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# PIONEER



Photo by Kat Mohr

**Reading Rainbow:** Lucretia Jackson prepares for the new school year by purchasing her books in the college bookstore. Some students are discovering the books they need are sold out. Deborah Kahmar, bookstore employee, said those students shouldn't be discouraged. "We are ordering new books daily," she said.

## Parking problems avoidable

By Kat Mohr  
Staff Writer

Many students become wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of finding a parking place the first week of school and forget the importance of abiding by the city's traffic rules.

Keith Bourque, head of campus security, said during the first week of school, college security will be primarily issuing tickets to students who illegally park in fire lanes or handicap spots.

Students found parking in the fire lanes will receive a \$25 fine, while students in handicap spots will be fined \$50.

Bourque said after the first week students will also be ticketed for parking in faculty/staff spots and other illegal parking.

College security will be directing traffic the first week of school to ensure students get the best parking spots possible.

"We're out there to help them find available parking," Bourque said. "They need to heed our directions and we'll help them get as close to the building as we can."

## Students to face construction challenges

By Ashley Martin  
Staff Writer

After admitting thousands of students into OKCCC for the past 20 plus years the main entry doors to the college will soon close forever.

Art Bode, vice president for business and finance, said as part of the ongoing construction in the main building, entry 1 will be permanently closed Tuesday, Aug. 21.

He said students wanting to enter on the May Avenue side of the

main building may opt to use Entry 2 or the Science Complex entry.

Construction at the college has continued for several months now with some areas completed and others just getting started.

All four floors of the library are now complete. Information Technology classes are located on the first and second floors; faculty offices are on the third floor, along with the main computer lab; corporate training and the Center for Teaching and Learning are on the fourth floor.

The only feature of the library

that is not yet operational is the new north entry from parking lot B. Bode said the entry should be open by the beginning of October.

The Science center has also undergone changes this summer but should be ready for students shortly after classes begin.

A walk-through of the science complex was held Aug. 15, and the move back in to the complex began the next day.

Bode said he hopes classes will be held there within a few days after the first day of the fall semester. Locator maps, and large red, white and blue signs will be avail-

able for students to use to guide them around campus.

Bode said he understands all of the construction around the school will be somewhat confusing for everyone, especially new students.

"If anyone gets lost, all they have to do is stop and ask someone for help," he said.

He said the good news is — all of the departments that have temporarily moved will remain in their current locations for the next four to six months.

Bode said that will give everyone a chance to take a deep breath and get ready for the next phase.

## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

# Humility: a blind virtue

Ahh, here it is. I get to write my first editorial as the editor after the reins were handed to me much the same way Jay Leno got the Tonight Show after Johnny Carson.

Not necessarily earned nor deserved, but still figuring out how to fill Shaq-sized shoes.

So here I am, the figurehead of the Pioneer, the voice, if you will.

Like all editorial writers, I get to use this forum to speak my opinion, rant about nothing and vent my frustrations.

But unlike every other journalist before me, I do not harbor any ill-will or hatred toward anyone. Well, maybe Republicans.

I have nothing to be ungrateful about, and everything to be thankful for.

Should I be upset that I'm breathing, talking, and walking? It's nice to be alive.

Should I be upset when my roommate bought me a gift out of the blue?

Should I be upset that I have a roof over my head, two loving parents, two darling nieces, and a great roommate?

The answer to all of those is very simple. No.

How could I be upset and vengeful when two parents have had a daughter missing for four months?

Sure, some things bother me, as you will find out in future editorials. But to sit here and rant and rave about tyrannical ways isn't what I'm about. Nor should any other journalist.

I view this opportunity as a reward for the hard work and low pay.

It's not often that someone gets to voice opinions to a mass audience, but does it make a difference to anyone?

Most of the time, readers view editorials as a spoiled whiny way for us crybaby writers to get what we want.

And much unlike my colleague, most columnists are the same way providing no thought-provoking insight, only word induced diatribes that tick people off or put them back to sleep.

As for the voice of the Pioneer? I defer. Like I tell my friends, I use the method of "speak when spoken to."

Want to know my opinion on stem cell research? Ask me. Want to know who I think will be the Democratic candidate in 2004? Call me. Want to know my feelings about the lack of decent parking at OKCCC? Email me.

Besides, being upset and griping about petty things is all in the way you view life. A glass half-full/half-empty thing.

Whether it's empty or full, I don't care. I got my Chips Ahoy and I'm ready to get my dunk on.

—Mark Stack  
Editor

# Mosquitoes transmitting virus

## To the Editor:

Oklahoma State Department of Health officials have announced a toll-free number to begin a surveillance and testing program called "On Watch" to track the spread of the West Nile Virus.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the virus is expanding its range in a southern and western direction from the northeast United States.

State health officials are encouraging the public to call 1-800-990-CROW (2769) to report sick or dead crows, blue jays, hawks, owls, eagles and to get instructions on how to transport the birds for testing.

Primarily a wild bird disease, West Nile viral encephalitis is a viral disease transmitted through mosquitoes. The virus is only transmitted to people through the bite of an infected mosquito, not through contact with birds. It is not spread person-to-person.

To date, no West Nile infections in humans or animals have been reported in Oklahoma.

"The health department

and community partners have been preparing for this program since last year to implement a plan that includes surveillance, public education and mosquito control," said State Health Commissioner Dr. Leslie Beitsch.

"County health departments will be prepared to respond to the virus if and when it reaches Oklahoma," said Beitsch.

Although 82 people in the United States have become severely ill with this mosquito-borne disease and nine have died, most people who are infected with it either do not get sick, or only experience mild flu-like symptoms.

A small proportion of people, mostly over the age of 50, may become ill with symptoms of encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord) and require hospitalization.

"Even in areas where it has been reported, less than one percent of mosquitoes are infected and less than one percent of people bitten by an infected mosquito will become severely ill," said Beitsch.

Dead birds are the pri-

mary and most visible indicators that the virus is in the state.

The virus has been found in 80 bird species and eight mammal species so far. Prior to August of 1999, West Nile had never been reported in the Western Hemisphere.

—Dick Gunn  
Oklahoma State  
Department of Health

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## Comments and Reviews

# Single parents, help is here

### To the Editor:

As the President of P.A.S.S. with C.L.A.S.S., I would like to share with your readers some information about our group.

Originally we were two separate groups with mutual goals.

Merged for more than three years now, we are Parenting As Single Students with Critical Learning Activities for Student Success.

Our purpose is to better equip ourselves and our

families for success and to share the opportunity for others to do the same.

We do this by inviting qualified speakers to instruct us on various issues of life, family and career by seeking out and sharing resources for job search, family needs and (our favorite) family fun.

While our mission is to provide these opportunities to students who are single parents, our organization welcomes any current or future parent who is inter-

ested in better preparing themselves for the mountains and valleys of parenting.

Look for our table at the Student Organization Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 28, and Wednesday, Aug. 29.

We will be happy to share with you more details of our activities for this school year.

—**E. Renea Al-Batati**  
**President, P.A.S.S. with**  
**C.L.A.S.S**

# NCAA 2002 jukes competition

Nothing is more stimulating than the crack of helmets on helmets and shoulder pads on shoulder pads.

Nothing more thrilling than throwing a 60-yard bomb to win a game, or running a 90-yard option play for a touchdown.

And now with Electronic Arts NCAA Football 2002 on Playstation 2, you can do it all without leaving the comfy confines of your La-Z-Boy recliner.

All the fast and furious action that gamers were used to on the smash hit Madden 2001 will not be disappointed as EA used the same engine to create NCAA 2002.

Gamers can choose from more than 100 different Division I and II teams and take them to the National Championship.

Four modes are available to play: practice, exhibition, season, and dynasty.

Season and dynasty modes let you play each week and hopefully move up in the rankings and BCS polls.

NCAA 2002 acquired the BCS rights, which means all the BCS bowls like the Fiesta, Orange, Sugar, and Rose Bowl, where the National Championship is held, are in the game.

Season mode features in-

clude league stats, the race for the Heisman along with other awards, and both coaches and media rankings, along with the BCS rankings as well.

Dynasty mode includes the same features as season mode, but you are able to keep playing year after year.

Dynasty also lets you recruit high school players for the next year, redshirt players, hire/fire/create coaches, as well as a multitude of other cool features that stat junkies will enjoy.

Not so fast, my friend!

The game also features commentary by the best sports announcer in the business, Brad Nessler.

Alongside Nessler is the always ignorant and

clueless putz Lee Corso, and his keen counterpart Kirk Herbstreit, both from ESPN's Gameday.

If that's not enough, then the Campus Challenge will surely test your endurance. Gain points during any game by accomplishing certain tasks EA has set up.

Once you earn 50 points, a card can be bought that will unlock game cheats, all-time teams, and All-American teams from the past 15 years.

Although the game is set up with this season's roster, OU fans can rejoice as Torrance Marshall is on the Oklahoma All-Time team, along with Josh Heupel who is also on the 2000 All-American team.

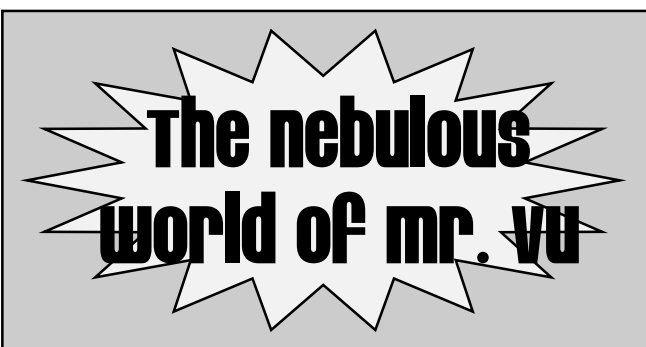
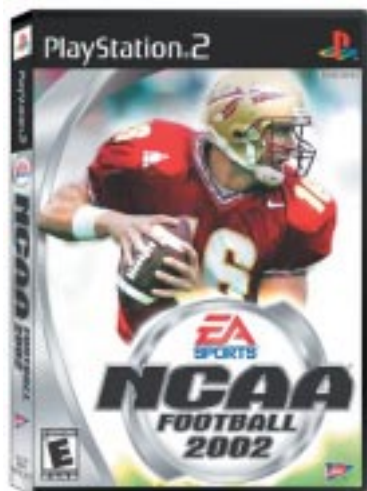
Because it is an NCAA licensed game, players' names do not appear on the game, only their numbers.

However, you can enter their names and Nessler will announce them during the game.

This is far and away the best college football game on the market.

Hard knocks, baby, Electronic Arts struck gold with this daddy.

—**Mark Stack**  
**Editor**



## Back again for the first time

I walked into a college classroom for the first time in the fall of 1999. The year 2001 marks my third fall semester at OKCCC and the final leg of my quest for a degree, an associate's degree might I add, but a degree nonetheless.

When I wrote a story about attendance in the spring semester sometimes being worse than the fall semester, a professor told me that some students don't need to be in college.

Instead of college life, they'd rather do anything else than go to an 8 a.m. psychology class, like work or sleep.

But still, they enroll and come to class, once in a while.

Then he asked me if I needed to be in college. He asked me if I felt that the skills I had then were enough to get me a job in the real world. He asked me if my adviser thought I needed to continue my education.

I didn't know how to answer.

My GPA was plummeting due to my preference for working at my two jobs that gave me near instant rewards instead of concentrating on school that would, in theory, provide me with long-term rewards. I was stumped.

My mother didn't have a degree and she raised three kids by herself, working at Lucent Technologies and saving enough to own her own business.

My cousin, on the other hand, wielding an accounting degree from the University of Oklahoma is currently working in a tire factory making tires.

His paycheck is great, but production fumes and the danger of the work are included in his pay.

Another cousin, who has a master's degree in psychology, gets invited to Texas A&M football games by her boss who is in charge of some big company in Texas. Currently, she runs in marathons for fun.

Being only 20 and about two years away from a bachelor's degree, I'm still wondering if I made the right choice.

This semester, I get to learn about radio announcing, the environment, law and leaders who strived for peace.

It's the first week of school. Instead of worrying about the future, maybe I should concentrate on having fun for a change.

This will be a great year.

—**Vu A. Vu**  
**Staff Writer**

# Student counselor dies



**Larry Golden**

**By Ashley Martin  
Staff Writer**

Students and staff of OKCCC said goodbye to one of their own last month, when Larry Golden, counselor in the Center for Student Development, died July 18.

Golden, 53, had been employed at the college since October 1995.

Golden is fondly remembered as a counselor who took great pride in his work.

"Larry Golden was extremely conscientious," said Pat Stowe, director of services to students with disabilities. "He was dedicated to students, wanting to assist them in reaching for their goals."

"He will be sorely

missed," she said.

Jim Ellis, director of career and assessment services, admired how much Golden cared about the students he counseled.

"He was much more student-oriented than he was policy driven," Ellis said.

"We will fill Larry's spot on the counseling team, but we will never be able to replace him."

Dr. Bob Todd said Golden was an exceptional person.

"His advice and direction positively influenced thousands of students' lives. We will always remember his contagious smile and love for students."

Mary Turner, coordinator of student support services said, "Larry was a person who could make anybody feel good about who they were."

"He was a model of who

we should all be as professionals and individuals," she said.

Golden was a member of the First Baptist Church in Norman, where he taught Sunday school to adults.

Before becoming a counselor at OKCCC, Golden was editor of the Pauls Valley Daily Democrat. He also served as publisher and editor at Cherokee Communications Corp., a chain of weekly newspapers distributed in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Golden also served as editor and publisher of the Wynnewood Gazette.

Golden graduated from Walters High School in 1965. He received his bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Oklahoma in 1991. Golden received his master's degree in 1995, also from OU.

Golden was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Rubye Golden.

He is survived by his wife Carol, daughters Kim Robinson and Angie Krulzik; stepdaughter Sherri Draughn; stepson Greg Cash; sons-in-law Jimmy Robinson, Mike Krulzik, and Dan Draughn; mother-in-law Ethel Simmons; and two grandsons.

Donations for the Larry Golden Memorial Scholarship, established through the OKCCC Foundation, can be given to the Institutional Advancement office located next to the president's office.

## New degree program offered in 2002

**By Meredith Minshew  
News Writing I Student**

The OKCCC Board of Regents has approved a new degree in Telecommunications Technology to be available for enrollment in the fall of 2002.

"Telecommunications is a growing field," said Al Heitkamper, acting dean, information technology division.

Since it is growing, the need for professionals trained in the field is increasing.

Once out of school, a graduate with this degree could get a job at any telecommunications technology company.

"Basically any company that has telephone, cable or data equipment to install or maintain would be a potential employer," said Heitkamper.

The big name companies

include Cox Communications and Williams Communications in Tulsa.

Qualities for a student with a telecommunications major include logical thinking, troubleshooting and an interest in electronics, said Heitkamper. Students are required to take classes in the telecommunications, computer science and general studies fields.

The information technology division is searching for a lead professor.

## Retired professor dies at age 70

**By Ashley Martin  
Staff Writer**

Carl Whitaker, 70, a retired professor of computer science at OKCCC, passed away Saturday, July 28. He taught at the college for 18 years, leaving behind saddened colleagues.

Joe Tornello, professor of computer science, was a friend of Whitaker's for over 40 years.

"[Carl] was the most witty, intelligent individual I have ever been involved with," Tornello said.

"He was like a brother to me."

Whitaker left a lasting impact on his co-workers. He was known for being helpful and making people feel at home in the computer science department.

"Carl always gave more than he took," said Deborah Tice, training consultant for microcomputer applications in the Training Center.

"[Carl] was wonderful at guiding me in the right direction and getting me started in the instructional arena," she said.

Dr. Bob Todd said Whitaker left a legacy for other faculty to emulate.

"Carl Whitaker was a great person, quality friend and a true role model for other students as they developed their professional careers," Todd said.

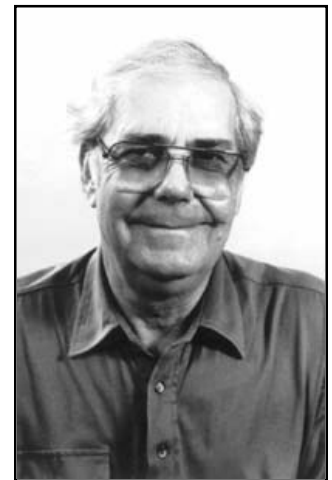
Whitaker was in the U.S. Army from 1952 until 1954, where he was an infantryman and company clerk. He worked as a Systems Analyst for the Federal Aviation Administration before taking an early retirement in 1979. He began working for OKCCC in 1983, where he remained for 18 years.

Whitaker was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine; son, Steve; and parents, H.A. and Pauline Whitaker.

He is survived by his daughters Carole Covert and Pam Hodges; brother and sister-in-law Ed and Betty Whitaker; son-in-law John Hodges; daughter-in-law Susie Whitaker, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A memorial scholarship has been set up.

Donations for the Carl Whitaker Memorial Scholarship can be given to the office of Institutional Advancement.



**Carl Whitaker**

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# Hard work pays off for public relations staff

**By Vu Vu  
Staff Writer**

Despite being only a part-time employee, April Jackson, OKCCC's desktop publishing specialist, worked 35 to 40 hours per week putting together the summer and fall 2001 school schedule that took six weeks to finish. She worked along with Jessica Martinez-Brooks, OKCCC public relations staff writer.

The extra work paid off when their work received a second-place award of excellence during the annual Oklahoma College Public Relations Association meeting July 8 to July 10, held at the Quartz Mountain Resort, 20 miles north of Altus.

Jackson, who hopes to become a full-time employee, said the staff is a fun group to work with.

The public relations staff also received two other awards.

"Considering we were low on staff, we were excited about getting the awards," Martinez-Brooks said.

"Pat (Berryhill, executive director of institutional advancement) is always such a great help and a great person.

"She made sure we had what we

**"All our publications are promoting the college. It shows that we are active in our community."**

**—Jessica Martinez-Brooks  
Public Relations  
Staff Writer**

really needed," Martinez-Brooks said.

Along with the second-place award for the schedule, the staff received third place awards for their advertisement in the Daily Oklahoman special Outlook section called "Now is the Time!" and for their newsletter "Horizon."

Martinez-Brooks said the newsletter "Horizon" took four weeks to complete.

"All our publications are promoting the college," Martinez-Brooks said. "It shows that we are active in our community."

During the retreat, OKCCC's Instructional Video Services also won second place for its television commercial "Your Future."

Tim Whisenhunt, coordinator of Instructional Video Services, said the commercial took about a month for shooting and post-production work.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Videographer Tim Whisenhunt, Desktop Publishing Specialist April Jackson, and Staff Writer Jessica Martinez-Brooks are proud of their awards.

## Students have option of eating healthy foods while hitting the books

**By Tamitha Hues  
News Writing I  
Student**

Many students don't know that OKCCC offers meals for those who are watching their weight.

The Seller's Café, located in the College Union, has a fruit and salad bar available for those wanting a light meal.

Deli sandwiches and low-fat chips are also available.

Some students prefer to purchase something from one of the vending machines located on campus. They too offer certain low-fat or fat-free foods.

Cholesterol-free energizer

mix, which is unsalted, is a good choice for students who want an energy boost.

Chex mix has 60 percent less fat than regular potato chips.

The snack offers a change from the high fat content of other chips and candy bars.

Pretzels and Zoo animal crackers are also low-fat snacks available from the vending machines.

Most of the drinks students buy from the vending machines offer a diet variety, such as Diet Pepsi and Diet Mountain Dew.

Bottled water is very popular among students, and is also available from the vending machines.

Bill Coffey, coordinator of

service contracts, said there has been a large increase in the demand for bottled water on campus.

According to Coffey, some of the flavored drinks have had to be eliminated in order to add more slots for bottles of water in the vending machines.

"The need for water on campus has definitely gone up," Coffey said.

Regina Baker, a student taking evening classes at the college, is not worried about low-fat foods.

"At this time of day, I need all the sugar I can get," said Baker.

Fortunately, OKCCC offers a variety of foods to satisfy the cravings in all of its students.

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INFLUENCE

# The new law in town

## Oklahoma becomes 25th state to lower DUI limit

By Melissa Guice  
Staff Writer

Used to be, a 0.08 blood alcohol content got you a ticket for DWI, driving while impaired. You'd only have your license revoked for 30 days and have to pay a small fine and court costs.

Now, a 0.08 BAC gets you a DUI in Oklahoma.

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs entails punishments that range from a fine of \$100 up to \$1,000, a license revocation of 90 days, and/or a jail sentence up to one year.

In 1999, 56, or 7.5 percent, of Oklahoma's fatal crashes were caused by drunk drivers. The number of crashes involv-

ing drunken driving or drugs killed 145 people.

In 1998, the number of persons killed was 3 percent higher.

According to a story in the Daily Oklahoman, law enforcement officers attribute the drop because of tougher laws, better enforcement and a greater awareness among the public that drinking and driving can be dangerous.

Nationwide, the percentage of fatal crashes involving alcohol has dropped 20 percent in the last 20 years.

Oklahoma legislators lowered the limit because the state was required to comply with the federal 0.08 limit or risk losing federal highway money.










































As part of the transportation

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs entails punishments that range from a fine of \$100 up to \$1,000 and/or a jail sentence up to one year.

funding bill passed by Congress in October 2000 and signed by President Bill Clinton, states are required to enact 0.08 blood alcohol limit laws by 2004. The federal government will withhold 2 percent of highway construction funds from any state that does not comply. The penalty increases to 8 percent by 2007.

Oklahoma state legislators included the new limit in Senate Bill 397, which was passed this year and signed by Gov. Frank Keating, making Oklahoma the 25th state to lower the limit. The bill went into effect July 1.

### How much a DUI can cost

CITY	COST: Fees, bonds and court costs
Oklahoma City \$825	        
Edmond \$535	     
Choctaw \$638	      
Norman \$1,200	            
Tulsa \$504	    
All counties - \$1,000 plus court costs. Fines more than double for subsequent offenses.	
SOURCE: THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN	
 = \$100	

# Pioneer staffers drink up

**By Melissa Guice**  
**Staff Writer**

After an hour, a few pints of liquor and a round with a breathalyzer machine, four Pioneer volunteers learned just how fast they could qualify for a DUI.

Two of the four volunteers reached the 0.08 blood alcohol content, BAC, required for a driving under the influence offense. One volunteer reached the 0.07 limit for a driving while impaired, a lesser offense. A fourth volunteer stayed well below the DUI/DWI level.

The amount of alcohol the volunteers drank was based on calculations made by McBeth Sample Jr., state director of Tests for Alcohol and Drug Influence, who also oversaw the testing. Sample used the test subjects' weights, their drinking experience and what they had eaten that day as variables in his calculations.

Two of the test subjects, Ashley Martin and Mark Stack, ate nothing prior to the event.

The other two, Nicole Caughron and David Harris both ate breakfast and lunch prior to the exercise.

In order to test their blood alcohol content, the Pioneer's test subjects blew into a breathalyzer, the Intoxilyzer Model 5000-D provided by the Department of Public Safety.

	AGE:	ACTIVE DRINKER:	AMT. CONSUMED:	BAC:
Ashley Martin F, 120 lbs.	23	occassionally	Four-12 oz. Beers	0.09
Nicole Caughron F, 120 lbs.	23	occassionally	5 oz. Amaretto	0.01
Mark Stack M, 200 lbs.	21	rarely	9 oz. Vodka	0.07
David Harris M, 140 lbs.	23	often	7 oz. Whiskey	0.08



Photos by Melissa DePew

Left:  
Ashley Martin:  
0.09 BAC.



Right:  
Mark Stack:  
0.07 BAC.



Nicole Caughron: 0.01 BAC.



David Harris: 0.08 BAC.

## And I thought I could drive home

Am I drunk? What time is it? Who has a cigarette? Can I drive?

With the smell of whiskey on my breath, these are a few of the questions that go through my brain as I drink another drink.

My first drink — a double, my second — a double, my third drink was a single and my fourth a double, and the day seems never-ending.

To understand my alcoholic escapade one must look at past events that influenced my compulsive drinking this day.

It all began when I was approached by an OKCCC Pioneer staffer who was working on a news story concerning the laws of Oklahoma for a DUI (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.)

She asked me if I would be a subject in a drinking test with three other students.

I obliged and was told to eat a big breakfast and a big lunch before the event.

My designated driver delivered me to the Guest Inn in Norman. Upon my arrival at the room scheduled for the event, I was astonished to see all of the equipment that was going to be used.

In the room, technicians had set up computers, printers, and a digital breathalyzer to test the participants.

Initially, I was tested to insure I had no alcohol in my blood system.

I was then questioned by one of the technicians. He asked me how often I drank, what I had eaten that day, and my weight — all to determine how many drinks it'd take to get me legally drunk, a 0.08.

He estimated it'd take seven ounces of whiskey.

After an hour, I'd accomplished my goal. I consumed all seven ounces of my whiskey with no problem.

I was told to rest for a few minutes before the test. I thought about how intoxicated I was and how I would normally act if I were in this situation.

If I were at a bar and I felt like this would I drive home? Yes. Have I driven home feeling like this? Yes. I then wondered what my blood alcohol level would be.

With my cottonmouth, I got a glass of water and went to sit in the famous chair. I thought I'd blow a 0.05.

I blew. Beep, Beep. I blew a smooth 0.07. I was told to rest for a few more minutes.

I blew again. Beep, Beep, 0.08. Hello, DUI!

My blood alcohol level had increased in a matter of minutes. The technician said that my level would peak some time after I stopped drinking but I would probably blow even higher later because the alcohol was getting into my blood stream.

With a hangover in hand I was driven home. As I poured a tall glass of ice water and prepared myself for hibernation I took a moment to reflect.

I realized I was wrong to think I could drive home before I blew a 0.08 and that I'd remember this day the next time I thought I could drive after drinking.

—David Harris  
News Writing I Student



David Harris

# Summer science academy includes spiders, DNA

By Elizabeth N. Braker  
News Writing I Student

What do you get when you combine 30 high school students crawling with tarantulas and scorpions, a trip to Oklahoma State University, and Biology Professor Dennis Anderson?

Just one day at the OKCCC Science Academy.

For three weeks in June, these high schoolers, selected through an application process, got to step outside their high school labs and get a glimpse of the real thing.

"Most of what we did they had not done before," Anderson said. "No high school in Oklahoma has what we have here."

He said the students transferred a gene from a jellyfish to bacteria and used a databank to compare one of their own genes to other people's in the United States. The students also visited the zoo hospital and the facilities at the University of Oklahoma and OSU.

When Chrisson Clinton, 16, of Oklahoma City, compared the academy to high school classes, she said, "It's a lot more hands-on and you learn a lot more. I had a really good time."

Clinton said she attended the academy for "something educational to do during the summer."

Anderson said while many states charge up to \$1000 for a summer academy like this one, at OKCCC each student receives \$200 from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education fund.

Clinton said her favorite part of the academy was touring the medical diagnostic facility UROCOR, where they looked at human gallbladders.

"It was kind of gross, but it was interesting, too," she said.

At Oklahoma State University, students toured the biochemistry department and the insect zoo.

"They got to have scorpions and tarantulas crawl all over them," Anderson said. "A couple were really squeamish, but most thought it was fun."

At the University of Oklahoma, students were able to see images under an electron microscope.

"They saw a picture of an ant lion and looked at a cell," Anderson said. "The students could identify most cell parts."

The students also visited the Advanced Center for Genomic Research. There, Anderson said, students were able to see DNA sequencing.

"The center is known for sequencing chromosome 22 for the Human Genome Project.

"[At the zoo hospital] they showed us an X-ray of a snake that had swallowed some fake eggs," he said.

Anderson said the snake swallowed the eggs when it sneaked into a birdcage where the eggs were used to keep the bird on its nest. The snake couldn't digest the eggs, so they were stuck inside him.

At OKCCC the students experimented with jellyfish.

"They took a gene from one species and put it into another species," Anderson said. "Jellyfish have a gene that causes them to glow a fluorescent color."

He said when the bacteria in the experiment glowed green, the students knew the gene had transferred from the jellyfish to the bacteria.

Chemistry Professor Steve Shore helped the students compare their ALU gene to other people all over the United States through an online databank.

Anderson said the process is simple.

"They put water in their mouths and rinse it around. From that they're able to extract the gene," he said.

Grouped by threes and fours, students did research projects together at the end of the academy. Some topics were, "Gender Effects on Short Term Memory," and "Which antibiotic works the best?"

Clinton's paper was titled, "How much caffeine is in soft drinks?"

The Science Academy has taken place every summer for 10 years. Anderson said it will continue to run as long as it receives funding.

Anderson said high schoolers interested in next summer's academy need to apply early. Applications will be available in January, or call 682-1611, ext. 7271.



Above: Emily Croford from Southwest Covenant Schools in Yukon examines an insect.



Inset: A giant walking stick makes itself at home on a human arm.



Science Academy students Lauren Malik of Choctaw High School, Joshua Southerland of Bishop McGuinness High School, Melissa Beattie of Edmond North High School, and Jason Rivera of Nicoma Park Junior High, work diligently on a project at the summer Science Academy.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Child Development Center students Lauren Foley, Aisia Thompson, Brooklyn Wilkerson, Selah Gilbert, Logan Loyd, Terran Shay, Lane Sims and Kaylee Griffith play in the sunflower and vegetable garden they helped grow and take care of. Charlotte Wood-Wilson, director of the child care facility, said the garden has helped the three-year-olds learn responsibility. Other items planted by the kids at the center include pumpkins and okra.

## Math, science skills bloom at day care center

**By Jennie Dougherty**  
News Writing I  
Student

Kindergartners at the OKCCC Child Development Center are making the news once again for their garden project.

This time they've gotten more than just the Pioneer's attention — they've managed to make the news in the Daily Oklahoman.

The Daily Oklahoman re-

porter visited the center recently to write a story and get pictures of the garden that was planted in early April, kindergarten teacher Chris Shay said.

The latest additions to the garden are the small, not quite ripe pumpkins.

This is big news for the kindergartners.

"We have a newborn pumpkin," student Levi Thurman said. "A real, live baby pumpkin!"

"We're going to make pumpkin pie!" said kindergartner Austin Foley.

The garden also contains marigolds, corn, tomatoes, and sunflowers.

The sunflowers now tower over both the children and teachers as they reach nearly nine feet.

"The sunflowers have big, big, big leaves!" said student Patra Files.

The kindergartners shared both equipment and responsibility as they took turns watering the garden with the watering cans available.

"We learned that if we water the plants they grow. We

have pretty flowers," kindergartner Alyana Jackson said.

Shay says the garden is continuing to be used as a learning project for the children.

Everything from math and science to color schemes are taught using the garden as a teaching aid.

Okra that was recently picked from the garden will soon be cooked in the center's kitchen so the children can try it.

A journal about the gar-

den the kindergarten has been keeping since early April when the garden was first planted is almost full.

The journal contains pictures, stories, and quotes from the children that tell the story of the garden.

When asked about caring for the garden, kindergartner Kali Tevis answered matter-of-factly, "We're growing the garden, so we're farmers."

The garden continues to be something that the kindergartners enjoy and have yet to tire of.

## Workshop helps teach community to grow

**By Ashley Martin**  
Staff Writer

Charlotte Wood-Wilson knows that gardens can be as functional as they are beautiful.

On Saturday, July 21, OKCCC held a workshop to educate the community about using a garden to teach skills to young children.

"The Montessori Garden: An Organic Gardening Cur-

riculum for Children Ages 2 to 8," brought Sarah Hester, a parent-educator from Good Shepherd Montessori School in McKinney, Texas to OKCCC.

During the workshop, Hester taught parents and teachers how to use gardening to teach other fundamental skills, such as math and science.

"When you teach science to young children, you really have to use things they are familiar with," said

Wood-Wilson. "Outside is one of the best science laboratories you can use."

The children learn about the life cycles of plants and flowers, and how to make things grow.

By counting different items in the garden such as leaves and seeds, the children are allowed to strengthen their math skills as well.

Those concepts have been put to the test at the college's child care center.

The children from the

Child Development Center have a garden they have been taking care of since it was planted last April.

Wood-Wilson said the workshop gave her and her staff some really good ideas, and they hope to enlarge their garden so the children will be able to learn even more next year.

Charlotte Wood-Wilson with  
Aisia Thompson



Photo by Kat Mohr

# Highlights

## Need help? Show me the button!

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## Scholarship deadline approaching

Computer science, engineering and mathematics majors have until noon Friday, Aug. 31, to apply for five \$3,125 scholarships for full-time students in the indicated fields at the institution, including books, fees, supplies and equipment. Students must be eligible for U.S. Department of Education Pell Grant or Graduate Assistance in areas of national need; must declare a major in computer science, engineering or math; must be a U.S. citizen, national or alien admitted as a refugee at the time of application; must have a GPA equal or greater than 2.5 and 30 or more credit hours; must demonstrate motivation, communication skills and leadership by submitting three letters of recommendation and by writing an essay. Forms are available in the Science and Math Division office. For more information, contact Masil Masilamani at mmasilamani@okc.cc.ok.us or call 682-1611 ext. 7394.

## HOPE giving back to the community

HOPE, the Hispanic organization for promoting education, and the Latino Community Development Agency located at 420 S.W. 10 in Oklahoma City, will help tutor Latino children this school year from 5 to 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. To volunteer, contact Jamie Fyler at 236-0701.

## Volunteers needed for Arts Festival

Phi Theta Kappa needs volunteers from 1 to 10 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31 through Monday, Sept. 3. The majority of volunteers will be needed all day Saturday and Sunday. Few volunteers will be needed on Friday and Monday. To volunteer, contact Kathy at 682-1611 ext. 7771.

## Where did the computer lab go?

The Information Technology Division has moved to the third floor of the library. Along with them went the computer lab. To better serve students and to assure security throughout the building, the library and the computer lab have made an effort to align their hours. Beginning Aug. 20, the library hours will be: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

## Federal student aid still available

Students interested in applying for student financial assistance for the 2001-2002 academic year should apply now. The free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available from the College's Student Financial Aid Center. A web version of the FAFSA can be accessed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and can be completed using computer stations located in the Student Financial Aid Center. Students completing the web version of the FAFSA must print and sign a signature page then submit it to the Federal Central Processing System. Information about the various student assistance programs is available in the college catalog, Student Handbook, the college home page and from the Student Financial Aid Center in the main building.

**Highlights due 5 p.m. Tuesday**



Photo courtesy of Mike Jones

**Smile for the camera:** Jana Patrick, Andrea Delheimer, Kathryn Earl and Amber Countryman enjoy Lake Murray in a rented pontoon boat during the student leadership retreat sponsored by the office of Student Life on Aug. 10 to 12. Approximately 40 students and sponsors attended the retreat along with five staff members and speaker. Marcy Wiggins, Student Life assistant, said the trip was very successful.

# Work-study shortage prompts pay increases

**By Mark Stack  
Editor**

Work-study students have an opportunity to learn and get paid more than ever after an approved pay raise that will take effect this semester.

Director of Staff Development Dudley Freeman explained why OKCCC authorized the raise.

"We lost a few work-study students to other jobs in the area because the pay was better," said Freeman.

"That is why we initiated a wage increase, that [way] we could compete with other community jobs."

Freeman said newly hired work-studys, those that have worked less than two semesters in the same position will now get \$6.50 an hour.

Work-study employees that have worked in the

same position for two or more semesters will now get \$7 per hour.

"Most students see the word 'study' in the title and think it's a place where they can work and study for school," said Freeman.

"That is simply not the case because work study students perform regular job assignments."

Freeman said that Work Study is a federal title, and cannot be renamed. Otherwise it would be changed to cause less confusion.

Freeman said many applications are turned in, but most people don't follow through in applying for a work-study position.

Several departments like the Health Professions division don't have work-study students lined up for the fall semester.

Shelly Tavis, Health Professions clerk typist, said they are only looking for dedicated and very respon-

sible students who they can depend on.

Departments like the Division of Business and Student Activities both would like to add another work-study.

"We have one work-study, and would like to have one or two more but the budget doesn't allow for it," said Lee Ann Hall, division of business assistant.

"Work-study students are beneficial for themselves and the departments because they get great hands-on experience and learn while on the job," said Hall.

In order to qualify for a work-study position, students must be eligible for federal financial aid.

For more specific requirements, contact the Student Financial Support Services at 682-1611, ext. 7525.

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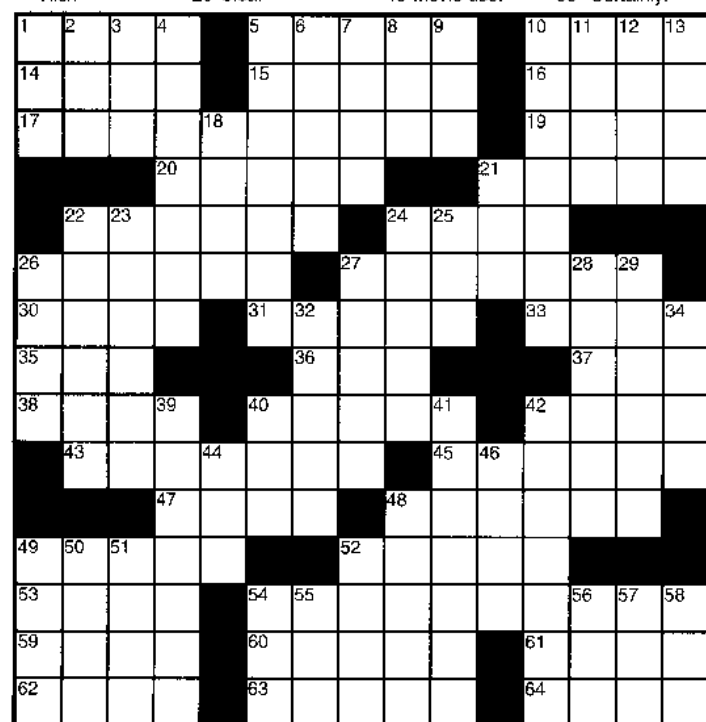
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# College gym site of fights

**By Vu Vu  
Staff Writer**

Fierce competition on the basketball court may have led to fisticuffs during the months of July and August.

In reports written by campus security officers, two separate fights between non-students broke out in the OKCCC gym.

The latest fight occurred Aug. 3. Andrew Nguyen said another person had assaulted him, according to a report filed by OKCCC campus security officer James Springer.

In the report, Nguyen said he was assaulted while playing basketball.

The person who hit Nguyen reportedly left before security arrived at the scene. However, while Nguyen spoke with Springer, two people verbally threatened Nguyen.

Springer said campus officer Kevin Tipton was sent to talk to those two people and both parties were asked to leave after several minutes of discussion. None of the parties sought

charges.

On July 25, it was reported to campus security officer James Cobble that Quang Pham threw a basketball, hitting Zachary Bolt in the face. Bolt then hit Pham in the ear with his fist, causing a tear.

The two, along with their friends, moved to the dining area when security was called.

Blue McInnis, a Wellness Center employee, said, before the fight started, the two were playing basketball very competitively.

"There was a lot of trash talking," McInnis said. "It just heated [up] back and forth."

He said the action was typical when two groups played against each other.

"It just kept getting worse and worse and then there was pushing," McInnis said.

McInnis said he did not witness the fight, but did see the individuals play before the fight. He said that in his two years of working at the college, he's only seen three fights in the Wellness Center.

"It's not very common,

but it's definitely more common during basketball," McInnis said.

Both fights involved individuals who were not students at the college, said Keith Bourque, coordinator of campus safety and security.

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