67, of Arcadia and front row, left to right, Caitlyn Peterman, 7, of Moore; Makenzie Peterman, 4, of Moore; and Jordan Powell, 5, of Arcadia joined the Race for the Cure Sept. 30. Nelson is a breast cancer survivor and the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of those pictured here with her.

Kerr Park Friday evening to kick off the race. Big Jim and the Twins provided the entertainment.

Chili's restaurant supplied the food, fajitas and pink margaritas.

As the last breast cancer

survivor crossed the finish line, she was greeted by hundreds of applauding well wishers.

Free mammograms offered

By Kathi Etherton
Editor

Women without health insurance are not excluded from getting the necessary mammograms thanks to an organization called Sisters Who Care.

Seven-year breast cancer survivor and founder of the non-profit organization, Sharon Andrews, said she began the program because of her battle with the illness. Sisters Who Care provides educational seminars, workshops, support services and free mammograms to women in need.

"[The organization] provides breast cancer education and no cost mammograms to low income, working poor, African Americans and other underserved women in Oklahoma

City," Andrews said.

"It also provides a support service to African American breast cancer survivors."

Andrews founded the organization four years ago and has since given more than 700 mammograms.

Sisters Who Care is made up of volunteers. There are seven board members and 39 women who serve as volunteers.

"We always need help. There are never enough volunteers."

In order for the organization to provide a mammogram, the woman has to call the organization and go through a pre-qualification process, Andrews said.

The qualification process involves checking to see if the woman has health insurance.

While the organization is primarily focused toward African American women,

Andrews said others can receive help as well.

"The mortality rates of African Americans are increasing because they are being diagnosed too late," Andrews said.

Aside from the free mammograms, Sisters Who Care also provide educational programs and seminars.

"We provide educational programs so people can understand why they need to be screened and continue to be screened," Andrews said. "Early prevention and early detection — that's the key."

The organization is funded by the Susan G. Komen foundation.

Sisters Who Care participated in the Race for the Cure as well as sponsoring a booth at the event.

The organization will be providing 100 free mammograms on Nov. 4 as part

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History prof experiences life of slave in 20th century

**By Amy Barringer
Newswriting I Student**

Slavery in America is a subject many study, but few experience. History Professor Melinda Barr Bergin is the exception. She has at least participated in a simulated slave life.

Selected from thousands of applicants, Bergin received an all-expense paid fellowship to the Stratford Hall Plantation in Virginia this summer to take part in a two-week slavery seminar.

The Stratford Hall Plantation is best known as the birthplace and home of Robert E. Lee and the Lees of Virginia. Built in the 1700s, it is one of the few remaining buildings of its magnitude. On the grounds sit about 30 slave houses that used to board more than 200 slaves. Each slave house is about 12 feet by 12 feet and holds one family.

"The purpose of the seminar was to allow scholars a chance to immerse themselves in 18th-century slave culture, especially the differences between 18th- and 19th-century slavery," Bergin said.

"For example, although we were at the birthplace of Robert E. Lee, not one of our speakers gave a lecture on Lee. Likewise, the speaker from Monticello came to describe the lives of the slaves, not what Thomas Jefferson did."

With more than 2,000 acres, Stratford remains an actual working plantation raising crops, sheep, and cattle.

Bergin resided at the plantation, along with 29 other scholars, for the extent of the seminar.

"One of the biggest problems for me is that I am an Internet junkie," she said. "We were so far out in the country that we had no Internet access even though I took my laptop with me."

The house is equipped with electricity and air conditioning to accommodate the tourists and guests. During Bergin's stay, the group attended two or three guest lectures daily and took "field trips."

One of the trips was to Colonial Williamsburg, Va., where tourists can experience what it was like to live in that time period. The entire town is a working replica of Colonial America where actors play the parts of all the citizens. It is so realistic that each actor has a life story. This allows them to answer

questions about their characters.

Bergin said most people who visit Williamsburg go through the "regular tour," but the scholars were allowed access to a different tour called the "other half," which focused on slavery.

"Because I have children, I was very interested in the way slave mothers felt about their own children," Bergin said. "The book 'Be-loved' written by Toni Morrison depicts a young slave mother killing her newborn child instead of subjecting her to a life of slavery."

"I was able to sit down with a group of slave women and ask them if they ever worried about their children being sold away from them or became less attached to them for that reason."

"The women replied that they loved their children from the moment of conception and could not imagine being separated from them."

Most slaves in that area said they did not hear of that happening much.

The highlight of Colonial Williamsburg for Bergin was having the opportunity to choose a slave position and work that job for an entire day. She chose to work in the kitchen preparing food for the master's dinner party consisting of 20 guests.

In colonial days it was customary for the guests to stay for a few days because of the long distances and poor transportation. Because of this, the kitchen slaves not only had to cook dinner, but all three meals for as long as the guests remained.

"It was simply amazing."

"For instance, you always see the big fire in the kitchen. They actually did not use that to cook anything but roasted meat," she explained. "The way they cooked was by taking the coals from the fire and spreading them out across the brick floor. Then, a pan that sits on short legs, was placed over the coals in order to prepare other food items."

Wearing the traditional slave garments, her job in the kitchen was to peel, cut, flour and fry cucumbers in the pan of lard over the coals.

"The hardest part was to keep the heat regulated by removing the cooled coals and replacing them with hot ones. The trick to this was to make sure the pan was hot enough so that the cucumbers



Photo by Melissa DePew

Mendy Bergin

would not get too cold and absorb the grease, but also making sure that it was not so hot that grease would splatter everywhere," explained Bergin. There were only six slaves in the kitchen, each having her own dish to worry about.

"This was my favorite part of the trip although it was a tremendous challenge," Bergin said. "After about 20 minutes I was soaked through with sweat, miserable and wanted to be finished."

"It's hard to imagine that slaves did that every day, all day long."

Bergin said this would have been considered a good slave position compared to the labor alternatives such as the jobs of field hands who cut tobacco in the broiling sun from dawn to dusk.

Bergin did attempt that job for a short while.

Bergin has been studying slave history for 20 years after being inspired by an autobiography by Frederick Douglass she read in the sixth grade called "Frederick Fights for Freedom."

Slavery is her special area of interest. It was the subject of her master's thesis at the University of Oklahoma, and she plans to write her dissertation on the same subject.

She currently teaches U.S. History to the Civil War, U.S. History from the Civil War, plus a special section of African American his-



Photo courtesy of Mendy Bergin

Professor Melinda Bergin works in a tobacco fields as part of a seminar that allowed her to experience the life of a slave first-hand.

Bergin teaches several history classes at OKCCC.

tory. Bergin has been teaching full-time at OKCCC for two years. Before that, she worked nine years as an adjunct professor.

For more information about the Stratford Hall Plantation, visit their website at www.stratfordhall.org

Oct. 20 marks the next financial aid disbursement

By Kim Ferrell
Newswriting 1 Student

The second financial aid disbursement of this semester will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 20, in the Student Store.

At the first disbursement Sept. 22, students who went to pick up their check found a short wait.

"It was off and on all day, with 20 minutes the longest wait time," said Janelle Ramirez, secretary at the Student Store.

The disbursement check is the amount of money left

after all tuition and bookstore charges are taken from the total grant money awarded. Students who receive notification of their Pell Grant award in time are allowed to charge supplies at the Student Store the week before classes begin.

Tammy Warner, financial aid information clerk, said most financial aid students are eager to pick up their money, but a few never pick up the check at all.

Usually the uncollected checks are small, she said, but a few are \$500 or more.



Any uncollected checks are returned to the government after 30 days.

The disbursement date is set by the date the final application is turned in.

The earliest applicants picked up their money in the first disbursement.

Those who turned in applications later will receive their financial aid awards further into the semester.

Disbursement dates are also scheduled for Nov. 17, Dec. 15, and for the very late applicants, Jan. 12.

Racing champs to visit campus

Five-time NHRA Pro Stock racing champion Warren Johnson and his son Kurt Johnson, 1993 NHRA "Rookie of the Year," will be at OKCCC on Monday, Oct. 23, as part of the college's AC Delco Career Day. The event is free and open to the public.

Both racers will be signing autographs and visiting with students at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in a tent located next to Parking Lot H on the southeast corner of the campus. Students will also get an up-close look at Warren Johnson's black and white Silver Anniversary GM Goodwrench Service Plus Pontiac Firebird. The college will also be providing tours of their automotive facilities.

Warren Johnson, 57, boasts 80 career wins, the most victorious among active Pro Stock drivers and third best all-time. He also has 47 career runner-up finishes during his 25-years on the pro racing circuit. The Buford, Ga., resident has won the last two NHRA Pro Stock Championships and has been tabbed the "Pro Stock Driver of the Year" six times by Car Craft, All-Star Racing Team. He is also the first Pro Stock driver to break the 180-, 190- and 200-mph barriers setting

the Pro Stock speed record at 202.36 mph in October 1999. He is currently fourth in the 2000 Winston Series point standing.

Now in his eighth season on the NHRA circuit, Kurt Johnson has emerged as one of the most formidable Pro Stock drivers in the country, winning four of the last eight races this season. He currently ranks second in the latest Winston Series point standings. The 37-year-old from Lawrenceville, Ga., is a two-time Pro Stock Challenge winner and U.S. Nationals cham-

pion. He became the third member of the Speed-Pro 200 mph Club after driving his AC Delco Pro Stock Chevrolet Camaro Z28 over 200 mph in March 1998. He was also the first Pro Stock driver to record a six-second elapsed time in NHRA history, a feat he accomplished on May 20, 1994 in Englishtown, N.J.

OKCCC and AC Delco recently entered into a first-of-its-kind partnership that provides specialized education for students training to become automotive technicians.

Penalties determine soccer game outcome

By Mark Stack
Newswriting I Student

The cold front was no match for the offensive explosion that erupted between the OKCCC and Rose State soccer teams Saturday afternoon.

OKCCC may have lost the game 5-4, but a morale victory was gained after the team played its best game of the season in Stillwater.

Head coach Terry Kilpatrick said the team played very well.

"It was a great game, I truly enjoyed it," he said. "We should have won. We were in a position to win, but things happen."

A handball by Rose State gave OKCCC its first penalty kick of the afternoon. Vu Tran launched it for the team's first goal.

"Whenever there is a penalty kick, Vu never misses," said Kilpatrick. "He is awesome. He can kick the ball to where the goalie is never able to reach the ball."

Adam Childers scored the next two goals to tie the score at 3 all.

Then, Yassir Jannah with his injured ankle, scored on a one-on-one breakaway.

This goal put OKCCC up 4-3, and would eventually be their last goal of the game.

Kilpatrick said, after a phantom foul, Rose State received a penalty kick that resulted in the tying goal for Rose.

"I couldn't believe it. Their player took a dive and the ref bought it," said Kilpatrick of the questionable call.

Rose State then scored the go-ahead goal and never looked back. This was the revenge Rose State was looking for after losing to OKCCC in the preseason.

"It's one of those games where you lose, but walk off the field feeling good, and proud of how you played," said Kilpatrick after the loss.

OKCCC's record stands at 1-3 in conference. They will play University of Oklahoma on Oct. 14, and will finish off the season a week later against Oklahoma University International on Oct. 21.



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United Way volunteers ready for week of fun

Pig smooching, putting around and trivia questions await those who join the activities

**By Vu Vu
Staff Writer**

Last year, OKCCC's United Way campaign raised \$19,176. This year, organizers hope to raise more than \$20,000 during the campaign Oct. 16 through 27.

Five faculty members have volunteered to kiss a real living and breathing pig for the United Way.

Authorized campus club members wearing special "Sooiee! Who will it be? Cast your votes with me" buttons will sell students the opportunity to choose which professor will kiss the pig.

Volunteers are professors Dana Glencross, Ryan Hebert, Jenean Jones, Thomas Jones and Steve Kamm. Each vote costs \$1.

Students can also buy tickets from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 during the

United Way Agency Fair.

The fund-raising kicks off Oct. 16 with an OKCCC employees-only e-mail trivia contest. Questions will be e-mailed between 8 and 8:30 a.m. The first person(s) who replies correctly wins the prize.

There will be a miniature golf tournament Oct. 23

through 25 in different departments. Students are welcome to play with department permission.

On Thursday, Nov. 2, the winner of the pig elections will kiss the pig, and the campaign will end with

a wrap-up party.

Fund-raising isn't the main issue for the 2000 campaign, however. Promoting awareness among the student population is, said coordinator Melanee Hamilton.

The Metro OKC United Way gives the money they raise to 63 different agen-

cies in Oklahoma such as the American Heart and Lung Associations, and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of OKC.

Hamilton said the money is divided on a need base. Last year, the American Red Cross received the most money from the United Way's Oklahoma City allocation.

Recently, the American Red Cross received \$500,000 for the September fires that ravaged Okla-

homa.

United Way volunteers are welcome. Volunteers can work with the United Way's agencies.

Contact Hamilton at 682-7538 or via e-mail at mhamilton@okc.cc.ok.us or Holly Henson, United Way campaign associate, at 236-8441 ext. 248 or hhenson@unitedwayokc.org

Visit the United Way website located at www.unitedwayokc.org for more information.



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Irish dance company to perform spirited show

**By Melissa DePew
Staff Writer**

Get ready for the breathtaking world wide attraction of "Spirit of the Dance-The New Millennium."

Originating from Ireland, Spirit of the Dance will appear in Oklahoma Oct. 17 through 22 at the Rose State Performing Arts Theater at Rose State College.

The production, composed by David King and performed by the dynamic Irish International Dance Company, combines an array of creative Irish dance and award winning music with a search for true love.

Spirit of the Dance displays the art of Flamenco, Classical Ballet, Red Hot Salsa and Jazz, while guiding their audience through a thousand years of Irish tradition and a passionate storyline.

According to Celebrity Attractions, Spirit of the Dance is one of the most successful shows to ever come out of Ireland.

The show has produced record-breaking ticket sales worldwide with the announcement of their appearance. Their success only continues to escalate.

You can purchase your tickets by calling toll free (800) 869-1451 or (800) 364-7111. You may also purchase them at the Rose State Performing Arts Theater Box Office located off Interstate 40 and Hudiburg Drive.

Highlights

Free school

Spring Tuition Fee Waiver applications are available in the Student Financial Aid Center. Nov. 17 will be the last day to submit applications to the Student Financial Aid Center. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. on Nov. 17. Tuition Fee Waiver awards will be posted in the Student Financial Aid Center on Dec. 11.

Who will pucker up for the pig?

The OKCCC United Way campaign will be held Oct. 16 through 27 to raise student awareness and funds. You can vote for one of five faculty members (Dana Glencross, Ryan Herbert, Jenean Jones, Thomas Jones and Steve Kamm) to Kiss The Pig for \$1 per vote. Votes can be purchased from any club member wearing a "Sooiee" button, the Office of Prospective Student Services or the Office of Student Life. For more information, contact Melanee Hamilton at 682-7538.

The United Way Agency Fair is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 in the main building.

How would you like to...

The Health Professions Club and the Student Nursing Association are sponsoring the MASH unit at the Halloween Bash on Oct. 27. If anyone would like to volunteer to help staff the booth, the sign-up sheet will be on the Health Professions board located opposite the Science Center. If anyone has gauze or white sheets they can donate for this occasion, it will be greatly appreciated.

Phi Theta Kappa is looking for you

There will be a new member informational meeting at 12:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Oct. 17 for new members and those interested in being a part of Phi Theta Kappa who have maintained at least a 3.75 GPA and have completed 12 credit hours.

Phi Theta Kappa is participating in a program called Military Mail. Anyone can bring letters and artwork to Dana Glencross's office in the Health Technology Center. Put the mail in the box on the front of her door. The mail will be sent to various bases, units and hospitals around the world to encourage our troops who will be so far from home this Christmas.

You better be there

The Future Teachers Organization is having a meeting on Oct. 18 at noon in room 2N5. Meetings are mandatory for Program for Academic Achievement scholarship recipients.

Attention all veterans

Enroll early for the Spring 2001 semester to avoid the break in pay. If you have had a change in address, please notify the Veteran's Certification office. Dennis Jackson will be on campus Oct. 17, 18 and 19 in room CU6.

Night Time Gym Party

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship is having a Night Time Gym Party at 7 p.m. on Oct. 21 at Capitol Hill Assembly of God Church. There will be fun, food and fellowship.

Time to meet and eat

All American Indian students and any who are interested in American Indian culture are invited to attend the second meeting of NACAO. The meeting will be held from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. in room 1B2 of the main building on Oct. 1. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Gary Houlette at 682-1611 ext. 7272 or Nikki Factor at 691-3174 for more information.



Swimming for the gold:

Scholar League members splished and splashed Sept. 29 in the Aquatic Center. Sponsor Melanee Hamilton (standing) handed medals to relay winners. Members enjoyed pizza and refreshments throughout the night. Academic scholarship recipients are invited to join the club.

Photo by Melissa DePew

College politicians wanted

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

OKCCC students aspiring to rule the state of Oklahoma can live out their fantasies and quite possibly jump start their political careers by joining the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature.

OIL is a mock state government organization comprised of students from 20 Oklahoma colleges.

"In OIL, we are able to simulate every action of state government," said Jacob Rowe, student.

About 300 members from schools like Langston University, Oral Roberts University, the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and the University of Tulsa participate in OIL's sessions.

Sessions occur at the state capitol and OIL participants have full use of the facilities, Rowe said.

Debates are held in the

Senate chambers.

Students debate student-written legislation, parliamentary style.

"You're meeting people from different schools—networking," said Jeremy Hendricks, OKCCC student and OIL speaker of the house.

"If I ever get in trouble, I know 20 lawyers I've met through OIL who'll help me for free."

He also said students could find jobs through the people they meet.

Students can write any kind of bill or propose any kind of resolution in the OIL Senate, he said.

Rowe said OIL's Supreme Court tries test cases written by members and has a moot (hypothetical) court competition.

OIL's executive branch handles recruitment and finance.

All schools have six allotted senators. Each has one delegate for every 1000 students. OKCCC can send about 36 delegates.

Delegates are selected after an interview if too many people apply.

Many state and national politicians participated in OIL, including current Oklahoma Speaker of the House Loyd Benson.

OIL began in 1969 under Gov. George Nigh.

There are two sessions each year.

The Silver Haired Legislature is the only other group that shares OIL's privileges.

Currently, OIL is trying to start a delegation at OKCCC, with Dr. Jerry Steward as sponsor.

Anyone interested in attending OIL's fall session Nov. 7-12, can contact Hendricks at 250-0744 or jhendri356@hotmail.com or Rowe at 787-8108 or vociferous_me@hotmail.com.

There is a \$25 delegation fee, but when OIL becomes an OKCCC organization, that fee should decrease, Hendricks said. The next OIL meeting is Oct. 18 in CU1.

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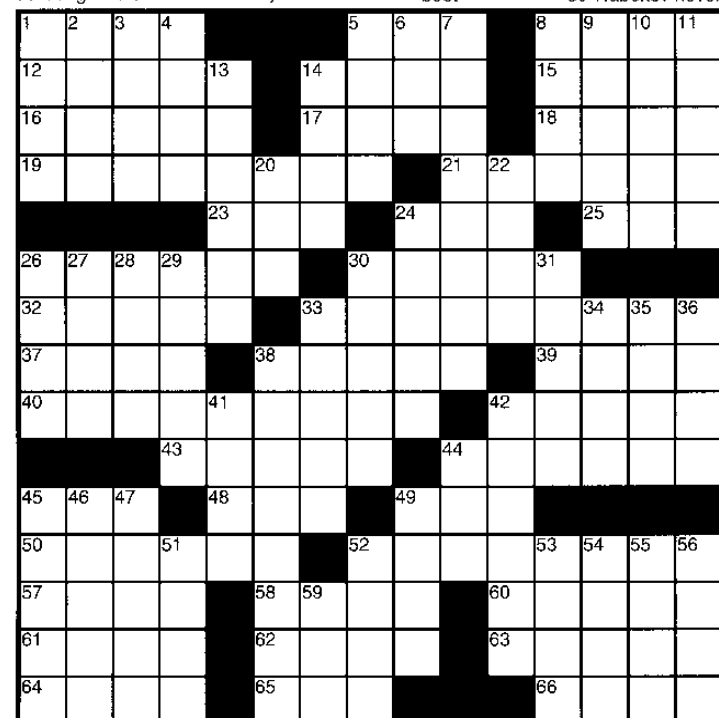
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Minimum wage increase seen as harmful to some

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The consequences are secondary concerns.

Ruth Boone, director of human resources, said the possible minimum wage increase would not have a significant impact on the college.

"We don't have very many positions paying minimum wage or close to minimum wage," she said.

Boone said summer lifeguards and similar jobs make more than minimum wage. Beginning workstudy positions make \$5.75 per hour and returning workstudy students make \$6 per hour, she said.

If a minimum pay raise is approved, as it is currently outlined, the raise will occur over two fiscal years, she said.

This would allow the college to adjust slowly and therefore minimize the impact on the college's budget.

Usually the college's pay

rates go up with an increase in the cost of living anyway, Boone said.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation March 9 that would increase the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.15 per hour over two years, according to the Coalition of Human Needs Status Report.

The bill passed by the House indicates the first raise for Jan. 1, 2001 and the second for Jan. 1, 2002.

On April 7 the Senate adopted a non-binding resolution supporting a \$1 increase in the minimum wage over two years.

To date, no legislation raising the minimum wage has gone to the President for his signature.

Hassan Ahmed of the Oklahoma Labor Department said a possible minimum wage increase certainly would affect Oklahoma businesses.

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