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Family Fun Nite provides great joy for all ages

By **Melissa DePew**
Staff Writer

Fun, food, and family bring festivity to the OKCCC Aquatics Center during Friday Family Fun Nite, held once a month.

Games constitute the bulk of the fun. Past family nights have included coconut bowling, hula-hoop contests, bobbing for apples, and wacky races. Swimming is always an option.

The family night, hosted by Recreation and Community Services, is designed to promote family activity, said coordinator Roxanna Butler.

"It's a family event where families can come in for under \$10."

The cost is only \$3 per person. For a family of four or five the cost is \$10 per family. Families larger than this may participate for \$2 per person.

Lifeguard Kendra Park said Family Fun Nite has had a large response over the past



Photos by **Melissa DePew**

Top: The Holt family — Blain, Tammi, Mickey, and Blair enjoy a picnic at Friday Family Fun Nite Oct. 6. Recreation and Community Services offers Family Nite once a month.

Bottom: Keith Parker, 8, delights in bobbing for apples at Family Fun Nite. "Games are the best part," he said.

Teacher of the year makes professor father very proud

Peter Córdova sings daughter Talita DeNegri's praises

By **Melissa DePew**
Staff Writer

Professor Pedro (Peter) Córdova shouted with joy, as his daughter, former OKCCC student Talita DeNegri, took the stand after she was named Oklahoma Teacher of the Year on the morning of Sept. 26 at the State Fair.

DeNegri's first reaction was one of total shock.

"There was a wonderful lineup of nominees," said DeNegri. "They all had so much to offer."

Although DeNegri was unsure of her chances at actually winning, her daughters, age 10 and 13, knew right from the start. Even as the winner's name was about to be called, the girls were already cheering for their mom.

After making her speech, the first phone call DeNegri made was to her students at Northeast Academy in Oklahoma City.

"The students were ecstatic. Their exhilaration and excitement was fantastic," she said.

DeNegri is the first teacher from Oklahoma City Public Schools to win since 1967.

She teaches English to grade 10 and Advanced Placement (AP) Language Arts to grade 11.

By adding AP concepts into other courses, DeNegri seeks to challenge her students and create "more meaningful elements in English."

In addition to this style,

DeNegri makes it a point to hold her students accountable.

"They are the ones responsible for their actions," DeNegri said. "The students must learn to apply honesty and straightforwardness to their lives."

She attributes much of her teaching tactics to her father, adjunct professor of Spanish at OKCCC since 1972.

DeNegri takes note of the respect that her father generates from his students.

"I have learned from his warm rapport and unfearful affection," said DeNegri. "He never hesitates and often greets students with hugs."

DeNegri is not the only one to recognize Córdova's teaching abilities.

When Córdova retired from Mount St. Mary's High School in 1999, where he had served as Key Club sponsor for 37 years and assistant principal for 14 years, the alumni rewarded his dedication with a new Toyota Tacoma pickup.

"One of the most rewarding experiences is helping young people," said Córdova.

"It is important to develop trust between teacher and student. I could relate well because of trust.

"I learned I must also trust myself," Córdova said.

Along with trust, DeNegri says her father taught her deep respect for education and the importance of

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Blunder affects choosing leader

The role mass media plays in determining the next president of the United States is stronger than ever.

Candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore trade control of the lead with every televised poll, interview and public speech.

The race is so tight that experts can't agree on which candidate will win, but do agree that whoever makes the first mistake will certainly lose.

The media watch for every blunder and scrutinize every word spoken.

In the morning papers and the evening news, critiques and reviews of each performer's performance are given daily.

On comedy shows, Bush and Gore's farces are brought to life to millions of potential voters.

Some of the viewing public devour what they see and make their opinions heard in the various polls put out by popular news stations, magazines and newspapers.

Those opinions affect viewers, and viewers pass their opinions to others, influencing votes.

Both candidates have been characterized as bumbling buffoons because of their mistakes.

Journalists poke fun at George W. Bush's ability to mispronounce names and Al Gore's ability to embellish facts.

Jokes were made about Bush's smirk and Gore's hair and make-up. In the second, mellower debate, jokes were made about both candidates' bipartisanship.

These mockeries are what people remember most and history may label the 2000 election as an embarrassment.

Despite this being such a close election, some expect that less than half of the population will choose to vote. We are what we watch and listen.

This election has been deemed a mockery because of the media's tendency to focus on why Bush and Gore shouldn't be president.

In the media's attempt to provide equal coverage of both candidates for president of the United States of America, we see the quality, role and prominence of the presidency have fallen.

But that's the job of the media—the people's watchdog. Folks in Idaho, Nebraska, Ohio or South Carolina can't keep an eye on Capital Hill 24 hours a day.

For many young voters, the 2000 election will be their first shot of changing society.

On Nov. 7, Pat Buchanan of the Reform Party, George W. Bush of the Republican Party, Harry Browne of the Libertarian Party and Al Gore of the Democratic Party are Oklahoman's choices. Yet all voters see are the blunders.

Maybe that's what our next president will bring to our country. Blunder.

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Sooiee, who will it be?

To the Editor:

Monday, Oct. 16 kicked off the annual United Way Campaign.

United Way supports 63 non-profit agencies in our community. The campaign at OKCCC is a way to raise awareness and funds for all agencies that provide services for children, the elderly, the disabled and more.

These agencies—ranging from our local Red Cross chapter to the CONTACT Crisis Helpline and the Urban League—touch lives in our area everyday. From disasters like the May 3 tornadoes to everyday problems like a single mother trying to find assistance for her disabled son, United Way agencies are there to provide assistance.

A few weeks ago, the United Way made a half million dollar emergency fund available to victims of the recent wild fires. If each of us looked around in our everyday lives, we could

certainly find someone who has benefited from a United Way agency.

You can help by supporting our Faculty Kiss the Pig election. Five brave faculty members have volunteered to smooch a swine for United Way.

Look for participating Campus Club and Organization members wearing special "Sooiee" pins during the campaign, Oct. 16 through 27, and buy a vote for one dollar. A dollar buys a vote for any one of the following faculty members:

- Dana Glencross, professor of political science
- Ryan Hebert, professor of music
- Jenean Jones, professor of administrative office technology
- Thomas Jones, professor of psychology
- Steve Kamm, professor of physics

The Offices of Prospective Student Services and Student Life will also be

selling votes during the campaign. The winning faculty member will pucker up and plant a big wet one on the United Way pig at the Wrap Party on Thursday, Nov. 2. So gear up for a little fun for a great cause.

—Melanee Hamilton
Campus United Way
Coordinator

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Comments and Reviews

Abstaining may lead to change

No write-in policy leaves some left out

To the Editor:

If you are one of the tens of thousands of Oklahomans who has expressed interest in being able to vote for consumer crusader Ralph Nader for President and Native American activist Winona LaDuke for Vice President, the bad news is that you can't vote for them in this election because of Oklahoma's strict requirements against third-party candidates.

You can't even write in such a vote because the state of Oklahoma doesn't allow write-ins.

However, there is one thing you can do to support these candidates who remain clean of corporate money and who remain dedicated to empowering all

the people, not just the candidates on top or in control.

You can abstain in your vote for President. Why?

George Bush will win Oklahoma, but if Nader and LaDuke get five percent nationally, the Green Party will get \$15 million next time around to help spread its message of environmental wisdom, racial and social justice for all, and real grassroots democracy.

By abstaining in your vote for President this election and by voting your choice on all the other ballot items, you won't be spoiling your ballot, but you just might help change history

It's their ball this time, but maybe all of us can play next time.

—Dave Charlson

by 2004 by upping Nader and LaDuke's cut ever so slightly.

Nader had a ticket just to be in the audience at the first debate between George Bush and Al Gore, but they wouldn't even allow him in the building.

It's their ball this time, but maybe all of us can play next time.

—Dave Charlson
Faculty Sponsor
Campus Greens

Fine arts at its best in Absolute

OKCCC printed 150 copies of the 2000 edition of Absolute, a compilation of fine arts from OKCCC staff and students.

Each book costs just \$5. That's about \$750, about \$600 less than the cost of printing.

Those figures prove OKCCC's devotion to fine arts.

Like all areas of fine art, Absolute caters to a wide range of tastes. It offers a little bit of everything.

Each story has its own style and is beautiful.

"Nobody Said Goodbye" by Patricia Legion is a saddening story about a mother and a daughter. The mother resorts to drinking whiskey after her husband leaves the family. That's when sadness takes hold. Surprisingly, the ending is happy.

There's "The Ring" by

Eric Johnson. It's about a found ring in an OKCCC bathroom. The story behind the ring is a good one, involving a World War II love story.

He ends his story with a touch of irony and I yearned for more.

It was hard to believe these stories are fiction. They are told with such great details of realism.

With all great works, I am taken into their world. In Absolute, the same can be said.

Most of the works were literature—short stories and poems.

The poems flowed like the Amazon. Some were smooth and lovely, while others crashed and battered.

There were photographs and one sketching.

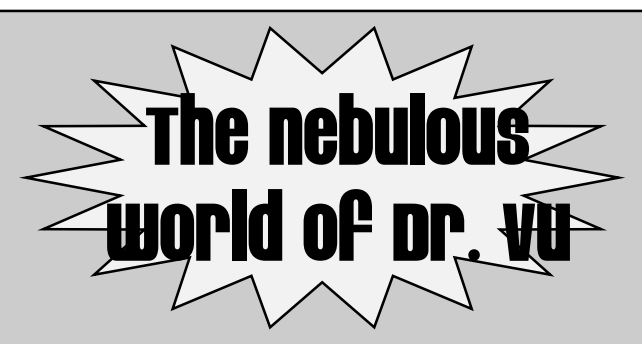
Portions of Absolute is available online at the OKCCC website through the Arts and Humanities Department. Absolute 2000 is also available in the bookstore.

Absolute 2000 is dedicated to English Professor Dr. Eugene Bragdon, who died of cancer last year.

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer



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Energy drink works, but tastes yucky

Beverages made in Austria taste funny. Maybe it's the water.

I was enjoying our humble campus's beautiful landscapes when, all of a sudden, two young ladies each wearing the same shirt confronted me.

"Would you like to try Red Bull Energy Drink?" they asked.

"Okay," Dr. Vu Vu answered.

(NOTE: I drank the entire can before writing this column)

One of the young ladies told me she drank the stuff in the morning before class.

And judging from the perkiness of the young lady wearing a black "Red Bull" T-shirt, she does drink the product.

They told me Red Bull has been on the Oklahoma market for two months, in the United States for three years, and in Europe for quite a while.

The can mentions that it "stimulates your metabolism and helps eliminate waste substances from the body."

Dude, does that mean it's a laxative drink and an energy drink?

Boy, that was fast.

It's also not recommended for children and people sensitive to caffeine.

The two young ladies also told me that I shouldn't drink it if I was thirsty, but only to drink it if I needed energy.

Red Bull tasted kinda like red bull "stuff," yet I knew I had to drink the whole can in order to judge it. I asked the two young ladies how much they were compensated for walking around the campus on a beautiful morning and giving away free beverages made in Austria with European water.

They politely declined to answer.

Ya know, this drink is starting to make me feel funny. I feel like I am energized even though I'm really tired.

I want lack of energy. I want to feel tired. My body is telling me I need rest. My body is telling me it needs eggrolls and apple juice as fuel, not Austrian water that smells and tastes funny.

Society may tell me to give 110 percent, but I'm happy with my 65.6 percent. And I think I'll live longer because of that.

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Comments and Reviews

Everyone's entitled to belief, including Boy Scouts

Traditional family views acceptable for organization

To the Editor:

"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and to my country and obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight." This oath has been taken by more than six million youths and adults now active in the Boy Scouts of America.

In a letter to the editor two weeks ago, a co-sponsor of the Gay Alliance and Friends Club stated that she would not be participating in a fund-raiser for the United Way because of our local chapter's support of the BSA. No big deal; we all have the right to support any organization we choose.

However, I was disturbed at Ms. McDonald's portrayal of the BSA as an intolerant, bigoted group on par with the Ku Klux Klan. For those of you unacquainted with the Boy Scouts, I'd like to set the record straight.

As it is stated in the Scout Oath, the Boy Scouts of America are dedicated to serving their God, their country and their community to the

best of their ability. For 90 years, this private organization's goal and purpose has been to instill such moral values as honesty, hard-work, and loyalty in young American boys and girls (yes, there is a Girl Scouts too).

As part of the scouting program, youth are encouraged to participate in many camping and other outdoor activities which include conservation and forestry. Aiding in community services is also a major part of the BSA program. In addition, the BSA also provides for the vocational training of its members in numerous areas, preparing America's young people to be productive, working members of society.

As for the BSA's stand against homosexuals and atheists in their ranks, that is their Constitutional right as a private organization, as stated clearly in the First Amendment. For nearly a century, the BSA has remained steadfast in its support of traditional family values. As Gregg Shields, a Scout spokesman has said, "We feel that an avowed homosexual isn't a role model for those values."

Although the BSA has no political or religious affiliations, it does require of its members a belief in God and insists on maintaining high standards among its members and especially its leaders.

Regardless of one's age, race, gender or religion, any person who upholds character and virtue as outlined in the Scout Law is welcome to join the nation in this scouting movement.

I applaud the Boy Scouts of America for the work they have done, and continue to do, in building strong character and moral values in the young people of our nation and for refusing to cower at the attacks of other groups.

I also congratulate our local United Way chapter for its continued support of this worthy organization.

For more information, visit www.family.org. As long as we don't allow this organization's principles to be infringed upon, a "Scout's honor" will always be worthy honoring.

—**Alicia Kopisch**
English Education major

Don't punish those in need because of belief

To the Editor:

Lyn McDonald is more than welcome to her opinion about the Boy Scouts. That is the whole point.

The Boy Scouts have that same right, the right to choose what they want to do. McDonald calls it exclusion and intolerance, and yet she does the same thing in her letter.

The United Way can be hurt by fewer donations, but families and the kids are the ones that get hurt the most and miss out on opportunities.

I know that everyone can't agree on what the Boy Scouts do; however, that is no reason to punish the needy people who benefit from the United Way.

The message here is

let's punish the United Way so they will drop funding from the BSA. This is in hope that the BSA will change its position on gay leaders in the BSA program.

What if they don't change and the program goes on, all the families and kids are still being punished for others political beliefs?

McDonald goes on to use the word bigotry in her letter right after she states her own bigotry for the BSA.

Like the old saying goes, don't throw rocks if you live in a glass house.

Lets not punish families and kids who don't know about this issue or care. They just want the help they need and deserve.

—**Colby Wardwell**

Bluegrass bands didn't leave town blue

Picking and grinning were high on the list of activities featured at the 2000 Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival in Guthrie.

Mandolins twanged, fiddles whined, and banjos plinked for three full days as some of the best bluegrass bands in the country and even the world played multiple engagements.

Headliner Willie Nelson is a man who really enjoys his work, and wants his fans to enjoy themselves, also. He serenaded the mostly gray-haired audiences with his own classics such as "On the Road Again," "Whiskey River," "Pancho and Lefty," and "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Cowboys."

He is responsible for so many songs that it's hard for him to fit them all into a concert. He tried though, even playing his song that Patsy Cline made popular "Crazy." He even found time to do Bob Wills' "Stay All Night," and the gospel "Uncloudy Day."

"That's him," said my gray-haired neighbor. Apparently, she wasn't alone

in the audience as someone who was here just to know that they had seen the blue eyed stranger before their time on earth was up.

Of course, the Red Dirt Rangers played.

"We love it when people make requests. We especially love it when they request our songs," said Bob Wiles of the Rangers, as the band started in on the crowd-pleasing "Last Dollar Road."

Though not actually a bluegrass band, the festival wouldn't have been complete without this born and bred Okie band. The fine acoustics of the Playhouse complimented Ranger originals such as "Cimmaron Valley," "Black Gold" and "Fresh Cut Hay." Banjo picker Bill Keith accompanied the Rangers.

In 10 years, the Red Dirt Rangers have developed a dedicated following among all walks of Okies, from the alternative-country bar crowd to wholesome family

"...a man who really enjoys his work, and wants his fans to enjoy themselves..."

—**Lance Meek**

gatherings populated by fans of traditional country and western swing.

The Nashville Bluegrass Band, the most awarded bluegrass band working today, gave the festival national legitimacy. Taking it a step further to International was the Japanese Bluegrass Band, and the Kruger Brothers from Switzerland.

Byron Berline not only coordinated the festival, his band also picked up the strings to add to the entertainment roster. Berline is a three-time national fiddle champion with a long list of recording credits with world famous musicians such as the Eagles, Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson.

Berline and all of his helpers with this year's festival did a wonderful job.

—**Lance Meek**
Contributing writer

Computer science prof brings experience to classroom

Former Fortune 500 exec says he teaches 'more than a subject' to students

By Robbi Patzkowsky
Newswriting I Student

Bringing with him years of real world experience, Professor Tim Green is passing his knowledge on to OKCCC computer science students.

Green, 37, has had 10 years of industry experience, including working for a Fortune 500 company, UPS one of the top 500 companies in the nation.

Green began his full-time position in August.

"I knew that OKCCC had good peers to work with and I believe in their commitment to education,"

Green said.

To his surprise, some of the people that interviewed Green for the job actually had taught him when he attended Rose State College. Therefore, he knew their dedication to students and respected their way of teaching.

Green has experience teaching people how to become computer technicians at the Data-Training Institute in Oklahoma City.

"I taught people how to work on hardware and install software," said Green.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Tim Green

Turning from industry to teaching is something Green said he felt he

needed to do. He really wants his students to have first-hand experience before going out into the workforce.

"I am doing more than just teaching a subject," Green said.

"I am also teaching a career to my students."

Green said he can relate to people from all walks of life.

He encourages his students to stay in contact with him.

"If a student is running late, all they have to do is call me and let me know," Green said.

Green understands that certain situations arise, but he expects his students to

be in class and go the extra mile so that they are successful.

Green's advice for students taking his classes is somewhat direct.

"If my students will study hard and attend class, they will learn something that they can take with them and use it in their careers," said Green.

Green is married with two children and lives only five miles from campus.

A graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, Green did not seek work out of state.

He said much of his family lives in this area and he feels as if a faculty job is the greatest position to have.

Love of teaching lands lawyer back in school

OKCCC's smiling faces and conferences appeal to Marty Ludlum

By Rachelle Carpenter
Newswriting I Student

Marvin "Marty" Ludlum, a former attorney, is now the new economics and business law professor at OKCCC.

Ludlum, an Oklahoma native, said he loves the "positive environment of the college and its emphasis on teaching."

He previously taught at the University of Phoenix, Rose State College, and Cameron University, before joining the OKCCC staff two semesters ago as adjunct professor of economics.

When asked why he left his law career for teaching, Ludlum said he wanted to go where his heart was, which led him back to the classroom.

Ludlum's first teaching job was at the University of Oklahoma as an adjunct debate teacher.

He said he likes OKCCC.

"Everywhere you look, there are always smiling faces." The college is always offering conferences and new ideas for the classroom, he said.

Ludlum said he recently came back from a conference in Eufaula where the ideas of global education were taught.

He is bringing this to his economics class by having his students not only use the Dow Jones stock index,

but also the Japanese Index and Financial Times of London as well. He is trying to go beyond just the textbook.

Prior to Ludlum, the business law course could only be found online or through a tele-course. Starting next semester, Ludlum will be teaching it in the classroom setting. Right now, he is trying to make sure it will transfer for those students who also attend colleges like the University of Oklahoma or the University of Central Oklahoma.

In his spare time Ludlum also writes and markets evidence books that are used by high school students nationwide for debate classes. When he began writing the books in 1992, he was a one-man show, doing it all by himself.

Now, he has writers, proofreaders, and copyists who work with him.

Ludlum said he understands how hard it can be for those who aren't just full-time students, but also have other things going on as well.

After receiving his law degree, Ludlum went back to college for his

masters in economics and masters in education. He took weekend classes to accomplish his goal.

"I actually had a cell phone in class with me waiting for my wife to have our first baby. The same thing happened with our second child as well."

Ludlum, husband and father of two, said he is committed to teaching. He makes a daily commute from Lawton to OKCCC in order to fulfill his classroom obligations.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Marvin 'Marty' Ludlum

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Spook on campus

Ghastly ghosts, green goblins and glutinous ghouls enter OKCCC's hallowed halls when it will throw its annual Halloween bash four days before the real All Hallow's Eve 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 27 in the general dining area.

Screams and shrills will emanate from Scholar League's haunted house.

African-American Student Association's cake-walk promises big treats for the grown-ups.

Pirates won't be disappointed with Student Occupational Therapy Association's treasure digging booth.

Little Godzillas and other movie stars will enjoy Drama Club's face painting booth.

The Health Professions Club will make mummies

out of mommies and scars on little Freddy Kruger at its MASH booth.

Computer-Aided Design Society will provide Wheel of Fortune.

Engineering Club's Pumpkin's Water Grave will excite die hard Halloweenists.

Future Teachers Organization will help entertain the kids with their button-making booth.

The Campus Activities Board will provide the candy, decorations and manpower.

"Tons of fun for everyone," said Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities and promotions.

Admission is \$3 for the first child and \$1 for each extra child in a family.

For more information, call 682-7532.

—By Vu Vu
Staff writer



Better safe than sorry

With Halloween just around the corner, hundreds of kids are waiting with anticipation for their night of fun.

Sergeant Scott Singer of the Moore Police Department said, in the midst of all the fun, parents should remember to keep a close eye on their children as they run door-to-door gathering goodies.

"It only takes a second for someone to take your child," Singer said. "When parents let their guard down, that is when their children are in danger."

"Halloween is a great time, it's a lot of fun, and there is a lot of tradition behind it."

"It gives everyone a chance to act and dress a little crazy. Don't let the spirit of the moment remove from your mind the danger of going out at night."

Parents are encouraged to remember these safety tips when taking their children trick-or-treating this

year.

•Always check your child's candy no matter where it came from.

•Never accept candy that isn't wrapped.

•Check for tampering: such as holes in the wrapper or a strong odor, like kitchen chemicals or gasoline.

•Any candy that can be pulled apart too easily needs to be checked for objects or poisoning.

•Make sure children have something on their clothing to make them visible to cars.

•Flashlights are very helpful. Glow-sticks are also very popular.

•Children should never go to a door alone. Always go in a group.

•Try to stay in an area you are familiar with.

•Parents should always be within reach of their children.

•Children should never try to go into a house. If the candy can't be passed from the door, move on.

Finding a scare not difficult in OKC

Parents looking for an alternative to sending their children door-to-door this Halloween can choose from a number of fun activities in the state.

•**The Oklahoma City Zoo** will be holding their annual "Haunt the Zoo."

"Haunt the Zoo" is scheduled each night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 26 to 31. Admission is \$5 for kids, and parents are free. The zoo is located at 2101 N.E. 50.

•**The Scary Prairie Hayrides** near Chandler at the Read Ranch provide a terrifying ride through their spooky barn, haunted woods and a spine-tingling ghost town.

The annual hayride will be held on Friday, Oct. 13, Saturday, Oct. 14, Thursday, Oct. 19, Saturday, Oct. 21, Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28. Rides begin at dark.

Admission to the ranch is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, children 2 and under are free. For more information call (405) 258-2999.

•**The Haunted Castle Enchanted Catacombs, Trail of Blood, Cine-maniacs, Haunted Hayride and Halloween Land** are located at 3400 Fern Mountain Road in Muskogee and are open from 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 13 and 14 (preview weekend), Oct. 20 through 22, and Oct. 26 through 31. Halloweenland with children's activities will open at 7 p.m. and end at

10 p.m. Call (918) 687-3625 or (800) 439-0658 for more information.

•**Bricktown Haunted Warehouse** will be open in Oklahoma City until Oct. 31. Call 236-4143 for times and prices.

•**Frontier City's** Fright Fest features Alice Cooper's Brutal Planet, a Looney Tunes Spooky Town, and other rides and festivities.

The park is located at Interstate 35 and N.E. 122. Call (405) 478-2412 for prices and times.

•The haunted, wooded horror trail "Agony" at **Arcadia Lake Scissortail Campground**, 9000 East 2nd in Arcadia, will take place from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, Monday, Oct. 23, Saturday, Oct. 28, Sunday, Oct. 29, and Monday, Oct. 30.

•**The Camp Fire Spook House and Haunted Forest** will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Oct. 23, 26, and 28 at Camp DaKaNi on Hefner Road between I-35 and Bryant.

There will be a hayride through the Haunted Forest, a walk down the Halloween Trail and trips through either the "Big" or the "Little" Spook House. The cost is \$4 per person.

•**The Oklahoma Historical Society** is hosting ghost stories at the Overholser Mansion on Oct. 28 and 29. Admission is \$5, and reservations are required.

•Ghost stories are also being told at 7, 8, and 9

p.m. Oct. 29 and 30 at the **Museum of Higher Education**, Oklahoma State University, in Stillwater.

•**Mall-O-Ween offers safe trick-or-treating at area malls. Participants are:**

—**Crossroads Mall**, 7000 S. Crossroads Blvd., Monday, 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 30. 631-4421.

—**Heritage Park Mall**, 6801 E. Reno Ave., Mid-west City, 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. 737-1472.

—**Quail Plaza**, 10904 N. May Ave., 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30. 751-1453.

—**Quail Springs Mall**, Memorial Road & May Ave., 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30. 755-6530.

—**Shawnee Mall**, 4901 N. Kickapoo St., Shawnee, 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. 275-7253.

—**Sooner Fashion Mall**, 3301 W. Main St., Norman, 5 to 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 30. 360-0360.

Call the local Chamber of Commerce to find out what night Halloween will be observed.

On the Internet, visit: <http://oklahomacity.about.com/cities/towns/southwestus/oklahomacity/library/weekly/aa101899-2.htm> for more information.

—**Brandi Peterman**
Newswriting I Student

•Only visit the houses with lights on.

Singer said the Moore area will be observing Halloween on Saturday night, Oct. 28 instead of Tuesday, Oct. 31.

"By doing the trick-or-treating on Saturday evening, parents are more able to be involved," Singer said. "Parental involvement is the key to safety."

The Oklahoma City area will be observing Trick or Treat night on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

—**Brandi Peterman**
Newswriting I Student

Why did the Skeleton cross the road?...

Who was the most famous French skeleton?

—*Napoleon bone-apart*

What do you call a little monster's parents?

—*Mummy and Deady*

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

—*He had no guts.*

What's it like to be kissed by a vampire?

—*It's a pain in the neck.*

What do you call a monster who poisons corn flakes?

—*A cereal killer.*

What did Dracula say after reading all these jokes?

—*They suck!*

—courtesy of www.halloween.com



Row, row, row your boat — even if it sinks

More than 250 middle-schoolers launch boats in Aquatics Center pool for Boat Race 2000



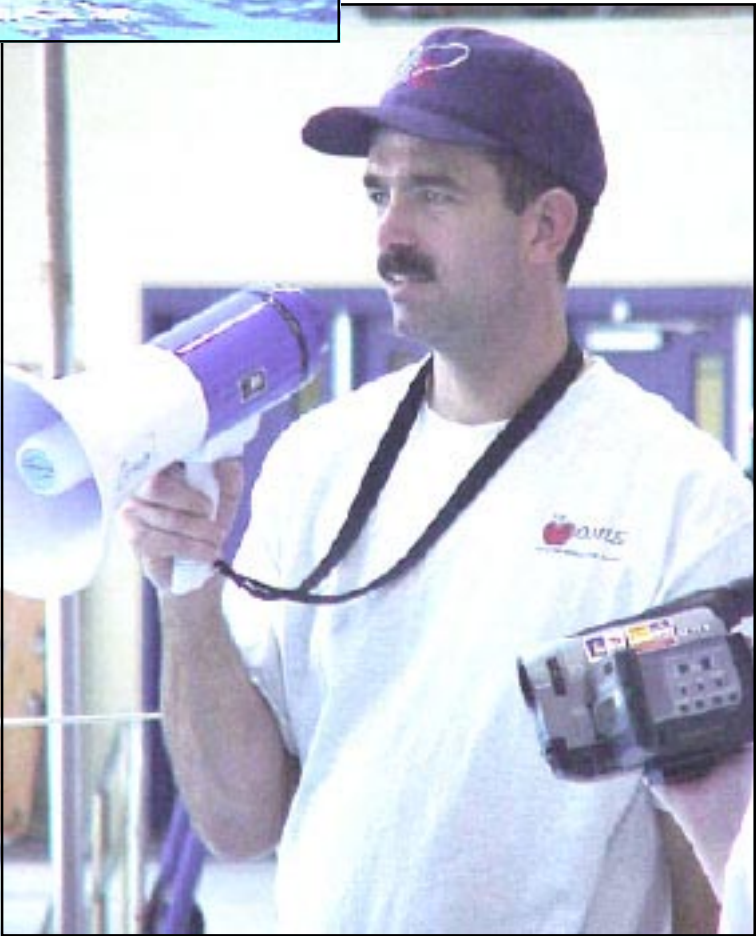
Left: Danielle Lanier looks for encouragement from teachers “on shore” as her cardboard boat sinks at the OKCCC aquatic center.
Lanier participated in Boat Race 2000 as part of a Mustang North Middle School Interdisciplinary Unit the entire seventh grade student body studied.



Above: Mustang North Middle School seventh grader Sydney Stewart concentrates on the start of the race.



Right: Classmates help a capsized boater from the water. The seventh grade students learned about teamwork as they competed in Boat Race 2000 at the OKCCC aquatic center. The boats were constructed from cardboard and duct tape.



Above: Jason Simeroth, Mustang North Middle School history teacher, calls off the teams for the next boat race. Simeroth, along with science teacher Renee Boatman, co-coordinated Boat Race 2000.
After studying a series of units involving boats, boat building, flags and flag-making, in reading, history, science and math, MNMS seventh graders built model boats. After testing those, the kids built life-size versions, picked teams, made flags for those teams and readied for the races.
About 260 kids participated in the event Oct. 16 at OKCCC’s aquatic center.

Hollywood producer has great plans for OKCCC

By Marissa Fajt
Newswriting I Student

OKCCC film and video production professor Fritz Kiersch said he intends to help Oklahoma build a film industry by teaching.

He previously lived in Los Angeles for 25 years where, he said, he worked in the film production industry.

Kiersch has directed such movies as "Children of the Corn" and "Tuff Turf."

Kiersch said OKCCC is his first full time teaching job, but he has also taught acting seminars and weekend classes.

Blaine Mayo, a student in Kiersch's classes said, "(he is) very knowledgeable, one of the best teachers in Oklahoma."

Drew Cashion, 20, a student at OKCCC said, "OKCCC is lucky to have Kiersch to learn from."

After Gray Frederickson, Academy Award winning producer, proposed the idea of building Oklahoma's film industry to Kiersch, Kiersch said he decided

to move to Oklahoma.

He said he came here to "build something bigger than a movie — an industry."

Frederickson and Kiersch have enlisted the help of a company in Los Angeles, Sunset Electrical, to subsidize the state grant with loaned lighting equipment.

Kiersch said Sunset Electrical loaned the equipment with the intent of renting equipment to Oklahoma productions once the business here calls for more equipment.

The film and video department currently has enough equipment to do commercials and expects to have more equipment by January so that a movie can be made Kiersch said.

This semester Kiersch is teaching two classes, one dealing with film equipment and the other looking into the business side of film

"OKCCC is lucky to have Kiersch to learn from."

—Drew Cashion
OKCCC Film Student

production.

Next semester he will be teaching more classes such as Lighting for the Cinema and Film and Business I and II.

English professor Clay Randolph will be teaching a course in American Cinema.

In January, Kiersch said he will be making a film using professional actors in the acting roles with the students from his equipment class in some of the technical areas. The film is entitled "Doubting Thomas."

Dustin Penrod, a student in Kiersch's classes, said many students at OKCCC are excited about Kiersch being here.

"He runs classes like a business, like how it is in the real world."

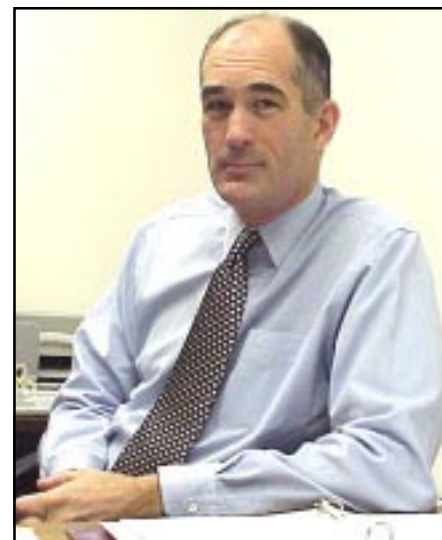


Photo by Melissa DePew
Fritz Kiersch

Penrod, 19, transferred from The University of Central Oklahoma to be in Kiersch's classes.

Penrod said he and a friend were making a film production entitled "The Chair" based on information he has learned from Kiersch.

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OK-GO! in the money



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Southwestern Bell President Jim Epperson, second from left, presents a \$25,000 check to Oklahoma City Community College Foundation President Karen Luke and college president Dr. Robert P. Todd. The money will be used to fund the college's OKC-GO! program. Oklahoma City mayor Kirk Humphreys, left, was also recognized for his support of the program.

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Computer system off to good start

**By Vu Vu
Staff Writer**

Updating OKCCC's campus wide computer system will pay off for students as well as college staff, said John Richardson, director of computer systems development.

In about two years, OKCCC students will be able to use the internet to pay for tuition, check grades and enroll or drop courses after working hours, said Richardson.

Students will be able to access transcripts and financial aid while prospective students may be able to apply online.

"This is probably the largest technology project that we'll have undertaken at this institution," Richardson said.

Datatel Inc., whose main headquarters are located in Fairfax, Va., is the company OKCCC chose to implement the new system, at a cost of \$2,304,478.

In September, OKCCC loaded Datatel's software Colleague in one of OKCCC's two \$500,000 64-bit Digital Alpha Servers databases.

"It does work," Richardson said of Datatel's software.

The new software will improve the Finance, Human Resources and Student Information computer systems.

Colleague will combine the Finance, Human Resource and Student Information databases into one single database so that student and college information will not have to be re-typed, he said.

The Finance system is expected to "go live," or active, sometime in the summer of 2001. Then the Human Resource system should be active early in 2002. In the summer of 2002, the Student Information system should "go live," Richardson said.

"Everybody on campus is going to be retrained," he said.

"Every department on campus will be impacted in one way or the other."

The effects of the new software will depend on the work each department takes on, he said.

The student portion of the software is the largest program, bigger than all of Colleague's other programs put together.

The system will store all of OKCCC's past, present and future student records.

"Students are our customers and we need to serve them properly," Richardson said.

The current system contains the records of 300,000 former and current OKCCC students.

Currently the Project Vision team, the name of the operation, are discussing ways of transferring data from the old system to the new database.

Some employees are scheduled for Colleague training right away.

There will also be a new employee website that will enhance intranet communication, he said.

Intranet is a computer network that can only be accessed from authorized school personnel.

Richardson said the college is installing a new system because the final price tag will be less than continually enhancing the current system, which has been at OKCCC since 1978.

Datatel will provide software enhancements a minimum of every six months.

The search for the software company began in August 1999 when OKCCC sent out bids for a software company after OKCCC ended its relationship with Buzzeo Inc., the company that was supposed to develop the college computer system by the year 2000.

Each new applicant to take on the job was researched and a year later in April, the OKCCC Board of Regents approved the recommendation of Datatel, Inc.

Welcome...



Photo by Melissa DePew

The new Capitol Hill Technology Center is the highlight of the Oct. 12 Board reception. Among those welcoming the new center are Oklahoma City Public School board member Harry Wilson (left), CEO of Oklahoma City school district Bill Wietzel and OKCCC president Dr. Bob Todd. "We're going to make Oklahoma City stand out on the map," said Wietzel. The new center is located inside Capitol Hill Elementary.

New addition to gym thanks to Pepsi grant

**By Amy Garrison
Newswriting I Student**

OKCCC's 20-year-old gymnasium will soon get its first scoreboard thanks to a \$4000 grant from Pepsi Cola in September 2000.

The college approached Pepsi for the sponsorship and it took about a year to finalize the negotiation and receive the money, said Chris Moler, Director of Recreation and Commu-

nity Services.

In exchange for the donation, the college has agreed to install two Pepsi machines in the aquatic center.

Moler said he would like to see the scoreboard up and running by Thanksgiving, but Christmas is more likely. The scoreboard will either be 4 by 8 feet or 6 by 10 feet depending on the bids received.

Because of Pepsi's donation, the scoreboard will be sporting the Pepsi logo.

This will be the first scoreboard the college has ever had. In the past, flip cards were used to keep score. The scoreboard will be used for volleyball, basketball, and wrestling.

The college hosts volleyball year round, and basketball from November through February.

Moler said that the college does not currently host wrestling, but would anticipate hosting wrestling tournaments once the gymnasium is remodeled.



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Performance to tell story and entertain

By Jessica Guzman
Newswriting I Student

The comedian and actress Ruby Nelda Perez will bring her characters to life in a one-woman performance Halloween night at 7 p.m. in the OKCCC Theater.

Perez is considered by many critics as one of the most talented Chicana theater artists nationally.

The San Diego Union Tribune wrote, "...Perez is so generous and skillful a performer, it would be good to see more of her."

Her career began at Texas A&M University in Kingsville, Texas where as a college student she toured Latin American Plays in the United States and Mexico. She helped found what is now Talento Bilingue in Houston. Perez also taught at Plaza de la in Los Angeles and later became a member of Los Actores de San Antonio with the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center.

In partnership with several Latino writers to include Denise Chavez, Mary Sue Galindo and Enedina Casarez-Vasquez, Perez staged and directed their poems and monologues soon making herself accessible to other groups and theatres.

1994 proved to be a success for Perez; in collaboration with playwright Rodrigo Duarte Clark "Dona Rosita's Jalapeno Kitchen" was born. The play was a hit with both audiences and critics. She performed at OKCCC last year.

Tuesday evening you will have the opportunity to experience Clark's and Perez's new characters in "Dona Rosita's Day of the Dead." As Dona Rosita prepares the traditional pan de los muertos (bread for the dead), for the Mexican celebration of Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) she converses with deceased relatives, friends and historical figures in seeking truth to a past yet to be resolved.

Mexican families in remembrance of their dead and the continuity of life celebrate Dia de los Muertos. The festival takes place over two days beginning on the eve of October 31. Traditional bread often shaped in the form of a skeleton is served; it is good luck to be the one who bites into the plastic toy skeleton hidden by the baker.

"This play is more spiritual and not as funny as the first one," says Perez, "but it doesn't bother me as long as I can tell a good story."

This play does contain mature themes audience discretion is advised.



Serapion Duo visits OKCCC



Photos by Vu Vu

Pianist Dr. Michael Staudt, music professor at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany, and celloist Dr. Tess Remy-Schumacher, UCO music professor from Cologne, Germany finish their third piece, Debussy: Sonata in D-minor, during their performance on campus Oct. 17. The duo won first place in the International Carlo-Zecchi competition in Rome in 1990.

Difficult game due to lack of players results in defeat

By Mark Stack
Newswriting I Student

Home field advantage is supposed to be exactly that, an advantage. This wasn't the case last Saturday, Oct. 14, as the OKCCC soccer team was drummed 5-2 by the University of Oklahoma at the north soccer field on campus.

It is hard enough to win with a full roster, but when half the team are either no-shows or sick from the flu, the chances of winning greatly decrease.

OU started off their scoring frenzy with Jack Carter getting their first goal on a free kick. Carter lofted the ball over the wall of OKCCC defenders and scored 22 minutes into the first half.

Oklahoma's second goal came from Jesse Bucelluni as he whizzed around a cluster of defenders in the 30th minute of the first half.

Another goal was scored by OU's Corey Wright, to make it 3-0.

"We had guys in the wrong spots because they weren't playing their normal positions," said coach Terry Kilpatrick. "It's hard to win without your usual guys out there on the field."

OKCCC finally got on track in the second half with several shots from flurried Adam Childers that narrowly missed.

Childers then finally put

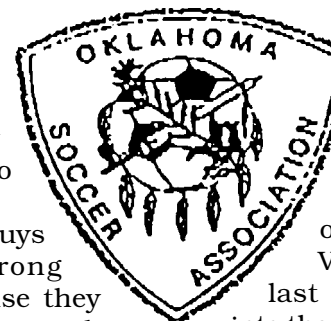
one in the net 12 minutes into the second half, making the score 3-1.

Oklahoma then lashed back with two goals of their own, with another goal coming from Bucelluni. That gave him his second goal of the game, coming within a goal of a hat trick.

Vu Tran added the last goal 28 minutes into the second half, making the final score 5-2.

"I hope to have all our guys for the last game," said Kilpatrick. "It would be nice for our team to finish up with a victory."

OKCCC is now at a record of 1-4. They will finish up the season against OU International Saturday, Oct. 21, at noon at OU.



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Physical therapy assistants meet strict standards

**By Mardi Saxon
Newswriting I Student**

Are you a people person? Can you be a good role model by maintaining a healthy body? Do you practice proper eating and exercising habits?

If the answers are yes, Peggy Newman, OKCCC physical therapy program director, may have a program to interest you.

Newman said Physical Therapist Assistants must possess these attributes to be successful.

PTAs are skilled health care providers, usually employed at hospitals, outpatient clinics, or nursing homes, she said.

The reason a PTA needs to be a healthy role model, Newman said, is they may need to carry patients or move things that the patient can not move.

A PTA works with a patient after he or she has had surgery or has been injured. They provide treatment, training and exercise activities to help the patient maintain regular routines in daily living.

Newman said the PTA will assign the patient certain exercises to strengthen the part of the body that has become weak after the injury. Physical Therapy Assistants work under the supervision of Physical Therapists, she said.

Physical Therapists decide what type of treatment the patient needs and report it to the PTA. The PTA will then design training sessions. The patient and PTA work together until the patient is strong enough to go back to his or her daily routine.

Newman, a licensed physical therapist with years of experience, said PTAs are required to have a 2.75 high school GPA, or



File photo

Peggy Newman

a GED with an average score of 53, or a college retention GPA of 2.50.

There are other requirements as well, she said.

A licensed physical therapist has to complete a two-year education program at a junior or community college. A physical therapist must receive a Master's Degree from a university before becoming a licensed PTA.

Newman said a PTA earns from \$23,000 to \$29,000 a year. However, money isn't the only factor that prompts students to enroll in the program.

Danny Crockett decided to major in physical therapy assistance after a family member was hurt.

"I got interested in physical therapy when my dad had a work-related injury and had a PTA work with him," Crockett said.

Whitney Sellars, vice president of the Student Physical Therapy Assistant Organization, said she became interested in physical therapy because she wanted to know more about the human body.

"I got interested when I was studying muscles and how much they affect the body."

For more information about the program, contact Peggy Newman at 682-1611, ext. 7305.

Cadaver lab students find anatomy classes difficult but rewarding

**By Philip Gibson
Newswriting I Student**

The Human Anatomy Laboratory at OKCCC is the only one of its kind located on a junior college campus in Oklahoma.

This fall semester marks only the second year the lab has been in operation. It provides students an opportunity to learn through the actual dissection of cadavers.

Individuals pursuing careers in a number of medical-related fields must take Human Anatomy.

Students wishing to go into nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy and an assortment of clinical professions take the course in order to understand, in detail, the structure of the human body.

With the aid of cadavers, Dr. Randall L. Nydam is afforded the luxury of showing his students, first hand, the intricacies of the human body.

Nydam said the bodies are donated through the Anatomical Board of the Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He said OKCCC receives four cadavers each semester.

Brennan Smoot is a student in the class.

"This class is very demanding and the majority of class time is spent in the lab," she said.

The students spend six hours or more

every week learning how to dissect a cadaver and gaining knowledge through the various demonstrations that are presented.

The lab is split into two areas — the demonstration area and the dissection area.

The demonstration portion consists of the study of tissue through microscopic and computer-enhanced demos of skin, bone, and organs. Models are also used to show certain features of the human body that are difficult to see on a cadaver.

There are two sections of Human Anatomy class with 24 seats available. The students are divided into groups of six that must share their respective cadaver with a group from the other section.

Nydam said the dissection portion of the class is done on a right side-left side method.

The students in his Monday-Wednesday section will work with the right side of the body while the Tuesday-Thursday section will work on the left side.

"We are very fortunate to have a cadaver-based laboratory for this course," Nydam said.

He also said he would like to fill the seats for the upcoming spring semester.

He said anyone interested in taking the class should contact their adviser and enroll soon because the class will fill up fast.

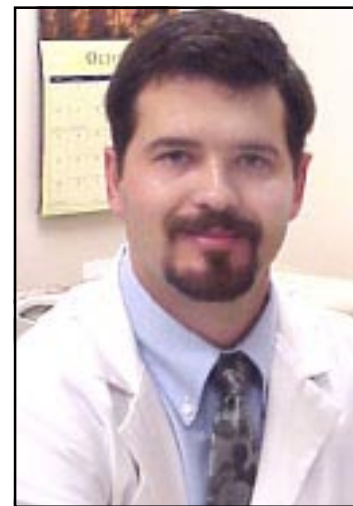


Photo by Melissa DePew

Randall Nydam

OKCCC provides affordable fun to families

"Fun,"

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two months.

"This is only the first year we have done this, but the turnout has been good so far," she said. "Last month was pretty good considering the rain and lightning."

Butler said at least 200 people attended the first month. The second month,

the numbers dropped because of the weather, she said, but even then, nearly 160 people showed up.

The family night will be held throughout the year on the first Friday of the month unless otherwise posted.

There will not be a family night in February. However, four Family Fun Nites will be held in the month of April.

"We plan on promoting more next year," said Park.

"There may even be one every Friday."

The next Family Fun Nite will be Nov. 3.

It will have either a hoedown theme or a Thanksgiving theme.

There will likely be games involving Pilgrims and Indians, Butler said.

She said the following event would be Dec. 1, with a theme possibly involving Christmas.

Friday Family Fun Nite is open to the community.

Life's trials and tribulations inspire writer

**By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer**

One year ago OKCCC student Cathy Hume wasn't a writer. Now she is not only the editor of OKCCC's literary magazine Absolute but also a published author in another magazine.

The Salt Fork review published her story "Out of the Nest—Into the Frying Pan."

Hume wrote the biographical piece in her creative writing class at the college. The story was about her life between the ages of 17 and 21 when she was first married. She wrote about coming of age, describing her first meeting with her in-laws and other life-altering elements during this time period.

One day Professor Clay Randolph brought a flyer to class announcing that the Salt Fork Review was looking for submissions, she said.

Hume submitted a story and, three months later, she received a notice that she was chosen.

"I screamed and yelled and called everybody I knew," she said.

"Then I e-mailed Professor Randolph and Professor [Mary] Punches."

Being published proved to her that she could write, she said.

Until she took classes at OKCCC she didn't write, besides personal things such as journals.

Following the publication she was invited by Northern Oklahoma College to speak to students, she said.

"I really don't lead an exciting life," she said.

By other standards, however, her life is eventful and loaded with achievements.

Mary Punches, professor of English and co-sponsor of the Future Teacher organization, said Hume is very well rounded.

"She literally can do everything: academically and creatively. And she is a great cook," Punches said.

The former hairdresser stepped on college grounds as a student two years ago for the first time in her life. Today she is a full-time student, the president of the

future teacher organization, a member of the student leadership council and one of the student editors of Absolute.

Her involvement has earned her an Academic Achievement Award for pre-Education, a Faculty Association scholarship and a nomination to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. This year she received a full scholarship from the Program for Academic Achievement.

"I had a very good year."

Hume decided to enroll in college because it was something she always wanted to do, she said.

"The first semester was hard," she recalled. "I was trying to get a brain to work that hadn't been in school for 25 years."

She said it was also intimidating to be in class with "a bunch of 20 year olds."

However, now many of her friends are in their 20s.

"That makes me feel young," Hume said.

She also credits her professors with her success.

"They saw things I could do and pushed me to do



Cathy Hume

them, I didn't believe I could."

Punches said Hume's energy is boundless.

"In everything she involves herself in, she does great."

Her goal is to become an English teacher in junior high or high school, Hume said.

Punches said, "There is no doubt in my mind that she will be a great teacher."

Hume's motivation to teach is simple.

"I have been lucky with people who supported me and my education," Hume said.

"I kind of want to offer that to other people."

Hume lives with her hus-

band Robert and three poodles in Britton near Edmond.

She said her husband is very understanding considering the amount of time she spends at OKCCC juggling all her tasks.

He encouraged her to start college when she doubted that college is the right place for a 40-year-old, said Hume.

The Humes have been married for 22 years. However, she

said, Robert is not the man from her published story. She was only married to her first husband for five years.

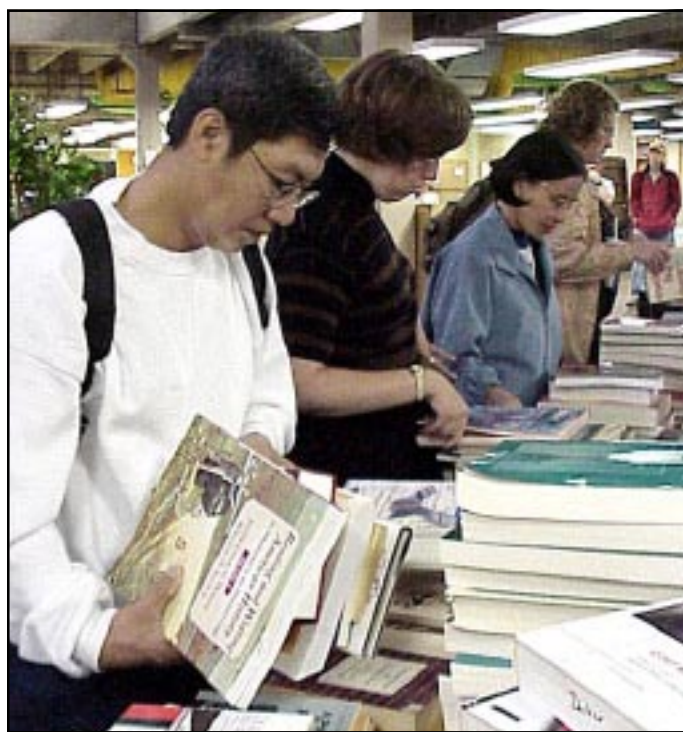
The Humes have a boat on Lake Texoma and love to fish and garden, she said.

"We grow the best tomatoes," she said.

She said she encourages everybody to submit to the Absolute. She said the staff has 85 to 90 submissions already and hopes to double the amount by the deadline on Dec. 10.

"Lots of people don't believe they can write," Hume said. "But there are many talented writers at OKCCC."

Success in numbers



The engineering club sponsored a book sale to provide funds for the Professor Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship fund on Oct. 16 and 17 in the main building. The fund-raiser provided \$1401 for the scholarship.

All of the books were donated and they were sold by "Naming your price."



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Alternate routes may be key to arriving on time

By Sarah Lowery
Newswriting I Student

With all the road construction happening on May Avenue, it often takes longer to arrive for class.

Students coming to OKCCC from every part of Oklahoma City and the surrounding areas must plan in advance in order to get to class on time.

Some students have developed a strategy to get to class on time — start early.

“I leave Norman at 4:30 p.m., an hour before class, to try and dodge all the traffic,” said Kate Edminston, a marketing sophomore.

Adam Procaillo, a business sophomore, said he feels frustrated. “I can’t help but complain about the snarled traffic,” he said.

Another option to leaving early would be to take an alternate route.

For students coming from Norman, the best and most efficient way to cut about seven minutes off of the drive is to take Interstate 35 north and exit on Shields Boulevard.

At the first stop light, which is N.W. 27 Street in Moore, go west to May Avenue.

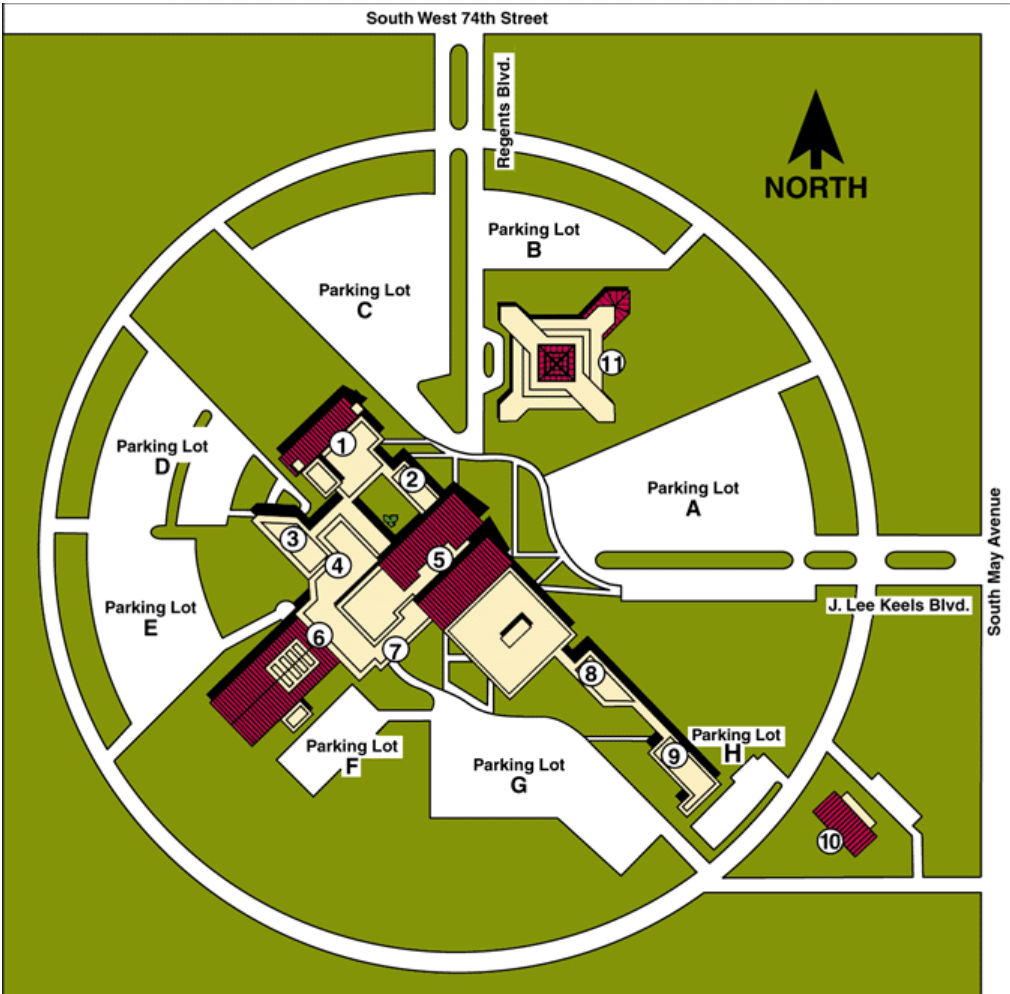
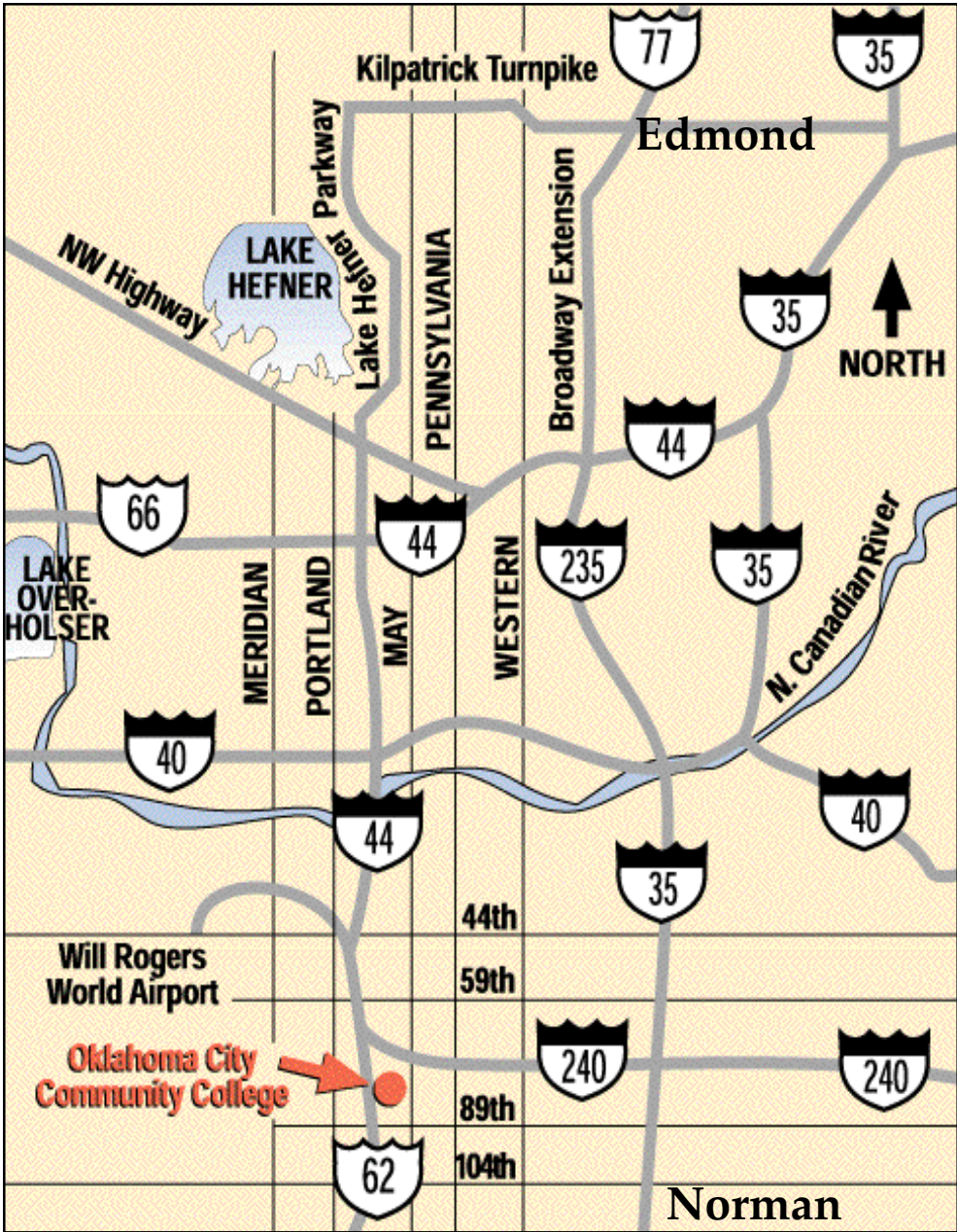
At May Avenue, turn north and enter the campus from the southern entrance.

The speed limit ranges from 35 to 45 m.p.h. with a stop light each mile.

For students coming from Edmond, the best way to get to OKCCC is to take Interstate 35 to Interstate 40 west, then to Interstate 44 south. Then take the Lawton exit and exit again on S.W. 77 Street.

This allows drivers to avoid May Avenue altogether.

The map at the right shows the Oklahoma City metro area, including all the major Interstate systems. There are a number of routes a student could take to get to OKCCC.



Lack of parking can often be frustrating

By Sarah Lowery
Newswriting I Student

Many students often feel stressed because, once they get to OKCCC, they cannot find a place to park.

At enrollment, when students register their cars for parking stickers, they expect to get a parking spot to go along with it.

“Finding a parking spot always seems to be tricky”, said Adam Nuse, a business

sophomore.

Meredith Minshew agrees.

“It is getting very frustrating when you are late to class because of parking,” she said.

Keith Bourque, head of OKCCC Security, has some helpful hints.

“Parking lots D and E on the west side of campus always have spots,” he said. “The busiest parking lots are A, C, G and H but even they have places for students to park.”

The map at right shows the various parking areas of the college. OKCCC Head of Security said ample parking is available at almost all times in parking lots D and E. (Maps are courtesy of OKCCC)

Highlights

Free HIV testing and education

The Gay Alliance and Friends club will meet in CU7 on Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. to plan fund-raising activities and have elections.

GAF is also sponsoring CarePoint Inc. to conduct free HIV testing and education on campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 1 in the mini-hospital in the Nursing wing.

Follow-up post-test counseling and results will be provided from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 15 in the mini-hospital in the Nursing wing. Testing and results are confidential.

For more information, please contact Professor Charlotte Mulvihill at OKCCC at 682-1611, ext. 7225.

Phi Theta Kappa is looking for you

Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring a lake cleanup day from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 29 at Lake Stanley Draper, southeast of Tinker Air Force Base. Participants should meet at the concession stand at 12:45 p.m.

Phi Theta Kappa is also 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 an envelope and place them 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.

To be or not to be, that is the question

Drama club will have its meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 26 in room 1F5 in the AH building. They will discuss upcoming projects and plays.

Celebrate Hispanic culture with HOPE

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education, HOPE, will end National Hispanic Month at OKCCC with a Mexican feast and mariachi's during lunchtime Tuesday, Oct. 24 in the student union. HOPE celebrated the month-long event with movie night, food sales and dancing.

Free School

Spring Tuition Fee Waiver applications are available in the Student Financial Aid Center. November 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 November 17.

Academic Tuition Fee Waiver awards will be posted in the Student Financial Aid Center on Dec. 11.

Who will pucker up for the pig?

The 2000 OKCCC United Way Campaign will continue through Oct. 27 to raise student awareness and funds. You can vote for one of six faculty members 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.

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 this week located opposite the Science Center. If anyone has gauze or white sheets they would like to donate for this occasion, it will be greatly appreciated.



We want members:

Co-president Bill Gray (left) stated, "Psi Beta is an honor society, not just club." Co-president Christina Fazzio shares the same ideas. As of now, 11 new members will be inducted in their proposed ceremony set for Dec. 15. Psi Beta is continuing its membership drive.

Photo by Melissa DePew

Psi Beta recruiting

Club says members inherit numerous benefits

By Melissa DePew
Staff Writer

Psi Beta, a psychology honor society, will host a membership drive Oct. 13 through 20.

They want eligible students to understand the importance of honor societies and the benefits that come with the achievement of membership.

Eligible students are those majoring in psychology who have completed 12 credit hours, and maintain a 3.2 GPA or better.

"Active participation can help narrow down what you want to do," said co-president Christina Fazzio. "It can also help you get transfer scholarships."

Those aren't the only benefits of membership.

"It provides national recognition by the psychology community," said Bill Gray, also co-president.

"It's a very beneficial edge. Members automatically go to Psi Chi when they move on to a four-year college."

According to psibeta.org other benefits include: leadership development, community service involvement, and a permanent record of achievement

which will be beneficial on resumes. Check out the website for more details.

Several community service options were discussed during the Oct. 12 meeting. Mentioned were: teddy bear drive, volunteer work at a soup kitchen, food drive for the homeless, and donations for fire victims. Other ideas are welcome.

Upcoming events were also a topic of discussion during the meeting.

Throughout the year there will be various guest speakers and field trips. A University of Oklahoma lecture with guest speaker Elizabeth Loftus is in the planning. Members may also have the opportunity to sit in on a victim impact panel, said Fazzio.

Psi Beta hopes the membership drive will help the club grow larger.

"We're under a reconstruction phase," said Gray. "That's why we're small now and that's also why we're initiating membership."

However, sponsor Peggy Jordan pointed out an advantage of a small club.

"One advantage of a small club is that members can get very involved. We need every member," she said.



Bill Gray
Co-president



Christina Fazzio
Co-president



Peggy Jordan
Co-sponsor

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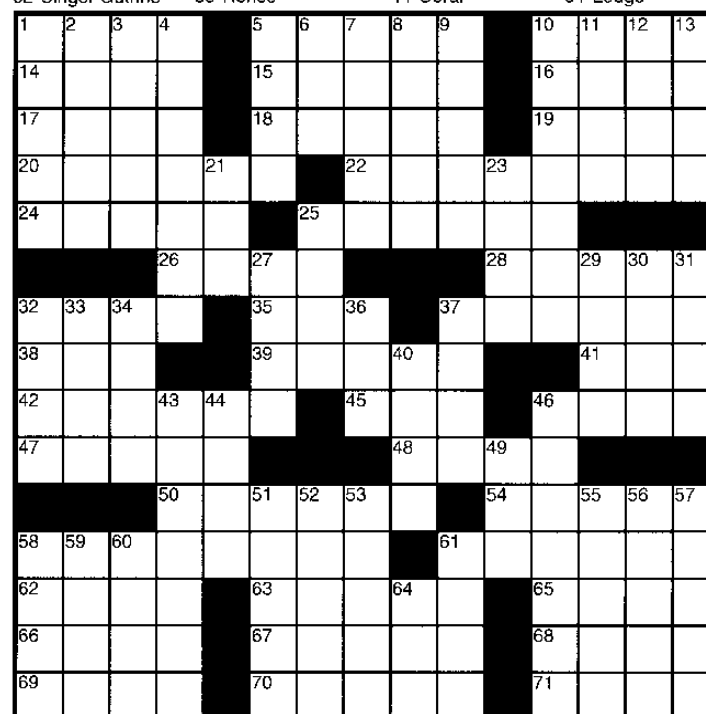
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Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Talita DeNegri attributes her success to her proud father OKCCC professor Pedro Córdova. DeNegri is the first Oklahoma City teacher to win since 1967.

Teacher of the Year says her success belongs to parents

"Teacher,"
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courage to have a voice.

Much of this deep respect for education stems from Córdova's parents.

His father and grandfather came to America during the 1910 Mexican Revolution.

Neither his father nor his mother had an education past the second grade.

"I have five siblings and we were all field workers," said Córdova. "Our parents motivated us and instilled in us the importance of education. We owe it all to them."

Señor Córdova has done his best to pass on the legacy of education to his daughter.

However, when she was younger, Córdova dreamed of his daughter becoming a successful businesswoman.

For a while, DeNegri thought that's what she would become.

During her sophomore year of college, however,

DeNegri decided she wanted to be a teacher, based on her love of working with teenagers and her delight in English.

Telling her father was the hard part.

"I was a little disappointed but not too surprised," said Córdova. "In the back of my mind, I knew it was going to happen and I was excited."

DeNegri has no regrets of her decision to teach.

"I've never looked back," she said.

From her experiences, DeNegri offers her best advice to current and future teachers.

"Learn from the students. Never assume you are a master teacher, and never be afraid to admit when you're wrong."

Taking her advice on the road, DeNegri will spend the next year touring Oklahoma in her new Volkswagen Beetle, compliments of Cable Volkswagen.

She was also awarded more than \$8,000 in prizes.

DeNegri will represent Oklahoma at the national competition in May.

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