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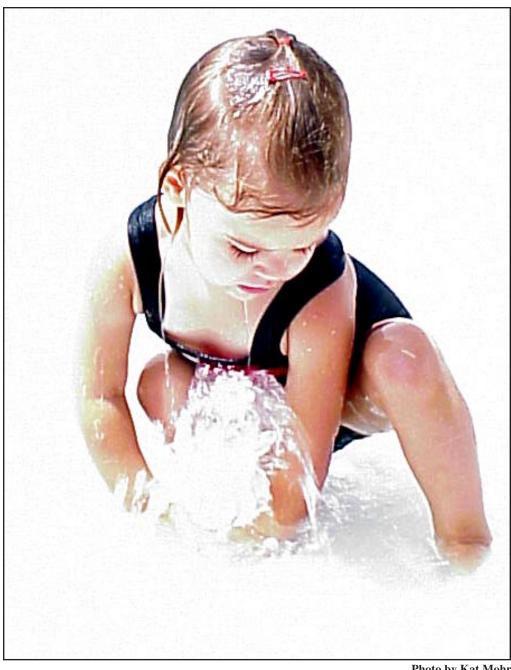


Photo by Kat Mohr

Water Baby: Abbey Thompson splashes around in the fountains at the Earlywine Swim Park located at SW 119th and May Avenue. Earlywine has an Olympic-sized pool, a diving pool, a kids pool, several water slides and tennis courts. Earlywine is open from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. (More pictures and sun-safety tips on page 5.)

Scholarship deadline July 30

By Mindy Stowers News Writing I Student

KCCC students planning to major in education need to apply for the Program for Academic Achievement scholarship. The application deadline is July 30.

In order to apply students must be an education major, and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.

This is an excellent scholarship, said Mary Punches, adviser of the scholar-

ship program. It includes tuition, fees, and access to a lending library for books so they do not have to be purchased.

Recipients must complete 16 community service hours per semester, be a member of the Future Teacher Organization, and meet with Punches throughout the semester.

In order to apply, pick up an application from Sue deCardenas on the

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Sex offenders act amended to include college campuses

By Mark Stack **Editor**

onvicted sex offenders ✓ have to let campus police know about their past convictions if they become college students or employees.

Gov. Frank Keating signed the amendment to the Oklahoma Sex Offenders Registration Act April 23.

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires that all states comply with the new regulations by Oct. 28, which is when they go into effect.

Some states had already adopted the new regulation.

Keith Bourque, coordinator of Campus Safety and Security, said once sex offenders have registered with OKCCC, the information will be available to the public.

"It's an open record, so whoever wants to view [a sex offender's | information, they can do so," he said.

Bourque said although no new guidelines have yet been put in place, campus security will be meeting with OKCCC's attorney Jerry Steward to adopt the new rules before the October deadline.

According to the Security on Campus Inc. website, the new amendment "requires that state procedures ensure that this registration information is promptly made available to law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction where the institutions of higher education are located and that it is entered into appropriate state records or data systems."

If a state does not adhere to the new rules by notifying colleges and universities when a sex offender is on campus, the

"Before, sex offenders had to register with the police anytime they moved into a new community. Now they have to also register with campus police any time they enroll at a college or university."

—Judy Terry General Council for Gov. Keating's office

state runs the risk of losing federal grant funding.

Judy Terry, attorney for the governor's office, said the new measure will help give campus security departments more information and authority.

"This amendment provides all campus security with better information about sex offenders enrolled or working at higher education institutions,"

Terry said the law has been changed in order to better bring campus security officers into the fold.

"Before, sex offenders had to register with the police anytime they moved into a new community," said Terry.

"Now they have to also register with campus police any time they enroll at a college or university."

This is the last issue of the Pioneer until the fall semester. We'll return to the stands Aug.19. See you then! In the meantime, you can share your news by e-mailing: editor@okccc.edu

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Near-death events change top priorities

I thought that I had my priorities straight, but boy did I get a wakeup call.

A month ago school was the most important thing in my life. I wanted to graduate and start my career as soon as possible.

Sunday, June 24, I received a phone call that placed school at the bottom of the list.

My friend had been in a motorcycle accident on a California freeway the night before.

His mother informed me that he was barely alive. I didn't know what to do. I froze. I knew that I had to get a plane ticket. My mom ended up having to schedule the flight for me since I was completely distraught.

I kept thinking, he's too young.

This isn't supposed to happen. Death is something that other people have to deal with, not me. Not at 21.

Luckily I didn't have to deal with it. He's recovering very well for a person who lost almost all of his blood.

I knew I had to get myself together in order to see him.

Everyone kept telling me that I had to prepare for the worst or the emotion of seeing him hooked up to so many machines would get the better of me.

Seeing someone I love on a ventilator was definitely a shock. Hearing the sounds of breathing coming from a machine is not something that one easily accepts.

He's strong-willed and a physically-fit person so he was off of it quickly and the rest of him is following with time.

I'm not a very religious person, but I thank God every day that he's alive.

Although this has not been the best of summers, I've learned that I've taken advantage of a lot of people in my life.

I figured they have always been there and they always will.

That philosophy has pretty much gone out the window

I'm so grateful for my friends and family that stuck by me and, of course, my Pioneer buddies.

There were others whose façade of a friendship was revealed and I'm glad to know the truth about them

I guess I just wanted to say thanks to all of you, the ones who supported me and even the ones who showed their not-so-caring ways.

I learned who my real friends are and that lesson is worth everything it took to get there.

–Kate Brennan Staff Writer

Moment of silence to become law

To the editor:

Classrooms across Oklahoma are intended to be silent — at least for a minute each school day — beginning this fall.

New state law requires students to observe a moment of silence in class-rooms for the purpose of giving them an opportunity to pray, meditate or participate in another quiet activity of their choice, as long as it doesn't disrupt the class.

The spirit of this measure is one I have supported ever since it was introduced in Senate Bill 815 earlier this year.

I was proud to witness the legislation being signed into law because I believe it will benefit students and teachers.

It is my hope that the moment of silence will provide a means to restore dignity and decorum before or after the announcements for the whole school.

This moment of silence can provide a time for voluntary prayer or a momentary breather to gather a focus on the important educational tasks at hand.

We are providing information about the new law to school officials this summer and to teachers this fall.

In the meantime, I wanted to share with you what the bill says.

The law requires district boards of education to ensure observance of approximately one minute of silence in schools for the purpose of allowing each student time "to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in any other silent activity that does not interfere with, distract, or impede other students in the exercise of their individual choices."

Many of us do not find it easy to pause for a moment in our fast-paced world.

school.

Creating an opportunity for students and school staff to take a quiet minute to prepare for or appreciate the day ahead speaks volumes about Oklahoma's focus on the future.

Perhaps it is a step we all should take.

—Sandy Garrett Oklahoma State Superintendent

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Comments and Reviews

'Stuart Little 2' great time for the kids, parents too

For a great family movie experience, "Stuart Little 2" is the choice to make.

The cast from the original "Stuart Little" is back with the addition of Melanie Griffith as the voice of Margalo, the little bird who literally drops into the life of Stuart (voiced by Michael J. Fox) when he is feeling

In the sequel, Stuart is having a hard time being little. Having his mom (Geena Davis) hovering over him isn't helping.

Through their friendship, Margalo and Stuart help each other to realize that despite their size, nothing can stop them from having adventures

Not even the evil Falcon, voiced by James Woods.

I liked "Stuart Little 2" for a number of reasons.

The cast is made up of professionals. In addition to Fox and Davis, Nathan Lane reprises his role as the Little's cat, Snowbell.

Lane is hilarious as the cowardly yet big-hearted feline who helps Stuart get out of some serious scrapes, such as the one he gets in to with Falcon.

The film is not geared entirely toward children.

There are plenty of one-liners that only the adults will understand, and those mainly come from Lane.

Jonathan Lipnicki is back as George Little, Stuart's older brother.

Lipnicki doesn't have as prominent of a part as he did in the first film, but he is maintaining his cuteness. I imagine it must be hard to play sup-

porting actor to a computer-generated mouse, but Lipnicki does it well.

Woods' voice was perfect for Falcon, the conniving mastermind behind a scheme to steal from the Littles

Griffith was a good choice for Margalo. The tiny bird was innocent and sweet, and Griffith has a little girl voice that fits the character well.

Of course, Stuart stood out the most. It seems ev-



ery project Fox takes on is golden, this one being no exception.

Overall, this is a wonderful movie for the entire family. It is rated PG, which I didn't understand. I felt comfortable with my 4year-old there, and I think any parent could feel the same way.

"Stuart Little 2" is definitely one of the best summer movies out right now, and should not be missed.

> -Ashley Martin **Staff Writer**

Hanks does it this time as a villain

Baseball cards, a Playmate, to meet Isiah Thomas and have a father in the mafia. This is all I wanted when I was growing up.

After two hours of watching "Road to Perdition," I couldn't have been happier that my last wish never

"Road to Perdition," starring Oscar winner Tom Hanks, has received some of the best reviews for any movie so far this year.

And there's an obvious reason for that: unbelievable cast, Oscar winning director, a great script and fantastic cinematography.

"Road to Perdition" is set in dreary Depressionriddled Chicago in the 1930s.

The movie has a rather ominous dark feel to it. Bright colors were fittingly absent all throughout the flick.

The movie also strays from the non-stop shoot 'em up action that most gangster movies are about.

The movie depicts the relationship between a father and a son, and the son's will to get to know his enigma of a father.

Hanks plays mafia hitman Michael Sullivan. Obviously new territory for Hanks, he portrays Sullivan with great intensity and animosity.

"Road to Perdition" starts to flow once Sullivan's eldest son, Michael Jr., played by



Tyler Hoechlin, hides in the back of his father's car on the way to an important business meeting in order to find out what his father does for a living.

Michael Jr. witnesses his father murder several people, and his father must now protect his son so he won't tell anyone what he saw.

Sullivan's benefactor and father figure is John Rooney, played by the great Paul Newman. Newman is the mob boss of a local chapter in the Capone crime family.

Back to direct his first picture since winning an Oscar for "American Beauty" is Sam Mendes.

Mendes does a wonderful job since he took several years off. Although some parts seem reminiscent of "American Beauty," the two movies clearly stand apart. The cinematography done by Conrad L. Hall is what makes "Road to Perdition" stand out, and should get more credit for making this movie a visual masterpiece.

The person who steals the show is Jude Law, playing a photographer/hired killer who takes pictures of the deceased, just after they have passed.

"Road to Perdition" hopefully won't get lost in all the summer blockbuster movies as this really deserves several Oscar nominations for the cast and crew.

> -Mark Stack **Editor**

White Stripes keep it simple, real

The noise of modern life phors and consistently impedes our already complicated individuality.

If you don't wake up and drink a certain brand of coffee, brush your teeth with a certain sparkling brand of toothpaste or wear clothing with a label of a person that didn't actually make the clothing, then you are not a true Ameri-

That's what the mass media messages say and it adds to the complication of our human existence.

Included in that mass media complication is today's music.

Today it is rare to find a band that doesn't depend on the confusing metachanging beat and melody.

With the world around us getting more and more complicated every day, it is refreshing to hear a band who has stripped bare and revealed themselves to the listener.

This is the case with the White Stripes.

Jack and Meg White are the only members in this garage, blues-rock band.

They fill each song full of simplicity with the grade school drums, the garage electric guitar, occasional keyboard, and Jack's edgy voice.

On the album "White Blood Cells" the songs range from sing-a-long "Hotel Yorba" to the reminiscent joy of youth in "We're Going to Be Friends."

The sounds sometimes remember the 1960s British pop music, yet with a modern, refreshing raw edge.

Thoreau once said in the book Walden, "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.

Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

This album is a must have for those who can appreciate simplicity and a little taste of something different.

> -Grace Allen **Staff Writer**

Online classes convenient

By Lindsey Law News Writing I Student

In a world where e-mail is imperative and fast food essential, convenience in education also seems a priority to many.

Modern technology has led to the production of the online course.

Online courses allow students to engage in a specific area of study over the Internet in the comfort of their own home, dorm room, or office.

Kathy Wullstein, coordinator for online learning at OKCCC, said online courses allow students to receive credit for a class that otherwise might not fit into a daily class schedule.

Several students view this form of distance education as positive.

Jennifer Strahorn, the current Miss Del City, recently took an online biology class to fulfill a college science requirement. All tests and assignments were completed online.

"One misconception of online courses is that there is little interaction between students and instructors."

Kathy Wullstein
 OKCCC Coordinator
 for Online Learning

"The online course was beneficial because of the lecture CDs and labs that were available to me at all times through the computer," Strahorn said.

She said she would be willing to take more classes online.

"It worked great with my schedule."

Wullstein said people have some incorrect ideas about Internet classes.

"One misconception of online courses is that there is little interaction between students and instructors," she said. "Although communication in an online course primarily occurs by e-mail or the use of a discussion board, the type of interaction is often more frequent and more in-depth than the type of interaction

that occurs in a course taught on campus."

Wullstein has been the OKCCC online coordinator for one year.

She said online enrollment has increased by about 1,500 within the past year.

Wullstein emphasizes the importance of staying up with the online work.

"Since online courses do not meet on a regular basis in the traditional sense, it is important for students who take online courses to set aside time each week to work on the online course."

According to John Barker, director of Institutional Research for OKCCC, the completion rates for online classes were 62 percent in the fall of 2001 and 68 percent in the spring of 2002.

First Start gives kids head start

By Wendella Williams News Writing I Student

OKCCC's First Start child care program is designed to help children prepare for elementary school.

Patty Young, assistant director at the Child Development Center, said toddlers and pre-schoolers participate in the program.

There are two pre-school classes and one toddler class at the center, with a teacher and an observer, (similar to an assistant), in each class.

The classes are housed in four rooms.

Toddlers, 12 months to 2 years, are in one room. They share space with the infants, age six weeks to 12 months, who are in an adjoining room.

The pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 5, occupy two rooms.

There are about 18 to 20 children in the pre-school classes, Young said.

She said the teachers who take care of these children are highly qualified.

All teachers in the program have child development degrees, certificates, or training, Young said.

In addition to offering a place for kids to grow and learn while parents are at work or school, Young said, the center also offers assistance in medical and dental screenings and referrals, parent education, assessment of family needs, sensory and developmental

•OKCCC PIONEER• SAVE TIME! FAX YOUR AD! (405)682-7568 For details, call 682-1611, ext. 7674 services, family goal setting and mental health services and referrals.

For more information on placing a child at the Child Development Center, call Young at 682-1611, ext. 7561.

Need help or an escort to your car? Call campus security at ext.7691



Toddlers bring real-life experiences into classroom

By Wendella Williams News Writing I Student

The toddlers at the OKCCC child development center are embarking upon some adventuresome exploring this summer.

Assistant director Patty Young said the toddlers take wagon rides from their building on the east side of campus to the main building about once a week.

The ride gives the youngsters a chance to look at all of the new construction on campus, she said. Then, when they go back to the child development center, they pull out their building blocks and begin their own construction site.

Some make buildings while others build road blocks.

Young said the experiences brought back to the classroom are used

when the toddlers participate in block play or dramatic play.

During block play, the toddlers play with blocks and build construction sites, she said. Their construction is based on what the toddlers may have seen at the college during a wagon trip or on the

highway while driving to school with their parents.

Young said when toddlers don't feel like playing with their blocks, those youngsters will instead participate in dramatic play.

Dramatic play is when the toddlers play house-keeping, dress up in play clothes or experiment with gardening props.

In the toddlers' play room is an area where dresses and play clothes are available for the children to wear during dramatic play. Among the items are feathery high heel shoes that match some of the

In another area of the room stands a miniature kitchen with toy appliances, also used during dramatic play. Young said the area allows the toddlers to play house.

The toddlers also have gardening props, specifically used for inside play, Young said. She said the toddlers like to use these toys to make their own imaginary gardens.

For more information on the Child Development Center, call 682-1611, ext. 7561.

CORRECTION: In last week's story, "Students wanted to take part in festival," parking volunteers were instructed to contact college employee Jack Kraettli. The contact phone number listed is wrong. The correct phone number is 682-7553. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Child at college day care diagnosed with meningitis

By Mark Stack Editor

A pre-schooler enrolled at the OKCCC Child Development Center was recently diagnosed with viral meningitis.

The unidentified child was sent home from the center July 16 after it was discovered the youngster had a headache and was running a fever.

Director of the center,

Charlotte Wood-Wilson, said the child was diagnosed when the parents took him to the doctor for observation and tests.

She said the parents were notified two days later that the child had viral meningitis, a contagious illness. They informed Wood-Wilson at that time.

Meningitis is the swelling of the membranes around the brain and spinal cord due to an infection from bacteria, viruses or fungi.

Symptoms usually in-

clude fever, severe headaches, nausea, vomiting and a stiff neck.

No other children or staff members have been diagnosed with the infection.

Wood-Wilson sent out a letter and a fact sheet from the state health department to all of the parents in the center and her staff explaining that viral meningitis is a common disease, not to be confused with the more fatal bacterial meningitis.

"When I heard 'meningi-

tis' red flags went up, and I wanted to inform the parents about the situation," she said.

Wood-Wilson said she contacted the health department in order to clarify the difference between bacterial and viral meningitis.

"Three to ten days after the child shows symptoms, they are possibly contagious," she said.

According to the Oklahoma State Health Depart-

ment, it takes between three and seven days from the time a person is infected until symptoms begin to show.

Viral meningitis can be spread beginning three days after the infection sets in until 10 days after symptoms develop.

Wood-Wilson said the infected child has been staying at home and can return to the CDC after the tenth day.

Tribe respected in making of film

By Becky Parks News Writing I Student

When a representative from the Delaware tribe approached the Oklahoma Film Institute about an important tribal issue they wished to capture on film, the tribe wanted their customs to be respected in the process.

The tribal members talked to the Institute's directors about customs and rituals of the Native American lifestyle.

OKCCC Professor Fritz Kiersch, a producer of the film, talked about the difficulties that arose when attempting to recreate sacred ituals.

The film, entitled "Tainted Legacy," opens at the funeral of a Delaware tribesman being buried with the traditional bow and arrow.

Rick Lippert, producer of the film, felt the scene was the most culturally significant segment of the movie, although it is only about 30 seconds long.

"The biggest challenge was recreating a historically correct burial that was expected to be right, but the beliefs of the people are so strong that no one would tell us how it was supposed to look."

Native Americans still remain loyal to their burial rituals, and during the filming of the scene the strong

beliefs of the Delaware people kept the filmmaking from running as smoothly as originally expected.

Many of the Delaware actors chose not to be involved after arriving on the set, and those who participated asked that there would be no close-ups of their faces, said Lippert.

While behind the scenes, many of the crew members had to be especially careful when handling the props. According to tribal beliefs, women are not allowed to touch the bow and arrow of a tribesman.

Although it was a replica

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Viral meningitis most common form

By Mark Stack Editor

A viral meningitis case reported at the OKCCC Child Development Center should not be cause for concern, according to Kristy Bradley, assistant state epidemiologist for the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

She said education about the virus is the best way to prevent hysteria about the

"A big part of our education is teaching people not to panic when they hear the word meningitis," Bradley saidd.

Meningitis is the condition that causes swelling around the brain and spinal cord

Viral meningitis is more common than the more serious and often fatal bacterial form, Bradley said. Most people with the viral form recover fully.

"Less than one percent of all contracted cases turn fatal, whereas bacterial meningitis kills nearly 15 percent of the people who contract that form."

Meningitis can be spread through respiratory secretions or in the feces of infected persons.

"The best way to prevent the disease is to wash your hands after using the bathroom, covering your mouth when coughing, use tissues, disinfect changing tables for children and washing tables and surfaces with a dilute bleach solution," said Bradley.

Symptoms of viral meningitis usually occur within three to seven days after contracting the disease. They include fever and severe headaches, difficulty looking at bright light, being tired and sleepy, nausea and vomiting.

Bradley said there is no specific way to treat viral meningitis, as it is almost like a cold or flu.

"Bed rest, supportive care, lots of fluids and Tylenol are really the only ways to recover from the illness," she said.

Bradley said the disease isn't contagious after 10 days of being diagnosed.

She said the most common form of meningitis found in children is the viral form.

Digital filmmaking taught to students by pros

By Becky Parks News Writing I Student

An Oscar-winning producer and a Hollywood director are collaborating with an award-winning staff to teach the art of digital filmmaking at OKCCC.

The class, which began July 8, is divided into three one-week sessions, and promotes hands-on experience in every aspect of filmmaking, including planning, shooting and editing.

The film, entitled "Tainted Legacy," is being produced

by Rick Lippert, who recently won a first place award at the International BEA Festival of Film, Video, and Media Arts.

Gray Frederickson, producer of "The Godfather II," is also contributing by teaching future filmmakers methods of film production.

Fritz Kiersch, professor of film and video studies, and director of "Children of the Corn," also is joining forces with Lippert in the production of the film.

Kiersch said the master classes are distinguished from other classes through the "realness" of working on an actual project rather than listening to a lecture.

"The film process is an extremely elaborate one, and the process is much more rewarding when someone is directly involved in the decision making," said Kiersch.

The project chosen for this year's class is a 15minute film addressing the dangers Native Americans face when tribal artifacts are returned to them after decades of preservation in

The artifacts were discovered by tribal health workers to be preserved in ar-

senic, poisons, and pesticides.

The tribes, unaware of the preservation methods, introduce the heirlooms back into tribal customs and rituals upon their return, causing many tribal members to suffer from skin rashes, respiratory failure and stomach illness.

The film is scheduled to be shown at the National Native American Tribal Convention Sept. 6, and is even expected to be show-

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Multi-faceted artist presents beauty in various forms



"Eye of the Sandstorm" is one of Hodgson's oil paintings.

By Kat Mohr Staff Writer

KCCC's night computer operator Bill Hodgson had always dreamed of being an astronaut.

When that dream was crushed due to an accident on an obstacle course at the Air Force Academy, he developed another — to become an artist.

Hodgson always had a passion for art so it just seemed natural for him to pursue his childhood vision.

> Hodgson's artistic talent became apparent at a very young age, which was only matched by his love for writing.

> He began writing for national magazines like Wargamers Digest at the age of 13.

When Hodgson attended J.F. Dulles

High School in Stafford, Texas, he published his first illustration which consisted of cutaway schematics for a book on NASA hardware.

But it wasn't until Hodgson's wife bought him an art set for Christmas so he could do his own illustrations for his writing that he began to take his art seriously.

Hodgson has exhibited his art at galleries, art festivals, conventions and science fiction shows across the United States.

He recently exhibited his art at the International Space Development Contest held in Denver, where he won two ribbons, Best-of-Show and People's Choice.

Hodgson's art is showing next week in San Diego for the largest International Comic Convention.

Hodgson's artwork ranges from technical work to oil painting.

He is best known for his reverse-painted imagery.

Instead of painting on the front of glass, he paints on

the back to give the painting a great deal of depth.

"Only a few people throughout the world do the similar style and technique of reverse-painting that I do because it is a very complex and experienced based process," Hodgson said.

"When you look at a reverse-painted image it looks like you're looking through a window into space."

Hodgson also does fantasy pieces for romance novel covers, video games and magazine covers.

Hodgson has worked the 4 p.m. to midnight shift at OKCCC for 20 years.

When Hodgson isn't working he is busy practicing his craft.

He spends half of his vacation time going to art shows. Eventually, Hodgson plans to devote all his energy to his art, but for now he's juggling two careers at one time.

Anyone interested in viewing Hodgson's art can visit his website at www.wjhodgson.com.



"Angel Air" is one of Hodgson's aviation pieces.



"Four Seasons" print.



"Window on the Cosmos" print.

An ounce of prevention worth a pound of cure

By Ashley Martin Staff Writer

ith summer well under way many people will be taking a muchneeded vacation.

Many will travel to distant sandy beaches, area lakes or maybe just to the pools in their own backyards.

No matter the destination, those travelers will share something in common: the risk of developing skin cancer as a result of their summertime sun worshipping.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, over one million Americans will develop skin cancer this year.

Sunbathers can take measures to decrease their chances of developing the deadly disease.

Sunscreen should be applied before exposure to the sun even begins.

The FDA recommends using sunscreen with an SPF (sun protective factor) of 15 or higher.

Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours.

If sweating or swimming, reapplication should occur more often.

Eating healthy is an important preventative measure.

Less fat should be taken in and more fruits, vegetables and grains should be included as part of a daily diet. Check local weather reports for UV factors before venturing outside.

A UV factor of 0 to 4 indicates a low risk, 5 to 6 is a medium risk and 7 to over 10 is extremely high.

Higher UV factors indicate more skin-damaging rays.

To determine how long sun exposure can last, multiply the amount of time it would take the skin to burn without protection (about 20 minutes, depending on skin type) by the SPF on the sunscreen to be used.

For example, 20 minutes times an SPF of 15 would allow exposure of 300 minutes, or five hours.

Once that five hours is up, it's time to go in. SPF numbers cannot be added.

Reapplication will not protect the skin longer.

For longer periods of sun exposure, a higher SPF should be used.

Also, sunscreen only protects from sunburn, not skin cancer.

Signs and symptoms of skin cancer

Ithough there are different types of skin cancer, many of the symptoms are the same.

Skin cancer can be treated and cured if caught early.

Any diseased area of the skin (lesion) should be examined if it has changed color,

shape, size, or appearance or has not healed after an injury, according to WebMD.com.

Conducting a monthly check of the body for lesions will help to catch any early signs of

Conducting a monthly check of the body for lesions will help to catch any early signs of skin cancer. Some areas, such as the back and scalp, can be difficult to examine. A mirror can be used to check the back and a hair dryer can be used while examining the scalp. For more information on symptoms consult a physician.

Skin cancer symptoms include:

- ◆An open sore that oozes, bleeds, or crusts and has not healed in 3 weeks.
- ♦ A reddish or irritated patch of skin that gets bigger over a period of months and forms a sore.
- ◆A persistent, red bump on sun-exposed skin.
- ◆A skin growth that looks like a wart.
- ♦A sore that does not heal.

If a patch of discolored skin is located there are four signs to be aware of:

- \blacklozenge Most early melanoma (skin cancer) is not symmetrical. Common moles are round and symmetrical.
- ♦ The borders of early melanoma are normally uneven and have notched edges. Com mon moles have smoother, more even borders.
- ♦ Varied shades of brown are an indication of melanoma.
- ◆Early melanoma will grow to larger than a pencil eraser (1/4 inch.)

Text by Kate Brennan

informantion courtesy of www.skincancer.org

If you can spot it, you can stop it! Self-examinations for lesions should be done every three months for the best chance of catching skin cancer early.



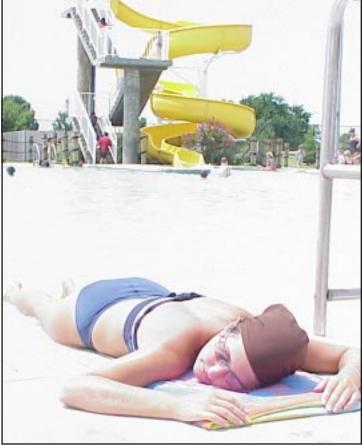


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Stephanie Fieszel is a lifeguard at the Earlywine Park swimming pool, located at S.W. 119th and May Avenue. She relaxes by taking some time to lay out in the sun and catch some rays.

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A tanning bed is a safe way to get a tan.

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Students urged to take part in clubs on campus

By Ashley Martin **Staff Writer**

When the Baptist Collegiate Ministries organization at OKCCC needed a new sponsor, Liz Largent, director of Student Life, spread the word to all faculty and staff.

She received responses from five different people who were willing to volunteer their time.

How do clubs and organizations like BCM get started?

By students who are interested, Largent said.

There are several different ways to find out about clubs and organizations at OKCCC.

One way, Largent said, is to pick up the clubs and organizations brochure, located throughout the campus.

"It contains a list of all clubs and organizations on campus, along with contact numbers," Largent said.

Students can also drop by the Student Life office, located in the main building, where they can obtain information and ask ques-

Largent said the best way to get information and meet the people associated with the clubs on campus is to attend the Organizational Fair, set for Aug. 28 and 29.

"It will be held in the college union, and students can talk face-to-face with officers from the different clubs," she said.

For students who want to start a club on campus that does not already exist, the for leadership involve-

process is simple.

According to the clubs and organizations guidebook, a student petition be circulated and include 10 names and phones numbers of students who are interested in being a part of a particular club.

The group must also submit a statement of goals and objectives, and must include the groups official name, its purpose, its requirements for membership, planned meeting times, officer positions, election procedures and a list of club fees or dues.

The petition must be signed by a faculty or staff sponsor and an alternate sponsor.

At least one sponsor must be a full time faculty or staff member.

If the club or organization is approved, they have two months to compose a constitution that will then be approved by the director of Student Life.

Largent said that in the event that an organization does not have a sponsor, she will try to recruit volunteers through e-mail.

"Becoming a sponsor is easy," she said.

Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities and promotions, said he feels clubs and organizations are a great learning opportunity for students.

"They help [students] highlight things that are going on in their classrooms," he said.

Jones said being a part of a club looks good on a student's resume as well.

"Lots of companies look

ment," he said.

"They look at what you

Jones said involvement in did in school, not just your student activities can help in a student's future.

"Get involved, stay involved, stay in school."

Summertime studying...

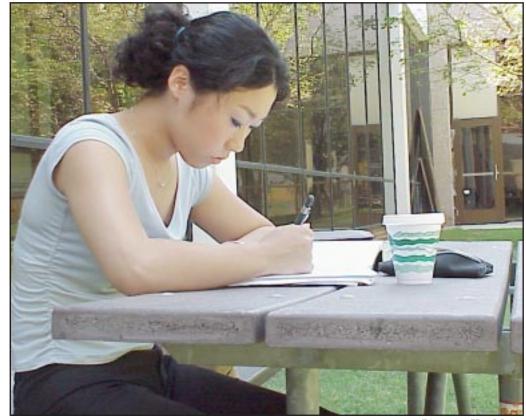


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Graphic communications major Yoshimi Sekine takes advantage of the sunny weather to study for her composition and literature class.

Library access available during summertime hours

By Josh Monk News Writing I Student

Even during the summer, students at OKCCC can spend time at the campus

If students are worried about returning late books because of hefty fines, they should worry no more.

Rachel Butler, reference librarian, said there are no fines, but the book must be turned in to receive final grades or get a complete transcript.

The only fines that the library issues are for lost books, which is an automatic fine of \$50.

Generally books are checked out for two weeks.

If a student needs more time with the book, it may be checked out again for two more weeks as long as no one else has requested

Students may call 682-7564 to re-check books.

During the summer, Butler said, it is not as difficult to find materials.

Help may be more readily available as well, since the library has a smaller student population during the summer.

"The library is full of useful information and also has Internet access, which comes in handy," business student Hiren Patel said.

Rachel wants everyone to know that "We love to help."

If you have any questions while in the library just ask someone.

Summer hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.



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Teen Xtreme

Chris Little, 11, hula hoops to pass the time during Teen Xtreme after care.

The teen Xtreme kids are able to partcipate in an after care program held at OKCCC every day in the gym from 4 to 5:30 p.m. where the kids have an opportunity to play and have free time to

To learn more about the Teen Xtreme program, call Karen Hartline at 682-1611, ext. 7786.

Sign-ups for next summer begin in





Photo by Kat Mohr

Web-enhanced classes planned

By Justin Hamilton **News Writing I Student**

A shortage of classrooms has prompted OKCCC to develop a new kind of course.

This fall, the college will offer web-enhanced classes, which will combine traditional class meetings with Internet based instruction.

The classes will meet once a week on Tuesdays or Thursdays, freeing up valuable classroom space.

The idea is that one classroom can be used for two classes since the classes only meet one day per week," said Dr. John Hughes, Social Sciences dean.

The Social Sciences department plans to offer classes in history and political science.

These classes will be paired with freshman English classes in the Arts and Humanities department.

"The online portion of the class allows students a little more flexibility in arranging their schedules

than traditional classroom environments," said Arts and Humanities Dean Susan VanSchuyver.

She said, unlike web-only classes, in the hybrid classes, students will have the opportunity to ask faceto-face questions of their instructors.

Jason Feirabend, a Management Information Systems student, believes these classes are good because they offer more flexibility.

In-class discussions and lectures generally will comprise the class meetings, while uses for the Internet portion could include online discussions and re-

"The English classes would be a good option," said Nam Tran, a pharmacy student.

OKCCC officials are eager to spread the word about this new program.

"The idea is to offer enough variety to attract enrollment," said Hughes.

Pharmacy student Stephanie Leng said she is not sure all classes would be well suited to this form.

"A history class might be difficult because of the amount of information presented," said Leng.

VanSchuyver said the classes "offer the best of both worlds.

Students needing more flexibility in their schedules should consider taking advantage of these new classes VanSchuyver said.

Teen Xtreme class teaches life skills

Leadership is taught through fun activities

By Ryan Herrmann **News Writing I Student**

Finally, a place for the adolescents to vent their energy and turn it into something productive. No longer do parents have to wonder what devious activities their young teen is getting into while home alone during the day.

Teen Xtreme is an OKCCC summer camp program started five years ago by Mark Knippers, 28, and Sports and Recreational Specialist Kelie Solis, 27.

"The program [targets] team building, group work, and leadership through fun activities," Knippers said.

He said the program also helps working parents by providing a fun place for teens during the day.

Campers, age 11 through 15, participate in many different activities each day such as ice skating, horseback riding, and rope courses.

Also, they host bake sales and other fund-raisers in order to pay for their final field trip to Six Flags, an amusement park in Texas.

These activities are aimed at developing the teen's leadership skills as well as building relationships with others, Knippers said.

This summer, the program aimed more at community service in which campers try to complete one project a week, he said.

So far, the program has completed projects with the Boys Ranch in Edmond, the Children's Center in Bethany and the Shiloh ropes course.

The program lasts10weeks and participants are required to attend at least five weeks. The camp runs all day Monday through Friday, from May 29 through Aug. 2. The cost is \$75 a week. There are three camp counselors and a maximum of 26 teens. There is currently a waiting list for the program. Sign-ups begin in April for the next summer program.

Science Center provides good study environment for students

By Scott Watkins News Writing I Student

The OKCCC Science Center offers a safe study environment for students to complete lab activities.

The Science Center is located in 1E2 of the Main Building.

There are lab assistants present to assist students in their lab activities.

They are also there to take action in case of any safety issues.

the Science Center for 11 months.

When asked if there have been any major safety-related incidents in the past year, Hays said, "No, none that I can recall."

Many rules and regulations are in effect in the lab. All participants in the Science Center are required to pass a lab safety test.

The test consists of a video the student must view and a multiple-choice test the student must pass.

"Students are tested and Biology Lab Assistant reviewed on safety policy

Ryan Hays has worked in and procedures," said B.J. Higgins, physical science lab assistant.

An eyewash station in the Science Center is provided in case a student gets any hazardous materials in their eyes.

A sharps container is provided for safe disposal of sharp materials such as razor blades or broken glass.

A biohazards container is also provided for safe disposal of materials that are hazardous such as chemicals or by-products of lab activities.

Highlights

Student volunteers sought for fall orientation

Student volunteers are needed to help with the Aug. 17 New Student Orientation. Volunteers will report prior to the event which will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be drop-in style with sessions scheduled on a variety of topics. Approximately 20 to 25 volunteers are still needed to head the sessions by speaking on such topics as "What to expect in college," "Student groups and organizations" and "Being an adult student." Volunteers should be currently attending or have attended school at OKCCC recently. Call Mike Franco at 682-1611, ext. 7516, for more information.

Swim into summer with family fun on Fridays

Friday Family Fun Nights will be held throughout the summer from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Friday in the Aquatics Center. Participants should bring swimsuits and snacks. There will be games and prizes. Cost is \$2.75 for adults and \$2 for children ages 14 and under. For more information, contact Kelsey Reneau at 682-1611, ext. 7442.

Workforce Oklahoma now at OKCCC

A representative of Workforce Oklahoma Career Connection Center will be available every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at OKCCC on the second floor of the main building between 2P8 and 2R8 to hand out information. The center will offer a wide variety of services such as job tips and referrals, high demand occupation information, welfare work eligibility and community resource information. For more information call the Career Transitions office at 682-7844.

Opening Night 2003 needs artists

Applications are being accepted from visual and performing artists for participation in Opening Night 2003. Support materials (cassettes, videotapes, drawings, slides, etc.) must be included with the proposal. To receive an application call (405)270-4848 or e-mail hhall@artscouncilokc.com. Proposals must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 9.

Rise and shine with the Oklahoma City Zoo

Through Sept. 2, the Oklahoma City Zoo will open its gates at 7:30 a.m. daily and will feature different animal enrichments along with a variety of other activities. Morning Zoo Rise events are free with regular zoo admission. Events are weather permitting and not all zoo exhibits will open before 9 a.m. Krispy Kreme will be giving away free doughnuts Monday through Wednesday.

Forensic computer science courses begin this fall

The Downtown College Consortium will offer forensic computer sciences courses this fall. These courses will lead to an associate in applied science degree in criminal justice with a forensic computer science emphasis. These specialized courses will be taught on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings with the first eight-week series starting on Oct. 15. Enrollment is now open for these courses. Enrollment preference will be given to those seeking the degree. For more information call 232-3382.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer.



Arts and crafts time:

Mary Ann Moore, professor of visual art, works on screenprinting a T-shirt for her church. Moore will be teaching ceramics and mosaics this fall at OKCCC.

Photo by Kat Mohr

OKCCC staffer excited about job

New director of student life takes charge

By Allie Johnson News Writing I Student

Liz Largent, who began working as OKCCC's director of Student Life on July 10, is excited about her place here.

"It has been wonderful," Largent said. "I enjoy the Oklahoma City area and the people here at the college," she said.

"The position of Director of Student Life is one that is both professionally challenging while allowing for a high amount of student contact and interaction," Largent said.

Largent said she is excited about the upcoming events and social activities.

The Student Life staff plans to place a strong emphasis on educational workshops to help in the learning process, Largent said. "We are looking for ways to best serve club sponsors and organization leaders with resources and support throughout the year."

Largent also is excited about being at OKCCC in general. "Everyone here has been

extremely helpful as I learn the ins and outs of the college and my role as Director of Student Life." Largent wants students

to know her door is always open to listen to the concerns and provide her assistance.

"I hope I can make their experience here at OKCCC the best it can be," she said.

Largent, originally from Chickasha, received her bachelor of arts in journalDirector of Student Life
ism from Oklahoma State

—Liz Largent

"I enjoy the Oklahoma City area

and the people here at the college."

University in 1998.

She then went to Central Missouri State University where she received a

where she received a master's of science in college student personnel administration.

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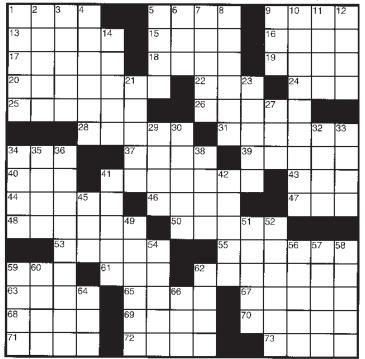
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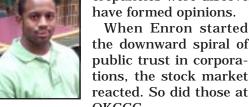
Stock market drop generates public reaction

By Kate Brennan Staff Writer

Large companies and fraud seem to go hand-in-hand lately, at least in public opinion.

In the recent wake of the Enron scandal and WorldCom

filing bankruptcy after accounting discrepancies were discovered, many folks



Marlow Caldwell

sibility.

the downward spiral of public trust in corporations, the stock market reacted. So did those at OKCCC.

Marlow Caldwell, in-

dustrial engineering major, said someone needs to take respon-



Dr. John **Hughes**

"I would like companies to be able to be held accountable for their actions," he said.

Most acknowledge that companies are in business to make money but investors still have an expectation that

they should operate with a basic knowledge of common decency and fairness.

> Dr. John Hughes, dean of Social Sciences, said he always had been wary of large corporations.

"I never trusted companies to begin

But when it comes to his investments, he's less pessimistic.

"The stock market is for the long hall,"

Hughes said. "I'm looking to buy." Although many OKCCC students don't

Wenda Carr

have a vested interest in the stock market, there is still a realization that the economy is at a new low.

Wenda Carr, OKCCC systems controls major, said she never placed much stock in the market to begin with.

"I wouldn't invest in the stock market because I think only the large investors make all the money," she said.

It seems the OKCCC faculty is less worried with current market woes. Denny Myers, TCP/IP applications specialist, is one.

"There are some great bargains out there."



Denny Myers

Local filmmakers, producers satisfied with outcome

"Tribe," Cont. from page 5

bow being used for the scene, the women crewmembers were not to touch the weapon either.

The Delaware people also discussed the habits of movie watching by Native Americans with the producers.

According to the tribal leaders, when Native Americans watch films, they pay special attention to facial features, skin tones and tribal jewelry.

If all are not true to the part, all the information in the film will be regarded as fictitious.

It was essential that the actors, props and settings be true to the Native American customs, said Kiersch.

Another issue was casting. The Delaware representatives stressed the importance of the actors' authenticity to the role por-

Knowing the difficulty of finding a woman to play the lead role that met the requirements of both the filming process and the tribal requests, Lippert began his search well before the filming began.

The actress who most nearly matched the specifications was actually part Kiowa and part Creek.

The filmmakers and tribal representatives decided that the actress could be cast without compromising the quality of the film.

Linda Marcum, a technical adviser for the film and member of the Delaware tribe, helped bridge the cultural gap between Indians

and non-Indians during filming.

Lippert said Marcum helped the tribe communicate their apprehensions about the filming of such sacred customs.

In the end, Lippert felt the film remained true to the traditional Delaware rituals.

"The footage looked really good. I think the Delaware tribe will be pleased."

Film to be shown at Native **American Tribal Convention**

"Film," Cont. from page 5

cased at the Smithsonian in an attempt to change the preservation techniques of museums worldwide.

This is the fifth year that the college and the Oklahoma Film Institute have collaborated to present the

The class was originally developed to allow Oklahomans to explore the employment opportunities that lie within the film in-

Kiersch said taking the class will give students new insights to filmmaking.

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