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Photo by Melissa DePew

After 25 years, prof resigns English post

By Melissa DePew
Staff Writer

Her father had never made it to high school and yet, somehow, he helped to instill a passion for learning in his daughter that led to 25 years of teaching at OKCCC.

Unfortunately that time is coming to an end.

Full-time English Professor and honors adviser Linda Thornton has made a decision to resign due to her second battle with cancer.

Although she will

miss everyone very much, Thornton said she is resigning in the best interest of her family and students.

"It's not fair to the students if I have to keep missing class for the treatments," she said. "They need someone who can be there all the time."

Thornton has been teaching at OKCCC since 1976. The first three years were as an adjunct professor.

In 1979, she became a full-time professor of English, an area that she has a strong pas-

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Make my day: Business major Jason Martinek, left, captures one of Professor Dennis Anderson's chess pieces during a match at the Organization's Fair Feb. 23. Anderson is a biology professor at OKCCC as well as the sponsor for the Chess Club. "Anyone who can beat me in chess gets an A in biology," Anderson said with a sly smile. Those interested in joining the club can call 682-1611, ext. 7271.

Essay contest to pay off for some students

By Vu Vu
Editor

College writers have a chance to earn up to \$200 for work already completed.

English professor Mary PUNCHES said the English department's annual essay contest needs entries.

"So far, there are few entries, so the chances of winning are great," she said. "Last year, 24 to 25 people entered. In past years, there have been only seven or eight entries."

There are two categories in which essays can be entered: English 1113 and English 1213 courses, both freshman English

courses.

Entry essays must be written for the above English courses.

Students can enter only one entry in each category. Deadline is Feb. 1.

"It's a prestigious award saying that you are the best essay writer in the course," PUNCHES said.

The judges are selected from outside the English department, she said.

Essays will be judged on grammar, organization and content. All essays must include forms that can be found in 1E3 in the Arts and Humanities building.

The professor who assigned the essay must sign the forms.

PUNCHES can be reached at 682-1611, ext. 7634.

Pathways program helps youth get on right track

By Brandi Peterman
Staff Writer

OKCCC and the Oklahoma City Public systems have teamed up to offer an alternative approach to education.

"The Pathways Middle College Program is designed to reach the student who might not be functioning well in the traditional environment," said Charlotte French, executive director of Enrollment Management.

OKCCC is the only college in Oklahoma to offer this type of program. Pathways is one of several partnerships, including OKC-Go and Gear Up, between OKCCC and Oklahoma City Public Schools.

Pathways recruits students from area middle schools who have col-

lege potential and are referred by a teacher or counselor.

Twenty-five students who reside in the attendance area of one of the four southside middle schools are chosen after going through an application and interview process.

The qualifying schools include Jackson, Roosevelt, Jefferson, and Webster.

The students attend high school classes on campus and, if qualified, will earn college credit prior to graduation.

Students in the program have their own classrooms but they have access to the college's computer and science labs, library, swimming pool, gymnasium, and weight room.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Who let the Sooners out?

Everyone has seen the Big Red banners plastered all over town and you can't get too far down the street without catching a glimpse of a Sooner car flag. Crimson and cream has flooded our state.

My, my, aren't we proud of our boys. Many are referring to Coach Bob Stoops as God. What an honor.

Not even God has had the most winning games in Sooner history. Stoops and only Stoops could return Norman back to its cult status. At least the "Boz" hairdo is passe. The fans are so over that.

Where did all these fans come from—the fans that "claim" they are Sooner tried and true?

I wonder what Gary Gibbs, John Blake or Howard Schnellenberger might think about that.

Oh, the Sooners were so excited when Blake and Gibbs came to town. But, when they didn't return Norman to the glory days, they were run out of town like the villains of the Old West.

Mention the name Barry Switzer in Oklahoma and people will think you are talking about the next governor of the state.

The fans actually poured beer on Gibbs at the Cotton Bowl and he was booed right here at home. Come on. Where is the Sooner Spirit?

The fans are so loyal in Norman that if you happen to be the coach of "their" team and you lose a game, they will actually throw things at you. Is this a great state or what?

If Stoops loses to, Heaven forbid, Oklahoma State, will he be dethroned? All of his positive thinking can't prepare him for the wrath of a Sooner fan. He better visualize a deserted island if he doesn't bring home the gold next year.

"Sooner fans" will forget what Saint Stoops did just as they forget what past coaches did. Today's college football game is filled with parody. Good players come and go. Bad players come and go also.

There are a lot of true fans out there (you know who you are) who have stuck by their team through thick and thin. Those are the true Sooners and for them congratulations are in order for this year's success. Because they would have been happy win or lose.

So, if you're looking for a winning team to root for, drive to Norman. There is probably plenty of room on their bandwagon.

—Brandi Peterman
Staff Writer

College cafeteria needs more helpers on staff

To the Editor:

What do we have to do to have decent "service" in the cafeteria?

There never seems to be an adequate supply of cups, lids or condiments out. Invariably they seem to have cups that there are no lids to fit and vice versa.

They advertise several size drinks but you cannot find those size cups and often there are only a few cups of any size out.

I am not talking about after a large noon rush, I am talking about 9 a.m. when you would think someone in this type of business would have everything stocked up for the day's business.

This does not just happen every once-in-a-while, it is a daily occurrence.

I have also been there during rush times when

you had to compete with the grill line to pay for the food you wanted.

I have even witnessed people walking out without paying because of the long line they had to compete with to pay for the one item they wanted.

Is it too much to ask that a cashier be at both places during these rush times?

If not at both places then they should at least be at the front instead of at the grill.

I always thought a restaurant or food service was there to "service" the people—I do not believe this one has done an adequate job of that.

I know this has been brought to their attention several times but they do not seem to care.

Why don't we get one in here that would "service"

the people or at least act like they wanted to?

—Name withheld
by request

Comments? Call the editor at 682-1611, ext. 7675.

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STAND-UP MUSICIAN

by NELSON AUSTIN



I was in the tattoo parlor the other day when in walks this real live shepherd with this fine-lookin' sheep...

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Comments and Reviews

Costner revisits JFK before assassination

If you are looking for a good history lesson, "Thirteen Days" is the movie for you.

You really need to know a lot of background on the Cuban Missile Crisis in order to enjoy this film or to even stay caught up.

Kevin Costner plays special assistant to the president, Kenny O'Donnell. Costner has an over-the-top Boston accent that was a little tough to swallow.

O'Donnell (Costner) was Kennedy's right hand man during the Cuban Missile Crisis. This story takes you through the journey of the Kennedy brothers and O'Donnell during the crisis.

The movie is really hard to follow and it is very long, two and a half-hours. If you



Costner, Greenwood, Culp

really enjoy this kind of theme you should have no problem.

The audience is introduced to so many different characters throughout the film, it is hard to remember who's who.

The film did an excellent job casting the characters. They chose Bruce Greenwood from "Double Jeopardy" to play John Kennedy, he has a remark-

able resemblance to the President.

I know it may seem shallow but I go to the movies to relax my brain, not to struggle to remember what I learned in history class.

This film was meant to show JFK in a different light, as the tough no-nonsense leader.

The only thing it showed was that JFK was unable to make any decision without his brother, Bobby Kennedy played by Steven Culp.

I don't think this film did anything positive for the Kennedy legacy.

This film was given a four star rating. I strongly disagree with that. It was a total bore.

—**Brandi Peterman**
Staff Writer

Spade, Goodman team in new Disney classic

Disney's blockbuster hit "The Emperor's New Groove" is a smash.

David Spade brings his unique humor to life in the role of the emperor, Kuzco. Spade portrays the spoiled, arrogant role as only he can. His bad behavior gets him turned into a llama.

Eartha Kitt is the emperor's power-hungry adviser, Yzma.

She wants the throne all to herself, so she transforms Spade into a four-legged fur ball.

It is then that he teams up with John Goodman, Pacha, the gentle giant. Pacha is the peasant with the enormous heart.



Pacha, Kuzco

The unlikely duo take viewers on a wildly comic journey of mayhem and suspense.

Their quest to reclaim the throne is delightful.

Kuzco's unusual friend-

ship with Pacha teaches the royal pain the true meaning of life.

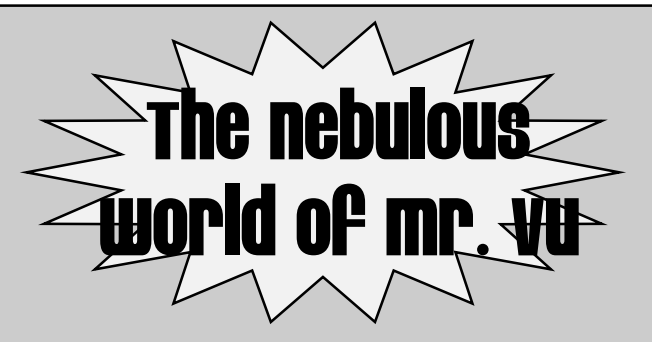
The upbeat music features lyrics from Grammy winner, Sting.

This film is a movie parents won't mind taking their children to see.

The parents in the theatre laughed harder and more often than the children. I think a lot of the humor went right over their little heads.

This is sure to be an instant classic. Disney definitely got its groove on with this one. I rate this movie four stars.

—**By Brandi Peterman**
Staff Writer



Clinton, Jackson, Vu hypocrites?

Although Jesse Jackson's extramarital affair was blabbed about in the weekly tabloids and factually detailed in major newspapers, people continued to stand by him just as he stood by President Clinton during his bout with "nonsexual relations with that woman."

Also, Jackson's wife stood by him and Sen. Hillary Clinton stood by Bill.

Jackson also has that innocent-looking bottom-lip-biting facial expression very similar to former President Clinton who pardoned 176 criminals, er, *former* criminal, during his last days in office.

The situation differs in that Jackson pays \$3000 monthly for child support.

So is he a hypocrite? I asked around and their replies were pretty much the same. Yes.

And that got me thinking.

I looked up to Jackson.

After I heard what had happened, I stopped looking up to him, because we were on the same level, eye-to-eye.

I am also a hypocrite.

I didn't father a child out of wedlock, nor did I lie to my country about not "having sexual relations with that woman" in the White House, but I am a hypocrite.

Looking back at my past columns, I see that now. I am a man of words, not of action.

It's a lot easier telling people what they should do then actually getting my hands dirty.

I, a proponent of environmental issues, sit high atop my perch, watch my fellow classmates throw away paper and join them on many occasions. During lunch, I dine on Styrofoam and throw away my plastic fork and spoon and Dr Pepper bottle.

I talk about compassion only to turn my head when seeing a homeless man beg for food. There are many things I turn my head to.

But being a hypocrite isn't always a bad thing though.

People still stand by you. People still give you a chance to change your ways, to correct your mistakes. People still forgive you.

That's not a bad deal.

But the higher you are, socially, politically, financially, the fall from grace hurts more than you think. Alas, no man is perfect.

—**Vu Vu**
Editor

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Nominate a favorite prof for the award for excellence

**By Vu Vu
Editor**

Teachers come and go throughout a student's career, but every student has a favorite.

Teachers change the way the students view the world. They're also our heroes. Now is the time to honor that favorite teacher.

Students, faculty or staff can nominate a full-time faculty member for the annual President's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The award was established by the OKCCC Board of Regents to emphasize the importance of excellence in teaching and to recognize faculty who are models of excellence, said Dr. Paul Sechrist, OKCCC provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

The selection committee looks for evidence of effective teaching, including creativity, resourcefulness and effective communication, Sechrist said.

The committee also looks for enthusiasm, commit-

ment to students and concern for students.

Martha George, psychology professor, said she felt humbled after winning the award in 1992.

"There was a tinge of sadness because I felt many colleagues were equally deserving but were not receiving recognition they deserved," she said.

"Receiving the award transformed me into a workaholic. I've been working hard ever since to deserve it."

English and Humanities Professor Richard Rouillard knew he was nominated for the 1997 award but said he didn't think he'd win.

"I am the kind of person who remembers all of the failures, the ideas that didn't work, the students who quit without telling me why, the lesson plans that didn't get done the way they were planned," he said.

Rouillard said he credits his wife, Carolyn, who works in the Human Resources department, and his children for giving him constant support.

"Carolyn, my wife of 38

years, is my best friend."

He also credits his source of energy to his students.

English Professor Linda Thornton, who recently resigned, didn't expect to win her 1995 award either.

"When President Todd began reading the qualities of 'this year's winner,' I thought 'whoever that is, [that person] must be great,' Thornton said.

"To be recognized by my colleagues and by students alike is the most rewarding experience I can imagine.

Political Science Professor Dana Glencross received the award in 1993.

"I was completely overwhelmed by this recognition because of the caliber of my peers and felt that it marked a professional milestone in my teaching career," Glencross said.

She said her heroes were educators and elected officials committed to public service.

It doesn't end with the presentation of the award. There's an extra helping of ice cream along with the cake. Winners receive \$1000 set by the Board of

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—Martha George

OKCCC Psychology Professor
& 1992 President's Award
for Excellence in Teaching

Regents.

The prize money came in handy when Thornton's son had four of his wisdom teeth removed.

"Now, Jeff is a third-year medical student and I've told him he owes me in a big way," Thornton said.

George's monetary prize ended up in the belly of a coyote after the peacocks she had purchased with the money were eaten.

Neither Glencross nor Rouillard have spent a dime of their prize.

"I've not found a purpose or reason for spending it that merits the level of accomplishment I think it took to earn it," Glencross said.

"I may, someday, return it to students in the form of a scholarship when my

teaching career ends."

Rouillard said he plans to wait for the perfect moment.

"I cashed the check but have never spent the money," he said. "I'm saving it to buy a computer. The longer I wait the better the computer will be."

The first award was given to English and Journalism Professor Sue Hinton in 1991.

Forms are available at the information desk in the Admissions office or online at www.okc.cc.ok.us by clicking "Academics," and then clicking "online forms" under "Academic Affairs."

Nominations must be turned in by March 23 to Sechrist's office located in 1A3, in the Arts and Humanities building.

Student uses bipolar disorder diagnosis to his advantage

**By Mark Stack
Staff Writer**

Just 12 years ago, Bil Thomas was told he would have to give up his jobs and never work again. Diagnosed with bipolar disorder, the doctors gave him only one option — to stay home and be an invalid the rest of his life.

Thomas accepted his disorder, but refused to accept the doctor's mandate to stay home.

Today, the psychology major is one of only six people chosen nationwide to serve on the oversight board for the organization, Affective Disorder Treatment Demonstration.

The road from where he was 12 years ago to where he is today is paved with determination and a desire

to know more about his affliction.

By educating himself, Thomas found there was more to the disease than sitting at home and letting it take over his life.

Bipolar disorder is a form of manic depression. It consists of severe highs (mania) and lows (depression). According to the Stanford Medical Center, it affects nearly 2.2 million Americans.

The illness generally begins in early adulthood and continues throughout life.

Nowadays, with proper medication and early detection, people with the disorder are often able to lead normal, productive lives.

This was not the case 12 years ago, around the time Thomas was first diagnosed. There wasn't much information known about the disorder and, for Tho-

mas, that was not going to be good enough.

Through hard work and incredible amounts of research, Thomas became a pioneer in the field of manic depression.

These days, Thomas serves on several different boards in the state that deal with mental health. He is on the board of directors for the the state chapter of the National Alliance of Mentally Ill, and also is the Secretary of Treasurer on the Community Counseling Board of Directors. He also belongs to the National Manic Depression Association. He is often a guest speaker at their conferences.

In fact, it was one of the national organizations that recommended him to the ADTD. The board meets four times a year in Baltimore, as well as in numer-

ous telephone conference calls

The base of this organization is designed to help diagnosed people fit into their workplace or school.

Affective Disorder Treatment Demonstration puts money into the program to make sure these people get the best care so that the can continue to work and get an education.

Thomas' work never stops. Traveling around the state speaking to doctors, nurses and police officers, Thomas educates them about the disease and helps put a face on the disorder so people with manic depression won't be viewed as something they aren't.

Along with his speaking engagements, Thomas also finds time to go to classes at OKCCC, which is something he loves to do.

"The reason I go to



Photo by Melissa DePew
Bil Thomas

school is I believe the best way to fight back against these problems is to keep your mind active.

"The biggest muscle in your body is the brain and I want to keep exercising it."

Thomas has come a long way since he was first diagnosed, and he'll be the first to tell anyone, he has a long way to go.

Here we are, the muffin kids...

Kindergarten children from the Child Development Center discovered the wonders of baking as they toured Albertson's bakery at 7000 S. May Ave., Jan. 20.

Their teacher, Lee Ann Nurdin, said the children had been studying a bread unit, learning the different types, colors, shapes and sizes.

"This field trip gives them a chance to actually see what happens," said Nurdin.

The children marveled

at the different mixers, ovens, baking racks and other oversized kitchen appliances.

They stared in awe as the cake decorator added the final touches to a Blues Clues cake.

They even got to sample some warm cookies—how can you beat that?

When all was said and done, one final question remained.

"Would you guys like to work in a bakery some day?" asked Nurdin.

The children replied with a resounding "Yeah!"



Above: The kindergarteners of the Child Development Center listened intently as they learned about the functions of a bakery. Taylor Sims, right, Patra Files, center, and Taylor Clanton were dazzled by the cake decorations.



Above: After discovering the large mixer, the children are on the go again. Pictured are Taylor Clanton (left), Cory Grabenbauer, Devin Loflin, Kali Tevis (front center), Andrew Hanes and Taylor Sims.



Left: Kali Tevis gets her free cookies from Bakery Manager Judy Yates, while Kaleb Cain waits for his turn.



Above: Judy Yates looks over Patra Files' shoulder, as she watches the cake decorator make a Blues Clues cake.



Photos and text by
Melissa Depew



Above: Teacher Lee Ann Nurdin helps Judy Yates guide the children through the bakery. Cory Grabenbauer, left, and Devin Loflin lead the way as Arielle Ayala follows.

Highlights

Let's talk about it, Oklahoma

As a part of the Let's Talk About it, Oklahoma series, Dr. Bill Hagan of Oklahoma Baptist University will be making a presentation on "A Sand County Almanac" by Aldo Leopold. The lecture will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 31 in room 3N5 in the main building. The program is open to the public. For more information please contact Richard Rouillard at 682-1611 ext. 7389.

Attention Spring and Summer 2001 Graduates

The last time to apply for graduation commencement is here. All prospective graduates who want to participate in the commencement ceremony need to turn in their application by Feb. 2. All applications must be turned into either admissions and records office, the information center, or the graduation office. Spring graduates not participating in the spring commencement have until April 13, and summer graduates not participating have until July 9 to complete paperwork.

Easy Piano for Busy People

If you have ever wanted to learn the piano but were too busy to do so, now is your opportunity. Terry Maddock, an instructor of the traditional piano method for more than 15 years, will be hosting several workshops entitled "Easy Piano for Hopelessly Busy People" and "Piano by Ear" here at the college on Feb. 3. The "Easy Piano" workshop will be at 9 a.m. until noon. Then the "Piano by Ear" will start at 12:45 p.m. and will last until 3:45 p.m. The course fee is \$55 for one workshop, and \$95 for both. For more information please contact Jonie Welle in the Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-1611 ext. 7205.

Health Professions Club needs you!

The Health Professions Club will be holding a general meeting at 12:30 on Feb. 1 in room 2N7 of the main building. They will meet to discuss amending the club's constitution and possibly electing new officers for open positions. The meeting will also include discussions for upcoming activities and future guest speakers. For more information, contact Sergio Vasquez at 324-8333.

Get your Noonday on!

Baptist Collegiate Ministries would like to invite anyone and everyone to Thursday noondays held at 12:30 p.m. in room 3N0 of the main building. The club offers free lunch, music, fellowship, and guest speakers. This Thursday's menu will be Taco Bell, and the guest speaker will be talking about how to survive college life. Be there for free Taco Bell, music, and great fellowship!

Phi Theta Kappa is getting ready for 2001

Phi Theta Kappa, the campus academic honor society, will be holding its general membership meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, and another meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8. Both meetings will be in room 3P5 in the main building. It is important that all members attend to get dates and plans made for spring semester. It will be a great opportunity to get in on the ground floor for 2001 planning! For more information go to the Phi Theta Kappa website at www.theshop.net/jackearl/ptk/ptk.htm where you can get all the latest news.

Highlights deadline is no later than 5 p.m. Tuesdays.



Please Join!!

Photo Journalism major Danielle Elmore, right, discusses her new membership in Chi Alpha with president David Badders, left. Other clubs also recruited new members at the Organizations Fair held Jan. 23 and 24.

Photo by Melissa DePew

Organizations fair a success for both clubs and students

**By Mark Stack
Staff Writer**

The spring semester Organizations Fair was held on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, and it was quite a success.

Students had the opportunity to visit and talk to presidents and members of all the clubs that OKCCC has to offer.

Clubs tried to entice prospective members by giving out free popcorn, candy, and chips and salsa. It seemingly worked as most tables were crowded with interested students.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries had one of the more successful tables as they signed up as many as 25 new members.

BCM will be having their Noonday with a free lunch every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:20 in room 3N0.

BCM will also be presenting a basketball tournament for BCM members

in the first weekend of March. Members will play other Baptist teams from across the state.

Another successful club during the fair was the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education.

HOPE signed up more than 50 new members. Headed up by club president Jacqui Marquez, HOPE will begin meeting on Feb. 1 at 12:30 in room CU8. They will be meeting every other Thursday.

HOPE will also be sponsoring a bachelor/bachelorette auction on Feb. 8, one week before Valentine's Day. The proceeds from the auction will go toward helping the members attend the National Hispanic Business Conference in Texas.

Finally, the Drama club, or the soon-to-be Society of Performing Arts, is preparing for the spring semester by planning several activities for its members.

The Drama club will be having several different fund-raisers throughout

the semester. They also plan on doing some community service for organizations.

A field trip to Dallas to see Medieval Times, a theme restaurant, is also in the works.

The Drama club will be meeting in room 1F5 at 1 p.m. every other Thursday beginning next week.

It's never too late to join a club, so if you are interested, pick up a Student Clubs and Organizations handbook in the office of Student Life.

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FOR SALE: '93 Chevy Cavalier RS loaded, EC, 97K, asking \$2,900. Call 321-6288.

FOR SALE: '93 Dodge Shadow, great car \$2,500 OBO. Call 410-4836.

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white with blue stripe, good motor with hookups for natural gas, rebuilt transmission, new paint job. Page Zach at (405) 560-2418.

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HOUSEHOLD

FOR SALE: Set of 4 white chairs, in good condition. \$80 call at 912-0890.

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FOR SALE: White crib with new mattress, good condition, asking \$95. Also a 26" 12-speed boys bike, brand new, never used Roadmaster asking \$100. Call Karen at 728-1305.

FOR SALE: Almost brand new washer! Frigidaire multi-cycle load and temp. Have all hoses and hookups. Have owner's manual and extended manufacturers warranty. Asking \$250 OBO, contact Jason at 634-3058 or cell phone at 823-0918.

FOR SALE: Entertainment center. Asking \$150 or OBO. Call Jon or Carol at 680-9302.

FOR SALE: Glass top dinner table black, metal, only about 9 months old. Asking \$450 OBO. Call 949-9416.

FOR SALE: Niagara Recliner with heat and vibrating rollers. Gold and very good condition. Asking \$500. Call Sue at 634-9927 or 682-7547.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: Sunquest tanning bed, asking \$750 or OBO. Call at 677-1209 or 408-7285.

FOR SALE: Looking for a Bassist. Must have own equipment. Influences in underground/experimental/alternative and jazz would be a plus. Call Adam at 329-4355 or come by StudentLife.

FOR SALE: New Bollinger Contour Shaper-home exercise machine with video \$75. 38 inch round coffee table with blue and gold iron base with tempered glass top asking \$100. Matching end table \$100. 324-5555

FOR SALE: 27 inch console tv, remote, cable ready, swivel base, all wood cabinet. Asking \$150, call at 912-2389 leave message.

FOR SALE: Irish Dancing shoes, excellent condition, halmor diamond tip. Size 6 Irish, (8 1/2 American) Call at 485-2913.

WANTED: Versatile rhythm/lead guitarist looking to join or form rock band. Influences include: Creed, Metallica, Collective Soul, Days of the New, Blink-182, Joe Satriani, Yngwie Malmsteen and Offspring. Must be dedicated, drug-free, and 18-22 years old. Call at 691-7749.

FREE: Oh Rats! Have six male white (pet) rats who need a good home. Call Nick at 632-3833.

FOR SALE: Weider Ultra Max Weight Bench, lat/preacher, 210 lb. weight set and rack, asking \$250. Ibanez EX350 electric guitar Floyd Rose, black and blue, exc. condition, \$300 or OBO. Call at 378-8170.

FOR SALE: Two dalmatians; need a good home and lots of TLC. Call 794-2015.

FOR SALE: Two 12" speaker boxes, \$100 and \$150. Kenwood CD Changer (never used, still in the box), \$200. Great additions to any car! Call 822-7250.

FOR SALE: '97 Skyline, 16 x 80, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. No down payment, take over payments. SE OKC. Call 631-2325.

FOR SALE: Two-year-old Saint Bernard. AKC certified with pedigree. Great family dog. Spayed and fence broken. Moved and unable to keep. Needs a loving family. Dog house included. Make an offer, big or small. Call 387-3161.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Smelting residue
- 5 Old cattle town
- 10 Similar
- 14 Beneficiary
- 15 Happen again
- 16 Fizzy beverage
- 17 Loosen
- 18 Where to get a haircut
- 20 Breakfast bread
- 22 Treat with contempt, slangily
- 23 Knolls
- 24 Church council
- 26 Farm animal
- 27 Puppy's "hand"
- 30 Gold medalists
- 34 Pencil end
- 35 Frost
- 36 "Norma —"
- 37 Lauer or Groening
- 38 Gamut
- 40 Roam about
- 41 Southwestern Indian
- 42 Ali —
- 43 Required
- 45 Lull
- 47 Majestic
- 48 Exploit
- 49 Native New Zealander
- 50 Passport requirement

- 53 Have lunch
- 54 Large quantities
- 58 Gulf of Mexico fish
- 61 Lamb's pen name
- 62 Dairy-case buy
- 63 Life of —: easy street
- 64 Blue shade
- 65 Bridge
- 66 Play part
- 67 "— the night before ..."

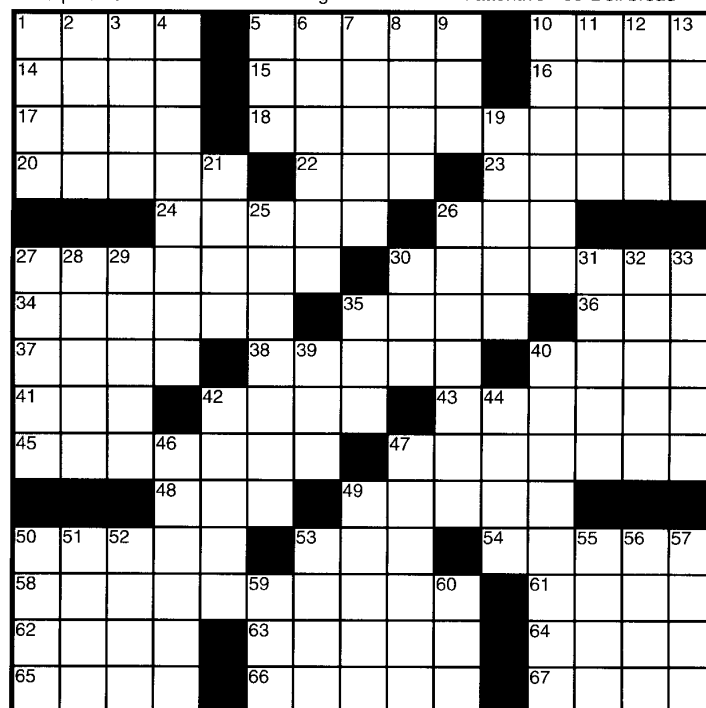
DOWN

- 1 Fastened securely
- 2 Letterman's rival
- 3 Verdi opera
- 4 Most disgusting
- 5 Sphere
- 6 Grassland
- 7 Bitter
- 8 Centers
- 9 "— we having fun yet?"
- 10 Give out (homework)
- 11 Eye makeup
- 12 Adulated one
- 13 Sleeps
- 19 Cologne's river
- 21 Use a keyboard
- 25 Tell (a story)
- 26 Olive stuffing

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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Professor Thornton says goodbye to OKCCC — for now

"Prof,"

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sion to teach.

Thornton said her parents greatly influenced her love for education.

"My father had only an eighth grade education," she said.

"In my family of six siblings, it wasn't a matter of 'if you were going to college,' but rather 'when you were going to college.'"

Soaking in the positive encouragement from her parents and teachers, Thornton worked hard on her education.

She finished her bachelor's degree in French at the University of Oklahoma in a little more than three years. With great perseverance, Thornton pressed on for six more

years, earning both her master's and doctorate degrees in English, also at OU.

"Perseverance pays off," she said.

When advising students, Thornton said, she tells of her own experiences through school.

"I tell the students to never give up trying.

"Don't let temporary setbacks hold you back.

"I've talked a lot of students out of quitting. Sometimes you just need to cut back a little, but keep trying."

While at OKCCC, Thornton has been an inspiration to many students and faculty.

"She changed my attitudes about learning and helped me to see that learning is life. It's not just for the purpose of getting an

education, but understanding the world," said political science major, Amy Perkins.

Thornton said she loved advising because of the continual relationship she had with the students.

"I loved daily sitting down with students and helping them figure out their personal goals," she said.

Thornton said it was for that reason that she took the position as the first Honors Coordinator in 1990. She just loved to help students.

Bertha Wise, professor of English, said Thornton always made time to help a student.

"Linda made sure to offer any of her time to any student who came to her. She helped guide them to find the right teachers, materials or whatever they

needed," Wise said.

Thornton's peers said she will not only be missed as an adviser, but also as a teacher and friend.

They speak very highly of her relationships between teacher and student.

"Her students loved her," said Linda Robinett, professor of learning skills.

"She could work with any kind of students. She was great. She is one person liked and respected by everybody."

Over the years, Thornton said, she has learned much from her students.

"I have been astonished at the students' insights into literature," she said.

"I have learned you have to be open to the insights of students from different backgrounds.

"The students have given back many times what I have given them."

Thornton is a fighter. She said she will never give up.

Her first battle with cancer began in 1997.

She said the same spirit that got her through graduate school was also her motivation to get her through cancer the first time.

Wise said Thornton is a strong person.

"Linda has a very positive outlook on life in general," said Wise.

"She has a good sense of humor, which helped her overcome the first cancer

battle and helps her fight it again."

Wise also said Thornton has become a very adamant proponent of people paying more attention to their health.

Even now, Thornton is advocating good health, as she takes part in a clinical study collecting data. She hopes it will some day benefit other women fighting the same battle.

Although Thornton will always have a love for teaching, she said she is not sure if she will be able to return to OKCCC as a professor. However, she is hopeful that she may return one day as an adjunct.

Thornton said she is very thankful for all the support she has received from faculty and students alike.

"My best memory of the college happened very recently, when the students and faculty helped put together a pink ribbon Christmas tree for me," she said. "I was incredibly touched that people wrote me messages of hope and placed them on the tree."

Thornton said she wants everyone to know how much she misses and loves them, and that she will not give up.

Everyone can probably agree with the words of Perkins when she said, "Linda Thornton has left a powerful legacy that will continue at this college."



Linda Thornton

Middle school program new to Oklahoma

"Pathways,"

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The curriculum will prepare the students for the demands of college life and emphasize Spanish bilingual literacy and a bicultural

experience.

This is a unique program to Oklahoma but not to the nation, said French.

She said there are about 70 pilot programs in New York and they seem to be doing very well.

"Most students who at-

tend middle college go on to graduate high school and pursue their post-secondary education," said French, "These students are very bright."

The first graduates of the Pathways program will be the Class of 2005.



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