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Photo by Melissa DePew

Dean of Admissions Gloria Barton helps student Nina Nguyen learn how to use the new Student Self Service Center. The system allows students to print their own official transcripts, fee statements and schedules. The two computers are located on the first floor of the main building, outside of the admissions and records area.

Computers to help ease wait for college paperwork

By **Melissa DePew**
Staff Writer

Students can now step out of long, frustrating lines and over to a computer to print their own paperwork.

As of March 1, students can access and print their own fee statements, schedules and transcripts.

The two new computers that provide this service are located in the main building, in front of registration area and to the right of the admissions and records counter.

Students can still access their information from staff members in admissions and records. However, the new service provides "a way for students

to get those [records] easily by themselves even when the office is closed," said Gloria Barton, dean of admissions and records.

Barton said this has been an idea they have been working on for about a year. Only one other institution (University of Central Oklahoma) allows students to access and print their own documents.

The idea took so long to put into effect because the college had to find the money to make the equipment purchase and had to make sure the transcript paper would be secure. It also required much programming, which was done by OKCCC's computer center, to make it

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Program gives students chance in hard classes

Online assistance also now available

By **Brandi Peterman**
Staff Writer

Many OKCCC students may be unaware of the various services the college provides in an effort to assist them. They also may be unaware that they help pay them.

One of those programs is Supplemental Instruction, which provides support in the traditionally "difficult" courses that many students struggle to complete.

Math professor Linda Knox uses a Supplemental Instruction leader for her class.

"The program is very beneficial to the students who choose to participate," she said.

Mary Turner, coordinator of Student Support Services, said traditionally math, history and science courses have been challenging to OKCCC students.

Supplemental Instruction offers special sessions that give the student a chance to compare notes with other people in the class, to discuss concepts, and to get help from a student leader, she said.

The sessions are led by a student leader, who has completed the course with the same professor and done really well in the class.

This enables the leader to give the students insight into the professor's expectations and assist them with the course content.

The student leaders attend at least one of the professor's classes and they also hold study sessions with any in-

"The students could easily benefit from the program because you can work at your own pace."

—Casey McGuire
Supplemental Instruction student

terested students during the week. Turner said, by attending the class, the Supplemental Instruction leader is better able to understand what is expected of the student on tests and other assignments.

Forensic major Casey McGuire is a Supplemental Instruction student.

"The students could easily benefit from the program because you can work at your own pace," McGuire said.

Turner said Supplemental Instruction is also now available online to assist students with sociology and American Federal Government, for students who may be unable to return to the college for help.

"The online assistance seems to be going over very well," she said.

This program is available to anyone who is interested, not just the at-risk student.

"You could be a B student who wants to be an A student or you could be just clinging to the bottom trying to survive the semester," Turner said. "There is no way anyone could know the difference. That is a strong point for me."

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Answers to school violence

On another seemingly beautiful day, there was another seemingly horrific tragedy.

Again, people are asking why.

One of the students said the killer kid had a smile on his face while shooting his classmates.

It was another Columbine, another mostly white, middle-class suburban high school shooting on all news channels and newspapers.

It was another sign of the demise of society, not really another sign, but another kick in the face to the misinformed who still believe that teenagers are still children, and those who are even more misinformed to believe that teenagers are adults.

It was another story of how a boy was picked on and retaliated by maiming, by cutting life short.

President Bush said it was a "disgraceful act of cowardice."

Everything looked and sounded hauntingly familiar. After the tragedy, the nation saw a school whose students wore nice clothes. A few had their cell phones out. Some smiled at the cameras. Some waved their hands in the air as if signaling victory, a victory of life maybe, much like Columbine.

The nation also watched young faces, frozen in disbelief or confusion.

You could watch these kids walk by and judge what "clique" they belonged to.

Jocks, skaters, preps, gothics... whatever groups they have in high schools today were well represented at Santana High School in Santee, Calif.

Why kids can't get along, there is no one answer. Why can't teens understand that materialism is a ploy concocted by rich executives playing off of teens learning about life at the critical and confusing period of adolescence (Charles Andrew Williams's stolen skateboards)?

Who do you see at the malls, buying CDs, new fashions and video games?

The same can be said for television. It's all about the money. TV executives don't care about kids, just that they get their money. It takes a village to raise a child, they say.

Kids must remember that within each of us, lies a conscience, or a soul.

There's a little voice that tells each of us what to do. That voice tells us the difference between right and wrong and tells us two wrongs never did make a right. It is true that the stronger man turns his cheek and offers it to the perpetrator.

Even at OKCCC, there are scuffles.

Two female students were close to fisticuffs until a professor came to the aid of his student.

Why there was a physical confrontation will be disclosed in a grievance hearing on campus. Whether the confrontations will continue, whether the violence will escalate, depends on those two students. Let's hope they resolve their differences peacefully.

—Vu Vu
Editor

Melanoma serious condition

To the Editor:

The purpose of this message is to request your help in preventing loss of lives among OKCCC students, faculty and staff from the serious skin cancer, melanoma.

Sending them to the web site www.skincheck.org may help accomplish this goal.

Our son died of melanoma in 1998 at age 26 and we established the web site to prevent similar tragedies in other families.

The site focuses on early detection of melanoma by self-examination of the skin to detect the disease while it is thin and curable.

There is a fatal gap in melanoma education. In a 1996 survey, the CDC found that 74 percent of individuals in the 18 to 24 year age group had little or no knowledge of melanoma.

Among the 25 to 29 year age group, melanoma is the most prevalent cancer. The incidence is increasing by nearly 4 percent every year, faster than any other cancer.

Over 51,000 new cases are expected in this year. An average of one of every 75 Americans will develop melanoma during their lives and it will strike a serious number while they are young.

It occurs regardless of physical condition, health, complexion and family history.

It is the easiest of all cancers to spot at the earliest stages by simple self-examination, when it is almost guaranteed curable by painless removal in a dermatologist's office. Waiting allows it to invade internally, transforming it to one of the most malignant

and incurable of all cancers.

Our son would likely be alive today if he had received this kind of information about a disease which is much more common and serious than most people realize.

—Stephen and Gail Fine
Melanoma Education
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Comments and Reviews

Disabilities lie in thinking

To the Editor:

I was extremely happy to read Brandi Peterman's editorial "Society shoots fat people."

In these times of "political correctness," the overweight have been unnoticed, in a matter of speaking.

I am one of those 97 million Americans that are overweight.

In fact, I have tried every diet and pill out there trying to shed pounds. The only craze I seem to have missed was the Fen-Phen diet pills, and thank goodness for that.

Struggling with obesity is tough. What has made it tougher are not those little desks in some of OKCCC's classrooms, or that stylish clothes stop at size 18, or even that safety bars on Fair rides were designed as

"one size fits all."

What has made dealing with obesity tougher are the attitudes of employers who consistently choose thin job applicants over the larger ones, regardless of skills; and stores that hide their full figured clothing in the rear sections of their stores; and the hushed remarks that are sometimes heard when passing a group of people.

Having said all that, I do side with the California Supreme Court's decision stating that obesity is not a legally protected disability. Discrimination laws were written to protect those individuals that have true disabilities—blindness, paraplegia, quadriplegia, deafness to name a few.

The laws were written to protect people of different

racess and religions from unfair hiring practices and such. The laws were not written for me because I do not consider myself disabled—I am just overweight.

I walk my two miles on a treadmill three days a week; I swim every weekend during the summer; I keep my house picked up and clean.

Any woman out there will tell you that keeping a clean house is a daily exercise.

No, I am not a disabled person.

Those individuals that choose to make callous remarks, or practice unfair hiring tactics are more disabled—they have lost their compassion for others.

Now that is a disability.

—Cathy Hume
English Education

Dubya's plan not fuzzy afterall

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the editorial submitted by Michael Pascarella entitled "Dubya's Tax System Fuzzy" dated March 5.

The only reason the tax system is fuzzy is because the writer of the letter does not understand the proposed tax system.

Let's begin by addressing the single tax rates. The letter stated "if you are single and make \$6,000 to \$27,050, you do not get tax relief."

First of all, those that are single and make between \$6,000 and \$7,200 do not have any taxable income, and therefore do not pay taxes.

So, no tax relief can be nor should be provided.

For those making between \$7,201 and \$27,050, the amount of taxes paid will in fact be reduced as shown by the tax calculator at www.heritage.org/taxcalculator.

For example, let's say you

make \$20,000. Your taxable income under both plans is \$12,800. The amount you pay under the current system is \$1,920. The amount of taxes you would pay under the proposed plan is \$1,620. This is a tax cut of \$300, or 15.63 percent, which is equivalent to a \$386.60 pay raise. (Based on current income tax, Social Security, and Medicare rates, in order for you to realize a \$300 increase in net take-home pay, you would need to have received a \$386.60 pay raise.)

Head of households and joint filers will have similar circumstances.

I could go on and on with the numbers, but my intent with this letter is not to give numbers, but to show that the data given in the previous letter is clearly false.

In every case, between the tax ranges stated in the original letter, tax cuts were given to those who had to pay taxes.

If your taxable income is such that no taxes are owed, hooray for you, but sorry, you can't cut what's not there.

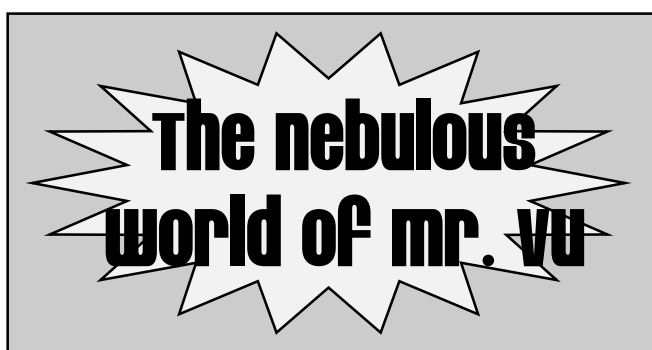
In addition, the proposed tax cut changes the rates at which you are taxed. The current tax rates are 15 percent, 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent, and 39.6 percent.

President Bush proposes to lower those tax "brackets" to a simplified tax rate structure of 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent and 33 percent. (Source: www.whitehouse.gov)

The bottom line is this: President Bush is proposing a tax plan that will help all of us who pay taxes.

Please do "write your congressman. In fact, write all of them and also write to your President." Ask them to pass this tax legislation, as it will decrease taxes, and will ultimately help your bottom line.

—Diana Bittle
Student



Get ready for March Madness

I love March: The smell of freshly cut grass, the warmth of asphalt on bare feet, the smell of flowers blooming, the sound of bees buzzing in the air... new life, growth.

Another reason why I love March is basketball, March Madness, a time when youngsters play their hearts out for the Big Dance, a time when the worst teams can, for a few shining moments, be the best.

In the sixth grade, I bought my first pair of Air Jordans. Those were the days when I got two pairs of shoes. I got one pair when school started and another pair for my birthday in January. (I got a pair of Reebok Blacktop Pumps when school started.)

I was a rough kid back then, wearing out a pair of shoes in a matter of months (P.E. was my favorite class). That was the year when Michael Jordan, greatest basketball player ever, retired in August 1993. After that, I couldn't watch the NBA anymore. It just didn't seem right.

But I always had college basketball. The players change every year, but they always play with the same heart. The Sooners are always the Sooners and the Cowboys are always the Cowboys.

March is all about the Cinderellas — sports fiends, fanatics call them. They're the teams from nowhere like Gonzaga or Iona or Western Kentucky or Indiana State.

I remember "Toothless in Seattle," and Bryant "Big Country" Reeves backboard breaking run to the Final Four, and OSU's bedlam battles with OU.

Ryan Minor and the Sooners bowed out in the first game, but Big Country took Tim Duncan and Wake Forest out of contention.

That year, I had a pair of Shaq's, or Shaquille O'Neal's basketball shoes. They were white and had metallic baby blue accents, just like his old team, the Orlando Magic.

That same year, we finally got a basketball goal, the one that elevates. I was in dunk heaven (I had an 18-inch vertical back in the day).

I had two favorite spots on my driveway, one directly parallel to the basket (that's where the bald spot was on the grass) and a spot on the left baseline... my turnaround jumper was ferocious...

I developed my post game and the weapon I use today — my hook shot, which was perfected with the help of my friend the Truth.

I love March Madness.

—Vu Vu
Editor



Celtic Rocks!

In a return engagement, the Celtic rock band Cullin awed the lunch crowd in the student union March 27.

From left to right the members are: Matt MacIsaac on the whistle; Patrick Gillis on guitar; Dave Carmichael, guitar and lead vocals; Stefan Morin on drums; Dave Hoave, bass; and Mairi Rankin on the fiddle.

The noontime event was sponsored by the office of Student Life.

Photo by Melissa DePew

Eating sweets, spending money will benefit students

By Brandi Peterman
Staff Writer

The OKCCC Faculty Association will be holding its 4th Annual "Make It! Bake It! Sell It" spring scholarship fund-raiser. The event will be April 4 on the first floor of the main building.

Lisa Adkins, chair of the Faculty Association's scholarship committee, said the fund-raiser is for a very good cause.

"It is important that people know 100 percent of all money raised goes directly to OKCCC students," she said.

Faculty and staff will be donating craft items and baked items to be sold by silent auction, ticket drawings and direct purchase.

The Faculty association

will also be offering gift certificates in \$1 and \$5 denominations. The gift certificates can be used for any purchase at the sale.

Adkins, business professor said the sale has been successful in the past.

"Each year we try to raise more money for the students," she said.

This fall the Faculty Association scholarship committee awarded eight scholarships of \$250 each.

The association also works a Coke wagon at the Arts Festival each September to raise additional scholarship funds.

Those interested in donating an item for the sale or wanting more information on purchasing gift certificates, can contact Lisa Adkins at 682-1611, ext. 7235.



London trip equals credit hours

By Mark Stack
Staff Writer

Who would have thought that a trip to London could equal credit hours toward a degree?

Students can join History Professor Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen on a class trip to London in May and earn three credit hours toward European history or humanities.

Of course, there's a catch.

Sheetz-Nguyen said students will be required to take part in class activities prior to the trip.

The class, will be from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and start the first week of May intersession.

"The class will meet the first week to survey the history of Britain from the arrival of the Romans to World War II.

"The evening class will include readings and videos on London that will illustrate how the metropolis can be used as an historical laboratory for the study of a nation's history," said Sheetz-Nguyen.

England is also home to great pieces of literature, she said, so the class will read and discuss British literature such as Beowulf, Canterbury Tales and excerpts from Charles Dickens.

After the first week is over, Sheetz-Nguyen said, the class would reunite again to depart for London on May 22. Once in London, the class will visit several signifi-

cant sites around the hallowed city.

The list of sites the students will tour include the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Canterbury Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, the reconstructed Globe Theatre, and possibly Stonehenge and the British House of Parliament.



Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen

Sheetz-Nguyen said students will be required to turn in a photo documentary for a grade.

"They will take pictures and collect brochures in order to submit a booklet with their pictures and documentations to tell what they have learned," she said.

Sheetz-Nguyen said students would be free to travel to other places such as Bath or Dover in the afternoon.

She said they would just need to find transportation

to get there.

"I lived in London for a year and a half, so I know my way around. I know where to eat cheap, and get the right transportation that will help the students."

The class costs \$135. The trip to London will cost \$1,620 for a single person, \$1,260 for double, and \$1,188 for triple.

Sheetz-Nguyen said that includes airfare, hotel, travel card, international student I.D. card, and breakfast.

Those interested in participating in the class and trip must sign up before April 9. Contact Sheetz-Nguyen at 682-1611, ext. 7173.

OKCCC food service provider caters to many

By Shelly Clark
Contributing Writer

Time management is important in any person's life — especially when running a catering business with multiple locations and 57 employees.

The Catering Company, owned by Jim Sellers, operates the cafeteria on the campus of OKCCC, the business conference center at Metro Tech, Sellers Special Events Center in north Oklahoma City, and many events at such places as the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Sellers, who holds a degree in theater, gained his knowledge of the food and beverage industry through endeavors in St. Louis, Little Rock, Kansas City and Tulsa.

The Catering Company acquired the contract for OKCCC in 1998. It serves between 900 and 1,000 people in the cafeteria per day as well as catering events for individual departments of the college.

Sellers' philosophies are not academically based.

"There is no time to study problems," he said, "only time to fix a problem."

However, there is respect and understanding between his company and the college for each others needs. "We get along just great," he said.

The latest enterprise for Sellers was the opening of Sellers Special Events Center in March of last year.

The Special Events Center, found on a 5.5 acre track complete with a gazebo, was once the boyhood home of Edmond legislator Ray Vaughn Jr. and housed the Homestead Family Restaurant for about a year.

Upon lease of the property, Sellers remodeled the facility to include a large banquet room, smaller meeting rooms and a lounge/bar area. He said he kept the integrity of the house intact.

Among the events held at the Special Events Center

"There is no time to study problems, only time to fix a problem."

—Jim Sellers
The Catering Company

are weddings, birthday and anniversary parties, as well as business luncheons and meetings.

By having three sites to work out of, Sellers has the ability to use all three kitchens for events held at another location other than his own.

"We divide and conquer," he said. "All three units have the same recipes. Consistency is the best thing for expediency."

One site he can be found frequently catering is the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Sellers has catered such events as the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, American Quarter Horse Association, the Marine Corps

Banquet and once catered an event for the management of the Florida Marlin and Dolphins.

Besides the special events, Sellers caters other events, including the Governor's mansion once a week, the Downtown Auto Collection and Sonic Industries once a month.

In addition to running his businesses, Sellers is an Oklahoma Restaurant Association board member, a national representative for the Oklahoma Restaurant Association, and volunteers his time for charity events such as a Taste of OKC which raises money for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

"You're only as good as your last event."

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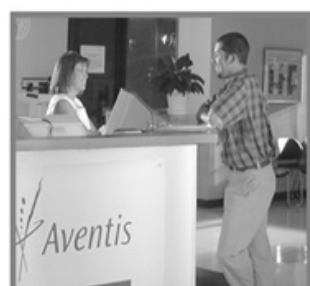


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CAMPUS SECURITY INCIDENTS

Fight prompts one student to take legal action against another

By Mark Stack
Staff Writer

A shout for help brought a professor scrambling to break up an altercation between two students about 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 6.

Emilia Williams reported that as she was coming out of her Human Anatomy class in room 1A4, main building, Magdalene Nwana confronted her and began screaming obscenities at her.

"I was coming out of class, talking to a friend when [Nwana] got in my face yelling and cussing at me," Williams said.

"She then started stepping on my left foot and grabbed my shirt and assaulted me.

"That's when I called for my professor."

Professor Randall Nydam broke up the fight and separated the two.

When asked to comment, Nydam said he couldn't talk about the situation due to an impending investigation.

Director of Student Relations Mary Johnson was also contacted, but refused comment.

"I'm not allowed to speak about the situation," Johnson said.

"I can tell you about our student policies and procedures when this type of thing happens, but I can't say anything specifically regarding the case," said Johnson.

Williams and Nwana reportedly have a history of conflict.

Williams said Nwana has verbally confronted her several times at Southwest Medical Center where they both work.

When asked what action had been taken, Williams said she filed a grievance with Student Life and filed an assault charge with the Oklahoma City police department, and has had a Victim Protection Order served on Nwana.

Nwana could not be reached for comment.

When a student files a grievance:

1. Student must file a grievance with the Office of Student Life within five days of the occurrence
2. The department manager will meet with the aggrieved student to work out a solution.
3. If the aggrieved student is still not satisfied, he or she can formally bring the matter before the Director of Student Relations.
4. After that, the Director shall file an official Student Grievance Form and the appropriate Executive Council will be notified.
5. Executive Council will then make a ruling as to whether the student should be given a written or oral reprimand, suspension, or expulsion.

Home-schooled kids get in shape

By Kelley Patzke
Newswriting I Student

Home-schooled children need physical education too. That's why OKCCC offers a twice-a-week athletic program geared toward their needs, said Kelie Solis, sports and recreational specialist.

The physical education program was introduced at OKCCC by Jonie Welle, community education coordinator, about two years ago when she brought it over from the YMCA, said Solis.

"We have two OKCCC students teaching the class — Riley Williams, a junior, and Jason Ramanjulu, a sophomore," Solis said.

She said this is the first year for Williams and Ramanjulu to be teaching the class.

"I love kids," Williams said.

"This program is perfect for me. I'm gaining experience and having fun at the same time. I'm trying to be a good role-model for the kids."

The program has 26 youngsters participating. Their ages range from 6 to 12 years old. They are from all parts of the Oklahoma City area.

Williams said, every month they are introduced to a new sport.

"Last month the kids learned how to play tennis and this month they will learn how to play soccer.

"It's so awesome how much the kids want to learn."

Williams said the students will do an exercise routine for the first 10 minutes, then play the game of the month for the next 35 minutes and swim the remainder of the time.

The program runs from September through April. The class is every Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 1:15 p.m. The cost is \$20 per family.

Want to work?



Photo by Melissa DePew

Business major Amy Mason, right, discusses one of the Mustang Parks and Recreation job descriptions with biology major Jennifer Hagan during the recent Spring Job Fair, held March 7. At least 55 businesses set up booths, looking for potential employees. As an incentive to stop and talk, goodies, ranging from pencils to key chains, were handed out at each stop.

Campus tour turns youngsters into map-makers

By Ashley Martin
Newswriting I Student

The kindergarten students from OKCCC's Child Development Center know their way around the world — or at least the campus — a little better now, having just completed a unit on maps.

Kindergarten teacher Lee Ann Nurdin said the unit was a last minute idea.

"The kids were going through National Geographic magazine, cutting out the pictures, when they became really interested in the maps," she said.

Pretty soon, she said, the youngsters were fighting

over the pull-out maps, and the unit took on a life of its own from there.

The children learned about how maps are made and what they are used for. They took a tour of the Child Development Center and learned where all of their fire exits are.

Then they drew a map of their building.

Soon, the kindergarteners branched out and, on Feb. 9, took a walking tour to the main building.

The children picked several destinations on campus that they wanted to see and then followed the maps around school to get to them.

Some of the more popu-

lar sights to see were the swimming pool and the elevator.

When asked why the swimming pool was her favorite part of the trip, 5-year-old Arielle Ayala said, "Because it was hot in there."

Patra Files, also 5, liked watching the people swim.

A highlight was a trip into President Bob Todd's office.

"The kids were going through National Geographic magazine, cutting out the pictures, when they became really interested in the maps."

—Lee Ann Nurdin
Child Development Center
Kindergarten Teacher

When he saw the youngsters, he invited them in for a short visit.

"He shook our hands," said Charlotte Wood-Wilson, director of the children's center.

"He has a really nice office."

To remember their trip, the students wrote a story about the things they saw that they dictated to their teacher, complete with their own illustrations.

It was a very exciting trip that won't soon be forgotten.

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Poetry born of the trails



Left: Fashioned in his authentic western attire, student Dale "Sierra" Seawright stars in a heritage festival with his gang in Arkansas.

Seawright contributes his talent to the "Miller Gang," which has traveled to surrounding states performing gun fights and hosting chili suppers.

photos courtesy of Dale Seawright

Below: Seawright has a showdown with his buddy during a gun fight in Missouri. He said they use real guns and they make their own blanks.



Dale "Sierra" Seawright missed his Hooker, Okla. outhouse so much that he wrote and published a poem about it.

"Ah, yes... the indoor toilet, man's greatest achievement..." Seawright wrote.

"...So I took myself back to the farm of my youth, with a deluxe stereo recorder in hand. There I spent a few days just recording the sounds, as I listened to Mother Nature's band..."

"...I have thirty-five hours of birds' calls and drones, with the odd frog croak... dog bark... and hiss. And I can relive those good ol' days, every time I take a *&##..."

Born in 1951 out in the Panhandle, Seawright fell in love with the West.

"I've been crazy about the West forever. It fit me like a T," Seawright said.

Living on the edge of town, while sitting on his porch, he used to shoot rabbits with a 22 calibre rifle.

Besides writing, Seawright is a player in the Western gunfight and stunt team, the Miller Gang.

For about a decade now, Seawright, whose Miller Gang name is Sierra, entertains kids and

adults alike at children's hospitals and rest homes.

Each year, the Miller Gang attends the annual Chisholm Festival held during the first full weekend of June in Yukon on Garth Brooks Boulevard, across from the Post Office and south of the high school.

"Kids love it," he said.

The kids also love Clarence, Seawright's skunk puppet.

That's not his day job, however.

Seawright also attends OKCCC, majoring in computer science.

"Everybody's got to make a living," Seawright said while dressed in his boots and spurs.

"Computers are the greatest thing since sliced bread."

The Miller Gang has traveled to all surrounding states, performing gunfights and re-enactments. They even have a chuck wagon that can be documented back 120 years that they use for shows.

Seawright wrote a mess of other published poems about the Wild West; poems like "The Night the Chickens all Died" about a ranch dog named Mad Jack, a longjohn-wearing ranch hand named Daily, a shotgun, and dead chickens.

His business card is scribed:

"Western Historical Poet and Entertainer."

He certainly looks the part.

A gray beard that looks wild like a herd of mustangs on the prairie hides his face leaving only his nose and eyes for viewing.

"If I shaved my beard, my wife and my dog wouldn't know who I was," he said.

While on the Chisholm Trail, the beard more than likely protects his neck from the strong Oklahoma wind. When adorned in authentic 19th century western attire, the only thing that gives him away to the 20th century is his eye glasses.

Seawright helped herd a few head of cattle to Kansas City a few years back, on horseback.

"I still feel the saddle sores," he

said. "Those cows have a mind of their own."

In the poem "Sundown on the Prairie," he wrote: "I watched the sun go down last night from high up on a hill. I watched and listened till the day died out and everything was still..."

"The Lord knows what he's doing and does it well," says I, as the twinkling of a billion stars lit up the prairie sky..."

Seawright performs gunfights for as low as \$350. They use real guns, but make their own blanks.

He said everything is tested, especially because children attend the shows. He can be reached via e-mail at SeawrightS@aol.com or 354-4751.

Text by Uu Uu

Brazilian guitar quartet to play March 22

By Eri Ishimine
Newswriting I
Student

The Brazilian Guitar Quartet will perform at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, in the OKCCC theater as the eighth cultural event of the Cultural Awareness Series. The program is sponsored by OKCCC.

The agent of the Brazilian Guitar Quartet provided information about the group so people can appreciate their talent.

The Quartet, using eight-stringed and six-stringed guitars, will

perform passionate music, full of vibrant and dazzling melodies, with these unique instruments.

The guitar quartet first toured the United States in April 2000, visiting many cities, including a debut in New York.

In Brazil, people call the Brazilian Guitar Quartet the "dream team."

The group is comprised of four outstanding guitarists living in Brazil, Paul Galbraith, Edelson and Everton Gloeden, and Tadeu do Amaral.

Paul Galbraith won a Grammy nomination in 1998. His solo CDs

have been chosen as the best of 1998 by Gramophone magazine and have received a "four star" rating in Stereo Review.

Edelson Gloeden is regarded as one of the most brilliant Brazilian guitarists. His performance is rooted in both old and new Brazilian music. His brother Everton Gloeden has given recitals at the Hall of the Americans in Washington, D.C.

Tadeu do Amaral has worked with many of Brazil's notable musicians. In recent years, besides playing the guitar, he has worked in production and editing for the Brazilian EGTA recording label.

Scott Tigert, the cultural programs and community develop-



Brazilian Guitar Quartet

ment assistant, said one of the purposes of the Cultural Awareness Series is to introduce international culture through a variety of music.

Manuel Prestamo, dean of the cultural programs and com-

munity development, wants audiences to learn about the music of the Americans, not only North America, but also Central and South America.

Tickets for the Brazilian Guitar Quartet's performance are sell-

ing at \$5 for general admissions and \$4 for students and senior citizens.

For more information about the performance visit www.okc.cc.ok.us/globaled or call Tigert at (405) 682-7579.

Soccer team ready to take on next opponent

By Mark Stack
Staff Writer

The OKCCC soccer team will be playing their second game of the season and they need your support.

The team will be playing at noon, Saturday, March 24, on the OKCCC campus' north soccer field against Oklahoma Baptist University.

OBU is the only team that OKCCC beat last season.

OKCCC player Vu Tran said it will be a hard game.

"They're good, and they are going to be ready because they will be in shape," he said. "We're not in condition, so it's going to be a struggle."

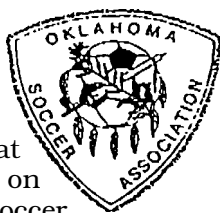
Head Coach Kelie Solis said the team has shown more of an effort lately, with more players showing up for practice.

"Ever since I ranted about players not showing up for practice, we have had better turn-outs," Solis said.

Player Jayason Ramanjulu said the team is ready.

"We're going to win no matter [what]," he said. "We are going to protect home field and beat them again."

Solis said OKCCC students need to come out and support the team.



By Steven Everett
Newswriting I
Student

Kelie Solis, OKCCC head soccer coach, has selected this year's soccer team and is looking forward to this season.

Solis has a degree in Health and Sports Recreation. In 1997, she was hired as girls head soccer coach at Bishop McGuinness High School.

"I gained a lot of experience in coaching at McGuinness," she said.

Solis said she has 20 years experience in

the game of soccer and will use that to provide skills and guidance for the OKCCC team this season.

Solis played soccer at Mustang High School.

She said she originally had plans to attend the University of Kansas to pursue her dream of playing soccer at the next level. However, right before she would have attended the university, she tore an anterior cruciate ligament, otherwise known as ACL, and damaged cartilage in her knee.

The injury kept her from playing to her full potential, she said, so

she decided to attend the University of Central Oklahoma where she studied Health and Sports Recreation.

Last year Solis was offered the job of Sports and Recreation Specialist at OKCCC. She is in charge of sports from youth to the college level.

Solis's soccer team started practice Feb. 20. She said they went right to work in preparing for their first game against the University of Central Oklahoma on March 10 at 2 p.m.

Solis said she expects this season to be



Kelie Solis

better than the last and is especially looking forward to the game against Rose State College, where a sort of rivalry has emerged.

Fans can pick up a schedule in the Sports and Recreation Office.

Coach well versed in rules of game

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Movies slow to portray Indians as humans

By Elisa LeFlore
Contributing Writer

Hollywood does a poor job at portraying Native Americans according to Native American author Robert Conley.

Conley was at OKCCC March 1 to analyze the film “Little Big Man.”

In most films with Native Americans before 1970, Conley said, the Indians were not portrayed as sympathetic allies.

“In some of those films Indians were not even characters; they were sort of like landscape, like wild animals.”

He said “Little Big Man” was one of the first films to portray Indian actors and have an authentic look about it.

“It was also one of the first films to portray Native Americans as humans, not

just savages,” Conley said.

“When you have a film with a non-Native American writer, they can only make an attempt at writing from a Native American point of view, even though they make a serious attempt at being objective.”

Conley said “Little Big Man” was also the first film to show the massacering of Indians.

“It shows the army coming in on peaceful, unknowing Indians and killing them. The scenes in ‘Little Big Man’ are brutally painful and realistic.”

Conley said he does not like to refer to themes in movies but if he had to describe a theme of “Little Big Man,” it would be the utter confusion of two vastly different cultures coming together.

English Professor Clay Randolph introduced Conley to a crowd of about 100.

Randolph then read an

excerpt from Conley’s book “Windsong.”

He referred to the words Conley uses to describe Native Americans as warm, beautiful and meaningful.

Randolph said he was also struck with Conley’s writing talents, storytelling, his human touch and his deep knowledge of Native American life, history and ways.

One of the people who

attended was Nancy Walker.

“Conley was a wonderful speaker who had a keen sense of humor and first-hand knowledge of how Native Americans live day to day.”

Walker, a member of the Choctaw tribe, said she is happy that Conley is trying to “set the record straight on how Native Americans really are.”

Conley is a member of the Cherokee tribe. He resides in Talehquah with his wife Evelyn where he writes full time. He is a member of the Western Writers of America and has won numerous awards for his short stories and poetry.

For those who missed Conley’s lecture last week, a videotape of that lecture is available for viewing in the library.

Night classes meet needs of many OKCCC students

By Milja Jokanovic
Newswriting I Student

OKCCC offers night classes in order to accommodate many of its students. The classes are offered weekdays at 5:30 p.m. and 8:05 p.m.

When OKCCC opened in 1972, it had different clientele than most of the universities in the area, said Gloria Cardenas Barton, dean of admissions and registrar. Many of its students were working adults who had jobs during the day.

In order to accommodate these students, Barton said, OKCCC decided to offer many night classes.

Nowadays, students give different reasons for taking the night classes.

Some students simply prefer taking night classes.

“At first I took night classes because I worked during the day,” said Mike Reeves, 43, computer science major. “Now I take them because it is good to study with mature working adults.”

Some students have no choice but to take a night class.

“I really don’t like taking night classes but I had no choice,” said Markus Smith, 29, political science major. “I need this night class so that I can gradu-

“At first I took night classes because I worked during the day. Now I take them because it is good to study with mature working adults.”

—Mike Reeves
Computer Science Major

ate in May.”

Another reason students take night classes is better time management.

“I am taking classes at the University of Oklahoma as well, so a night class helps me manage my time better and complete a class in the shortest amount of time,” said Amy Perkins, 19, political science major.

Even non-degree seeking students at OKCCC are taking night classes.

“I am taking this excellent class called ‘Native Americans In Film’ in preparation to start a master’s program at OU,” said Christopher

Carroll, 28.

However, it seems that the original reason night classes were formed — helping working adults earn college credit — is still very important to some.

“I work during the day,” said Taryn Hyman, 22, broadcast journalism major. “This is the only time I can take classes.”

No matter the reason, Barton said, the classes meet the needs of the majority. To find out which classes are offered at night, visit www.okc.cc.ok.us or pick up a class schedule on campus.

Summer enrollment open

The spring 2001 semester is half-way through.

For those who didn’t get the classes they wanted this semester because they were too late, pay attention.

Returning students can enroll via telephone or Internet starting Monday, March 26, for May intersession, summer semester, August intersession and fall semester.

Class availability for future school terms is available online.

New students can begin enrolling on April 2, on campus.

May intersession begins May 14 and the summer semester begins June 4.

To enroll via phone, call 682-6222.

For more information, visit the college web site at www.okc.cc.ok.us or call 682-7512.

Psychic says all people have powers, abilities

By Brandy Hudgens
Newswriting I Student

Everybody has psychic abilities but people must practice to develop them more, explained Thomas J. Nolan III, a speaker hosted by the psychology club Feb. 22.

Nolan introduced the psychic world to about 25 people who attended the Feb. 22 meeting. He told those in attendance how they could use that world to help themselves.

“You have abilities in seeing, hearing, and feeling that can help you to deal with everyday problems,” he said. “Taking deep breaths to relax and listening to those abilities can help you to connect with yourself.”

He said everyone has natural abilities but must practice to develop them. Nolan suggested that people practice listening to what their bodies may tell them and feeling others’ energy to connect with them.

Nolan is a former OKCCC chemistry professor. In the late 1970s he began working as a psychic.

Now, he said, he is a holistic warrior, one who seeks to balance the outer and inner selves to create a conscious whole.

For more information regarding his programs contact him at (405) 360-1700.

Other events the Psychology Club plans to host include FBI profiler Jim Horn in late March. A tour of the FBI headquarters in Oklahoma City is planned in April for members only.

Highlights

Attention graduates!

Caps and gowns for the May 11 commencement ceremony can be purchased at the student bookstore for \$23.73 including tax. They will be available until 5 p.m. on May 11, but participants are encouraged to buy their cap and gown early. An approval card is required. If the bookstore doesn't have your approval card, you need to see Della Green in the Graduation Office.

Book sale

The Gay Alliance and Friends club and the Oklahoma Biotechnology Association will host a book sale on Wednesday, March 28, and Thursday, March 29. Book donations of all sorts are welcome. Collection boxes are located in the Arts and Humanities building and the Science and Math building.

Professor's movie to be shown

Cinematheque Society presents "Tuff Turf," a film directed by Professor of Film and Video Production Fritz Kiersch. The movie is about a street rebel and his gang who have trouble understanding themselves and their world. The film will be presented at 7 p.m. on March 22, in the College Theater.

PTA applications still being accepted

Applications for the Fall 2001 Physical Therapist Assistant Program will continue to be accepted until noon April 13. Students interested in applying may pick up an application in the office of Admissions and Records. Questions may be directed to Barbara Gowdy at 682-7528.

Plan ahead

There will be two sessions in Retirement Planning from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday, March 23, in CU7 and from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, in CU3. Speaker Jane Carney is an expert in retirement planning and has a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Creighton and a master's degree in Social Work from OU. Take advantage of the time and learn about your rights and benefits with Social Security.

Free health screenings being offered

Physicians Hospital of Oklahoma, located at 3100 SW 89th Street, will be offering free health screenings over the next 12 months. These screenings will be performed at Physicians Hospital of Oklahoma on specified Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Screenings will include cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes, pulmonary, cataract and a home medication review performed by pharmacists.

Are you gonna read that?

The Future Teachers Organization (F.T.O.) is sponsoring a book drive to benefit the CORE Project, which helps elementary, middle and high school tutoring and reading programs. Clearly marked boxes will be placed all over campus for your book donations. The drive began on March 1 and will run for several weeks.

Time to get some professional help

The International Association of Administrative Professionals, or IAAP, will be holding a "Get Acquainted" meeting from 8:05 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, April 9, in the Student Organizations Office. They will teach you how to build a resume, interview for a job, how to keep a job, and how to deal with those pesky co-workers. For more information, contact Lisa Adkins at 682-1611 ext. 7236.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Pennies from heaven: Elementary Education majors Jana Westbrook, left, and Shannon McGowan, right, compete for cash as the game "Dash for Dollars" was played on campus during lunch March 8. Westbrook and McGowan prepare for the final race as they stack pennies 25 high on a stick. McGowan won the race and went to win \$225 in the booth. McGowan had one minute to collect as much money as she could.

CAD Society raising standards in Oklahoma

**By Mark Stack
Staff Writer**

There's little doubt computers have taken over the world, but the Computer-Aided Design Society is helping push computer technology to the forefront at OKCCC.

Computer-Aided Design is the application of computers to design two and three-dimensional drawings.

The Computer-Aided Design Society (CADS) is doing all they can to make OKCCC one of the best schools in the CAD field, not only in the state, but in the nation.

"I was really surprised to see how far ahead OKCCC is in the CAD field," said Bryan Thomas, CAD Vice-president. "This is the best college to learn about and gain experience within the program."

CAD recently took a trip to visit the Art Institute of Dallas, where current members and students were able to see the best work in the field of CAD.

"It was a great trip for us to use as a benchmark relative to our program, and I think we are as good as they are in many ways, especially with our instructors," said Doug Gregory, professor of Computer Aided Design.

Gregory also said he felt OKCCC was light years ahead of the Art Institute equipment wise.

"We have great computer labs here at this school, including the Avid editing suites in the college," said Gregory.

Most people involved with the program agree that OKCCC is underrated in the field of Computer-Aided Design.

"Students want to head off to Dallas or California to work in this field, and

people don't realize that outside of the Tonkawa school, OKCCC is the best place around to learn," said Thomas.

OKCCC has shown results to back those statements up.

CAD Professor Gary Dominguez worked with a Norman church to design walk-through animations of their cathedral and gym.

Dominguez said he does several jobs for companies in Arizona, such as bowling alleys and chiropractic commercials, but he mainly focuses on preparing his students for the CAD world.

Members of CAD are also able to work for local companies. Several past and present members have received jobs working for KWTN, KFOR, OG&E and many others.

Anyone interested in joining CADS can contact Doug Gregory at 682-1611, ext. 7336.

Classifieds

Pioneer Classified Advertising is **free** to all **currently enrolled OKCCC students** and employees for any **personal classified ad**. Ads must be submitted in writing with IDs supplied or work area and college extension included. Deadline for advertising is 5 p.m. Tuesday prior to the publication date. Call 682-1611, ext. 7674 for more information.

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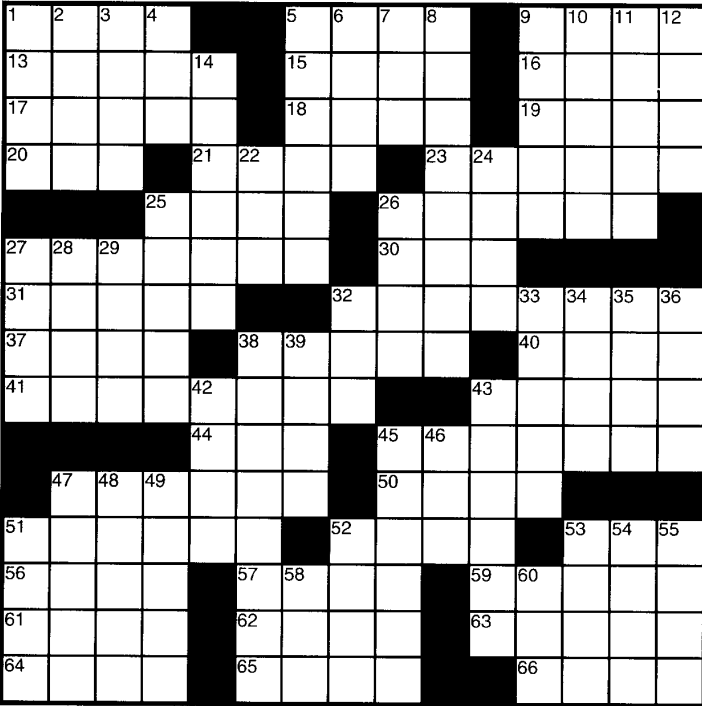
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Students encouraged to get extra help

"Help,"

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The program, funded by the college, is currently offering 30 different sections of classes that have Supplemental Instruction available.

Accounting is the only course that has a mandatory component. Students are informed upon enrollment that they must meet two additional hours of Supplemental Instruction.

"We are always looking to expand," Turner said.

"The biggest challenge for me in the last couple of years has been trying to educate the students who are in these classes that help is there."

She said many students are unaware that the program has been offered since

1999.

"I have never heard of it," said Adam Flowers, management information systems major.

Many students also may not know that their tuition money has helped pay for these programs.

"I would like to see these programs used rather than just sitting there while students are still struggling," Turner said.

"I would really like to see this program spread to all entry level classes so the students can get a really strong transition onto the campus and learn what they need to be successful."

The college also offers labs that are staffed seven days a week for students needing help.

"The student has to take the first step and ask for help," Turner said.

She said Supplemental

Instruction support is currently available in American Federal Government, American History, College Algebra, Psychology and Sociology.

"We are looking for a Supplemental Instruction leader for Statistics."

Turner said students interested in becoming a Supplemental Instruction leader should contact the instructor they would like to work with.

If the instructor needs the assistance of Supplemental Instruction they will contact Turner.

Supplemental Instruction leaders usually work anywhere from five to 10 hours per week and are paid \$7.50 per hour.

Computer Science is currently the only area that offers Supplemental Instruction for all sections.

Students are encouraged



Photo by Melissa DePew

Mary Turner

to inquire about which classes offer the Supplemental Instruction option before they enroll. For information call 682-7535.

Computers give students freedom to access own college files

"Computer,"

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user friendly, Barton said.

"It allows the students to access their personal materials only and it's as secure as your bank money," she said.

To access information, students need to type in their student ID and personal identification number.

Students who don't feel secure with this can change their PIN anytime, either by telephone, paper or online.

When printing a fee statement, Barton said the computers will allow

students to adjust the information in the barcode to indicate how much they want to pay.

Staff members are very excited about this new program.

In fact they toasted sparkling grape juice to the new computers on the first evening.

"This is an option students have needed, and we've identified the need, so we're very excited," said Allen Stringfellow, coordinator of information technology and information services.

Barton said it provides easier access for day students and increased

access for evening students."

"We're very excited to be able to offer this service."

She said for now, the system is running from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. but

eventually there will be longer hours.

"It just gives the students additional freedom. We'd love to hear from them as to what they think of it."

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