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Oklahoma City Community College

Spring break plans revealed

Students ready for college vacation

By Ashley Martin **Staff Writer**

7ith spring break almost here, some students from OKCCC have big plans for travel and fun, while some prefer to stick closer to home.

Others don't have a choice in the matter, as they have to miss out on the road trips to stay home and work.

Chris White, business major, is one of the students who will be kicking back this spring break — on the

job, that is.

"I will probably be working," White said. "I have no plans as of yet, unless something comes up. I'd like to be snow skiing.'

Sean Zajac, major undecided, said a lack of funds may prevent him from taking an expen-

Chris White

sive trip but won't stop him from traveling altogether.



Sean Zajac

"I am going down to Austin to go camping with my brother and some friends," Zajac

"This is my broke spring break."

On the more elaborate end of the spring break spectrum is Georgeann Rodman, nursing major, who is traveling abroad

for her break.

"I'm going to London with my stepmom," Rodman said. "I'm gong to go see 'Phantom of the Opera' and go to the pubs.

"I'm also going to Stratford-on-Avon and Stonehenge," she said.

Lindsay Butcher, Lindsay Butcher nursing major, said she



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Will sing for money: University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma Show Band member Cheryl Covington sings "When" by Shania Twain in the college union March 5. USAO is holding music scholarship auditions on March 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at OKCCC. USAO is offering \$30,000 in music scholarships.

Student, 19, dies from hypothermia

By Mark Stack Editor

Scholarship student Justin J. Williamson, 19, froze to death March 2 in Norman after leaving his car to walk for help. He began attending OKCCC in the fall of 2001.

Williamson was driving alone near 12th Avenue S.E. and Classen when his car struck a curb and became lodged around 12:30 a.m. Saturday morning, said Norman Police spokesman Lt. Glenn Dobry.

Dobry said Williamson left his car and started walking toward a friend's house.

Temperatures dropped from 60 degrees into the teens Friday and, Dobry said, Williamson was not wearing a jacket.

He said Willisamson became wet as freezing rain started to fall late in the evening.

"As he started walking, he used his cell phone to call friends," said Dobry. "They offered to pick him up, but he insisted on walking.'

Dobry said alcohol might have been a factor as Williamson became disoriented while talking

"He hung up before the friends could get his location and that was the last time he was heard from," said Dobry.

Friends and relatives became worried after unsuccessfully trying to reach Williamson Saturday morning on his cell phone.

"They kept trying to reach him but the phone would just roll over to the voice mail," said Dobry. "That's when they became alarmed."

Dobry said Williamson's family filed a missing

persons report about 12:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

A team of police officers and firefighters searched the area where Williamson had left his vehicle.

It wasn't until 6 p.m. Saturday that friends found his body a half-mile southeast of his car.

Fellow OKCCC student and friend of Williamson, Brad Kropp, remembers Williamson as a kindhearted, caring student.



Justin Williamson

"He was a really good guy and extremely friendly," said Kropp.

Kropp graduated from Norman North High School but took afternoon classes at Norman High where he became friends with Williamson.

"He won a scholarship I believe, which shows how excellent of a student he was," said Kropp.

Williamson was born Feb. 26, 1983, in Norman. After making the honor roll all four years in high school Williamson graduated with honors from Norman High in 2001. He began working toward a degree in Criminal Investigation after receiving a scholarship at OKCCC.

Williamson is survived by his mother, Shanna Cotten and her husband David, father James Williamson and his wife Heather, sister Britani Williamson, half-brother Heath Williamson, grandparents Kenneth and Kay Martin, grandmother Margaret Williamson, uncle Shane Martin, uncle Tray Martin and aunt Patty Moore.

Williamson was buried March 7 at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Norman.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Qualifications before potential

I've received a couple compliments for my editorials over the past year, all of them greatly appreciated. Thank you.

But I felt it was time to reward myself, to give myself a release.

Ever since Tiger Woods swept through Oklahoma last summer, I haven't written anything about sports. That's like not letting Oprah talk about her favorite book of the month.

As I recall, it was just over a year ago that I wrote about how underrated Kelvin Sampson, Oklahoma men's basketball coach, is, or was.

It was I who told people to be patient, because Sampson would come through like always. He did.

But it's time for me to play devil's advocate. Most of what Oklahoma has accomplished this year is due to Sampson and his players. No doubt.

However, this team that is ranked in the top five wouldn't crack the top 15 if so many underclassmen didn't bolt early for the NBA.

Every year there are dozens of kids who leave school, college and high school in pursuit of their hoop dreams. And they are exactly that — dreams.

It isn't the kids' fault, or the parents. One person is to blame, NBA Commissioner David Stern.

Why? Because he continues to question the legality of implementing an age limit. Uh, David, have you looked at what the NFL has done for years? No underclassmen can be drafted unless they have completed their freshmen and sophomore years.

But doesn't being qualified come into play somewhere? I can't go to the John Deere factory and get a job assembling tractors because I'm not qualified. The same would happen if I tried to apply at the Denver Post.

These kids, and I do mean kids, are not ready for the Escalade-ridin', groupie-lovin', money spendin', platinum-flossin' luxuries that go along with it. Not to mention the treacherous 82 game pro schedule.

Last year's draft was the first time a high school senior, Kwame Brown, was chosen first overall. It is my belief that had they drafted Shane Battier, who spent all four years in college, they would be in a much better situation right now with Michael Jordan out. I would like the Wizards to justify Brown's three-point scoring average compared to Battier's 15-point average.

That's the difference four years in college makes. It prepares players for the next level.

Of course, just making it through senior year in high school is not enough. Now there is a kid holding press conferences claiming he will declare himself eligible after his junior year in high school.

It's to the point that it's ruining the level of the NCAA game, the NBA and not to mention the lives of these kids who get bad advice from agents to come out early when they don't even get drafted.

The only chance they have is if they spend four years in college learning the basic fundamentals.

That's what I'm doing here. Learning the fundamentals before I follow in Vu's footsteps. I think that's how the process goes. Learn. Then you move up that precious ladder.

-Mark Stack Editor

Spring break hampering learning

To the editor:

I am taking a class on the computer and have limited access to a computer.

It is great to shut down for spring break, but some of us take our academic studies to heart, because it will be our future income when we are done with college.

I have tried to obtain another source so that I would have access to a computer should OKCCC close for the day or week.

Unfortuately, where I work, and the type of class I am taking, the program I am using will not install on most other computers I have tried.

When we shut down OKCCC for Spring Break I will need access to a computer that has the programs I use.

I would do most anything to have access to a computer that will run the programs I am using.

The libraries are a good option, but they do not have the programs we use in math or any other course.

Renting a computer for one week is not economical, especially after paying for tuition, books and lab fees.

If signing out a laptop computer or a PC for one week can be done, this would work.

To flat close the campus, and leave a student without access to a computer to do homework, is unacceptable.

I am sure there are other students who may have the same situation.

I have met at least one other student who will have the same problem as myself.

Most everything I do is on the computer, and I am sure there are a lot of students who are doing the same.

I hope someone has a solution that will work.

This will be my second Spring Break where I have had no access to a computer, and it takes a lot of long hours to get back up to speed, and get homework completed.

> —Dwight Gullickson OKCCC Student

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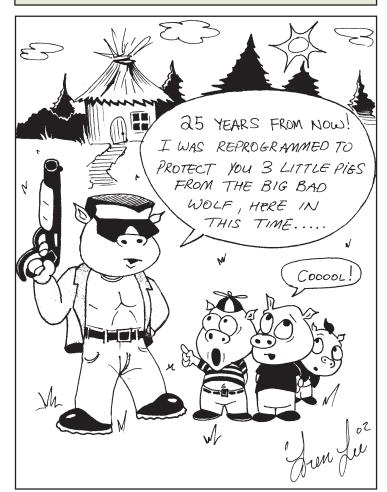
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Comments and Reviews

'Count of Monte Cristo' gives perfect blend of love, action

Imagine the sun shining felt when he was thrown so much as a question and a cool breeze blowing. You're a sailor in the 18th century and your ship is coming back to port after being out to sea.

You have a promising career and are engaged to a drop-dead gorgeous girl that any guy would be jealous of, including your best friend.

You're a little naïve, but you're still young and have a positive outlook on life. Take that kind of picture and imagine it all being torn away from you like Rosie O'Donnell telling you you can't drive to the State Fair with your semi-automatic assault rifle in your gun rack.

You know, the one with the custom silencer and scope modifications.

If you can imagine that horror, then you can imagine how Edmond Dantes

into the crappiest hole of a dungeon in France.

Dantes, played by Jim Caviezel, serves his sentence in a stone room with a window too high for him to see out of, with only his imagination to pass the

Just when he's about to give up hope, he meets an unexpected friend who teaches him how to read, fence and do a million other things that only royalty or the rich knew how to do back then, like writing.

So after he escapes from his prison and finds some money, he puts his studies to good use forming a plan to wreak revenge on the conspirators that imprisoned him.

Like a ticked off medieval Bruce Wayne on a mission, Dantes inserts himself into the French nobility without

about who he is.

He is just known as The Count of Monte Cristo.

That's pretty much it. The action scenes are good and the story moves at a good pace.

There is an undercurrent "lost love" story that surfaces every now and then, giving a good balance to the whole revenge theme that dominates the movie.

This is definitely a good movie offering something for both the girl and guy.

It does have some guns in it, nothing really cool but I guess everything has to start somewhere.

So on John's naïve-boy gets-screwed-by-the-worldand-ends-up-obscenelyrich-and-gets-the-girl scale, I give it a 7.5 out of

> —John Huggins **Contributing Writer**

'Soldiers' provides unique look into controversial war

Against a background men as indestructible of explosions and body bags, M-16 rifles and tall grass sets a war movie of a different kind.

"We Were Soldiers" tells the true story of the Battle of LZX-Ray in November of 1965 — the introduction of the United States into the Vietnam War.

The first major fight between the two countries yielded heavy casualties on both sides but was particularly significant for the United States as the 1st Battalion of the 7th Calvalry was the first to do it all.

The first to walk into unfamiliar territory, the first to die, and — the first to have telegrams announcing their deaths sent back home.

And the movie tells it all with a certain humility that tends to be lacking in war films.

Oftentimes, the enemy, in a war movie, is a nameless, faceless mass of look-alikes who creep around waiting to kill or be killed by the good guys.

"We Were Soldiers" gives an insight into the Viet Cong and its leaders as well as an eeriely touching moment when a North Vietnamese soldier writes in his journal to his wife.

As for the portrayal of the American soldiers, there's a certain soft mortality that reminds the viewer there is a possibility these men might die, another trait often absent in war movies which often represent

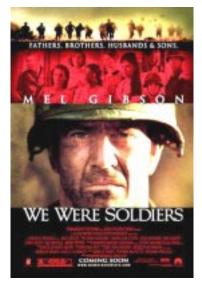
machines.

Mel Gibson plays Lt. Col. Hal Moore, an alltoo-perfect example of what a leader should be.

Gibson manages to pull off the role, though, while still seeming human and real as he leads the 7th Calvalry into battle.

Madeleine Stowe plays a determined Julie Moore, the colonel's wife.

Greg Kinnear plays Maj. Bruce Crandall, a sportive helicopter pilot. Barry Pepper touchingly plays Joseph Galloway, a reporter who trades his



Seinfeld rips through Oklahoma City

So, what the hell is going on?

This is the question Jerry Seinfeld stumped the soldout Civic Center audience with as he attempted to fill us in on exactly what is going on in the world.

In his first tour of duty since retiring all of his old material, Seinfeld kept the audience in stitches with all new jokes that only Seinfeld himself has perfected.

Seinfeld wasted no time connecting with the audience as he started attacking the Taliban.

What is the deal with these people? Have you seen their training videos?" Seinfeld quipped.

"When do the monkey bars come into play during combat?" asked Seinfeld.

"Is this what it all comes down to? The battle for supremacy of the playground?"

Seinfeld continued to



make fun of the Taliban-led Afghanistan.

"Did you know it was illegal to fly a kite in Afghani-

Are they afraid they might discover electricity?"

Seinfeld then joked about a few subjects new to him. Marriage and children.

"Here's a little advice to all of you planning a huge wedding, the wedding of your dreams... no one wants to go!"

Single women with wedding-envy were the next on

"Living with a woman who wants to get married is like living with an axmurderer.

You know they are lurking in the house somewhere, and you constantly keep looking over your shoulder."

There aren't a lot of great things in life.

But getting to see one of the funniest men in the world perform was truly that. Great.

How many celebrities do you know of that field questions from their audience? Not many.

Which makes Seinfeld special, showing he actually does care about the little guy.

> -Mark Stack **Editor**

camera for a rifle.

Sam Elliot steals every scene he's in, playing Sgt. Mjr. Basil Plumley.

Elliot is the colorful comic relief which is very much needed throughout the movie.

The film, directed by Randall Wallace, is based on the book "We Were Soldiers Once... And Young" by the real retired Lt. Col. Hal Moore and war photographer Joseph Galloway.

-Melissa Guice **Staff Writer**

Students urged to nominate professors

By Lindsey Phillips
News Writing I Student

One thousand dollars and a plaque will be given to one OKCCC professor in May.

The President's Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes one faculty member who exemplifies "teaching excellence."

Nomination forms can be picked up in the Academic Affairs office or at the information desk in the main building.

Any full-time faculty member is eligible for the award, and all students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the nomination process.

All nominations must be received in the Academic Affairs office by March 29.

This year marks the twelfth anniversary of the prestigious award. English and Journalism professor Sue Hinton was the first winner

"It was one of the proudest moments of my life," she said. "It was an honor just to be nominated."

Dr. Paul Sechrist, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said the selection process takes almost two months and involves many staff members of the college.

A selection committee composed of appointed faculty, staff and one student looks at all the applications and narrows them down to three final nominees.

Dr. Sechrist reviews the final three nominations before sending them to Dr. Robert Todd, president of OKCCC, who makes the final decision.

Graduation ceremonies May 10 will finally put an end to the long period of secrecy. The winner is announced at the ceremony and receives the plaque and check at that time.

Until graduation night, only Todd will know the

recipient's identity.

Students who wish to nominate a deserving professor should turn in nominations to the Academic Affairs office and help honor the professor that has made an impact on their future.

Sync into Spring

*NSYNC will be performing in Dallas March 20, and KJ 103 wants to send you there!

Join KJ 103 as their DJs host a live remote March 12 from 11-12:30 p.m. in the College Union

A pair of *NSYNC tickets to the concert in Dallas will be given away that day, and you don't have to be present to win!

Come and enjoy a live remote, and you might be on your way to Dallas to see *NSYNC live!

Jack Cain memorial scholarship deadline approaching quickly

By Ashley Martin Staff Writer

The deadline to apply for the Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship is fast approaching, so students who are interested in applying are encouraged to do so quickly.

Jack Cain, former professor of mathematics, began teaching at OKCCC in 1972.

Cain died in a mountain climbing accident in northern California in 1996, and the scholarship was set up in his name to honor his memory.

The scholarship is worth \$250. Potential recipients must meet several criteria.

Students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at OKCCC.

Math 2225, Calculus and Analytic Geometry must either be completed or students must be enrolled in

Cain died in a mountain those classes to be eligible imbing accident in north- for the funds.

Students must have an accumulated GPA of 3.25 or higher and they must also be completing an associate degree at OKCCC to apply.

Applications for the Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship are available in the Math Lab, located in the Mathematics Center.

All applications must be received in the Math Lab by 5 p.m. Wed., March 27.



Offices begin moving into new homes

The Board of Regents accepted the near-complete first floor remodeling of the main building.

Several offices will begin moving to new locations as early as Tuesday, March 12.

During the week of March 12 through 15 Financial Aid and Admissions & Records will move to new office space.

During spring break, Safety & Security, Upward Bound, the Bursar, the Test Center and Student Services will be relocated.

The last week of the month will be used to move

Cooperative Technical Education, Services to Students with Disabilities, Career & Assessment Services, Student Support Services and Student Development to new office space.

Some adjustments to this schedule may become necessary.

The move schedules have been developed to maintain services to students throughout the relocation process.

Updated locator maps are being printed and should be in place following spring break to assist students and visitors.



Spring Break getaways affordable if planned in advance

By Brent Lamb News Writing I Student

Long hours, hard tests and cold weather have left students in need of a break, and the most anticipated week of the spring semester is almost here.

But, where do students go? What can they afford?

Several OKCCC students already know how and where they will spend their spring break.

Cancun is the most popular choice. Other popular destinations are Cozumel, Florida and Las Vegas.

Another favorite idea is taking a cruise.

Student Melissa Fenton said she wants to explore her ethnic roots.

"Since I'm Irish, I want to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Dublin," she said.

A few students said they plan to go camping and others are going to spend their break working.

Some local travel agencies have package deals for the getaways.

For an all-inclusive, fournight stay in either Cancun or Cozumel, students can expect to pay at least \$740.

A four-night trip to Florida starts out at \$600 and a four-day cruise to the Bahamas would cost \$399, not including airfare or port charges.

A week-long packaged trip to Ireland starts at

\$1200.

All prices are for reservations made well in advance. Students who haven't made travel plans should expect to pay a lot more.

So whatever it is, tropi-

cal waters and sandy beaches, an oasis of neon light in the middle of the desert, the green hills of Ireland or local campgrounds, students plan to make the most of their week off.

Plans for break vary

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plans to take in a concert during her

"I'm going to the String Cheese Incident show in Denver," she said. "They rock."

Plenty of students will head to sunny beaches for their breaks and that's just what Josh Churchill, chemistry major, plans to do.

Grace Pruitt

"I'm going to Pensacola, Fla. to go

sailing. That will pretty much take up

the whole trip," he said.

Other students are using the break from classes to spend time alone.

Josh Churchill

"I'm going to Dallas for a mini vacation," said Grace Pruitt, journalism major.

"I'll probably meet up with some friends down there, but I plan on going alone. It's my anti-social vacation," she

"When I get back, I'll probably play with my kids."
No matter what their plans are, all students agree on

one thing — it's a chance for relaxation and a time to regroup midway through the spring semester.



Students enjoy a break from college classes.

College to host spring job fair March 13

By Kat Mohr Staff Writer

OKCCC will host its annual Spring Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, in the college union.

More than 40 companies will be recruiting students for openings in full-time or part-time positions.

Recruiters will be available to answer questions students have about employment opportunities.

Students should bring their résumés for employers interested in conducting on-site

interviews

"The Spring Job Fair has been very successful in the past because it's the perfect opportunity for our students and community members to be showcased to recruiting employees," said Staci McPhearson, director of employment services.

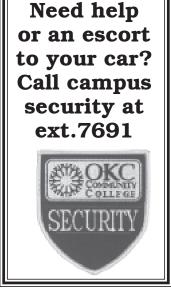
"Even students who aren't looking for employment will find the Spring Job Fair beneficial.

"They will have an opportunity to speak to recruiters in their areas of interest."

The event is free and open to the public. For more information about the job fair, contact McPhearson at 682-1611, ext. 7683.

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Improv auditions on March 9 slate

By Wes Woodward News Writing I Student

OKCCC Film student Nate Lindsey is holding auditions for an Improv and Skit night later in May.

Auditions will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9. The performance will be the weekend of May 10 in Yukon.

"Not only will this be for fun, but it will look good on your résumé," Lindsey said.

"We will audition [for] five girls, and five guys."
The set will include four skits, two one-act shows, a music act and, of course, live improv.

Participants only need to bring themselves to the auditions. Everything else will be provided. To register and receive directions, e-mail Lindsey at linwardadams@yahoo.com.

Pet store trip links children to critters

Kindergarten class travels to PetsMart for tour

By Corey Watson **News Writing I student**

The Child Development Center took the kindergarten class on a field trip to PetsMart on March 1.

Touring PetsMart was the agenda for the day.

As the group made their way through the store, the children saw the cats first.

Their faces lit up with smiles, and little giggles were heard as they reached their [hands in the cages trying to pet the cats.

The expedition continued through the store with the parrots and exotic birds.

The birds were not talking or cooperating the way the kids wanted, so they were not too impressed.

The fish were next.

The children were inquisitive as they ran back and forth observing the

The children called to each other to come see certain types of fish.

tour the children found the hamsters and guinea pigs.

"Can we hold one?" one child asked.

"Oh, they are so cute," said another child.

As the children went through the aisles looking at the animal toys and supplies, nothing went untouched or unnoticed.

If anything in the store resembled something they had at home for their own pet, it was told to everyone with an air of importance.

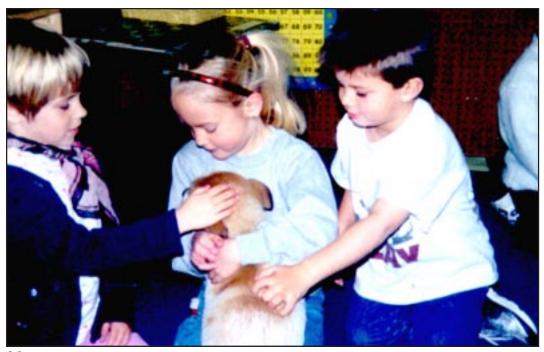
> Finally, the class made its way to the dog grooming.

The kids loved it. They were so interested as they watched the dogs get beautified.

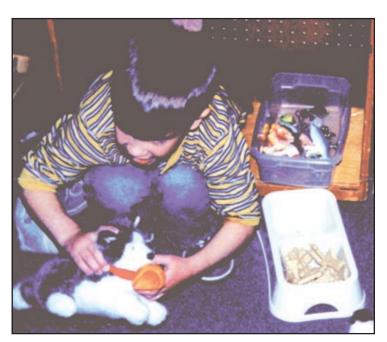
All of the youngsters longed to pet a dog, and they were excited when pet owners came into the store and allowed them to pet their dogs.

All the smiling faces huddled around to pet anything they could find. The kids had fun.

As they left the store, they could do nothing but brag about the puzzles they got While in the middle of the from the store manager.



Above: Kindergarteners Alex Wheatley, Kali Tevis and Austin Foley take turns petting a dog. The Child Development Center took the kindergarten class on a field trip to PetsMart. The theme for their classroom this month is pets. Students were allowed to bring their animals for show and tell.



Left:

Kindergartener Joel Gilbert gives a stuffed animal puppy a bone. The children were given firsthand experience with the items used to care for pets such as dog bones, feeding dishes and toys.

College students awarded scholarships for musical talents

By Heather Thomas **News Writing I Student**

A vocalist and a brass instrument player have received scholarships this semester in recognition of their musical talents, said Ryan Hebert, OKCCC music professor.

Michael Floeter was selected as best vocalist by the OKCCC music faculty, and Brooks Anderson was chosen for his instrumental talent.

The \$250 scholarship was split between the two vinners.

Floeter used the money to help pay his tuition for the current semester.

Anderson used money to join a professional marching band called the Blue Knights from Denver, Colo.

"I'm really excited about the championship for [the] marching contest in Madison, Wis," said Anderson.

Hebert said the entire music faculty chose these two students based on their exceptional music skills.

The faculty wanted an outstanding vocalist, and the music department de-

cided Michael Floeter was the best. He was involved in jazz choir while he attended Norman North High

Floeter sings in the bass section of the OKCCC Chamber Singers Choir.

Floeter received the scholarship in December.

Floeter has been taking voice and piano lessons at OKCCC for three consecutive semesters. His vocal teacher, Beverly McLarry, nominated him for the scholarship and then the faculty voted on it.

"I was surprised when I found out that I was chosen for this honor," Floeter said."I would like to continue my musical career and be involved in teaching music.'

The other scholarship recipient was Brooks Anderson. He was chosen based on his great baritone and euphonium skills.

"I couldn't believe that I won," said Anderson. "Mr. Hebert announced it in front of our class." Anderson began playing instruments at a young age and has played baritone since his senior year at Mustang High School. He was also involved in the marching band in high school as well.

"I would love to become a marching band coordinator some day," said Anderson.

He is currently taking Music Theory 2 and wants to continue through Music Theory 4. The money was donated through the First National Bank of Midwest City. The donatations were made in memory of Irene McKeown, a former employee of OKCCC.

"She was a great music lover and supporter of the music department," said Pat Berryhill, executive director of Institutional Advancement at OKCCC.

Local artist creates venue to sustain talent

By Kat Mohr Staff Writer

When you're a child your dreams change day by day. Sometimes the most fulfilling dreams are the dreams you least expect.

Rick Sinnett discovered his dream at age 5 while he and his parents sat patiently awaiting their dinner at a Western Sizzlin' restaurant in Oklahoma City.

Like most 5-year-olds, Sinnett didn't understand the meaning of patience and he restlessly squirmed in his seat like a fish on a hook.

He couldn't sit still nor could he keep quiet for more than a few minutes.

Frustrated, his mom handed him a napkin and a pencil so he could doodle in silence. Sinnett took the napkin and drew an identical replica of the Western Sizzlin' cow.

Everyone at the table, including the waiter, was amazed that a 5-year-old could harness such a great artistic ability.

After that night it was evident that Sinnett had a natural talent for art.

Almost 20 years later, Sinnett has not only acknowledged his dream, but he's also living it.

Sinnett is a self-taught artist that has dedicated his life to the pursuit of art.

Sinnett recently opened his own gallery called Against the Grain in the Paseo district of Oklahoma City.

Besides working as a pen and ink artist, Sinnett also owns a printing business called R'n'R Screen Printing, also located in the city, and a clothing line called Mothwear.

"My number one goal in life is to use art to bring everyone together in a harmonious nature," Sinnett said

The road to Sinnett's success wasn't easy. He had to overcome many obstacles to get to where he is today.

But it was those same obstacles that inspired him



Photo by Kat Mohr

Rick Sinnett works on his latest pen and ink piece in his new gallery Against The Grain.

never to give up.

When Sinnett was 14, he learned an important lesson that would forever shape his life.

It was career day at Van Buren Elementary School, in Oklahoma City, and all the students were required to participate in career-orientated tests.

These tests were designed to help students find a path toward their future by assesing their interests.

When his teacher returned his results, they showed that he was meant to be a forest ranger or a detective.

Sinnett knew in his heart that neither one of those careers suited him. When he asked his teacher about his results, she said that art was a childish dream. His teacher told him that art wasn't a good career because artists didn't make very much money.

"I was crushed because someone I trusted told me my dreams were wrong," Sinnett said. "But then I realized that art isn't about the money, it's about expressing true emotions." Sinnett decided his happiness was more important than any amount of money.

He knew if he didn't follow his dreams, he would never be truly happy.

As Sinnett grew older, it became apparent to him that Oklahoma lacked the environment he needed to grow as an artist.

So, at the age of 19 he packed a bag and headed to California. Sinnett planned to train in California at some of the best print shops in the nation, then return to Oklahoma to use his skills.

"I thought if I could teach other artists what I learned, maybe it would give them a reason to stay in Oklahoma," Sinnett said.

"Some of the most extreme artistic talent comes from this state. "Since opportunities are so limited for artists in Oklahoma, a majority of them move to the West or East Coast," Sinnett said.

When Sinnett wasn't working as an apprentice at various print shops, he was selling his art. Sinnett only sold his art when he was flat broke and famished.

Every time Sinnett needed money he would draw a picture. Then he would take his drawing to Kinko's where he would make copies for 10 cents a print.

After he made several copies he'd walk around the Haight-Asbury area of San Francisco selling his prints for \$1. Once he made enough money to eat for the day, he'd give the rest of his prints away for free.

"I believe art needs to be affordable to the masses," Sinnett said. "The more art people have around them the better off they'll be."

On the back of every print Sinnett wrote a message that contained his philosophy about life. He wrote, "The reason I'm sharing my art with you is because I want to give something true from my heart and soul in hopes of spreading good energy and creating a collective consciousness."

"I wrote my mother's phone number on the back of each print in case people were interested in spreading this consciousness around the nation."

A few months later,

Sinnett received a phone call from his mom saying she'd gotten a package for him in the mail.

The package turned out to be a feather from a woman who lived in Maine.

For the next couple of years, Sinnett received gifts such as artwork and letters from people all over the country.

"People's response to my art gave me the inspirational energy I needed to move to the next step."

After spending eight or nine years in California, he moved back to Oklahoma where he began to put his dreams in motion.

Sinnett's dreams began to take shape in 1994 when he began Mothwear.

Sinnet's clothing line was so successful that he was able to start R'n'R Screen Printing in 1998.

Sinnett specializes in high-end textile screen printing.

He primarily does the screen printing for motor sports companies because that is where the highest quality of printing is represented.

Eventually, his printing business led to Mothman Studios which in turn led to his new gallery, Against The Grain.

"Against the Grain" means to go against the norm," Sinnett said. Sinnet's main purpose behind the gallery is to help local artists follow their dreams and to give kids the opportunity to be a part of something.

"I want the gallery to be a place where young artists can learn to express themselves by channeling their talent and their art," Sinnet said. Sinnet believes it would be in our best interests to keep the art freaks here by creating a venue that will sustain their interests.

"Art as an expression of emotion is one of the only ways I think we can make things OK in our existence."

Anyone interested in showing art should contact him at 525-6684 or visit his gallery at 2412 N. Shartel Street.



Don your green and head to Bricktown March 16 and 17 for the 11th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Held outdoors under huge tents, the festivities are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. March 16 on the corner of Sheridan and Oklahoma Avenue with free green eggs and ham from 10 to 11 a.m.

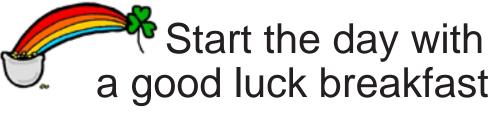
Gates will open at noon March 17 with free corned beef and cabbage being served. The 20th annual "The Showing of the Green" parade starts at 1 p.m. Musical entertainment also will be on hand both days for those who feel like dancing a jig. Admission both days is free. For more information, call 236-4143.

Saturday, March 16:

- 10 to 10:45 a.m.: Pat Garvey
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Banish Misfortune
- 1 to 3 p.m.: Pat Garvey
- 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.: TBD
- 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.: Parade Awards
- 5 to 7 p.m.: Zoom City
- 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.: Pinky and the Snakeshakers
- 9 to 10:30 p.m.: Bishops Alley
- •10:45 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.: Martini Kings

Sunday, March 17:

- Noon to 2 p.m.: Pat Garvey
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Banish Misfortune
- 2:15 to 3:20 p.m.: TBD
- 3:30 to 5 p.m.: Kyle Rainer and the Hearttalk
- 5:15 to 7 p.m.: Mike Hosty Duo
- 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.: Pinky and the Snakeshakers
- 9 to 10:30 p.m.: Time Machine
- 10:45 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.: Wakeland



Irish Coffee

INGREDIENTS:

- •one stemmed whiskey or grog glass
- •very hot strong black coffee
- •1 tablesp. whipped cream
- •2-3 tsp. sugar
- •measure of Irish Whiskey

METHOD:

Heat glass.

Heat whiskey and poor into the glass, fill with very hot black coffee in which the sugar has been

Float the cream on top.

Tip! Turn a teaspoon upside down and hold against rim inside the glass.

Pour in the cream slowly over the spoon.

The secret lies in the combination of the piping hot coffee with a slight taste of

Irish Whiskey and the cold soothing cream on top. (per glass/person)



INGREDIENTS:

- •8 slices of Shannon Traditional Irish Bacon (Premium)
- •4 Shannon Traditional Irish Sausages (Bangers)
- •4 slices of Shannon Traditional Black Breakfast
- •4 slices of Shannon Traditional White Breakfast Pudding
- •4 eggs
- •4 medium-size tomatoes
- •Freshly ground pepper

METHOD:

Over low heat, sauté bacon, turning frequently until done to taste. Remove from pan and drain on paper towels. Keep hot. It is important to note that Irish bacon is not cooked crisp hard. Place sausages in pan and cook until brown on all sides. Cut the tomatoes in half and fry with slices of pudding in the bacon fat. Remove and keep hot. All the above items can also be broiled instead of being fried. Cook eggs to order.

Serves 4

t. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely-known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery. Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false, the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling.

Taken Prisoner By Irish Raiders

It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. Although his father was a Christian deacon, it has been suggested that he probably took on the role because of tax incentives and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. (There is some dispute over where this captivity took place. Although many believe he was taken to live in Mount Slemish in County Antrim, it is more likely that he was held in County Mayo near Killala.) During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. (It is also believed that Patrick first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity.)

Guided By Visions

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice — which he believed to be God's—spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland. To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than fifteen years. After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission—to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish. (Interestingly, this mission contradicts the widely held notion that Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland.)

Bonfires and Crosses

Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to incorporate traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to eradicate native Irish beliefs. For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish. (Although there were a small number of Christians on the island when Patrick arrived, most Irish practiced a nature-based pagan religion. The Irish culture centered around a rich tradition of oral legend and myth. When this is considered, it is no surprise that the story of Patrick's life became exaggerated over the centuries—spinning exciting tales to remember history has always been a part of the

-courtesy www.historychannel.com

Irish way of life.)

Cassil cleared in two rapes Art of Mexico topic

By Mark Stack **Editor**

DNA results for former OKCCC student Kevin

Cassil have cleared him of two Norman rape cases.

Capt. Jessica Cummins, Oklahoma City Police spokeswoman, said Cassil's DNA results tested negative in the case of slain University of Oklahoma student Juli Busken as

well as another rape case that occurred in Norman two months ago.

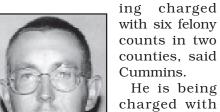
"The DNA results we received earlier this week show he is no longer a suspect in either case," said Cummins.

Investigators believed Cassil to be a suspect in the December rape in Norman

since a stun gun was used Will Rogers Airport in Dein both incidents.

Cassil used a stun gun in the Feb. 11 assault and abduction of OKCCC student Tam Tran.

As it stands, Cassil is be-



Kevin Cassil

He is being charged with two counts of kidnapping, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon

and one count

of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Two of those charges are from an incident that occurred outside of an Oklahoma City tanning salon Jan. 16.

Cassil also is charged with one count of rape in Cleveland County. A Norman woman reported she was raped by Cassil near

cember.

For now, Cummins said, investigators are continuing to search for any new evidence against Cassil.

"Right now, we are looking for a black zip-up portfolio type of folder that we believe Mayuko [Kawase] was using prior to her disappearance," she said.

Cummins is referring to the missing OKCCC student from Japan whose last known whereabouts was the OKCCC library in Au-

"The investigation remains open, so we are always looking for new leads that might link Cassil to Kawase," said Cummins.

of free public lecture

Dr. Kelly Donahue-Wallace of the University of North Texas will present a lecture on the art of Mexico at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, in the college theater.

The lecture, entitled "Picturing Colonial and Modern Mexico," will focus on the use of visual arts to represent Mexico's past and present.

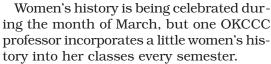
Donahue-Wallace will pay particular attention to the formation of gender and ethnic identities as Mexicans. This was first negotiated within the Spanish imperial system and later grappled within the complexities of nationhood.

Some of the monuments and objects to be discussed include the mission complexes, the image of the Virgin of Guadelupe, the casta paintings, the landscapes of Jose Maria Velasco, the prints of Jose Guadelupe Posada and paintings by Diego Rivera, Jose Clemente Orozco, Frida Kahlo, Remedios Varo, Maria Izquierdo and David Alfaro Siqueiros.

The public lecture is free. Visitors should park in parking lot D and use entry 5. For more information, call Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen at 682-1611, ext. 7173.

Womens' role in history important

By Ashley Martin **Staff Writer**



History professor Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen believes the accomplishments of women throughout history are very important.

"For a long time, women's history was not deemed worthy of recognition in history classes,' Sheetz-Nguyen said.

"Women's history became a reality in colleges in the early 1970s, and was a direct product of the civil rights movement of the 1960s," she said.

She said during that time more young women were going to college.

History books were predominately written by men, covering wars, politics and machines, Sheetz-Nguyen said.

"Margaret Sanger, who had a lot to do with the legalization of contraceptives, was a huge part of women's history," she said.

Sheetz-Nguyen said she also has her students cover women like Ida B. Wells, who brought the problem of racial lynching to light and who also had a part in developing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"Right now in my U.S. History class, I'm



Ida B. Wells

having my students read about Ida B. Wells," she said.

Another important figure for women is Gloria Steinem, former editor of "Ms." magazine.

Sheetz-Nguyen said, during her Early Western Civilizations class, she will cover the roles of Ro-

man men versus those of Roman women.

"I have a deep commitment to women's history," she said.

Sheetz-Nguyen said she was first introduced to the women's history movement in 1972 as an undergraduate student in Philadelphia.

In the fall, Sheetz-Nguyen will teach World Biographies, which will include books written about many women in history, on Monday from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

"It's a 2000 level course and will count as a history or humanities credit," she

She will also teach a strictly women's history course in the fall as well as European and American history courses.

"I teach a lot of different classes and I fit

in person on campus.

duction to Psychology ology, Elementary and Intermediate Algebra,

Mid-spring class enrollment open

By Mark Stack **Editor**

For students wanting to enroll in one of the many mid-spring classes, time is running out.

Gloria Cardenas Barton, dean of admissions. said students have until March 26 to enroll in mid-spring classes that begin March 25.

"Students need to enroll now in order to ensure a seat in the class they wish to take."

She said some of the classes available for enrollment include Introand Introduction to Soci-American Federal Government and Principles of Microeconomics, as well as other general education classes.

She said there are also a variety of other classes such as English as a second language, Introduction to Early Childhood Education, College Writing II and Conversational Spanish II.

Barton said the classes are available throughout the week, with the term being eight weeks long.

She said eight-week courses are perfect for busy parents and students who work full-time.

"It's a great way for students to earn credit without having to be in a 16week session," she said.

Students can enroll online at www.okccc.edu or by calling 682-6222. Students can also enroll

Gloria Steinem

Margaret Sanger

women's history in to all of them."

Highlights

H.O.P.E. meeting

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will be holding a meeting on Thursday, March 14, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in room CU8. Everyone is welcome. Call 682-1611, ext. 7248 for more information.

Bowling and billiards

A two-game bowling tournament will be held on Tuesday, March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. at AMF Moore Lanes. A single-elimination eight-ball tournament will be held on Wednesday, March 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Mikey's, located at N.W. 30th and Portland. Student admission is free; \$5 for non-students. Valid student I.D.s required. To register, call 682-1611 extension 7310 or stop by the Wellness Center.

Apply for Summer and Spring financial aid now

Students are who need to apply for financial aid for spring and/or summer semester should do so now. The deadline for applications for spring financial aid is Monday, April 15. For more information, contact the financial aid office at extension 7524.

Building Bridges: Crossing Cultual Chasms

The second lecture in the Mexican history and culture series will be held Thursday, March 14, at 4:30 p.m. in the library, room 407. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by the Global Education Awareness Committee. Dr. Kelly Donahue-Wallace will be speaking about the use of visual arts to represent colonial and modern Mexico.

Engineering Club Meeting

The Engineering Club is having a meeting to finalize plans for the semester. Guest speaker Sgt. Lasham Miller from the U.S. Army will be present to tell about what jobs the Army has to offer in the engineering field. The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 13 at 12:15 p.m. in room 1D5.

KJ103 is coming to OKCCC

KJ103 will be doing a live remote from the college union on Tuesday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Two N'Sync tickets will be given away in a drawing during the remote. Sign-up for the drawing will be held during the program, but participants need not be present during the drawing to win the tickets.

Psi Beta and Psychology/Sociology Club

Psi Beta and the Psychology/Sociology Club will be hosting a panel discussion during their meeting on Thursday, March 14, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in room 3P4 in the main building. The panel will consist of psychology and sociology professors discussing the job possibilites students will have with their degrees in those fields.

International Student Association meeting

ISA will be holding an important meeting to nominate and elect new officers for the 2003-2004 school year. The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m. in room CU7.

Attention Spring 2002 potential graduates!!!

It isn't too late to apply for graduation! Applications will be accepted for Spring 2002 graduation, by appointment, until the last day of the semester. It may be too late to list your name in the commencement program, but it's not too late to apply and participate. After picking up your application, visit Amy Mercer in the Graduation Office to schedule your appointment.



Wastin' time:

Coordinator of Student Activities and Promotions Mike Jones and **OKCCC** students D'lyn Kiser and Melody Young practice for the Crazy Olympics by throwing paper airplanes off the stairs. Crazy Olympics will be held on April 5 in the gym and the courtyard.

Photo by Kat Mohr

Fun-loving students to compete in silly games

By Ashley Martin Staff Writer

OKCCC's Campus Activities Board is planning the Crazy Olympics, set for Friday. April 5, from 1 to 4 p.m.

"It's the [board's] way of person, and a T-shirt at getting [students] out to box lunch are included.

have fun in the sun... hopefully. If it doesn't rain," said Mike Jones, of Student Life.

Crazy Olympics will be held in the gym and the courtyard.

Teams must be made up of four people plus two alternates. The fee is \$2 per person, and a T-shirt and box lunch are included.

"[Students] will get [all that] and fun with me," Jones said.

Jones said students must organize their teams and sign up in the office of Student Life by Thursday, March 28.

Students who are interested should contact Jones at 682-1611, extension 7318.

Single parents find support through PASS with CLASS

By Taey Stevenson News Writing 1 Student

Being a single parent and trying to juggle college classes is something many students at OKCCC do on a daily basis.

Parenting As Single Students with Critical Learning Activities for Student Success (PASS with CLASS) is a club available for single parents.

PASS with CLASS focuses on ways to assist single parents as they pursue their degrees here at OKCCC.

"The club is a support system which also organizes fun things to do such as trips to the Oklahoma City Zoo or to the Martin Nature Center," said Annmarie Shirazi, one of the club sponsors.

"There will also be some fun fund-raisers," she said. Julie Pulley is the club president and is also a single parent herself.

According to the constitution for PASS with CLASS, the club must consist of students who are single parents who must also pay \$1 in membership dues.

PASS with CLASS meets once a month.

The club will be having a clothes drive very soon.

Contact Nora Pugh-Seemster at 682-1611 ext. 7626 or Annmarie Shirazi ext. 7577 for more information.

Got club news? Call the Pioneer at ext. 7676

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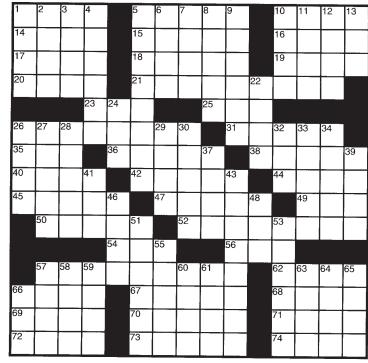
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Students offered lowered rates from area doctors

By Kat Mohr Staff Writer

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has reported that 20 counties across Oklahoma are under an influenza alert. For students who are always looking for an affordable way to make ends meet, that isn't very good news. Afterall, who has the money for a doctor's visit?

OKCCC students and employees can receive a discount on doctor visits at St. Michael's Hospital.

The cost is \$15 per office visit and no proof of insurance is necessary.

OKCCC students and employees must present their student or employee ID in order to receive the discount.

People who are experiencing flu symptoms should visit their physician immediately.

"The 2001-2002 flu season in Oklahoma would be described as relatively mild, but flu activity has been steadily increasing since the end of January," said Dr. Christie Bailey.

She said flu alerts are issued to inform people that influenza has been identified in their community and they should start taking precautions.

"The flu season usually occurs every year between the months of October and April," Bailey said. "Flu activity traditionally peaks during the month of February.

"The past 15 out of 25 flu seasons we've seen the highest flu activity during the month of February," she said.

The flu is commonly confused with an upper respiratory infection. Some of the symptoms associated with the flu include the following:

- Fever 100 degrees or above which lasts three to four days
- headaches
- scratchy throat that progresses to a cough
- fatigue

Once a person has the flu they are usually unable to attend school or work for at least three to four days.

It is still possible for people to reduce the chances of contracting the flu virus by getting the flu shot.

After receiving the flu shot it takes two weeks for the shot to become effective.

There are some medications that can be used to treat people in the first 48 hours of symptoms that will help shorten the flu and make symptoms more mild.

Unfortunately, most people will have to rely on bed rest, fluids, Tylenol and other over-the-counter medications to help with their fever, congestion and cough.

Bailey said the flu is not a virus that people should take lightly. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that there are 4,000 to 20,000 flu-related deaths each year in the entire United States.

"Most of the reported deaths are young infants or elderly people with pre-existing respiratory infections," Bailey

"But anyone who contracts the flu virus should take it very seriously because there is always the chance it could turn into pneumonia."



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