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Library completion on schedule

By Melanie Depue
News Writing 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 Board of Regents meeting.

Gail Armstrong Construction Inc. began work in January to remodel the first and second floors, and to complete the third and fourth floors.

Upon completion, the third floor will be primarily the open computer lab's home. It will also house faculty and dean's offices for the Information Technology staff. Conference rooms also will be located on the third floor.

The fourth floor will be used by the business 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. Bode said 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, Bode said, the wall can be removed to

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Photo by Melissa DePew

If Walls Could Talk: Leslie, center, (Raina Clayton) and Leesa (Devon Arnold) are unaware that David (Tommy Cella) is listening in on their spiteful conversation about him. The three students starred in OKCCC's May 3 outdoor production of "One Long Night."

Students will be asked to dig deeper to pay tuition next semester

By Vu A. Vu
Editor

This fall, students will have to shell out more money in tuition fees to attend classes.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education took full advantage of Senate Bill 596 and increased tuition enrollment fees to the maximum allowed by law to \$33.70 per credit hour for in-state students, and \$107.27 for out-of-state students, increases of

7 percent and 9 percent.

An OKCCC student enrolled in 15 hours will pay an extra \$16 in the fall.

For the first time since the 1985-86 school year, the state legislature no longer controls how much students pay for tuition.

The State Regents label tuition as "enrollment fees" while defining "tuition" as

the surcharge paid by non-residents enrolled in state colleges.

On May 22, Gov. Frank Keating signed Senate Bill 596 into law.

The bill hands over the control of student tuition rates from the state legislature to the State Regents for Higher Education within limits.

Chancellor Hans Brisch said SB 596 will help Oklahoma's colleges and universities.

"Allowing each college board to set tuition is a process step for higher education in Oklahoma," Brisch said. "The previous was a 'one size fits all' approach that doesn't adequately meet the needs of individual colleges and universities."

"With the ability to deter-

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Dining at school
beneficial to all

Who'd think that cafeteria food would be a pain in the wallet?

When students went to the union for a quick bite, it might have cost the college \$45,000.

What, \$45,000 for three chicken strips and an order of french fries?

According to the contract with Sellers Marketing Co., Inc., the folks who supply us with hamburgers, chili, and mashed potatoes, the college is supposed to receive half of the net profit Sellers Marketing makes while giving students, faculty and guests nutrition.

However, in the contract, if there is no net profit, the college pays Sellers Marketing the actual losses accrued. The college is only responsible for losses up to \$45,000, which means that in a bad year, Sellers Marketing can lose big time.

To stay afloat, they also cater events like graduation and the student awards night.

This year, there were net losses.

Why would any food company want to partake in a risky venture such as community college food service? Well, there's exposure to the community, sort of like free advertisement.

And in the food business, there's passion. For some, a hungry mouth is like an oasis in the desert.

This isn't unusual either President Robert Todd said in the May 21 Board of Regents meeting. Money-losing cafeterias are typical of community colleges like ours.

Competition is never good for business either, and there is competition.

Down the street, students have the opportunity to drive through Taco Bell and Burger King before they hit the books. And only a few miles away, there are Italian restaurants, steak houses, all-you-can-eat Chinese super buffets, etc. If these food companies lose money, they wouldn't be in business.

For the dollar, OKCCC's prices are favorable to its competitors, and students should take advantage of the union. Students won't waste their time traveling back and forth from the other fast food joints if they stayed at the college to eat.

A single OKCCC chicken strip will subtract 89 cents before tax, and you might even get an extra strip. A single taco costs 79 cents. Put the two side by side and the hungry student will see that the chicken strip is all breast meat. What's in the taco? A fraction of meat, a fraction of lettuce and a fraction of cheese.

Although the taco beats out the chicken strip nutritionally, (four food groups versus one food group) the chicken strip packs a huge wallop of protein.

And as for the health aspect, there's a salad and fruit bar in the union. How many fast food joints have honeydew melon?

And if students want to request a certain food, they will always have an ear to listen to them.

Support the union.

—Vu A. Vu
Editor

Blame belongs to Chinese

To the Editor:

Recently I read an editorial piece by Vu Vu on the American flight crew detained by the Chinese. I understand that not everyone knows how lucky they are to have those service men and women protecting them. But the last phrase did it all.

When the writer said that the Chinese government should let our people go, because the rest of the world knew the Chinese had caught them, I was enraged.

As someone currently serving in the United States Marine Corps reserve, and having done four years of active duty in the Marine Corps, I feel I am probably a little more qualified to

speak about measures of national defense than this obviously biased college boy ever will be.

He is speaking as if the 24 sailors, airmen and Marines that were taken hostage by the communist Chinese government had done something improper and wrong and the fact is they had not.

They were flying in international airspace when an over aggressive Chinese pilot made a fatal mistake. They then followed international law by declaring an emergency over the emergency radio frequency and they landed at the nearest airstrip. This happened to be in a military airfield.

The fact remains that the airplane is sovereign U.S.

territory just as an embassy is. The Chinese then boarded the plane with weapons. This is the same as if they had come into your home with weapons. They seized the plane and arrested the aircrew.

The Chinese government and military are the only ones at fault.

—James Bell
Student

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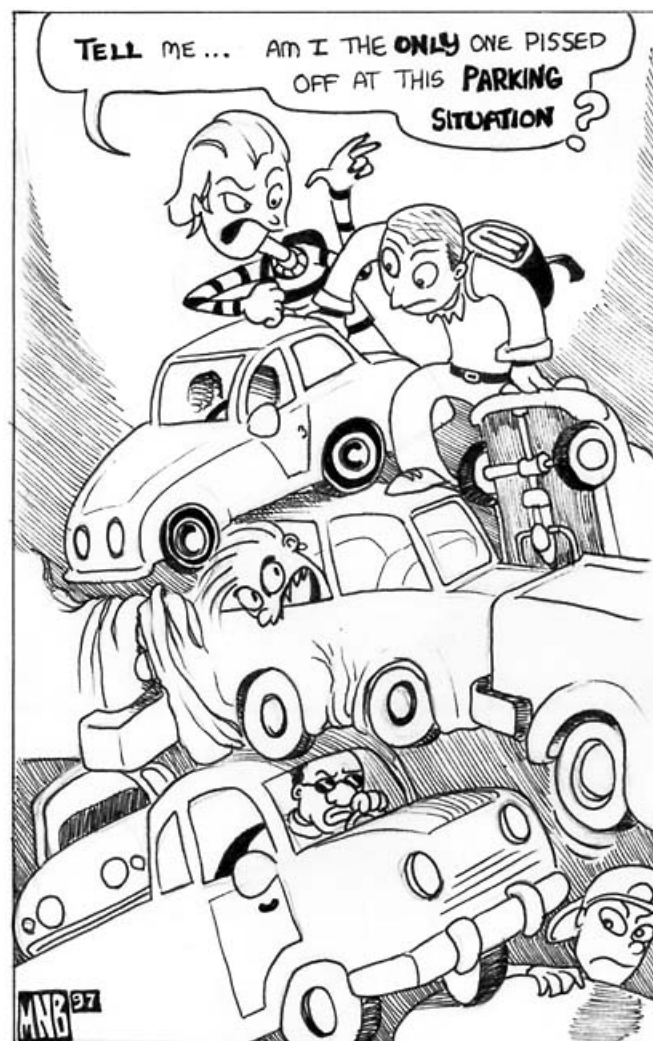
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Comments and Reviews

Where did Napster go?

Napster, the controversial web site that once offered free music to those who would take the time to download it, has been struggling to keep up with the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision to uphold an injunction stating the site could no longer allow free downloads of copyrighted materials using their software.

However, if a record company wishes to display copyrighted materials on the web site, it is still free to do so. Only the copyrighted materials that Napster is specifically told to cease displaying will be affected.

People across the nation continue to argue the Napster issue. Many think the injunction is unfair.

One reason is that those who used Napster to make compilation CDs will now be forced to pay the high price of buying each compact disc when perhaps they would have downloaded just one or two songs from Napster.

Also, many argue, it's not illegal to share music purchased and owned by the one doing the sharing. The idea behind Napster is that members share with one another MP3 files of music they own.

For years people have

known it is legal to give a copy of a song or an entire album to a person they know as long as they do not make a profit off the sale of the copy. But is Napster the same?

Those who frequent the Napster web site often share no personal relationship with the people they are sharing music with. And Napster does make a profit.

Its founder, Shawn Fanning, has been made a very wealthy and notorious young man and the site sees a daily advertising profit.

The first thing visitors will see when they open the Napster web site is a quote at the top from music artist Chuck D that sums up Napster's current point of view of since the court order:

"We should think of [Napster] as a new kind of radio — a promotional tool that can help artists who don't have the opportunity to get their music played on mainstream radio or MTV."

The Napster web site also bombards the onlooker with screen after screen of "Save Napster" literature.



However, Napster's nemesis, www.riaa.com is undoubtedly "anti-Napster."

The Recording Industry Association of America deals mainly with explaining its point of view and why the law is on its side.

It explains why they filed an action against Napster — the site "enables and facilitates piracy of music on an unprecedented scale."

RIAA asserts that Napster could be found guilty of copyright infringement because they "materially contribute to infringing activity" by offering the software that lets people trade their music.

Most college students do not believe that Napster should be stopped because the site and software provide a great way for people to save money while listening to their favorite music.

But like so many of today's technologies, it still has to be moderated to ensure that there is a fair solution for all sides.

—Deidre' Green
News Writing I student

Silence cell phones in labs

To the Editor:

I have a complaint.

Why do people use cell phones in all the campus labs and why do people allow these cell phones to ring in our labs?

It is disrespectful of others, shows a severe lack of intelligence and a severe lack of courtesy to others.

Ban them.

Bar them.

Get them out of the labs. Students working in these labs are important.

We do not need people who feel it is fashionable to have their cell phones ring in a lab not once, but often, to irritate and bother others severely.

This is a place of learning, not to see how many times your phone can ring and how disruptive you can

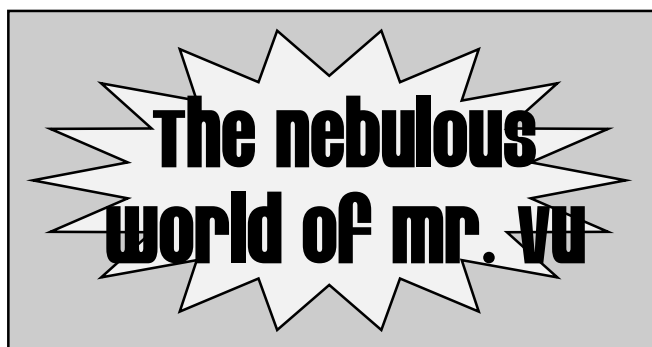
be with a cell phone before you get kicked out.

I believe we all have been too permissive.

Now it is time to turn these cell phones off in all labs, all classes and classrooms.

If your cell phone is that important to you, then stay at home.

—Dwight Gullickson
Student



Whoopin' brings pain of enlightenment

Long, long ago, in a galaxy far, far away (about 11 years and 10 miles), my older sister and I got into a fight. What we fought about doesn't matter, but the end result does.

My excuse for entering the skirmish was that she was two years older than me, and that she was a girl and girls tend to be a little more emotional than the more logical-thinking males.

I fought back to defend my honor while under the wrath of her tyranny. Since I was more logical, I bested her and declared myself the undisputed champion. I rubbed it in her face, of course, to show her that I wasn't to be agitated. She tried to fight back, but I unleashed a stupefying barrage of firepower and stood high atop the mountain. I was full of myself, but I earned it. By Jove, I earned it.

But I have to give my sister mad props though. She was smart. In the end, she got me good and knocked me off my mountain of supremacy. What did the evil empress do? Well, like any 11-year-old, she told on me.

My uncle was upset with the two of us and mediated the problem with one simple question. He asked us to give an account of what "actually" happened.

I knew that whoever was at fault would receive a red bottom, and so, I tried my best to sell my story. Needless to say, she had a different story and I had a different story. I figured since our stories went nowhere and the blame pointed to the both of us, no one would receive punishment and my stay atop the mountain would be eternal.

However, my wise uncle solved the mystery. He whipped us both. Problem solved. My butt was red and my sister's butt was red as well (Don't tell anyone, but I used a few sheets of premium toilet paper to cushion the blows. It didn't work. Maybe he knew and compensated by raising the stick higher?).

But the neat thing is that my sister and I never fought about that topic again. I was humbled and my sister and I saw eye-to-eye.

However, in the real world, it's not that simple. Instead of a battle of words, people use the lives of their countrymen to do the talking.

For example, the meaningless waste of life in Israel. Suicide bombers, lynch mobs, shelling, bombings, cries of retaliation. In military terms, these deaths are considered "collateral," but the stench of murder and genocide fouls the air. Two sides, vying to reach the summit.

It sounds familiar.

—Vu Vu
Editor

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Comments and Reviews



Photo courtesy of www.woodyguthrie.org
Woody Guthrie

Documentary chronicles life of famous Oklahoma revolutionary, disciples

"I ain't a communist necessarily, but I've been in the red all my life."

—Woody Guthrie

Okemah, Okla. lies about one hour and 15 minutes east of Oklahoma City off Interstate 40. Viewing the town from the highway, you would never believe it had produced anything of interest and certainly not revolutionary. Indeed, Okemah is the kind of place reduced to a mere truck stop, a place to buy gas and a snack on the way to somewhere better.

Early in the 20th century, however, Okemah spawned a revolution in the form of a left-wing troubadour — Woody Guthrie. Writing songs that captured the plight of the oppressed laborer, Guthrie was a man of many paradoxes.

Although diminutive, his words were vitriolic and tough.

A liberal with ties to communists, he joined the mer-

chant marine during World War II because he hated Hitler.

Virtually unknown by the mainstream, his songs inspired a young Bob Dylan and forever married politics to the pop song.

A new documentary, "Man in the Sand," depicts the life, career and subsequent influence of Guthrie as told by his daughter, Nora.

Several years ago, Nora contacted British protest singer Billy Bragg and asked him to write music for some of her father's unpublished lyrics.

These lyrics were written during the period when Guthrie was suffering from Huntington's Disease, his body too uncontrollable to play guitar.

Together, Bragg, American rock band Wilco, and Natalie Merchant released two albums of gorgeous poetry set to inspired music: "Mermaid Avenue Volume I and II."

"Man in the Sand" captures the making of these two albums.

The documentary begins

in Okemah with Bragg talking to natives about Guthrie's controversial political views.

Although Guthrie's legacy has brought much interest and money to his hometown, many natives of Okemah still view the singer as a subversive pest. One scene captures a right-wing man expressing disapproval of the singer's most famous song "This Land is Your Land."

"I like the music," the man says. "But I don't like the concept for which he wrote it... laying claim to this land for his soldiers and communists."

Indeed, the song was written as a liberal response to "God Bless America" and contains left-wing passages that are typically omitted. Those segments object to capitalists who fence off America's beautiful land.

Eventually, the footage migrates to Texas, California and New York, where Guthrie dies, emaciated and tortured, in a state hospital.

In New York, he records the majority of his records and becomes an underground icon.

Railing against corporate America and championing Everyman, Guthrie soon finds himself the object of praise and hate.

As the scenes toggle between the singer's life and scenes of the recording of the "Mermaid Avenue" projects, it's

clear Guthrie's scathing commentary and rock 'n' roll image (his guitar was scrawled with the phrase "this machine kills fascists") become part of the American psyche. Indeed, this production shows that Guthrie, before Dylan, before Lennon, before Johnny Rotten, challenged the upper class hegemony by verbally spitting in its face.

The best scenes, however, are those of Bragg and Wilco in the studio. Jeff Tweedy, Wilco's frontman, displays his genius for taking a complex lyric and weaving it into a beautiful and haunting melody.

The scenes of Tweedy singing "California Stars," in particular, are achingly gorgeous. In addition, the footage of Bragg shows a man paying homage to his idol with both reverence and humility. Being interviewed by a journalist, Bragg declares, "I would like if, at the end of this, Guthrie begins to be recognized as the greatest American lyrical poet of this century. Because I would ar-

"I ain't a communist necessarily, but I've been in the red all my life."

—Woody Guthrie
Okie Revolutionary

gue, having read some of his stuff, you'd have to go back to Walt Whitman to find anyone to compare him."

"Man in the Sand," however, is not faultless. Little is said about Guthrie authoring a bestselling book ("Bound for Glory"), his influence on Bob Dylan or his valiant struggle to live and love in the face of illness. Nothing is said about Guthrie producing a slew of satirical drawings, being a collaborator with Pete Seeger or Leadbelly, or, for that matter, inventing punk rock — the attitude, not the sound. Likewise, the film often seems disjointed or fragmented.

However, this documentary says what's important: behind the caricature of the communist hobo was a man whose work continues to inspire artists who love their country enough to push for social reform.

Not bad for a feller from Okemah, Okla.

—Mike Franco
Contributing Writer

'Pearl Harbor,' simply perfect in its own simple way

It starts simple. Two friends together since childhood, bonded through tragedy and separated through tragedy, only to be reunited again through tragedy all because of Pearl Harbor.

Even simpler, it ends the way it begins.

Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7,

1941 was indeed a tragic day, and the movie "Pearl Harbor," conveys that.

The sights and the sounds directed by Michael Bay bring viewers back to 1941, "the end of innocence," the trailer said, and the "dawn of a nation's greatest glory."

In the months before Japan's infamous strike, the cool, laid-back environment of pre-World War II Hawaii was captured, especially in the scene in the hospital where the only patient suffered a sunburn.

All of a sudden, the storm hits. As the Japanese

Zeros home in on their target, Hawaii, in its peaceful trance, freezes as-the-day-that-will-live-in-infamy takes place.

Other than the sneak attack and the history lesson, "Pearl Harbor" captures the many loves during the horrific and roman-

tic moments of WWII.

However, most critics blasted the love story between Ben Affleck and Kate Beckinsale for its simple, cliché-ridden cheesiness.

But remember folks, this was 60 years ago.

—Vu A. Vu
Editor

Upcoming science academy in its 10th year

**By Mark Stack
Staff Writer**

For three weeks this summer, 30 high school kids will get the science experience of their lives right here at OKCCC.

Headed by Biology professor Dennis Anderson, the OKCCC Science Academy will begin its 10th year June 4.

The Science Academy is designed to give students a hands-on experience in applying the skills of technology in science.

"It's a great program for kids about to enter college, and I love being a part of it," said Anderson.

Applicants for the Academy had until April 30 to

turn in their applications.

To be accepted into the program, students must reside in the state of Oklahoma, and must be in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 and have taken a science class in school to be accepted.

Once they turn in their application and essay, 30 students are chosen out of hundreds to participate in the three-week event.

"We take field trips to the zoo hospital, as well as the University of Oklahoma's and Oklahoma State University's research labs," said Anderson.

"At OSU, students will get to [study bacteria by transferring] a jellyfish gene into

a pool of bacteria where they can see the bacteria is there because it turns green and begins to glow," he said.

Anderson said the students will also get to publish the results of their scientific investigations as a multimedia presentation on the Internet.

They will also present those investigations on the last day of class to family members or to whoever would like to attend.

Students accepted to the program will receive a \$200 stipend.

"This program is one of the best in the state," Anderson said.

"That's why we've been

doing it for 10 years and we will do it for two more years after this summer."

Although applications for this year's Academy are no longer being accepted,

those interested in next year's program should visit www.okc.cc.ok.us/deanderson for information or call Anderson at 682-1611, ext. 7271.



Students called upon to save lives

EMT, paramedic program has trained thousands of community helpers

**By Keith Moon
News Writing I Student**

People never know when they will have to call on a medical professional to save their lives. So it is good to know people are training diligently at OKCCC to be prepared for emergency situations.

Each semester, paramedic students train to be a community's first line of defense against sudden traumas, some of which may be life threatening.

The students are trained in numerous aspects of emergency care, readying for all types of situations.

Program director Romeo Opichka has been a paramedic for more than 20 years.

He said a paramedic could come upon anything from a cut finger to a full cardiac arrest.

Students are trained in techniques that range from spinal immobilization to drug therapy for critical patients.

Opichka said other areas of training include EKG interpretation (cardiac monitor), vehicle operation, and extrication where students learn to remove people who are trapped or pinned in wreckage. Students also have two semesters of anatomy and physiology.

Throughout the training



Romeo Opichka

students must test for basic Emergency Medical Technician licenses.

Students are also taught cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support, CP for health care programs, and prepared for the EMT paramedic test.

While in training to be paramedics, students are also required to do an internship which varies in length from six weeks to one year. The students must have the internship experience in order to become licensed.

Chris Smith, a paramedic intern who graduated this May, said the training is intense.

Opichka said the program has trained thousands of students as EMTs or paramedics to save lives in communities all over the world.

Added in 1994, library fees increase, improve selections

**By Mark Stack
Staff Writer**

Students often wonder what happens to the fee money they pay along with their tuition each semester.

One of those fees is the library resource fee.

This fee basically is used to upgrade books that students check out as well as to upgrade teaching materials such as videos and books.

According to Barbara King, director of library services, the fee was originally proposed back in September of 1992.

At that time, the OKCCC library had only a 45,000-volume book collection while magazines and newspaper subscriptions numbered 425.

Hoping to increase that number, the college applied a \$1 per credit hour library resource fee in 1994.

King said the purpose of the fee was to increase materials accessible in the library, especially print re-



Barbara King

sources.

King said the money also was used to purchase books, videos and subscriptions to magazines and newspapers.

Books and videos were purchased in areas including biology, history, physical therapy, child development and emergency medical technology.

"Our faculty uses lots of visual aids, so we are continually adding new resources for the teachers," King said.

Today, the library offers 625 magazine and newspaper titles.

King said, since the

implementation of the library fee, the library now has about 66,000 books.

Although the number should have reached 71,000 in 1998, expectations fell short due to increased costs for books and magazines.

"We have a great selection of books in the library, but we aren't finished adding to them," King said.

She said library fees have also gone toward the purchase of new, innovative resources such as electronic books, encyclopedias and a new electronic database for magazine articles, all available in the library.

She said the library welcomes feedback and comments on library purchases and resources that are available.

Students can visit the library's website at <http://library.okc.cc.ok.us> to make suggestions.

Have a story idea? Have a complaint?

Want to share your opinion? e-mail the editor:

editor@okc.cc.ok.us

Seniors take on classic challenge



Henry Frazer tries his hand at the croquet event. His wife Margaret (not shown) also participated in the event. Events lasted from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Below: Patsy Jacobs takes a swing at the birdie during an afternoon badminton game.



Birdies, ping pongs and croquet balls were a flyin' May 18 when seniors had the chance to show off their stuff during the Senior Classic Games held at OKCCC.

To participate, seniors, age 55 and older, paid a \$7 registration fee, which included all activities, lunch and a T-shirt.

One of the participants, Jean Berryhill had a great time.

"It's my first time here, and I've really enjoyed myself. Everyone was treated equal.

"I would come back tomorrow."



Seniors enjoy a tasty lunch as part of their \$7 registration fee for the 2001 Senior Classic games, held on OKCCC's campus. The fee also included all activities and a T-shirt to commemorate the event.



Left: Jean Berryhill of Okmulgee competes against Lillian Thomas in a ping pong match.

"I've enjoyed myself. I would come back tomorrow," said Berryhill.

Right: Lillian Thomas dives for the ball in an attempt to send it back to partner Jean Berryhill.

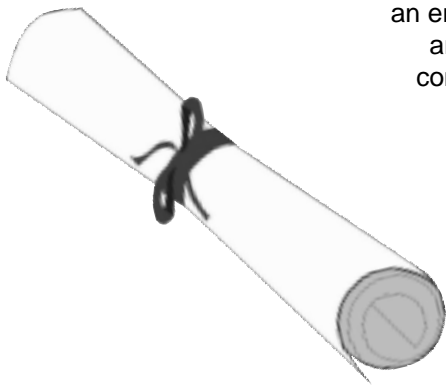


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May ceremony honors OKCCC graduates



Left: Tevon Gill, Sheila Penry, Amber Hunt and Toshimasa Sato wait for the sound of “Pomp and Circumstance.”



Right: Oklahoma City Mayor Kirk Humphreys, keynote speaker, told graduates that a smile, an encouraging word and service to the community defined humanity.



Oklahoma City Community College Class of



Above: Students selected retiring chemistry professor Leroy Ball as OKCCC’s outstanding professor. Students said he always stayed “well beyond office hours” to help his students.



Right: Occupational Therapy Assistant graduates Heather Yarbrough, Michelle Hendrickson and Paige Cory show off their years of work.

Left: Roy Wood, Marci Singletary and (sitting) Tara Wood, 6, and Rhett Wood, 10, cheer on their graduate, Luu Anne Wood.

*Photos by
Vu Vu*



Biotechnology students receive grant

Seven biotech students to receive \$3,200 after 320 work hours and experiment

**By Vu A. Vu
Editor**

Biotechnology student Sonja Messenger didn't mind some of the long days she spent in the OKCCC lab to make sure her experiments were repeatable by others.

"Everyone must be able to repeat what we do to ensure purity," Messenger said of her experiments.

Messenger said the extra hours gave her confidence and hands-on experience in the field.

"Sometimes I sit [in the lab] for eight to 10 hours without seeing anyone," Messenger said.

Thanks to a \$25,390 grant, all those long hours will pay off for Messenger and six biotechnology students who will receive paid internships this summer from the Oklahoma Center for Advancement of Science

and Technology.

Professor and Director of the biotechnology program, Dr. Charlotte Mulvihill said that the seven students will each receive \$3,200 after they complete 320 hours of work in an 8-week period followed by a public presentation of their experiment at the end of the internship.

"There's a huge demand for technicians," Mulvihill said.

This year marks the third grant OKCCC has received in two years.

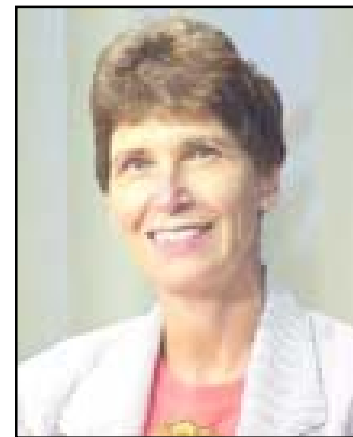
The seven students will spend the summer interning at local companies that use biotechnology like Children's Hospital, the Dean A. McGee Eye Institute, Novazyme Pharmaceuticals, Inc., the Advanced Center for Genome

Technology, Pure Protein, Analytical Research Laboratories and Immuno Mycologics, Inc.

Ryan Kostucke, who only needs one more class before he graduates from the biotechnology program said the internship will give him real life experience.

"You get thrown out and try to prove yourself, taking what you learn and working on a project," Kostucke said.

In a past internship, biotechnology student Bethany Pruett worked with Dr. Lloyd Hildebrand at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City. She matched tissue samples for people in need of organ transplants as her experiment.



Charlotte Mulvihill

Arni Hagen, from the Oklahoma Center for Advancement of Science and Technology, said many students receive jobs from their internships.

"People around the state are talking about the [OKCCC biotechnology] program," Hagen said.

"People around the state are talking about the [OKCCC biotechnology] program."

— Arni Hagen, Oklahoma Center for Advancement of Science and Technology

Single mother, OKCCC student makes the grade

**By Tom Haag
News Writing I Student**

The desire to help people is what led OKCCC student Beverly Hall into the physical therapy assistant program despite the demands already on her as a working, single parent to 17-month-old Christopher.

What makes her situation unique is that Hall is not only beginning a new career after the age of 40, but she's also experiencing motherhood again.

Her oldest son is 22 years old and has an 11-month-old child of his own.

"I've always liked the health care profession, but I wanted to find something where I could help people, and not have to put in a lot of long hours," Hall explained. "Physical therapy

gives you that hands-on experience, and it's pretty much an 8 to 5 job which would allow me to spend some time with my son."

Hall was admitted to the physical therapy assistant program in August of 2000 and is scheduled to graduate in May 2002.

Hall's interest is in working with children with disabilities, and according to her, the majority of the opportunities for physical therapy assistants who want to work with children exist through the school system.

However, she is still open to other areas of therapy such as sports medicine, brain injury and spinal cord injury.

"When you work with pediatrics, the majority of the cases you see are cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy," she said.

"Every once in awhile you will get someone who has been injured, but the majority of the children have disabilities that require ongoing therapy."

Hall will begin the clinical rotation of her program this summer and expects to have the opportunity to work with a variety of patients.

"I think that after my clinicals, I will know for sure which area of therapy I would like to work in."

Although Hall already has an associate's degree in electronics that she earned during her 13-year stint in the Air Force, her current class load differs completely.

"I have a lot of credit hours, but none of them met the requirements of this program," she said. "So I'm having to take all new classes."

"Don't let [the cost of college] stop you. I have found resources that have helped me, and there are plenty available to everyone."

— Beverly Hall
Physical Therapy Assistant Student

It has been a challenge, but Hall has enjoyed her classes and believes that the college works hard to help working adults continue their education by offering convenient class times, financial aid, and other resources.

Hall said her biggest challenge as a single parent attending classes has been finding someone to watch Christopher in the evenings while she is in class. She is quick to advise parents who are returning students not to give up.

"Don't let [the cost] stop you," Hall said.

"I have found resources that have helped me, and there are plenty available to everyone."

Hall now has a full scholarship provided by the Women of the South organization.

The scholarship includes tuition and books for up to three years and is awarded to women who live on the south side of the metro, are the sole breadwinner for the family and attend OKCCC.

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Evening administrator Jack of all trades

By Milja Jokanovic
News Writing I Student

Fall statistics showed there were more students attending OKCCC from 5:30 until 10:30 p.m. than at any other time of the week, said Jack Kraettli, evening administrator.

If you are an evening student you might not know where to turn for assistance when it seems as though every office on campus is closed.

There is help, Kraettli said. He said he is available for evening students. His office is located right outside of the financial aid area on the first floor of the main building. Also, he said, the



Jack Kraettli

college has made it easier for evening students to obtain certain paperwork on their own.

Seeking financial aid help or admission into OKCCC?

Kraettli said he can pro-

vide students with the forms they may need.

Need a transcript?

The office of admissions and registration has two computers located outside the registration area that can be used by students who need a copy of a transcript or schedule. OKCCC is still one of a few schools which provides its students with free transcripts and class schedules.

A kiosk computer is also located near the computer lab in the main building. There, with a student ID number and PIN, students can find out all sorts of personal academic information.

Night students who need an escort to their cars can come to Kraettli for help. He

said he will work with the Safety and Security office to meet their needs.

Students can also rely on the evening administrator to help them find their classrooms or help them with copy machine and vending machine problems.

If a student in a class is expecting a message, he or she can be sure that Kraettli will locate them and deliver the message.

Kraettli said the only thing night or weekend students might have difficulty accessing is a hot dinner. The food service area closes at 6 p.m.

Students aren't the only people who rely on Kraettli in the evening hours.

Professors can also rely on the evening admin-

istrator's help in dealing with problems such as acquiring extra copies, or dealing with unsupervised children who are disrupting classes.

Kraettli also serves as the general repair technician for audio and video classrooms, as well as a liaison between the administration, faculty and adjuncts.

"I act in the capacity of a mediator in student-to-student or student-to-faculty conflicts," Kraettli said.

Kraettli's help is appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

"It would be almost impossible for the adjunct professors to do their job without Jack," said Oscar Commings, adjunct professor of computer science.

International students get chance to show pride in homeland

By Eri Ishimine
News Writing I Student

Cultural exchanges occurred between Oklahoma legislators and international students April 25 at the Oklahoma State Capitol during International Students Awareness Day.

Rep. Gary Taylor, D-Dewey, co-hosted the event.

"Today is your day," he said to the more than 20 students there for the day-long field trip.

"We will give you a taste of Oklahoma culture and entertain you."

Students taking intensive English courses at OKCCC participated in the field trip.

Priscilla Harris, international protocol officer for the state of Oklahoma, encourages international students to study in Oklahoma.

She said global education can occur in Oklahoma through the overseas students.

She said she would also like to see Oklahoma students learning foreign languages, just as interna-

tional students have been learning English.

"International education is very important to both international students and Oklahoma people," Harris told the field trip class. "I want Oklahoma to encourage and share your culture, languages and foods from your countries. Then, we will try to explain Oklahoma culture and history to you through this event."

Harris praised the host families who take care of international students.

"The host families are very important to both international students and Oklahoma society. We have the opportunity to exchange our cultures through the families," she said.

Students from more than 40 countries participated in the International Students Awareness Day. As Taylor called the names of each country, he asked the students to compete to see which country could cheer the loudest.

Among the countries represented were Indonesia, Mongolia, Armenia, Japan, Belgium, Chile, Columbia, Brazil, Germany, Mexico,

New Zealand, South Korea, China, India, Albania, Macedonia, Morocco, Nigeria, Finland, Yugoslavia, Sweden, Bangladesh, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Malaysia, Taiwan, Venezuela, Vietnam.

Each time Taylor called a country, the students stood, cheered, yelled, and applauded. This year's winner was Germany.

Professor of English as a Second Language Abbie Figueroa led the international students from OKCCC.

"We go to the State Capitol so that international students can see that they are a part of much larger group than just those studying on our campus."

"This year, for example, guest speakers included Fredrik Jonzen from Sweden who plays basketball on the Oklahoma State

University basketball team as well as Mahdiah Parizi from Iran who is a medical student at the University of Oklahoma.

"These students provide inspiration for our students to set high goals for themselves."

Oklahoma legislators prepared two performances for the students, besides two speeches from outstanding international students.

Susan McGee and Jimmy Horton from the Oklahoma Opry played country music. They asked the students to request songs from country music to world music.

The Oklahoma City University Double Bass Ensemble performed also. Afterwards, they taught two students how to play the bass.

Figueroa declared the event a success.

"Our trips to the State

Capitol are invaluable because they teach us about the state government.

"The legislators are very welcoming and they always provide refreshments, souvenirs and live country music."

—Abbie Figueroa

English as a Second Language Professor

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Highlights

Volunteers needed for study of disabled

June 15 is the deadline to apply for training in the Oklahoma Partners in Policymaking program. Partners in Policymaking is designed to achieve a productive partnership between people with developmental disabilities who receive services and those who make public policy. Class size is limited to 30 participants, and applications are reviewed by a selection committee composed of Partners graduates. To request an application, call Troy Honeman at the office of the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council, (405) 528-4984 or 1-800-836-4470 toll free. You may also mail an application request with your name, address and telephone number to Partners in Policymaking, attn: Troy Honeman, Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council, P.O. Box 25352, Oklahoma City, OK 73125.

Substance abuse help available

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services has established a speaker's bureau to help promote awareness about substance abuse in Oklahoma. Speakers are available on a variety of topics such as addiction, treatment and recovery, family issues, gender-specific issues, methamphetamine, alcoholism, inhalant abuse and other issues related to addiction. Civic or school organizations, ministerial alliances, businesses and other groups throughout the state can arrange for a speaker by calling Pam McKeown, ODMHSAS Substance Abuse division at (405) 522-5102.

Children's Creative Center looking for donations

The Children's Creative Center has been working hard planning exciting arts and craft activities for the center this year. The "Children's Tent" will be open during this year's Arts Festival Oklahoma. The Creative Center will be collecting odds and ends for this year's activities and they need your help. They will be happy to take donations for the tent this year, but they are especially looking for these specific items: feathers, things that sparkle like glitter and plastic jewels, flat wood pieces, craft sticks or tongue depressors, paper plates, small plastic butter or whipped cream containers with lids, collage materials and all kinds of paper. If you have any items to donate, please contact Amie Stubbs at 682-1611 ext. 7832 and she will make arrangements to pick up donations as soon as possible.

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), full-time 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.

Fall Fee Waivers applications 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. Deadline to the Student Financial Aid Center is by 5 p.m., Aug. 3.

REMEMBER: Highlights deadline is 5 p.m. every Tuesday. You also may e-mail Highlights.



Sing with me:

OKCCC student and musical guest Dusty Watters performed for the audience of "One Long Night" and "Never Mind the Portuguese" during the May 3 production. Watter's song, "Perfect Thing," captivated the audience.

Photo by Melissa DePew

Phi Theta Kappa sponsor given national honor

**By Jennifer Vigil
News Writing I Student**

"You should not give a 10-year adviser a sharp object," professor Dana Glencross joked as she received a golden letter opener, her award for her tenure as a Phi Theta Kappa adviser at the Phi Theta Kappa Spring Induction Ceremony on April 23.

Glencross, a political science professor, was also given a personal award by Phi Theta Kappa's officers for being an adviser this year.

Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society of community and junior colleges.

This has been a year of achievement for Glencross. At Phi Theta Kappa's International Convention in late March in Denver, she was recognized with the Adviser's Continued Excellence Award.

Glencross was one of 25 to receive this award out of an estimated 400 advisers nominated.

At the convention she was asked to place her name in nomination for the Secretary of the Association of Chapter Advisers. She was elected to this office by her peers to serve in the coming year.

Next year, she will become a vice-chair and then a chairman the following year.

Glencross's other awards include a Continued Excellence for Advisers Award in 1998 from Phi Theta Kappa, the Robert J. Giles Award for 1 to 5 years service and



Dana Glencross

the Horizon Award for new advisers. The college also recognized Glencross for the President's Excellence in Teaching Award in 1993.

Glencross' response to winning her latest award was, "I am overwhelmed that my peers would choose to recognize me both for my newly-elected office and for the Continued Excellence award because my peers are great professional examples and serve students very diligently.

"Ultimately I owe a great deal of my success as an adviser to the students in our campus chapter, especially our officers. They make my job as an adviser very fulfilling."

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State Regents to set tuition rates for first time in many years

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mine the tuition rate that best provides quality education, we'll be able to aggressively compete with other colleges from across the country," Brisch said.

The State Regents will control the rate of tuition, until the 2005-2006 school year.

However, State Regents can only raise in-state student tuition by 7 percent and 9 percent for out-of-state students each year.

"The Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education are aware of the students' financial needs and capabilities, said OKCCC President Bob Todd.

"[The Regents] also know what it takes to provide quality educational programs and will be able to match the two in setting tuition levels."

Currently, students pay \$31.50 per credit hour for enrollment fees and \$99 per credit hour for non-resident tuition. In addition, all students pay special fees totaling about \$14

per credit hour.

Sen. Cal Hobson, D-Lexington and Rep. Bill Nations, D-Norman authored the bill.

In a prior story, Sen. Keith Leftwich, D-Oklahoma City, said he was undecided how he would vote for the bill.

Leftwich's concern was giving away a power the legislature has held since the 1985-86 school year when a similar bill was passed.

However, Leftwich voted for the bill, which passed the State Senate 39 to 6.

He said universities in Oklahoma rank near the bottom in tuition costs in the Big 12.

Those universities include the University of Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Baylor University, the University of Colorado, Iowa State University, University of Nebraska, University of Missouri, University of Kansas, Kansas State University.

In the 1985-86 school year, when the legislature gave State Regents the power to control tuition rates, Leftwich said State Regents raised tuition by 23 percent.

Library nears completion

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open the space into one large area, accommodating more people.

The fourth floor will be predominately used for training activities. The space will be scheduled through The Training Center which will be the avenue for groups to check on its availability.

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

A new entrance is being developed for parking area B, located north of the library. It will allow direct access to the library as well as to the stairway and elevator for the upper three 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.

The 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. Stu-

Powerful accident...



Photo by Melissa DePew

Bob Albright of OG&E shovels through mud in his efforts to restore a broken pole on the edge of the OKCCC campus on May 18. Albright said the damage occurred when a truck struck the pole.

dents pay the fee when they enroll in classes each semester.

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

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