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One-year anniversary brings back Sept. 11 memories, feelings

By **Ashley Martin**
Staff Writer

As Sept. 11 approaches, the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States has students remembering where they were and how they reacted on that day.

Since that day, one year ago, some students experienced the possibility of loved ones being shipped off to fight in Afghanistan.

Christina Walters, physical therapy major, said she was at home getting ready for class when the attacks took place.

"I was scared," she said. "My twin sister is in the Army, and at the time she was on rapid deployment.

"I wasn't able to call her. I had to wait a couple of days until she could call me. Thankfully, she didn't get shipped out."



Dimetrius Lavalais

still in high school at the time.

Dimetrius Lavalais, occupational therapy major, was



Christina Walters

He said he and his classmates were kept in the dark about what was going on.

"I was in my English class in high school," he said. "Until we finally saw what was going on on TV [we didn't know what had happened.] My teacher didn't even tell me.

"It was like a rumor going around school until we actually saw it," Lavalais said.

Monica Kaler, nursing major, didn't know about the attacks until some time after they occurred.

"I was working the night shift at a hospital, so I was asleep that morning. I didn't even know anything had happened until that night but I was confused and shocked when it sank in," she said.



Thang Bui

For Thang Bui, electrical engineering major, Sept. 11 will always be an especially profound memory.

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Monica Kaler



Photo by Kat Mohr

A face in the crowd: Myron Bowman carves a spirit face in a walking stick during the Arts Festival Oklahoma held at OKCCC over Labor Day weekend. Bowman specializes in Santa walking sticks but he also carves wizard faces, dwarves and elves. "This arts festival is great," Bowman said. "A lot of people and a nice breeze have made this an enjoyable experience for me." (See more on the Arts Festival on page 5.)

Beloved Professor Merz dies

By **Kate Brennan**
Staff Writer

Mary Ann Merz left the pain of her multiple sclerosis behind when she died Thursday, Aug. 29.

She has moved on to her next assignment, educating and teaching angels, a family member said.

Bob Todd, OKCCC president, said Merz will be greatly missed.

"When I think of a professional,

student-centered, compassionate teacher, the first person that comes immediately to mind is Dr. Mary Ann Merz," Todd said.

"The college and our world were made immeasurably better by Mary Ann's enthusiasm for learning and her unique sense of humor."

Merz is remembered fondly on the OKCCC campus where she touched hundreds of lives.

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Correct OKCCC library hours

Last week's issue incorrectly listed that the OKCCC library opens at 7 a.m., Monday through Thursday. The correct time is 7:30 a.m.

Library hours are:

- Monday through Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Cancer threat opens eyes

Imagine waking up one morning and realizing you have a lump in your breast. This is the fear that many women hope will never become reality.

Breast cancer is a terrible disease that has affected and dramatically changed thousands of women's lives. An estimated 203,500 new cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the United States during 2002, according to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

An estimated 39,600 of those women will die as a result of this disease. These statistics are evidence of the deadly capabilities of this affliction.

I understand that breast cancer is a horrible disease. During my annual gynecologist appointment, my doctor always reminds me of the importance of self-examinations, especially since cancer runs in my family. She never fails to tell me that breast cancer is the leading form of cancer among American women, second only to lung cancer.

I listen to all her advice but the harshness of her warnings barely filter into my everyday mentality. It wasn't until my mother woke me up the other day to tell me that her doctor had found two large lumps in her breast that my complacency began to waver.

I could tell by the look on her face that she was really worried. Seeing my mother so vulnerable really frightened me. Parents are supposed to be the source of their kids' strength but instead my mother had the expression of a helpless child on her face.

After a follow-up mammogram and an ultrasound, the doctors concluded the lumps were cysts and that she was going to be fine. I am very grateful that everything turned out all right but I hope this is one experience I never have to endure again.

The thought of losing my mom really shook me. We might have our ups and downs, just like any mother and daughter, but when I need someone the most she is always there. My mother is my anchor and I don't know what I'd do without her. Luckily, her situation wasn't serious.

But as the statistics demonstrate, not all women are as fortunate. These deaths can be averted through education and medical examinations.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation suggests the following screening guidelines to help avoid this disease: monthly breast self-examinations beginning at age 20, clinical breast examinations at least every three years beginning at the age of 20 and annually after age 40 and an annual screening mammography beginning at age 40.

It is also important that men get checked regularly because breast cancer does not practice gender bias. It is estimated that 1,500 men will be diagnosed and 400 men will die of breast cancer during 2002, according to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Everyone should take the proper precautions to assure they remain healthy because no one wants to lose a loved one — no one wants to die young.

—Kat Mohr
Staff Writer

Avoid the rush, get prepared now

To the editor:

I hope that as we all settle into the relative calm that occurs after heavy registration that each of our students is well on his or way to a good semester of learning and growing.

While it may seem premature to be thinking about a January schedule already, I want to encourage each of you, especially if you are on academic probation, to do just that.

The Office of Student Support Services will begin taking appointments during September so that returning students on academic probation can come in for advisement and be ready to enroll early for the next semester.

Since returning students have the bonus of being

able to enroll a week earlier than new students, our office will extend this to you as well.

Historically, students on probation have been constrained by having to enroll on site.

Those students who will come in early for advisement to see me or an academic adviser who works with me will have an opportunity to enroll online during the week of Oct. 7. Just imagine yourself sitting in the comfort of your own home leisurely browsing through the spring schedule, picking out times that really work for you, and then enrolling yourself.

Sound appealing? Then call for an appointment in early September and let's get you on the road to more

autonomy and freedom.

And for those of you who are not on probation, make plans to enroll early too.

If you need advisement, come to Student Development to work with a counselor or adviser. Then go online and get a head start on your spring semester.

—Mary Turner
Coordinator of Student
Support Services

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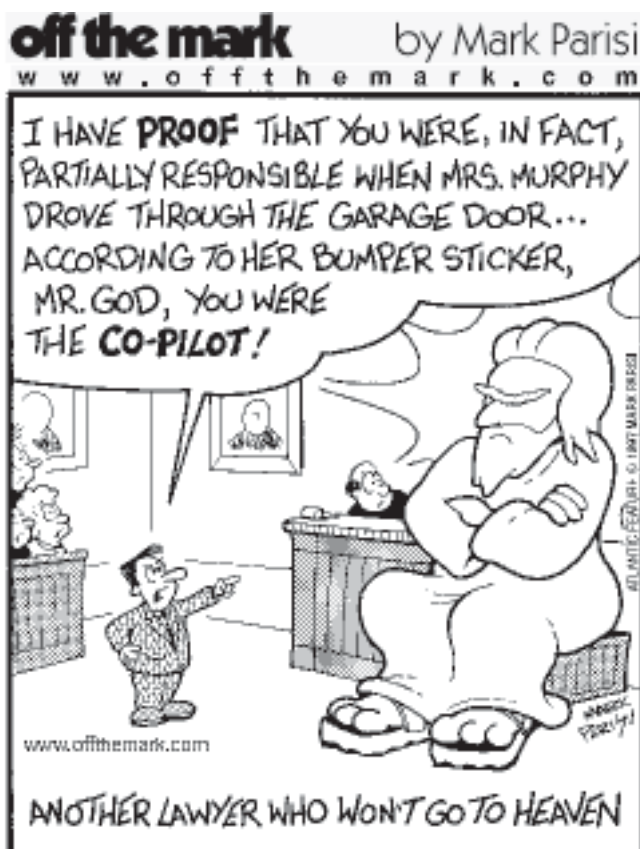
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Comments and Reviews

Student finds fault with estimated pricing system

To the editor:

Apparently there is a new concept in the retail business – estimated pricing.

If you are unfamiliar with this new practice, just go to the OKCCC bookstore.

I had my first experience with this a few weeks ago.

I get my book off the shelf, cringe at the listed price of \$75.40, but proceed to the checkout counter.

However, when the cashier scans my book, it rings up \$82.

I point out the mistake, and go get the price card.

She looks at the price card, and simply responds – “All of our prices are just estimates” – and points at

the paper sign on the wall.

Maybe I'm in the minority here, but \$75.40 is an exact price, not an approximate value.

To see if this concept had reached other bookstores, I called Sooner Textbooks in Norman.

They not only had my textbook in stock, but also gave me an exact price of \$75.25.

Just to be safe, I asked if they were using the absurd estimated pricing system, and thankfully, they've never heard of this.

I still couldn't fathom this concept, so I looked on the OKCCC online bookstore. You guessed it, I found an-

other price for my textbook, \$82.50.

The bookstore advertises three separate prices for the same book.

If this had been Wal-Mart, they would have been out of business years ago.

Needless to say, with this unethical approach to retail, I will never buy another book from the OKCCC bookstore.

I wonder if estimated pricing ever works to the benefit of a student – I think not.

—Amber Roberts
Graphic
Communications
Major

Financial Aid woes continue

To the editor:

I was also in the same boat as the financial aid student who wrote the letter to the editor last week, except I turned my paperwork in on Jan. 4 for my Pell Grant to be processed.

I have received the run around since April and it is still not processed.

I have been very disappointed in the way that financial aid is set up at this school.

I have had to come up with over \$200 for books and pay once again the \$25 extension so that my classes will not be dropped.

Come to find out, I can't even apply for a student loan to make up for my Pell Grant being tied up until I get awarded. But isn't this the whole reason of going through financial aid?

I feel that the school is getting rich off the incompetence of another depart-

ment within the school.

I will be seriously considering transferring to another school next time around.

This is the second year in a row that I've had to pay this extension fee. I doubt seriously that next year their problem will be solved!

—Modana Terry
OKCCC Student

'Good Girl' an emotional journey

“The Good Girl” is a rainy day kind of movie.

Jennifer Aniston brilliantly plays Justine Last, a woman lost in a world that doesn't challenge her and married to a man who doesn't understand her.

Justine finds herself involved with a much younger man, Holden. Holden Worthner (Jake Gyllenhaal) took his name from “Catcher in the Rye,” because he feels put upon by the world.

This thought process strikes a cord with Justine

since she feels her life is full of duty without much purpose.

Justine was tired of her husband, Phil (John C. Reilly) smoking pot with his friend Bubba (Tim Blake Nelson) every day after work. She wanted to start a family and the pot wasn't helping Phil's sperm count.

Justine turns to Holden to be her savior from an ordinary and routine life.

It's a touching movie that combines wit and characters that many people in some form or another can

identify with.

I liked the movie because of its human quality. However, if it is blind entertainment you are looking for, then “The Good Girl” is not the movie for you.

It requires emotional involvement from the audience which most movies don't elicit. I give “The Good Girl” a B+. As a premier selection from the Sundance Film Festival, I'm looking forward to seeing more of its kind.

—Kate Brennan
Staff Writer

MTV drops the ball with awards show

Throw in some trashy clothes mixed with bad musical performances and corny jokes, and you've got the MTV 2002 Video Music Awards.

It boggles my mind that this year's VMA was the highest rated and most-watched basic cable program for the year to date.

The only reason I watch the program is because I get to see some of my favorite bands perform.

But this year I was utterly disgusted with the show.

The show started out with a bang when host Jimmy Fallon impersonated various artists like Eminem, the White Stripes, Dave Matthews and Enrique Iglesias.

Fallon had everyone in the audience rolling from his accurate impersonations. But the show went downhill after his introduction.

Ever since MTV sold out several years ago, there have been a fair share of worthless artists either performing or presenting at their shows.

But this year's show seemed to be polluted with horrible musicians, if you can even call them that, like Justin Timberlake, Christina Aguilera, Britney Spears, P. Diddy, Shakira and many more.

What these artists lacked in talent, they tried to make up for with outrageous fashion statements.

Every year it seems like more and more female artists have a contest to see who can look the cheapest by wearing the least amount of clothing.

Spears, who surprisingly didn't put on a strip show this year, didn't let the audience down when she appeared looking like one of the YMCA members in her latest grotesque leather ensemble.

Shakira's outfit confused me because it looked like she'd either been in a fight or attacked by a wild animal since her pants were shredded all the way down her legs.

Aguilera obviously stole the show when she paraded on stage wearing two strips of colored tissue across her chest that left little to the imagination.

The only person who was missing from this clothes war, or lack thereof, was Mariah Carey.

It perturbs me that these female singers can't sell records based on talent alone so they have to prance around practically naked to increase album sales.

MTV disgusts me because they mix real musicians among this conglomeration of trendy wannabes.

Some memorable performances that seemed to redeem the show included the Hives, the White Stripes and Eminem. Comic relief also came to the rescue when Triumph the Insult Comic Dog showed up to make fun of the rift between Eminem and Moby.

The funniest part of the entire show was when Michael Jackson accepted the non-existent award for the artist of the millenium.

The evening finale performed by Guns N' Roses left a lot to be desired. Axl Rose did a terrible job of trying to relive his glory days.

Some artists just don't know when to give up. MTV needs to learn from this show that any glory they had left is fading fast.

—Kat Mohr
Staff Writer

Employee honored with Elven Gray Award

**By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer**

When Carolyn Rouillard attended OKCCC's Convocation ceremony on Aug. 13, she knew she was receiving a 30-year service award for her dedication to the college.

What she didn't know was that she had been nominated by her peers to also receive the Elven Gray award.

"It was a total surprise," said Rouillard, senior human resources specialist.

"I was a little weak in the knees."

The Elven Gray is named after a former college employee who worked in the maintenance department at OKCCC.

When Gray was diagnosed with cancer, he continued to work, never letting his illness get the best of him, Rouillard said.

"I happen to have known Elven myself, having worked with him," she said.

"Even in his journey toward death, he always kept a positive attitude.

"This award has a very special meaning to me," she said.

Rouillard said the award also meant a lot to her in that her employees chose her for the honor.

The recipient of the Elven Gray award is nominated by their coworkers, who then pass along their choices to President Bob Todd.

Todd makes the final decision as to who will receive the award.

Rouillard was also the recipient of the Professional Employee of the Year award for the 1989 to 1990 academic year.

Rouillard's husband, Richard, is an English professor at OKCCC, and received a Faculty Employee of the Year award this year.

Rouillard and her husband have four children; sons Karl, Kenneth and Kevin and daughter, Michelle.

They also have seven grandchildren.

Rouillard said that in her spare time, she enjoys traveling, quilting and "doing special things with my grandchildren."

Carolyn Rouillard proudly displays the Elven Gray award she received last month.



Photo by Ashley Martin

Connections made simple with student-written guide

**By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer**

Thanks to the newly developed Connections program, first time, full-time OKCCC students can get the information they need about the college quickly and easily at their fingertips.

The Connections Student Guide, 'Written For Students, By Students,' is full of information about OKCCC, such as how new students can get involved in clubs and organizations and how to apply for financial aid.

"Students wanted something that was written in their language, not 'college language,'" said Stacy Meldrum, director of public relations at OKCCC.

"A group of [OKCCC] students actually wrote this guide," she said.

Connections is a retention project, designed to en-

"I think the students are finding [the guide] to be very helpful and easy to understand."

— Stacy Meldrum,
director of public relations

courage newly enrolled students to stay in school by providing information and answering the questions that a lot of new students have.

"A lot of students want to know what to do after they've taken so many hours of classes," Meldrum said.

"The guide lists the steps that should be taken after 15, 30 and 45 hours of credit are completed."

The guide is filled with real OKCCC students recounting their experiences when they started college for the first time.

That way, new students in the Connections program can relate to other students like themselves, Meldrum said.

The guide, which comes in a three-ring hardback binder, has sections for students to place education and career planning information, something they will be receiving a lot of, Meldrum said.

"I've gotten a great response to this guide," she said.

"I think the students are finding it to be very helpful and easy to understand."

Meldrum said that although the semester is under way, it is not too late for new first-time, full-time students to get in on Connections.

For more information, students should contact the office of Student Development at 682-1611, ext. 7353.

Photos of Taiwan grace Arts Festival

Arts Festival Oklahoma 2002 showcased an exhibition of photographs entitled "The Many Splendors of Taiwan." Last year, Arts Festival Oklahoma featured an exhibition of photographs from Israel.

The one thing that the two photographic exhibits had in common is that they showcased the beauty of the land, people, and culture of each of these two countries. In addition, Oklahoma City has sister cities in both countries.

Having the exhibitions, along with performing artists who represent other cultures, has added an international dimension to Arts Festival Oklahoma.

The photographs this year were provided by the Information Division of Taiwan in Houston and Mr. Larry Li, principal of the Oklahoma City Chinese School, an Oklahoma City resident originally from Taiwan.

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Arts festival draws more than 40,000 patrons

Approximately 40,000 people attended the 24th year of Arts Festival Oklahoma, which was held on Labor Day weekend at OKCCC.

"The arts festival is a fabulous showcase of local and international visual and performing artists," said Dr. Manuel Prestamo, dean of cultural programs and community development.

"In addition it is a great vehicle for enhancing the economic development of our community because of its sizeable economic impact."

Prestamo provides the administrative leadership and services necessary to run the festival.

About 60 awards were given to artists who exhibited at the show.

C.J. Bradford received the best of show award for the graphic artwork he displayed in his booth.

Some of the other artwork displayed included paintings, sculptures, pottery, pastels and photography.

Overall, festival artists agreed that this year's festival was a great show.

"This year has been a good show for my wife and me," said Harry Hurst.

Hurst and his wife sell wall-size paintings. They also put their paintings onto small storage boxes.

"My wife puts smaller versions of her paintings onto ceramic tiles which she seals onto the box with an epoxy film."

Like many of the artists at the show, this isn't the Hursts' first arts festival. "We do about 30 shows a year and this one is a good quality show," Harry said.

Phil Carter was another artist who was impressed with the quality of the arts festival.

"I think this arts festival is a very good show because it is well-organized and there are a lot of excellent artists involved." Carter and his wife specialize in concert quality Native American flutes.

They pattern their flutes after the six-hole Plains Indians flutes. Carter explained that the wooden flutes probably came into existence 300 years ago.

"They are actually called courting flutes because men used them to catch women. But once they succeeded in catching their wife, they never played their flute again."

Patrons also acknowledged that this year's art show was very successful.

Reta Ketchum was pleasantly surprised with the outcome of the show.

"It's been very nice. I haven't been to the arts festival in a long time but I'm glad I came because it's a really nice show."

In addition to the artwork exhibits, there were also live musical performances and a children's activity tent to keep the little kids entertained.

Some of the activities offered for children included drawing, playing games and finger painting artificial horses that were auctioned off to benefit the American Diabetes Association.



Above: Erica Castillo, OKCCC Child Development Center teaching assistant, helps her son Abreham put his hand print on one of the artificial horses exhibited in the children's tent.



Above: Reta Kechum looks at artist Beverly Summerfield's pottery collection. Summerfield's collection includes mugs, pitchers, bowls, piggy banks, baby food jars, etc.

Photos and
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Mohr



Above: Phil Carter demonstrates the various sounds of his wooden flutes by playing one for Joe and Barbara Pirkle.

Professors join ranks of OKCCC

Beverly Schaeffer

By Mark Stack
Editor

After being a clinical adjunct professor for the OKCCC nursing program for the past year and a half, nursing Professor Beverly Schaeffer finally had the chance to become a part of OKCCC's full-time faculty.

"I have been waiting for a spot to open, and one finally did," said Schaeffer.

She said the students and faculty are what made the decision a no-brainer.

"The students here are high-caliber, motivated, and well-prepared," Schaeffer said. "As a teacher, that is all I can ask for."

"The faculty at OKCCC have been extremely helpful and supportive, so it has been an easy transition."

Schaeffer earned her bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Central Oklahoma, and is currently enrolled in the master's program in Nursing at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls through distance education courses.

Prior to joining the staff at OKCCC, Schaeffer taught Licensed Practical Nursing students at DeMarge College in Oklahoma City for the past six years.

Married to her husband Milford for the past 25 years, Schaeffer said they have three teenage daughters.

Her 19 year-old daughter is enrolled at the University of Oklahoma, her 17 year-old daughter attends Moore High School, and her 14 year-old attends Highland High School.

Schaeffer said there's something about nursing that runs in the blood of her family.

"My daughter is in the pre-nursing program at OU and my sister is also a registered nurse," said Schaeffer.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Beverly Schaeffer

nursing

Nancy Pietroforte

By Mark Stack
Editor

Two days before fall orientation, new sociology professor Nancy Pietroforte made the long journey from her home state of New York to her new home in Oklahoma.

"After my second interview with OKCCC, I found a place to live, and here I am," said Pietroforte.

Pietroforte left her previous job as sociology professor at Dowling College in New York.

"I saw the position advertised in the Chronicle of Higher Education, and I had an interest in the area because I have a cousin who lives near Tulsa," said Pietroforte.

She said, as different as the two states appear to be, there is a strong correlation between them.

"As a sociologist, I believe there is a real connection between Oklahoma City and New York City in terms of what the two cities have experienced."

She said leaving her friends and family behind on the East Coast has been difficult, but supportive faculty and students have helped ease the transition.

"The experience has been overwhelmingly positive, and the students, faculty and Oklahomans in general

have been incredibly nice," said Pietroforte.

Pietroforte earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from the College of New Rochelle in New York, and earned her master's in sociology from Queens College.

"I'm very impressed with the generosity of the faculty and staff in the fact that they are very willing to give of their time, talent and knowledge," said Pietroforte.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Nancy Pietroforte

sociology

Carol Heitkamper

By Kat Mohr
Staff Writer

Carol Heitkamper feels like she's finally found her niche. Heitkamper recently joined the OKCCC faculty as a nursing professor.

"I really like working at OKCCC," Heitkamper said. "OKCCC is very upbeat."

"Actually, it's probably one of the most positive places I've ever worked."

Heitkamper's decision to work at OKCCC also was swayed by positive things she has heard.

Heitkamper has previously worked with several OKCCC graduates at Southwest Medical Center.

"I was very impressed with the OKCCC graduates I worked with at the hospital. I think they're very good nurses."

Heitkamper said she choose to be a teacher be-

cause it is what she's always enjoyed doing.

"I get a good feeling when a student understands something," she said.

"It is that satisfaction that makes teaching worthwhile."

Heitkamper received her associate degree from Rose State college.

She then earned a bachelor's in nursing at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany.

She is currently attending the University of Oklahoma, working toward a master's degree in nursing.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Carol Heitkamper

nursing

Newly-hired profs blending in

Julian Hilliard

Sherry Ray

By Kate Brennan
Staff Writer

By Kate Brennan
Staff Writer

Julian Hilliard said he loves teaching more than anything else he's ever done. The new professor has a zest for students and science.

"This is the first time I've ever had a job where it is exactly what I would like to be doing."

His teaching style is designed to have students learn in a fun environment.

"I really like the students here. I try to really engage them in the material."

His father was also a college professor but they moved often. He said, because of that, most people thought his father was in the military.

"No, I'm a college brat."

He has now lived in Oklahoma for 17 years and still believes it to be a wonderful place to live.

"Even though I've lived around the world, I still like Oklahoma a heck of a lot."

Hilliard earned his bachelor's in biology from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and his master's in zoology from the University of Oklahoma.

While earning his master's degree, he taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Central Oklahoma.

He was also employed at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation focusing on wildlife education.



Photo by Kate Brennan
Julian Hilliard



Photo by Kate Brennan
Sherry Ray

Sherry Ray uses dating to teach mathematics. Well, only when using it to teach functions, she said.

As a new professor of mathematics, Ray said she enjoys her students and puts extra effort in each of her classes.

"I really like teaching college algebra. I think by that time most students have let go of their math anxiety," said Ray.

The math faculty also have been helpful and seem to be success-oriented when it comes to students, which Ray appreciates.

Ray earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. After a two-year stint teaching junior high, she realized it wasn't for her and went on to earn her master's in mathematics from the University of Oklahoma. Ray was an adjunct professor at OKCCC for four years before she began as a full-time lecturer at the University of Oklahoma.

"The students here are more mature and motivated," said Ray. "I liked the environment [at OKCCC] and when a full-time position opened up, I applied."

Ray, married for 12 years to Kent Ray, has a son, Grant, age 4, and a baby on the way that is due Jan. 15.

Mark Schneberger

By Aaron Newman
News Writing I Student

Mark Schneberger walks into his classroom, immediately captivating his students with his unusual teaching methods.

He will knock over a chair and tell his students to write about what it sounded like. He'll have students sniff different aromas and have them write about what they smelled like; taste different kinds of candy and have the students write about the different tastes that come to mind.

"As a teacher I have to make English come alive and create a fun atmosphere to capture the students attention," said the learning skills professor.

Schneberger said he uses these methods because he believes all students can be good writers, all they need is something to inspire them.

The former adjunct professor accepted a full-time position at OKCCC this fall.

Schneberger grew up in Iowa where there weren't many career options.

"When I graduated high school back in Iowa I had three choices: I could either be a farmer, work full time somewhere or go to school," he said.

He decided the right move would be to go to college. He enrolled at Des Moines Area Community College, then transferred to the University of Iowa.

Schneberger decided the University of Iowa was not right for him so he finished his degree at Grandview College where he received his bachelor's of Print Journalism in 1992. He received his master's of Community College Education with an emphasis in English in 1999 from the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

While in school Schneberger worked for several newspapers including the Des Moines Register and a tabloid, the National Examiner.

Even though he earned a good income working for the tabloid, Schneberger said he didn't feel good about the job. That's when he decided to teach.

"I wanted to give back through the same medium that I learned from, community college."



Photo by Kat Mohr
Mark Schneberger

science

mathematics

English

Increased security on hand at festival

By Christina Robinson
News Writing I Student

OKCCC Safety and Security increased its numbers during the recent Arts Festival Oklahoma to make sure the Labor Day weekend celebration was a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Arrangements were made with EMSA ambulance service, the Oklahoma City Fire Department and the Oklahoma City Police Department to provide staff throughout the festival in case of an emergency, said Keith Bourque, coordinator of campus security. OKCCC also contracted with Total Protection Services, an outside security service, to provide extra security guards.

There were two Oklahoma City police officers, one Oklahoma County deputy sheriff, at least three OKCCC security officers and one Total Protection Services supervisor on site at the event during operational hours, Bourque said. In addition, a Total Protection Services officer served as a site guard from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. every day.

Two Total Protection Services guards, one located at the May Avenue entrance, and one at the S.W. 74th Street entrance, handled parking and traffic.

In addition, two of the college's security officers volunteered their time to help with perimeter and traffic control for the fireworks Saturday night, Bourque said.

The Oklahoma City fire marshal inspected the entire area for the festival and said it met all fire safety codes, Bourque said. No smoking signs and fire extinguishers were installed in every tent.

A special motor home trailer was set up to serve as a command post for all emergency services.

The Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office also had a booth in the children's tent to fingerprint kids and make ID cards for children.

The road to fitness



OKCCC sophomore James Brown blows off some steam in the weight room between classes.

"[The weight room] is great for something to do in between classes," Brown said.

The weight room is open to students from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday; and 1:30 to 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

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Sept. 11 tragedy remembered by OKCCC students

"9/11,"

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"I was at home [that day,] celebrating my birthday," Bui said.

"Now my birthday will always be remembered, but not for good reasons," he said.

Some students turned to prayer and a moment of silence as a way to cope with their feelings about that day.

"I prayed," said Chanii Kam, marketing major.



Chanii
Kam

"I think everyone was overwhelmed."

Walters donated items needed by rescue workers.

"I donated bottles of water that were sent to New York City," she said.

"This year, [to remember the event] I'm going to donate blood."



Melissa
Hicks

Sept. 11 forced some students to put their lives into perspective.

"It really made me thankful for what I have," said Melissa Hicks, dental hygiene major.

Lavalais had the same opinion.

"Just be thankful

for what family you've got," he said.

"You never know when their days are going to be up."

Airport hassles and delays stand out in the memory of Antoine Nguyen, engineer-

ing major.

"I was in Houston, visiting my brother [on Sept. 11.] I got stuck there for a whole week and had to take the bus back to Oklahoma City," he said.

Nguyen said, not only was the



Antoine
Nguyen

waiting aggravating, but also being stranded left him feeling helpless as well.

All the students polled said they would be observing a moment of silence to remember those lives lost on Sept. 11.

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Highlights

Free music for American Character Week

Bari Koral will be performing at noon on Monday, Sept. 9 in the general dining area of the college union. Everyone is welcome to come. Also, Dave Rudolf will be performing at noon on Thursday, Sept. 12, in the general dining area.

Special service in remembrance of 9/11

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship is having a special service to honor and pray for our nation and victims of 9/11. It will be held at noon, Sept. 11, in the college theater. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Writers and artists needed for the Absolute

Submissions for Absolute, OKCCC's literary, art and photography journal, are being accepted this semester. Students and staff are encouraged to submit nonfiction, fiction, poetry, black-and-white photography and drawings. The next edition of Absolute will be published in April 2003. The deadline for all submissions is Dec. 1. For further information, contact the Arts and Humanities office or Clay Randolph at 682-1611 ext. 7238 or crandolph@okccc.edu.

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.

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Preferred Hospice is looking for special occasion volunteers to deliver birthday presents and some holiday cheer. For more information call Patricia Kriegel, volunteer coordinator at 602-6473.

Meet with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry meets at 12:30 every Thursday in Room 3N0 of the main building. Come and join for free food, music and spiritual encouragement.

Nigh Scholarship available

The office of Prospective Student Services is currently taking applications for the George and Donna Nigh \$1,000 scholarship. Applications will be accepted until Oct. 1. To qualify the student must be a resident of Oklahoma, a GPA of 3.2 or higher, enrolled in a degree program that will lead to a career in public service, enrolled at OKCCC for a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester, a graduate of an Oklahoma high school and must be able to attend a required leadership academy from Thursday, Feb. 27 through Monday, March 3.

Listen to a lecture on science and art

Dr. Atalay, a physics professor for over 30 years and a member of the American Physical Society, is an expert in several topics in modern physics. His lecture "The Two Leonardos: Integrating Science and Art" will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20 in the Daily Oklahoman Auditorium at 9000 Broadway Extension at Britton Road. Please R.S.V.P. to Melissa Vincent at mvincent515@yahoo.com.

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



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Saving a life: Kristina Taylor, business major, said she tries to give blood every two months. "I think it's important to give blood because people always need it and sometimes there isn't enough out there," said Taylor. The blood drive held in the college union lasted two days and was successful in getting more than 80 donors, slightly more than last year.

Musicians help students relax

By Kate Brennan
Staff Writer

"[The show] will be a great way to take students minds off of classes."

—Kelly 'House' Junker
Promotional manager
for Bari Koral

Bari Koral will be bringing some class to the OKCCC campus.

She will perform at noon Monday, Sept. 9 in the college union for the lunch crowd.

Koral's music is considered to be pop folk and she currently has a hit single in Greece.

"[The show] will be a great way to take students minds off of classes," said Kelly "House" Junker, promotional manager.

With Sept. 11 so close it will also be a great way to have therapy through music, Junker said.

The Hotdog Guy will also be back next week for his fourth visit to OKCCC at noon Thursday, Sept. 12 in the college union.

Although Dave Rudolf will be performing for adults instead of children, he still just likes to go with the flow and have fun.

"Maybe I'll be a distraction [for the lunch-time crowd.]"

He does parodies that will make students laugh and has a wit that will make them wonder. He performs very little serious material

and hopes students and faculty will come out to see his show.

For future reference he'd like to be known as "the guy with nice buns."

Rudolf acquired his nickname from performing at the dinner theaters held at OKCCC for children where hot dogs were always a staple item on the menu.

Got club news?
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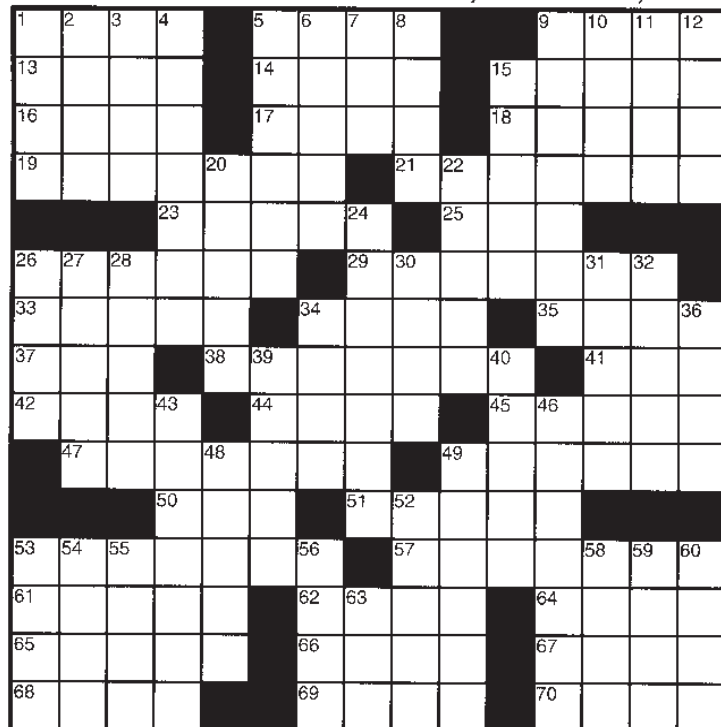
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Professor Mary Ann Merz remembered by her many college friends

"Merz,"

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"There was no such thing as 'I can't do it' with her," said Rochelle Mosby, Arts and Humanities division assistant.

"It was so easy just to talk to her and you knew that [the conversation] would stay there."

Merz is described as having a unique sense of humor, both witty and sarcastic.

While Merz was in the hospital a few years ago, she was able to convince a nurse to drive her to Newcastle so she could gamble, said Linda Robinett, professor of learning skills.

"I always told her that she was a master manipulator and that she could get people to do just about anything for her," said Robinett.

Merz was born on May

"There was no such thing as 'I can't do it' with her."

—Rochelle Mosby

Arts and Humanities Division Assistant

12, 1939 in Tulsa. After graduating from Tulsa's Will Rogers High School, she attended the University of Tulsa, where she graduated with a bachelor's in English in 1961. In 1969, Merz earned a master's in English from the University of Oklahoma and earned her doctorate in Adult/English education from OU in 1980.

She hired on at OKCCC in 1984 as a professor of developmental studies and a supervisor of the communications lab.

"Because she was so intelligent, one might have expected her to work with only the brightest of students, but she chose to help those with learning difficulties," said Robinett.

Merz is survived by her

husband, Jim, of the home; daughter Melissa Merz of Chicago, and son Shane Merz of Houston.

A memorial and celebration service is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 14. The time and place will be announced at a later date.

The Merz family asks that in lieu of flowers, remem-

brances be made to the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at (800)777-7814 in memory of Dr. Mary Ann Merz.

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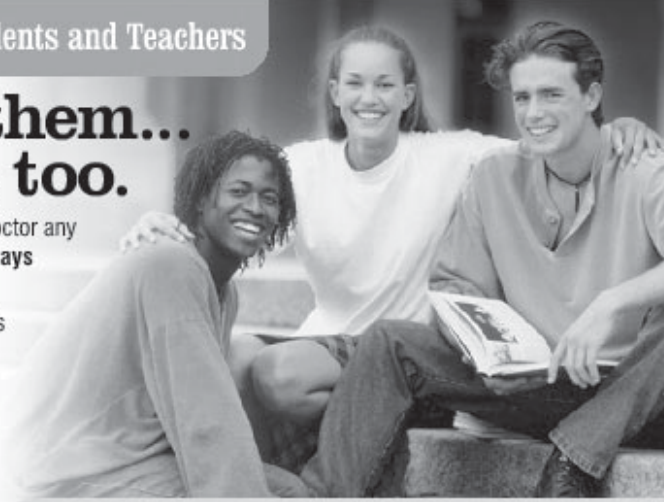
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