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Photo by Kat Mohr

Takin' care of business: Business major Suzana Ueno spends some time during her busy day to study in the library. Several private study areas as well as rooms that will hold study groups are available in the library

Bioterrorism on agenda for discussion

By Kandi West
News Writing I Student

In the wake of the recent anthrax death in Florida, many Americans are gathering as much information as possible about bioterrorism.

The OKCCC community will have a chance to ask for that information first hand when Dr. Mike Crutcher from the state health department gives a presentation on bioterrorism from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 24, in CU1.

His speech is sponsored by the Biotechnology Club and their sponsor Dr. Charlotte Mulvihill.

Mulvihill said Crutcher will focus on the many types of bioterrorism and how bioterrorism is affecting American life since the World Trade Center attack on Sept. 11.

"The biotech club is having the speaker to inform themselves and other interested parties in the col-

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Student reaction to U.S. strikes varied

From full support to fear of retaliation, everyone has an opinion about Operation Enduring Freedom

By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

President George Bush's decision to move forward with the promised retaliation against the terrorist attacks on America Sept. 11 has students divided.

U.S. military air strikes targeting the Taliban's military camps and terrorist training facilities in Afghanistan began Oct. 7.

April Bradford, criminal justice major, said the United States moved too quickly.

"They shouldn't use the eye-for-an-eye [approach]," she said.

Bradford said she believes the attacks could have been held off a little longer, maybe a month.

"[The U.S. government] should have kept the armed forces on high alert and waited to see if [the terrorists] were going to try and make another move."

Kenneth Bland, education major, disagrees and said he fully sup-

ports the attacks.

"I think [America] needed the quick strikes. Hopefully it will bring it to a close.

"The quicker the war, the better the war I think," Bland said.

"[Fewer] people will be killed,"

Kim Pham, international business and financial advice major, said she is still undecided about her position on the strikes.



"I'm not opposed or in favor of the war," she said.

"I'm not in favor of killing the innocent. If bin Laden did it, then [we should] get him," she said.

Isabel Aguilar, elementary education major, said she believes military action was the best decision.

"I think it was the right action," Aguilar said. "If we don't stop them now, it would have been worse for [America]."

Eb Larkpor, major undecided,

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Gridiron ruining that quality time

What is it about OU friggin' football?

It makes the man in my life completely unbearable sometimes.

All events must be planned around games, be they home games (which he attends religiously) or away games that are televised.

Forget trying to go away for a weekend during OU football season.

How dare I even suggest it?

Sundays are almost as important as game days, because that's when all of the game highlights and Bob Stoops' commentary airs.

First thing Sunday morning, the TV goes on and the highlights are watched.

Then during the day, he's scanning all of the sports channels to get any bit of information, no matter how many times it's been repeated.

Then he's on to the Internet, where instant replays of the best plays can be found to watch over and over again, allowing him to dissect and digest every move.

Sunday evening rolls around.

Beginning at 8 p.m. the game is replayed (a shortened version, thankfully), along with Bob Stoops' comments about the whole thing.

How can a man who is sane for five days a week, lose it anytime there's a game or replay?

He's never the same person during game day.

We attended the first game of the season together, and rain began to threaten the Sooners' game.

I'm a fan, just not a rabid fan, so I felt it would be perfectly logical to leave if it started to rain.

Boy, was I wrong.

I guess this is the kind of situation where the phrase "come hell or high water" was born.

We were staying 'til the very end, no matter what.

Fortunately there wasn't a torrential downpour until after the game was over.

However, I wonder if he would have taken a lightning strike for the old home team?

I've decided not to go to anymore games.

Game day just puts the boyfriend in a place I can't reach.

I guess I'll have him back when the season ends.

—Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

Where has the good doctor gone?

To the Editor:

Since when did the doctor have his title revoked?

He may not be board certified, but he has helped solve more problems here on campus than Dr. Laura ever could.

In this time of crisis, we often look to someone for the answers to our worries.

Dr. Vu has always given us a straightforward answer to that which lies

ahead of us.

Vu A. Vu, also gives us random thoughts to ponder upon, hence, we grow intellectually.

I do believe that the moronic and anal jerk who made the movement to remove this gracious, but accurate title, has never read an article by the good Doctor.

As students, we are here to learn, expand our minds

in many directions, and have fun.

Vu gives us something to debate, laugh at, and shed the occasional tear over.

He is a doctor of thought even without the diploma.

He is truly a hero to us all.

—Kara Keister
History and
Film major

National White Cane Safety Day recognized

To the Editor:

Monday, Oct. 15 will be celebrated in the United States as National White Cane Safety Day.

The event was established by presidential proclamation in 1964 to increase public awareness about the meaning of the white cane and travel safety needs of people who are blind or visually impaired.

Under Oklahoma law, only blind people may carry white canes, or white canes tipped with red, which are universally recognized as mobility aids for people with vision impairments,

according to state Representative Jim Newport of Ponca City.

"Oklahoma law also requires drivers to watch for pedestrians who are visually impaired and identified by their use of white canes," said Newport.

"Current state law requires drivers to bring vehicles to a full stop when approaching within three feet of people who are blind in streets or intersections," said Newport.

—Jody Harlan
Department of
Rehabilitation
Services

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Another sighting of the elusive Bigtip

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Comments and Reviews

All the news that's fit to print

To the Editor:

Recently I heard someone suggest that the media had not provided substantial information about the recent terrorist attacks on the United States.

I take issue with that idea. Immediately following the attack, I was dismayed by the vicious destruction of human life.

I started looking for answers to questions. Who was responsible and why? What did the future hold?

I began to read the New York Times.

I have long read the Times, so I went to their website, newyorktimes.com the day after the attack.

What I found was truly astounding.

The reports were objective, clear, and at the heart of the issues.

I have continued reading the Times daily and have found that the articles have continued to provide accurate and detailed information, filled with facts,

names, places, events and dates — good reporting.

For example, in the Times issue of Sept. 16, there was an in-depth article by veteran reporter Judith Miller, who has lived in the Middle East and recently published a book on terrorism.

In the article, she and her co-authors explore the origins of terrorism and explain how this attack on the World Trade Center was the “culmination of a decade-long holy war against the United States.”

In the past few weeks, the Times has published extensive articles by Judith Miller on financial repercussions, the terrorist networks, the Saudi Arabian position, a profile of Osama bin Laden, experts on terrorism and the hunt for more terrorists in America.

There have been many articles written by other reporters.

I have learned so much more about the Middle East, Islam, terrorism, Pa-

kistani nuclear capabilities, the courage of New Yorkers, flight security, bin Laden family endowments to American colleges, biochemical warfare — and most of it has come from the pages of this remarkable newspaper.

The extraordinary aspect of all this is that these articles were emanating from New York City, the place where 6,000 people had just died in the attack.

Maintaining such objectivity when writing about the tragedy could not have been easy. Surely, some of those reporters lost friends or relatives.

My point is this: the professionalism shown by these journalists is something we all should emulate.

Their confidence to continue their work and to do it well is an attitude that we all should consider right now.

—Clay Randolph
Professor of English

‘Serendipity’ a romantic classic

How many times can it be said?

If you love something, set it free. If it comes back to you, it's yours.

If it doesn't, it never was.

For Jonathan Trager, coming to grips with setting a beautiful woman free isn't as easy as it seems.

Trager, played by John Cusack in the movie “Serendipity,” bumps into Sara Thomas, played by Kate Beckinsale, while trying to buy a pair of gloves for his fiancé.

The two immediately strike up a conversation, along with an interest in each other.

Trager falls head-over-heels for Thomas within minutes of their first meeting, and wants to expand the relationship further.

Thomas, on the other hand, is still skeptical about the fate that has put them together, and wants

to continue testing that fate with games that will hopefully bring them back together.

After one of Thomas' fate games fails to reunite them, they are separated and lost forever.

Thus, the movie begins.

As time passes, we join up with Trager and his fiancé just weeks before his wedding.

Trager is reminded of Thomas when he finds the glove he bought when they first met.

He then wants to pursue finding Thomas again, so he won't regret not ever seeing her again.

Trager recruits his best friend Dean Kinsky, played by Jeremy Piven, to help him in his quest.

Piven, who is absolutely wonderful as Kinsky in this movie, plays a New York Times obituary writer who tries to explain what all

he would lose if he pursued Thomas.

Kinsky soon changes his tune once on the hunt for Thomas.

Also brilliant in the movie is Eugene Levy, playing a Bloomingdale's salesman who becomes more trouble than help in their search.

Levy provides the first legit piece of information that might lead them in the right direction.

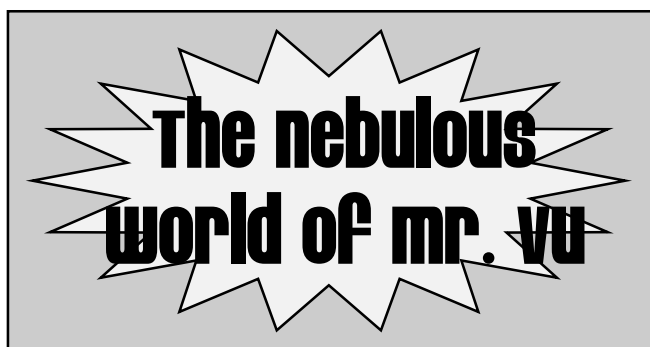
This is a definite date movie that won't put the guys to sleep or cause an argument about how sappy it is.

The male roles are very strong and humorous, giving the guys something meaningful to follow.

So sack up, fellas, and treat your lady to this movie.

Bonus points could be earned.

—Mark Stack
Editor



Man runs, hides, wants to be chased

Girls scare the crap out of me.

Every time I'm around sweet ladies, I get scared and run away.

If I can't run, I try to hide, which is difficult for a 6'5", 240-pound man. Luckily, I'm a tad smaller than that. When running or hiding isn't possible, I try my best to ignore them.

In middle school, I loved going to my locker because a girl next to my locker would always sing something.

I'd look over after putting away my sweaty gym clothes and she'd say hi or smile at me.

I really liked her. If I remember correctly, “Hi” was one of the few words that would come out my mouth.

When school ended for spring break, I went to my locker to get my backpack. I was walking backwards and talking to another classmate, trying to impress my locker buddy, who was behind us.

I slowed down enough so that we were within acceptable speaking parameters.

“You want to walk with me, Vu?” she asked. I said, “OK. I'll walk you to the buses.”

A thousand thoughts rushed in my head. Should I ask her out? Will she ask me out? Does she like me? Do I smell? Does she smell?

She told me to wait for her while she bought some candy from the concession stand.

As she vanished into the crowd of hungry middle schoolers, I got scared. And I left for the buses.

I slumped down as far as possible in my seat so she wouldn't see me if she passed by. I don't think she liked me as much after spring break.

I've been thinking quite a bit about my fear of women.

I live in a time when it's normal for women to be the breadwinner in the family, a time where opening doors for women isn't as set in stone as it was, a time where some women are more masculine than men.

Another theory of mine is the fact that my sister liked watching the “Facts of Life.” Since she was older, she had control of the television. However, I am man enough to admit that, in fact, I enjoyed watching the “Facts of Life” — mainly because of Tootie.

The facts remain, ladies. If I run away or hide from you, it's my way of saying I think you're hot.

—Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

OKCCC students anything but average

By Amber Bowie
News Writing 1 Student

"There is no such thing as an average student at OKCCC," said Dr. John Barker, director of research.

OKCCC students are different ages, different races, and, of course, separated into two genders.

Students commute from all walks of life, having many different educational backgrounds.

Diversity is a broad mix of many different elements, Barker said.

OKCCC's fall 2001 projection shows 31.1 percent of students enrolled are members of a minority group.

African-American students make up the largest minority, 7.8 percent.

Students who are not United States residents consist of 3.5 percent, the smallest minority group on campus.

Native Americans, at 6.8 percent; Asian-Americans, 7.3 percent, and Hispanic-Americans at 5.7 percent; are the minority groups that rank in the middle.

Projections show the remaining 68.8 percent of the campus are Caucasian students.

OKCCC students are different ages, another diversity factor at OKCCC.

Barker said about half of students on campus are traditional college-age students between the ages of 18 and 23, with the other half being non-traditional age students 24 or older.

Fall projections indicate 26.1 as the average age of students enrolled at OKCCC.

Barker said the percentage of male and female students at OKCCC underscores the diversity of the campus.

Females comprise 57.2 percent of the OKCCC student body.

All of OKCCC's students commute. About half of them travel within Oklahoma City.

"About half of students at OKCCC live inside Oklahoma City proper," Barker said. "The other half commute from outside of Oklahoma City's limits."

Norman is home to the highest number of students living outside of Oklahoma City, accounting for 18 percent of students enrolled, Barker said.

Kareem Caldwell, an OKCCC student who is an Edmond high school graduate, feels that he will benefit from attending OKCCC.

"I want to learn different things about different people while here at OKCCC."

Diverse classes, offered at various times and days, also may be one reason why OKCCC appeals to such a variety of students, said Barker.

OKCCC offers a plethora of programs for their students.

Students can get a GED, receive an associate's degree, or complete credits toward transferring to a university, Barker said.

"Our society has a natural ability to work positively with many differences," he said. "Diversities work well for this country, and this sentiment translates to OKCCC," Barker said.

"OKCCC welcomes all students, thus creating a diverse college campus."

Manhattan Community College to receive help from fund-raiser

By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

Student clubs and organizations raised about \$500 during a two-day bake sale for the Borough of Manhattan Community College scholarship fund.

Staci McPhearson, director of Student Life, said President Bob Todd has a good relationship with BMCC's president, Antonio Perez. So, McPhearson said, when OKCCC was looking to help a college in New York, BMCC was the right choice.

Todd issued a statement regarding the college's fund-raising efforts.

"Borough of Manhattan Community College is a

campus of approximately 15,000 students and is located just a few blocks from where the World Trade Center stood," Todd wrote in his statement.

"Classes at BMCC resumed on Oct. 1, and students, faculty and staff are continuing to regain some level of normalcy.

"I am very proud of the students at OKCCC who are expressing their support of BMCC through this fund-raiser."

Located just four blocks from the World Trade Center, it was damaged as pieces from the collapsed buildings gnashed chunks off of the college.

"One of the college's buildings received major damage resulting from the WTC collapse," Todd said.

"The main campus has served as a staging center for NYC Firefighters and Port Authority Police during the recovery efforts."

Perez said that at least one student who worked at the World Trade Center did not come back.

"Some of us lost loved ones," Perez said.

"All of us have been affected."

A banner, signed by OKCCC students, faculty and staff, also will be presented to BMCC to hang at the college.

Mike Jones, director of student life, said this is just the first of many events planned that will raise money for the New York college.

He said those will be announced.

Employees becoming familiar with new information system

By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

Project Vision, the college's ongoing management information system implementation saga, (read: computer-system upgrade) nears the halfway point of its two-year completion goal. At last some employees report they are becoming more comfortable with its use.

In July, the Finance department was the first to go "live," or active, performing its first online requisitioning using software called Colleague from Datatel, Inc.

Gary Lombard, vice president for Special Projects, said all of the components of the finance system are working — primarily the online requisitions and accounts payable systems.

He said, for about two weeks after the system was implemented in July, employees had numerous questions about how to make the new system do what it was supposed to do.

Lombard said the inquiries were mainly about what steps employees needed to take to complete a specific task using the new computer software.

Three months later, he said, finance employees are asking fewer questions.

"Once folks got familiar with the steps they needed to take, those types of inquiries fell dramatically," Lombard said.

He said there is a requisitions-user group in the

works where employees who use the online requisitions system can share and discuss shortcuts they've learned.

They also can share ideas, questions and dialogue, Lombard said.

The Human Resource department is next to go live on Jan. 1

Following Human Resource, Student Services is next on the schedule to complete the implementation in July 2002.

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Student newspaper wins statewide media award

**By Kandi West
News Writing I Student**

OKCCC's student newspaper won a Media Award from the Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma for the Pioneer's coverage of the Child Development Center and its programs.

Mark Stack, Pioneer editor, and Vu A. Vu, Pioneer staff writer, accepted the award Sept. 22 at the ECAO's annual conference

in Oklahoma City.

Charlotte Wood-Wilson, director of the Child Development Center, nominated the Pioneer.

"The Pioneer did a good job covering events this year in OKCCC's Child Development Center and influencing the community to help get involved."

Wood-Wilson said she was really excited to tell the Pioneer staff that their publication was selected.

Vu said he had goosebumps when the award

was given and that he felt great to be honored by this award.

Stack said he was pleased for his staff to receive the award.

"It is nice to know that some people out there appreciate our work."

The Media Award acknowledges outstanding media publicity about quality care and education of young children, said Faye Ann Presnal, ECAO board member and Awards Committee chair.



Photo by Vu A. Vu

Pioneer Editor Mark Stack accepts the Media Award from the Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma for coverage the Pioneer gave to the college's child development center.

Poli Sci major writes a winning essay

**By Mark Stack
Editor**

For a political science major, Joe Williams said, writing doesn't come naturally. So winning an essay contest is just icing on the cake.

For Williams, that icing tastes pretty good right about now.

Williams, 27, won the Oklahoma Global Education Consortium Essay Contest and was presented with a \$100 check on Oct. 4 in the Rose State student center.

Williams' essay, which calls for better global education curriculum for colleges, was presented and read during the Oct. 4 ceremony.

"This is a subject that shouldn't be slightly broached, but rather discussed in depth and detail to better prepare students dealing in a more globalized world and economy," said Williams.

He said he used his exposure from college courses that deal with global education, international relations and comparative politics along with classes dealing with the workings of the global environment and economy to help him write his essay.

"I personally feel it's important for Americans to understand how cultures and customs in the rest of the world operate," said Williams.

With the U.S. economy becoming more and more dependent on good global relations with other countries to sustain its economy, Williams said, becoming familiar with international cultures is a necessity to help assist in those relations.

"Globalization is a great thing. I would like to see the United States working with other countries and experiencing globalization because it doesn't exist as much here as I would like," said Williams.



Photo by Vu A. Vu

Joe Williams

Williams won the essay contest with no previous writing experience. Under the encouragement of his professor Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen, he decided to give it a shot.

"I had written papers for her in the past, and she liked my style and gave me motivation to go for it and enter in the essay contest," said Williams.

Williams said he is passionate about world globalization, but becoming an attorney and practicing law is his true calling.

"I don't know what field I want to practice in, but it's something I really want to do," he said.

Although becoming a lawyer won't happen for awhile, Williams said he is content with winning this award for now.

"I was so excited that someone read my work and thought enough of it to choose it as the winner," said Williams.

"It's extremely nice to be recognized like this."

Absolute editors seeking submissions

**By Eric Stuve
News Writing I Student**

Students looking for a place to showcase their literary or artistic talents should consider submitting material to OKCCC's literary and art magazine, Absolute.

The editors are looking for submissions from any current student or faculty member. Short fiction, non-fiction, poetry, photography, and art are being accepted.

Submissions may be turned in to magazine adviser Clay Randolph at his office, located in 3E5 in the Arts and Humanities Building, or to the magazine editor, Cathy Hume.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students and faculty alike to show their talents," Hume said.

"My own writing has been helped by reading those of others."

Absolute has been published annually since OKCCC opened in 1972.

Copies of the 2001 issue are available in the bookstore for \$5.

Samples from the 2001 edition are available at <http://www.okc.cc.ok.us/ah/absolute/index.html>.

This year's editors are Vicky Hamm, Jessica Welp and Hume.

All writers and artists whose works are published will be invited to a celebration in April.

Awards will be given to the best entries in short story, poetry, and art.

The 2002 edition of Absolute will be available that same day for purchase.

**Have a comment or
question about a
Pioneer story?
Tell the editor!
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American Cancer Society lists screening guidelines

40,200 women will die from breast cancer this year

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 192,200 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and 40,200 will die from the disease, making breast cancer the second leading cause of cancer deaths in American women.

The American Cancer Society is spreading awareness about breast cancer and prompting women to take action by learning more about the disease during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The American Cancer Society encourages women and their families to use its resources to get accurate, unbiased breast cancer information and support.



The American Cancer Society is committed to saving lives from breast cancer by providing information about the disease and encouraging women to understand risk factors and early detection methods.

Mortality rates declined significantly from 1990 to 1997, due to the American Cancer Society's research and education programs.

The American Cancer Society recommends that

women age 40 and over should have an annual mammogram and annual clinical breast examination (CBE) by a health care professional. Women should also perform monthly breast self-examinations.

It is also recommended that a CBE be conducted close to, and preferably before the scheduled mammogram.

Women age 20 to 39 years old should have a CBE by a health care professional every three years and should perform monthly breast self-examinations.

For more information contact the American Cancer Society's 24-hour help line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit their web site at www.cancer.org.

Men at risk for cancer, too

More than 40,000 men and women will die from breast cancer, the second leading cause of death for women.

According to information found at www.breastcancerinfo.com, in 1999 an estimated 1,300 men would be diagnosed with breast cancer, and 400 would die from the disease.

The American Cancer Society said approximately 192,200 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, along with 1,500 men.

Risk factors for men include advanced age, a family history of breast cancer and testicular dysfunction.

Certain diseases, such as Klinefelter's syndrome, put males at an increased risk as well.

Males with Klinefelter's syndrome have an extra sex chromosome in their genetic make-up.

Gynecomastia, which is an enlargement of the male



breast, heart disease, and the use of a variety of drugs to treat chronic diseases also put males at risk of developing male breast cancer.

More than 75 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer are age 50 and older.

Breast cancer accounts for one out of every three cancer diagnoses in the United States.

The five-year survival rate for breast cancer is 97

percent for both men and women whose cancer has not spread beyond the breast at the time of diagnosis.

Treatments for men and women are the same, and include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, and hormone therapy.

In the 1990s, breast cancer mortality declined by the largest amount in more than 40 years.

Gender and age are the most important risk factors. As age increases, so does the risk of developing breast cancer.

Other risk factors for women include a long menstrual history, obesity after menopause, recent use of oral contraceptives or postmenopausal estrogens and progestins.

Those who have no children or had their first child after age 30, and those who consume alcoholic beverages are at higher risk as well.

What to expect when getting a mammogram

Many women put off getting mammograms. The cost of a mammogram, possible pain during the procedure and the fear of finding cancer often scare women from getting regular checkups.

During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the American Cancer Society is easing women's concerns about mammograms by educating them on the procedure.

• Annual mammograms are covered by Medicare and Medicaid as well as most private health plans. Low cost mammograms are available in most communities.

Call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 for information about facilities in your area.

• The procedure requires that you undress above the waist. A wrap will be provided by the facility for you to wear.

• A technologist will be present to position your breasts for the mammogram. Most technologists are women. You and your technologist are the only ones present during the mammogram.

• The procedure takes about 20 minutes. The actual breast compression only lasts a few seconds.

• There may be some discomfort when your breasts are compressed,

but you should not feel pain.

To help lessen the discomfort, don't have a mammogram just before or during your menstrual period. If you experience pain during the mammogram, tell the technologist.

• All mammography facilities are now required to send your results to you within 30 days.

• If you are a woman and age 40 or over, you should get a mammogram every year. If a future mammogram can't be scheduled while at the mammography facility, request that a reminder be sent.

Knowing what to expect can make you more comfortable about your mammogram. Now that you know, schedule your mammogram today. Your health is too important to neglect.

This information was given by the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering with cancer research, education, advocacy, and service.

For additional information on breast cancer, call the American Cancer Society or visit their web site at www.cancer.org.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

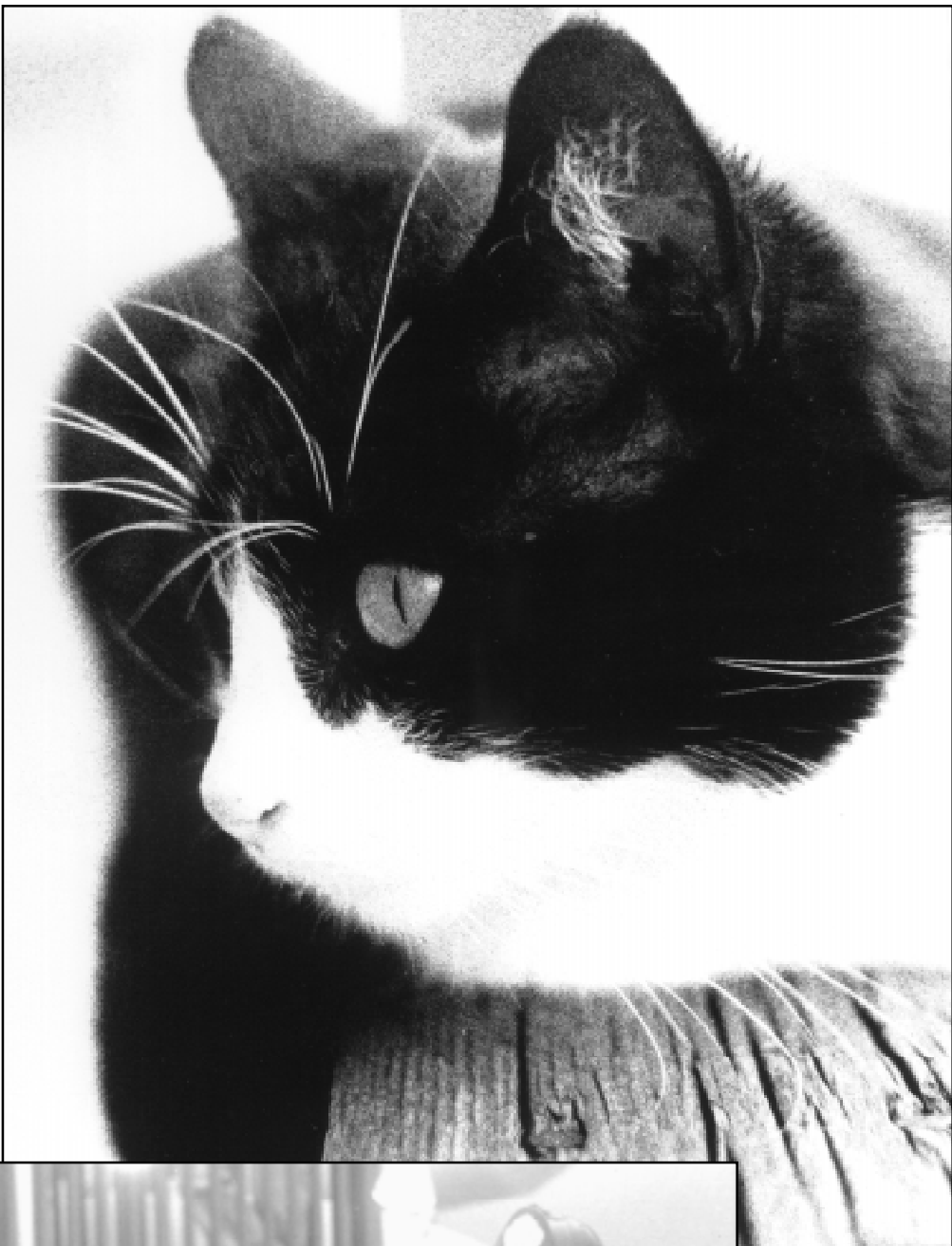
Photography students capture life's moments

Students of adjunct photography professor Jai Gronemeier's Black and White Photography I class exhibited the images seen here along with 10 others last spring at Hall Gallery in Oklahoma City .

"Students were required to go out and shoot images, develop their film and print their photographs," Gronemeier said. "They were also taught mounting techniques for exhibition."

She said the photos represent the advancements made by the students in her class.

Those wanting to enroll in an OKCCC photography class or find out more about the classes can call (405) 682-1611. Several classes and times are available, for both beginning and advanced photographers.



Above: Samantha Thompson shot this picture of her cat and titled it "Sun Gazing."



Above: Taken by Jennifer Copeland, this black and white photo captures a tree from inside a silo.



Right: "Young Firefighters," by Michelle Wyke. The subjects in this shot were friends of the photographer.



Math professor travels around Poland

Francis Foster knows first-hand that the Fulbright exchange program can result in lifelong friendships.

Foster, a math professor at OKCCC, took a trip to Poland to visit with Professor Krzysztof Nowakowski, a math professor who taught at OKCCC during the 1999 school year, and his family.

Foster visited the country last summer, from July 1 through July 21.

It was her first trip to Poland, one she said she had been anxiously awaiting for some time.

Nowakowski exchanged places with Mike Turegun, also a professor of mathematics at OKCCC, in the fall of 1999.

In turn, Turegun taught at the high school in Poznan, where Nowakowski's wife, Renata teaches.

The university in Poznan where Nowakowski teaches doesn't participate in the Fulbright exchange pro-

gram.

Foster's traveling companion was Cecelia Sharp, a teacher from Wiley Post Elementary in Oklahoma City who taught Nowakowski's son Jed during their year in Oklahoma.

Foster said the group took many day trips to areas surrounding Poznan.

"We went to a spa that was about a six-hour drive from Poznan, which was very nice," she said.

Foster said they also visited the Auschwitz concentration camp.

"That was a memorable experience, but it was very depressing. It's not something I would want to visit again," Foster said.

As far as the culture difference between America and Poland, Foster said there is no comparison.

Foster said she noticed the difference between the schools in Poland and the schools in America.

"[In America], students have a lot of extra curricular activities.

"In Poland, they teach just the core subjects, no extras," she said.

Foster said a typical school day for Jed would last about four hours, and it would begin at various times during the day.

Foster also said there are a lot of reminders of World War II in the scenery of Poland.

"So much of Poland was destroyed in World War II.

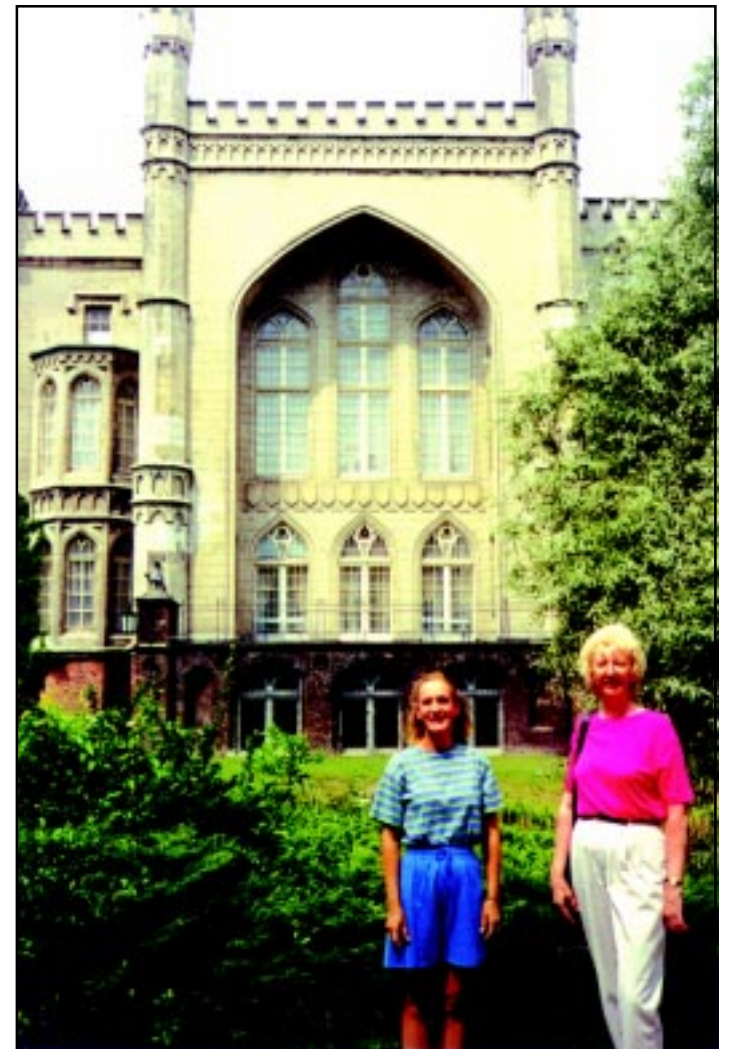
"There was a lot of beauty there, but there was a lot of ugliness, too. A lot of graffiti," she said.

Foster said she was grateful that she had hosts who could speak English very well and communicate with her.

She said the language barrier would have been a very difficult obstacle to deal with had she been traveling alone.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the trip," Foster said.

"I didn't have any pre-set expectations, so I wasn't disappointed. It was a very real learning experience."



Above: Francis Foster with her traveling companion Cecelia Sharp standing in front of the Konick Castle in Poland. Foster said her trip was a learning experience.

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Above: Francis Foster visited the town square in Poznan during her journey through Poland. Foster took many daytrips to areas around Poznan. Foster also visited the Auschwitz concentration camp.

To The Left: Francis takes a break on her walk to pose for a picture next to this unique statue. Photos contributed by Francis Foster.

Student Life employee retires quietly

By Cathy Hume
News Writing I Student

Janice Raney, a student organization specialist in Student Life, quietly retired Sept. 4 after 20 years of helping OKCCC students and their clubs.

There was no huge party, no big announcement, just a quiet last day with colleagues and students stopping by to say good-bye and share some cake.

"I'm not good at good-byes," said Raney. "They're hard. I still have some stuff to pick up, but I may come back up in the dark of night."

Raney had planned to leave in 2002. However, after discovering she had miscalculated her time at the college and could retire in 2001 instead, she made

the decision to do so.

Raney had worked for Student Life since 1981.

"The office was not always called Student Life," said Raney.

Raney regularly attended Student Leadership retreats for club officers sponsored at the end of each summer by Student Life. This year's retreat, held at Lake Murray State Lodge, was Raney's last outing with OKCCC students, but she didn't let on. As usual, she was quick to make sure all the students were having fun and that any special needs they had were being accommodated.

When one student, who uses a wheelchair, was unable to play miniature golf or go on a boat ride around the lake, Raney rented her a movie to watch so she could have a good time while other students were

gone.

"One of the best things about Janice was her dedication to students and students' success," said Staci McPhearson, director of Student Life.

"She put the students before everyone. So, she will be greatly missed for that reason," McPhearson said.

Raney's dedication was evident when talking to OKCCC students around campus.

Meredith Dunkeson, Abilities Galore secretary, credited Raney with teaching her how to be a good club officer, which led to Dunkeson being named club member of the year a few years back.

"I would take her my minutes and she would make sure they were correct," said Dunkeson.

Renee Albathei, president of Parents as Single Stu-

dents, said Raney had been a great help in getting PASS back on its feet this year after the club almost faded out last year.

Josh Hansen, president of Abilities Galore, appreciated the way she handled his Student Activity Request Forms.

"She was always there to get my SARFs approved," said Hansen. "Even when I was late putting them in."

Raney's plans for the future include traveling, volunteer work, visiting with elderly relatives and doing her favorite thing — garage sale shopping.



Janice Raney

File photo

Those who work in Student Life and elsewhere on campus say they will miss Janice Raney.

"She has a good spirit," said McPhearson. "We will all miss her."

Term-paper help available for students online or offline

By Amy Saxon
News Writing I Student

Is it "there" or "their"? "Affect" or "effect"? "It's" or "its"? If you don't know, who you gonna call?

The Communications Lab, located on the second floor of the Arts and Humanities building, is the place to find help. But students can now use the same services electronically.

Proofreading and research assistance are two of the services of the Communications Lab that are now available to distance education and telecourse students.

Electronic Communication Help Online, or ECHO, provides assistance for nontraditional students that normally would not be available to them.

Students can now take advantage of the ECHO program by logging on the

OKCCC website at www.okc.cc.ok.us

In June, Communications Lab Supervisor Mary Ann Merz implemented the ECHO program to provide online support systems for students.

"The college is obligated to provide the same support services for distance education as we do for students on campus," Merz said.

"We do this though Electronic Communication Help Online."

Distance Education and telecourse students are able to have ECHO writing

coaches proofread and comment on weaknesses in the student's writing.

It usually takes 48 hours for a writing coach to respond.

Other features on the website are word of the day, instructional handouts and online references.

Merz hopes eventually to open up the ECHO program for all students.

At this time, many students are not taking advantage of the programs capabilities.

"They aren't aware of what they can do with it," Merz said.

How to Submit a Paper on ECHO:

1.Go to www.okc.cc.ok.us

2. Under Academics, click on Distance Education

3. Under Student Resources, click on Communications lab

4. Click on ECHO and submit paper that has been typed as a "word" document

Library gets needed facelift

By Chad Hullings
News Writing I Student

The construction that has been changing the face of the library is almost complete. The library was opened October 22, 1996 with plans to open the third and fourth floors at a later date.

However, funding ran low and the college was not able to complete the library, said Rachel Butler, reference librarian.

The OKCCC Board of Regents recently approved over \$7 million to complete the library and remodel the first floor of the main building, said Brandi Johnson Richardson, assistant to the vice president of Business and Finance.

The third floor is a new computer lab and the fourth is a training center for small business one-day workshops.

Other changes that have been added are the new computer classrooms on the first and second floors. A new entrance was added to the main floor, which is closer to the parking lot on the north side of the library.

Some students have wondered what happened to the computer labs in the main building.

"I was wondering if we had any at all," said student Tara Taylor.

As more people have learned the library floors are open, the library has seen an increase in the traffic, said Butler.

Highlights

Responsibilities of an engineer

Engineering Club will host a guest speaker from Seagate about the "Challenges and Responsibilities of an Engineer" at 12:30 Wednesday, Oct. 17, in room 1C5 of the main building. Free cookies and punch will be served.

Audition for "Everyman"

Auditions for the play "Everyman" will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 15 through 16, in the college theater. Director Ruth Charnay is looking for 16 individuals to fill roles of varying sizes. The play will be performed Dec. 4 through 7. Scenes will be available to check out in the Arts and Humanities office. For more information, check the Drama Club board or call Charnay at 682-1611, ext. 7246.

There's still time to graduate

It's not too late to apply for Fall 2001 graduation. The deadline of Sept. 7 has been extended. Pick up an application in the Admissions and Records office, Information Center or the Graduation office. Make an appointment with the graduation officer and bring the application to the appointment. Students can apply until the last week of fall classes.

Bioterrorism discussed

Dr. Mike Crutcher, from the Oklahoma State Health Department, will speak about bioterrorism from 11 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Oct. 24, in college union room 1.

MAPS for Kids

Sherry Rice Rhodes, executive director of the Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation, will be on campus from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, in college union room 1 to speak about the MAPS for Kids plan. People can bring their own lunches. Cookies and tea will be provided. MAPS for Kids will be voted on Nov. 13.

Dance to the beat of a different drummer?

The South YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City and Volunteer in Service to America, VISTA, are looking for volunteers to help during its after-school program. One-on-one tutoring takes place at assigned elementary schools in southwest Oklahoma City. Tutors work only one hour or two hours a week with the same student. Educational grants and passes to YMCAs are available. Letters of recommendation are also available. For more information about the program, contact Donna at 681-6636.

Students called to active military duty

Several members of the student body have been called to active military duty within the last few weeks. OKCCC, in unison with other state institutions and in compliance with State Regents Policy, intends to fully support its citizen soldiers by offering several options to those who must leave early. Students who are called to duty can contact the office of Admissions and Records at 682-1611, ext. 7512 to determine which option best fits their needs.

Nursing class sponsors coat drive

Nursing Process III class members will have a coat drive during the month of October for clients at Griffin Memorial Hospital. Coats, sweaters or jackets that are no longer being used may be brought to the nursing office in the HTC area of the main building and placed in the collection box. Contact Kelli Capps at 794-1808 for more information.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday.



Photo by Kat Mohr

We got cookies: Students Phuong Vu and Tram Hoang from the International Students Club held a fund-raiser Oct. 9. ISC and several other clubs sold cupcakes and assorted candies. All proceeds will go to the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

Muslim club plans bowling, pizza trip

By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

Yaser Dorri pulled out a quote from the Holy Quran, the book of Islam.

"(To you believers) and hold fast, all of you together to the rope of God, and be not divided among yourselves, and remember, God's blessing on you for you were enemies one to another, so that, by his grace, you became brethren." In other words, people should put their differences aside, which is the philosophy of Dorri's club.

Dorri, who started OKCCC's Muslim Student Community, said his orga-

nization was different from other student Islamic clubs in that his would accept people of all faiths, not just Islam, and that his club would focus on the learning of different religions, not just Islam.

Seven people attended the club's second meeting of the school year on Oct. 8, twice the attendance than their first meeting.

"The problem is that we didn't know the best time for students," Dorri said about attendance that was lower than hoped for.

"We expected that. It takes time," he said.

At the club's next two meetings, they hope to finalize the constitution and hold officer elections.

Their next meeting will be from noon to 12:50 Monday Oct. 15, in room CU8.

The location of the Oct. 22 meeting is unknown, but students can check the fliers which will be on the student clubs and organizations bulletin boards around the college. The club plans to have a bowling and pizza trip.

Students wishing to go can meet at the college at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20.

The Muslim Student Community can be contacted via e-mail at muslim_student_c@hotmail.com for more information about future meetings and events.

"All people are welcomed," Dorri said.

Students question air strikes

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feels very strongly about the situation in Afghanistan.

"Basically, if [U.S. military] can go there and find bin Laden and the rest of the people in his crew, and can eliminate them in one strike, that's fine with me.

"But as far as bombing and killing innocent people, and I don't know if they are, that's going to lead to [the terrorists] retaliating against the U.S.

"I think we've had enough of that. People are still grieving over what has already happened," Larkpor said. "Honestly, I'm a little scared."

Ralph Oliphant, multimedia major, agrees.

"I don't think they should bomb them because they could kill innocent people in the process of finding one man.

"It will result in retaliation," he said.

Strikes continued as of Oct. 11, with news reports of U.S. ground action to follow at any time.

Bioterrorism to be topic of discussion

"Bioterrorism,"

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lege community," she said.

Mulvihill said she wants students to learn about how hard or easy it would be to launch a bioterrorism attack so that people in a community and nation can protect themselves.

Contact the editor
682-1611 ext. 7675

Should the U.S. be attacking Afghanistan?



Eb Larkpor

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—Eb Larkpor
Undecided



Isabel Aguilar

"I think it was the right action. If we don't stop them now, it would have been worse for [America]."

—Isabel Aguilar
Elementary Education major



Kenneth Bland

"I think [America] needed the quick strikes. Hopefully it will bring it to a close. The quicker the war, the better the war I think."

—Kenneth Bland
Education major



April Bradford

"[The U.S. government] should have kept the armed forces on high alert and waited to see if [the terrorists] were going to try and make another move."

—April Bradford
Criminal Justice major



Kim Pham

"I'm not opposed or in favor of the war. I'm not in favor of killing the innocent. If bin Laden did it, then [we should] get him."

—Kim Pham
international business and financial advice major

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