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# PIONEER

## High-speed car chase ends on soccer field

By Mark Stack  
Staff Writer

OKCCC was the end of the line for four young men trying to elude the Oklahoma Highway Patrol by driving speeds reaching more than 100 miles per hour.

The chase, which began around 10 a.m. on the H.E. Bailey Turnpike near Chickasha, lasted for almost an hour along Interstate 44, ending on the south soccer field on the OKCCC campus, narrowly missing camp kids playing soccer.

Maintenance mechanic Terry Kilpatrick saw the end of the chase from the OKCCC roof.

"I saw one [OHP] car turn around in the median of the interstate who I thought was going to pull someone over," said Kilpatrick.

"But he stopped, got into his trunk and threw a spike into the middle of the road, attempting to stop someone they were chasing," Kilpatrick said.

OHP Trooper Brian Medeiros was the officer who threw the spike onto the road.

"They came up I-44 and we attempted to stop them with a semi-road block, but they ran off the road onto the OKCCC campus and continued to elude us," he said.

Medeiros, a former OKCCC security officer, said OHP officers had initially attempted to pull over the driver of the car for speeding, but he didn't stop. Medeiros said one of the suspects in the vehicle had three warrants out for his arrest.

Once on the OKCCC campus, the chase continued on the grass past the tree nursery, down the south side of campus and ended when the Chevrolet Malibu stopped in the middle of the south soccer field and the men jumped from the car.

"They [drove] right through the

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**Out of the old, into the new:** Westmoore High School senior Tanner Nicholson transports college textbooks to their new home in the college gymnasium.

The college bookstore is temporarily relocating to the space in the gymnasium while the college undergoes remodeling.



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Melissa DePew

## College budget increased by more than \$2 million

By Vu A. Vu  
Editor

President Bob Todd received a 5.2 percent pay raise, the biggest among OKCCC employees, during the June 18 Board of Regents meeting, when regents approved a \$31.2 million budget for fiscal year 2001, an increase of \$2.3 million from the FY 2000 budget.

Regents also approved an employee pay raise that will affect 390

OKCCC employees.

Faculty members will receive pay raises ranging from 3 percent to 4.5 percent depending on performance appraisals.

OKCCC's pay raise average for faculty is 3.75 percent.

Classified, professional and managerial employees will receive an average pay raise of 3.25 percent.

Executive employees will receive an average pay raise of 2.25 percent. Those include all college administrators except the president.

Adjunct professors will receive a 3 percent raise from \$500 per credit hour to \$515 per hour.

In the spring semester, OKCCC offered 999 classes, of which 502 were taught by adjunct professors.

Out of 395 employees (faculty, classified, professional, manager, executive) five employees, or about 1.3 percent, will not receive pay raises due to poor performance ap-

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

# Poppa Woods shoots bogey

Tiger came, Tiger saw, Tiger got the heck out.

The U.S. Open swept through Tulsa last week, and unlike everyone expected, Tiger was never in contention.

The only variable that is consistent when Tiger loses is one man, his father.

Earl Woods has done a terrific job closing his mouth and not saying anything outrageous since Tiger's first Master's win.

That all changed the week prior to the U.S. Open. Earl opened his mouth and inserted his foot for the first time in a great while.

Earl always has something to say, and never has a problem doing so. But lately his comments have never been as outlandish as this one.

The comment Earl made was that his son was as influential as Nelson Mandela.

Earl, you have got to be kidding not only me, but yourself.

Let's start with wrongfully locking Tiger up in prison for 25 years and then we might be able to compare, slightly.

But to say that Tiger is as significant a figure as Mandela is absurd and unwarranted.

What issue has Tiger ever made a stand on?

Tiger never made an appearance or spoke during the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's entrance into Major League Baseball.

He never took a stand on Casey Martin's plea for a golf cart, even though they were good friends at Stanford. He has never said anything for or against anything.

In fact, it would be wiser to compare him to Michael Jordan. Jordan took plenty of heat for not speaking about several issues. He was crucified when people learned Nike was allegedly using children in Asia to make their products.

Jordan was also questioned about why he never stood up for African-Americans rights. He did, however, and donated a great deal as well, but he did it quietly and not for the publicity.

James, Michael's father, never ran to the press and claimed how great his son was.

One day Tiger will be a very influential political figure because he is incredibly smart. I mean he did graduate from Stanford. Right now though, he is too concentrated on winning and dominating the game of golf to do anything else.

Who can blame him? He's having fun and not caring about anything but golf.

He does great work helping children and teaching them life and the game, so let him work his way up from there, because he will.

But don't denigrate the incredible work that Nelson Mandela has dedicated his life to.

It's not fair to Tiger so early in his life, and it devalues Mandela's cause.

Daddy, shut up and let Tiger do the talking.

—Mark Stack  
Staff Writer

## Safe summer fun tips for kiddos

### To the Editor:

Looking forward to summer activities often means more time outdoors and traveling. The Oklahoma State Department of Health and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) want you to have a safe and fun summer by observing the following safety procedures.

#### Sun Safety

- Babies under six months of age should be kept out of direct sunlight.

- Use sunscreen with at least a 15 (SPF) sun protection factor before going out.

- Keep children out of the strongest sun's rays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Pool Safety

- Make sure adults are trained in life-span techniques and CPR.

- Surround your pool on all sides with a sturdy five-foot fence.

- Keep rescue equipment (a long poll, with a hook on the end, life preserver, a portable telephone) near.

- Adults should be within arm's length of infants or toddlers.

#### Bug Safety

- Don't use scented soaps, perfumes or hair

sprays on your child.

- Repellents for use on children should contain no more than 10 percent DEET because the chemical is absorbed through the skin and can cause harm.

- Avoid areas where insects nest or congregate, such as stagnant pools of water, uncovered foods and gardens.

- Avoid dressing your child in clothing with bright colors or flowery prints.

#### Travel Safety

- Buckle up.

- Keep supplies with you, such as snacks, water, a first aid kit and any medicines.

- Always use a car seat, starting with your baby's first ride home from the hospital.

- Read manufacturer instructions and vehicle owner manuals to properly install the car seat.

- Put your child in the back seat. It is the safest place in the car because it is farthest away from a head-on crash (the most common type of crash.)

- Children in rear-facing car seats should never be placed in a front seat

equipped with an air bag.

- Children traveling alone should carry their medical information with them.

—Oklahoma State  
Department of Health

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## Comments and Reviews

# Citizens have right to access public records

## To the Editor:

Oklahoma citizens aren't taking advantage of their rights under state law and I'd like to see that change.

A small paperback book exists that contains a sentence that has the ability to deliver power into the hands of Oklahomans.

"All records of public bodies and public officials shall be open to any person for inspection, copying, and/or mechanical reproduction during regular business hours..."

This statement can be found on page 48 of the Oklahoma State Open Meeting and Open Records Book. This book, sold in the college bookstore for about \$13 or any other state bookstore, outlines the laws set forth by the state of Oklahoma that give citizens of Oklahoma the "inherent right to know and be fully informed about their government."

Every Oklahoman should invest in this book because it holds big information within its pages. Be forewarned: many government officials don't want its citizens to have this information. However, holding back such information is against the law.

For instance, it tells you and me that we have the right to request OKCCC's annual Staffing Plan. The Staffing Plan lists the name and salary of every OKCCC employee — even that of President Bob Todd. In fact, as a college employee, my salary is also listed, along with the raise I received.

You can also find out whether I'm full-time or part-time and how much in tax dollars the college is willing to pay me.

What is my job, you ask? Better yet, what are my job requirements? Under the Open Record laws, you can request the records con-

taining that information as well. All you need is my name. In fact, do you want to know the qualifications I possess that prompted the college to hire me? Request a copy of my application for employment.

As an employee of the state, I am paid with state tax dollars — your money. Because you pay my salary, you have the right to know how much you're paying me as well as the right to know what I'm doing to earn that money.

Why aren't more folks seeking access to this information and more? Maybe some people aren't interested in how their hard-earned money is being spent. But many are. Those folks may run into the following roadblocks:

- They don't know where to begin seeking information.

- They don't know if they actually have a right to the information.

- Public officials either don't understand the Open Records laws or don't follow them.

- Intimidation and fear.

As a journalist, I'm accustomed to having to make requests and having to fight the occasional battle for an open record. The average citizen is not.

It's just not that difficult to request a record. First, ask where the record you are seeking is kept. Almost any department can tell you where certain records are kept. Go to that area and request the information. You may be asked to make the request in writing but, by law, aren't required to do so. (Many entities like to keep track of requests so you may want to help them out by filling out a request. That's up to you.)

You should either receive the information you re-

**"Those who hold the records are the keepers, not the owners."**

—Ronna Austin  
Pioneer Lab Director

quested within a reasonable amount of time or be turned down. If you are denied the request, the denial must be accompanied by the exact statute from the Oklahoma Open Records Act that gives that person the right to decline your request. There are some circumstances when you may also be charged a small fee for copying.

Easy enough? Yes. Does it happen often enough? No.

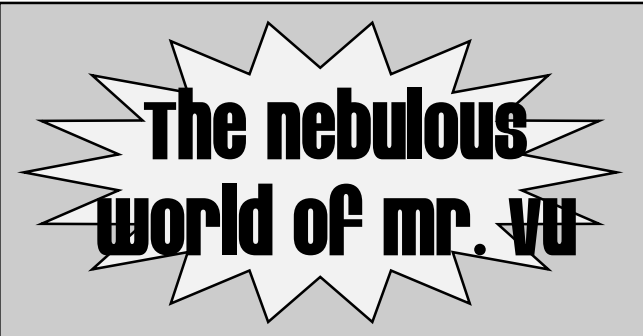
I encourage every Oklahoman to at least take a moment to read the forward of the Oklahoma Open Meeting and Open Records book, written by Attorney General Drew Edmondson.

One paragraph reads, "The most common question with regard to public records is whether or not a document is an open record subject to the Open Records Act. Although there are several exemptions to the Act, our general advice to public officials and agencies is to presume that all records are open. If we start from the premise, and conduct our business accordingly, we will avoid much of the contentiousness that often accompanies questions about open records."

Those who hold the records are the keepers, not the owners. Help keep them honest.

—Ronna Austin  
Pioneer Lab Director

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## Mr. Vu goes to Washington, D.C.

During my six-day environmental journalism academy in Washington, D.C. two weeks ago, I became more proud and envious of my profession.

Guest speaker Amy Goodman, host of Pacifica Radio's daily news magazine "Democracy Now" went to Indonesia to cover the atrocities by the Indonesian government committed to quell the uprising in East Timor in 1995.

Goodman, and her producer Jeremy Scahill, watched a massacre between Indonesian troops and East Timor residents.

The Indonesian troops then attacked Goodman and Scahill, beating them with the butts of their M-16 rifles, bought from the United States.

"Australia! Australia! Australia!" the troops shouted while they bashed Goodman, who couldn't weigh more than 120 pounds. They kicked her and cracked the skull of Scahill while he put his body over Goodman's to protect her.

A few years earlier, Indonesian troops cut off the genitals of five Australian journalists and put them in their mouths. The Australian journalists choked and then were shot, to make sure they were dead.

Australia did nothing in retaliation, which is why the troops kept yelling "Australia!" Instead, Goodman yelled out, "America!" and the troops stopped the beating.

Goodman also covered stories involving Shell Oil and Chevron's exploits in Nigeria.

When Nigerian citizens protested the drilling, Shell purchased weapons for Nigerian troops. The troops killed the protesters.

Another oil company visited Nigeria. Since Chevron was an American company, the Nigerians trusted them. However, Chevron helicopters landed near a group of Nigerian protesters and greeted them with a hail of bullets.

Chevron even admitted that it paid and transported Nigerian military and police troops in 1998.

About 60 other young journalists from all over the United States heard Goodman's story and they were just as shocked as I was. Since East Timor voted for independence, Goodman has been barred from returning to the land in the Pacific where she almost lost her life for doing what she loves and for what she believes in.

When I came back to Oklahoma, I realized that my world had become smaller. And I was glad that I lived in Oklahoma, where, as youngsters would say, there isn't anything to do.

—Vu A. Vu  
Editor



# Vice president of 25 years announces retirement

## Dr. Gary Rankin says good-bye to co-workers

**By Melissa DePew  
Staff Writer**

Dr. Gary Rankin will be the guest of honor at a farewell retirement reception honoring him on his final day of work, June 29.

The department of Economic and Community Development is hosting the "come-and-go" celebration from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the office of Economic and Community Development.

The reception will honor Rankin, vice president to the department, for his nearly 25 years of dedicated service to OKCCC.

Rankin moved from Illinois to Oklahoma City in 1976. In Illinois, Rankin was part of the staff at William Rainey Harper College, where he met his wife Tommie. Before this, he was a director of testing at Essex County College in Newark, N.J.

Once he was in Oklahoma City, Rankin did not let his fondness for education dwindle.

Rankin has been employed under multiple vice president titles since he began his career at OKCCC in 1976.

He was first hired as the Vice President for Student Services. From there, he

moved to the position of Vice President for Planning, and within a year he was sitting behind the nameplate for Vice President for Planning and Research.

Then in 1992, Rankin accepted the position for Vice President to Administrative Services and in 1997, he became the Vice President of External Education Programs.

Rankin has served in his current position of Vice President to Economic and Community Development since 2000.

Rankin said he's really enjoyed the changes he has seen in the student population over the years.

"When I first came here, at least 95 percent, if not higher, of the students were adults. Seeing the younger students come out full-time was neat," he said.

He also said he has had

a good time working with the developing community of OKCCC.

"I've enjoyed working with students and seeing clubs and organizations grow."

Rankin said he particularly has enjoyed "the last three or four years working out in the community."

Coordinating the North Central Accrediting Process in 1991 and overseeing the annual OKC Arts Festival have been some of his best highlights at OKCCC.

While it appears that Rankin has stayed busy with his many titles and job descriptions, he had a great time at the college.

"I've enjoyed my tenure and I never regret that I



Photo by Melissa DePew

**Dr. Gary Rankin**

came to [Oklahoma City.]"

His secretary, Margy Davis said it has been a wonderful experience working for him.

Everyone is invited to Rankin's reception, which will also consist of a special presentation at 9 a.m.

**"I've enjoyed my tenure and I never regret that I came to Oklahoma City."**

— Dr. Gary Rankin, Vice President of Economic and Community Development

# New director may bring change to honors program

**By Melissa DePew  
Staff Writer**

As of late March, the OKCCC honors program is under new leadership for the first time since it was created 11 years ago.

After careful review of applicants, Dr. Paul Sechrist, vice president for Academic Affairs, and the Dean's Council chose history professor Mendy Bergin to be the new honors coordinator.

Bergin said she had been interested in the honor's program since she had first come to the college in 1990.

As she became good friends with Linda Thornton (former coordinator and creator of the program), Bergin became more interested in the program.

Thornton must have foreseen Bergin's eagerness and ability to handle the

task.

When Thornton announced she would be leaving her position, she contacted Bergin, encouraging her to apply for the coordinator's position.

Bergin said she was a little hesitant that she would be chosen, since she had only been working at the college full time for two years.

Nevertheless, she applied in February and waited with hope.

"I was very excited when I found out," said Bergin.

"I really admired Linda Thornton. She was wonderful."

Sechrist said the decision was based on who would be best for the program.

When reviewing applications for the program, Sechrist said among other things, he noted Bergin's "commitment to continue moving the program forward."

Bergin will continue the program much like Thornton's plan but she hopes to make a few changes along the way.

One of her proposed ideas, if approved, would help students who may have gotten off to a shaky start in their earlier years or at another college.

"Currently, you can't have any F's at all [to be part of the honors program.] I'd like to change it so that the work only counts for here," said Bergin.

She said this would mean that bad grades from other schools would no longer hinder students from the ability to graduate with honors.

Bergin said she hopes to "make sure all students know that all sections can be made into honors classes."

She said a lot of people, including professors, are

unaware of this option.

Students also need to be aware that this option depends on the professor and whether the professor is willing to make an honors option for those seeking honors credit, she said.

Eventually, students may be able to find an honors adviser in each department. If this proposal is approved, Bergin hopes that it will help standardize the requirements for converting classes to honors.

"It's not fair to the students that some classes require more work than others [to get honors credit.]

Bergin will make a presentation to the faculty acquainting them with the



Photo by Melissa DePew

**Mendy Bergin**

honors program and some of her proposed ideas during preparation and planning week in August, the first week before school.

For more information about the honors program and proposals, contact Mendy Bergin at 682-1611, ext. 7171.

**www.okcccioneer.com**

# Metro area makes plans for Independence Day

## Fourth of July Celebration at the Myriad Botanical Gardens

OKC: The Botanical Gardens will host its annual garden party starting at 6 p.m. and culminates with a traditional fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. For more event information, call 405-297-3995.

## Freedom Fest 2001

Yukon: Located in the Chisholm Trail Park in Yukon. Family celebrations include children's tent and activities, free swimming, car show, musical entertainment and a fireworks show at dusk set to music by the Oklahoma City Philharmonic.

## LibertyFest Parade and Park Fest

Edmond: Parade will be held that begins at 10 a.m. Festivities will continue at Hafer Park with games, entertainment, Battle of the Bands contest, food and free watermelon. Classic Bike Tours of 18, 38, and 76 mile rides begin at 7 a.m. at Hafer Park. A huge fireworks display will finish off the day at Wantland Stadium in Edmond. Entertainment will be provided before fireworks display at dusk.

## Bricktown Fourth of July Celebration

Bricktown: Come celebrate Independence Day in Bricktown with a Parade and Fireworks in Oklahoma City.

Music, dancing, exhibits, sports, and children events will all be happening. Call 236-4143 or 236-8666 for more event information.

## Fun, Food, Fireworks highlight 2001 Star Spangled Salute

Midwest City: The Star Spangled Salute will be the Eastern Oklahoma County Fourth of July Celebration, which will be held on Tinker Air Force Base. Ten communities of Eastern Oklahoma County will sponsor a family celebration at Tinker. Everyone is invited to enjoy free entertainment, a variety of food vendors, and children's activities. The fireworks display will begin at dusk and will be simulcast on 94.7 KQSR and 101.9, the Twister.



# The history of Independence Day

Independence Day is the national holiday of the United States commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia.

At the time of the signing the United States consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England's King George III.

There was growing unrest in the colonies concerning the taxes that had to be paid to England. The colonists were forced to pay taxes while they were not allowed representation in the British Parliament.

In 1774, the 13 colonies sent delegates to Philadelphia to form the First Continental Congress. The del-

egates were unhappy with England, but were not yet ready to declare war.

By June of 1776, a year after the Second Continental Congress and two years after attempting to work out its differences with the British, the congress decided to compose a formal declaration of independence.

Thomas Jefferson was chosen to write the first draft which was presented to the congress on June 28.

After various changes a vote was taken late in the afternoon of July 4. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the declaration, two — Pennsylvania and South Carolina — voted against the declaration, Delaware was undecided and New

York abstained.

The following day copies of the declaration were distributed. The first newspaper to print the declaration was the Pennsylvania Evening Post on July 6, 1776.

On July 8 the declaration had its first public reading in Philadelphia's Independence Square. Twice that day the declaration was read to cheering crowds and pealing church bells.

And although the signing of the declaration was not completed until August, the Fourth of July has been accepted as the official anniversary of United States independence.

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[www.holidays.net](http://www.holidays.net)

## What are you doing this Fourth?

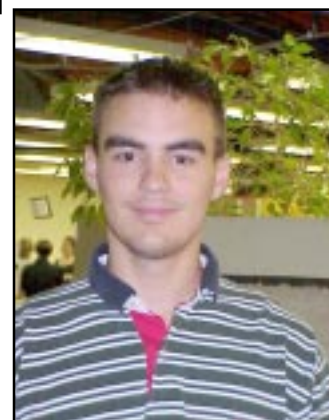


I'm going to ride the new roller coaster at Six Flags because I'm an adrenaline junkie.

—Tammy Vaughn,  
psychology major

I'm just going to the KATT Fest at the zoo amphitheater with about six of my friends.

— Jason Farmer,  
computer science major



I'm going to Bricktown and I'll be around my family. I'll probably take my kids to Bricktown to see the fireworks.

—Tasha Williams,  
psychology major

I'm having a party at the Stancampiano Resort, east of Tahlequah. This will be the 18<sup>th</sup> annual.

—Tony Stancampiano,  
professor of biology



I'm going to a fireworks show at my church. I'm a minister there.

— Kyle Phillips,  
biblical studies major

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Melissa DePew



# Vice president's honor roll recipients named

Students are eligible to be placed on the Vice President's Honor Roll in any semester in which they have achieved a semester grade point average of 3.5 while carrying at least 12 hours. Part-time students are eligible if they have maintained a 3.5 GPA for two consecutive semesters.

Tammy Aderhold, Shirley Agha, Mohammed Alam, Miranda Aldridge, Brant Alexander, Carla Alexander, Jeffrey Amos, Carina Amrine, Darlisha Anderson, Donna Anderson, Richard Anderson, Joe Andraszek, Melissa Andrews, Syrina Austin, Tiana Babb, Brian Bailey, Crystal Balke.

Davis Ball, Douglas Ball, Jo Bannister, Elizabeth Barnes, Emily Barton, Sarah Baskin, Jeffrey Basler, Stacey Baxter, Misty Bean, Lorena Becerra, Erika Bell, Mark Bell, Richard Bennett, Ronald Berger.

Brian Berry, Donna Berryhill, Edward Betchan, Zachery Bice, Travis Biggerstaff, Leslie Bishop, Nathan Blais, Brandon Blankenship, Justin Blew, Tara Bodine, Tamara Boehm, Jennifer Book, Oscar Botero, Tamara Bott, Tara Brewer, Mike Bridges.

Carmen Brite, Amy Brown, Daman Brown, Devon Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Robert Brown, Royce Brown, Terri Bryan, Thuy Bui, Jaimee Capps, Brad Carr, Elise Carr, Sean Carroll, Creshia Cecil.

Julie Chapman, Tyler Chapman, Kuan Chen, Dorin Cheng, Lorraine Childers, Hannah Chorost, John Chrisman, Jacob Christian, Lay Cheng Chua, Denise Clary, Gregory Clopton, Kevin Cobb.

Tammy Collett, Erin Cook, Jaclyn Cooley, Alison Cooper, M.K. Copeland, Steven Copeland, Paige Cory, Patrick Couch, Robin Cox, Charlene Coy, Krysta Crall, Todd Crews, Tara Crites, Danny Crockett, Michele Crosby, Kourtney Cudd, Ginger Culbertson.

Tammy Cummings, Kari Cunningham, Duane Daling, Clifford Damon, Tam Dang, Lynndal Daniels, Sami Daraby, Carmen Davis, Geoffrey Davis, Natisha Daws, Inger Delany, Jennifer Devito, Elijah Dickens.

Bentley Dill, Rebecca Dill, Chrisie Dillingham, Doan T. Doan, April Doerfler, Su-

san Donnelly, Meitra Doty, April Douglas, Mindy Dowdle, Ryan Dragg, Dana Drake, Kasey Dunn, Dieu Hien Duong, Philip Duvall, Jim Earle, Tina Edmonds.

Jeremy Eidson, Phyllis Elliott, Natalie Emholtz, Rachel Engles, Beau Erwin, Pamela Ethier, Jason Farmer, Elizabeth Fikes, Cynthia Finneran, Bradley Fitzgerald, Jonathan Floeter, Jimmy Flores, Eva Frazier, William Frazier, Roblee Fredricks, Benjamin Freeman, Trixie Fry.

Stephen Gaines, Monica Gallamore, Amber Garrett, Joel Gavin, Lea George, Alicia Gibson, Danny Gibson, Jevon Gill, Karen Gilleland, Jerrad Gillham, Seth Glenn, Jean Goforth, Natalia Gomez, Naomi Gooch, Christina Good, Jonahs Goodrich, Diana Gossett.

Brian Graham, Katherine Graham, Mechelle Graham, Jordan Gray, Micah Gray, Michelle Green, Donna Greenwood, Susan Greer, Leah Gregg, Douglas Gregory, Skylar Greiner-Hays.

Tracy Groves, Luv Vonda Grummer, Melissa Guice, Kristol Guthmueller, Joely Gwin, Barbara Gwinn, Judy Hagen, Terri Hammett, Toni Harris, Dustin Harth, Mohammed Hasan, Miki Hashizume, Shana Hawke, Jared Haynes, Jenny He, Wendi Heck, Aaron Heilaman, Leslie Hendrix.

Richard Hensley, Shanda Herd, Fabiola Hernandez, Chad Hester, Daphne Hester, Hunter Hiebsch, Barbara Hietpas, Jennifer Hill, Paul Hillian, Jeremy Hinnen, Dawn Hitchcock, Hao Ho, Y.N. Ho, Khanh Hoang.

Shannon Hock, Kelli Holley, Lacey Howe, Song Hu, Sarah Hubbard, Trenton Hubbard, Brock Huffman, Stuart Hughes, Loan Hy, Isniati Ishak, Eri Ishimine, Hope Isokrari, April Jackson, Christopher Jackson, Stormy Jackson.

Laura Jacobs, Luke Janger, Jennifer January, Jessica Jenkins, Taunda Jenkins, Alana Johnson, Andria Johnson, James Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Brian Jones, Brooke Jones, Crista Jones, Jamie Jones.

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## Vice President's Honor Roll



Brandy Loyd, John Lugafet, Lynette Luginu, Olga Lusche, Erin Lusk, Sarah Ly, James Lynn, Eric Maloy, Margie Maloy, Virginia Marshall, Andrea Martin, Amber Mason, Sheri Mason, Corey Massey, Debra Maxey, Melissa Mayfield, Helen Mboh.

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Amy Perkins, Kristen Perkins, Vicki Perkins, Travis Perrine, Teena Perry, Thao Pham, Huy Phan, Travis Phelps, Clifford Philips, Brian Philpot, Sarah Philpot, Tara Picek, Ashley Piersall, Kassandra Pigg, Cezary Poljanowski.

Jamie Presley, Bethany Pruett, Veronica Quinn.

Frank Rakestraw, Christie Ramirez, Janelle Ramirez, Robert Ramsey-Hess, Kayvan Rasolkhani, Aaron Ray, Lauren Reed, Lucas Reed, Stephen Reid, Laura Restall, Tyson Reynolds.

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*"Once again, I would like to commend the students who qualified for the honor rolls.*

*Each student has my best wishes for*

*continued academic success."*

*-Paul Sechrist*

*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

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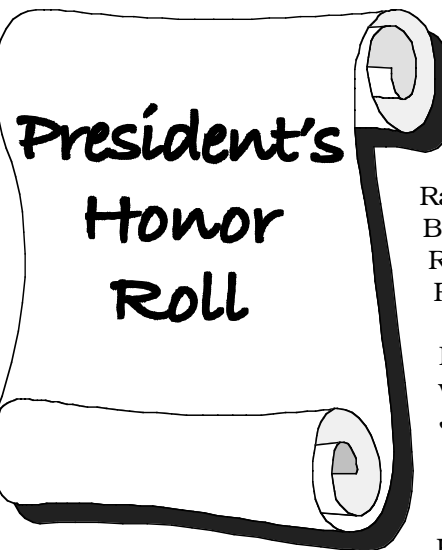
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*-Bob Todd*  
 OKCCC President





# How does your garden grow?

**By Jennie Dougherty  
News Writing I Student**

What began with just a few sunflower and pumpkin seeds has bloomed into an ongoing project for the preschoolers and kindergartners at the OKCCC Child Development Center.

Director Charlotte Wood-Wilson says that this year's garden is the best garden the center has ever had. Both teachers and students agree.

The garden was planted around the beginning of April when kindergartners prepared the soil and planted seeds including corn, sunflowers, marigolds, pumpkins and tomatoes.

The idea for the garden project was born after the children became interested in some sunflowers they were growing in the classroom, as well as some wild pumpkin plants they found outside.

Many purposes are being

served by the garden including teaching the children language lessons.

A journal is kept where the kids can record thoughts about the garden as well as drawings and photos that show the progress made with the garden.

The garden teaches math when the children use numbers to count and measure plants. Science is also incorporated when the children see what will grow and learn about the different plant types.

The children have also learned responsibility. It's their job to water and sometimes weed the garden.

This summer, one of the children's relatives who works in farming will be visiting the children to give them some gardening tips.

The vegetables in the garden are not grown only as a science project.

Once the children learn about the vegetables, they will be picked and prepared for the children to eat.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Above: L to R: Front row: Kali Tevis, Thi Lam, Chase Weaver, April Nguyen, Elayna Jackson, Matthew Duong, Samantha Williams. Back row: Cory Grabenbaur, Aryann Young, Paetra Files, Taylor Clanton. The CDC class enjoyed a day outside as they played in the sprinkler and ran around the garden.

**"I like when the sunflowers are growing.  
I think they're six feet tall."**

—Austin Foley

On June 18 the sunflowers opened and kindergarten teacher Chris Shay was just as thrilled as her students were. She said that she's enjoyed the garden and thinks it's a great project that the kids continue to be enthusiastic about.

The children are anxiously waiting for the pumpkins to appear,

checking everyday for their arrival.

They are also looking forward to the time when the "little green balls," on the tomato plants turn red.

"Someone who actually keeps a garden would probably die if they saw this," Shay said about the garden, referring to its diversity of plants, ranging from unidentified weeds to corn.

One thing the garden doesn't have is carrots.

"Someone stepped on them," Wood-Wilson said.

When asked what he liked best about the garden, kindergartner Austin Foley, 4, was quick to answer.

"I like when the sunflowers are growing. I think they're six feet tall."

He's probably right.

## Professor's novel set for September release

**By Elizabeth Braker  
News Writing I Student**

The adventures of the MacGregor family will continue this September when "Falcon of Abydos," third novel of biology professor Richard Trout, hits stores.

"Falcon of Abydos" is geared towards middle schoolers.

It continues the action and adventure from Trout's first novel, "Cayman Gold," and his second, "Elephant Tears." Chris, Heather and R.O. MacGregor are home-

schooled children traveling the world with their father, a scientist writing on endangered species.

"Falcon of Abydos" brings the action to Egypt where their father is attending a conference in Cairo.

Although Trout has never been to Egypt, he worked to describe the country by reading many books and spending hours watching television and interviewing people who had been there.

Trout said this is better because he can capture the land "through the eyes of many people" rather than just his own.

Trout's publisher, Lois Qualben of Langmarc Publishing, praises the professor's writing.

"He has a talent for making you sit on the edge of your seat."

Qualben said the book's appeal is in the "adventure element that Trout is able to weave into a very informative, educational book."

The characters aren't perfect, but they're fun and the family functions well together, she said.

Of the upcoming release, Trout said he's making progress as a writer.

"This book's going to be

longer and more complex," he said.

The book will be longer because Egypt is a more complex setting than the Caribbean reef or African game park in his previous books.

In addition, Trout said "books grow because you now have memories — memories of previous characters."

The MacGregor family is also attracting a wider variety of ages than Trout first anticipated.

"Falcon of Abydos" was previously scheduled to come out in March. How-

ever, since the first two books came out in just one year, the series had not quite found a market yet. Trout said.

But, then in April and May, his first two books sold more copies than in the previous 18 months combined.

Trout said he has plans for three more books about the MacGregor family, set in India, China and Australia.

He also has plans to publish an inspirational novel for adults, "A World Without Eden," set in ancient Rome.



# Money from Uncle Sam on its way to taxpayers

**By Susan Craig  
Staff Writer**

Taxpayers who filed a 2000 income tax form and had a taxable income in the year 2000 will receive a check from the federal government.

According to the IRS website, "the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 approved by Congress and signed by President Bush, directs the Department of the Treasury to send checks to most income taxpayers this year, giving them an advance payment of a 2001 tax credit. This is a reduction of tax and is not taxable income on the federal tax return."

The article also said that anyone who "could have been claimed" as a dependent on another person's 2000 tax return is not eli-

gible for the check.

Betty Ayers, with the Internal Revenue Service Local Taxpayers Advocate Office in Oklahoma City, clarified this, "if a person was claimed by their parents on the 2000 income tax form, then they would not be eligible for the advance. If the person claimed themselves and had a taxable income, they would get 5 percent of their taxable income up to the \$300 maximum for singles, \$500 for head of household and \$600 for married couples."

Ayers also said, the taxpayer will receive a letter in July explaining whether they will get the check, how much and approximately when they could expect it.

The original plan was to start mailing out the checks the week of July 23, but Ayers said "this has turned out to be a mammoth undertaking and the dates may have to be pushed

back."

Taxpayers who have moved in the last year and have submitted a change of address with the Post Office, will be able to receive a check from the IRS. Taxpayers who have moved but haven't contacted the post office, must let the IRS know the new address, she said.

Currently the last two numbers of your social security number will be used to determine when you will get the check.

Ayers also stressed that a person had to have earned money and paid taxes in 2000 to qualify for the advance credit.

Check out the IRS website, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). The site contains a wealth of information and should be able to answer most questions. If not, call the local tax advocate at the Oklahoma City Internal Revenue Service office.

# Interstate mishap sends three youngsters to hospital

**By Mark Stack  
Staff Writer**

Five children attending OKCCC's Team Extreme program escaped serious injury last Wednesday when they were involved in a traffic accident on their way back to campus.

Ashley Harlan, 20, said she was driving one of the school's Chevrolet Astro vans when a semi tractor trailer in front of her drove over a shredded tire causing the tire to fly up and strike the front windshield.

"We were headed north on Interstate 35 around 3:30 p.m. coming back from swimming in the Chickasaw National [Recreation Area] when a truck ran over a tire that flew up and hit the van," said Harlan, program counselor.

Harlan said in the OKCCC incident report that after the semi ran over the tire debris, the tire then flew up and hit the front windshield.

The windshield shattered and the rearview mirror inside the van broke off, striking passenger Ryan Higginbotham in the chest.

It then ricocheted off of Higginbotham hitting another passenger, Nicole Foster, in the side of the head. Another passenger, Tracy Worth, injured her hip in the accident.

The two other passengers in the van received minor cuts from the debris of glass. Higginbotham, Foster and Worth were all transported to Purcell Hospital where they were treated and released.

"I'm just glad everyone is safe and alright, that's all that matters," said Harlan.

Damage to the college vehicle is estimated at \$1000.

## Your tax break opinion\$:



**"I like it. I think it's a good idea."**

—Eric  
Rogers  
OSU student

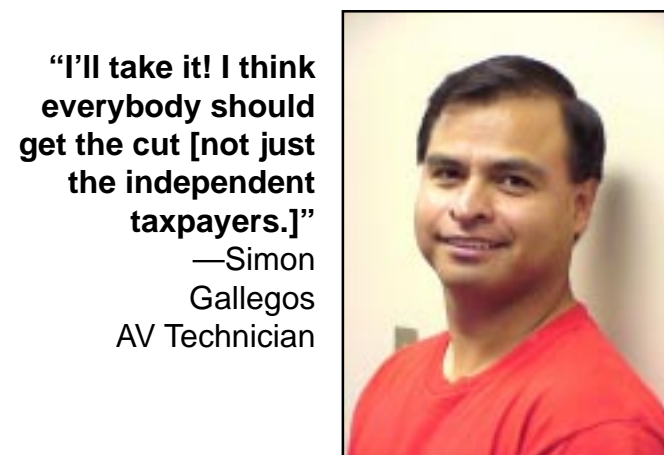
**"I want to know where the money is coming from and where we'll be missing it later, but sure, I want a check just like everybody else."**

—Robye  
Altizer  
Nursing major



**"I probably won't get it because I'm dependant on my mom. I really don't care though."**

—Anrea  
Sykes  
Nursing major



**"I'll take it! I think everybody should get the cut [not just the independent taxpayers.]"**

—Simon  
Gallegos  
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# Highlights

## Intersession classes still available

Students still have the opportunity to earn college credit during the August Intersession. Classes begin July 30 and run through Aug. 17. Numerous sections are available in courses such as biotechnology, computer science, economics, English, history, nursing, political science, psychology and sociology. Students can enroll in person, on the phone by calling 682-6222 or they can enroll online at [www.okc.cc.ok.us](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us).

## Summer building hours set through July 27

Weekday hours are: Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

College will be closed Saturdays and Sundays except as follows: Entry 6 will be open for computer lab (1S7) and the testing center (1V7-Saturday and Sunday only).

Weekend hours for computer lab and testing center: Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Print Shop summer hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## New music class for part-time musicians

A new music course is being offered at OKCCC. Fundamentals of Music, taught by Dave Archer, is a music course for non-music majors who love music and would like to know more about the theory but know they aren't ready for Music Theory 1. People who like to sing in church choirs but can't read music, those who play a little guitar or piano and would like to play better, but need some theory to do so can all benefit from the class. The class will be offered in the fall from 9:30-10:50 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. If you would like to know more about the class, contact Dave Archer at 682-1611, ext. 7245.

## 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.



**Left:** Marine Officers Survival coordinator, Mark Brown, helps another instructor with her belt and bullet proof vest. State trooper Tony Nelson gives instructions to the guys that will be next to suit up for the water. The class was taught by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in the OKCCC Aquatic center.

**Right:** After being pushed into the pool, wearing full uniform and 12 pounds of gear, the officers practiced quickly drawing their gun in water.



Photos by Melissa DePew

## Club presidents to meet and discuss fall semester

By Austin Davidson  
Contributing Writer

Officers and sponsors representing the multitude of clubs at the college will meet Friday, June 29, on campus, to help get acquainted and prepare their clubs for the fall semester.

From noon until 3 p.m. the officers and sponsors will discuss publicity and promotion of their clubs as well as list a set of responsibilities for officers and members alike.

Lunch will be served and any questions concerning

the clubs will be answered.

Student Life employee Adam Benson describes the meeting as basically a fun workshop where officers can all get to know each other and prepare for the upcoming semester.

Benson said the most important reason for the meeting is getting acquainted with other clubs and their members.

Another subject Benson said would be discussed is the Student Leadership Retreat Aug. 10 through 12 at Lake Murray State Park.

At least one person from each club must attend the retreat which includes camping, swimming and

outdoor fun. It is beneficial that all club members attend, Benson said.

An accurate count of people attending is important so enough food is prepared, club officers and members are urged to call to reserve their space or clear up any questions at 682-7523.

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# Renting days over for college

By Mark Stack & Vu A. Vu  
Staff Writers

After a little wheeling and dealing, OKCCC now owns the land the college sits upon for the first time in its 29-year history.

The signing of Senate Joint Resolution 26 by Gov. Frank Keating on April 17 made the deal possible.

The resolution, authored by state Sen. Dave Herbert (D-Midwest City) and state Rep. Jim Glover (D-Elgin), was written specifically for the purpose of helping the college acquire the land.

"It was a significant day in the history of the college," OKCCC President Bob Todd said.

He said the exchange of land was vital due to OKCCC's master plan to remodel the college.

The Oklahoma Commissioners of the Land Office, also known as the school land commission, previously controlled the rights to OKCCC's land.

College attorney Jerry Steward said, in the old contract, written in 1973, the college paid \$5,000 annually to the land commission.

However, Steward said, when the commissioners wanted to substantially increase the college's rent, he decided he wanted to turn the situation into a "win-win deal for everybody."

That's when he sought a legislative solution.

Steward said the two major forces behind the land exchange were OKCCC and the Commissioners of the Land office. He said both sides agreed to legislation which would make the land exchange legal.

Herbert said, since he did a lot of work for the land commission, he agreed to author the bill.

He said state Sen. Keith Leftwich (D-OKC) was also a driving force behind the passage of the bill.

"[Leftwich] supported the bill because the school is in his district."

Once the bill passed, the deal was

almost done.

The college officially received the deed from the Commissioners of the Land Office on May 8.

Todd presented the deed to OKCCC Board of Regents Chairman Dan Hardage during the May 14 Committee of the Whole meeting.

SJR 26 passed the state House of Representatives by 100 to 0, and the Senate by 43 to 0 in March and April.

Under the resolution, land located in Lawton and owned by the Public Building Fund, an entity that helps state schools acquire property, was turned over to OKCCC.

That gave the college some bargaining power.

Steward said the college was able to trade the Lawton parcel to the land commission for the deed to the college property.

Tim Cartwright, administrative program officer of the Commissioners of the Land Office, said his office was required by the Oklahoma constitution and the Enabling Act to maximize profits for their beneficiaries, which is why they wanted to raise OKCCC's rent.

The beneficiaries, which were named at statehood, are the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Southeastern State College, Southwestern State College, Northeastern State College, Northwestern State College, Langston University, and Tonkawa Junior College.

Another option from their lawyers, Cartwright said, was to open a portion of OKCCC's land to commercial development.

Instead of commercializing OKCCC or raising the rent, Cartwright said, they opted to trade property.

Steward said the land commission received what it wanted and the college received what it wanted, hence the "win-win deal [for] everyone."

Since the college now owns the land, it is not required to pay anything, not even taxes, Steward said.

"The Commissioners of the Land office won and the college won."

# College dollars spread around

"Budget,"  
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Work study participants will have their hourly wages increased from \$6 to \$6.50. After one year in the work study program with the same department, a student's wages will be increased from \$6.25 to \$7.

The budget for utilities in FY 2001 has increased, as expected, to \$1,249,400, an increase of \$379,400 from last year due to the increased cost of natural gas experienced last winter.

OKCCC received the majority of its funding \$18.8 million (57.9 percent) from state appropriations, an increase of \$1 million from last year.

Revenue from student fees account for \$7.3 million (22.6 percent) of the budget, an increase of \$736,135 from FY 2000.

The college expects the extra money because of enrollment and tuition increases in FY 2002.

The Regents also approved the \$6.3 million Auxiliary Enterprises and Student Facilities budget for FY 2001.

The budget for FY 2002 includes a carryover of \$2,276,348 from last year.

praisals.

The majority of employees, 66.2 percent exceeded job requirements

Todd's 5.2 percent raise will add \$6,238 to his base salary for a total of \$126,547.

Salaries, wages and benefits account for \$23 million of the budget, or 73.9 percent, an increase of \$1.3 million from last year.

Marty Ludlum, professor of business, is satisfied with the pay raises.

"There seems to be good support of education at the state capitol," Ludlum said.

He said inflation has been low, around 2 percent, and the college's lowest pay raise of 3 percent was higher than the increased rate of cost of living in Oklahoma.

Also, Ludlum said, the college pays for benefits such as dental and life insurance.

Students in the federal work study program will receive pay raises as well.

Salary Increases to Recognize Performance

Performance Appraisal	Faculty	Classified Professional Manager	Executive
Did not meet job requirements	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Partially met job requirements	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Met job requirements	3.0%	2.5%	1.5%
Exceeded job requirements	3.5%	3.0%	2.0%
Exceeded job requirements & initiated activities	4.0%	3.5%	2.5%
Substantially Exceeded job requirements & initiated activities	4.5%	4.0%	3.0%

# High speed chase leads highway patrol officers to campus

"Chase,"  
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several houses in the neighborhood south of the soccer field.

"The [police] helicopter was there so we knew where each one was headed," Medeiros said.

"I captured the first criminal. The other two were found in surrounding

houses, and I don't know who caught the fourth."

OHP Trooper Jim Wiginton was another officer on the scene. He stayed behind to search the suspects' car.

"We searched the vehicle and found 1.3 grams of crack on the driver's floor-

board," Wiginton said.

He said all four men will be charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and eluding police, a felony.

The driver also will be charged with assault with a deadly weapon and speeding.

Because the chase began in Chickasha, Wiginton said, the charges against the four, ages 18 to 23, were filed in Grady County.

soccer camp full of kids, stopped, and all ran out of the vehicle," Medeiros said.

He said the four then spread out and broke into

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