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Photo by Kat Mohr

OKCCC students Trey Tarp and Brandon Pruitt performed in the college union on May 1. Pruitt has played all over the country but this was his first time to play at the OKCCC campus.

## Intercession classes start May 20

**By Nick Fentem**  
**News Writing I Student**

Students who want to get a quick class out of the way might look into enrolling in a May intercession class. Intercession begins May 20.

Intercession courses run two to three weeks Monday through Friday. Students usually attend class four hours a day.

Peggy Jordan, Student Development counselor, said survey courses such as history and psychology make up the majority of classes offered.

She said math classes and most science classes are not offered because they require too much study time.

"The format of the intercession is too compressed to allow for the time involved in

learning math principles," Jordan said. "Math requires practice."

She said students are allowed to take only one intercession class at a time. Jordan said this keeps students from becoming overloaded.

The last day for most May Intercession classes is June 7, although some classes will run longer.

The May Intercession schedule is listed in OKCCC's class schedule booklet. Class schedule booklets can be picked up in Student Development, located on the first floor of the main building.

Enrollment is already under way. Fees for intercession classes are due May 10.

To enroll, go by the Office of Admissions and Records. Enroll by phone by calling 682-6222 or online at [www.okccc.edu](http://www.okccc.edu).

For more information, call the Office of Prospective Student Services at 682-7580.

## Parking tickets on the increase, fines to follow

Numerous complaints lead to changes

**By Scott M. Everett**  
**Contributing Writer**

OKCCC security officers increased the number of parking violations issued to about 40 a day since early February. Prior to February, there were only about 10 to 15 tickets issued per day, said Keith Bourque, coordinator of Campus Safety and Security.

The increase in tickets is the result of a mandate ordered by OKCCC administrators in response to an abundance of complaints from faculty and staff, said Bourque.

Bourque said his office is also in the process of evaluating the possibility of increasing the cost of individual tickets.

The University of Oklahoma, OSU-OKC, Rose State and Oklahoma City University have all been polled in the study to determine the average price of parking violations and to see where OKCCC falls in the curve.

"We are currently the cheapest on the block," said Bourque, referring to the \$5 fine currently imposed on students who illegally park in reserved faculty or staff places.

"The tickets here were never meant as a monetary deficit to the students," Bourque said.

"They were intended as a corrective action."

English Professor Dave Charlson said he agrees with the need for an increase.

"One concern is safety and security," he said.

"I don't mind walking, but there are people who need close access and that should not be denied to them."

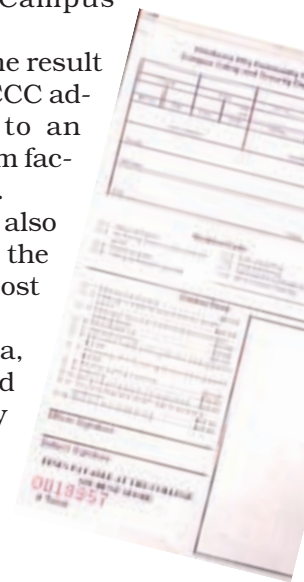
Students had various reactions.

"I think that we need more parking spaces," said Mari Chavez, theater major.

Kelli Stretesky, film major, said prices should be raised "so that people will park in their designated areas."

"Most people don't think that \$5 is a big deal, so that's why they park there," she said.

Bourque said the office of safety and security will continue to evaluate the options available to them, then a final plan will be devised and presented to administrators.





## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

## New school, better chapter

When I became a student at OKCCC in August 2000, I had no idea where it would lead me.

Fresh out of high school, I was clueless as to what life had in store for me.

The only thing I was sure of was that I was starting a new chapter in my life.

But what that chapter consisted of remained unclear to me.

My future seemed filled with endless possibilities but yet I had never been more terrified.

I found myself staggering as I began the transition from childhood into adulthood.

I was suddenly faced with frightening questions like "who am I" and "what do I want to do with the rest of my life?"

My life was a ball of clay and it was up to me to sculpt it.

I knew I wanted to go to college but I wasn't quite ready to attend a university.

I wanted to start out slow because I knew there was a lot about myself that I still needed to learn.

I decided the best place to get my feet wet and still stay above water was OKCCC.

During my first semester at OKCCC, I focused primarily on the general courses such as English and math.

Like most students, I was just going through the motions in search of my niche.

It wasn't until my second semester that the puzzle pieces of my life began to fit together.

I had dabbled a little in journalism in high school so I decided to try News Writing I to see if it suited my style.

Ever since I was little, I had dreamed of being a writer.

News Writing was just the spark I needed to ignite the writer inside of me.

After I completed News Writing, I decided to fan my journalistic fever by joining the Pioneer staff.

It has been almost a year since I began writing and taking pictures for the Pioneer.

In that year I have learned a lot about myself.

But I am sure I will always be a pupil of life.

I still question my future every now and then.

Whenever I think about my life, I am reminded of the Robert Frost poem "The Road Not Taken."

I know I will be confronted with several different paths throughout the course of my life.

But hopefully my experience at OKCCC has given me the confidence I need to choose the right one.

—Kat Mohr  
Staff Writer

## Photography club hosting speaker

### To the editor:

The Photography Club will be hosting its first guest on Thursday, May 9, at 3 p.m. in room 2L7. Jack DeLisle will be speaking on sub-miniature cameras, commonly known as 'spy cameras.'

DeLisle is a retired FAA employee and a member of the Metro Camera Club. He is also a former student of OKCCC. His greatest hobby is photography. He started collecting cameras in 1968 and it has grown to 30 or 40. He is not sure how many he owns because he constantly adds to his collection.

When asked how he became interested in 'spy cameras,' he replied a

friend in 1968 had shown him a Minox and he bought it from him. It has grown ever since. DeLisle does his own developing in black and white as well as color.

He has modified his equipment to fit the very small negative that sub-miniatures require. Compared to the 35mm negative it is 1/9 the size. These small cameras vary in size and shape. The Pentax sub-miniature is almost the same as a regular camera, except the size. You could mistake it for a toy. Some of the others you can cup in the palm of your hand and never know a person is holding it.

You can find out more about sub-miniatures at

DeLisle's website: <http://pages.sbcglobal.net/jdelisle/index.html> or visit sub-miniature web site: [www.subclub.org](http://www.subclub.org). Everyone is invited to attend DeLisle's workshop in room 2L7. The photography lab will be closed from 3 to 4:30 p.m. for the lecture.

—Teresa Thompson  
Photography club  
President

## Profs going global

### To the editor:

Please allow me to offer a public thanks to Jessica Sheets-Nguyen and Kathy Wullstein for putting together the Mexican Culture series entitled "Building Bridges: Crossing Cultural Chasms."

The five guest lecturers have all outdone themselves at quite literally

broadening our horizons, helping us know more about the country south of the border and how it came to be. The series is global education at its best, providing a learning opportunity for students, staff, faculty and the community. Bravo.

—David Charlson  
English professor



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## Comments and Reviews

# Smash hit 'Alias' enjoying success of first season

"Alias" star Jennifer Garner as Sydney Bristow is fighting her way to the top of the TV ratings.

Sydney is a spy.

After finding out she works for the people she thought she was fighting against, she turns to the CIA to become a double agent.

Sydney informs the CIA of her actions in SD-6 so they can use her to slowly shut down the numerous cells of the rogue operation.

SD-6 uses its agents to uncover secrets, documents and other materials of use to the United States government and then sell or trade them with U.S. enemies.

Sydney uses top-notch gadgets supplied by the quirky tech guy, Marshal,

to succeed in her many secret missions, domestic and abroad, all without her partner suspecting a thing.

As in every good show, there must be a love interest. Hers is Agent Vaughn (Michael Vartan). Vaughn is her handler with the CIA.

Her counter-missions are given to her

through clandestine meetings with him.

Sydney is a female James Bond.

She kickboxes her way through her enemies and always comes out on top.

"Alias" is full of action, interesting storylines and a not-too-shabby looking

cast to watch.

There is finally a different type of show on TV that has nothing to do with reality.

In its Sunday night 8 p.m. time slot it's an eventful way to end a weekend.



"Alias" is ending its first season on ABC, so catch it in the reruns as an alternative to the HBO lineup.

Watch out, Buffy. There's a new primetime girl kickin' butt.

—Kate Brennan  
Staff Writer

# MTV relishing all-time ratings with reality-based 'Osbournes'

They're definitely not the Brady Bunch, but there's something about the Osbourne family that keeps people coming back for more.

MTV's "The Osbournes" is a reality-based comedy that follows the lives of rock 'n' roll singer Ozzy Osbourne and his family.

The show consists of four main characters: Ozzy, his wife Sharon, and their two kids, Jack and Kelly.

The only character I could do without seeing in this show is Jack.

In every episode, it never fails that Jack ends up whining or crying like a baby about something.

In a recent episode he spent 10 minutes whining

like a 12-year-old when his parents took away his pocketknife.



On the outside, the Osbourne family might appear unusual. But as you watch this show, you realize they are not much different than the average family.

When you get past the endless slew of curse words that are bleeped out of ev-

ery conversation, the Osbournes' really are quite normal.

They are confronted with the same conflicts that every family must endure.

Throughout the series, Ozzy and Sharon have had several discussions with Jack and Kelly concerning drugs and sex.

Sharon and Ozzy might not be Carol and Mike Brady, but they still encourage the same values in their children.

The Osbournes will not only make your sides hurt from laughter, it will also make you realize that your family isn't so strange after all.

—Kat Mohr  
Staff Writer

# Deception not enough to save 'Changing Lanes' flick

Arrogance meets aggression is the name of the game in the action film, "Changing Lanes," starring Ben Affleck and Samuel L. Jackson.

This is a casual story of two men who cannot see eye to eye. Ben Affleck has no problem playing the overly confident lawyer, Gavin Banek, who married into a lifetime commitment of fraud, bartering and cheating.

Samuel L. Jackson (Doyle Gipson) portrays an insurance agent struggling to cope with an alcohol problem and gaining joint custody of his two sons.

Sarah Banek, played by Amanda Peet, supports the idea of doing whatever it takes to keep her father and husband's boss happy. Sydney Pollack plays the brains behind this immoral operation who looks at life with nothing less than a dollar value.

Both Banek (Affleck) and Gipson, (Jackson) collide on the freeway when both, pressed for time, crash into each other causing a car wreck. Banek quickly signs a blank check, throws it in Gipson's direction and speeds off to make his court appearance.

Gipson, who is left stranded, notices a file that turns out to be the most important acces-

sory for Banek's case. Unable to compromise, the two begin a game of "Who-Can-Top-Who." This is when the action begins.

Soon after the two come to terms and go their separate ways. The story is only half over, in the midst of it all, Banek realizes his father-in-law has committed more

than one felony and left the responsibility of covering up to him.

Since his ethics were restored, he decides to take control of the situation and do the right thing.

Banek's

sudden change of heart leaves his money-hungry wife and father-in-law outraged.

The casting for this film could not have been any better. "Changing Lanes" contained the right amount of betrayal, deception and action your typical drama needs, but the material was poorly written and unclear in some parts.

The combination of the two leaves a great film with nowhere to go but down. Overall I give the film a C-. Rated R for mild violence and language. Running time is 101 minutes. Needless to say I was not very impressed. My advice is to wait till it comes out on video.

—Melissa Wilkins  
Reviewer





## Renovation educates the less fortunate by way of technology

By Alyson Oden  
News Writing I Student

An empty room with tall ceilings and old wooden floors was all there was in one of the corridors of Capitol Hill Elementary School. That room has become a crucial part of the south-west Oklahoma City community.

Room 128 is now occupied by students, adults and the elderly from a low-income area who have the opportunity to achieve education through new technology. Sometimes they even get to take the computers home.

Capitol Hill Technology Center provides access to computers and computer technology through classes taught in a two-, four-, or eight- class format, giving access to the Internet.

The success of CHCTC would not have been possible without the help of OKCCC.

OKCCC partnered with CHCTC and donated used computers when the center was founded in October 2000.

"I always had the desire to work in the community," said Alejandro Sanchez,

"This is something that I have wanted to do for a long time, and I'm doing it."

—Alejandro Sanchez  
Director  
Capitol Hill Technology Center

director of CHCTC.

The program was created to bridge the digital divide. This barrier separates people with the best technology that society has to offer, and those who do not.

Located in the heart of the Hispanic community, children and women are the majority users of the center.

The attendance for 2001-2002 was 1,657 children and 2,920 adults.

The most requested courses at CHCTC are English as a Second Language, GED, Job Readiness and U.S. Citizenship.

These programs have a major impact on education and employment throughout the Hispanic immigrant community.

Sanchez, being an immigrant to the United States from Mexico City, knows first-hand about the desire to become a citizen of this country.

CHCTC has established

partnerships with several federal and local organizations that donate their used computers every other year to be refurbished and used by CHCTC.

Students who have successfully completed all requirements for three basic computer courses are eligible to apply to own one of the refurbished computers.

"This is something that I have wanted to do for a long time, and I'm doing it," said Sanchez, who is fluent in both Spanish and Portuguese as well as English. He says he gets self-satisfaction from helping those who lack what others have.

The Capitol Hill Community Technology Center is open to the public and is located at 2727 S. Robinson, room 128. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Fridays. The center will be open this summer.

## One blood donation can save three lives

By Lindsey Phillips  
News Writing I Student

Sixty people attempted to give blood on Wednesday April 24 and Thursday April 25.

Forty-nine pints of blood were drawn for the Oklahoma Blood Institute, said Cindi Draper, college blood drive coordinator for OBI.

OKCCC sponsors two blood drives per semester.

The turnout for this blood drive was average, said Mike Jones, coordinator of Student Activities. The most successful blood drive was the week before Sept. 11.

"We were lucky to have had the blood drive when we did," said Jones. "OBI tests its own blood so we were able to send all of our blood straight to New York."

OBI is one of the few centers in the United States that tests its own blood. This is helpful because blood can be sent quicker to places that need it without having to wait for results from other centers.

Jones believes stress and lack of time contributed to the lower turnout for this blood drive.

Each pint of blood drawn is divided into three components: whole blood, platelets and plasma. Therefore, each pint of blood donated saves three lives.

"If you can't give blood, then tell three of your friends," said Jones. "It's like 'Pay It Forward.' You give life to three people, then they give life to three people and so on."

Prior to giving blood, donors need to get a good night's rest and eat well. Women should eat foods high in iron, such as spinach and fish.

People taking antibiotics or cold medicine will not be able to donate. Also, anyone that has a recent piercing or tattoo may be deferred.

"Summer blood supply is low because people are on vacations and out running around," said Jones. "They aren't thinking about donating blood."

Ironically, the demand for blood is highest in the summer due to people traveling and the increase in car wrecks and boating accidents. The next blood drive is scheduled for June 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room CE3.

## Sonic donating money to OKC-GO!

By Kate Brennan  
Staff Writer

Sonic Corp. has donated \$25,000 to the OKC-GO! Scholarship Endowment Program at OKCCC.

The program offers two semesters of free tuition to Oklahoma City Public School District students who attend OKCCC in the fall after high school graduation.

"We are excited to be a partner in this educational endeavor that is making a

difference in the lives of students who are alumni of Oklahoma City Public Schools," said Cliff Hudson, chairman and chief executive officer of Sonic Corp. Hudson is also serving as chairman of the Oklahoma City Public Board of Education.

The OKC-GO! Program was created by OKCCC President Bob Todd in 1999. Since then, 25 of the students have earned their associate degrees.

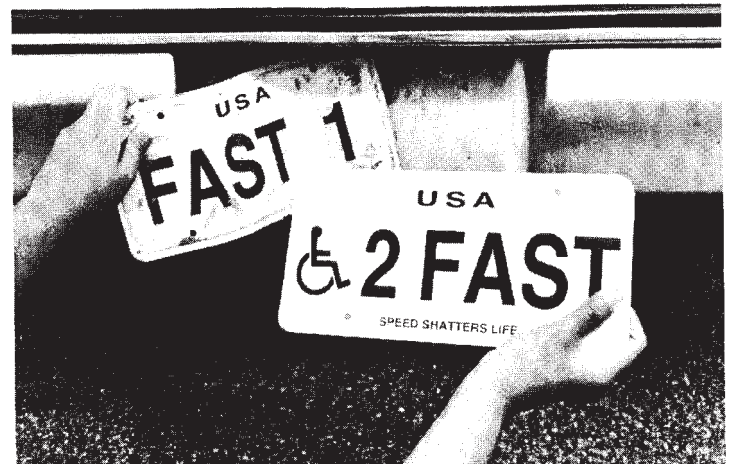
"What a great gift for the students and the college," said President Todd.

Coordinator of Community Outreach at OKCCC, Craig Robinson, said that the goal of the program is to increase college attendance within the Oklahoma City area.

"Sonic is a great supporter of public education in this community and we deeply appreciate their commitment to the future of these students and this city."

Sonic is the nation's largest chain of drive-in restaurants. They are known for their specialty drinks and food served by carhops.

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Don't ruin a perfectly good summer. Slow down.

# College students honored for achievements



OKCCC student Frenando Wauneka, graphic communications major, receives a Certificate of Achievement from Susan VanSchuyver, dean of arts and humanities. Vice President of Academic Affairs Paul Sechrist, at podium, served as emcee for the academic awards segment.

By Mark Stack  
Editor

The 26th annual Student Awards ceremony honored OKCCC's outstanding students in leadership and scholarship on April 26 in the college union.

Dr. Marion Paden, vice-president for student service emceed the first part of the ceremony.

The ceremony began as student organization sponsors honored the top members of each student club.

English student essay awards were given to Teresa Lewis and Amy Vaughn.

Jack Cain, Matt Skvarla, Larry D. Golden and Kay Edwards memorial scholarships, along with several others, were awarded during the April 26 ceremony.

Honors Professor Melinda Bergin recognized those who will be graduating with



OKCCC student and Pioneer editor Mark Stark receives the Pioneer Award from Sue Hinton, professor of journalism\English. Stack also received a Certificate of Achievement for Journalism from the Arts and Humanities Department. Marion Paden emceed the first part of the ceremony.

honor. The divisions of Arts and Humanities, Business, Health Professions, Information Technology, Science and Mathematics and Social Sciences all recognized outstanding students in the division with certificates of achievement.

# Students receive President's Award for excellence

Seventeen students took home top academic honors from the college's annual Student Awards Ceremony April 26 in the college union. Professors from each of OKCCC's six academic divisions nominated their best students for the President's Award for Excellence. Then the number was pared back to three winners from each division, plus one winner from the Diversified Studies area.

Dr. Paul Sechrist, provost and vice president for academic affairs, introduced the award recipients. College President Robert Todd presented each award winner with a plaque commemorating the achievements.

To be eligible for the President's Award, students had to have an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher and have completed at least 30 college credits, said Mary Johnson, director of student relations.

The winners and their majors follow: Arts and Humanities division: Brenda Asby-Baldwin, film and video production; Creshia Cecil, modern languages-Spanish; Cathy Hume, humanities. Diversified Studies: Suzanne Sells.

Business: Craig Cates, administrative office technology; Jacqueline Marquez, international study.

Health Technology: Jennifer Clark, nursing; John Coffey, emergency medical sciences; Carrie Doerksen, physical therapist assistant.

Information Technology: Howard Martin, computer aided design-manufacturing, architectural emphasis; Hai Nguyen, computer programming.

Science and Mathematics: Rebekah Jones, pre-baccalaureate nursing; Amanda Massegee, science, biology; Monica McLaren, pre-medicine.

Social Sciences: Tammy Cummings, child development; Monica Gallamore, history, Joe Williams, political science.



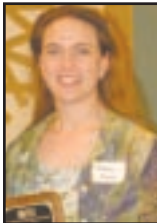
Suzanne Sells  
Diversified Studies



Amanda Massegee  
Science\Biology



Rebekah Jones  
Pre-Baccalaureate Nursing



Monica Gallamore  
History



Brenda Asby-Baldwin  
Film and video production



Craig Cates  
Administrative Office Technology



Jacqueline Marquez  
International Study



Tammy Cummings  
Child Development



Creshia Cecil  
Modern Language-Spanish



Jennifer Clark  
Nursing



Monica McLaren  
Premed



Joe Williams  
Political science



Cathy Hume  
Humanities



# Pathways to accept new applicants for fall

**By Angela Krizer**  
**News Writing I Student**

Pathways Middle College High School is accepting applications for 41 students for the 2002-2003 school year.

For the upcoming fall, there will be 11 openings in the tenth grade, six openings in the ninth grade and 20 openings in the eighth grade.

An alternative Oklahoma City Public School, Pathways inhabits space on the third floor of the main building.

Pathways is one of only three middle colleges in the

Midwestern region and the only one in the nation that will eventually offer eighth through twelfth grades, said Carol Brogan, administrator of Pathways Middle College.

"We are one of the best kept secrets in the [Oklahoma City] public schools," Brogan said.

The middle college concept was developed after Oklahoma City realized it lost almost 40 percent of its students as dropouts between eighth and twelfth grades.

Oklahoma City was looking for other options for keeping students in school, Brogan said. OKCCC and Oklahoma City public

schools formed a partnership to host a public school on a college campus.

"The support from the college has been absolutely wonderful," Brogan said. "If it weren't for them, there is no way this program would exist."

J.P. Johnson, director of Early College Awareness, said students and faculty of Pathways are happy.

"The students, faculty, and staff seem to really enjoy being here and they are delightful to have on campus," she said.

Pathways has grown from only 15 students in the eighth grade to 65 students in eighth, ninth and tenth grades combined.

The staff began with only two teachers and has now grown to four teachers, an administrator and a full time secretary.

The school is designed to help average students struggling in attendance due to lack of attention they may receive from teachers at larger schools.

"With no more than 25 students per class, this is an excellent learning environment for students who may not be thriving in a large school environment," Johnson said.

The requirements for being a Pathways student are: 2.5 GPA, good attendance, 16 hours of community service a semester and parent

involvement.

Appropriate behavior is also a must. Pathways has a "no fighting" policy. If students can't meet these requirements, they will be sent back to their former schools, Brogan said.

"I expect them to behave a certain way," said Brogan. "Once they come on campus here, they become more mature because it is expected."

Admission is free. Students must fill out an application and be interviewed, along with their parents, to be accepted.

Applications will be accepted until May 21.

Contact Pathways at 682-7840 for more information.

## Oklahoma Senior Classic games to be held May 22

**By Kate Brennan**  
**Staff Writer**

The 2002 Oklahoma Senior Classic Games will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 22, in the college union. Entry fee for the event will cost \$7.

The registration fee includes the cost of lunch, all equipment, facility use and a free T-shirt.

The purpose of the games is to promote the well being of senior citizens through exercise and relationship building.

"We just want the seniors to come out and have a

good time," said Donna Davenport, event representative from the Department of Human Services.

There will be high and low impact activities so everyone can participate.

St. Michael Hospital will be present to advise seniors on health related issues.

There will also be free vi-

sion and hearing screenings for event participants.

This will be the 20th anniversary of the Senior Classic Games at OKCCC.

"The school has been the glue that has kept this program together," said Linda Medley, referring to where the games were held for the first time, 20 years ago.

Volunteers are also needed for any amount of time they can give. Lunch will be provided.

Registration will not be taken at the door. Anyone interested in attending the event must register early.

For registration information, please contact Margy Davis at 682-7536.

## Student Comedy Night to include skits, music, laughter

**By Wes Woodward**  
**News Writing I Student**

Nate Lindsey, an OKCCC film student, will show the world how his Comedy Night came together.

Two months ago, Lindsey had tryouts on campus. On May 10 and 11, he will show how hard he and his cast have been working these past two months.

He, among others in his cast, have written the shows, as well as directed them.

Lindsey, and a cast of 10 people have been working on several improv acts, as well as two skits and two

one-acts.

Jessica Ramsey, also a student at OKCCC, is hopeful the work will pay off. "Practices are long, but I think the show will be worthwhile," she said.

Ramsey tried out for the show in March and has worked diligently ever since.

"We have some really funny skits to perform, which are all original," she said. "The improv acts are also hilarious, yet really hard to do," she said.

Lindsey said a Christian rock band will perform between skits.

The show starts at 8 p.m., May 10 and 11. The performance will be held at the

Stage Door in Yukon.

Tickets are \$5 and need to be purchased ahead of time. For directions and tickets, contact Lindsey at [linwardadams@yahoo.com](mailto:linwardadams@yahoo.com).

**Have A Few  
Laughs At  
Comedy  
Night!**

**8 p.m. May  
10 and 11  
The Stage  
Door in Yukon**

## Students traveled to base in Lawton

**Juliet Okoroegbe**  
**News Writing I  
Student**

The international students in the English as A Second Language program visited the National Wildlife Refuge and the Military Base in Lawton on March 13.

During their first trip since the Sept. 11 attack, some of the students were searched thoroughly, said Abbie Figueroa, director of ESL.

She said she thought that was kind of scary.

Figueroa said they visit the base every year because of the information they get about the history of Oklahoma.

"The refuge has a herd of buffalo which is important in the history of Oklahoma, especially the Native American tradition and history," Figueroa said.

"The base is also significant in the Indian wars."

"We also get a feeling of what Oklahoma might have been like before white people came here," she said.

Figueroa said that besides the search at the base, the trip was fun.

# Gift ideas include memory boxes, time off for Mom

**By Kate Brennan  
Staff Writer**

Mother's Day is May 12. It is also one of the biggest Hallmark holidays of the year, as well as an important one.

Mother's Day can turn expensive very quickly.

For poor college students, an expensive gift may be out of the question.

Even though a card will get most offspring off the hook, some inexpensive alternatives will do wonders for that parental relationship.

ship.

"Buy or make a nice box," said OKCCC student Christian Anderson.

"Write 100 remember when memories on small slips of paper, so she has one to open for many days to come.

"I know I would like that

if I was a mom," he said.

If this seems a bit gushy for a gift, think about what it is mom really likes to do.

If she likes to garden, buy a flat of flowers and help her plant them.

In this busy world, time is always a good present.

Take over a chore that

would normally be time consuming for a day.

This will allow Mom some much deserved freedom from the daily rigors of life.

If all else fails, just spend time with her doing what she likes to do.

It is the day that is devoted to Mom's after all.

## The History of Mother's Day

The first celebrations in honor of mothers were held in the spring in ancient Greece. They paid tribute to Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 17th century, England honored mothers on "Mothering Sunday," celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

In the United States, Julia Ward Howe suggested the idea of Mother's Day in 1872. Howe, who wrote the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, saw Mother's Day as being dedicated to peace.

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia is credited with bringing about the official observance of Mother's Day. Her campaign to establish such a holiday began as a remembrance of her mother, who died in 1905 and who had, in the late 19th century, tried to establish "Mother's Friendship Days" as a way to heal the scars of the Civil War.

Two years after her mother died, Jarvis held a ceremony in Grafton, W. Va., to honor her. She was so moved by the proceedings that she began a massive campaign to adopt a formal holiday honoring mothers. In 1910, West Virginia became the first state to recognize Mother's Day. A year later, nearly every state officially marked the day. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed Mother's Day as a national holiday to be held on the second Sunday of May.

But Jarvis' accomplishment soon turned bitter for her. Enraged by the commercialization of the holiday, she filed a lawsuit to stop a 1923 Mother's Day festival and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a war mothers' convention where women sold white carnations -- Jarvis' symbol for mothers -- to raise money. "This is not what I intended," Jarvis said. "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit!"

When she died in 1948, at age 84, Jarvis had become a woman of great ironies. Never a mother herself, her maternal fortune dissipated by her efforts to stop the commercialization of the holiday she had founded, Jarvis told a reporter shortly before her death that she was sorry she had ever started Mother's Day. She spoke these words in a nursing home where every Mother's Day her room had been filled with cards from all over the world.

Today, because of and despite Jarvis' efforts, many celebrations of Mother's Days are held throughout the world. Although they do not all fall at the same time, such countries as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia and Belgium also celebrate Mother's Day on the same day as the United States.

— Holly Hildebrand, Houston Chronicle  
Story provided by www.chron.com

## Students remember favorite Mother's Days from the past



"Two years ago, my daughter made me waffles and served them to me in bed. We then spent the whole afternoon at the park together. [She also] always makes homemade cards for me. She writes special things in them that only she and I would know."

— Amber Bowie, journalism major

"For Mother's Day 2000, I took [my mom] to Junior's, a restaurant on Northwest Expressway. We had a nice dinner, then I took her to the Civic Center for a concert."

— Kenneth Bland, education major



"When my son was a kindergartner, he presented me with a flower pot he had designed himself. It had a plant in it. I still have the pot sitting on the windowsill in my kitchen. Even though he's now a teenager, I keep it to remind me of my little boy."

— Lori Lumsden, business major



"My family got together with my wife's family and we had bonding time. We bought spa days [for our mothers] from Maria's Skin Care. Not only did we celebrate Mother's Day, but we also celebrated my birthday as well."

— Christian Anderson, broadcast journalism major



Photos and text by Ashley Martin



# Puppy brings smiles to kindergartners' faces

**By Corey Watson**  
News Writing I Student

Making friends can be hard in a new environment.

This is why first impressions are always so important.

Over the past semester this reporter has covered the kindergarten class at the Child Development Center on campus for journalism class.

This reporter's main goal was to get the kids to like him so he could have some new friends.

The first time this reporter went to observe the children, they were timid. This reporter even remembers some kids telling him not to look at them.

Although his first impression with the kids was a failure, their approval was important so he kept trying.



Photo by Corey Watson

Boomer salutes the camera. Boomer was the highlight of the Child Development Kindergarten class.

This reporter got another chance with the kids when he was invited on a field trip to PetsMart. He found

out what he had in common with the 5-year-olds. It was animals. The kids loved animals as much as he did.

During the field trip the kids starting talking, and trust was built between the kids and the reporter.

This reporter was no longer the weird kid with long hair who stared at them.

He was making his way to actually being considered a friend.

This reporter told the class he was going to bring his new puppy for show and tell.

The kids became excited about the idea and this reporter was excited too because he had a chance for them to get to know him better.

All week long this reporter was anxious and nervous about his big day to shine.

Finally the day arrived and this reporter brought to kindergarten his miniature longhaired four-month-old dachshund named Boomer.

The moment Boomer was seen, oooh's and aaaah's filled the little classroom.

"Boomer, Boomer" was said over and over again once the kids found out the dog's name.

It was time for recess.

This little dog had no idea what he was getting himself into.

The kids crowded around him as if they were in a football huddle calling a play.

Kindergartner Sarah Long took command of Boomer, making sure that she got to hold him more than anyone.

Another kindergartner, Austin Foley, made it his goal to get Boomer to chase him and his friends.

The children blurted out,

"I want to hold him!" "It's my turn to hold Boomer!" as they chased Boomer all across the playground.

Boomer was the talk of the entire class. The kids finally opened up to this reporter, explaining their own pet stories.

Nothing was more entertaining then hearing all of them say they wanted a little dachshund just like Boomer.

As this reporter left the school, teachers met him saying, "So this is Boomer, the dog all the kids are talking about." Boomer had so much fun during his big performance that he slept the rest of the day.

The day was a success. And this reporter's goal of making new friends with the little rugrats was accomplished, all with the help of a little thing called show and tell.

## Sellers food draws mixed reviews

**By Christian Anderson**  
News Writing I Student

The college selects food vendors based on proposed bids, said Bill Coffey, the college's contract coordinator.

"The vendors' contracts are renewed one year at a time based on performance," said Coffey.

When asked if the college has considered having other food vendors such as Chick-Fil-A or Taco Bell on campus, Linda McMurtry, the colleges assistant director of finance, said, the college has considered such an option.

"We've thought about it, but not while Sellers is [here]."

McMurtry added, "Most vendors don't typically make a lot of money."

In 1998 Sellers teamed

**"I don't think we've had any better quality food than Sellers."**

—Bill Coffey  
Contract Coordinator

up with OKCCC to bring their food and service to the students and staff at the college.

Sellers' menu offers foods such as sandwiches, hamburgers, personal Pizza Hut pizzas, a salad bar and fresh fruit all located in the student union.

"I don't think we've had any better quality food than Sellers," said Coffey.

Others agree the quality is good. "They have the freshest fruit," said OKCCC student Trisha Spencer.

Some students feel that Sellers prices are too expensive. OKCCC student Lena Carter said, "It's a little expensive for college students."

OKCCC student Linda Newsome concured with Carter by saying, "Some of their food is okay if you have money."

"There isn't a steady flow of customers like at universities," McMurtry said. "It's a challenge for Sellers to make money."

McMurtry talked about improvements with Sellers.

"I would like it if they could reduce permanent staff turnover," said McMurtry.

"I've seen some improvement in the past year in the kitchen and with event coordinating."

McMurtry added, "I'm very happy with Sellers service right now."

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# Music professor steps into 18th century for class

**By Heather Thomas**  
News Writing I Student

Dave Archer, OKCCC music professor, has amazed students once again with his impersonation of Johann Sebastian Bach.

Each semester for the past 30 years, Archer has dressed up as the historical German composer and astonishes his students with his virtuoso piano playing.

Archer has taught in the OKCCC music department for 30 years.

"I have taught pretty much all the music classes here at OKCCC over the years, but now I try to focus on the music appreciation classes the most," said Archer.

On the day of the presentation Archer converts the ordinary classroom into an 18th-century chamber music room.

He hangs drapes over the windows and uses candles for his light.

Archer even brings a piece of antique furniture that looks like a

crystal lamp from home to set the mood for his students.

He glides through the side door of the classroom wearing a white wig and 18th-century clothes, which include tall and pointy shoes with white stockings that match the wig.

Also, his voice takes on a German accent to accentuate Bach being of German descent.

"I was looking for a way to make Bach come alive because Bach is one of the most important composers," Archer said.

"Maybe if I did it this way then it might make more of an impression on the students."

Archer said he has done a lot of prepping and research to make sure that he is at his best for his students on this special day of class.

Most of the students have a great time on this day and learn a lot of material without opening their books, he said.

Amy Brown, psychology major, is one.

"I thought that day in class was so cool," Brown said. "I learned a lot about musical history without even opening a book."

Mindy Magers also said she enjoys the class.

"After that day in Mr. Archer's class, I went and rented a movie about the life of Bach because Mr. Archer made me want to learn more about him."

Throughout the presentation Archer has a student help him.

The student plays a tape with pre-recorded music to illustrate the different types of music that Bach composed.

"I have toyed with the idea of starting a new presentation over another composer," said Archer.

Archer said the Bach presentation has become a tradition each semester for his students.

OKCCC Music Professor Dave Archer gets his students in the mood for a lesson on 18th-century classical composer Johann Sebastian Bach.

Dressing the part of Bach is a long-standing tradition.

"I was looking for a way to make Bach come alive because Bach is one of the most important composers," Archer said.



# Chess Grand Master brings talent to campus

**By Writer Ben Nesbitt**  
News Writing I Student

The Oklahoma City Chess Club and OKCCC hosted the State of Oklahoma Blitz tournament on Saturday, April 27. International Chess Grand Master Yuri Shulman also gave a lecture and participated in the tournament.

Mouses Movsisya won the blitz tournament for players older than 16. He is a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma.

Shulman actually won but because he wasn't a resident of the state, he couldn't qualify to officially win the tournament.

Runner-up in the tournament was Russian native Sergey Galant from Oklahoma City University. Both Movsisya and Galant are expert chess players.

Rachel Dale, 13, of Tulsa won the Junior State Championship. She is currently ranked 15th in the nation for girls under 16 and ranked 34th in the nation for girls and boys under 16.

Mike Talinero, 13, also from

Tulsa, won reserve champion in the tournament.

Before the Blitz tournament, players from around the state were lectured by Shulman.

Currently ranked 14th in the United States and 25th in the world, Shulman is attending the University of Texas in Dallas.

He is originally from Belarus of the former Soviet Union.

"I would like [the players] to get into chess; I want them to have the desire to study it," Shulman said.

Shulman said he has played chess since he was 6 years old.

He said he sees the game of chess as a model of the way a person works in life.

After playing Shulman in the first round, current vice-president of the Oklahoma City Chess Association Todd Canary said [the match] was overwhelmingly in Shulman's favor.

All the chess players who attended the event played Shulman in a 30-player simultaneous exhibition game after the Blitz tournament was completed.

The simultaneous exhibition lasted approximately an hour and



a half.

Canary was the only player who came to a draw with Shulman in the simultaneous match.

Policy board member of the Oklahoma City Chess Association Tom Nichols said he wanted young players to gain instruction and chess awareness from a chess master

International Chess Grand Master Yuri Shulman visited the OKCCC campus April 27.

Shulman shared his insights both off and on the chess board with several state chess champions of all age groups.

Before he left, he played a 30-player simultaneous exhibition game with all of those who had competed in the blitz tournament that day.

Shulman, originally from Belarus of the former Soviet Union, attends college at the University of Texas in Dallas.

like Shulman.

"Lessons from someone like [Shulman] usually cost more than \$150 per hour," Nichols said.

The OKCCC Chess Club meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Students are invited to join the club and attend the meetings.



# Highlights

## Apply now for fall fee waivers

Fall tuition waiver applications are available in the office of Student Financial Support Services in the new area in front of the test center by the science area. Aug. 2 will be the last day to submit applications to Student Financial Support Services. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. Academic fee waivers will be posted in Student Financial Support Services on Aug. 16.

## ATM moves to the college union foyer

The ATM that was located outside the Admissions and Registration temporary location is now working and relocated to the college union foyer.

## Walk for the American Cancer Society

"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" is a non-competitive five-mile walk on Saturday, May 18 in Stars and Stripes Park at Lake Hefner. The walk is free. Only donations and pledges will be accepted for the walkers. Volunteers are also needed. If interested please call Pat Stowe at 682-1611, ext. 7471 for more information.

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## Fall 2002 tuition to be paid in Bursar's office

All fall 2002 tuition and fees will be accepted only in the Bursar's office, now located in 1S7 of the main building. Payments for tuition and fees for semesters prior to fall 2002 will continue to be taken in the bookstore.

## Low income scholarship available

The William P. Willis Scholarship is available for low income, Oklahoma residents who are enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program for fall and spring at OKCCC. The deadline is June 14. For more information and to receive an application please see Prospective Student Services in boardroom A and B.

## Future teachers scholarship available

Scholarships are available for future teachers seeking to teach in a shortage specialty of: counseling, foreign language, math, science, special education, speech/language pathology or technology education. The deadline for application is May 31. For information and to receive an application see Prospective Student Services in board room A and B.

## Lifeguard and swim instructor training

The OKCCC Aquatic Center is offering a number of water safety classes this spring, including lifeguard training and swimming lessons. To enroll in any water safety or learn-to-swim classes, contact the office of Recreation at 682-7560.

## Volunteer for the Senior Classic Games

The Oklahoma Senior Classic Games will begin at 8 a.m., Wednesday, May 22 in the college union. Volunteers are needed to escort the participants to each event. For volunteer information please contact Margy Davis at 682-1611, ext. 7536.

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**Left:** Dean of the University of Oklahoma Gaylord College of Journalism, Dr. Charles Self lectures to OKCCC students on the fundamentals of journalism on April 25 in the college union.

## OU Dean offers guidance

**By Brent Lamb  
News Writing I Student**

People are getting their news from more sources than ever before.

The journalist of tomorrow must be prepared for the changes, said Dr. Charles Self, dean of the University of Oklahoma Gaylord College of Journalism on April 25 in the OKCCC college union.

Educators and students alike joined Self for a lesson in media convergence and change.

"I believe the future of journalism has never been brighter," said Self.

Self's topic was the future

of journalism, and preparing tomorrow's journalist for the inevitable combining of TV, radio and newspapers.

The role of the traditional journalist is changing as technology is changing, said Self.

Newspaper reporters are starting to carry cameras and appear on television, and television reporters are starting to write stories for the newspaper.

"But this transition is not easy. Many of the changes so far have not been good."

The public wants the news now. So too many journalists want to get the story first, even if they don't get it right.

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that we all assume responsibility to our field.

"Our obligation is to embrace technology, and shape it to fit our community."

Self said that tomorrow's journalist will require critical thinking skills, a strong sense of ethics and a dedication to truth.

"But despite some concerns, I remain optimistic to the end."

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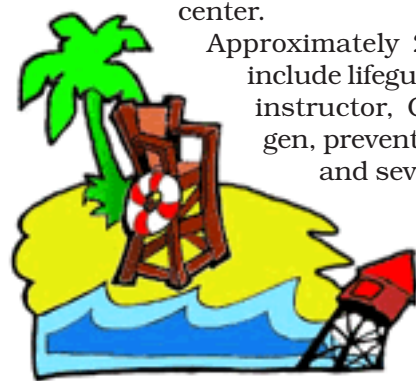


# College offers lifeguard training, job placement

By Mark Stack  
Editor

More than 600 lifeguard positions need to be filled around the metro area, which means great jobs are available for those who want to learn how to become a lifeguard, said Chris Moler, director of recreation and community services.

Moler said the 17th annual Southwest Regional Aquatic and First Aid School will be held at the OKCCC aquatic center.



Approximately 21 water safety classes include lifeguard training, water safety instructor, CPR, supplemental oxygen, preventing disease transmission and several others are available, said Moler.

"The college aquatic center is really busy in the summer time and we need more lifeguards and water safety instructors.

"Not only can we train you, but we can put you to work here, or we can find positions with other facilities," said Moler.

Students in the water safety instructor classes will learn to be certified in teaching American Red Cross swimming lessons.

Students must be of at least 17 years of age, and will be required to take a written water safety exam and pass a swimming skills test on the first day of class.

"Pools will pay pretty good, and it's a really good job," said Moler.

"A lot of people think being a lifeguard is an easy job, but it's not," said Moler.

"Being a lifeguard can be quite stressful because it's the only job in the United States where a 16-year-old can be certified to save lives and be accountable for it as well."

He said being a lifeguard will help people acquire life-saving skills along with learning responsibility.

"It's not just fun in the sun," said Moler. "People learn serious skills in CPR, first-aid, rescue management, preventing disease transmission and spinal injury management. There's a variety of skills that you're going to learn," said Moler.

For more information on the aquatic and first aid school, pick up a brochure at the office of recreation and community services, or call 682-7280.

## Absolutely Readable



Photo by Kat Mohr

OKCCC students Jessica Welp, Jerry Ramsey and Tricia Cross discuss the final pieces that made it into the Absolute 2002, the college's literary publication.

## College provides for soft drink fans

By Matt Leveridge  
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OKCCC Students take purchasing power into their own hands with the availability of both Coca-Cola and Pepsi Cola products.

Pepsi Cola has a contract with the college and has more than 10 vending machines in the main building alone.

Coca-Cola, meanwhile,

has a contract with Sellers Services, the caterer for the college union. Coke products are offered in the food service area.

The accessibility of both brands provides a choice for the students and faculty of the college.

When asked, beverage consumers at the college are split between the two conglomerates, with a preference for either one or the other.

Chrysandra Staab, psychology major, said she

prefers Barq's Root Beer, as opposed to Pepsi's counterpart, Mug.

Foluke Olorunnisola, undecided major, prefers Sprite, Coke's longtime counterpart to the independent soda, 7-Up.

And of course there are independent soft drinks that benefit both sides.

Dr. Pepper, an independently-owned soda, is the comfortable medium for deadlocked fans is provided in most of the two companies' machines.



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