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PIONEER

Florida recount adds suspense to 2000 election

By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer

The presidential election has made its mark on history.

The race was "Spandex tight," as CBS newsman Dan Rather said.

Several days after the Nov. 7 election, the country had not yet determined a new leader. The decision relied on Florida's 25 electoral votes.

The race in Florida was so close that a recount was called.

Late Thursday, Nov. 10, the recount was near completion and Gov. George Bush was leading Vice President Al Gore by 229 votes, according to CNN reports. Nationally, Gore led in popular votes.

In Oklahoma the race was decided 60.3 percent for Bush to 38.4 percent for Gore, according to the Oklahoma State Election Board.

As history unfolded, OKCCC students and staff watched on a television set up on the first floor of the main building, listened to the radio or checked updates online.

David Charlson, professor of English and sponsor of the Campus Greens, said the reactions to the race in Florida showed how polarized the country is right down the middle.

Student C.M. Graham said this is "American politics in action."

The events will show the American people whether changes in the voting system need to be made, she said.

America will consider the future of the Electoral College, considering that Gore gathered the most popular votes while Bush is expected to take Florida's Electoral votes.

Student David Thomas said the Electoral College system is outdated.

Even though it is a part of the U.S. Constitution, it was implemented in a time when communication was bad and informed representatives had to travel to Washington, D.C. to vote for president, he said. Today the popular vote should be the determining force.

Jerry Steward, political science professor and the college's attorney, said when the founding fathers wrote the Electoral College into the Constitution, democracy was a new concept. They concluded that, in order to ensure the safety of the country, an educated, informed group should elect the president. Thus the Electoral



Photo by Vu Vu

I can see clearly now: Psychology major Shandalyn Brothers scrapes the last remnants of the first winter snow off of her back window Nov. 9. The night before, the state saw a blanket of ice and snow.

Portrayal of Native Americans in films focus of spring series

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

A \$5000 grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council this fall could change the way OKCCC students watch movies.

The Arts and Humanities division will use the grant to fund "The Evolving Portrait of Native Americans in Film," a program scheduled for the spring semester.

"I hope (students) will learn the power of film to portray stereotypes," said Clay Randolph, professor and project director.

The series will focus

on four movies from different eras: one each from the '50s and '70s, and two movies from the '90s.

Each screening will be preceded by a lecture from a scholar in Native America culture.

"Each speaker will have a unique feel — some may like the movie, some may not like the movie and probably will say so," Randolph said.

He said viewers will see if there is a progression in the portrayal of Native Americans in movies.

Lectures will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the college theater followed by the presentation of the movie

on the following dates.

• Feb. 1 - Ph.D. candidate Brad Raley, former University of Oklahoma, OKCCC history professor and current OU film professor, will discuss John Ford's "The Searchers" starring John Wayne.

"The Searchers" is the earliest movie in the series, shot in 1956.

Randolph said the movie depicted Native Americans as stereotypical savages.

• March 1 - The University of Oklahoma Professional Writing Program's 1999 Oklahoma Writer of the year, Robert J. Conley will discuss "Little Big

Man," made in 1970 and directed by Arthur Penn.

Randolph said the movie "recognized the cultural values of Native American life."

Conley also authored the novelization of the movie "Geronimo: An American Legend."

• April 5 - Wake Forest University professor, film director and writer LeAnne Howe will discuss "Dances With Wolves" directed by Kevin Costner in 1990.

Randolph said the movie portrayed noble warriors struggling

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Hail to the chief
(whoever he is)

Election Day came and went without a glitch (pun intended).

First, Al Gore was declared the winner of sunny and warm Florida. The media was wrong and apologized.

Around 1:19 a.m. Central time, there was a happy little party in Austin, the state capital of Texas.

The media had declared its governor, George Walker Bush, the forty-third president of the United States of America.

Americans switched off their TVs and went to bed to enjoy a short slumber.

When they finally woke up, the New York Times had declared Gov. George W. Bush had won mighty Florida and the presidency.

The same thing happened with the Daily Oklahoman.

Again, the media jumped the gun.

It's still too close to call.

Two whole days after the election, no one knows who our next president is and there is near anarchy in Florida.

The masses have spoken and yet their voices are not heard.

Even though Al Gore is the people's champion, the outdated Electoral College is the deciding factor in who will be the next leader of the free world.

Nonetheless, someone will be chosen. Whoever he is, America has a wish list.

Our hope is that we can embrace the president with our trust and with our confidence that he will do what is right, not only for himself and his family, but what is right for the families of America.

Our hope is that he will protect the U.S. Constitution and the people who will die for it.

Our hope is that a woman's right to choose whether she is pro-choice or pro-life is still protected.

Our hope is that the environment will remain protected and hopefully restored.

Our hope is that racial equality will no longer be forced, but embraced.

Our hope is that poverty will be quelled.

Our hope is that wars caused by misanthropes will cease.

Our hope is that Americans will be able to keep their guns in their homes.

Our hope is that taxes will be lowered.

Our hope is that education will receive the funding it deserves.

Our hope is that honesty will dignify the office.

Our hope is that America's armed forces will receive funding to fully protect our nation.

Our hope is that the poor and less fortunate will have a place in our hearts.

Our hope is that corporations will relinquish the control they have over the government.

Our hope is that nuclear proliferation ends.

Our hope is for peace.

God bless [Insert next president here] and God bless America.

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Addicts can't just quit

To the Editor:

After reading as many things as I have in my life, one prominent idea keeps coming to me while writing this. Everyone is trying to convey their opinions and get the reader to agree with them. Is there really ever a right or wrong? Especially in the written word. It is simply an opinion laid out on paper and presented to us for our approval.

My most current example of this was in the school's newspaper, the Pioneer. There was an editorial written by Michaela Marx titled, "Smokers to blame for choice, not tobacco company."

First and foremost what stood out to me was the writer's inability to grasp the true identity of what an addiction is, with comments such as "The smoker chooses to smoke and therefore, he can also choose to quit."

Does she not understand that an addict is just that, an addict? Life is full of addictions, some more harmful than others. Watching television, playing on the

computer, gambling, shopping, drinking, drugs, smoking, sex and so on and so forth. To tell an addict to just quit is like telling an insane person to just be sane. Addictions are just that, an out of control habit that cannot just be halted in its path of destruction.

I agree that we have been given ample information to make the right decisions, but I also state for the record that people are not perfect and bad decisions are made by all of us.

Michaela also states that "smokers are not victims," which in my opinion is entirely not true. The smoker has been shown, until recent history, a romanticized view of smoking. Men are more manly and ladies are more seductive with a cigarette hanging from their lips.

Smokers do have choices, yes. However, the choices are hard and for some not realistic choices after 30 years of smoking. If you ever have a chance talk to someone addicted to cigarettes and then someone addicted to heroin, you will

hear almost identical problems and fears from both.

Smoking is bad for you and those around you. We have been warned about its dangers. Addictions are just as much a problem, and something more than "just quit" needs to be the solution.

—April Jones
Student

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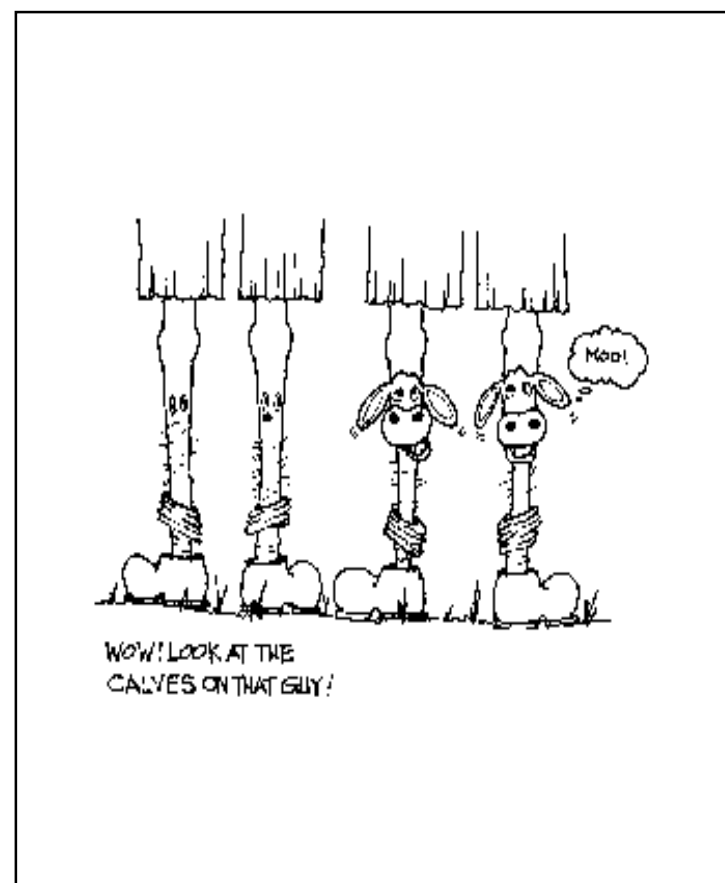
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Comments and Reviews

Study techniques examined

Many options for help available to students

To the Editor:

Want to do better in school? Set aside time everyday for your studies. Thirty minutes of uninterrupted time is more valuable than a couple of hours with constant distractions.

Find a place that fits your personal learning style and needs.

For example, if you need a really quiet place, the library or an empty classroom might work well. If you need some soft background noise, a room where you can play the radio softly might work.

Set specific goals for what you want to accomplish during your study time. For instance, you may have 10 math problems, but not the time to do them all. Set your goal to do four of the problems so that you can accomplish something in the time you have and not feel frustrated because you couldn't do everything at one sitting.

During your next study time, you can work four more problems, or possibly do all six that are remaining. If you get stuck on an item, skip it and do the others. If you still can't figure it out, speak with your professor or with

someone in the lab.

Utilize campus resources. Learning labs are available seven days a week to provide support for accounting, communications

(English, foreign language, ESL, etc.), computer science, math, and science.

Many students use these labs as a place to do homework or to prepare for exams. Because of this, lab personnel may not approach you to ask if you need help. You must tell them you need assistance.

Show the work you have done so the assistant or tutor can see where you are having difficulty or tell the person what you are working on and how you need help. It isn't reasonable or realistic to expect that a generic, "I need help!" will be sufficient to get what you need.

If your class has Supplemental Instruction support, find out when the sessions are held and plan to attend them.

The student leaders work closely with the faculty and are able to help you pinpoint your problems and focus on those

"Set specific goals for what you want to accomplish during your study time."

—Mary Turner

objectives that are most important for the class.

Make an appointment to see your professor. Don't just think you know how you're doing in the class or wonder why you got answers wrong on a test. The professor sets aside time each week to work with students individually. He or she is an excellent resource for finding out what you can do to be more successful in the class.

Besides being content experts, faculty have years of experience taking courses in their discipline and in teaching courses in their discipline (many also have practical non-teaching experience in their respective fields). They can often provide tips and suggestions that are especially useful when studying for their classes.

—Mary Turner
Coordinator of
Student Support
Services

Unsure where security hides

To the Editor,

I was just wondering where the OKCCC security officers are.

At the first of the year, and even now, there are people stealing from automobiles in the parking lot.

Is it really that difficult to see somebody stealing from a car? I mean if I see somebody get in a car and then walk away with a car stereo in their hand I'm going to be a little suspicious.

I know it's not always that easy... but aren't we

supposed to feel that our possessions are safe in our vehicles when we are attending our classes.

I seem to remember walking out of class and seeing many of the tickets on cars from parking in the faculty spots but I don't remember hearing of thieves that stole from vehicles having been caught.

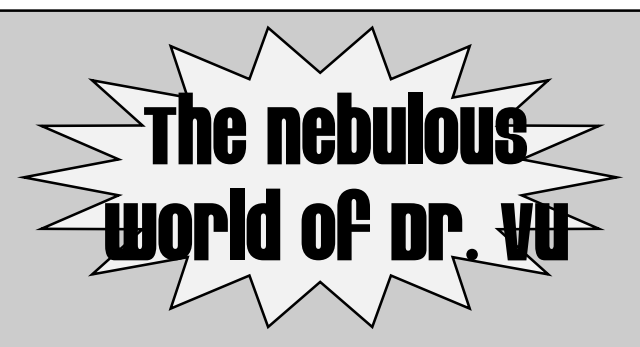
I remember a lady in my English class had the top of her car slashed. How do you miss that?

Shouldn't the security

officers be out in the parking lot watching to make sure that our belongings are safe? If they are doing something else that is more important then I think they need more officers to watch the parking lot.

If things like this keep happening, the students may go to a different school where their belongings are safer and where the officers are actually watching their stuff.

—Name withheld by request



Dr. Vu prescribes new-fangled zit cream

Dude, this big pimple on the middle of my forehead is driving me nuts.

I'm a 19-year-old college sophomore and there's a HUGE pimple on the middle of my forehead.

Dr. Vu blames it on the stress of deciding the next president of the United States of America. Or maybe Dr. Vu prescribed wrong shoes.

But seriously, I voted on the morning of Nov. 7, along with my fellow senior citizens at my alma mater that is Putnam City North High School.

I was the youngest person there.

All those older folks knew what they wanted and they voted for the candidate that best represented them.

I was number 1256 and 1257 since 7 a.m. Divide that by two and subtract it by zero and you get how many people voted before me.

I nixed State Question 686, and chose to allow Oklahoman wineries to sell their wines to Oklahoma restaurants.

I gave my consent to the appointed board of directors to control the millions of dollars Oklahoma received from the tobacco companies.

I don't remember how I voted on the State Question 684 and I don't remember how I voted on State Question 690, the school millage levies question.

And for president?

I didn't choose a president. I exercised my right to vote by not voting.

I'm still young, absorbing ideals. I'm still learning who I am and what I stand for. I'm still searching for a cause to fight.

As of now, I am a champion and proponent of confusion.

Ralph Nader attacked democratic propaganda that said, "A vote for Nader is a vote for Bush."

Nader told those who would listen to vote their conscience.

My conscience was uneasy with the choices I had. I could've voted for Pat Buchanan.

Some how, some way, Dr. Vu must pop the pimple without scarring.

As my friend, my fellow journalist and my mentor Dan Rather of CBS news would say, "It's Spandex tight."

I still can't believe he said, "California was a taco, Texas was a burrito, but Florida is the big tamale," instead of using eggrolls and apple juice.

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Visually-impaired get needed help at vending machines

**By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer**

OKCCC student James Arnold has made it easier for visually-impaired students to make the choices they want at campus drink vending machines.

Arnold, also visually impaired, said he was tired of always having to ask others where the buttons were to drinks he wanted from the machines.

That prompted him to ask food service workers what could be done. Arnold was linked up with Bill Coffey, coordinator of risk management and service contracts.

Arnold suggested to Coffey that Braille la-

bels be placed on drink vending machines throughout campus, said Pat Stowe, director of Services to Students with Disabilities.

Stowe said the Braille alphabet is a code that can be "read" with the fingertips by the visually impaired.

It is presented in a raised format and relates to all letters of the English alphabet.

Coffey said Arnold has prepared the labels for the great variety of drinks offered. Coffey said he is helping Arnold place the labels on all of the 22 vending machines in the college.

Arnold owns a machine that can stamp the labels.

"So far I have made

125 labels," he said.

Before the labels could be placed, Coffey checked with Pepsi, who is OKCCC's major vending service provider.

Pepsi approved the labels and now Coffey is labeling the machines daily until all are done, he said.

The Braille labels are transparent, so they don't cover up the original labels, Coffey said.

Arnold said besides the vending machines there are other places where Braille labels would make a big difference: in the bookstore, in the cafeteria and on fountains.

However, he said, the college has done quite a bit to make life easier for the visually impaired. He said

there are computer programs such as the JAW, job access with speech program.

Arnold has been at OKCCC for four semesters. He is taking Auto CAD classes, but said he is not working toward a particular degree.

Vicki Wilson, disability accommodation assistant, said Arnold is also very involved on campus. She said he will start a work-study position Dec. 7 in the office of Services to Students with Disabilities.

He is also the treasurer of the Abilities Galore Club here on campus.

Many may know of him because of his dog Jay, who, he said, is very popular on campus.



Photo by Michaela Marx

OKCCC Student James Arnold has helped the visually-impaired on campus by helping create Braille labels for the soft-drink vending machines. He and his dog Jay are very active at the college. Arnold is treasurer of Abilities Galore.

Student believes vandalism is result of ongoing feud

**By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer**

A personal feud may have led to car vandalism in an OKCCC parking lot Nov. 2.

GED student Kelli Montgomery said she returned to her car in parking lot C at approximately 3 p.m.

Montgomery found three of her tires flattened and vulgar words and spray paint all over the car, she said. Nothing was missing.

Keith Bourque, coordinator of campus safety and security, said photographs were taken and an incident report prepared.

Montgomery said she feels somebody must have seen the perpetrator.

"It happened in bright daylight," she said.

The damage totals \$2083, said Montgomery.

Montgomery said her

parents picked her up and her car was towed.

When she and her parents arrived home, their door and front porch were also spray painted with vulgarities.

Nikki Montgomery, Kelli's mother, said the police were called, but could not do much without a witness.

The victim said she suspects an ongoing feud with another person is connected to both vandalisms.

Montgomery's mother said that they have repeatedly involved the police because of anonymous phone calls and similar incidents. Six month earlier Kelli's tires had been slashed, she said.

Montgomery said a witness is needed in order to take legal action.

She said if anyone witnessed the vandalism, please call 495-1736 or campus safety and security

at 682-1611, ext. 7691.

•The vandalism was committed Thursday, Nov. 2, between 11:30 a.m. and 3

p.m.

•Montgomery's car is a 1985 bronze Brougham Oldsmobile with numerous

stickers on the back.

•The car was parked in parking lot C, east of the library.

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OKC-Go program continues to grow

By Mark Stack
Newswriting I Student

Because of his desire to have a better job, Brent Harding said he knew he would someday go to college just as his dad had done. But with the high costs of college, Harding thought he would have to work and earn money to put himself through school.

Little did he know he would be attending college right out of high school by way of the OKC-GO program.

Harding, a 1999 Southeast High School graduate, along with many other Oklahoma City public school graduates, are the type of people President Bob Todd said he had in mind when he helped create the OKC-GO project.

OKC-GO allows graduates from Oklahoma City schools to enroll at OKCCC. The first two years of tuition is paid for students involved in the project.

"Higher education is the number one need to help a community prosper," said Todd. "Getting our kids to attend college is a necessity."

Todd is familiar with higher education. After graduating from Capitol Hill High School in south Oklahoma City, he received a bachelor's degree, then a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

He then went to work as an engineer at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Soon after, he spent eight years in the Army, also as an engineer. After his stint with the Army, Todd finally found his calling working for OKCCC.

Since petitioning the Oklahoma State Board of Regents in the early 1970s to fund a college in south Oklahoma City, Todd has always made the college his top priority.

He said, even after acquiring his first job at



Photo by Melissa DePew
Dr. Bob Todd

OKCCC, he still wasn't satisfied. So, he said, he went back to school and received a doctorate of education degree from Oklahoma State University.

Todd has held many jobs at OKCCC. He has served as the dean of instruction and vice president of research and learning.

He has been vice president for administrative services, and vice president for instruction. He said his dream was finally realized when he was named president of OKCCC.

Now, five years into the job, Todd's main focus is to get fellow Oklahoma City residents to improve their lives by enrolling in college, especially at OKCCC.

"The graduation rate of students who enter the ninth grade in Oklahoma City is only 43 percent," said Todd. "That number has to increase or more people will be living on the streets. Creating OKC-GO will hopefully raise that number."

In only its second year, OKC-GO has already had a big impact. In 1998, only 99 students from Oklahoma City schools were enrolled at OKCCC.

A year later, when OKC-GO was started, 266 students from Oklahoma City public schools attended OKCCC.

This fall 341 students enrolled for the fall semester, Todd said, and more are expected to enroll in the spring.

Come here often?



Photo by Melissa DePew

Physical Science Professor Steve Kamm puckers up for a kiss from Biscuit the pig. Kamm won the honor after he received the most votes from students, staff and faculty during a United Way fund-raiser.

"It's a starting point for college," said Harding. "I believe I wouldn't be in college if it weren't for the OKC-GO programs."

Todd believes many more students will profit from being involved with OKC-GO. "I believe it is having a

substantial impact on the lives of people in the Oklahoma City community.

"I feel the progress we need to make now is getting elementary and middle school kids more acclimated to this environment."

Fake \$20 bill used to pay for lunch

By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer

A fake \$20 bill made its way into a cafeteria cash register Nov. 7.

Patty Knowlton, catering coordinator and manager of Sellar's catering, said during lunch hour rush, between 12:30 and 12:45 p.m. cashier Mary Pettet received the counterfeit money.

Pettet said she noticed the fake bill after the rush was over.

"It was a really bad bill," said Knowlton.

According to an OKCCC incident report, Pettet was unable to describe the person who had given her the bill.

Knowlton said, to her knowledge, this is the first

time an incident like this has happened.

She said the catering service watched the traffic during lunch hour carefully in the days following in case the person who paid with the fake money would return. However, there have been no other incidents.

To prevent further problems the cashiers now use a special counterfeit detector, said Knowlton.

Keith Bourque, coordinator of OKCCC safety and security, said the bill was turned over to the Oklahoma City Police Department.

He said the police will inform the Secret Service. The agency gets involved in all cases involving falsified money of \$20 or higher.

Bourque said this was the first incident of this type at the college.



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Movie producer tells secrets of 'The Godfather'

Mobsters cast as extras in film to avoid problems

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Movie buffs brushed off the election and snow to hear movie producer Gray Frederickson speak about "The Godfather" in college union rooms 1 and 2 on Nov. 7.

"It was really informative," said Morgan Williams, business major.

Named one of the top three movies of the last century by the American Film Institute, "The Godfather" was almost never made.

Frederickson said before "The Godfather," organized crime movies like "Brotherhood" didn't do too well. They received the "kiss of death" and bombed at theaters.

Paramount bought the rights to "The Godfather" for \$80,000 from author Mario Puzo because as a book, its popularity reached the same heights as "Gone with the Wind," becoming

ing a No. 1 best seller

"It was so widely read and received, no one could wait [for it to be a movie]," Frederickson said of the "Godfather" book.

Frederickson wanted Francis Ford Coppola to direct the film but Paramount refused to let him direct until Frederickson begged.

"Coppola overcame polio. He's a strong tough guy. He was a fighter determined to make the film right."

The studio continually tried to make the film the way they wanted it by asking Coppola to make the film "modern" and casting Ernest Borgnine as the godfather.

The same thing happened with Marlon Brando who the studio did not want cast.

"Coppola was determined to get [Brando].

"He came in on his knees begging and they (Paramount) still didn't take him," Frederickson said.

One day, Coppola used his own money to tape Brando with tissue paper tucked in his cheeks. After critics saw the tape, Brando was in.

"[Brando] was skinny and in shape when we filmed it.

"When 'Apocalypse Now' was filmed, he was 300 pounds," Frederickson joked.

He talked about not being able to film on location in New York because of the Anti-Italian Defamation League.

Coppola, producer Albert Ruddy, and Frederickson ended the problem by giving members of the Colombo family (the organized crime family responsible for the league) parts in the play.



Photo by Vu Vu

Frederickson intrigued a crowd of mostly film and humanities students about the little known secrets in his movies.

All extras were real mob members, he said. There were no censorship problems with the violence, Frederickson said.

"[The censors said] you can kill anyone you want, but the horse's head..." Frederickson said.

He said the horse's head in the scene was a real horse head. The animal was slaughtered and its head packed in dry ice when the scene was shot.

"The animal was going to be killed anyway, but it lived a little longer than it was supposed to."

"The Godfather" cost \$6.2 million to make and took 77 days to shoot. For a biographical look at Frederickson, visit the July 3 edition of the Pioneer online at www.okc.cc.ok.us or visit the Pioneer office at 2N6.



Photo by Vu Vu

Oklahoma's own Gray Frederickson, who helped bring to life movies such as the "Godfather" series, the "Outsiders" and "Apocalypse Now" talks to Steve and Michelle Abbot about the movie industry Nov. 7.

Child Development grant to focus on excellence

By Brandi Peterman
Newswriting I Student

OKCCC has now received a grant funded through a partnership with the Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education. The Scholars for Excellence program's main focus is to encourage child care providers in child care centers and home facilities to receive a formal education.

Through the program, scholars will be able to take credit courses that can be used towards their Child Development Associate credential (CDA) and apply those credits towards a Certificate of Mastery in Child Development or an Associates degree.

Amanda Stubbs, Child Development Scholar

Coordinator, has been working endlessly on this program. Stubbs said that OKCCC was chosen to participate because it has one of the most successful Child Development programs in a two-year college.

"Through the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program, we hope to educate providers and hope, in time, this will help improve the quality of child care in Oklahoma," said Stubbs.

Due to the DHS star rating system, child care centers and home facilities are encouraged to excel and become a two or three star program. One of the requirements for a higher star rating is that a certain number of teachers within the facility have at least a CDA.

Qualifications for participants interested in the Scholars for Excellence program:

- Must work in an Oklahoma licensed facility or home care.

- Must work a minimum of 30 hours a week.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- The facility that the provider works for must have 10 percent or its licensed capacity filled with children receiving DHS benefits or Tribal subsidy.

- Workers cannot make more than \$12 per hour as teachers or \$15 per hour as directors.
- Cannot work for a Headstart program.

- Interested in applying for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Oklahoma scholarships. T.E.A.C.H. is a scholarship program that helps child care providers pay for college. After completion of the educational program the student chooses and fulfilling their contract agreement with T.E.A.C.H., the childcare provider will be eligible for bonus money.

Any interested applicant may contact Stubbs at 682-7832.

contact the editor at 682-1611 ext. 7675 or e-mail at editor@okc.cc.ok.us

History field trip to art museum amounts to knowledge and fun

Amy Barringer
Newswriting I Student

The OKCCC Women's European History class, taught by Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen, went on a road trip to Tulsa on Nov. 4.

The class, consisting of nine women and two men, traveled to Tulsa to see a collection of 500 Impressionist pieces.

The students saw many famous paintings by artists including Renoir, Matisse, Degas, and Van Gogh.

The class studied society's view of women and the roles they played in the late 18th and early 19th century by examining the way the women were portrayed in the artwork.

"The students observed that 56 paintings of women showed them either working or talking and their hands were very masculine," said Sheetz-Nguyen. "In contrast, the paintings of young boys or men were drawn socializing or in the classroom and their hands were very feminine."

According to Sheetz-Nguyen, European women were valued as wives and household keepers. They were also important for their birthing abilities, but were not allowed access to education.

Their hands were shown as large because women did all the labor around the house while the men handled business or politics.

Computer science major Roberto Rodriguez said that classes such as Women's European History make students aware of the real reason they have taught him how lucky he is to have the privilege of acquiring an education.

Rodriguez jokingly added that the reason he enrolled in this class was to meet women.

History major Rita Lancaster, said that learning about the way women were treated in medieval times awakened her heart and mind.

She decided to enroll in the class because of the positive remarks she had heard regarding the teaching style of Sheetz-Nguyen.

Twanica Ratliff, also a history major, said that Sheetz-Nguyen is doing an excellent job by bringing this particular course to OKCCC.

"She remains an encouragement for me to pursue my goal of becoming a history professor," Ratliff said.

Ratliff was shocked to learn that most of the history regarding women has been written by men, who more often than not are biased.

The students said that Sheetz-Nguyen allows for personal opinion and encourages group discussions.

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—Roberto Rodriguez
student

Sheetz-Nguyen received her bachelor's degree in European history and philosophy in 1973. She then went to work for a factory as a clerk typist.

"I wanted to go on and get a masters, followed by a Ph.D., but at that time I did not have the maturity required to fill out the graduate application," said Sheetz-Nguyen.

"I couldn't even type 20 words per minute when I started, but now I type over 80 words per minute."

"In 1980, I decided I needed to change my life, so I went on vacation to the Virgin Islands. I called up my employers and said: 'This is Jessica Sheetz and I won't be coming back to work. I think that I am going to stay here and get a job!'"

She stayed in the Virgin Islands for approximately two years, where she got a job in a kitchen, and soon became the head cook. After returning to the United States, she accepted a cooking apprenticeship at a resort called the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Spring, W. Va.

"It is one of only 13 resorts in the United States that is both five star and five diamond," Sheetz-Nguyen continued, "It is a European culinary style program, so I trained for two years and worked as chef for two years. I would always say to myself as I was peeling potatoes or looking out at the ocean, that I was not going to stay in this occupation forever. I was going back to school to get my Ph.D."

In 1987, 14 years after receiving her bachelor degree in history from Millersville University, Sheetz-Nguyen returned to college to get certified to teach secondary education. While teaching social studies, she decided to further her education with a master's degree in European history.

With that accomplishment under her belt, Sheetz-Nguyen applied and was accepted to the doctoral program at Marquette University.

"I was then able to travel to London twice, for a total of 16 months," said Sheetz-Nguyen.

"Ultimately, I finished my dissertation on Victorian London's working poor women and children and space and gender. I titled it 'Just Desserts,'" Sheetz-Nguyen said. "It's a play on words because desserts were one of my favorite areas that I liked to work in as a chef."

"I finished my dissertation, moved to Oklahoma to join my future, and now present husband Ken Nguyen," said Sheetz-Nguyen. "I was teaching U.S. history at OKCCC, as an adjunct, when a full time opening became available. I was interviewed and fortunately, I was accepted. I am now very happily employed, and that's how I got here!"

Sheetz-Nguyen encourages any students who wish to enroll in more special interest courses to let their counselors know.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen

Professor ventures to Rome to attend summer seminar

Amy Barringer
Newswriting I Student

History Professor Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen was selected from 100 college educators, that applied from all over the United States, to attend a summer seminar in Rome, Italy.

The seminar, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, taught how the ancient world was mapped and divided by different ethnic groups.

The reason she wanted to go to Rome was because she had included a lot about geography in her doctoral dissertation, and wanted to know more about both geography and ethnicity.

"I studied at the American Academy located at the top of Janiculum Hill, which is the highest hill in Rome," she said.

The building was designed in 1903 by McKim, Mead, and White. Since its completion in 1910, it's been used to serve American scholars interested in the study of the classics, primarily Greece and Rome. The daily routine for seminar participants made early risers of everyone, Sheetz-Nguyen said.

"The seminar itself was very hard work. We would attend group discussions and presentations every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.," said Sheetz-Nguyen.

The scholars were assigned 400 pages each week, so most of their time was spent in the library reading and preparing for the required research presentation. One day a week, the group was free to see Rome. Wednesdays were always spent outside the classroom.

One place of interest was the Vatican Museum, Sheetz-Nguyen said. "Our group spent two hours studying panel after panel of Renaissance maps."

"Perhaps the most lengthy item of interest to my colleagues was Trajan's Column," said Sheetz-Nguyen. "They studied each panel for minutes taking notes and thinking about the purpose of the sculpted column that stands [118 feet] high and winds upward like frames in a film."

The group also visited archeological sites including Ostia, Rome's ancient seaport, and Cosa the American archeological site, as well as Hadrian's Villa, which was a home of a Roman emperor.

"This seminar tied directly to my teaching practices, because I try to bring maps into every class discussion. My weeks in Rome served as a course in ancient history and will be very useful in my Western Civilization classes."

"My colleagues and I learned how to navigate our way through the sun-drenched squares and piazzas, no, not pizzas,—piazzas—of contemporary Rome," said Sheetz-Nguyen.

Math prof returns from Poland's education capital

By Will McGee
Newswriting I Student

Poland's rich tradition in mathematics drew OKCCC mathematics professor Mike Turegun into the Fulbright Exchange program.

Turegun was one of only 2,000 American educators to be granted a Fulbright Foreign Scholarship for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Turegun literally swapped places with Krzysztof Nowakowski, a mathematics teacher at Liceum XVII, a high school in Poznan, Poland, while Nowakowski taught at OKCCC. Not only did they switch jobs, but they also played house sitter for each other, he said.

For a short time Turegun was even spending Nowakowski's money, unintentionally, of course.

He had to go to the bank with Nowakowski's sister on more than one occasion to figure out what was wrong, Turegun said.

It appears there was confusion when Turegun went to open his own account at the bank. He noticed that his account was growing rapidly without any deductions, Turegun said.

Turegun enlisted the help of Nowakowski's sister as a translator and sat

down twice with the president of the bank to get this straightened out.

Aside from the common problems caused by language barriers, Turegun enjoyed his time in Poznan. Turegun did not know Polish, so his teaching was built on the international language of mathematics.

Turegun said that Poznan was one of his top three choices on his exchange wish list.

The President of Poland, along with other dignitaries, greeted him upon his arrival.

Poznan is the center of education in Poland.

Turegun said, "In this small city, about one tenth the size of Oklahoma City, they have 17 or 18 universities and lots of operas and orchestras."

Turegun taught 18 credit hours at Liceum XVII, which ranks about sixteenth of the 35 high schools in the city.

"Their education is more rigorous and their curriculum is not flexible. They have hardly any free electives."

Turegun said he enjoyed teaching the students of Liceum XVII.

"They were very respect-

ful and formal."

In fact, the only problem that he did have with the students was academic dishonesty.

"Academic dishonesty was no big deal to them. It was a way of life," Turegun said.

The professor was separated from his family and friends.

"You learn a lot about yourself when you are isolated."

Although he was alone, Turegun was fortunate enough to be able to afford to go to operas and eat out often, he said.

"The economic system in

Poland is very bad. A teacher in Poland makes about \$250 a month and has to work three jobs to make ends meet."

Turegun misses the friends he made in Poland, but says he is glad to be back in the United States.

"We live in the best country in the world. Why would I want to live anywhere else?"

Turegun still keeps in touch with his Polish friends by way of e-mail.

He cherishes his panoramic view of Poznan, carved in wood, which was given to him as a going away present, he said.



Mike Turegun

O.I.L. works in the spirit of giving

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

For the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature, or O.I.L., the giving season has arrived early this year.

Instead of O.I.L.'s usual blood drive charity, they decided to help the Christmas Connection by donating non-perishable food, said Jeremy Hendricks, OKCCC student and O.I.L.

Speaker of the House.

People are encouraged to donate canned foods from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at the state capital rotunda on the fourth floor.

O.I.L. is a mock state government ran entirely by college students from 20 state colleges and universities.

The donations coincide with O.I.L.'s fall session that began Nov. 8 and ended Nov. 12.

"We are happy to do

what we can to help the community through a wonderful organization like Christmas Connection," said Michelle Tilley-Johnson, governor of O.I.L. and OU law student in an O.I.L. press release.

The capital is located at 2300 N. Lincoln.

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International students explore Guthrie

By Christy Chan
Newswriting I Student

Classical architecture of the Victorian era captured the attention of a group of international students from OKCCC this month.

OKCCC's English as a Second Language program took a cultural field trip to historic Guthrie, the first capital city of the state of Oklahoma. Guthrie is about 40 miles north of campus on Interstate 35.

On Oct. 4, a group of 27 international students made the journey in two college vans. Professors Patricia Brooks and Abbie Figueroa led the tour. After an hour's drive, the group arrived at the Scottish Rite Temple in downtown Guthrie.

Don Odom, a retired history teacher, gave the students a tour around the temple. The temple has a Greco-Roman exterior and 14 artistic rooms, each featuring a different architectural style and culture.

The tour included the atrium, the auditorium, the Crystal Room, the Dining Room, the Blue Room, the Rose Room, the Egyptian Room, the Pompeian Room, the Assyrian Room, and the library.

Many of the students were stunned by the unique structure of the building, especially the Atrium, with its beautiful stained glass skylight representing the open sky. Most of the Roman Atriums were not covered, Odom said.

The Blue Room features three windows, depicting the stages of the life of man: youth, adulthood, and old age. During daylight hours, these figures realistically display natural flesh tones, but at night they become black. The process by which this effect was accomplished is a lost art, said Odom.

The Italian artisan created only nine such windows. Only these three remain, Odom said.

The windows are protected on the outside by special plexiglas coverings, he said.

"I was impressed by the structure of this building," said Farid Uddin Ahmad from Bangladesh.

"I am glad that our professors organized this trip for us," he said.

Another student, Isniati Ishak from Indonesia, said she enjoyed the trip.

"The trip was great, I have gained extra knowledge about the history of Guthrie besides my regular class."

After visiting the temple, the ESL group lunched at the Blue Belle Saloon and explored the Guthrie downtown area on foot.

The area is filled with a variety of antique dealers, art galleries, specialty shops and eateries.

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Highlights

Closed for turkey day

During the Thanksgiving break, the Test Center will be closing at 5 p.m. Nov. 21 and Nov. 22. It will remain closed through out the holiday and reopen on Monday, Nov. 27. Faculty who have testing deadlines for that week may want to modify their deadlines or alert their students of the Test Center hours.

Faculty members who know their test deadlines can contact the Test Center to assist the staff for the end of semester testing rush.

Before you hit the road

International students who plan to travel during Thanksgiving or winter holidays need to inform the Office of Admissions and Records at least a week in advance. The proper travel documents need to be prepared.

Work or study? Do both.

The Veterans Office is looking for Work-Study applicants for the spring and summer semesters. For more details, call 682-1611, ext. 7694 or 7695.

Environmental education grants available

Oklahoma teachers and youth leaders are encouraged to apply for grant funds to promote learning opportunities on environmental issues.

Five \$1000 grants are available for outdoor classes and 17 \$500 grants are available for environmental education projects. There are 10 \$200 grants available for environmental education field trips. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis on the criteria outlined in the grant proposal.

Outdoor classes can use the grants for water gardens, compost demonstration areas, plants, trees, seeds, flowers, birdhouses, bat houses, rocks, bricks (no buildings), benches and work areas.

The grant is sponsored by the Environmental Quality Education committee. Visit the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality at www.deq.state.ok.us for more information. The deadline for grants is Monday, Nov. 27.

Positions available

Positions for the spring Occupational Therapy Assistant program are still available. Applications may be picked up in the Office of Admissions and Records and will be accepted through noon Dec. 1. For further information, contact Barbara Gowdy at 682-7528.

Are you a fall graduate?

All students completing their degree requirements in December should already have an application for graduation on file. If students haven't applied, the deadline has been extended to Friday, Dec. 1. Contact Mary Jones in the Graduation/Transfer Evaluation office.

Time to meet

The Health Professions club is holding a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 12:30 p.m. in room 3P3. There will be a physician speaking on women's health issues.

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.



Good grief:

Auditioning for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," competing thespians battle it out for key roles. Below, Sharon Walker and Kaylen Friend recite lines for directors Jacque Hocking and Darin Young Nov. 8 in the green room. About 25 people auditioned for the parts of Snoopy, Peppermint Patty and of course, Charlie Brown. The play will be performed in February.

Photos by Vu Vu

Madrigal dinner aims to capture spirit, music of past

By Will McGee
Newsriting I Student

Celebrate the holidays Renaissance style.

Take a trip to the 16th century with the OKCCC chamber singers as they host a Madrigal Dinner at 7 pm, Saturday, Dec. 2, in the college union.

Music Professor Ryan Hebert is directing this event.

"A madrigal is a 16th century work for an a cappella choir with five or six voices," Hebert said.

"It was developed in Italy, but was very popular in England also.

"The madrigal dinner is a tradition from the Renaissance where they would have a feast and entertainment at the king's court."

This is OKCCC's first madrigal dinner, but Hebert hopes to make it an annual tradition. Hebert has been preparing for this since the beginning of the semester.

There are 16 students singing at the event. They had to audition to perform in the ensemble.

This celebration of the holiday season will include a special guest performance by Waites and Measures, a music group that plays instruments from the Renaissance period.

"We will sing a few madrigals and some standard holiday songs also," Hebert said.

"The banquet room will be decorated and we are all going to be wearing costumes reminiscent of the times. There will also be skits, and instrumental music, all to celebrate the holiday season."

The menu for the dinner will consist of grilled flank steak, grilled vegetables, salad, potato casserole, and bread pudding.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for students with valid ID. For questions or ticket reservations call Ryan Hebert at 682-1611 ext. 7249.

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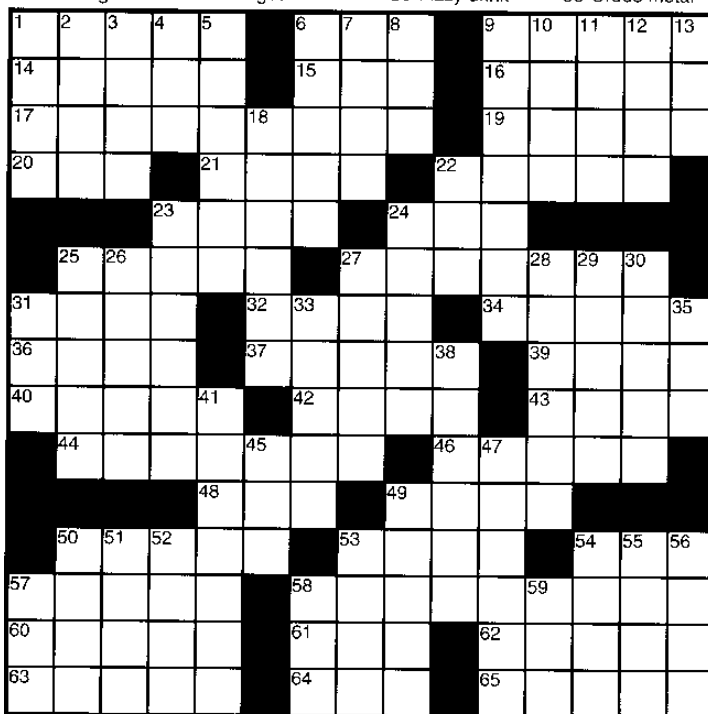
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Students, staff say election shows need for changes in system

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College was born.

Criticism of this system is as old as the system itself, he said.

"I have believed for many years that we need to change or do away with it," Steward said.

A great thing about democracy is that if change is needed, the American people have the power to change the system, he said.

Microbiology major Andy Anders said the events in Florida will change the way Americans vote in the future.

"In the future voting will be all computerized," he said, because that would end confusion.

The election events have put the spotlight on the importance of voting.

Biology Professor Brenda Breeding said: "What is the importance of voting? I wonder how many people from Florida woke this morning wishing that they had taken the time to vote."

Steward said the election has reinforced the message that every vote is important.

"Regardless how long you live, for the rest of your life you can say, I was there in

the 2000 election and every vote mattered," he said.

Some observers were disappointed that the issue prompted a lot of finger pointing.

Thomas said the candidates should accept that "who wins should win."

He said both sides in the questionable precincts in Florida approved the ballot, Republicans and Democrats.

"There was a time and place to complain."

He said it is wrong to await the outcome and then complain.

Carolyn Williams, finance major, said she agrees that changes in the system should be considered.

"I have mixed emotions. I am having a hard time determining what's fair."

She said the ordeal in Florida made her question integrity of the system.

Steward said he thinks the issue will be resolved before the Electoral College meets in December. A revote, as some are demanding, would be highly unusual.

Charlson said it is wrong to make Green Party candidate Ralph Nader a scapegoat because the race was tight.

"If Gore had won his own state and Clinton's state, it would have made a

difference," he said.

Charlson said it is sad that the whole outcome suggests a two-candidates-only system.

All agree that a tight race like this is historic.

Finance major David Nakhleh said he was shocked how close the results were. Seeing the re-counts on TV showed that that every vote counts.

Steward said the next president will have a hard task to tackle. Governing a country and a government that is so evenly split will require him to set partisanship aside and work with both sides to achieve progress, he said.

He said Bush has a good record as governor of Texas of doing so. However, only the future can show if the

winner will master the task.

Not since the 1960 race between John F. Kennedy (49.7%) and Richard Nixon (49.5%) has an election been this close, said Steward.

However, "close only counts with horseshoes and hand grenades," to repeat another Dan Rather phrase, not in presidential elections.

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Lecture, film series made possible through grant

"Film,"

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against whites in a romantic light.

• May 3 - The final and most recent movie, "Smoke Signals" shot in 1998, will be dissected by author and filmmaker Sherman Alexie. The movie was based on Alexie's "This is What it Means to say Phoenix, Arizona."

the series will follow along with Humanities 2003, to be held Thursday nights.

The original idea came from Dr. Linda Thornton when she suggested to Randolph last spring that

Alexie speak at the college.

Arts and Humanities Dean Susan VanSchuyver asked Randolph for ideas for a humanities grant and he remembered talking to Thornton about Alexie.

"I had long been interested in the stereotyping of Native Americans in movies, so I suggested the idea of the film and lecture series on that subject to the dean. The project grew from there," Randolph said.

The \$5000 grant is matched with funding from the OKCCC Development Fund, Kay Edwards Fund, Cultural Arts Fund and Student Life.

"It's going to be a wonderful series," VanSchuyver said.