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One Piece at a Time:

Students from Mary Ann Moore's mosaics class begin work on OKCCC's next large mosaic "Flight and Aviations."

Nicole Ramos, left, and Janet Riveira adhere the tiles to the wall, while nursing major Amber Williams applies the adhesive. The tiles, made from clay, are almost all hand-painted by Moore's students, then signed by each student.

The project was started in 1983. It's expected to be completed in 2004.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Drug charges may result in loss of student financial aid

By Vu Vu
Editor

When journalism major Alyssa Wilferth, 21, filled out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA, in the spring of 2000, she forgot to answer question no. 28, which asked if she had ever been convicted of a drug charge.

A few months after she mailed her application, Wilferth received notice from the federal government telling her to answer the question. Wilferth said she had no drug convictions.

"The notice said if I ever had a drug conviction, it wouldn't necessarily mean that I wouldn't get financial aid," Wilferth said.

After she answered, "no," her application was accepted.

The reason Wilferth had to wait was because of a federal regulation, HR 4505, the Higher Education Technical Amendment Act, Section 484. It says students who have been convicted of either drug possession or drug distribution within one or two years of applying for federal financial aid could not receive funds until a certain amount of time had elapsed from the date of their conviction.

The bill was passed in 1998 during the Clinton administration.

The Washington Times newspaper reported that, during Clinton's administration, federal officials did not enforce the law because too many students did not answer the question. According to the administration this created a backlog.

Dean of financial aid Harold Case said, on July 1, 2000, that changed.

"Enforcing a law passed in 1998 which went into effect July 1, 2000, opens the door for controversy," he said. "The Bush administration has decided to enforce a law Congress passed."

That means students applying for financial aid this year will be rejected if they fail to answer no. 28. Students like Wilferth.

About 900 students anticipate donning caps and gowns May 11

By Melanie Depue
Newswriting I Student

Anticipation is high among students participating in this year's commencement ceremony.

Oklahoma City Mayor Kirk Humphreys will be the keynote speaker in the ceremony, which will honor the summer and fall 2000 graduates as well as the spring 2001 candidates.

Humphreys is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

"It's kind of cool," said Paul Turner, a candidate for a degree in business.

The ceremony will take place at 7:30 p.m. May 11, at the Myriad Convention Center.

Barbara Cornelison, credentials analyst, said about 900 students are eligible to participate.

All eligible students have received notification in the mail along with suggested do's and don'ts for the event. For example, corsages are not permitted.

Cornelison said caps and gowns should be purchased no later than May 9. She said cap and gown orders alert the graduation office about how many students plan to attend the commencement. Students who plan to participate in the ceremony wearing someone else's cap and gown should notify Della Green at 682-1611, ext. 7470.

A photographer will be on hand to take pictures of the graduates and candidates accepting their degree.

Those with questions should contact the Graduation Office at 682-1611, ext. 7514.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

A kinder, gentler Michael Jordan

John Elway did it, so did Rocky Marciano. How many athletes can truly say they went out on top?

But, on top of that, who can say they ended their career exactly the way it started?

Only one. His name? Michael Jordan.

He became famous after hitting a game-winning shot with 17 seconds to go against Georgetown in the 1982 NCAA Championship.

He ended his illustrious career by stunning the always raucous Utah crowd with a game-winning shot in game 6 against Utah in the 1998 NBA Finals.

He did it like no other, so graceful and consistent.

Whether it be a 17-foot jumper, or switching hands in midair to make a lay-up, Jordan displayed his vicious tenacity on every play, even when suffering from an illness like he did in game 5 of the 1997 NBA Finals.

Now, after three full years of retirement, Jordan wants to come back, only this time to just "compete." In an interview Jordan did with his buddy Ahmad Rashad during halftime of a NBC game, he told Rashad he wants to comeback to measure himself, and compete.

For the first time in Jordan's career, it's not about winning the championship and humiliating whatever chump is assigned to guard him.

Is this the same Michael Jordan that couldn't stand to lose to Detroit every year in the playoffs early in his career? Is this the same Michael Jordan that led his team to a record 72-win season?

Where has the "Air" gone? I don't want to imagine anything less of the man that brought the NBA to the world.

I don't want to see a man, who Allen Iverson shook down before he retired, come back and get the same treatment from a Shammond Williams or Baron Davis or anyone who is half the player Jordan was.

It's like when Muhammad Ali was mercilessly pummeled by Larry Holmes, or when Willie Mays was a shell of his old self after hanging on too long.

Just like Spike Lee said on Bob Costas' show "On the Record," "It's like crack to them, they can't give the spotlight up."

But Jordan gave up the spotlight, and now because of Tiger Woods' super-stardom, he wants to come back and lay claim to the title, best athlete ever.

Jordan had the title of the best ever, and to most people he always will. He shouldn't ruin your legacy because a 25-year-old is dominating his sport, and will for the next 30 years.

Just keep hiring and firing coaches with the Bullets, errr, Wizards, and sign Charles Barkley.

Leave the Showtime to Vinsanity and Kobe, and don't wind up like Magic Johnson, not knowing when to hang 'em up.

Leave me with the memories of the damage one man did in Utah, not the damage one man did to himself.

—Mark Stack
Staff Writer

Take chance on diversity

To the Editor:

I am writing this editorial to promote a class that some people may not know about or just plain decided to ignore. The class is Black History 2123.

Black History 2123 is being offered at OKCCC during the fall semester from 1 p.m. to 2:20 p.m., Monday and Wednesday.

Many people are enrolling for the fall semester now (which is a smart idea) and some may have a few spots left to fill up their schedules.

This class is a perfect elective to fill a space in a schedule and actually learn something in the process. The course is taught like any other history class, except with one very special twist, the course is taught by Professor Melinda Bergin.

Prof. Bergin is a full-time professor at OKCCC and teaches History 1483, 1493, and Black History 2123, which means many may have already sat in one of her classes.

I personally have spent two semesters with Prof.

Bergin and I cannot get enough of her. She is an expert in the field of American Slavery and is the best person qualified to teach this course (which is probably why she's teaching it).

She is also considered what is called a "social historian," meaning you won't be learning about pointless dates and battles, but about the social activities of people in the days of slavery (i.e. the things people wore, ate, smoked - ok maybe not smoked - you get the point).

Now, I know what some of you are thinking, African-American history is only for African Americans.

WRONG! This class is for anyone of African-American decent who may want to learn more about their heritage, anyone with a general love for history, or anyone who just needs to fill an hour-and-a-half slot.

People of all races can get something out of this course and have fun at the same time.

I took the course last semester and, if things go as planned, I will be the

supplemental instructor for the course (that means I'm important but still a frog compared to the professor).

Hurry to enroll and grab a seat in this class. Last time I checked, about a week ago, there were only a few seats left so make sure your behind is in one of them.

—Daman Brown
Engineering Major

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IS THAT YOUR FINAL ANSWER?!
WELL, IS IT... HUH? IS IT!
IS IT!!!



Comments and Reviews

Natives sing the blues

(Editor's note: Sherman Alexie will speak at 7:45 p.m., Thursday, May 10 in the college theater.)

Sherman Alexie's contemporary Native American comes through strong and confusing in his 1995 novel "Reservation Blues." Known for his hard-hitting sense of humor, Alexie, a Spokane-Couer d'Alene Indian, rollicks through the misadventures of an "All Indian" rock 'n' roll band whose "success" begins when the guitar owned by Robert Johnson, the famous blues singer from Mississippi, magically appears on their reservation. Johnson is there too, but the guitar lets the boys hear, for the first time, "the first sad note of the reservation blues."

Thus is born Coyote Springs—the band.

Don't worry that the novel

location is Washington state, a couple thousand miles from Johnson's stomping grounds, and the time is at least 30 years after Johnson died. That doesn't bother Alexie who has Johnson hanging out with Big Mom, the wise and clairvoyant tribal mother figure who wins the reservation fry bread contest every year by beating out The-Man-Who-Was-Probably-Lakota.

Speaking of names, Alexie has no shame: perhaps the top choice is Luke Warm Water, the alcoholic father of Checkers and Chess, the sexy Flatheads who join the band. Then there are the two music agents from New York City named Phil Sheridan and George Wright. For those without history, Phil Sheridan is also the name

of the famous 19th century general who uttered, "The only good Indian is a dead Indian."

Wright, long dead before Alexie's story, was an early Indian fighter in western Washington.

Resurrected, Sheridan and Wright discover Coyote Springs and bring them to New York City where they bomb a chance to make it big.

Vignettes of a backsliding basketball priest, myopic reservation politicians, a pair of white girls from Seattle who want to sleep with any Indian, are mixed with the lives of the original three band members—Victor, Junior, and Thomas—who are on a road trip to find the "reservation blues"—and they do.

—Clay Randolph
Contributing Writer

Union battle continues

To the Editor:

Here it is another "Right-to-Work" letter to the editor. If you don't want to read this, dear reader, please look on to the next article. It has been 37 years (a whole generation to those who are counting such things) since the people of Oklahoma got a chance to voice their opinion on this hot button issue.

Many in the anti-right to work camp state that if RTW passes then the unions would disappear from the face of Oklahoma and thus end good-paying jobs forever.

Wrong. The passage of right to work would ensure that the unions compete for their membership instead of just collecting money from people who just want a good job.

One Sunday morning while watching the myriad of Sunday morning shows I saw this very issue being debated on Channel 4's "Flash Point."

What struck me as

shocking about the whole program was the attitude of one anti-right to work spokesman said, "If you don't want to join a union then don't work for General Motors."

What kind of an option is that?

GM is one of the best paying jobs in the state of Oklahoma. Why do I have to financially support an organization in order to have a job? Why can't I have a choice in this matter? It's my money after all.

Nearly every year for the last 37 years, the unions have fought to keep right to work from coming to another statewide vote.

Why? States like Arkansas, Kansas, and Texas have right to work laws on the books, and instead of children working for 25 cents a day (which opponents would have you believe would happen in Oklahoma) in those states I see economic prosperity and growth. Why are unions so

"Why are unions so afraid of having to earn their membership instead of just taking [it for granted]?"

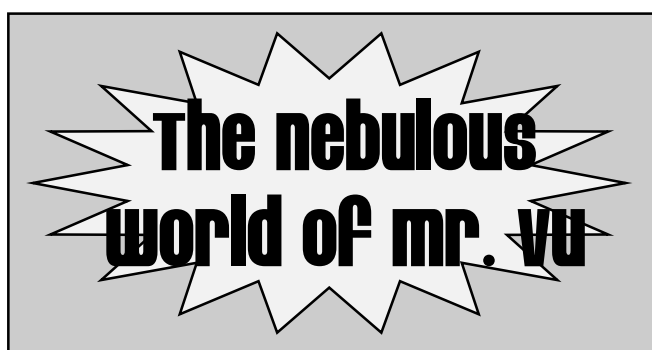
—Glenn Stone
Student

afraid of having to earn their membership instead of just taking [it for granted]? But, don't take my rhetoric for this though, instead check out the issue for yourself.

See how much money unions take from their "membership" every year and how much of that money goes to pay administrators and how much of that money goes to just one political party (it starts with a D).

Check out www.fec.gov for the answer to that one and then make your own decision.

—Glenn Stone
Student



Kindergarten teacher bends Mr. Vu's twig

The last time someone told me that I talked too much was back in the autumn of 1986, back when Transformers was on television.

My kindergarten teacher Mrs. Fuller, wearing her big blue one-piece dress and her tan moccasins with turquoise beads (She must have been 6'3" and 250 pounds. She was very intimidating.) put my name on the board for talking too much.

I felt humiliated in front of my peers. I was one of the "bad boys" with my name on the board. Back then, girls didn't like the "bad boy" until middle school and high school. Like always, I was a man before my time.

After that, I was silenced until the first grade.

Next year, I had Mrs. Edmond, whose smile shimmered gold. This happened when she yelled at me. Unfortunately, this happened when she put my name on the board too.

"You almost didn't pass," my mom told me a few years ago as I reflected upon my past.

I didn't care, I recollect. I was a rebel. I was a man with a chip on his shoulder.

But I had Mrs. Talkington in the second grade. She had a blue genuine bathtub in her classroom.

She gave us folders and for every assignment we turned in at the end of the week, we got a happy face. The more happy faces you got, the better your chances of getting a treat from Mrs. Talkington. I got a treat every week. The keys were silence and diligence.

And I also got to sit and read in the tub with the girl I had a crush on TWO TIMES. I was in heaven. I was the best student in class AND I was sitting in a bathtub with the girl of my second grade dreams. (Of course, I never told her how I felt about her.)

I realized that in elementary school, teachers wanted you to be quiet in class. And so, I never talked. I only raised my hand when there was a question none of the other kids could answer.

However, time went by, and my hands remained on my desk longer and longer. We moved to the other side of the tracks and I became shy, afraid to talk to people.

A few months ago, my mom, the woman who knows me better than I give credit and sometimes better than myself, asked my adviser if I could be in the journalism business since I was so quiet.

"He'll do all right," my adviser said.

We'll see. I'm finally on vacation.

—Vu Vu
Editor

Professor's love for the arts multi-dimensional

By Curtis Blankenship
Newswriting I Student

Art professor Mary Anne Moore enjoys a special relationship with her students.

Moore has been helping OKCCC students channel their creative abilities for more than a quarter of a century. She said she prefers that they refer to her as just Mary Anne.

Moore teaches pottery, mosaics, drawing and print-making. This year OKCCC honored her with a 25-year-service award.

Moore said art has been a way of life since she was a child. She said her father always told her that she'd be an artist.



Photo by Melissa DeFew

Mary Ann Moore

He wanted her to do something she loved. From that point on, she said, art would be a part of her soul.

Moore, an Oklahoma native, grew up in Oklahoma City and attended Douglass

High School.

She said she has ancestral roots that include African, Native American, European, and East Indian. Moore says this multi-cultural ancestry has contributed to her love for humanity.

Moore said she sees her work as real life specimens of her ever-evolving spirit. She feels the materials she uses are alive, and she appreciates the fact that she can help bring life to a pot, canvas, or tapestry.

Moore's multi-cultural ancestry is translucent in her work. Some of her works depict images from Africa, such as portraits and animals, but she also

has a great interest in American Indian culture. Her father is partially descended from the Creek tribe.

This was apparent in some of his customs while Moore was growing up. Her father would go to an Indian doctor to get herbs.

Now a vegetarian, Moore said, she loves all things natural in life.

Moore's multi-cultural identity has contributed to a natural ability to produce multi-cultural forms of art.

Take, for instance, a book in which Moore was featured, *The Black Indian Connection In American Art* by the International Review of African American Art. In this book she describes her paintings as having a more African fla-

vor and her pottery having more of a Native American character.

Moore sometimes incorporates both cultures into one piece.

An example is her pot titled "Hope."

In this piece she uses African beads and raw wool, along with a finish that reflects the American Indian culture.

Moore's career has brought her many awards and achievements from institutions such as The Oklahoma Arts Institute and Who's Who Among American College Teachers, but what's most important to her is that she's followed up on some advice her dad gave her years ago.

She's doing something she loves.

Agreement between two-year colleges, OG&E electrifying

By Michele Ryan
Newswriting I Student

An alliance between local companies and colleges has brought forth a new technical degree program.

OKCCC, OG&E, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City and Rose State College have come together to offer an Associates in Applied Science Technology.

Business professor Anita Williams said OG&E will be promoting the program in a variety of ways.

"OG&E believes so strongly in the program, they provided marketing by mailing fliers out in the February electric bills.

"In the future, there will be a joint effort in promoting the program," she said.

Ann Ackerman, associate vice-president of Economic Development, explained how the program came into being.

"Following Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education requirements, three career options of the technology degree were developed," Ackerman said.

It offers degrees in Maintenance, in Instrumentation Systems and Automation, or Engineering Design and Analysis.

"Some of the courses are offered by all three colleges and some are only offered by one.

"Students will transfer credits to whichever institution they want their degree to be from," Ackerman said.

She said creating an alliance among the schools enables a student to take courses at all the campuses.

The curriculum was developed based on the need and competence level of the classes.

OG&E developed competencies that are needed for various jobs within its company.

Then, Ackerman said, representatives from OKCCC, Rose State, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, the State Regents, and OG&E sat down to talk about how these fit into courses and degrees.

Most of the competencies were in existing courses. Only a few new courses

needed to be developed.

Williams said it is a difficult program. It was designed as a two-year program with a lot of electronics and math courses.

OG&E officials said they don't guarantee placement for graduates but believe the probability for placement will be high.

The area of growth is in-

creasing and they anticipate hundreds of job openings over the next few years, said Williams.

The Industrial Engineering Technology program will be published in the Fall 2001 catalog.

If interested, contact Vijay Ramachandran or Williams in the Business Division at 682-7550.

Nurses welcomed into profession at upcoming pinning ceremony

By Michele Wynott
Newswriting I Student

OKCCC will be hosting a pinning ceremony for the school's nursing graduates at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, in the student center.

Nursing professor Lea Ann Loftis said the traditional ceremony is held to honor the students who have completed the two-year nursing program, which leads to an assoc-

iate's degree as well as registered nurse certification.

"It's symbolic of their passage through school and shows that they've earned their nursing pin," she said.

The ceremony gives the nursing students a sense of pride and it also officially acknowledges they are nurses. Approximately 54 students will be receiving a pin, about the same as last year.

Also, Loftis said, various readings from students will

be shared.

"They are very meaningful to them," she said.

During the ceremony, the students are pinned, they say their nursing pledge and are welcomed into the nursing profession.

This year's ceremony will be dedicated to Debbie Mensor, an OKCCC student who died while in the nursing program.

The graduates' families will be attending the ceremony, as well as friends and well-wishers.

High school bat girl becomes college teacher

By Tom Haag
Newswriting I Student

What leads a young woman to choose a career in physical therapy?

In the case of OKCCC adjunct professor Jennifer Ball, exposure to sports at Putnam City West High School led to her career choice.

"I was a bat girl for the baseball team in high school," Ball said.

"I wanted to be an orthopedic surgeon that works with baseball players. That

seemed like a lot of school to me and most of the orthopedic surgeons are male, so I decided on physical therapy."

Her decision gave way to travel and an opportunity to study under well known physicians.

Ball graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1992 and accepted a position with HealthSouth Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation in Birmingham, Ala. This gave her the opportunity to work with world renowned orthopedic physicians such as Dr. James Andrews, Dr. Will-

iam Clancy, and Dr. Lawrence Lemak.

She became the director of inpatient physical therapy after just two years. From there, she moved to Texas with HealthSouth where she was the site coordinator for an outpatient physical therapy facility.

In 1997, she returned to Oklahoma to be closer to her family.

Currently, she is the administrator for the outpatient division of HealthSouth, overseeing nine physical therapy clinics.

This semester Ball is teaching Pain Management I and II within the physical therapy assistant program.

"I have a lot of knowledge of sports injuries as a physical therapist," Ball said.

"I believe my practical experience is a benefit to me in the classroom."

Ball has seen patients

ranging from professional athletes to senior citizens. The treatment methods for pain she uses have benefited all kinds of patients.

"We do an evaluation for each patient initially to determine the best course of treatment," Ball said.

"This evaluation takes into consideration the age and physical condition of the patient, the injury itself and the level of pain, as well as the past health problems of the patient. Then an exercise program is developed along with other treatment methods such as hot and cold packs or ultrasound."

Her experience has helped her to determine what is the best course to take with each patient based on these factors.

In her pain management classes, she teaches her students how to base their treatment plans on indicators presented.

"My number one goal is



Jennifer Ball, OKCCC adjunct professor of Physical Therapy

to help alleviate the pain and discomfort for patients while helping them to gain their movement back," she said.

"I strive to teach my students the best way to do that."

"My number one goal is to help alleviate the pain and discomfort for patients while helping them to gain their movement back."

— Jennifer Ball
OKCCC Adjunct Professor
of Physical Therapy

OKCCC student's career path decided in a day

By Tom Haag
Newswriting I Student

All it took was one afternoon during her junior year at Lone Grove High School for OKCCC student Lisa Lindstrom, 27, to decide her future career path.

On that day, the Key Club she was a member of volunteered to help with a bowling day for the Special Olympics.

"I had no idea I could have that much fun," Lindstrom said.

"There were a couple of physical therapists there that I talked to, and (later) I went to the local hospital and observed with them and decided then and there that was exactly what I wanted to do."

That decision led her to the physical therapist assistant program at OKCCC.

The program requires three semesters of class-

room hours and one semester and one summer of clinical training in which the student spends time in an actual physical therapy clinic. Physical therapist assistants work under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

Their duties include assisting the physical therapist in implementing treatment programs according to their plan of care.

PTAs also train patients in exercises and activities of daily living, conduct treatments using special equipment, administer modalities and other treatment procedures, as well as report to the physical therapist on the patient's responses.

Lindstrom graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in Health and Sports Sciences. She is currently working with patients at HealthSouth Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation on

south Western Avenue.

According to Lindstrom, the atmosphere between the classroom hours and the clinical rotations is very different.

"The instructors are really good about not just teaching us things, but letting us do hands-on labs so we can simulate what we've been taught," she said.

"But it's a completely different story when you get out into the clinic, and you're actually starting to apply the things that you've been taught, so it's different."

Lindstrom noted that in addition to the quality instructors in the PTA program at OKCCC, there are plenty of excellent therapists in the community who are willing to take time to work with the students.

"Without our clinical instructors, we wouldn't learn half of the stuff we do by the time we graduate," she said.

"I am hoping to work in an outpatient clinic because that's really what I want to do. That's the only thing I've ever wanted to do."

— Lisa Lindstrom
OKCCC student

The convenient location of OKCCC, helped Lindstrom choose to enroll in this PTA program. However, that was not her only deciding factor.

Lindstrom said she spoke with therapists in the community, students in the PTA program, and people who knew about the program's reputation before making her decision to apply.

"When I started looking into it, everybody said that OKCCC was the best program in the state, so I just decided to apply there," she said.

Lindstrom has had the opportunity to work both in

an outpatient setting, in which patients come to the clinic for treatment, and in an inpatient setting, in which patients are hospitalized due to the severity of their injuries.

Future career goals for Lindstrom include working in an outpatient physical therapy clinic. She plans to work some full-time and some part-time depending on when she and her husband of four years decide to have children.

"I am hoping to work in an outpatient clinic because that's really what I want to do," she said. "That's the only thing I've ever wanted to do."

AC-Delco, OKCCC start engines on new automotive tech program

By Mike Cook
Newswriting I Student

AC-Delco and OKCCC are teaming up for another automotive technician training first.

AC-Delco, the maker of parts and accessories for General Motors cars and trucks, is going to sponsor the new, first ever AC-Delco Knowledge Center.

The operation will serve as a training center for automotive technicians who work in the AC-Delco stores.

The Center will also be open to technicians that work on all makes and models of vehicles, but not in an AC-Delco store. It will also teach the business aspect of automotive re-

pair, said Larry Grummer, professor of Automotive Technology.

There are 45 AC-Delco stores in the Oklahoma City area, 1,000 in the Oklahoma region and 5,000 in the United States.

All technicians from the Oklahoma region will be sent to OKCCC for training.

Over the next 10 years, AC-Delco plans to start 120 partnerships with community colleges in the United States, but all partnerships will be connected by only select AC-Delco Knowledge Centers, according to the business plan provided by AC-Delco.

AC-Delco will provide all of the parts, tools, cars, computers and software to run the Center. AC-Delco will also provide scholarships for selected students,

said Grummer.

The Center will consist of 5,000 to 6,000 square feet of space for hands-on work and study.

The Knowledge Center will provide OKCCC with important connections with education institutions, who have a mission to serve the community through workforce developments.

The center is expected to bring more than 70 credit students, and more than 2,900 non-credit students to OKCCC annually, according to the AC-Delco business plan.

The AC-Delco Knowledge Center is expected to be complete in January 2002.

For more information about the AC-Delco Knowledge Center, contact Larry Grummer at (405) 682-1611 ext.7581.

Aquatic center looking for a few good divers

By Vu Vu
Editor

The Aquatic Center and U.S. Diving hope to produce Olympic divers by the 2008 summer games.

"My goal is to find Olympic divers," said head coach Alik Sarkisyan, who is the director of the U.S. Diving Regional Training Center.

In April, OKCCC signed a five-year deal with U.S. Diving to become a regional training center, said Chris Moler, director of Recreation and Community Services.

Sarkisyan, a former Russian national champion, left the position of head coach of the University of Southern California Trojan dive club after a three-year stint for landlocked Oklahoma.

"U.S. Diving wanted the best coach they could get," Sarkisyan said of himself. "I decided it was a good opportunity to make good divers."

Assistant Coach Kris Hoffman, a former Big 8 diving champ at the University of Kansas, has high hopes for the future.

"Our goal is to create an Olympian by 2008," Hoffman said during the Winter Region VIII Junior Olympic Diving Championship in April, hosted by the Aquatic Center.

Although the contract won't officially go into effect until July, divers are aiming

for summer gold.

Already, the Training Center has 17 divers from grades 6 to 12 in the program.

"Anyone can enjoy our diving program," Sarkisyan said.

Aly Moyles, a sophomore diver from Edmond Santa Fe High School finished in seventh place at state.

"I'm not a very good swimmer," Moyles said when asked why she chose diving.

Even Bronchos are on the squad.

"It's a unique sport," said Brooke Hoisington, who is on the University of Central Oklahoma swim team.

Colby Fleming, a ninth grader at Highland East junior high school, competed with Moore High school's varsity team and finished in eleventh place at state.

After the summer, Sarkisyan hopes to enhance the sport of diving in Oklahoma, especially at high schools.

"Diving is weak in Oklahoma," he said.

Sarkisyan plans to conduct diving clinics for state high school diving coaches.

Divers pay \$80 each month to participate in the yearlong program.

"Our department has a vision to remodel and enhance the Aquatic Center and we believe that the U.S. Diving Training Center can be a catalyst that helps make that vision a reality," Moler said.

On June 9 and 10, coaches will conduct a Future Champions Identification program that tests children in the first through fifth grade in weight, height and flexibility.

Kids get all wrapped up in OKCCC's paramedic program



Angela Brooks, paramedic intern, practices putting bandages on the arm of 4-year-old Levi Therman. Brooks visited the pre-school class at the OKCCC Child Development Center April 23. Photo by Jennifer Miller.

By Jennifer Miller
Newswriting I Student

The pre-school class at the OKCCC Child Development Center had visitors come to visit their class on April 23.

Connie Pigeon, the preschool teacher at the OKCCC Child Development Center, invited two paramedic interns from the OKCCC paramedic program to come into their classroom and give the students a glance into what paramedics do.

The theme for the preschool class was bandages. The paramedics brought out an orange first-aid box with bandages of various shapes and sizes for the class to choose from. They gave each child an opportunity to understand what it felt like to be bandaged up.

Angela Brooks, an OKCCC paramedic intern, let the children pick as many bandages as they wanted and wrapped their heads, their arms and their legs.

Cody Rodgers, 3, a preschool student asked Brooks what the bandages were for.

Brooks told him they were to be used if he got hurt or cut.

"If you call 911 and you are hurt, we will come and help you," Brooks said.

When preschool assistant Chris Shay asked the class what they liked best about the paramedic visit, Timothy Thomas, 4, said, "I liked it when they put a bandage on my eye."

OKCCC will be closed May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

Stop in the name of love

Founder of Mother's Day tried to stop it

The first celebrations in honor of mothers were held during the spring in ancient Greece.

The early Greeks paid tribute to Rhea, the mother of the gods.

Later in the 17th century, England honored mothers on "Mothering Sunday," celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

In the late 1800's, an American songwriter suggested the idea of Mother's Day. Julia Ward Howe, who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, wished for Mother's Day to be dedicated to peace.

But it is Anna Jarvis who is credited with bringing about the official observance of Mother's Day.

Jarvis wanted to start the holiday in remembrance of

her mother who died in 1905 and had tried, herself, to start "Mother's Friendship Days."

Two years after her mother died, Jarvis held a ceremony in Grafton, W. Va., to honor her.

Jarvis started a campaign to turn her celebration into an annual holiday to recognize all mothers.

In 1910, West Virginia became the first state to recognize Mother's Day.

A year later, nearly every state officially marked the day.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed Mother's Day as a national holiday to be held on the second Sunday of May.

Jarvis's accomplishment soon turned bitter for her, though. Enraged by the

commercialization of the holiday, she filed a lawsuit to stop a 1923 Mother's Day festival and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a war mothers' convention where women sold white carnations.

Jarvis's symbol for mothers was white carnations and she did not want them used for financial gain.

Jarvis died in 1948 penniless. Eighty-four years old at her death, Jarvis had spent all of the money her mother had left her trying to stop the commercialization of the holiday she had founded.

Before her death, Jarvis once reportedly told a writer that she wished Mother's Day had never existed.

Jarvis, herself, was never a mother.

Ten Mother's Day gifts to steer clear of

Even though it might seem like a good idea, a year's pass to a health club isn't always the best gift to give a mom — unless she's a body builder.

With that in mind, the following is a list of a few Mother's Day gifts to avoid, and why.

1. Cookbooks

Unless Mom said please buy this for me, pass on this one.

•Idea — You enjoy cooking so, you'll love this book.

•Message — Mom, you cook but you're not very good. Please, take the time to read this book and make some good food.

•Suggestion — Buy one for yourself and start cooking your own meals.

2. Pots & Pans

•Idea — We love your cooking.

•Meaning — We wish you cooked more so we can be lazy and do other things.

3. Bath Scale

•Idea — I thought this would help you with your diet.

•Meaning — You should be on a diet!

•Note to gift giver — wear a hard hat because this gift is coming back at you.

4. Breath Improvement Products

•Idea — This may improve life as Mom knows it.

•Meaning — Simply put "your breath stinks" and I want you to do something about it.

5. Stop Snoring Products

•Idea — Mom always asks why you're so tired, so this benefits both of you.

•Message — So this is what you think of me... I snore. You should hear yourself.

6. Vacuum Cleaner

•Message — I'm messy, you're messy — I wish you would clean the house.

7. Iron

This gift says I love you but you can't keep the wrinkles away and I wish my clothes weren't wrinkled. I'm too lazy to do it myself, so I bought you a lovely iron.

8. Hair Removal Products

This, of course would be in Mom's best interest, but it could cause quite a stir, as Mom might be oblivious to those wiry rascals.

9. A Gift that You Plan To Use

"Hey Mom, I bought you a fishing pole so you can come fishing with me." You already know she's not going fishing, so don't buy it. Remember it's a gift for Mom.

10. A Pet That You Want

Avoid buying Mom a pet that she's not looking forward to. It may not be fair to her or the pet.

—information courtesy of www.giftideacenter.com

What are you getting for Mom?



I'm getting my mom a color printer.

—Misty Hopkins,
Education/
Psychology major



I'll probably get her a candle.
That's what I've always given her.

—Scott Rountree,
Public Relations
major



I'm getting her a rose bush. She's been wanting a Mr. Lincoln rose bush. [I'll probably] buy it around May 11 or 12.

—Kimberly Wheeler,
Occupational Therapy
Assistant Program



I usually get her flowers. And the kids make my mom something too.

—Paul Lewis
Professor of
Mathematics



Photos by Melissa DePew

Library construction on target for July completion

By Melanie Depue
Newswriting I Student

The construction in the library has been under way since the beginning of this year and it looks as though it will be finished by its target time of July, according to Arthur Bode, Vice President for Business and Finance.

A contract was awarded to make modifications in the library at the December 2000 Board of Regents meeting.

Gail Armstrong Construction Inc. began construction in January to re-

model the first and second floors and to complete the third and fourth floors.

The third floor primarily will be the open computer lab's home. It will also house faculty and dean offices for the Information Technology staff.

Conference rooms will also be located on the third floor.

The fourth floor will be used by the training center. This floor will have a total of five areas, one of which will be set up with computers for training purposes for the students and faculty.

Two of the areas will have

computer connections so they can be used for some computer training if needed.

The last two areas will be larger seminar spaces that will be separated with a folding wall to divide the two rooms. If needed, the wall can be removed to open the space into one large area, accommodating more people.

The fourth floor is going to be predominantly used for training activities.

However, it may be available for large student group activities. This space will be scheduled through the training center which will

"You'd be hard pressed to find a campus that has a better set-up for computer classrooms in terms of furnishings and areas that are totally equipped for computer classroom use."

—Arthur Bode

Vice President for Business and Finance

be the avenue for groups to check on its availability.

"It's going to be a very nice symposium meeting space," said Bode.

A new entrance is being developed for Parking Lot B, which is north of the library. This will be a direct access to the library as well as to the stairway and elevator for the upper levels.

On the first floor of the library three areas are being modified to house computer classrooms. The second floor has two rooms being modified and three locations being created for computer classrooms.

"You'd be hard pressed

to find a campus that has a better set-up for computer classrooms in terms of furnishings and areas that are totally equipped for computer classroom use," Bode said.

These modifications are being funded mostly through construction bonds, which will be repaid with a portion of the Facilities Use Fee.

The facilities use fee is \$4.30 per credit hour that students pay when they enroll in classes.

A portion of the fee goes to make payments on these bonds over an extended period of time.

Readings highlight Absolute reception

By Austin Davidson
Newswriting 1 Student

Artsy-types gathered April 15 as a reception was held in the college union for those involved in the publication of the college's annual digest, the Absolute.

Absolute is a collection of short stories, poetry, essays, art and photographs by the college's students and faculty.

Awards were presented for the writers' achievements. A few of the writers were on hand to read their works.

Susan VanSchuyver, arts and humanities dean, summed up the craft of writing by saying, "Writing is just too hard."

She also quoted Mark Twain, who said "If I had more time, I would write a shorter story."

Creative writing professor and faculty adviser Clay Randolph introduced the editors.

Absolute editor Cathy Hume introduced the Critic's Choice Awards. Julie Shilling won the award for poetry, Larry D. Griffith won for short story, Vicki Hamm won for essay writing, Parissa Lagretti for

art, and Elise Carr won for photography.

The readings were especially entertaining.

Vicki Hamm read her essay "The Car" about how Timothy McVeigh spent the day of the OKC bombing. John Perry read his essay "The Stude" about kids exploring a cave.

Jennifer Hoskins read her poem "A Day in the Life Of..." about cats, and Julie Shilling read "Lunar Gravity" a poem about love and metaphors.

This year's publication is dedicated to the Studebaker car. Randolph explained the reason behind that decision.

Coincidentally, he said, there was more than one story, photograph and essay concerning Studebakers so, by default, it became the theme of the Absolute publication for 2001.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Featured writer Vicki Hamm reads her piece, "The Car" during the Absolute reception. Five awards were presented at the reception, including the Critics' Choice award, given to Hamm.

The publication can be purchased for \$5 at the student book store.

Applications for submission for next year's Absolute can be found in the arts and humanities office.



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History day offers students chance to reflect

By Milja Jokanovic
Newswriting I Student

The OKCCC college union buzzed with enthusiasm, excitement and colorful presentations representing major events in the history of humankind April 27.

The college hosted the regional history contest for four middle and high schools from South Oklahoma City and Norman. The theme this year was Frontier in History.

"Students had to develop a project showing where the frontier in history is," said Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen, professor of history and coordinator of the event. "Frontier in history can be a catastrophic event, a technological event or something representing a major change for a large group."

It was also an opportunity for some students to learn more about their tradition.

Anh Nguyen and Tho Phan from Southeast High School worked on their presentation dealing with Vietnamese people in the United States.

Their exhibit included many pictures showing Vietnamese people in group camps waiting to be taken to their new homes. It also had many pictures of American citizens of Vietnamese descendants who found their way to success in the United States.

"We learned so much about the struggle the Vietnamese people had to leave a communist system they didn't agree with," said Nguyen. "Our presentation shows how Vietnamese people succeeded in the United States despite all the trouble they had to go through to get here."

For some students this event was an opportunity to become more familiar with their interests.

"I [have] always liked airplanes," said Soren Michaelsen, a Norman High school student. "I learned so much about the role U2 spy planes played in the Cuban Missile Crisis."

Michaelsen's exhibit showed pictures of planes and events during that time.

Other students got acquainted with their possible future professions.

Amy Keester showed in pictures the development of the polio vaccine and its importance to human kind.

"The topic of my project is polio frontier," said Keester, Southeast High School student. "I chose

this topic because I want to go into the medical field and I think this invention was very important in history."

Sheetz-Nguyen said organizers didn't expect to review perfect presentations.

"Our job was to find a way to tell students how they could improve their projects and make them better for the state competition," said Nguyen.

The winners in this contest will go to the state competition, and some of them may represent Oklahoma in nationals in Washington D.C., this June, said Monica Gallamore, history major and student judge in this contest.

OKCCC has a long tradition with history day said history Professor Ron Gray, first coordinator of the day at OKCCC.

"We have hosted History Day for about 20 years now," said Gray.

"First year we had only two schools and about 10 students."

Since then history day has grown under the leadership of Professor Ray McCullar, said Gray. "This

year's coordinator, Dr. Sheetz-Nguyen did a great job."

Students were classified into four groups, junior-individual, junior-group, senior-individual and senior-group, said Joe Williams, political science major and one of the judges in this contest.

Contestants came from Webster Middle School, Carl Albert Junior High, and Southeast High School, all located in the South Oklahoma City Region, and Norman High

School. Students competed in three categories.

"Each student had to develop a project," said Gray. "It was either a paper presentation, exhibit or media presentation on this theme."

Students and teachers worked hard on their presentations, said Gallamore.

"Students and teachers showed dedication and they did a great job. I think this event is very important for students because competition makes better students."



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Highlights

IAAP speaker to talk about employment services

The International Association of Administrative Professionals will be holding a meeting at 8:05 p.m. on Monday, May 7, in the Student Organization Office. Guest Speaker Vicki Grider will speak about the advantages of working with an employment service to market yourself. She will show people that by using an agency, you acquire a free public relations person, advocate, counselor and résumé adviser which all work to your advantage while searching for a job. For more information, call President Misty McGlutch at 264-2062.

Survivors of Suicide

May is "Suicide Awareness" month and Survivors of Suicide (S.O.S.) is holding a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at McFarlin Methodist Church, on the corner of Apache and University Boulevard in Norman, second floor Room 200. This meeting is for support for friends and family of suicide victims. If you have experienced the death of a loved one from suicide, please attend this meeting. Meetings are also held every second Tuesday of each month.

Employer Marketplace Job Fair

Fifty employers are expected to meet and interview job seekers at the Employer Marketplace Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 14, at the Clarion Meridian Hotel and Convention Center. Employers who have agreed to participate include Bank of Oklahoma, Converges, Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services, Hertz, Integris Baptist Medical Center and many others. Accommodations, such as wheelchair access, braille, large print materials, interpreters for the deaf and other assistance, will be available for job seekers with disabilities. Job seekers are encouraged to wear professional dress and bring plenty of résumés. For more information about the job fair, call 447-0295.

William P. Willis Scholarship

William P. Willis Scholarship applications are available in the Office of a Prospective Student Services. Requirements for the scholarship: low income (less than \$32,000) fulltime undergraduate, Oklahoma resident, making satisfactory academic progress, plan to be enrolled full-time for fall and spring semesters at OKCCC. Deadline for applications is June 15.

Physical Therapist Assistant Program accepting apps

Applications for the Fall 2001 Physical Therapist Assistant Program will continue to be accepted until noon May 11. Interested students may pick up an application in the Office of Admissions and Records. For more information contact Barbara Gowdy at 682-7528.

Fall Fee Waivers being accepted

Tuition Fee Waiver Applications for Fall 2001 are now available from the Student Financial Aid Center. To be eligible, the student must; be in good academic standing and maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA; maintain enrollment of at least 6 credit hours for fall; obtain a current "Academic History" at the admissions desk; and must be turned in to the Student Financial Aid Center by 5 p.m., Aug. 3.

Attention International students

International students who plan to travel during the summer need to come by the Office of Admissions and Records at least one week before leaving the country so the proper travel documents can be prepared. For details call 682-1611 ext. 7366.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Get ya' some: The African-American Student Association sold spaghetti in the union April 30. Criminal Justice major Carree Tate, left, prepares the salad, while AASA President Jackie Baker dishes the sauce and Nagge Turner makes sure the food is hot. The money from the fund-raiser will go toward purchasing fans for the Community Action center.

AASA raises money to cool elderly, community center

**By Mark Stack
Staff Writer**

Realizing how hot it will get during the summer, Jackie Baker wanted to do something worthwhile for the elderly in Oklahoma City who don't have air conditioning.

Baker came up with the idea to hold fund-raisers to raise money and buy fans for the people at the Community Action center.

Baker, president of the African-American Student Association, organized two fund-raisers for her club to raise money.

"I talked to the people at the community center and they said they are always needing fans.

"It hurt a lot to know that people, especially elderly, were dying of heat exhaustion," said Baker.

The first fund-raiser was a car wash held on April 14

in the Wal-Mart parking lot on South Pennsylvania and SW 74.

Baker said the event was a success with over 18 cars participating.

"We were hoping the weather would be sunny and nice, but it got cold and a little windy which hurt the turnout," said Baker.

Baker said the event raised over \$50 including donations made by several people.

The next event to raise money was the spaghetti dinner held in the cafeteria April 30, which raised about \$75.

"Food is the doorway to the soul," said vice-president Alex Isokrari.

"When there's food, people will buy," he said.

Baker said she thought the dinner was a good idea because it gave students a chance to taste some real

"It hurt a lot to know that people, especially elderly, were dying of heat exhaustion."

—Jackie Baker
President African-American Student Association

spaghetti.

Baker also said that AASA wanted to do more fund-raisers but since it was near the end of the semester, there wasn't enough time.

"You have to go through Student Life which takes two weeks, then time to promote the event, and we didn't have enough time," said Baker.

"I would like to thank everyone who supported us and helped our club out over the semester," said Baker.

"We couldn't have done it without them, and we look forward to doing more next year," she said.

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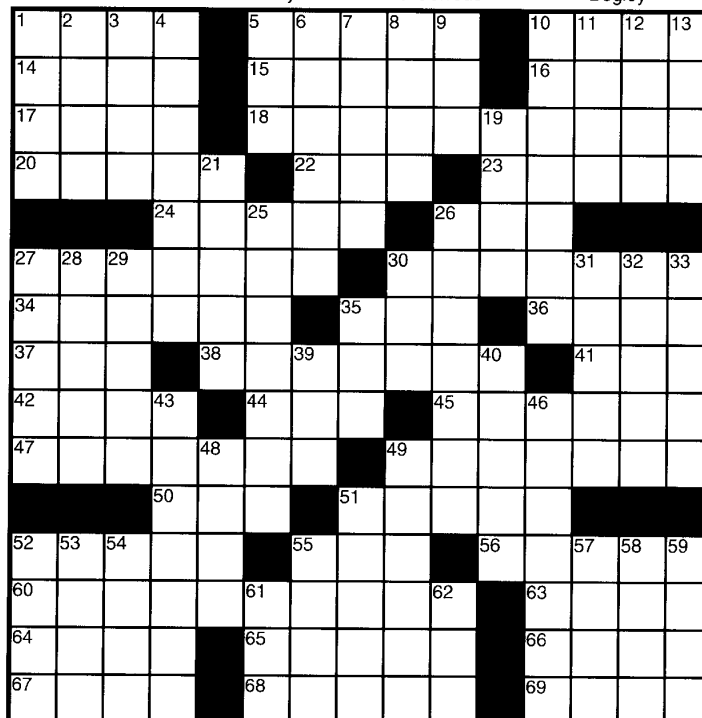
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JOBS THAT MATTER

Students disagree on financial consequences of drug convictions

"FAFSA,"

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Case said it's not all that unusual for felons to lose certain rights but isn't certain of the effect this bill will have one way or another.

"Convicted felons often lose the right to vote," he said. "Other convicted felons suffer other restrictions such as having to report their residency and change of residence."

"The question [being] raised concerning whether waiting a year or two to establish [financial aid] eligibility will hurt students or help fight the war on drugs is a highly politicized question," Case said.

"It touches on issues such as class warfare [the poor get convicted because they can't afford a good attorney] and whether society is responsible for an individual's problem or is

there a certain level of individual responsibility for which we as citizens are accountable."

A FAFSA employee explained how the law would affect students. He said as long as it's been one year since a student has had an illegal drug conviction for possession, or two years for a conviction for distributing illegal drugs, the student is eligible to receive financial aid.

Also, if a student has had multiple drug convictions in the past, the student is eligible as long as those convictions were at least one year ago (for possession) or two years ago (distribution) before the student applies for federal aid.

The application is based on the honor code. FAFSA said it's up to the applicant's college or university to conduct a background check on whether the student was honest in answering the question.

Case said that it is not the college's policy to "police" students.

Michael Pascarella, business major and president of the OKCCC College Republicans, said the law will help those students not involved with drugs get more money for college.

"The law makes a strong stand that we don't want drugs in education," Pascarella said.

Sharon Walker, public relations major, said the law is not fair.

"It's very discouraging for the ex-convicts who want to put the past behind them and to better their lives," Walker said.

"It could take away hope for them."

The legislation remains controversial in the nation's capital.

U.S. Rep. Robert Scott, (D-Virginia) said HR 4505 makes positive changes to the Higher Education Act, but he opposes section 484.

"This provision is poorly conceived and could have the unfortunate result of denying students access to higher education," Scott said on his website.

"Additionally, [the bill] would deny federal student financial assistance to students who choose not to report a previous drug conviction on FAFSA."

U.S. Rep. J.C. Watts (R-Norman) sides with President George Bush's position. According to Watts's press secretary, Greg McCarthy, Watts believes the law saves higher education costs and will help young people remain drug-free.

Judy Crain, a nationally certified clinical director of the Norman Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center, said she has treated some college students with drug problems, but not many.

"One student used all of

her student loans to pay for her drug use," Crain said.

FAFSA said students can regain eligibility by completing a drug rehabilitation program that meets Congress' standards, such as Crain's program.

The programs must be qualified to receive funds from a federal, state or local government or from federally or state-licensed insurance program.

Drug programs administered or recognized by federal, state or local government or state-licensed hospital, health clinic or medical doctor are also acceptable.

Case said annually, more than 6,000 students apply for Federal Title IV Student Financial Assistance at OKCCC. Through February, 2,960 students received aid.

Last school year, 2,487 students received aid.



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