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Holiday building hours posted

During the holiday season, the main building of the college will be open the following dates and times:

- Fall semester ends Sunday, Dec. 17.

- Monday, Dec. 18, the college will open at 7 a.m. and close at 9 p.m.

- From Tuesday, Dec. 19 through Thursday, Dec. 21, the hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- OKCCC will be closed entirely from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 to 7 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2 for Christmas break.

- Tuesday, Jan. 2 through Friday, Jan. 5, building hours are from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

- The college is closed Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 6 and 7.

- Weekday hours of 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. resume Jan. 8 through the 12.

- Saturday, Jan 13 and 20, hours are 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Sunday, Jan. 14 and 21, hours are noon to 5 p.m.

- Regular building hours will resume Monday, Jan. 15. Those are:

Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m.

The library and Aquatic center do not follow the listed hours.

For more information call 682-1611.



Photo by Melissa DePew

'Tis the Season: LaWanda LaVarnway, Rochelle Mosby and Sheri Hobbs decorate the Arts and Humanities division office tree. The theme of the tree is "Millennium Pets of Past, Present and Future."

Online orientation to be requirement in spring

By Alyssa La Valle
Newswriting I Student

Beginning next spring semester, all students enrolled in online courses will be required to take an online orientation.

An online course is a college credit class that can be taken by students in their own homes via the Internet.

Course-related work, including homework assignments and communications with classmates through chat sessions, are done

online.

The purpose of the orientation is to help students familiarize themselves with the procedures of online classes.

At online orientation students will be able to click on certain modules, which will allow them to view course-related information for the class they are enrolled in.

Other related links the students will look at include information on computer requirements for online

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Holiday season stressful time for many people

Money, family friction, lack of time can create problems

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

The holidays are a time of joy. Smells of cinnamon, evergreen and peppermint permeate the frosty air. Most people are happy and enjoy jubilant outings listening to carolers or giving donations to Salvation Army bell ringers.

But, for some during the holidays, sometimes stress rears its ugly head. Factors may range from lack of money to family problems.

Larry Golden, Student Development counselor, said one reason stress erupts during the holidays is people can't live up to the financial aspects of the holiday season.

Thomas Jones, psychology professor and psychologist, said money is a "tremendous stressor."

Jones said children compete with one another using toys or clothes. Also, he said, parents use the holiday to splurge on spending to make up for past negative childhood experiences.

Students, Jones said, worry on how to buy gifts because they have no income.

Lack of time also plays a role in holiday stress.

Jones said people already have full schedules and all hours of their lives are planned.

"Any time you add one more circumstance to any already full schedule, you have stress," he said.

"No one is forcing us to go at breakneck speeds for 30 days. Christmas, I'm afraid, is losing its celebration. It's like an obligation."

Family can also be the cause of stress during the holidays because of interpersonal tension, Jones said.

"Not all families are the 'Happy Hollisters,'" Jones said. "Major holidays mean holding family gatherings some people dread."

To ease stress, Golden suggests planning ahead, exercising, visiting friends, participating in fun activities, taking care of obligations or looking at the sources of stress.

"Each individual's needs are going to be different," Golden said.

See "Stress," page 8

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Goodbye, ciao, adios, adieu, arrivederci

My time as the Pioneer editor has come to a close. It has been fun, tiring and rewarding all at the same time.

As I write my last article for the Pioneer, I reminisce on the time I have spent behind my desk.

I have spent countless hours chasing sources and working early into the mornings in order to make deadlines, but it has all been worth it.

When I walked into OKCCC, I didn't want or like to write. Since then, I have typed thousands, maybe millions of words into my trusty Mac and tried numerous times to get the perfect lead to my story.

My experience here has taught me more than I could ever learn in a classroom.

That is why I must give Vu Vu the opportunity to experience what it is like to sit in the editor's chair and take the heat for misprints.

In my time here, I have written stories about faulty computer companies, delayed May Avenue construction, controversial crime incidents and outstanding students and faculty.

Each story seemed slightly harder than the last and each day passed with a sigh of relief that I got a little closer to completing my story. But now that it is time to clean out my desk, I realize how much I am going to miss it here.

I have decided to move on to the University of Central Oklahoma to become a Broncho. I have the opportunity to be the copy editor for The Vista next semester.

I am happy and sad at the same time, because I feel like I am a part of the college and the Pioneer staff, but at the same time there is a whole world out there and many places to explore. It is time I do that.

I have made friends with the staff of the Pioneer, even those who have left over the semesters, and I am honored to have been able to be a part of the family at OKCCC.

I appreciate the many faculty and administration who made time to call me back and answer my questions. (I honestly think I have talked to almost the entire staff at the college at one time or another...)

My time is not over at the college because I have one more class to take so you may see my name in the Pioneer either under a letter-to-the-editor or next to a story someday with the title of "contributing writer."

As I close my last editorial, I just want to say "thank you" and "Merry Christmas" and ask that you give Vu the same respect that I have gotten during my time as editor.

—Kathi Etherton
Editor

OIL participated in simulated House of Representatives

To the Editor:

On Nov. 8, almost 300 students from more than 20 schools descended upon the Oklahoma State Capitol to participate in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature, the largest state government simulation in the country.

For the first time in almost a decade, OKCCC was present and proved to be a legislative powerhouse. OKCCC students Mike Fuentes, Sandy Maxwell, James Bell and I served in OIL's House of Representatives.

The OKCCC delegation introduced several pieces of legislation on a variety of issues from gun control to welfare reform.

Most of the measures were passed by the legislative body, and all brought vigorous debate.

One measure, authored by the entire OKCCC del-

egation, sought to bring together all two-year institutions into a coalition against larger delegations. The measure failed but set a standard of cooperation between many smaller schools in the House.

The OKCCC delegation may have been small compared to other delegations (OSU had over 50 House Representatives), but proved to be a group of leaders. In a vote of all Representatives, 6 percent voted OKCCC as Best Delegation and I won an award for Best House Delegate.

The next session of OIL will take place in February and OIL-OKCCC is excited. Many more places are available on the squad.

Any students interested are welcome. OIL offers excellent leadership opportunities and lots of fun.

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WAIT A MINUTE! WHEN GOD SAID
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Comments and Reviews

Christmas Renaissance style was followed by standing ovation

The 16th-century style Madrigal dinner hosted by the OKCCC chamber singers appeared a big success, especially when they received their standing ovation at the close of the performance.

The Madrigal dinner was a celebration of the Christmas holiday in a re-creation of the Renaissance time period.

It featured the chamber singers, skits, the traditional king and queen, dinner and a special guest performance by Waites and Measures, a group that played instruments from the Renaissance period.

Costumes and decorations were commended by the guests. The banquet room even held a special table with adorned chairs where the king and queen sat, wearing their royal robes and ornamental crowns.

Sixteen students, who played these parts, all appropriately dressed for the occasion, sang during the



Amber Carter, Amber Mason, Jeremy Waldie and Liz Allen

dinner.

The students sang with warm resonance both as a choir and as small ensembles, some even performing in various little skits during the evening.

In one instance, a few members sang as they carried a boar's head on a large platter.

The madrigal members weren't the only ones singing. Audience participation was outstanding as they were directed to stand and sing Christmas carols at various times throughout the meal. This was a great idea, especially for those who got a little restless.

A sumptuous dinner was

served. Fortunately the boar's head was not part of the menu, which consisted of salad, steak, vegetables, potato casserole and bread pudding.

The evening ended with a good old fashion game of "Wheel of Torture."

Somehow everyone who dared to spin the wheel was sentenced "to the rack," a torture instrument.

Even the famous Juliet who could not seem to find her Romeo was sent to the rack.

The Madrigal dinner was a fine addition to the season.

—Melissa DePew
Staff Writer

Child's movie suitable for adults too

Over Thanksgiving a movie — how could it be more suitable — about poultry was the biggest new video release.

Mrs. Tweedy hates her life and the chickens she has to raise on a remote farm. Life consists of work, hardly any money and a lot of chicken sh--.

She decides to turn her egg farm into a chicken pie factory. To her, the plan means less work, wealth and best of all, no more chickens.

For the chickens, life on an egg farm is rough, but if one had to choose between laying eggs on a quota system or becoming a chicken pie, the decision is an easy one.

The hens craft a plan to escape their fate behind the chicken wire. But it is

not easy to get a bunch of bird-brained chickens out of prison.

However, help falls literally in front of their feet in form of Rocky the Rooster.

The American Rooster creates a lot of unrest among the hens who hardly can resist his charm, but can he really lead the chickens to freedom? That is a whole other story.

Mel Gibson plays Rocky the Rooster, the chicken hero.

The wonderful English voices of the hens are spoken by Julia Sawalha as the voice of Ginger, the heroic hen who is the force behind the poultry revolution. Jane Horrocks plays a dim-witted egg-layer.

Phil Daniels and Timothy Spall are Fletcher and

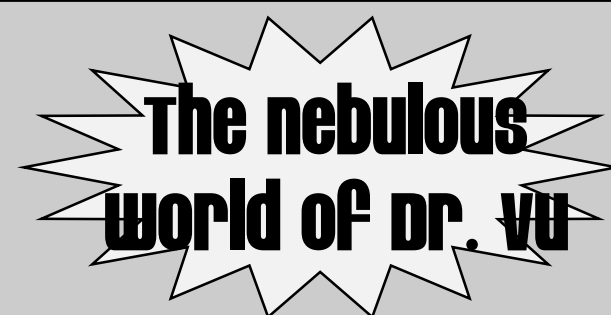
Nick, a pair of rats who smuggle outside goods for the hens. These actors are famous in Britain but no one has ever heard of them in the United States.

The movie is directed by co-directors Nick Park of "Wallace & Gromit" and Peter Lord, founder of Britain's Aardman Animation studio.

The movie is refreshing and different from other animated stories. It's low-tech claymation, but has all the heart and wit of high-tech animated movies such as "Toy Story." This is the charm of the film.

Even though it is recommended for kids, I believe the movie will be more appreciated by adults.

—Michaela Marx
Staff Writer



It is impossible to replace some people...

There are these tiny speckles of time that outshine eternity itself, that is if eternity really does exist.

And, journalistically speaking, those tiny speckles of time are the most difficult to write.

For me, one of those speckles of time happened this year when I joined the Pioneer staff along with lab director Ronna Austin, editor Kathi Etherton, and staff writer Michaela Marx, photographer Ryan Johnson, ad manager Susan Wierimaa, and adviser Sue Hinton.

Since OKCCC is a two-year institution, and the Pioneer is a classroom and job, new college journalists come and go, learning the in's and the out's of the trade.

Ryan left and then Susan left in the fall semester. Both are missed. Both were replaced.

After Ryan left, I was the only male presence at the Pioneer. Thus, I learned quite a bit about women, especially things I didn't want to know.

Anywho, I got the chance to bond with my sisters.

Just when things are getting fun, it's time for them to be replaced.

After hours of loquacious lamentation (*this is the main reason Dr. Vu missed numerous outings in Professor Palkovich's and Professor Punches' classes and the reason why Dr. Vu has fallen behind in photography class*), I will now say my good-bye to two new buddies.

Kathi is a Broncho and Michaela is a Sooner,

Both have lived in Germany. Both picked out wedding rings and dresses (*wink*). Both are or may become copy editors of major college newspapers. Both are smart, witty and easy on the eyes.

Dr. Vu wrote this six times. With each revision followed storms of teardrops. After the sixth revision, Dr. Vu forgot everything.

Whatever it was, Dr. Vu said it was beautiful. Dr. Vu appreciated their help and their friendship.

Dr. Vu wishes each of them good luck and a happy New Year. Everyone will miss them, especially Dr. Vu.

Dr. Vu says have a nice day, a nice night and a nice holiday break. Dr. Vu also says to stay safe and clear of drunk drivers who kill families during the holidays. Dr. Vu says you know who you are.

Dr. Vu says some people can't be replaced.

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer



Bringing history to life:

Gene McFall performed his one-man show at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5. His performance recreated the cowboy legend Will Rogers, both voice and actions. McFall performed rope tricks and added jokes and commentary about current events. He said that everyone is ignorant, only on different subjects. He touched on the issues of marriage, divorce and schooling.

Photo by
Melissa DePew

Nursing students look forward to receiving pin

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Every OKCCC nursing student receiving a nurse's pin this fall has a story about becoming a nurse.

Graduate candidate Tara Vaughn volunteered at the city county health department before pursuing a career in the nursing field.

Vaughn also took care of her elderly grandmother who suffered a stroke and lived in a nursing home.

"She'd be in and out of the hospital," Vaughn said. "I took her home every weekend to take care of her."

"I saw what I'd like to do when I helped her."

Vaughn would like to work in community health care, specifically with family planning, immunizations and nutrition for mothers and babies.

"This is a great nursing program, I feel like I'm prepared to go out in the real world."

Approximately 48 nursing students will receive their nursing pins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, in the Student Union.

"I'm absolutely ecstatic," said student Kristian Brown. "It's been a long hard road and I can start making money."

After passing final exams, students have one more obstacle to tackle.

"It's a very important time for these students," said Jane Nelson, nursing program director.

"Once they graduate, they're eligible to take the state board exams."

Student Susan Green said her goals are to work as a registered nurse, support her family, receive a bachelor's degree in nursing in August and work at Southwest Medical Center.

"[Nursing] is solid employment," Green said. "You don't have to worry about job security; nurses can get a job anywhere."



Jane Nelson

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Left to right: Wesley McSwain, Brandon Hart and Dusty McSwain wait to assist Christmas tree hunters at the Sorghum Mill Tree Farm. Dusty and Brandon are seasonal employees and Wesley is a full-time employee of the tree farm.

Christmas trees waiting for good homes

**By Marissa Fajt
Newswriting I Student**

The spirit of Christmas lives at the "choose and harvest" Christmas tree farm, Sorghum Mill Tree Farm, located at 7121 Midwest Lane, Edmond.

John Knight, OKCCC's Physical Plant director, is the owner. Knight has been farming Christmas trees for 28 years.

He said his father got him involved in arboriculture long before that, but said he discovered on his own the love of the evergreens he grows on his farm.

Knight said his favorite part of being an arboriculturist is the aura of the season, seeing the people with their children getting out to choose their trees.

At Sorghum Mill Tree Farm, parents can take their children for a walk through 45 acres of 15 varieties of fir, spruce and pine.

There, Knight said, they

can cut the perfect Christmas tree, ensuring the tree's freshness and personal family charm.

For those who don't want to chop down their own tree, pre-cut trees are available.

Christmas tree shoppers are encouraged to grab a saw and cut their own tree. If they need help with the harvesting of the tree, assistance is available.

Knight said about 10,000 trees are planted every year, keeping the farm at about 50,000 trees, which allows the Christmas tree hunter plenty of opportunities to find the perfect tree to decorate.

Knight keeps two full-time employees year round and hires extra help during the Christmas season.

Wesley McSwain has worked for Knight seasonally for the past four years and is now one of the full-time workers.

McSwain said keeping up with all the trees is a lot of hard work.

He said the weekends have been very busy, so the best time to go hunting for a tree would be during the week.

In the summer, Knight personally devotes three



months of weekends to sheering each tree. He said sheering of the trees provides for the nice symmetrical shape people are used to seeing.

The trees are sold for between \$5.50 to \$7 per foot.

Once people have found their perfect Christmas tree, Knight has some tips for keeping the tree fresh.

Start with getting the tree in water within about 30 minutes of it being cut and

making sure to always keep the tree watered.

Then place the tree away from heat vents and windows facing west.

Knight said following these tips will help ensure that the tree makes it through the holiday season without drying out.

Sorghum Mill Christmas Tree Farm is open weekdays from 1 to 8 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, call (405) 340-5488.



Directions:
From Oklahoma City north on I-35 to Exit 143, Covell Rd.; turn right (east) to Midwest Blvd. (Approximately 1 1/2 miles) to second stop sign; turn left (north) 1 3/4 miles to Midwest Lane; turn right (east) to farm on left.

Contest open to all students

**By Christy Chan
Newswriting I Student**

It is time for students to show off their writing talent and win cash prizes as the Oklahoma Global Education Consortium invites all students to enter its second essay contest.

Submitted essays must be word-processor generated using a 12-point font size, double-spaced lines, and approximately five hundred words in length.

A cover page must be provided with an essay title, the author's name and college attended.

The subject of the essay may be on any aspect of globalization, but preferably on global education. Since this is to be a personal opinion essay, no source citing is necessary. In addition, the essay may be written in first-person point of view.

The essay will be evaluated by a professor, unaffiliated with OKGEC member institutions, who will select the three winning essays.

Up to two essays per OKGEC member institution may be submitted.

The deadline for receipt of entries is Friday, Sept. 14, 2001.

Three contest winners will each receive a cash award of \$100 at the fall 2001 OKGEC conference to be held at Rose State College on Oct. 4 and 5.

All three winners will read their winning essays and receive awards at the conference. In addition, the three essays will be placed on the OKGEC webpage.

For more information, contact Dr. Bill Brown, OGE chair, via e-mail at bbrown@ms.rose.cc.ok.us

**Contact the editor at
editor@okc.cc.ok.us**

Fall 2001 graduation candidates named

The following students have applied for December graduation.

Diplomas will be granted after credentials are completed.

These students can participate in the commencement ceremony May 11, 2001 if they have fulfilled all requirements.

Associate in Arts

Child Development: Kelli Davis, Janet Diggs, Danielle Mueller, Leslie Rudisell, Amanda Weigel and Talanya Yeboah

Diversified Studies: Kriste Bowen, Michael Danner, Jacquelyn Hames, Joanna Liles, Marissa Manuel, Serena Melton, Crystal Robinette, David Sampson, Julie Summers, Jeremy Scruggs, Shaunna Welch, Matthew Will and Amber Wright

History: Vernitha Miner, Deanna Moslander and Kathleen Nehls

Humanities: Valoree Biggs and Joi Elizabeth Cox

Journalism and Broadcasting: Shawn Abbott, Amy Baringer, Dannel Close, Adrian Crooks, Joshua Davidson, Paul Freeman, Michael Hawk, Gordon David King and Eduardo Vasquez

Modern Languages: Joi Elizabeth Cox, Elsa Djodge and Maria Ramos

Music: Chih-chia Chen

Political Science: Sharon Buchanan, John Justice, Dennis Nichols and Courtney Smith

Psychology: Darla Baltrush, Curtis Blankenship, Arlene Bounds, Jay Brown, Tanya Latrice Colbert, Wesley Everitt, Randal Franklin, William Frazier II, Steven Grant, Susan Green,

Ethan Hale, Amber Hunt, Mathew Leu, Bonnie Lovett, Amy McCool, Kelly McDaniel, Tyrone Milton, Sarah Myers, John Neville, Rhonda Nichols, Amy Pemberton, Katrina Roberts, Marcus Savage, Jennifer Scott, Chris Shobert, Pat'trice Smith, Cheryl Urwin, Chris Vieux and Dedra Williams

Sociology: Tammy Campbell, Derrick Franklin, Christopher Gonzales, Jonathan Havens, Sarah Howard, Pamela Hudson, Christine Kilmer, Stephanie Maze, Richard McMahon, Lacey Nutty, Mayra Saenz and April Stoll

Theatre Arts: Elizabeth Freeman and Tracey Rodgers

Visual Arts: Lindsay Davidson, Amy Griffin, Cheryle Whisenhunt and Charles Zacher

Associate in Science

Business: Matthew Boesch, Tracy Bunting, Deborah Cabassa, Elsa Djodge, Fredi Christina Duncan, Heather Durham, Carl Garrison, Ted Garrison, Cecil Gray, Nicole Groves, Amanda Jean Guinn, Yuko Hasegawa, Christopher Hayes, Nichole Hill, Lauren Ho, Matthew Hollis, Saad Janah, Mohamed Jihad, Bryan Krnavek, Julie Lam, Delora Lassiter, Jordan Trevor Mann, Darrell Lee Mathews, Jr., Deborah L. McHone, Landon Moore, Jennie Muscanell, Dustin Mustain, Todd Carlton Overturff, David W. Parker, Enrique Perez, Raymond Rampersad, Tammy Ridgeway, Glen Sargent, Lori Ann Shaw, Michael Stephens, Rebecca Stevens, Kourosh Taheri, Kristi Thompson, Melissa Travis

and Jamie Webber

Computer Science: Robert Christian, Khoi Dang, Vincent Cong Do, Tangi L. Felgenhauer, Allison Hunt, Yassir Janah, Mohamed Jihad, Carolyn Laurie, Long Xuan Le, John Manning, Brenda Sue Mey, Waylon Schutt, Vivek Shyam, Syed Imran Subhani, James Tipton, Eric Trogon, Christy Vo and Camille Williams

Diversified Studies: Yraima Calhoun, Kristin Campbell, Christopher Carter, Jessica Gates, Daya Henson, Mary Jones, Christopher Knight, David Lawson, Lisa Ledlow, Calvin Oldcamp, Paula Reeves, Diana Schmidt, Jennifer Schrupp, Mandy Stults, Tammy Thompson and Susan Wierimaa

Pre-Education: Jennifer Barreras, Nela Foster and Stewart Mason

Pre-Engineering: Anthony Arango, Jason Conner, Patrick Figaro, Justin Hawkins, Justin Hodge, Dan Nguyen, Michael Owen, Vannesa Pham, John Siska, Kok-Seng Soon, Chinh Tran, Long Phi Tran, Sixto Viesca, Gloria Jean Walker and Jimmie Dewane Whitaker

Science: Ann Ayala, Tiana Babb, Melanie Bone, Amy Calista Barnes, Brian Buckley, Terri Caldwell, Richard Cavett, Joann Fields, April Dawn Herndon, Okonime Ikpa, Ronda Kemerley, Jeanette Lain, Stacey Renea Long, Sarah Danielle Lujan, Erin Matheny, Jeffrey Mortale, Thomas Narak, Lizzy Nganga, David Duy Nguyen, Jeffrey Owen, Kajal Patel, Ellen Ramirez, Lisa Ruiz, Marcus Ryder, Dana Sanders, Leslie Michelle Shadoan, Ca Tran, Rebecca Ellen Vaillancourt, Cori Wadley, Michele

White, Tammy Williams and Matthew Wright

Associate in Applied Science

Administrative Office Technology: Priscilla Marie Anderson, Amber Lynn Brown, Joanna Marie Hunt, Sigurborg Violette and Teri Jo Williams

Automotive Technology: James Correy Dawson, William Seth Kaplan, Kasey Thomas Kerby, Robert Joseph Lee, Corey Gene Ralls, James Gordon Sutton, Gerald Michael Tahbonemah and William B. Walters

Child Development: Alysha Kay Miller

Computer Aided Design-Drafting: Roger Maris Peters and Vinh Ngoc Tran,

Computer Science: Brian K. Baldwin, Gary Michael Beckmann, Tamera Jo Boehm, Scott R. Esk, Andy Fair, Brian Robert Franklin, Heather Dawn Furr, Neil Lee Lloyd, Gene L. Mayfield, David Ross Mellor, Hieu T. C. Nguyen, Linda Lou Osborn and Janice Sheri Quinn

Electronics: Curtis B. Avant, Royce Allan Brown, William Joseph Byrd, Monir Uddin Mollah, Bobby Wayne Moore, Chad Michael Williams and Chad Woodman

Emergency Medical Technology: Aspen June Dewey, Patrick K. Gill, Curtis A. Rhodes, Kevin Ring and Ruth Tondore

Graphic Communications: David Deringer, Gerald Freeman, Patricia K. McClure, Carla Sue Osmus, Misty L. Struth, Robert Tautfest, Jr. and Allison Anne Welder

Management: Taleitha R. Weaver

Microcomputer Support Technology: James R. Burwell, Jr., Jacklyn Evelyn Dorsey, Julie Ann Million, Tammy Lynn Murrah, Raymond D. Ross, Becky A. Santiago and Thomas P. Stokes

Nursing: Freddi L. Booth, Kevin James Brasier, Trina Marie Breinholt, Kristian Douglas Brown, Shelley Burke, Tami F. Coats, Joanna L. Cravens, Lysanne Marie Dallas, Lisa Dawn Dore, Anne C. Dugan, Gregory Allen Giessmann, Kasey Kaye Gonzales-Verdicchio, Eric W. Green, Susan Green, Lauri Anne Kirby, Janet Kay Lawson, Mitch Wayne Legare, Nancy Irene Lewis, Dawn M. Lovett-Whitney, Katie Ann Martinson Cochran, Tiffany R. Mason, Cynthia Joy McAlister, Erica Lynn McArthur, Ann-Marie Cayton McCormick, Sarah Dawn McKee, Lynne Carroll Murphy, Debi Monique Newberg, Serina J. Phillips, Amy Poarch, Cynthia Lavon Potter, Sarah Pounds, Natalie L. Reagan, Shani Michele Roberts, Shane Sheets, Diana Elizabeth Stone, Florame Stone, Lark Rose Sullivan, Misty A. Tate, Teresa J. Thompson, Cynthia Ivonne Valdez, Tara Lynn Tucker Vaughn, William P. Vawter, Teresa J. Walker and Alisa Warren

Occupational Therapy Assistant: Brett Davin Andrada, Bradley Kim Borum, Dorothy Cardenas, Diane A. Castro, Deborah Chambers, Gloria Gayle Cooper, Janet Marie Ford, Elizabeth Kaye Green, Mary Lynn Guthery, Chandra Hodgden, Sherry Dawn Lee, Amer Dawn Mains, Francesca Lynne Pappin, Sara Risinger, Tracy Renee Ross,

Dana Kay Tollison and Sharon Kay Wheeler

Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician: Kevin T. Curo

Respiratory Care Therapist: Geri Lynn Langoc, Marhanda Caryl Newton, Sharon Lea Rogers, Vera H. Shawareb, Dixie Lou Shilling, Gayle Ann Stringer, Amber DaNae Wehrenberg, Wesley Dean Williams and Diana R. Wilson

Certificates of Mastery

Administrative Office Technology: Priscilla Marie Anderson

Biotechnology: James Scotty Shriner
Computer-Aided Design/Drafting-Manufacturing/Architectural: Idris A. Khatri and Kenneth Kipkirui Tagi

Computer-Aided Design/Drafting-Multimedia: Susan Lynne Smith

Gerontology Specialist: Jill A. Arnold
Emergency Medical Technology: Curtis Rhodes and Kevin Ring

Medical Transcriptionist: Vickie Jane Hixon and Andrea Ross

Microcomputer Technology: Runglavan Chatayatham, Khoi Dang, Brian Robert Franklin, Kok-Wai Hee, Kemi L. Kongi, Abderrahmane Lahmamsi, Daniel Light, Neil Lloyd, Hieu Nguyen, Douglas J. Ozment, Purna Tamang, David L. Thompson and Kelly Ann Zamarripa

Network Technician: Clara Baker, Deby R. Chapman, Tsugi Coleman, Kok-Wai Hee, Neil Lloyd, Hieu Nguyen, Douglas J. Ozment, Purna Tamang, David L. Thompson, Randall Thomson and Kelly Ann Zamarripa

Goodbye Y2K—a new year only days away

Students hope for a fresh start

Resolution # 1



Josef Karmid
Nursing major

"To stop smoking. I've been smoking for 15 years."

Resolution # 2



Jennifer Schrupp
Diversified studies

"I'm four hours away from an associate's and plan on graduating from OKCCC."

Resolution # 3



Sana Ali
MIS major

"I am going to study harder and I am going to watch less TV"

"I plan on getting my Volkswagen finished. I've had it since I was 15. I restored it and I will be working on the interior during Christmas break."

Resolution # 4



David Badders
undecided

Photos by Melissa DePew and Vu Vu

Where to shake your bum-bum into the new year

• Opening Night, downtown Oklahoma City. Music, food and lots and lots of people. The highlight is the fireworks in Kerr Park. Best of all, it is a non-alcohol event for the whole family. Most bars and clubs in Bricktown participate in the celebrations.



• Last chance to see the light. Christmas light displays are still up. Popular displays are in Chickasha, Myriad Gardens and Midwest City.

• Sports fans can celebrate with the Oklahoma City Blazers. The hockey game starts at 7:35 p.m. at the Myriad Convention Center.



• If you are in for an upscale celebration of the new year, some restaurants, such as Nikz, offer dinner packages. However, this can be expensive fun.

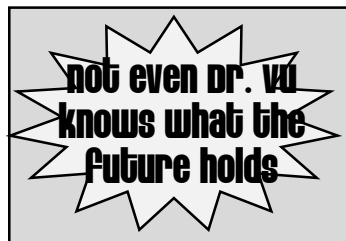
• Karaoke... do I need to say more?



• Have a party at home with family and friends. Make sure that all guests who drink drop off their car keys first.

The new millenium to dawn — this time for real

OKCCC's wise man was fooled, too



Ya know, now that I'm in a college and all, I've come to the realization that the new millennium really begins on Jan. 1, 2001.

All those fools who foolishly "got jiggy like it's

1999" were fooled into foolish foolishness. The fools... Man, that's the most "F" words I've used in a paragraph.

But seriously, this new age we're entering is scary. The unrest in the Middle East reminds us all of an apocalyptic future. The Ebola virus in Africa, Mad Cow disease in Europe and funkified (genetically altered) food in the U.S. bear images of plague and famine.

These are scary times.

This is the information age and technology has evolved in a ludicrous manner. I saw electronic books for sale in Best Buy.

My mom got this key chain from Lucent Technologies that tells her the value of her paycheck.

I have a mouse that moves at the speed of light.

Where is this going to lead us?

Am I pessimistic about Y2K1, a.k.a. the true new millenium? Yes. The truth hurts I guess.

—Vu Vu
Staff writer

Last year's celebration may have been early

There was a millenium bug many overlooked.

As we all indulged into the madness of Y2K celebrations, we possibly welcomed the new millenium prematurely.

However, the real new millennium doesn't begin until Jan. 1, 2001, some experts argue. Therefore the world was fooled into celebrating too early.

According to information on the website <http://serendipity.magnet.ch> based on the Gregorian calendar the first millennium started with the year 1 AD then the third millenium begins with the year 2001 AD.

If people would use the Common Era

calendar, in which years are numbered -2, -1, 0, 1 and so on and the first millennium would begin with the year 0 CE, then the third millennium begins with the year 2000 CE.

There you have the facts. There you have your choice.

There was no year zero when Pope Gregory XIII introduced the Gregorian

Calendar in the 16th Century but there certainly is one now, and the new millennium in the Common Era Calendar began in 2000 CE.

With these confusing theories in mind everyone is encouraged to celebrate hard this New Year's Eve. Just in case.

—Michaela Marx
Staff writer

party responsibly!

New Year's Eve is one of the most dangerous holidays of the year. Streets are often icy, people drink and fireworks are involved. To make it safe into the new year, be careful and pick a designated driver. Also there are cheap or free taxi and shuttle services running. Check your paper or call local transportation businesses.

better safe than sorry!

Common culture, language create bond for OKCCC couple

By Christy Chan
Newswriting I student

A husband and wife couple studying English at OKCCC come from two different countries, yet they share a common culture and language.

The wife, Muhabat Musaeva, is a citizen of Russia, and the husband, Nabijan Tursun, is a citizen of China. Nevertheless, they are from the same ethnic group and speak the same language, Uyghur.

The Uyghurs are the native people of Eastern Turkestan, also known as Xinjiang or Xinjiang-Uyghur Autonomous Region.

Tursun said he obtained his doctorate at the Science Academy of Russia, Moscow, in 1996.

He was hired by the Kyrgyzstan State University, southwest of the former Soviet Union, as an associate professor of Russian Literature, History of Uyghur and History of Central Asia.



He met his wife at the same university, where she too was a teacher of Russian literature.

They fell in love and got married in 1997 at Bishkek, the capital city of Kyrgyzstan.

In 1998, Tursun was expelled by the Chinese government because of his work with his people's national liberation movement.

Therefore, the couple decided to come to the United States where they have relatives and friends.

They stayed at Washington D.C. and New York for a year and then moved to Norman to further their study.

also working on his project with Johns Hopkins University about the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China. He will write three chapters about the history of Uyghur.

During the past five years, Tursun has written three books on Central Asian History, and has published more than 60 articles. He can speak eight languages: Russian, Chinese, Turkish, Persian, Uyghur, Uzbek, Kirghiz and Kazak.

As for the future, Tursun and Musaeva intend to finish their studies and stay in the United States permanently.

Tursun will be majoring in the history of science and Musaeva is majoring in computer science.

Currently, they are both working at Storehouse Marketing Services. Tursun is

Overdue books may cause undue stress

By Robbi Patzkowsky
Newswriting I Student

Do you still have that library book you checked out the first day of class?

If the answer is yes, you may want to head straight to the library and return it.

Barbara King, director of library services, said all library books are checked out for two weeks.

"If a student knows that they will need the book past the given deadline, all they have to do is call us," King said.

The checkout period can be extended, she said. However, if a student does not notify the library, there are serious consequences.

Students are notified three times of an overdue book. After three notices, admissions will put a hold on the student's transcript. Admissions will also prohibit a student from enrolling for any future semesters.

Students with library holds must return the overdue materials to resolve the problem.

According to Janet McNeill, registration assistant for admissions and records, OKCCC's rule is very lenient compared to the one notice given by most public libraries.

"I have been here for 24 years and this procedure seems to be very effective," she said.

She said, when the overdue book is returned, admissions will take off the hold.

King said there are also no late charges.

"The library will not charge the student anything unless they lose the book," said King.



Pepsi promotions upcoming

By Shelly Clark
Newswriting I Student

Purchasing a beverage out of a vending machine will soon be more exciting.

Pepsi-Cola, the main soft drink vendor on the campus, is gearing up to bring some exciting promotions to the beverage consumer.

According to Wayne Parks, director of on-premise sales for the Oklahoma Pepsi Bottling Group, one promotion will be kicked off in early January 2001 and the other in February.

The first is a cross promotion being developed specifically for OKCCC.

This will be an on-the-bottle-sticker promotion

and offer free or discounted products at several restaurants in the metro area who are partners with Pepsi.

Little Caesars and Arby's have already signed and other businesses are still pending.

The second is a national promotion beginning in late February in conjunction with NCAA basketball March Madness.

This under-the-cap promotion gives the consumer a chance to win a variety of prizes when purchasing a 20-ounce Pepsi product.

Prizes will include, but are not limited to, basketballs, caps, T-shirts and tickets to go to the NCAA Final Four tournament.

"OKCCC is a very important account to Pepsi," Parks said.

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Some suffer holiday stress

"Stress,"
Cont. from page 1

Jones said honoring family traditions is important for easing stress.

He said being responsible consumers, being responsible parents as models for children, and maintaining a Christmas budget are important.

"Doing something for someone else, giving back to the community and the world as a family may be the best gifts."

Jones said it's important to separate what's important and what's not important in life.

"Relationships are most important," Jones said.

Golden said students usually don't visit the Student Development office for holiday stress because school is out during the holidays. The office is open during the break except during holidays.

"We are here if students are feeling stress," Golden said. "Stress affects all of us."

Golden encourages all students who feel stressed to visit the Student Development office.

Students can also call crisis intervention hotlines such as CONTACT at 848-2273 or Teenline at 1-800-522-8336.

Students should plan ahead for test center

**By Vu Vu
Staff Writer**

It's the semi-annual mad dash for finals week.

Last fall, the college's testing center averaged 320 to 330 students each day during finals week, said Jim Ellis, director of Career and Assessment Services.

Ellis said the week before finals, the testing center's average was 110 to 120 students each day.

"We try to remain calm," he said.

The testing center will operate on regular testing hours during finals week.

The testing center's regular hours are Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Ellis emphasized that closing times will be adhered to.

"People need to be here one hour before the testing center closes," he said.

Because of that, he advises students who need

more than one hour to finish tests to allow plenty of time.

Student Misty Hopkins finished her Beliefs and Believers telecourse final early in the testing center and avoided the crowd.

She said early testing was beneficial.

"If you need a little extra time for studying, you can wait outside before taking the test versus having to go to a class and taking it right then and there," Hopkins said.



Jim Ellis

During finals week, Ellis said, if there are enough students, the center will open another testing room with a monitor.

The testing center will reopen during the January intersession, Jan. 2 through 12.

From Jan. 2 to 4 and Jan. 8 to 11, the center will operate on regular hours during intersession.

On Jan. 5 to 6 and Jan. 13, the center will open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Jan. 12, the center will remain open until 8 p.m.

On Jan. 7, and 14, the center will operate from 1 to 7 p.m.

Ellis said the testing center added the Sunday hours to accommodate the needs of students with children.

He said if it isn't used, it will no longer be allocated.

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Graduation candidates encouraged to apply now

**By Mardi Saxon
Newswriting I Student**

Students who graduated last summer, graduation candidates for this semester or those who plan to finish school in the spring will have certain steps to complete before walking the stage at commencement in May.

Credentials Analyst Barbara Cornelison said a diploma can be had with few, if any, hassles.

First, there's the application process.

"You can apply for graduation over the Internet," she said.

Just go to the OKCCC homepage at www.okc.cc.ok.us and choose "admissions." Choose "graduation," and then choose "graduation application." The application can be printed, filled out and mailed. Other pertinent graduation and degree information can be found there as well.

Cornelison said students can also fill out an application from the admissions and records office, the information center, or the graduation office.

However, she said, students need to remember one important prerequisite.

"You need to have declared a major before graduating," Cornelison said.

She said students can talk with a counselor if they are undecided on a major.

Deadlines must also be met, Cornelison said.

The graduation deadline is usually is the third Friday of the semester a student plans to graduate.

Students who do not meet the graduation deadline will need to speak with a graduation assistant, she said.

Students will also need to have transfer transcripts and any course substitution on file before they can graduate.

A commencement ceremony is held each May for graduates of the preceding summer, fall, and spring semesters.

Commencement is usually held at the Myriad Convention Center.

"The students planning to graduate in the summer [of 2001] would have to apply for [permission to walk in] the commencement," Cornelison said.

The last step is waiting for the diploma to be delivered to the college.

The student will be notified by mail when the diploma is in and can be picked up. That notification usually comes within four weeks after graduation.

Steps to graduation:

Declare a major:

—at the Office of Counseling and Assessment.

Apply: (within deadline - usually the third Friday of the semester in which a student applies for graduation.)

—via the Internet: Go to the college's homepage at www.okc.cc.ok.us, choose admissions, choose graduation, choose graduation application. From there, a student can print an application and mail it to the college after completion.

—through the Admissions and Records office located on the first floor of the main building.

—through the Information Center, located on the first floor of the main building.

—through the Graduation Office, located on the first floor of the main building.

Have paperwork in order:

—Students will also need to have transfer transcripts and any course substitutions on file before they can graduate.

For more information, visit www.okc.cc.ok.us or call 682-1611, ext. 7514

Highlights

Calling all future teachers

The Future Teachers' Organization will hold its last fall meeting at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 13 in room 2N5.

Jack Cain Engineering Scholarship recipients named

The Prof. Jack Cain Engineering Scholarship committee named nine recipients Dec. 1. The book sale raised \$1400 for the scholarships. The winners are: Jan Reed, \$350; Huy Pan, \$250; Michelle Rodriguez, \$250; Thomas Copeland, \$50; Jay Laughlin, \$50; Vanessa Pham, \$50; Hung Lam, \$50; Hoa Nguyen, \$50; Duy Nguyen, \$50.

No pain in Spain

Experience Spain in OKCCC's Spanish in Spain '01. Earn three hours of Conventional Spanish credit. For more info, contact Patricia Brooks at 682-1611 ext. 7655 or Dianne Broyles ext. 7657.

Attention spring and summer 2001 graduates

It's time to apply for spring and summer graduation. Commencement is around the corner on May 11. To participate, turn in applications for graduation by Feb. 2, to be included in the program. Spring graduates not participating have until April 13. Summer graduates not requesting to participate in graduation have until July 9.

All applications for fall 2000 graduates should be on file in the Graduation/Transfer Evaluation office. If you plan to graduate in December and haven't applied, please see Mary Jones in room 1J5 in the main building.

Scholarships available

Several different scholarship applications are now available in Prospective Student Services. Included are: Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges, Mensa, Daughters of American Revolution (membership not necessary), Morris K. Udall and Datatel. For more information contact Linda Sapp at 682-7580.

Scholarships for scholarly adults

The Office of Prospective Student Services is currently taking applications for the Workforce Development Scholarship. This scholarship offers six credit hours of tuition assistance or book credit in OKCCC's Bookstore to adult students. Twenty scholarships will be awarded. Applications may be picked up at the Office of Prospective Student Services, 1J6 or call 682-7580 for more info.

Maestro...

Don't forget to do something special for yourself this New Year's. Enroll in MU 1151 Piano Group and learn the joy of playing the piano. The class meets Tuesdays from noon to 1:50 p.m. in 1D4 of the AH building. For more info, call the Arts and Humanities office at 685-7558.

It's not over yet!

Jay Parmley, national president of Young Democrats of America, will give his account of the election from 12:30-1:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, in College Union rooms 2 and 3. He spent the final three months of the presidential campaign in 10 states, managing the youth focus for the Democratic campaign. For more info contact Elaine Lyons at 682-1611 ext. 7536 or Parmley at 232-3382.

A time to give

The student bookstore is sponsoring a food and toy collection. All donations will be accepted at the bookstore and the Wellness Center. Drop off donations before Dec. 15. They will be given to Parents Assistance, a nonprofit organization. For more info contact Corey Berlier at Elitecw@aol.com

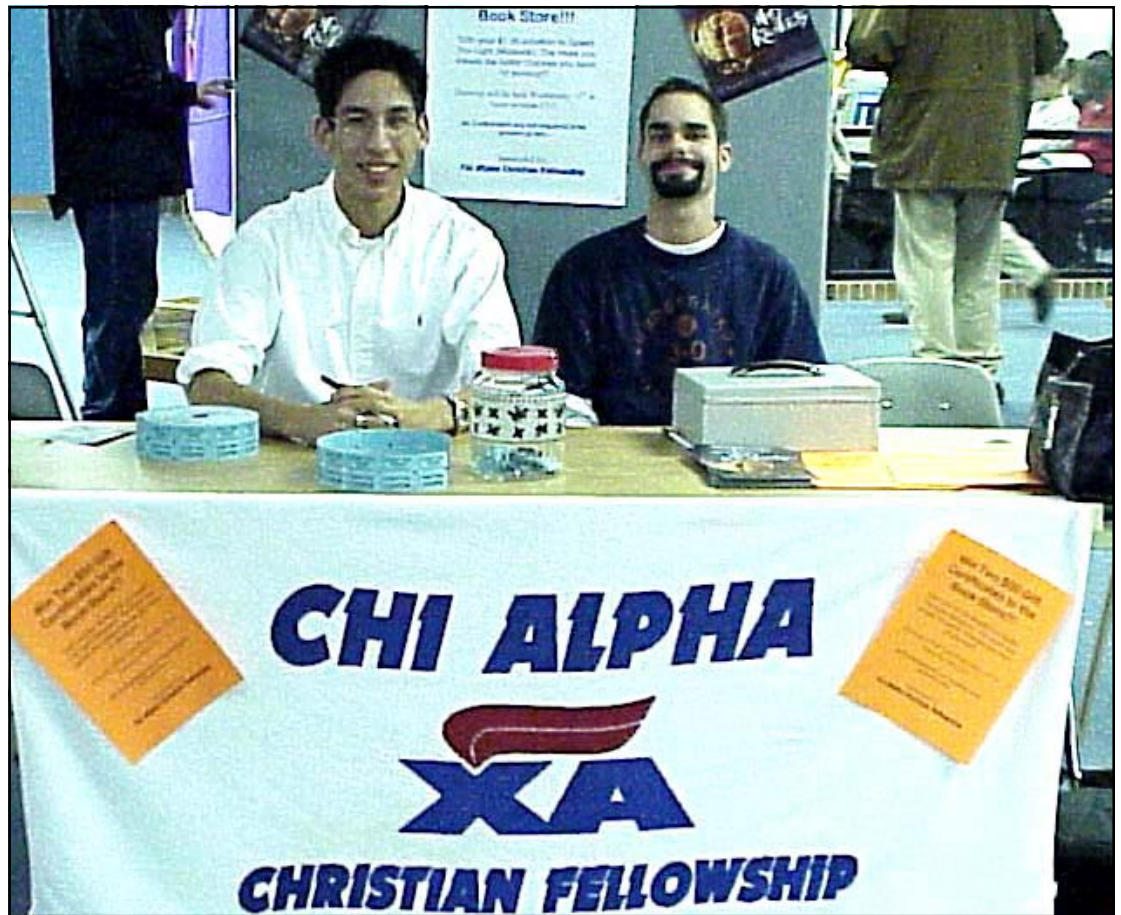


Photo by Melissa DePew

Gift of giving: Chi Alpha secretary David Luna and president David Badders helped to raise money for Speed the Light, a youth mission organization, Dec. 5 to 6. They pledged to raise \$1000 for Speed the Light. For every dollar donated, contributors received a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate from the OKCCC bookstore. The drawing will be held at noon, Dec. 13 in the college union.

College class offers chance to expore Spain

By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer

When it is cold and gray in Oklahoma, it is the right time to think about a trip to the warm climate of Spain.

OKCCC Spanish professors Patricia Brooks and Dianne Broyles will take 25 students to Spain after the spring semester May 18-29 for "OKCCC's Spanish in Spain '01."

Even though that date seems far away the first nonrefundable deposit of \$250 is due Jan. 28.

"This is the first time we will go to Spain, but we

have had trips to Mexico for six years," Brooks said. Brooks and Broyles also have lead tours to Ecuador before.

Students can earn three credits of conversational Spanish while cruising the country for 12 days, said Brooks.

Space is limited. Brooks said students should apply quickly. In the past the spots in the course filled very fast.

The group will spend five nights in Madrid, with a day trip to Avila and Segovia. Then the journey will lead them to Toledo. From there they will move south to Sevilla, Cordova, Granada and Malaga.

"There is a lot of excitement about the trip," she said.

The Mediterranean Sea is located in Malaga.

The total cost of the trip is \$2,300 including airfare, hotel, two meals a day, ground transportation and some museum and sight-seeing fees.

The tuition for the Spanish class is covered as well with the amount.

She said students with all Spanish levels are welcome. However, students should have had at least one course of Spanish, she said.

For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7655 or 7657.

Happy New Year!

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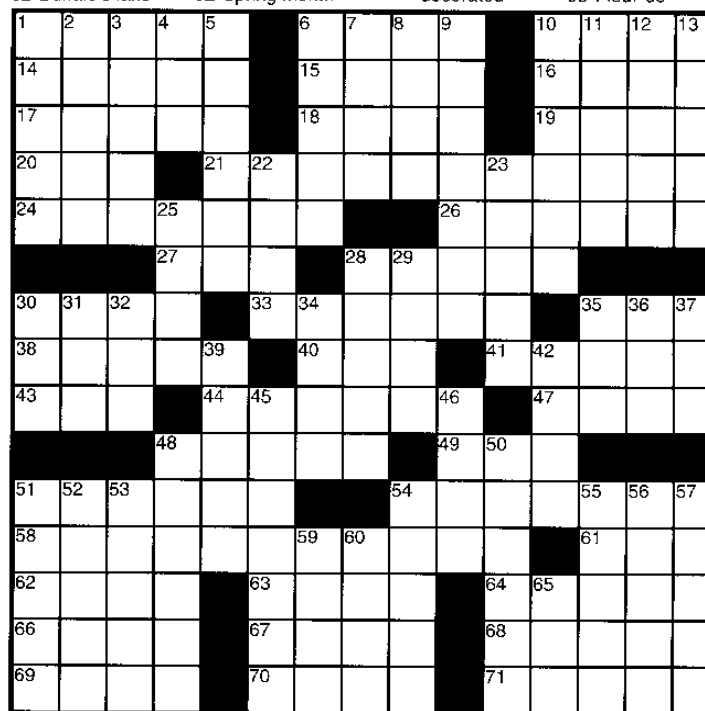
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By Philip Gibson
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As the Christmas season nears, there are numerous places that need help and countless organizations that will use all the extra bodies they can get.

Food kitchens need help serving dinner. Food pantries need help assembling food baskets and delivering them.

There are shelters and homes that simply need toys donated for their younger residents.

In the Oklahoma City area, the Jesus House will be putting together food baskets and delivering them the week before Christmas. They will also be serving a traditional dinner on Christmas Day, for which they will need help in the kitchen.

They have both a women's and men's shelter

located together at 1335 and 1401 W. Sheridan. Anyone interested can contact Marilyn Zollicoffer at 232-7164.

The Salvation Army provides a variety of opportunities for those who wish to help.

On Dec. 14, volunteers can go around to local businesses gathering toys that have been collected for their Toy Tree Project.

Dec. 19 to 20, they need help in their toy room for distribution day.

Individuals walk around with parents in a room full of the toys that have been donated and help them choose gifts for their children.

Volunteer coordinator Tina McGrew said they expect to supply toys for 11,000 children in Oklahoma City.

Anyone who wants to help can call her at 270-7800 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday

through Friday.

In Norman, St. Michael's Episcopal Church sponsors a community Christmas dinner that will take place on Christmas Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Norman High School's new cafeteria located at 911 W. Main.

They will need help serving an estimated 600 people at the school and

delivering about 100 meals to homebound residents. They are asking for volunteers to give rides to those who do not have a way to get to the dinner.

In addition, they are asking for donations of toys and clothes for young kids and teenagers to hand out to those in need.

People with donations

should call the church at 321-3273. Those who wish to help on Christmas Day should call Bob Nagarian at 364-3273.

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courses, Internet browsers, setting up student e-mail, file management, and frequently asked questions.

Glenda Prince, Distance Education Coordinator, said the orientation will be helpful to students and encourage them to remain in online courses.

"A lot of students drop out (of online courses) not because of content, but because of technical reasons," Prince said.

Upon completion of the online orientation, Prince said, students will know what they can anticipate when taking an online course.

"It lets them know what is required of them as a student to take the course."

Although the online orientation is required of stu-

dents enrolled in online courses, anyone interested will be able to access the orientation.

Students who may be interested in taking an online course but are unsure of what the courses involve, can browse through the orientation as well.

The online orientation site is currently under construction and will be available to students within the next couple of months.

Other links on the site to be included are faculty course orientations, student learner guides, using features within WebCT and Blackboard, library services, and bookstore.

Support services in the works for the future include online writing labs and academic advising.

For more information about online courses and orientations, contact Distance Education at 682-1611, ext. 7574.

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