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They like us! They really, really like us!

OKCCC receives reaccreditation
for the next 10 years

By Mark Stack
Editor

Regents, faculty, staff, and most importantly, students of OKCCC can now sleep a little better after the college received 10 years of reaccreditation.

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities announced their decision at the end of their visit to OKCCC Nov. 5 through 7.

The evaluating consultant team of seven members toured the college and held several meetings with faculty, staff and students.

In the exit interview and oral report given in the college theater on Nov. 7, the team listed several strengths about OKCCC.

See "Reaccreditation," page 12

Last day to drop classes extended

By Ambie Bowie
News Writing I Student

Students who forgot to withdraw just got a lucky break. OKCCC has extended the date to withdraw from fall classes to Friday, Nov. 16 said Gloria Cardenas Barton, Dean of Admissions.

"We know that the week of Sept. 11 there were a number of classes canceled and the college was closed," Barton said.

"A few faculty members have suggested an extension to allow enough time for students to complete tests that may have been pushed back and figure out where they stand."

Students can withdraw in person at the admissions office, by phone at 682-6222, or online at www.okc.cc.ok.us.



Photo by Kat Mohr

The final countdown: Student Amber Bowie does her homework in the student union between classes. The semester is past the midway point, with only four weeks remaining. Many students are looking forward to Thanksgiving break Nov. 20 through 25. The last day of fall classes is Dec. 16.

Reading class makes online debut

By Amy Saxon
News Writing I Student

Having trouble comprehending what you read? Are you a slow reader? Have no fear.

Effective Reading is being offered in the spring.

The online class is designed to help students learn to read faster and comprehend a greater volume of material in a shorter amount of time, said Linda Robinett, professor of learning skills.

While many students who enroll in Effective Reading are previous developmental students, Robinett said, the class is designed for any student with a ninth grade reading

level or above.

She said students take the course for many reasons, including improving reading comprehension skills.

"Traditionally, we have students who are entering a health program and need to read faster and comprehend better to get preference points or to pass an entrance exam," Robinett said.

The class can also be a valuable asset to students who are already accomplished readers she said.

The class not only increases the speed of a student's reading, but also teaches a student to select important parts of a reading selection for more effective results, Robinett said.

"We are excited about it because we have never offered a

reading class online before, and we are anxious to see how it works," she said.

The online reading class is on the spring schedule.

She said students who are far along in their degree or with a busy schedule can take advantage of the class online and work at their own pace.

The communications department will also offer College Writing II online in the spring.

Enrollment for spring classes is currently under way.

Students may enroll a variety of ways: in person in the main building, online at www.okc.cc.ok.us or by calling the college's telephone enrollment system at 682-6222.

Spring semester 16-week classes begin Jan. 22.

Intersession starts Jan. 7.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

I saw that spot before you did

One might think that college students were old enough to be rational when attempting to park their cars at school.

Apparently not.

And not only are they irrational when parking, they litter in the parking lot, too.

I arrived at the college this morning, before the full-to-capacity time of 10 a.m., only to find nothing.

Not a single spot.

Not even a really, really bad spot.

So, I cruised. First, around parking lot A, then G, then F, then back to A, and so on.

This continued for 20 minutes.

Every time a place would open up, it would be pounced upon by someone in a smaller, faster compact car.

I sympathized with unsuspecting students walking out to their cars.

All of us who were waiting for the perfect spot would whip around and try to see what car they went to.

I was guilty of it, too.

I would inch along, waiting to throw on the brakes and beat the competition to the turn signal.

What really drove me crazy about the whole thing? People who take their sweet time getting to their cars.

You think they're going to this row, but no, they continue on to the next.

And the next. And the next.

Pretty soon, they're so far gone it's not worth the fight for their parking place.

All of my careful scheming and alertness paid off.

I super-scored (as the boyfriend would say) and got a pretty decent spot not too far from where I enter the building.

Granted, I got a dirty look, but I wasn't about to give up after 20 minutes. I'd have been cruising all day.

And a couple of words about the littering.

I'm not advocating littering on this campus, but if you're going to leave glass bottles in the parking lot, leave them on the lines.

That way, when I whip into the spot you just vacated, I won't run over it, spraying shattered glass onto the cars surrounding me.

But even that didn't ruin my day. I still got a good parking place.

—Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

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Time to help our fellow statesmen

To the Editor:

I understand the people of New York and Washington are hurting.

I can even appreciate the economic impact of the events of Sept. 11.

What I cannot understand is the amount of money people are continuing to raise for the relief efforts.

It's one thing to make a donation and have a fundraiser or two.

After all, this was a horrible national tragedy.

However, what about the

other charities and people in need?

The fund-raising for the victims and survivors of the terrorist attacks has now eclipsed the one-billion-dollar mark.

That is billion with a B.

What about those devastated by recent tornadoes in our own state?

Where are the fund-raisers to help our fellow Oklahomans get back on their feet?

Many of those displaced by the late season tornadoes that dismantled the

town of Cordel were uninsured and are now left with nothing.

Not that the people in New York don't need help, but let's take care of our own before we continue to pour money into the cash coffers of the New York City funds.

—Tory Ervin
Journalism major

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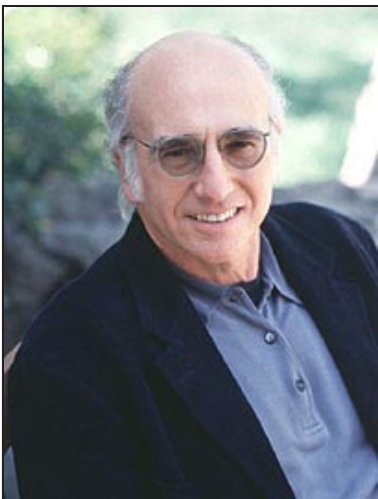
Seinfeld creator takes show about nothing to new levels

Have you ever righted a wrong by doing more wrongs? If you have, then you can relate to HBO's new comedy series "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

"Curb Your Enthusiasm" brings the off-kilter comic vision of Larry David, co-creator and co-producer of Seinfeld, to HBO.

Funny and at times incredibly absurd, "Curb Your Enthusiasm" has David playing himself in front of several hand-held cameras.

The technique of using hand-held cameras makes the show seem more like a documentary rather than your typical sitcom.



In fact, the actors seem so natural that you forget they are acting.

In each episode David finds himself in an uncomfortable situation that he must resolve.

For instance, in the episode "The Doll," David finds himself in a bind when he gives his new boss's daughter's doll a haircut.

David tries to make things right by stealing his lawyer's daughter's doll head to replace the one he butchered.

David is constantly trying to prove that two wrongs do make a right.

David's dry and witty humor mixed with his unique style make it impossible for anyone to curb their enthusiasm.

HBO has definitely given all of television the best sitcom since Seinfeld.

—Kat Mohr
Staff Writer

No cure for the 'Great Depression'

Dark Man X is bouncing again, just like his latest CD "The Great Depression" is bouncing off the shelves.

Debuting at no. 1 on the Billboard chart, the untouchable Yonkers native has surpassed them all once again with his fourth career CD.

The current single "Who We Be" displays X's raw and gritty style which helped him break through in 1998.

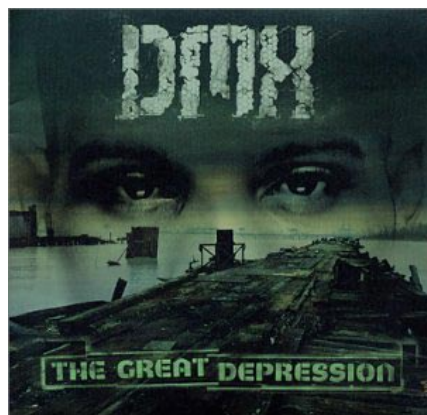
The fourth track entitled "Trina Moe" takes a shot at the iced out, platinum flossin' rappers who tease their fans with things they can't have.

It's rare to see someone with incredible amounts of money not flashing the fancy jewelry and expensive clothes. It's very refreshing.

I believe it's called "keepin' it real," something most rappers preach but never practice.

Quite a contrast on the new album is the rock heavy "Bloodline Anthem."

The name resembles the "Ruff Ryder Anthem," but it's heavy metal sound clearly distinguishes itself



from almost every other song, except the beginning of "I'ma Bang."

What album would be complete without a song about woman troubles?

"Shorty Was the Bomb" is more or less about a one-night stand gone bad, really bad.

Haven't we all had that problem at least once?

DMX's ability to sing in the chorus is one more reason to appreciate this multi-talented star.

Absent on the last album and featured on "Great Depression" is the ever popular "Damien III" track.

DMX continues his

struggle with the devil, who is consistently trying to cheat X of their deal.

What makes this the best song on the album is the uptempo beat and much faster pace than I and II.

And just like the previous three albums, X again dedicates a prayer and a song to the Lord, giving thanks for all he has been blessed with.

There are several hidden tracks on the album, all a sample of what is to come on DMX's new Bloodline record label.

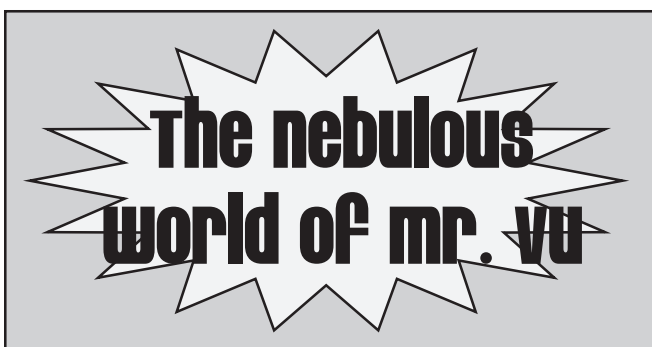
Without a doubt the two-year wait for this album was well worth it.

The time he took off to make movies obviously refreshed and energized X.

For someone who doesn't like to be in the studio, he does a hell of a job.

Failing to cop this album could leave you as the only loser on your block. Arf arf!

—Mark Stack
Editor



Remembering the bad, the good

I hated my grandma's rocking chair. That chair was huge for a rocking chair.

The legs were made of thick, dark-finished wood. The plush cushions depicted wagons and farm life. I liked to smack the cushions and watch the cloud of dust float in the air. It had these plugs on the arms, kinda like the nuts on a wheel, that I liked to pull out and push back in.

It was an ugly chair, but it was everyone's favorite chair to sit in when all my relatives came over to grandma's house for the holidays.

All the kids loved to play with it. They'd sit in it and rock in the chair so hard it smacked the wall. It's a great way to annoy the grownups.

The chair nested in a corner of the living room, right between the front door and the entrance to a bedroom. It was hard to walk through the doors because the chair was so big. All the kids loved running by it because when they played chase, the skinny kids knew it would slow down the big kids, a key advantage until the big kids would catch the little kids and pound them.

I liked to hang on the side of the chair and rock back and forth, my feet resting above the chair's feet.

My uncles would tell me to stop, but I never did. It was a huge chair, like climbing a mountain, or standing at the bow of a pirate ship during a storm. But then reality caught up to me.

I slipped. My right big toe fell right under the mighty rocker, and succumbed to the pressure of wood on flesh. My toenail was obliterated. It ceased to exist. I was just standing there, looking at my naked toe, too shocked even to cry.

"I told you so," one of my uncles said.

I didn't learn. I climbed back on a year later and smashed my toe again. That stupid chair tricked me into playing with it and took two of my toenails.

Eventually, I stopped, grew up and matured.

A few years ago, I took off one of the buttons from that chair, now showing signs of loving use, and I put it in a small can with stuff I had collected throughout the years. I put in stuff from my childhood, things that remind me of good times, family, fun, things I regretted and things I didn't regret. It's my can of memories so when I move out of the house and become a man, I'll still have something to remind me of the time when I was a boy.

—Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

Book sale raises more than \$2000 for scholarship

By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

In its two days of business from Nov. 6 through Nov. 7, OKCCC's Engineering Club book sale raised more than \$2,000 for the Professor Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship said Electrical engineering major Dustin Blessum and petroleum engineering major Anagabriela Carvallo.

The club raised more than \$1,000 in the first day of the sale, said Masil Masilamani, club sponsor.

"It's really good," Masilamani said about this year's book sale.

"We have different varieties of books, like nursing, psychology and math — they're good books, the latest versions."

Jason Goss, Engineering Club publicity officer, said there were over 1,000 used books for sale.

College faculty, staff and the public donated the used books during the Engineering Club's book drive that began last month.

Book prices were "make



Photo by Kat Mohr

Engineering club students try to sell as many used books as they can from Nov. 6 to Nov. 7 for the Professor Jack Cain Memorial Engineering Scholarship. From left to right: Jason Goss, Thomas Bates, Jim Nellikunnel, and Johanna Rojas.

your own offer" which students took advantage of.

Ryan Roggow, engineering major, bought "Raise

the Red Dawn" by Bart Davis and "2010: Odyssey Two" by Arthur C. Clarke. Sherrie Elliott, pharmacy

major, was looking for math and science books, especially a calculus book. Elliot planed to spend

about \$5 for her book.

"It's better than buying a book brand new for \$50 or \$60 more," Elliott said.

Movie industry jobs lean more toward technical than Hollywood glamorous

By Gracelynn Pruitt
News Writing I Student

The mysteries of film-making seem glamorous compared to dish washing at a local restaurant or even doing homework.

Fritz Kiersch, professor of film and video production, said many students who enroll in film classes have an idea of the job being glamorous.

In reality, although some aspects of the movie industry may be glamorous, OKCCC teaches the behind-the-scenes craft.

The program is designed to train students to run the camera, operate the lights

or even do the makeup.

Film and video production classes offer students a chance to learn about the technical side of the film and video industry.

OKCCC's film and video courses are open to non-majors as well as majors.

If students want to take one or two classes to experience the technical side of film, then Kiersch encourages them to enroll.

Opportunities for working in the film and video industry are open to students who are currently attending OKCCC.

Kiersch said that many of his students work freelance while attending classes and four of his students worked on a feature

film over the summer.

Kiersch said students attending film and video classes at OKCCC work on state-of-the-art equipment.

They are trained on the same equipment that they will be using in the current film market.

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Testing center coordinator envisions improvement

By Tanya Boehm
News Writing I Student

Feedback is what the new testing center coordinator said he wants from students. Jeff Beed said he is mainly interested in knowing what the testing center can do to improve its services.

Beed, who began work in mid-October, said he is still trying to get adjusted to all that takes place in the testing center.

He said his job is to help smooth things out and keep everything running smoothly.

Beed said, at times, it has been so busy in the center he has felt like an usher. The center monitors more than 70,000 tests a year, he said.

Beed has a history with OKCCC.

He attended the college about 10 years ago. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Oklahoma. Currently, he is working on his master's in In-

dustrial Organization Psychology at OU. He will graduate this December.

He said since he is still so new to the campus, he does not have a campus phone or an e-mail address yet, but said he anticipates getting both in the near future.

In the meantime, he said, the best way to reach him is to call the testing center at 682-7321.

He said students should feel free to contact him. His hours are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Students may also drop by the center to see him.

Currently, the testing center is temporarily located in the hallway just outside of the student union.

The new testing center is being built in the main building. It is scheduled to open January 15.

Testing center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Students must be at the center at least one hour before closing to take a test.



Jeff Beed
Testing Center Coordinator

Photo by Kat Mohr

Remodeled science lab stands up to microscopic examination

By Jennifer Iler
News Writing I Student



Photo by Kat Mohr

Amber McClutchen studies various cells through the microscope in the newly-renovated science lab. The lab is one area that has been completed during the college's first floor remodeling in the main building.

The newly-renovated science lab has changed for the better according to students and faculty.

Some of the improvements include new DVD players for the physics area, a darkroom for light experiments and online biology labs for online students.

The lab also has a new look and atmosphere. Instead of moveable partitions, walls divide the lab from the hallway.

Lab assistant B.J. Higgins said

that is one of the most popular changes.

"It's so quiet in here, now that we don't have the noise from the hall," she said.

Student Michelle Sinclair said she also likes the new appearance of the lab.

"It's so much cleaner and better organized," she said.

New paint and tile floors contribute to the cleaner appearance.

Lab attendant Ross Kibble said new storage areas for equipment help keep everything in its place and easier to get to.

"It's new and more efficient to use," he said.



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Flags representative of college diversity

By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

The flags in the union represent the diversity at OKCCC, said Dr. John Hughes, dean of social sciences.

"We have a lot of international students," Hughes said.

OKCCC has more than 300 students who were born abroad and not naturalized citizens from 60 different countries, Hughes said.

"You realize that people around the world are alike.

"They want the same things in life for their families.

"Across the board, we have a lot in common," he said.

The goal of the flags is to increase the awareness of OKCCC's international atmosphere and to impress upon students that there are many OKCCC students that aren't American, Hughes said.

Hughes said that after the Sept. 11 attacks, the need to better un-

derstand different societies and cultures increased greatly.

Although Hughes didn't imply the United States didn't know anything about other countries, he said it was important to understand why countries dislike the United States.

"It's safe to say that we don't know as much as we need to about other countries," Hughes said.

"The flags represent the countries from which most of our students are from, and which we are closely associated with like Ecuador and Taiwan."

"They also represent the countries we have a sister-school relationship with like Israel and Russia," Hughes said.

Hughes said the original plan was to display the flags over the balconies on the second floor of the main building but those plans may have been changed due to remodeling in the main building.

The current location of the flags in the student union is temporary. A permanent location will be de-



Photo by Kat Mohr

International flags adorn the college union

cided later.

The decision to display the international flags was originally made

by the office of student life. Hughes said there are plans to add more international flags.

International education week in the early stages at OKCCC

By Mark Stack
Editor

It's about time we start educating ourselves about the world.

The U.S. Department of Education has declared Nov. 12 through Nov. 16 as International Education Week.

The Department of Education stated the value of international education by saying: "educating students about people and nations throughout the world is necessary in preparing our students to live in a diverse and tolerant society and succeed in a global economy."

Although OKCCC doesn't have a lot planned, Dean of Social Sciences Dr. John Hughes said OKCCC is slowly headed in the right direction.

"The college is in the early stages of it's international efforts," said Hughes.

Hughes said the international flag display along with Dr. Manuel Prestamo's ability to bring in international music are just a couple examples of how OKCCC is trying to bring global education to the college.

"I believe Dr. Prestamo does a marvelous job bringing in international artists for the cultural program," said Hughes.

Hughes would like to see an increase in the foreign exchange programs.

"We have the ability to send students on study abroad programs.

"Opportunities are going to be more available for students who might never have seriously considered overseas as part of their education," said Hughes.

This country needs more people who are capable of working in an international environment, said Hughes.

"People need to learn to understand other people's perspective, they don't have

to adopt it, they don't have to like it," said Hughes.

Hughes said if people don't learn to tolerate each other and their respective cultures, [problems will continue to arise.] "Everybody in the world isn't exactly like we are, and we have to come to grips with that in order to get along," said Hughes.

Although OKCCC does have 333 international students from more than 60 countries across the globe, Hughes said he would like to see OKCCC actively recruit international students.

"Although, 333 students is a substantial number, I would like to see us go out and recruit foreign students whose purpose is to come to OKCCC," said Hughes. "I'm optimistic that in the future we will be headed in that direction.

We are always looking for new and better ways to do things. I hope International education is a part of that."

Preschool teachers bond with children

By Terrell Winans
News Writing 1 student

The waiting list at the Child Development Center is long. Two to three years to be exact. Parents want their children to attend because of its good reputation

The OKCCC Child Development Center's teachers have their hands full from 7 a.m. until 5:45 p.m., but manage to bond with the children as well as teach them.

"I was nervous because I didn't know how the children would respond since I'm new," said Jaime McCoy, one of the teachers in the Child Development Center.

Fortunately McCoy has only five out of 16 toddlers in her class.

Toddlers range in age from 1 to 3 years of age.

McCoy says she has managed to form a special connection with all five of her toddlers along with all the other children in her classroom. One child even calls her "mom."

Admission to the Child Development Center is open to the community as well as the OKCCC staff and students.

The payments are \$20 less if parents are part of the OKCCC staff or a student.

Cost is \$100 per week for toddlers plus a \$35 activity fee each semester.

Students anxiously await Thanksgiving break

The History of Thanksgiving

The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the Mayflower were originally members of a English separatist group. They had earlier fled their home in England and sailed to Holland to escape religious persecution.

There, they enjoyed more religious tolerance, but they eventually became disenchanted with the Dutch way of life, thinking it ungodly.

Seeking a better life, the separatists negotiated with a London stock company to finance a pilgrimage to America. Most of those making the trip aboard the Mayflower were non-separatists, hired to protect the company's interests.

Only about one-third of the original colonists were separatists.

The Pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock on Dec. 11, 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the Mayflower. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one.

The remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast — including 91 American Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year.

It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives.

The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true “thanksgiving” observance. It lasted three days.

This “thanksgiving” feast was not repeated the following year. But in 1623, during a severe drought, the pilgrims gathered in a prayer service, praying for rain.

When a long, steady rain followed the very next day, Governor Bradford proclaimed another day of Thanksgiving, again inviting their Indian friends.

It wasn't until June of 1676 that another Day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed.

On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Mass. held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving.

October of 1777 marked the first time that all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. It also commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. But it was a one-time affair.

George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789, although some were opposed to it.

There was discord among

the colonies, many feeling the hardships of a few Pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday. And later, President Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of having a day of thanksgiving.

It was Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, whose efforts eventually led to what we recognize as Thanksgiving. Hale wrote many editorials championing her cause in her Boston Ladies' Magazine, and later, in Godey's Lady's Book.

Finally, after a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents, Hale's obsession became a reality. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who set it up one week to the next-to-last Thursday in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season. Public uproar against this decision caused the president to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later.

In 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by congress as an official holiday on the fourth Thursday in November.

What are OKCCC students doing for Thanksgiving?

“I will go to Norman with my American family. [I'm going to] try to make Jell-O because it's easy and simple.”

—Candy Huang, business management major



Photo by Kat Mohr

“I will probably be eating dinner with my family, like [I do] every year. I love pie — all kinds of pie.”

—Angela Hoskisson, major undecided

“I'm going to see my family in Ponca City. Every year it is the same. I look forward to the two hour drive with my grandpa. We talk about all the changes over the years — his history as opposed to what I have learned.”

—J.R. Hamilton, business major



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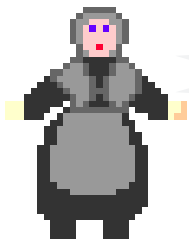
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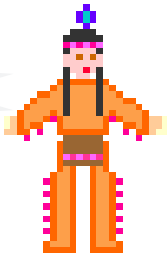
- One cup chili sauce
- One cup bourbon
- One cup brown sugar

Instructions:

Set oven at 200 to 250 degrees. Cover and bake for four hours. If in a hurry, cook in electric skillet.



Recipes by
Kat Mohr



BARBEQUE GREEN BEANS

Ingredients:

- Three strips bacon
- 1 medium onion
- 1 cup ketchup
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 3 cans “cut” green beans (drained.)

Instructions:

Bake, covered for four hours at 250 degrees. Save juice from one can to add to beans as they cook and dry out.

College meets fund-raiser goal

By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

OKCCC raised more than \$18,000 during its annual United Way fund-raiser, said Paula Belcher, secretary to the executive director of enrollment management.

After traumatic events such as the anthrax scares and the New York and Washington, D.C. attacks, Belcher said she was worried that the campaign's goal would fail. The bar was set to increase last year's total of over \$16,000 by 10 percent this year. People on campus reached the mark.

"I was really afraid at first with all that happened, but I feel we did it," Belcher said.

Dudley Freeman, chairman of this year's fund-raiser and director of staff development, said the money raised will go to 67 different agencies. They include the American Red Cross, Big Brothers/Sisters, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

"There's a lot of people who don't understand what the United Way does," Freeman said.

Some of the money will go to help train children and adults get jobs, especially those with learning deficiencies, Freeman said.

The money will also go to a battered women's shelter.

He said people should visit some of the agencies and the United Way office to see how it benefits the community.

The college had four fund-raisers for the United

Way campaign.

More than \$17,000 was raised from OKCCC employees who gave donations earlier or who chose to have donations deducted from their monthly paychecks.

The "Two for Blue" campaign raised \$354. Faculty and staff paid \$2 to wear jeans on Friday.

For the "Two for Boos" campaign staffers paid \$2 to dress up for Halloween. That campaign raised \$59.

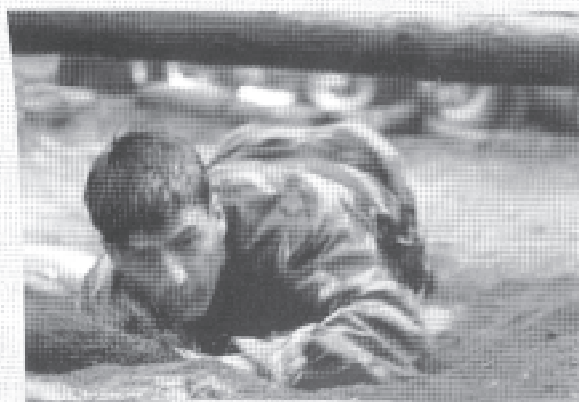
The college also raffled three tickets to this year's bedlam football game between the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State to be held in Norman.

More than \$300 was raised in that raffle. Ronna Austin, Pioneer lab director, won the tickets.



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The staff from the financial aid office won first place in the Halloween contest. Their prize was lunch with Dr. Bob Todd at the Petroleum Club. From left to right: Tiffany Wedel, Linda Poindexter, Tammy Warner, Andra Main and Janis Armstrong.



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Let's make music:

The Oklahoma City Symphonic Band and guest artist John Wasson played to a full house on Nov. 6 in the college theater. The band played a mix of classical and contemporary music. The concert is part of OKCCC's Cultural Awareness Series. For more information, visit www.okc.cc.ok.us/global, or call 682-7579.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Occupational therapy program hidden gem

**By Justin Waganer
News Writing I Student**

People who have ever been the victim of an accident that changed their lives and kept them from performing everyday activities are urged to consider occupational therapy.

Why?

Occupational therapy aims to help those who can no longer perform their occupation the way they once did before an injury.

An individual who needs occupational therapy must learn how to adapt to the environment they live in.

Tom Kraft, director of the college's Occupational Therapy Assistant program said the individual may have problems with motor skills. Also, individuals may face cognitive learning, intrapersonal, interpersonal or sensory issues that they never experienced

before.

These problems lead to obstacles with everyday life in self-maintenance including things like bathing or putting on makeup. Productivity problems may hinder performance in the workplace.

The most frustrating problems faced by people undergoing occupational therapy occurs during leisure time such as reading or gardening.

Some ask the difference between physical therapy and occupational therapy.

The best answer is that physical therapy helps a person regain strength and endurance, while the occupational therapy teaches them how to perform their everyday activities again.

For example, if a quarterback has an injury that causes him to lose strength in his throwing arm, a physical therapist would work to restore strength to that arm.

An occupational therapist would teach him how to throw the ball again.

Though it has been around since 1920, occupational therapy is finally starting to gain recognition from the public.

Kraft said that most, if not all, insurance companies will pay for occupational therapy.

It not only helps people resume normal lives, but also shows them that they can overcome injuries, restoring their self-confidence.

The program at OKCCC is for an occupational therapy assistant and involves an extensive amount of help in the community.

If you are interested in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at OKCCC contact Kraft at 682-1611, ext. 7227 or check the college's course schedule available at the information desk in the main building.

Prof acknowledged for achievements

**By Amanda Rogers
News Writing I Student**

One faculty member who was recognized in August for his work at the college was English Professor Warren Neal.

Chosen by the OKCCC staff members as faculty member of the year, Neal has been a part of this college since 1974.

"I started working at the college as a peer professor in 1976. I was a student here at one time," Neal said.

"Originally, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, and with this college, I just got lucky.

"It's the perfect place because there's more flexibility here than I would find at a university."

Neal has accepted new responsibilities since he began teaching at the college and has even pioneered new technologies. He is currently the chair of the English department. He was the first staff member to have his own faculty web page. His colleagues said he has been very helpful to the staff by showing them how to set up their own websites.

Fellow English professor and friend of Neal, Bertha Wise, said Neal can be described as a "leading faculty member."

"Warren is a very active faculty member. He's also been especially helpful to the other employees here by helping us set up our own websites," Wise said.



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**Warren Neal
English Professor**

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Highlights

Got a sweet tooth?

The Computer Design Club will be holding a cotton candy sale from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 12 through Nov. 16, in front of the student union.

Clubs host international buffet

International Students Association and the Muslim Student Community will have a joint club meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, in room CU7. Club members will have a pot luck luncheon featuring cuisine from several different countries. All new and old club members are invited to enjoy the luncheon and to bring their own food item.

Engineering club has speaker

Engineering club will host guest speaker Dan Justin, a mechanical engineer from Boeing, from noon to 12:50 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 14, in room 1C5.

Choral program hosts fall concert

OKCCC's Symphonic Community Choir, Concert Choir and Jazz Ensemble will present their fall concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in the college theater. For more information, contact the music office at 682-1611 ext. 7249.

Thanksgiving pies for sale

Pathways Middle College High School students will be selling Thanksgiving pies from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, in the lobby of the college union. Proceeds will help the students purchase supplies and fund field trips for the program. Fruit and cream pies will cost \$5 and nut pies will cost \$6.

Enjoy the Renaissance Madrigal Feast

The OKCCC Chamber Singers will present an evening with entertainment and food at the second Renaissance Madrigal Feast at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in the college union. General admission for one person is \$25. Students with valid college IDs enter for \$20. Reservations must be made by Nov. 19. For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Music Professor Ryan Herbert at 682-1611, ext. 7249.

Academic scholarships deadline nearing

The All-USA Academic Team Scholarship applications are available in the office of the Vice President for Student Services. USA TODAY, the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society sponsor the scholarship. Students must meet the following to be eligible: Must be enrolled in an accredited community college, eligible to graduate between Sept. 1, 2001 and Aug. 31, 2001, have already completed 12 semester hours, and post a cumulative 3.25 GPA in all college course work completed in the last five years. Applications must be completed and submitted to the office of the Vice President for Student Services no later than Nov. 19. Contact Kim Velleca at 682-7595 or English Professor Richard Rouillard at 682-1611, ext. 7389.

Spring tuition fee waiver applications available

Students can apply for spring tuition fee waivers from the 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.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Get your popcorn: Kara Keister raises money for the drama club by selling popcorn and cotton candy in front of the student union on Monday, Nov. 5.

Social studies clubs true diamonds in social rough

By Sean Emerson
News Writing I Student

The Psychology/Sociology and Psi Beta clubs offer rewarding intellectual experiences as well as valuable practical benefits for OKCCC students.

The groups are sources of enriching academic exposure as well as an excellent setting for professional networking.

One primary benefit is that the clubs provide opportunities for students to become acquainted with and interact with faculty members in an informal setting, said Dr. Peggy Jordan, Student Development counselor and co-sponsor of both clubs.

The clubs also provide access to speakers, organizations and activities related to psychology and sociology disciplines that students don't have access to through normal channels. The two clubs' objec-

tives are to provide a mechanism for students to gain exposure to information and activities from experts and organizations to the disciplines of psychology and sociology, as well as field work which pertains to the social sciences.

For example, last year the two clubs toured the Oklahoma City branch offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They also provided noted social science professionals for speaking engagements.

The two clubs cover much of the same territory. However, Psi Beta is an honor society that requires a 3.2 overall GPA or a ranking in the top 35 percent their class.

In addition, a person must have taken at least 12 credit hours with at least three hours in a psychology or sociology course with a "B" average in all psychology and sociology courses.

Individuals from all majors are welcome. However,

those with a desire for membership should possess a strong interest in the social sciences.

"I would love to see the clubs grow larger. The two organizations are so small, that practically anyone who joins can become an officer if they desire to do so," said Dr. Cecelia Yoder, the other co-sponsor of the two clubs.

Both Jordan and Yoder indicated that leadership roles in college organizations can really help spice up resumés or a job applications.

For anyone interested in attending the meetings, the clubs usually meet on a weekly basis, most often at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Look for signs posted weekly on the walls of the building that indicate the next meeting time, said Jordan.

Anyone desiring further information about the two clubs can contact Jordan in the Student Development Department at 682-7535.

Classifieds

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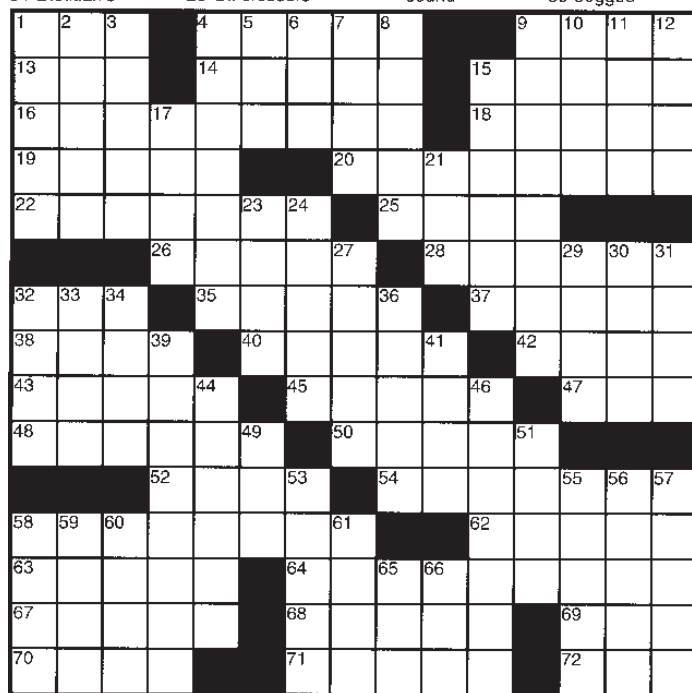
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College given reaccreditation thumbs-up for the next 10 years

"Reaccreditation,"
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Chair of the HLC Evaluation team Dr. Gail Catherine-Mee, gave the oral report.

She said OKCCC has a strong Board of Regents who continually work to inform and better the college.

North Central met with the Regents Nov. 5, and were highly impressed with how committed the Regents were to the college.

Catherine-Mee also noted how well faculty, staff and students connect with each other.

She said the success of students at OKCCC has a lot to do with the professors and how much they care for their students.

Another plus North Central had for OKCCC was the availability of cooperative education programs.

Cooperative programs with the University of Central Oklahoma, Francis Tuttle, Moore-Norman Vo-Tech and Metro Tech give students a variety of ways to increase their education and hone their skills.

Dr. Annmarie Shirazi, dean of planning and institutional effectiveness, said some of the challenges OKCCC needs to address include a more diverse staff and faculty.

She also said North Central would like OKCCC to do more in regards of outcome assessments.

North Central would like OKCCC to strengthen their outcome assessments to make sure students are learning what they should be learning.

Although North Central had several more recommendations and chal-

lenges, Shirazi said, this is still an unofficial report.

"These are the initial statements and they may change by the time the final report comes out next month," said Shirazi.

Shirazi said the evaluating team did a good job finding weaknesses that the college couldn't see because they were too close to the situation.

"Because we're here, we don't see things that people

from outside notice," said Shirazi.

Once the reaccreditation was announced, Dr. Bob Todd issued this statement: "This recommendation comes as a result of the outstanding work of our self-study teams under the exceptional leadership of Dr. Martha George and Dr. Annmarie Shirazi and the quality writing and editing done by Professor Richard Rouillard."

Since the college was awarded reaccreditation, OKCCC won't be evaluated by North Central for another 10 years, the longest span permitted under the rules.

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