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# PIONEER

## Brain Gain 2010 designed to help state rise to top

By Michaela Marx  
Staff Writer

Life in Oklahoma is good — socially and economically.

To keep it that way the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have developed Brain Gain 2010, said Kurt Snodgrass, communications director for the Oklahoma State Regents.

The program plans to build Oklahoma through intellectual power.

By the year 2010 State Regents envision 28 percent of Oklahomans 25 and older will hold a bachelor's degree or higher, and 10 percent of Oklahomans will hold an associate's degree, Snodgrass said.

In 1996 approximately 20 percent held a bachelor's and above, and only 5 percent held an associate's degree.

The initiative is in its second year.

Snodgrass said things are going well. The program is on schedule, "even a little ahead," he said.

State Regents hope to reach their goal by increasing college enrollment through enhanced student preparation, expanded information services and financial aid, he said.

Further, they hope to raise the college graduation rate by creating statewide scholarship programs among other projects.

These goals are being reached at OKCCC through

the following projects, said Snodgrass:

•Gear up. This project promotes early college awareness and readiness for students grades 5 through 12. Motivation is the key, he said.

•Smart Start. The program is designed to ensure student success through mentoring. Mentors help to prepare youngsters for college. Adult students receive help in order to strengthen their educational performance as well. Oklahoma received a multi-million dollar grant to encourage student successes. Participants are eligible for Americorps stipends.

•Campus Compact. Oklahoma Campus Compact was established to advance community services and service learning programs.

It links Oklahoma college campuses together to help students develop the values and skills of civic participation

through involvement in public services.

Also the State Regents hope to keep more college graduates in the state of Oklahoma and attract college degree holders from out of state to come to Oklahoma, he said.

"We don't want our graduates drained out of the state," Snodgrass said.

From an economic standpoint that means industry won't come to Oklahoma when there are not enough educated individuals to fill positions, he said.



Photo by Vu Vu

**Wishful thinking:** Jason Rice inspects racer Warren Johnson's NHRA Pro Stock 1325 HP Pontiac Firebird. Rice is a student at Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee. Several technology schools from around the state attended the AC Delco Career day Oct. 23. Speakers talked to the students about the increased job opportunities in the automotive field.

## Early spring enrollment may ensure class choices

Securing classes before winter break may prevent headaches

By Vu Vu  
Staff Writer

It's the moment everyone dreads and looks forward to each year — spring enrollment. It starts Jan. 15.

Early birds will get the classes they want or need without the hassle of lines.

But those late stragglers, the procrastinators, will have to sweat it out in lines and deal with closed classes at the prime times.

Procrastinators have many reasons why they wait until the last second.

"Sometimes students aren't sure how they're doing in current classes and they're waiting to see..." said Charlotte French, executive director of enrollment management.

Now is better than later.

"I just want to get it out of the way," said early enrollee Misty Lack. "I usually

procrastinate."

Lack, expecting to enroll in 13 credit hours, is a licensed practical nurse taking classes for registered nurse status. She is also applying for tuition fee waivers.

French said another reason some students wait is because they aren't sure what classes they need to take.

For every excuse, the solution is talking to counselors, professors and advisers, said French.

She said the best time to enroll is before the winter vacation. After that, expect long lines and headaches.

If students decide to enroll at the last second, the possibility of a seat remaining diminishes.

French said if there's a class a student must take, they can ask their professor for an override slip. However, the final de-

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

## New law won't stop drunk driving

President Bill Clinton has signed a law that lowers the legal blood alcohol limit to 0.08 and all states are bound to follow. Oklahoma's current level is 0.10 and officials have already announced that Oklahoma supports the law.

However, I wonder how effective a change of 0.02 points will be. I firmly believe that people who have been driving under the influence of alcohol will continue to do so—especially young people.

In 1999 245 people or 33.2 percent of all traffic deaths in Oklahoma involved alcohol.

Many people drive under the influence, maybe not totally wasted, but drunk.

No change in alcohol blood level standards will make drunk drivers stop; only a change of mind will.

Young people think of themselves as immortal, but death is closer than they realize.

One day in 1996 I picked up the newspaper. On the front page was a picture of a fatal accident scene. A van was completely demolished. A covered up body was lying in front of the van. Police-men were in the picture, debris everywhere.

The night before a group of my very close friends went to a festival, much like the state fair. They had a designated driver. On their way home a drunk driver, with a previous record of drunk driving, "accidentally" pushed them off the road. Their van with six passengers flipped several times. One was ejected and was the corpse in the picture.

I recognized the guy in the photograph by his big feet and his old tennis shoes as one of my friends.

The driver of the van was stabbed through the chest with a piece of plastic and died as a result.

Two other boys died, too. One of the four was the son of a prominent local family; one of them had just signed a contract with a professional soccer club.

The two survivors were severely injured and survivor's guilt to this day.

For the next few months it seemed as if everybody I knew was grieving because they had been so close to the victims. Eventually most learned to live with it, but there are still people that haven't returned to normal. They are the parents, siblings, girlfriends and those who were fortunate to live through the accident.

Most who witnessed this accident don't drink and drive today. The incident changed the minds of many. The possibility of death came to them.

It is important to understand how easily things like this happen and how easily the victim could be your brother, friend or even yourself. There is not such a thing as a drunk-driver's license or safe drunkenness. It doesn't matter what blood alcohol level is legal. Most will keep drinking because they don't understand how close a fatal accident could be to their own life. There is never a time when drinking and driving goes together, not even when it is within legal range.

—**Michaela Marx**  
Staff Writer

## United Way waived tolerance

### To the Editor:

In July, Representative Lynn Woolsey, (D-Calif) proposed that Congress revoke the federal charter of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). "We're not saying they're bad. We're saying intolerance is bad, and I don't see any reason why the federal government should be supporting it," she said.

In the recent flap over supporting United Way, it appears that emotions get in the way of principle here.

I respect the fact that the BSA is a "private" organization with the right to exclude any group they choose. Imagine, if you would, the furor that would result if they chose to exclude based on religion, race, or physical limitations.

That reminds me, they do exclude based on religion, as Scouts must take an oath based upon their

belief in God. Not all religions recognize "God" and not all families are religious.

Those beliefs have resulted is the expulsion of both boys and scout leaders from scouting.

Discrimination based upon religion violates United Way eligibility criteria.

The scouting groups' stance that they can exclude gays because they are private organizations has undermined their ability to receive public money, scholarships or other support from taxpayer-supported schools and governments that bar discrimination based upon sexual orientation. This is their choice, and I support that choice.

However, for the first time in almost 20 years, I am withholding my support for the United Way. If the local United Way would follow the lead of the more pro-

gressive affiliates and discontinue its support of organizations that promote intolerance, I would be more than happy to support them.

Until that time, I will donate directly to the charity of my choice.

—**Cathy Bowman**  
President of Gay  
Alliance and Friends

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## Comments and Reviews

### Dance show mesmerized crowd Spirit of the Dance found true love

The sold out Rose State theater reverberated with applause as the mesmerizing "Spirit of the Dance- The New Millennium" enchanted the audience with a stunning array of international dance on opening night, Oct. 17.

The dancers who are made up of the Irish International Dance Company demanded audience participation, which the audience willingly gave.

It seemed as if the audience couldn't help but participate. The fast paced atmosphere of the two-hour performance was just too festive for anyone to sit back and watch quietly.

"The response from the audience drives the performance into another gear," said Quinton Young, one the performers.

Caught up in the music and the emotion behind it, the dancers often shouted enthusiastically.

When the dancers were not on stage, a spectacular violinist held the audience in awe as she simultaneously danced and played. Her talent was outstanding.



Photo by Melissa DePew

The whole audience seemed to move to the music.

The Spirit of the Dance was more than a dance show.

It was a provocative search through many cultures for the Spirit's true love, while taking its audience through years of Irish tradition.

It was an intricate display of tightly woven Flamenco, Classical Ballet, Red Hot Salsa and Jazz, and it was so much more.

At the conclusion of the production, the audience roared with applause and gave the Spirit of the Dance the standing ovation it deserved.

—Melissa DePew  
Staff Writer

### Sense of history might help story

#### To the Editor:

I enjoyed the feature on Professor Fritz Kiersch and the new film program. Thank you for the mention of the American Cinema class that I will teach in the spring.

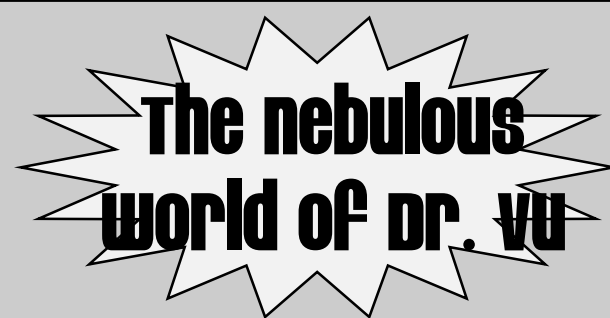
The new film program is very exciting for the college, and we are lucky to have Professor Kiersch; I feel compelled, however, to point out that the study of film has been an integral part of the Arts and Humanities Division for decades. In the 1970s, I developed a course called "Film as Literature." That course has had hundreds of students over the years and is

currently evolving into a film studies course designed to support the new film program.

In the early '80s I developed a course entitled "European Film Classics," which was taught for a number of years. During the same period, Professor Richard Rouillard developed and taught "Documentary Films."

My point is that a sense of history balances our perspective of many things, and I think a little more OKCCC history would have been appropriate in the story.

—Clay Randolph  
Professor of English



### Dr. Vu could use some new shoes

I've been wearing the same pair of shoes for a year now.

That's six days a week (I wore them a few times on Sunday).

Let's see, that's a year divided by the number of weeks is...four times twelve is... that's 48 weeks... 48 times 6 is...

Whoa mama... I've worn my New Balance all-terrain 802s for 288 days.

I wore them in the rain, I wore them as a journalist, and I wore them as a worker in a gas station located in the boonies of Edmond.

No wonder they smell funny.

I've done quite a bit in these shoes. I made some dreams come true, had some nightmares haunt me.

I met some interesting people and had some interesting experiences in these shoes like meeting Bob Barry Senior's oldest son (who isn't named Bob by the way). I saw a Cinderella gold medal-winning diver. I opened a few bottles of various Pepsi products for the ladies. I became a college columnist. I joined the Campus Greens. I had a son in these shoes (he's my green plastic alien/son who was taken away from me on a Thursday night by a Caucasian male who promised to bring my son back).

I drove through my first snowstorm. I saw the Serapion Duo for the first time. I saw my first pro stock NHRA race car.

There was another memorable thing I did in these shoes.

I can't pay attention to great detail due to potential criminal ramifications, but I can say that it involved numerous cartons of jumbo grade A eggs and the cover of darkness. A night of decadence it was.

And the night before I bought a new pair, a torrential rain bombarded Oklahoma, and I left them outside. I wanted to wear them one more time.

I hate to put my shoes away. They've been with me through thick and thin, through heartache and triumph and through my first year of college.

These old, dilapidated shoes were the first new shoes of my collegiate life.

But a change and a new beginning will be nice.

I've always loved the smell of a new pair of shoes.

P.S. I wear a size 12...

—Vu Vu  
Staff Writer

# Filing early for financial aid is advantageous

## The earlier a student files, the more money available

**By Eric Hilburn**  
**Newswriting I Student**

Applying for financial assistance is free. In most cases the Free Application for Financial Aid form is all a student has to fill out. The exception is applications for certain loan programs.

More money and fewer hassles are some of the advantages to applying for federal student aid early.

"I love receiving financial aid, but it can be difficult and time consuming if you don't get your information in early," sophomore Ashley Daniels said.

OKCCC financial aid counselor Annette Kolaner said it is not too late to file for financial assistance for the fall or spring semesters.

Applying early has its

advantages over waiting until the last minute.

Since financial assistance is based on need as well as a first-come basis, the longer a student waits, the less aid that person may receive, if any. The funding may be exhausted if a person waits too late.

Each OKCCC student wishing to receive financial aid must reapply each year using one of the following methods:

- Mail a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which can be found at the financial aid office on campus.

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) via the Internet.

- Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid express software which can be obtained by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID(1-800-433-3243).

After completing a

FAFSA, the student will receive a Student Aid Report in four to six weeks.

The report ensures the information provided was correct and allows a student to make changes if necessary. The report also determines the expected family contribution, which in turn determines the amount of aid a student will receive.

The U.S. Department of Education provides many different types of aid.

Federal Pell and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity (SEOG) grants are available on a need basis. This is free money and doesn't have to be paid back.

Other assistance may require repayment such as Federal Stafford loans.

Students who don't mind working for financial assistance may want to check into the Federal work-study program.

**"I love receiving financial aid, but it can be difficult and time consuming if you don't get your information in early."**

—Ashley Daniels  
OKCCC Sophomore

Besides federal aid, each state offers additional assistance.

Oklahoma offers the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG) which is free money based on need and does not have to be repaid.

Oklahoma requires information much earlier than federal programs so always check with the school's financial aid office to ensure the proper due dates.

Extra money for school is out there waiting to be claimed. All a person has to do is apply.

Many students may fear that their parents make too much money for them to receive financial assis-

tance. Parents' income must be reported until a student is considered independent.

A person is considered an independent student this year if he or she was born before Jan. 1, 1977. That year changes with the start of each new year.

Also independent are those who are married, an orphan or ward of the state, or someone who has dependent children.

For more information regarding financial assistance contact OKCCC's financial aid office, visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).



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## Telecourses may help busy students

**By Alyssa Wilferth**  
**Newswriting I Student**

For students who don't need the structure of the classroom, telecourses are offered at OKCCC.

A telecourse is a print and video based college course. Print materials usually consist of a textbook and a study guide. Video lessons, which vary in number by course, supplement the print material.

Video lessons can be viewed in the OKCCC library, on OKC ETC Cox Cable and some can be rented from RMI Media Productions.

Telecourse broadcast schedules are available in the library.

Anita Williams, business communications professor, has been teaching telecourses for three years.

She said her class departs from the lecture and test format that typifies many telecourses.

"My course is very writing intensive" she said.

Her 42 students are required to do one assignment per lesson, which they can hand deliver, e-mail, fax, or mail to her.

The students watch 12 one-hour videos and must also attend a 45-minute orientation one week before classes begin.

Williams' students can also attend three review sessions, which are held before each test. The sessions are not mandatory, but the students get bonus points for showing up.

Debbie Peters, former student, took a telecourse in history. She said the course format worked really well for her because she has children and works full-time.

She watched the class on television and was only at the school to take tests.

Williams advised students to consider their own learning styles before choosing a telecourse.

"Telecourses aren't for everyone. A person has to

be self-disciplined."

Telecourses are self-paced so a student can

work ahead of schedule, but students can also easily get behind.

## Tape rental eliminates many telecourse woes

**By Alyssa La Valle**  
**Newswriting I Student**

Viewing telecourse lessons through RMI Media Productions is an option known to few students.

"We just began (with RMI) this fall," said Glenda Prince, Distance Education Coordinator.

RMI is a new service offered to students as another way to view their telecourse lessons.

Through RMI, students can rent their telecourse lessons as a set. RMI video rental may appeal to students who cannot access channel 13, 22, or who cannot be on campus to use the library.

RMI allows students to rent the entire semester of video lessons for \$55, and view them at their own convenience.

RMI may save students from headaches created by failed VCRs that do not record the lessons off local television channels.

Visit RMI's website at [www.rmimedia.com](http://www.rmimedia.com) for more information about RMI telecourse video rental.

One can also find more information on telecourses at [www.okc.cc.ok.us/distance](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us/distance) — the college website.

# Redesigned library website student friendly

## Reference librarian says site is ‘a gold mine’ of information

By Vu Vu  
Staff Writer

Thousands of books filled with term paper ideas, fillers and theses permeate OKCCC’s library.

Searching for that perfect quote or that final source can be a headache, but the OKCCC library website comes to the rescue in a new format.

“It’s a gold mine,” said Rachel Butler, reference librarian.

“It’s so much better than

five years ago — some things you weren’t able to do then, you can do now.”

Planning began last fall and the new site appeared during the start of classes this semester.

Barbara King, director of library services, said students will like the change.

“It’s much more user friendly,” said King. “It’s deeper and there’s much more to it.”

The site, [www.facts.com](http://www.facts.com), is available at <http://sirsi.okc.cc.ok.us>, the library website. It can help English composition students in researching controversial topics, Butler said.

In some composition classes, students are required to write essays about events that took place near their birthdays, Butler said.

Sites like [www.facts.com](http://www.facts.com) will make fact-finding simpler.

The electronic sources the library subscribes to cost thousands of dollars each year, said Butler.

Angie Martin, a physical therapy assistant student, found the redesigned

“It’s much more user friendly. It’s deeper and there’s much more to it.”

—Barbara King  
Director of Library Services

website easy to use.

“It was easy for me to find the articles, but many weren’t available for printing,” Martin said.

She used the Daily Oklahoman archives link for her research paper.

While on campus, students can access the Daily Oklahoman’s and the Tulsa World’s archives as far back as 1982 and 1989.

Students can access the archives for free if using a computer on campus.

This year, said Butler, the library is trying to make links that are currently available only on campus, available off-campus too.

“[The companies] don’t want everybody using them for free,” Butler said.

Student suggestions are also welcome at the site.

At the library’s front page, a link titled “Library request forms” will allow students to suggest books and magazines.

Students can also place “holds” on books online and can check out books from other libraries through the Interlibrary Loan system online.

There are sites for MLA and APA documentation styles and a site that shows students how to cite Internet sources.

# Music classes help prepare students for career options

By Will McGee  
Newswriting I Student

A wealth of musical knowledge can be found at OKCCC.

Aspiring musicians can take classes to tune up their talents. Curious students can explore the wide, yet easily personalized, realm of music.

Professor of music Ryan Hebert said there are many reasons to dive into music classes.

“One reason, which is the most rewarding, is the pure enjoyment of it,” he said. “The students love the program.”

“I had one student tell me that being in the choir is the only thing that keeps him motivated.”

Individual music classes currently offered at OKCCC include voice, woodwinds, piano, and a variety of guitar forms, Hebert said.

In many classes, students are taught music history, theory and construction. Classes such as music theory, music literature and music appreciation are requirements for all music majors.

Almost all of the classes are transferable to a university.

Professor Dave Archer said the music department strives to meet all transferring students’ needs.

“We have made every effort to see that our program is parallel to programs at other schools, so that students will have minimal problems in transferring,” Archer said.

Professors in this area say they not only enjoy the teaching aspect, but also the musical aspects of their jobs.

Part-time Professor Beverly McLarry is a voice instructor who also composes her own music and has experience as a concertmaster.

Herbert is also directing a Madrigal Dinner to be performed by the OKCCC chamber singers and jazz ensemble Dec. 2.

When asked what he enjoyed the most about teaching in OKCCC’s music program, Herbert said, “Seeing students do things they never thought they could do.”

He said there are many reasons to get a degree in music. One, he said, is to build a career.

“There are many careers in music besides performing.

“It is not easy to make it as a performer. Only a select few end up performing, but there are many different areas that you can go into.”

He said some of the many possible jobs in music include education, music publishing, producing, and criticism.

“There are a lot of music education jobs in Oklahoma. A lot of high school music positions go unfilled every year,” said Hebert.

Unless you make it big as a performer, Herbert said, there is generally not a lot of money in music.

“The salary in a music career does not pay high, but the rewards are priceless.”

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# Violence—It breaks homes. It breaks hearts. It breaks lives.

Anne and John came to Marcia Smith, executive director of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, "to get a handle on the violence."

"For several reasons I broke my rule of not seeing couples together and I will always blame myself for what happened next," said Smith.

Among the activities done during the visit was a lethality assessment. John was positive for every violent behavior except biting and sexual assault. Separate appointments in the future were set. Then the couple left the office. That was on a Wednesday.

On Friday John and Anne went camping. That night he tried to drown her. He raped her violently, beat her and bit every sexual part of her body, Smith said.

Anne and her son came to the shelter and stayed for several weeks, said Smith. Then she went back home. John and Anne lived separately.

"We had gotten her an emergency protective order," said Smith. "The local law enforcement would not serve it and tried to talk her into dropping it."

Smith quarreled with law enforcement officials. Finally the order was served.

Until the police acted John harassed, stalked and scared Anne. John pulled out her phone wires several times. She would wake up at night and he would be

sitting on her chest. He cut her tires and stole her motor cycle, Smith said.

"You can't imagine all the things he did to her to make her life a living hell," Smith said.

After the protection order was served the violence escalated.

Anne lost her son to child welfare because of the severe violence in the home. But abuse instead of safety waited for the boy in the foster home.

The child, said Smith, was never at any risk with his mom. She had worked out a safety plan for him.

The abuse went on for about a year. Finally John found a new person. Anne got her child back and lives in another state.

"John stays in contact with her so that she is never allowed to put him behind her," said Smith.

This is a typical story, Smith said.

## So close to home

"I worked with victims in Southeast Oklahoma for five years and I saw things, as my daddy says, that would make your hair curl," said Smith.

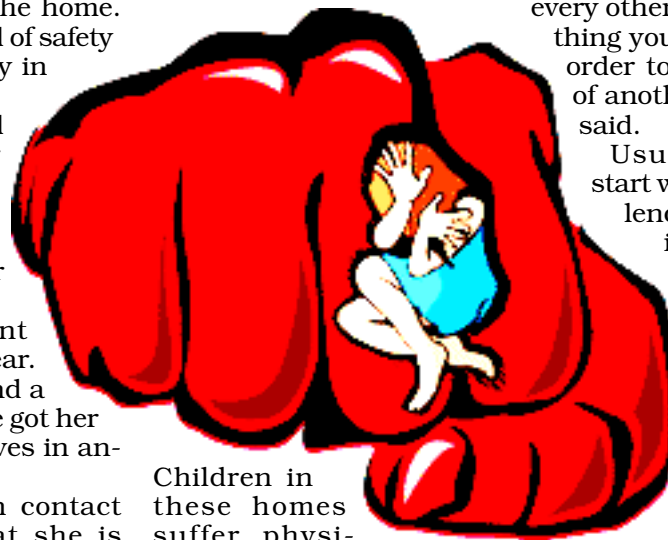
Domestic violence is reality for millions of families.

Oklahoma currently ranks seventh nationally in the number of women murdered by their spouses, according to information from the OCADVSA data.

In 1998 23,097 domestic

violence cases were reported in Oklahoma alone. Fifty-eight of these cases ended in murder, according to the information. In 1999 the number rose to 64 fatal cases.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health stated, nationwide about 33 percent of all women experience domestic violence.



Children in these homes suffer physically and emotionally. One out of 25 elderly people are victimized.

Sheryll Brown of the Oklahoma Department of Health said surveys in Oklahoma indicate that 31,000 women living with a partner were physically assaulted, 3,100 were severely assaulted annually.

About 18,000 victims seek shelter or crisis intervention annually, she said.

## It has many faces

In Oklahoma domestic violence is defined as any act of physical harm committed by adults or emancipated minors who are

family or household members or who are or were in a dating relationship.

Smith said people go beyond hitting.

"They cut, shoot, run over with cars, slam into walls and floors, kick, pull hair, break bones, destroy property, rape, sexually mutilate and threaten to hurt or kill loved ones—and most every other utterly horrible thing you can think of in order to control the life of another person," she said.

Usually it doesn't start with physical violence and certainly is not limited to it.

Often cases begin with jealousy or forbidding the partner to see certain people or friends, leading to isolation, Smith explained.

## Found in all classes

Domestic violence is a phenomenon in all social classes, said Brown.

Victims come from all socioeconomic backgrounds. Studies have identified potential risk factors including younger age, pregnancy, alcohol and drug abuse, poverty, and unemployment of the spouse.

Violence is found in all ages and professions. There are no typical victims.

Examples range from "the woman who has been beaten by her husband for 25 years," to "the young

college professor who was beaten on her honeymoon by her new husband. A man from a prominent family, she had dated several years," Brown said.

Then there is "the women whose boyfriend was drunk and punched her in the face, fracturing her nose and jaw."

## Kids pay high price

Brown said 40 to 70 percent of children entering battered women's shelters are themselves abused. The abuser is often the person abusing the mother but may also be the mother.

Smith said children from violent homes learn violence is normal behavior.

"Not every little boy who lives in a violent home grows up to be a batterer, but every batterer is from a home where there was violence," she said.

Children often suffer anxiety and have trouble concentrating and socializing when dealing with violence, she said.

## Women hit, too

Sometimes men also are victimized. About five to seven percent of domestic violence victims are men, said Smith.

Violence often involves fear. An important difference is that many men say they are not afraid of their female partners, she said.

The fact is, however, men offend at a higher rate than females, but the consequences are the same.

"Women die while victimized," said Smith. "Men die when they are victimized."

## Battered women find it hard to leave

Many victims stay with their batterer.

Women who are in violent relationships stay for many reasons. Yet the reasons change over time

said Sheryll Brown of the Oklahoma Health Department:

- First she loves him.
- She believes he'll change.
- She believes she can control the beatings by doing what he says.
- She stays out of duty or pressure from family.
- She is embarrassed.
- She doesn't want the po-

lice to get involved.

## Later...

- She loves him, but less.
- She hopes he will change.
- She is afraid to be alone and fears financial dependence.

## Finally...

- She is afraid. He has threatened to kill her or family.
- She has low self-esteem and believes she has no control.
- She feels guilty, and may have developed serious psychological problems.

Marcia Smith of the Oklahoma Coalition against Domestic Violence

and sexual Assault said typically the reasons are fear, finances and children.

Children love their daddies and their homes and want to go home.

Smith said it is hard to leave because the batterer has taught the woman to think she is worthless.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health will be on OKCCC campus discussing sexual assault and violence. Dates are pending. Check the Pioneer Highlights.

## Help is just a phone call away

If you need help or know someone who needs guidance, call the National Domestic Violence 24-hour hotline 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or call the Oklahoma Safeline at 1-800-522-7233.



In Oklahoma County, the YWCA provides a number of services. For information call (405) 949-1866.

Call the Oklahoma Coalition against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault at (405) 848-1817.

There is a list of Oklahoma women shelters online: [www.divorcesource.com/shelters/oklahoma.shtml](http://www.divorcesource.com/shelters/oklahoma.shtml)

Talk to a physician or nurse. They are encouraged to check patients for abuse and provide help.

All counselors at the OKCCC student development center can also provide information and addresses of shelters and counselors. Call 682-1611 ext. 7535.

Text by Michaela Marx



# Golf tourney provides money and fun



Kim Valleca, administrative assistant to the vice president for student services, putts for the lead in the Arts and Humanities office against her partner Kendall Richardson, coordinator of community outreach. Valleca and Richardson were tied 2-2 after the first hole. The golf course was open from Oct. 23-25 and awards were given to the top three teams.

**PHOTOS BY MELISSA DEPEW**



**Above:** Lacy Sears, accounting major, and April Hampton, pre-med major sold ballots for the Kiss A Pig event to raise money for the United Way campaign. At the Wrap Party on Thursday, Nov. 2, Dana Glencross, professor of political science; Ryan Hebert, professor of music; Jenean Jones, professor of administrative office technology; Thomas Jones, professor of psychology; or Steve Kamm, professor of physics will plant a big wet one on the United Way pig. Students and faculty could vote for one of the professors by purchasing a ballot for \$1 from campus clubs and organizations members wearing "Sooiee" pins or from the Office of Prospective Student Services or Student Life.



In the Recreation and Community Services office, Kendall Richardson faces a tough putt from the fringe. The 11 hole course was free. Mulligans and strings were \$1 each and the proceeds went to the United Way.



The Office of Prospective Student Services housed one of the 11 golf holes. The green was decorated with a Spanish theme for the Latino Community Development Agency. The other holes were placed around the campus.



# Weekend classes option for silence, convenience

**By Sandy Schwenk**  
Newswriting I Student

Weekends are traditionally meant to be spent with friends, not thinking about school. At least that is the basic idea of most college students. Despite this tradition OKCCC is open on weekends. Even more surprising many students prefer to use this time to catch up on their studies.

Ernie Adkins is a weekend student who loves his weekends to be filled with classes and studying. Studying in the main building on Saturdays, he said

he feels safe in his comfort zone.

Adkins chose to take weekend classes because they were the most convenient for him.

"I like to study here on weekends because it is quiet," Adkins said.

Much of the hustle and bustle of students is absent on weekends. Finding a quiet spot on campus is rather difficult during the week. Silence is not just an option on weekends, it is absolute.

Even though studying may be low on some students' priority list, especially on a Saturday or Sunday, it may be a good

habit to get into.

The campus is open from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturdays and from 12:45 to 6:45 p.m. on Sundays. The various labs are open and all have their own hours. The library is open Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 12:30 until 4:30

p.m.

The testing center is open Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. To 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 7 p.m.

The communications lab is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.

The computer lab is open

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

The math lab has the following hours: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

There are a variety of labs on campus. Check by or call to obtain their hours.

## Soccer team ends season in defeat

**By Mark Stack**  
Newswriting I Student

It was the last game of the season for the OKCCC soccer team, and it ended on a sour note as they got beat Saturday, Oct. 21, 2-1 by Oklahoma University International.

OKCCC again had a home field advantage as they played on the north soccer field on campus, but again they were lacking several key players. The OKCCC team failed to take advantage early on as the Oklahoma International squad scored first about 15 minutes into the first half.

Oklahoma International then scored again in the first half with 15 minutes to go, which gave them a 2-0 lead.

The good news is that OU International would not score again. The bad news is that OKCCC would only add one goal to the score.

That one goal for the OKCCC soccer team would come from Yassir Janah late in the second half.

Janah scored off of a penalty kick after dribbling the ball inside the goalie's box. An OUI defender slid and tackled him.

Janah received the penalty kick and took full advantage of it by scoring their only goal of the afternoon.

OKCCC tried to rally and get the tying goal, but Oklahoma's stubborn defense would not allow for it, as the final score was 2-1.

OKCCC finished the season by going 1-5, with their only win coming against a very good Oklahoma Baptist University team.

Next year hopes to be a better season as coach Terry Kilpatrick would like to return as many players as possible.

"I felt this year we had good chemistry. The players knew what each other could do, and that was a plus," said Kilpatrick. "Getting as many of these players back with a few new guys will only benefit us next year."

Any interested in being a part of next year's team, contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at ext. 7560 or coach Kilpatrick at ext. 7352



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# Kindergarten program offers benefits to parents and fun activities for children

**By Brandi Peterman**  
**Newswriting I Student**

It's not a secret, but it might as well be. The kindergarten class on campus is out of sight in the Child Development Center and most students don't know it's there.

The program is very different—and its promoters would say better—than the kindergarten classes offered in public schools.

One of the many benefits to the parents is they don't have to worry about transportation in the middle of the day. The children attend the center all day versus half a day.

The children also have a daily rest period. Parents who have had the pleasure of picking up a cranky 5-year-old, know the importance of a good nap.

The program offers more one-on-one time for teachers and students. There is a 12 to one ratio. This can be very helpful to the child who needs extra time.

The school promotes nutrition and healthy eating. The children are served only healthy foods. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided, for a small fee.

The Bank Street curriculum model is used at the center. It is designed to work with what the children are interested in.

A recent lesson covered music, so the children took a field trip to the music lab in the Arts and Humanities building. Professor Dave Archer played the piano for the youngsters. They also made instruments. The parents got involved by coming up to the school to play an instrument for the class.

The next lesson will cover gardening. The class has planned a field trip to Horns, a

nearby plant and feed store, to buy bulbs to plant at the school.

LeeAnn Nurdin is the kindergarten teacher. She received her degree from Phillips University in Enid and her child development certification from OKCCC.

"Our main philosophy is we want the children to love learning," Nurdin said.

Nurdin educates the children by exploring things they have had experience with or something they might gain experience with in the future.

The students are encouraged to work at their own pace.

"Every child is different," said Nurdin.

They cover basic skills such as handwriting, language, math, reading, and social skills.

The children's center receives a lot of feedback from former students and parents. Nurdin beamed with pride when she talked about what parents have told her.

"Parents have come back to say how pleased they are with our program and how well their child is doing in school."

The center is conscious of students from diverse backgrounds. They celebrate the seasons rather than the holidays.

In lieu of Halloween the children will enjoy a "P.J. Day." They will be able to wear their favorite pajamas to school.

They will also be having "Picture Day." Pictures will be taken on Oct. 27 at 8 a.m.

The center currently has 12 kindergartners enrolled in the program. The cost is \$105 per week.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Corey Grabenbauer, 5, is becoming quite a cook. He and the rest of the youngsters, made cookies because they were learning the letter "C." The alphabet, handwriting, language, math, reading and social skills are just a few things learned in the CDC.

## And the award goes to...



Marion Paden, vice-president of Student Services, and counselors Ed Williams, Mary Turner, Peggy Jordan and George Maxwell celebrate their first place award for publications from the National Academic Advising Conference. The conference was held in Orlando, Fla.

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# Highlights

## Uruguayan composer performing

Latin America's Leon Biriotti and the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band will intrigue music lovers 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7 in the college theater. He will lecture on the same day at 1:30 p.m. in room 1H5 in the HTC building. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$4 for students. Contact the Office of Cultural Programs and Community Development at 682-7579 for tickets or purchase them at the theater.

## Be on the lookout

REACT (Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team) is looking for volunteers. They are a nonprofit, volunteer organization providing community service and disaster operations to City and County leadership in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma City Metro and Cleveland County. If you have what it takes and are interested in Radio, Community Service, Emergency Training and Disaster Operations, call 685-9745. REACT meets the second Sunday of each month at the Moore City Hall at 2 p.m.

## Phi Theta Kappa meeting

Phi Theta Kappa will have a meeting at 5 p.m. on Nov. 1 and at 12:30 on Nov. 2 in room 3P5 of the main building to distribute fund-raiser candy and discuss upcoming events. Bring your letters and pictures for Military Mail also.

## Money! Money! Money!

The Faculty Association Scholarship Committee is searching for applicants for the fall. Two application forms must be filled out by the nominating faculty member and the student and returned to committee members Lisa Adkins, Leroy Ball, Rachel Butler, Nancy Cook, Myra Decker, Dana Glencross or Carlotta Hill by 5 p.m., Friday Nov. 3. Winners are selected by scholarship, leadership and potential. Academic history and essays are critical.

## Free HIV testing and education

GAF is 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.

## Need a job?

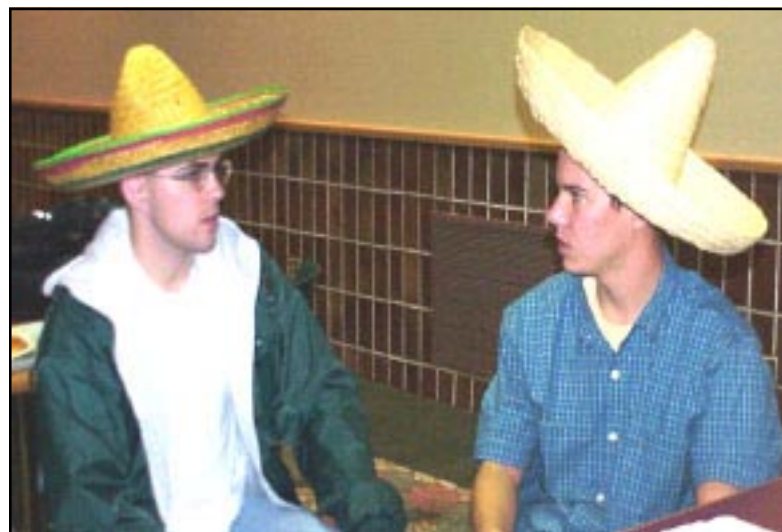
The Veterans Certification Office has an opening for a veterans workstudy position effective immediately. The student must be attending OKCCC at least three-quarter time and currently receiving veterans' benefits. The needed coverage will be mornings and possibly occasional late afternoons or early evenings. For more info, contact Pamela Jordan at 682-1611, ext. 7562.

## Meetin' and field trippin'

The Engineering club will have a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 12:20 p.m. to 1 p.m. in room 1C5. Mechanical Engineer Ed Mayberry will speak. Punch and cookies will be provided. There will be a field trip on Friday, Nov. 3 to PSI, Engineering and Testing Consultants. Sign up outside Masil Masilamani's office.

## Free school

Spring Tuition Fee Waiver applications are available in the Student Financial Aid Center. Submit applications to the Student Financial Aid Center by 5 p.m., Nov. 17. Awards will be posted in the Student Financial Aid Center Dec. 11.



## Music, food and fun:

Above, serenading mariachis pose with HOPE Vice-President Monica Contreras and President Jacqui Marquez on October 24 in the student union. Left, Treasurer Jason Munier and Nick Taylor enjoy the final day of festivities for National Hispanic Month at OKCCC.

Photos by Melissa DePew

# Religious club offers fellowship

By Steve Reid  
Newswriting I Student

A great place for fun, food, and worship is the Baptist Collegiate Ministry meetings.

The members meet at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays in room 3NO in the main building. They enjoy a time of praise and worship and listen to a speaker.

Each week about 35 to 40 students meet, and participate in discussions with President Paul Stuke, 19, a diversified studies major. "Our motto is to know Christ and to make him known," said Stuke.

The speaker for the Oct. 19 meeting was Michael Staton. He spoke about the passage detailing the birth of Christ in Luke, chapter

2. Staton said that it is good to hear the story of the birth of Christ at a time other than Christmas because a person will see the story in a different light.

He talked of how God is in control of everything.

"God is in control of history; history is his," said Staton.

The members of the group are friendly with everyone who attends meetings. Each week plenty of food and beverages are provided for those people.

An associate of BCM, Chris Haynes, 28, is a college minister at Southern Hills Baptist Church at 8601 S. Pennsylvania Avenue. He speaks from time to time as well.

"We want students from all walks of life," he said. "It doesn't matter what their denomination is or their

race.

"We don't want to exclude anyone," said Haynes.

About a dozen people from the group attended a fall retreat on Oct. 13 and 14 at Southern Hills Baptist Church at S.W. 89 and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Charlie Hall led the praise and worship, and the band Caedmon's Call played. The speaker was J.R. Vasser.

Coming up is a volleyball tournament on Nov. 3 and 4 in Stillwater. The group will be competing against other Baptist college groups from around the state.

"We encourage people to check it out and see for themselves who Christ is. All we are are just some students learning about God and gloryfying him," Haynes said.



# Classifieds

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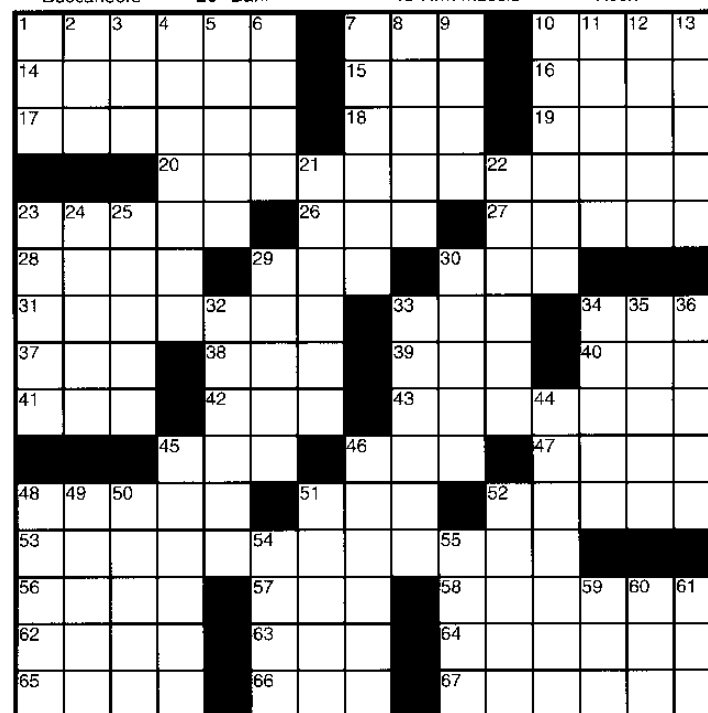
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## Is there a bone doctor in the house?



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Mary Ann Gundlach, Health Professions division assistant, poses with Dr. Vertebrae. Gundlach said she worked off and on for several days decorating her office to make it festive for Halloween. Inside, a visitor will find an array of spooky surprises including a giant spider web, pumpkin-shaped lights, a realistic-looking dummy of a dead person and much more. Halloween is Tuesday, Oct. 31.

## Students should enroll for spring classes now

"Enroll,"

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cision belongs to the professor and the number of seats or computers available in the classroom.

"If students are busy, they can enroll by phone or the Internet," French said.

Early spring and January intersession enrollment began Oct. 9 for returning students enrolling via tele-

phone or Internet and Oct. 16 for all students.

As of Oct. 20, about 700 students had enrolled.

French said some classes might close in the next few weeks.

Returning students can enroll by calling (405) 682-6222 or via the Internet at [www.okc.cc.ok.us](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us)

The final day for late registration for the spring 2001 semester 16- and first 8-week classes is Sunday Jan. 21.



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