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Photo by Kat Mohr

Easy Does It: A drilling truck is set down safely in the OKCCC courtyard Oct. 29. A crane lifted the 24,000-pound truck from the area of entry 6 into the enclosed area so work can begin on classrooms being built in that part of the college. The classrooms are being constructed as part of the first-floor remodeling plan. Physical Plant assistant director J.B. Messer is seen keeping a watchful eye on the operation from the roof of the main building near the theater. For the full story and more photos, see page 8.

Speaker clarifies anthrax facts

Dr. Michael Crutcher says an anthrax incident in Oklahoma is 'highly unlikely'

By April Jones
News Writing I Student

With five minutes left until 11 a.m., College Union room 1 was filling fast Oct. 24. Of the 100 chairs available, more than 30 were already occupied. Everyone there wanted to hear the lecture on bioterrorism, "The Use of Infectious Organisms in Acts of Terrorism."

Those in the room, now numbering more than 80, quietly visited as they drank punch or coffee and ate cookies. All smiles and laughter disappeared as State Epidemiologist Dr. Michael Crutcher from the state health department was introduced to the group.

Crutcher said he was there to inform people of the facts about anthrax — to stop unnecessary panic from arising.

He said the likelihood of an anthrax incident coming to Oklahoma homes is highly unlikely.

Crutcher covered four specific subjects: general bioterrorism, biological vs. chemical, response challenges and the different scenarios.

Crutcher specifically covered anthrax, or *bacillus anthracis*.

He said anthrax is an organism that forms spores.

In most cases, Crutcher said, it has been associated with animals who pick it up off the ground either by eating it or inhaling it.

Humans are exposed to anthrax from animals or their byproducts that have been contaminated with the organisms.

See "Anthrax," page 12

Last chance for students to withdraw from fall classes

By Mark Stack
Editor

For those students needing to drop a class, it's time to get a move on.

Nov. 9 is the deadline for students to drop fall classes that started the week of Aug. 20.

Students who drop this late in the semester will receive a "W" on their transcript.

Students who haven't attended class and expect an automatic withdrawal from their teacher won't get one.

Automatic withdrawals en-

ded more than a year ago, which means students must drop classes on their own, or receive a failing grade in the course.

Dean of Admissions Gloria Cárdenas Barton said students passing in their classes can drop after the official deadline.

"Our policy is that if a student is passing, they may still withdraw after the Nov. 9 deadline."

Students can drop a class through the college website, www.okc.cc.ok.us, in person at the admissions desk, or by calling 682-6222.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

What a tangled web we weave

Guys and girls are really funny. We think we are so different but in reality we are quite similar, especially when it comes to playing games.

If you think about it, dating is one big game and like any other game, the player with the best strategy wins. Flirting, foreplay, attraction, and eye contact are just the tips of the iceberg when it comes to dating games. The games start to get interesting after people exchange their phone numbers.

Now everybody knows the unsaid rule that when someone gives you their number you have to wait three to five days before giving them a call.

I don't know who originated this idiotic rule but it seems to be the general consensus to follow it.

There are a few reasons why people are afraid to break this rule. The most obvious reason is no one wants to be the caller; they'd rather be the callee. If you call someone first you open yourself up to the possibility of rejection. And no one likes to feel the bitter sting of rejection.

Second, you don't want to scare the other person off by seeming too pushy. Third, and most important, you don't want to seem too interested in the other person or desperate.

What do people accomplish by prolonging the inevitable? If two people are interested in each other they shouldn't hold back because of a stupid rule.

Another game that really butters my biscuits is the jealousy game. People find it necessary to test each other's true feelings through jealousy.

This is the most stupid game of all because if you have to prove someone cares about you by hitting on someone else, then your relationship wasn't strong in the first place.

My favorite game, though, is the "I don't like you until you're interested in someone else game."

This game is the most infuriating dating game because it makes it virtually impossible to get over the other person. Every time you try to move on, they reel you back in like a fish on a hook.

It might take a few trips around the block but eventually you realize that person isn't in love with you. They are just in love with the illusion of you.

The question you have to ask yourself is why would you want to be with someone who only wants you when you're with someone else?

Is that what you consider real love?

Dating games are part of a vicious cycle, and once you're sucked in, it's hard to play fair. People get so deluded, they don't realize they're playing games.

I'm sure someone is reading this article right now and thinking, "I'm glad I'm not one of those people who plays games." Bull Snikeys!!

Even if you don't set out to play games, you still wind up falling into the same ritualistic pattern that has plagued dating for years.

Playing games is part of human nature. Maybe we toy with each other to spice up the relationship or maybe we are just too dumb to realize it's time to grow up.

—Kat Mohr
Staff Writer

Oklahomans among the healthiest

To the Editor:

The health of Oklahomans has improved slightly, according to a national report released today. "America's Health: United Health Foundation State Health Rankings" shows that Oklahoma has moved from 42nd to 41st in its overall health ranking.

The ranking provides a comprehensive, yearly analysis of the relative healthiness of the American population using information supplied by the U.S. Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Safety Council, U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the American Cancer Society.

The report also offers overall health comparisons for the past 12 years.

Despite the small change

in its rank from last year, Oklahoma experienced a substantial change in its score, moving from 10.8 to 7.7 percent below the national average.

This placed Oklahoma in the top five states with the largest positive increases noted in the past year, along with Arkansas, Alaska, Connecticut and Indiana.

Minnesota, New Hampshire and Utah held the top three slots as the healthiest states in America.

For the current ranking, the report noted improvements in Oklahoma's smoking prevalence, reduced from 25.2 percent to 23.3 percent; lowered violent crime from 539 to 508 offenses per 100,000 population; and a reduced incidence of infectious disease, from 42.4 to 32.0 cases per

100,000 population.

The state's support for public health care continues to decrease. Oklahoma now ranks 46th in the nation, placing it 32 percent below the national average in public health care support.

—Dick Gunn
Oklahoma State
Department of Health

Ask and you shall receive

To the Editor:

A few short weeks ago I wrote a letter to the editor regarding the lack of paper towels in the second floor ladies rest room.

Today I came to work and to my surprise there was not one but three new paper towel holders full of towels. And what was not

full and overflowing were the trash receptacles.

A big "thank you" to the employees of the Physical Plant led by director John Knight.

The moral of the story is... ask and you shall receive.

—Susan Craig
Journalism major

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Comments and Reviews

Disney scores a smash hit with these unique monsters

The night before Halloween, what a great night for a screening of a movie featuring a bunch of really adorable monsters.

On Oct. 30, Regal Cinema presented a screening of the new Walt Disney film "Monsters, Inc."

The theater was packed. Moms, dads and kids were everywhere. It was a big success.

"Monsters, Inc." isn't just another kid movie. Keep in mind the style that makes Disney so famous.

There is always a valuable lesson to be learned in all Disney movies, this one being no exception.

"Monsters, Inc." reminds us to stand by our pals and stick together.

Without giving away much of the story, I will tell you I heard parents crying.

Disney has made another blockbuster hit. If looking



around the cereal aisle at the grocery store is any indication, I can only imagine what toy stores look like.

Disney has compared the success of "Monsters, Inc." to "Toy Story."

The story lines are different but both movies have

amazing computer graphics.

Sorry, "Toy Story," "Monsters Inc." may have you beat.

The monsters looked so real. When they move, you can actually see their fur move as if it is blowing in the wind.

I know I mentioned how cute the monsters are. All of them, even the scary monsters, are just adorable.

If you are thinking about taking your kids to the movies, or if you still watch "Toy Story" on video, make time for "Monsters Inc."

"Monsters, Inc." ends by letting us know that there may be a second movie, so that in itself tells you this is more than a cute kids film.

—Amber Bowie
Contributing Writer

Law class offers new challenges

When I told my friends I was taking a law class, they laughed at me.

"What the heck are you thinking, Crazy Vu?" they said (Crazy Vu is my nickname, evidently).

They told me how hard it was going to be and all the work I would have to do.

"It's not even in your major," they said of my chosen elective.

My adviser did her job and advised me that Intro to Law was a difficult class. I took her advice with an extra helping of mashed potatoes and told her I'd be willing to go the extra distance for my elective credits.

Also, the professor of the course, Dana Glencross, was supposedly one of the

best professors at the college. After 12 weeks of reading and learning about the legal system, I can testify that she is one of the best professors I have had.

It's a tough course. I think I have a C in the class, but I really don't care about the grade as long as I get an education, which I have.

It's inevitable that one day my ex-lover will set up a shotgun trap in her home while she is away.

In a fit of passion, I will try to break into her home to steal our pet goldfish. But when the shotgun trap works and blows my leg off, I can sue her for major money as long as I can prove that her negligence should result in millions of

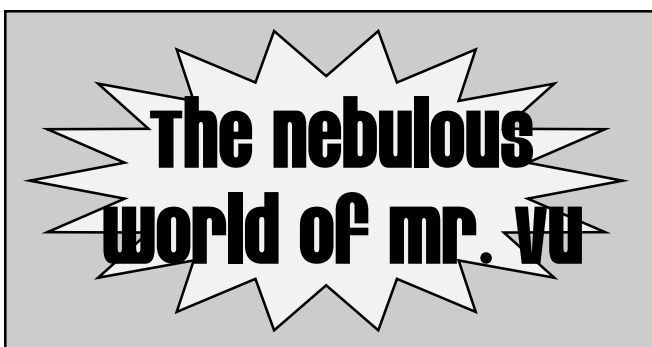
dollars worth of punitive damages.

If, in the near or far off future, that occurs, I will be well prepared to win the suit.

The class is diverse. We have tests and stuff, but we also have a moot court where we research cases and defend our points of law like lawyers who get paid triple digits per hour.

It is a tough class, but it is an easy A for students who are serious about education. It won't be offered again until next fall, but students who want a good challenge in a course for everyone who enjoys rights as a citizen of Oklahoma should take it.

—Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer



Hurry up, already

When I was hired to work for the Pioneer in April 2000, there were two stories I didn't want to write. One story was about the Buzzco computer system incident. Just looking at the amount of paperwork past writers had to deal with gave me a headache.

But I got my chance; however, by that time, the fire had ceased to burn. The college had moved on to better things, which made the story much easier to write. The college sucked in its gut and took responsibility for its actions, despite the fact Buzzco even ripped off the beautiful University of Hawaii.

The other story I loathed and former staff members teased me about was the story of Stephen McCloy, a former business professor charged with possession of child pornography on his computer at the college almost two years ago.

Despite every man's right to a speedy and fair trial, I assume McCloy does not want to exercise this...freedom.

It seems that McCloy spends a few hours in court a month, and then he goes home and enjoys his freedom as a tax-paying American. His trial has been bumped and bumped, again and again. He works the legal system like a warm stick of butter. I'm sure many people have forgotten the case, but the Pioneer has not forgotten, nor will it ever forget that McCloy was charged with a crime almost two years ago, and his guilt has yet to be proven. In the eyes of justice, every man is innocent until proven guilty, and that is just what the Pioneer wants to report.

And so, for almost two years, as the veteran writers accepted their fates as graduates and moved on to bigger and better things, I remained, crossing my fingers in hope that I would not have to step into the courtroom and observe McCloy's face when his judgment is read.

But that changed when I was the only staff writer available to cover his trial on Oct. 29. I woke up early. I got spiffy. Even wore my nice uncomfortable shoes. Drove around downtown for awhile, forgetting where the courthouse was even after my News Writing I trial story days.

I went into Judge Jerry Bass's courtroom, expecting to see a shoeless Irvin Box, defending the innocence of his client.

Bass was there, as always, working. Box wasn't there though. McCloy wasn't there either. The trial was bumped to Jan. 28. By then, graduation will take me away to bigger and better things and my wish comes true. I wonder what bigger and better things McCloy is hoping for in his future.

—Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

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Life-saving skills taught in emergency medical classes

By Misty Hollingsworth
News Writing I
Student

The Emergency Medical Science Program at OKCCC trains students to deal with tragedies, like the recent attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center.

EMS Professor Brent Stafford said students learn to perform the physical activities necessary to rescue patients in disaster situations.

The program teaches aspiring paramedics everything from tying knots in ropes to rescuing patients in water. They learn to rescue people from accidents, crime scenes, natural disasters and to transfer them to hospitals where they receive medical attention.

Students train on rough terrain and learn to repel,

"The emotional side is very important and it's a part of the curriculum."

—Brent Stafford
EMS Professor

practicing on the tower at the fire-training center.

These exercises teach them to rescue patients from ravines, as well as patients buried in huge piles of rubble, like that left behind from the World Trade Center.

They practice using the Jaws of Life, a claw-like device that can tear through a car to rescue trapped passengers.

They learn to save lives under the most difficult, and dangerous, circumstances.

They also learn to cope emotionally with what they may see on the job.

"The emotional side is very important and it's a part of the curriculum,"

said Stafford.

Referred to as critical incident stress debriefing, or CISD, students learn to express their thoughts and emotions when dealing with work-related stress.

According to the website trauma-tir.com, CISD is "a group meeting or discussion about a distressing critical incident."

Stafford explained many EMTs see more tragedy on a daily basis than some people do in a lifetime. CISD may relieve some of the stress they experience.

Paramedics are not the only professionals to complete the program. Stafford said firemen and many nurses do as well at various levels.

Veterans Day wasn't always recognized in November

By Mark Stack
Editor

Veterans Day, which is always celebrated on Nov. 11, is a time to praise and thank those who honorably served in the military, whether it was during war or peacetime.

Although Memorial Day is also set aside to honor those who died in the service, Veterans Day is largely to honor those still living who served.

It is to acknowledge the contributions and efforts made to protect national security.

It's a time to thank those who have sacrificed and done their duty.

According to the Veterans Day website at www.va.gov/vetsday, the

groundwork for Veterans Day was started by Congress on June 4, 1926.

Congress stated its reason for setting aside the day: "Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed."

It was originally enacted to help remember those who fought and those who died in World War I.

Then on May 3, 1938, Congress made Nov. 11 an official holiday called, "Armistice Day."

After the damage suffered in World War II, veterans service organizations wanted the name changed to honor World War II soldiers as well.

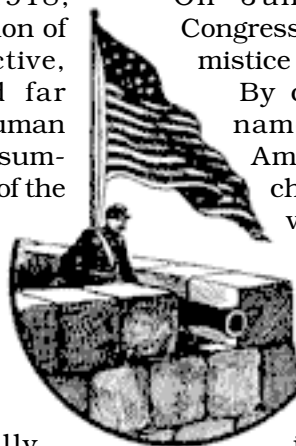
On June 1, 1954, Congress changed Armistice to Veterans.

By changing the name, it gave all Americans the chance to honor veterans of all wars, not just World War I and II vets.

On Oct. 8 that same year, President Dwight

Eisenhower issued the first official "Veterans Day Proclamation."

In 1968, Congress passed a bill ensuring all government holidays be observed on Mondays,



Plenty of jobs out there for EMT grads

By Misty Hollingsworth
News Writing I
Student

Students entering the emergency medical technology and paramedic programs at OKCCC should have no problem finding a job upon graduation.

EMS Professor Brent Stafford said many opportunities exist for those interested in this field.

"Paramedics are a fairly rare bird," Stafford said.

The college offers three options for EMT certification. For example, students may complete one 8-week credit course for basic EMT certification. It takes 16 weeks to finish.

However, anyone wishing to become a paramedic must complete the two years required to obtain an associate in applied science.

Graduates may work for hospitals, private ambulance firms, local

government, or fire departments.

"Employment of EMTs is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2008," according to the Occupational Outlook Handbook.

Job openings from all over the United States can be found posted on the EMS bulletin board.

"[Graduates] can pretty much go anywhere they want to go," Stafford said.

Low salaries and little room for advancement discourage students from pursuing this occupation, according to the Occupational Outlook Handbook.

The handbook also stated that Median annual earnings of EMTs were \$20,290 in 1998.

It said few options exist for those paramedics wanting to advance within the EMS field.

However, job security and satisfaction make up for these drawbacks.

Stafford said determination, commitment, and compassion are all qualities that successful paramedic possess.

giving workers a three-day weekend.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was celebrated on Oct. 25, 1971.

With many complaints pouring in about the new law, President Gerald Ford

signed the Public Law bill on Sept. 20, 1975.

The Public Law bill was passed in order to observe Veterans Day on the authentic day, Nov. 11.

Since then, Veterans Day has always been observed on Nov. 11.



RACISM CAN HIDE IN THE STRANGEST PLACES. LIKE BEHIND PATRIOTISM.

Duncan wins honor

By **Rockey Humphrey**
News Writing I Student

Steve Duncan is this year's recipient of the Professional Employee of the Year, one of the annual employee recognition awards.

Professional employees are employees who do not teach but sign annual contracts, as opposed to hourly pay.

As material control supervisor, Duncan is responsible for handling shipping and receiving of college supplies, maintaining college equipment inventory records, and taking care of the warehouse and properties.

"I was shocked," Duncan said.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Steve Duncan

"I feel like it's a lifetime achievement award. It's nice to be recognized by peers after all these years," Duncan said.

Duncan came to Oklahoma from Illinois in 1981

and started working for the college shortly after. He is now the Materials Control supervisor.

Glenn Mays, who has worked with Duncan for five and a half years, said Duncan is a great boss and supervisor. Mays said Duncan is dedicated to the school and his co-workers.

Duncan loves the challenge that his job provides him.

He said there is nothing routine about his job. There is always the challenge to get the job done right.

"When you say this is as good as it can get, that's when the job gets boring," said Duncan.

College preps staff, faculty, building for key inspection

By **Mark Stack**
Editor

Straighten your tie, clean your desk, and put on a great big smile because the big wigs are coming to OKCCC.

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities will visit the college from Nov. 5 through 7.

What exactly will the Higher Learning Commission be doing?

The seven-member group will be on campus to evaluate the college and ensure that OKCCC is meeting the standards and criteria for accreditation, said Annmarie Shirazi, dean of planning and institutional effectiveness.

"They are not only here to evaluate us.

"They are also here to give us advice to make OKCCC better," said Shirazi.

Students may wonder why this accreditation visit

has any importance to them, if at all.

"There are two big reasons why students should care," said Shirazi.

"First of all, if we are not accredited, then all the financial aid and any federal programs, we don't get," said Shirazi.

Which means if the North Central team is displeased with OKCCC for not meeting their requirements, then OKCCC won't have the money to give to students in need of financial aid.

Shirazi said OKCCC programs such as the Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Emergency Medical Technician, ETA and automotive programs won't receive any money if OKCCC is not accredited.

"The other part for students is transfer," said Shirazi.

"If you come from an unaccredited institution, and try to get in a school somewhere, your hours won't transfer."

The preparation for the North Central visit culmi-

nated three years ago with the beginning of the Self-Study report.

"This is the end point of a long process that began over two years ago called the 'Self-Study,'" said Dr. Martha George, professor of psychology.

More than 60 people on various committees and sub-committees looked at the college and gave an overview as to how the college is functioning relative to certain criteria, said George.

"Those findings were summarized into a book called the Self-Study report.

"The [North Central] committee has read that report and they will come to campus to see if they agree with the overview that was written," said George.

In the report, George said, there are a number of things the self-study teams thought of as strengths, along with a number of challenges the college needs to accomplish.

"One purpose of the site

Library entrance to open Nov. 5

By **Ashley Martin**
Staff Writer

The construction that is under way on OKCCC's campus is one step closer to its estimated completion in January 2003.

Art Bode, vice president for business and finance, said the new north entrance to the library should open Monday, Nov. 5.

He said the security system installation in the library was completed last week.

Remodeled rest rooms in the science center will also open on Nov. 5.

On Oct. 29, a large crane was used to lift a drilling truck over the building and into the courtyard at entry 6, Bode said.

Piers were drilled for the construction of three new classrooms in the patio area, with concrete being pumped over the building for that project.

The drilling truck was lifted out after the project was complete, Bode said.

All of the work on the first floor of the main building will continue, with the installation of dry wall, heat and air conditioning ducts and electrical wiring, Bode said.

He also said the work on the AC-DELCO project in the automotive technology area of the Career Learning Center is almost complete.

Dry wall, heat and air conditioning ducts, rest room remodeling and new automobile drive-ways are being installed in that area of the campus.

"I would encourage everyone to use the 'Building for Success' posters displayed around the campus to see what portions of our improvements to the college are completed and the scheduled completion dates for remaining work," Bode said.

visit team is to see if they agree with this list of strengths and challenges, and perhaps the team might have a few of their own challenges for us," said George.

As for President Bob Todd, he knows the North Central team will find a few challenges for OKCCC, but feels that is the point of the visit.

"I would be concerned if they came here and didn't find anything wrong," said Todd.

"If they didn't find any challenges for us, then they wouldn't be doing their job," he said.

Even though these times seem a little tense, Todd is excited about their visit.

"Accreditation is critical, I believe, in terms of communicating with the public about the quality of this

institution, what we do and the effectiveness to which we do it," said Todd.

He said the team will speak to faculty, staff, and students along with community members to find out more about OKCCC.

"I want our students to share their experiences with the college, and to not be afraid to speak to [North Central Team members]," said Todd.

Todd said the seven-member team is comprised of members of the Higher Learning Commission from all across the central United States.

The team will give an oral report about their findings during an exit interview open to everyone at 11 a.m. Nov. 7 in the college theater. The official announcement of accreditation will occur in December.

Ambient Music Cartel releases first CD

**By Kat Mohr
Staff Writer**

Unlike some bands whose songs sound exactly the same, the Ambient Music Cartel prides themselves on being diverse.

Ambient Music Cartel held CD release parties to promote their new CD entitled "Going Nowhere" at the Bricktown Brewery on Oct. 26 and at the Cross-Eyed Moose on Oct. 27.

They will also be playing at Teddy's on Nov. 2 during a live KATT Radio remote.

Band members Luke Mullinex, bassist, Jeff Morava, drummer, Shawn Proffitt, guitarist/keyboard player, and OKCCC student Aaron Newman, lead singer/guitarist, are excited about their new album.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Lead singer Aaron Newman, left, and bassist Luke Mullinex of Ambient Music Cartel performed Oct. 26 at the Bricktown Brewery.

They have recently returned from New York city where they collaborated on "Going Nowhere" with Sterling Sound, a company that has helped artists such as the Dave Matthews Band

and Macy Gray fine-tune their songs.

"This is our dream," said Newman. "We have a really good product in our hands and we are optimistic about finding a record label."

Ambient Music Cartel tries not to limit themselves in one particular genre. Instead, they mix a little bit of everything such as pop, rock, and disco to create their own original sound.

Ambient Music Cartel have accomplished much since they first started playing together a year ago.

"We have gone from where we had to rehearse and rehearse to where we can read each other," said Morava.

During the past year, Ambient Music Cartel have played in clubs in Norman, Tulsa, Lawton, Oklahoma City and Stillwater.

Everywhere they've played they've been well-

received and have enjoyed it immensely, said Morava.

When asked what their most memorable moment on stage has been, Morava said, "It is the one instant where everything clicks and it seems like you've been playing for years when in reality you've only been playing a couple of months."

The members of Ambient Music Cartel started playing music because they thought it was a fun way to express themselves.

They are influenced by many different musicians that range from the Dave Matthews Band to the Beatles to Ben Folds Five.

Ambient Music Cartel's immediate goals for the future are to be signed with a record label and to tour the nation.

"As long as we continue to grow as a band we will be satisfied," said Mullinex.

Nov. 15 marked as day designated to recycle

**By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer**

America Recycles Day is Nov. 15.

The first America Recycles Day began in 1997, but was made official in 2000 by President Bill Clinton.

The purpose of the day is to encourage people to recycle and to buy recycled goods.

OKCCC has recycled its paper, cardboard and print cartridges since the early 1990s, well before America Recycles Day.

Although students can recycle their paper in labs like the computer lab and the communications lab, recycling isn't available to students outside the labs, said Gary Phillips, building and campus services supervisor.

Recycling boxes attract too much garbage, Phillips said.

"About 99 percent of the

time, people say, 'ooh, there's a trash can' and throw their sandwich in there."

That has discouraged the college from putting boxes dedicated to recycling in the college for students.

Phillips has looked for recycling companies to recycle OKCCC's plastic goods, but said the recycling companies do not recycle plastics due to the

expense.

However, Phillips said he has contacted state officials about possibly finding a company that does recycle plastics.

Although the college doesn't plan to celebrate America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, students have the option of recycling their paper in the labs.

The city of Tulsa plans to celebrate America Recycles

Day with drawings for door prizes at local Staples and Home Depot stores, which are national sponsors of America Recycles Day, said Michael Patton, executive director of the Metropolitan Environmental Trust in Tulsa. A banquet will also be held to honor those who contribute to environmental issues.

In addition to recycling being beneficial to the en-

vironment, Patton said it also creates jobs.

Susie Shields, from the Department of Environmental Quality and state coordinator of America Recycles Day in Oklahoma, said they will distribute literature about recycling.

She said her department could not concentrate on the event as much as Tulsa will be able to, due to a lack in funding.

Great American Smoke Out Day Nov. 19

**By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer**

Monday, Nov. 19, is Great American Smoke Out Day, the day all smokers are encouraged to quit smoking cigarettes for at least 24 hours, and hopefully for life.

According to the American Cancer Society, cigarettes and cigarette smoke contain over 4,000 chemi-

cals, including 43 known to cause cancer.

They also said nicotine in cigarettes occurs naturally, and does not cause cancer. However, it is the addictive agent in cigarettes that gets people hooked.

The American Cancer Society recommends that people who have the desire to quit come up with a Commit to Quit plan.

The Commit to Quit plan involves deciding to quit, preparing to quit, and fi-

nally, following through.

People wishing to quit smoking should take into consideration how long they have smoked, how many cigarettes they smoke a day, and what their morning cravings are like.

Smokers who smoke within the first half-hour after waking are considered to be more dependent than those who can wait until later in the day.

The American Cancer Society also urges people to

quit for the health of their children.

Infants who are exposed to secondhand smoke have a greater chance of dying from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Children are also more prone to colds, ear infections, asthma and allergies when exposed to secondhand smoke.

For more information about Great American Smoke Out Day visit www.cancer.org

Halloween party frightfully fun for all ages

By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

Student clubs and organizations held their annual Halloween party on Oct. 26, and once again it was a big success.

Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities and promotions, said approximately 600 children turned out to play games and collect treats.

Jones said the college union was so full of people,

it was hard to walk around. The International Students Association made big dragon heads. Pieces of paper with different numbers were hidden in the mouths.

Children then had to reach into the mouths of the dragons, draw out a number, and then receive that many pieces of candy.

The Scholars League and the Engineering Club organized the haunted house.

"I think this is a great event," said Aaron Adams,

parent of one of the youngsters who attended the festivities.

"It's a safe environment, they're entertained, and they go home with candy, which makes them happy," he said.

Chameleon Entertainment provided the music for the evening, complete with the "Hokey Pokey" and the "Bunny Hop."

Jones said a great time was had by all. He was very happy with the turnout of parents and children.



Above: Buzz Lightyear, Jacob Webster, 4, yells "To infinity and beyond!" Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities and promotions, said approximately 600 children turned out to play games and collect treats.



Above: Alora Walters, 11, and her mother Twyla Walters, swing the night away at the OKCCC Halloween bash.



Happy Halloween: OKCCC's Halloween party was fun for all ages. From left to right: Michaela Orologio, 5, Dawn Orologio, Molly Hughes, 3, and Jace Orologio, 1.



Above: Gannon Koehler, 7, plays alligator golf to win some candy. Several games and contests were offered at OKCCC's Halloween party including a haunted house.



Left: Princess Chandrea Hanson, 2, gets her 'groove on' on the dance floor.



Can't go around it? Just go over it

Right: An Allied Steel crane, counter-balanced by weights, sits ready outside entry 6 to lift a drilling truck into the college courtyard.



Above: Workers watch as a 24,000-pound drilling truck is hoisted into the air, over the building and into the college courtyard.

When help was needed to expedite construction near the college theater, Allied Steel came to the rescue by using one of its cranes to lift a 24,000-pound truck into the college courtyard Oct. 29.

Gail Armstrong Construction Inc., the firm handling OKCCC's ongoing remodeling project, brought in the truck. A drill rig mounted on the truck enabled workers to drill holes for 17 30-foot piers.

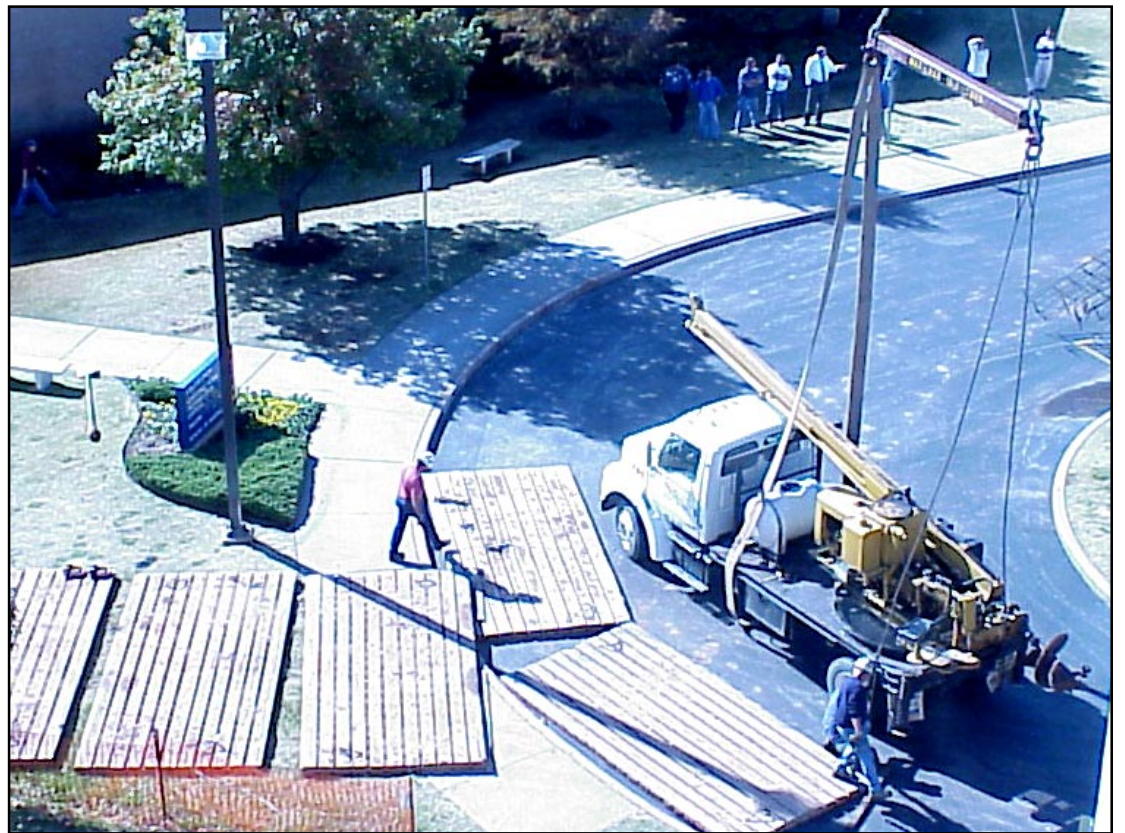
Physical Plant assistant director J.B.

Messer said the piers, filled with structural steel and concrete, will support an addition to the college's arts and humanities building. The plan is to replace the covered terrace in the courtyard with classrooms which are expected to be finished by the end of January.

Construction workers finished drilling the following afternoon and lifted the truck back out of the courtyard.

(See page 5 for a complete update on campus construction.)

Text by Kat Mohr
Photos by Kat Mohr and Ronna Austin



Above: A bird's-eye view of workers preparing a drilling truck to be air-lifted by an Allied Steel crane into the courtyard for help with the college's ongoing construction project.

Below: Straps and cables are secured from the crane to the truck.



MAPS for Kids rep speaks at college

By Mark Stack
Editor

Sherry Rice Rhodes, executive director of the Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation, was on campus Oct. 25 promoting the MAPS for Kids project and why Oklahoma City residents should vote yes in the Nov. 13 election.

"Every child deserves a quality education," Rhodes said.

Rhodes spoke to an audience of almost 20 people about the benefits that will result if MAPS for Kids is passed.

"We want in our schools full-time nurses [and] full-time counselors. We want music and fine arts to be taught, up-to-date science labs. We want safe schools," said Rhodes. "MAPS for Kids will give us these things."

If passed on Nov. 13, Oklahoma City residents would have a seven-year period of increased sales tax.

The tax would start at a half-cent in January, and rise to a full penny after 15 months. This is similar to the original MAPS project several years ago.

Seventy percent of the money will go to Oklahoma

City district schools, with the other 30 percent going to 23 other school districts having students residing in Oklahoma City.

Rhodes said the money raised would help remodel old schools, and build some new ones.

"We didn't want to build all new schools," Rhodes said. "We want to create a better learning environment for our children to grow."

Sixty-five schools in the Oklahoma City public school system would be remodeled and renovated, while seven new schools would be built, said Rhodes.

"We didn't want to build all new schools, we want to create a better learning environment for our children to grow"

—Sherry Rice Rhodes
Executive Director
Oklahoma City Public Schools

Placing disruptive students in alternative schools to better fit their needs, replacing old school buses, and letting parents be more involved in their child's education are a few examples of how MAPS for Kids will create a better environment for students.

"Every child deserves to have a place where they can

go to school and feel good about themselves and the people around them," Rhodes said.

Rhodes said Project Kids took on the name MAPS for Kids after the first MAPS proved to be successful for downtown Oklahoma City.

"We believe this will help to keep moving Oklahoma City forward," Rhodes said.

Symphonic choir to perform

By Amber Powell
News Writing I Student

Singers searching for a group to perform with should consider joining the Symphonic Community Choir.

The Symphonic Community Choir has a \$20 non-credit enrollment fee and does not hold auditions.

Vocalists can join in January for the spring semester.

The choir will meet every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the OKCCC Arts and Humanities building in room 1C5.

The current choir will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 in the college theater.

The concert is free and there will be a variety of

music for everyone to enjoy.

OKCCC Music professor Ryan Hebert said the choir will perform a jazz piece called "All The Things You Are" by Jerome Kern.

The program also will include Christmas songs and some classical music pieces. The OKCCC Jazz Band and Concert Choir also will be performing with the Symphonic Choir.

New professor well versed in auto field

By J.M. Jamet
News Writing I Student

There is much anticipation concerning the new professor at OKCCC.

David Collier will be joining the OKCCC staff as a professor of the automotive technology department.

Collier has a very distinguished background and is highly regarded by the OKCCC staff.

Collier started his automotive career in 1987 as a technician at Eskridge Oldsmobile, then moved on to become a shop foreman at Bill Lewis Auto Service.

Collier then went on to work as a technician, this time at Saturn of Edmond.

Prior to becoming a professor at OKCCC, Collier was a regional team leader

at Delta College Corporate Services.

Collier attended Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech from 1985 to '87. Then from '87 to '89, Collier attended OKCCC.

From '90 to '93, Collier attended the University of Central Oklahoma.

Collier has compiled an associates degree in applied science in automotive technology, completed 99 hours toward a bachelors of science degree in training and development, and was a graduate of the General Motors Automotive Service Education Program, also known as ASEP.

Collier enjoys golf, computers, outdoor activities, and spending time with his family.

"I'm very appreciative of this opportunity, and I am looking forward to teaching at OKCCC," Collier said.

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Highlights

International Club to host pizza party

International Student Association will have its meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, in CU8. ISA encourages all students who signed up during the Organizations Fair earlier this semester to attend the meeting. Pizza will be served. Also, ISA and the Muslim Student Community will have a joint club meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 in room CU7. Club members will have a pot luck dinner featuring cuisine from several different countries.

Phi Theta Kappa meetings planned

Phi Theta Kappa, honor society of two-year colleges, encourages members and future members to attend the general meetings at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7 or 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8. Call 682-1611 ext. 7771 to get location for the meetings. PTK will discuss upcoming events during the meetings.

World peace begins with inner peace

Linda Yeingst, teacher with the school of Metaphysics, will explore ways to make the world a better place at noon Wednesday, Nov. 7 in CU7.

Club sponsors "Parental Advice" guest speaker

Parents as Single Students with Critical Learning Activities for Student Success, also known as PASS with CLASS, is sponsoring guest speaker Kris Hapgood, from the Children First program, who will speak about "Parenting with Time Management" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, in room 2P7. Everyone is welcome.

Symphonic Band with John Wasson performing

The Symphonic band and guest artist John Wasson will perform classical and contemporary band music at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, in the college theater. Tickets are \$7 for general admission, \$5 for students and seniors.

Enroll now before winter's grip takes hold

Students at OKCCC can now enroll for all spring classes. Spring semester starts Jan. 22. Returning students can enroll online at www.okc.cc.ok.us or via telephone by calling 682-6222. Enrollment hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Easy as a can of corn

Campus Activities Board will sponsor the Harvest Food Drive from Oct. 22 through Nov. 7. Collection boxes for non-perishable food items will be placed in the arts and humanities building, the science and math building, the main building, the college union and Student Life.

Spring tuition fee waiver applications available

Students can now apply for tuition fee waivers for spring from Student Financial Aid Center. Students must have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA with good academic standing, enroll in six credit hours and provide a copy of their academic history from the Admissions desk. Histories from any school attended beyond high school are also needed. Students must answer all questions and submit only one form to the Financial Aid Center by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

Engineering Club wants your books

Engineering Club needs used books for the Professor Jack Cain Memorial Engineering Scholarship book sale that will be held on Nov. 6 and 7. Bring books to boxes located in division offices, or e-mail Engineering Professor Masil Masilamani at mmasilamani@okc.cc.ok.us so that a student can pick up the books.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Night of the dragons: Students from the International Student Association greet hundreds of children attending OKCCC's annual Halloween Carnival on Oct. 26.

Club faithful to followers

By Marissa Shirley
News Writing I Student

Chi Alpha met on Saturday Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. for their second nighttime meeting.

When asked what the purpose of having Chi Alpha on a Saturday night

was, Josh Peek, campus pastor, said: "it is an opportunity for those who have classes on Wednesdays to meet."

"Chi Alpha is a time for us to build strong Christians to be disciples to this campus," Peek said.

Shawn Slay, youth pastor at The Rock Assembly of God, spoke to the small

crowd about such things as strong faith, people giving their all no matter who they are, and small beginnings.

"There is nothing wrong with small beginnings," Slay said in reference to how he started in life and into the Chi Alpha membership.

Chi Alpha meets Wednesdays at noon in the theater.

Chess Club faces shortages

By Amanda Rogers
News Writing I Student

Many student clubs and organizations are struggling with membership this semester.

The Chess Club, for example, hopes to attract more students.

Chess club sponsor Dennis Anderson said only one student is active in the club this semester. Anderson, a

biology professor, said the group is usually much larger.

"We have been known to have as many as 15 members in the past," Anderson said.

"Anyone can join, even those that do not know how to play chess," Anderson explained.

Chess Club has interesting ways of fund-raising.

"We hold competitions. They are often regional, including Texas and Arkan-

sas," Anderson said.

Anderson is hoping to schedule events during the months of January and February.

However, he cannot schedule the chess competitions if there is only one student involved.

Club dues are inexpensive, costing students just \$2 per semester.

If any students out there are interested in joining this club, contact Anderson at 682-1611, ext. 7271.

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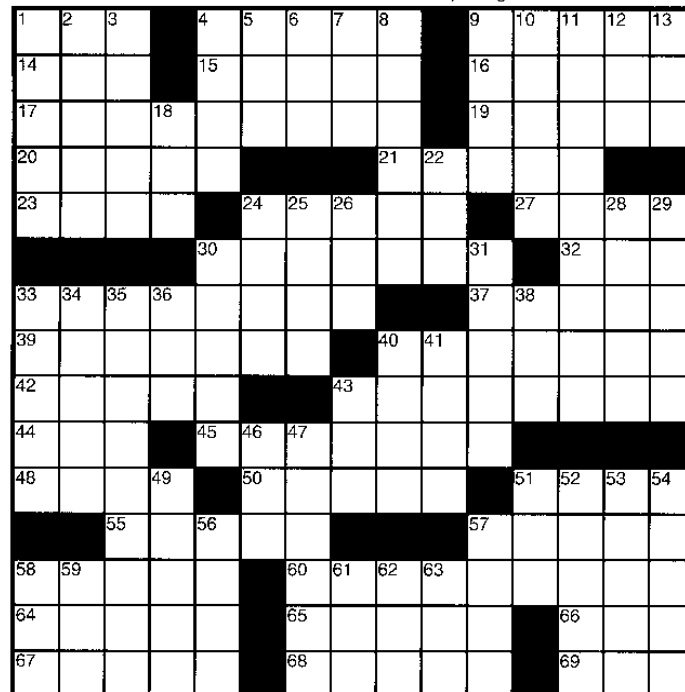
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Bioterrorism questions answered by state health department spokesman

"Anthrax,"

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Crutcher said the three ways by which this can happen are:

- Through the skin, such as a scratch or open wound.

- By ingesting or eating something that has been contaminated.

- Inhaling the spores into the lungs, causing them to swell, fill with fluids and eventually causing a person to stop breathing.

Crutcher said people who contract anthrax through the skin have a 21 percent death rate. If inhaled into the lungs, the mortality rate shoots up to 80 to 90 percent.

In cases of biological warfare, Crutcher said, there are questions to consider, especially regarding the incidences of anthrax.

These are organisms that can be used rather easily against the public he said.

Questions that the public may have are:

Is this organism going to become active when it comes into contact with skin?

Is it contagious?

Crutcher said anthrax is not contagious; however, he said, another scare is small pox which is highly contagious.

Crutcher said he doesn't feel there is any immediate

danger from small pox but pointed out that if the small pox virus were to be released into the public, it would cause a much bigger problem than the current anthrax exposures.

In addition, if any of these viruses are genetically altered or enhanced in a lab, that gives them a chemically different base. If that happens, Crutcher said, available vaccines may not work.

He said there are differences between chemical and biological warfare and, because of that, differences in the treatment.

If terrorists use chemical warfare, the effects would happen within minutes, sometimes seconds. Most chemicals activate once they come in contact with human skin.

In comparison, infectious

or biological warfare can take days and sometimes weeks for incubation. During this time a person can experience "flu-like" symptoms.

Crutcher said choosing the best response to treat or prevent illness from any biological weapons should be left to a person's physician.

However, Crutcher said, if people visit their doctors every time they come in contact with a white, powdery substance, they may be taking unnecessary medications, and using up the doctor's valuable time as well.

Biological and chemical attacks can be on a large or small scale.

Crutcher said terrorists try to target public areas or at least areas where large groups of people will be

gathered.

He cited the cases of the Tokyo subway, where 12 people died and more than 5000 were injured because of the use of Sarin Gas.

He said biological warfare has been used for approximately 2500 years. One example from 1346 A.D. involved taking bodies of people who died of the plague and catapulting them over city walls to spread the disease.

Antibiotics such as peni-

cillin, Doxycycline and Ciproflaxin are available now to treat anthrax and will work as long as the viruses are not engineered in any way.

Crutcher said the main question posed to him these days seems to be regarding if there is really an immediate threat of biological warfare to Oklahomans.

Crutcher said, in his opinion, that really is not likely be a problem for the people of Oklahoma.



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