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## Smoking law interpreted in different ways

Oklahoma State Health Department questions OKCCC's policy

By Kate Brennan  
Staff Writer

Smokers and non-smokers alike may be confused about their rights in light of recent changes in Oklahoma law. With government documents almost as difficult to decipher as the Enron accounting procedures, layman's terms are needed.

According to the current OKCCC interpretation of the Smoking in Public Places Act, all lit cigarettes must stay behind the recently-posted no smoking signs, which are set at least 25 feet from all college entrances. This complies with the regulations set for state buildings in the act, passed during the 2001 regular legislative session.

Director of Safety and Security Keith Bourque said the college is following the state law.

Bob Miner, clean indoor air programs coordinator of the Tobacco Use Prevention Service of the Oklahoma State Health Department, authored the original statute that went to the state legislature for review.

He said the college is not following the law.

Miner said OKCCC is not classified as a state building, but as an educational facility.

If OKCCC is defined as an educational facility under the act, then smoking would be even more restricted. The act specifically includes public and private colleges and universities in its definition of "educational facility." The law allows for designated smoking areas on campuses serving students 18 and older, but no such provision is made for schools that serve students under age 18.

Making the law even more complicated for OKCCC is that the college also houses a middle school, a high school, a child development center and concurrently enrolled high school students.

Miner said the presence of these programs requires the college to follow the more stringent guidelines.

"As long as classes or programs are in progress for children in grades K through 12 and the early childhood education program is in session, smoking is prohibited in the building, on the grounds or anywhere on the premises," Miner said.

The one exception to the rule, according to the Smoking in Public Places Act, section 941, paragraph 3, would be a special activity or function; as in a sporting event. Such an ac-

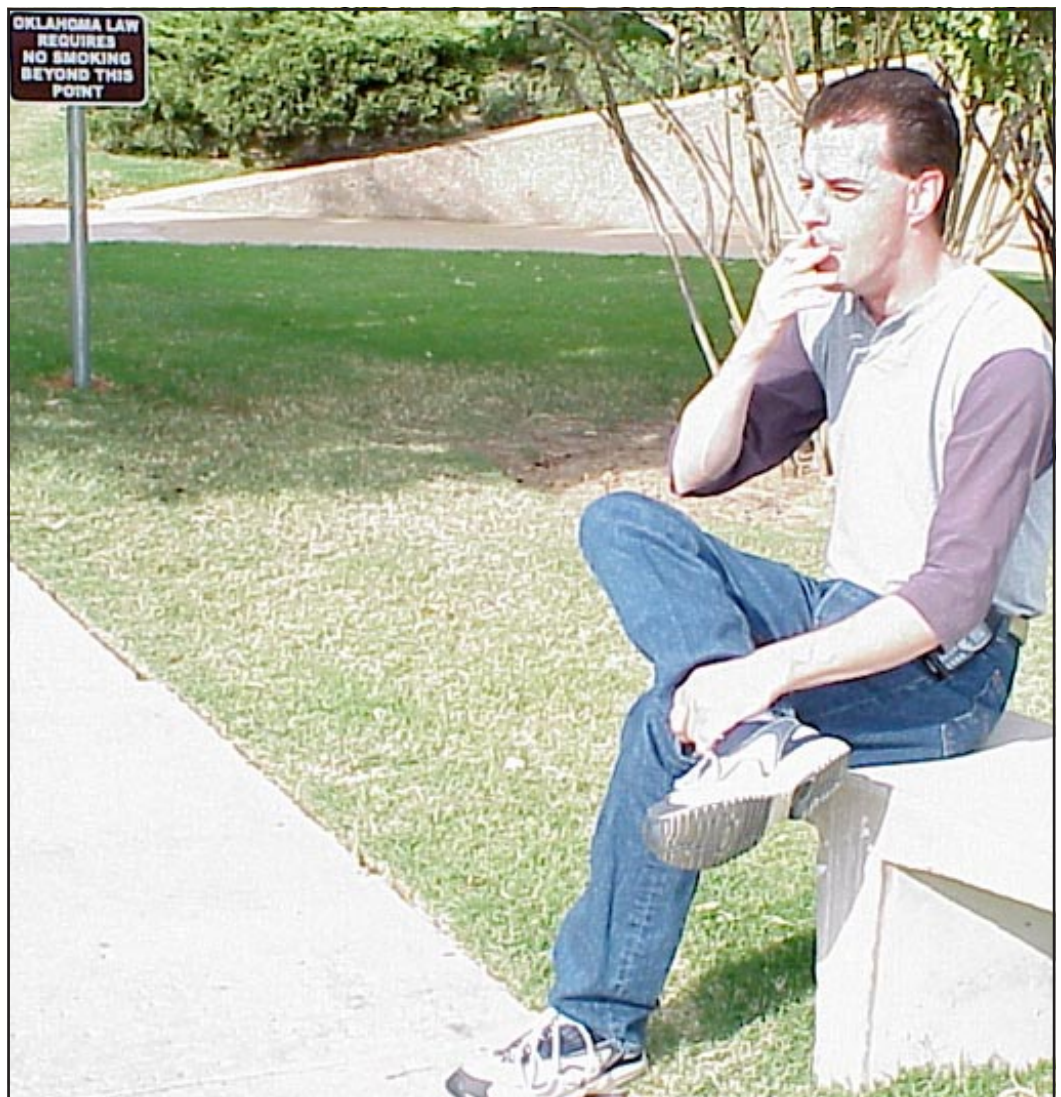


Photo by Kat Mohr

Video Engineer Mike Bates abides by the college's newly-posted signs by smoking in a designated area away from the entrance. Signs have been posted near all of the entrances that read, Oklahoma law requires no smoking beyond this point. "I think it is a good idea," Bates said. "It might to be inconvenient but I am willing to abide by the laws."

## Students encouraged to enroll early

By Ashley Martin  
Staff Writer

Believe it or not, the time to enroll for the spring semester is here.

Gloria Barton, dean of admissions and records, has two words for OKCCC students: enroll early.

Barton said currently enrolled students who take advantage of the early enrollment period that begins on Monday, Oct. 7, will have the best selection of classes to choose from.

"Early enrollment allows for students to coordinate their school schedules with their work schedules, and they will get to choose the instructors that they want; it just allows for more flexibility," she said.

Although enrollment begins this month, tuition for intersession and spring classes is not due until the beginning of January.

Waiting to enroll could cause students more headaches than necessary, she said.

"If a student waits until the last minute, classes they need may not be open, and with our enrollment going up every semester, that is even more likely to happen."

Also, Barton said, lines will be something late bloomers will have to deal with.

"Enrolling early will limit the amount of time a student has to wait in a line,

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

# Kill 'em with kindness

I witnessed a thoughtful gesture the other day that renewed my hope that people have respect for others.

While I stood waiting for the elevator with one of my colleagues, I was impressed to encounter a young man who represented himself in a chivalrous fashion.

When the elevator opened, instead of bombarding the people inside, which seems to be a common practice here at OKCCC, he exercised patience and held the door open so others could exit without difficulty.

Not only did he hold the door for those leaving, but he also waited and let the ladies enter the elevator first.

This random act of consideration is something I have seldom experienced in my numerous travels on the elevator.

Typically the minute the elevator door opens, a majority of people seem to charge ahead without even taking heed of the people already inside.

Lately, I have been concerned that good manners are becoming a habit of the past.

I don't believe people set out to be rude. I think that sometimes people don't evaluate situations before they act.

I have encountered a lot of people during my stint at OKCCC and throughout my life who have been helpful and polite.

But I have also met my fill of unsavory characters who seem to drain the zeal out of life.

In this fast-paced society, it is easy sometimes to forget the importance of common courtesy.

People need to extend etiquette to all aspects of their daily life, including cell phone use.

Nowadays, everywhere you turn your head, you see someone chatting away on a cell phone.

Some people can't even take a few steps out of class without having their phone surgically attached to their ear.

There is nothing more disturbing than having class interrupted by the irritating jingle of someone's ringing cell phone.

I mean seriously. Can you really not stand to put your social life on hold for 50 minutes? It never ceases to amaze me how flagrantly negligent people can be when their cell phone is concerned.

I find it particularly unnerving when people show a blatant disrespect for the needs of others by using their phone in public areas like libraries.

People need to regard other people's feelings when making decisions.

The simple act of generosity that I experienced at the elevator confirmed my belief that it is the little considerations that matter the most.

—Kat Mohr  
Staff Writer

# Smoking issue sparks controversy

## To the editor:

I read with interest the editorial about smoking last week, and felt compelled to try and clear the air on this matter. I am an ex-smoker, yet take issue with some of the things I have seen and heard lately.

The Smoking in Public Places Act has been around since 1997, but "asking smokers to refrain from smoking upon request of a client or employee suffering discomfort from the smoke..." refers to the prevention of smoking in non-smoking areas, not to actions within the designated smoking areas. I was able to find no reference to "100 yards from the building" in either SB 1553, or SPPA.

Senate Bill 1553, which took effect June 1, 2001, bars smoking within 25 feet of the Capitol and other state-owned or leased buildings. This bill originally barred smoking in all public places, including restaurants, but was changed after fierce lobbying by tobacco and business interests. Even Gov. Frank Keating disapproved of the early draft saying that they encroached on legislative authority.

The dangers of smoking are well documented, yet

people continue to smoke. Were legislators really needed to move smokers away from entrances? I have yet to encounter clouds of smoke while entering any building here on campus, and in my experience, most smokers are very considerate. Do we truly need smokers to huddle unprotected in the elements in order to protect our nonsmokers' quality of life?

Obesity is a big problem in our country and the associated health risks are well documented, yet we as a nation are unable to maintain an ideal height-to-weight ratio. Just how involved in our daily lives do we want our government to be? Perhaps we need legislation to move soda and candy machines 25 feet from all entrances. Perhaps Twinkees and Tater Tots should be banned from the cafeteria as long as children are present. Do you see where I'm going with this?

Smoking is a big business in this country, is government subsidized, is taxed heavily and is legal as long as a person is of age. It is also an addiction, and can be a very difficult one to overcome. Suggesting Nicorette indicates the

writer has no understanding of the nature of this addiction.

Smokers and nonsmokers have been coexisting for years and will continue to do so, but both groups have rights. A little common sense and decency goes a long way on both sides. We ought not encroach upon one groups' rights to enforce our own. Can't we all just get along?

—Cathy Bowman  
Mac Lab Assistant

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## Comments and Reviews

# Russian prof misses American way of life

## Food, cars and cheap housing among the favorites

**Editor's Note:** Dr. Sergey Moskalionov served as a Fulbright scholar from Russia during the 2001-2002 school year. He spent his second semester in Oklahoma teaching business courses at OKCCC. After returning home, Professor Moskalionov wrote this letter to *The Pioneer*, offering his reflections on the year spent in our midst and comparing the Russian and American systems of higher education. This is the first of two parts.

### To the editor:

In the south of Russia there is the Black Sea. A lot of resorts are situated on the coast of the sea. Some of these resorts are fashionable and expensive.

The sun shines the year around and the climate is

excellent. The sea is beautiful.

For me, life in Oklahoma was like a rest in an expensive Black Sea resort. There is practically no winter in Oklahoma by Russian standards.

Maybe that's why Oklahoma people are so optimistic: the shortage of sun during winter in Russia usually leads to depression, and people became angry and irritated.

Climate helps Oklahoma a lot. You can imagine that it is much cheaper to build a house in Oklahoma in terms of materials com-

pared with Ulyanovsk: Here walls sometimes include four bricks in depth.

Agriculture is moreover easier: there is no need to build expensive barns for cattle that can live in Oklahoma in the open air.

People in Oklahoma are very friendly and open. My colleagues in Oklahoma helped me a lot to adapt to new style of life there.

The standard of living in America is very high. That's why life in Oklahoma is like honey: honey is flowing and there is no end of the honey. These are my first impressions about Okla-

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—Sergey Moskalionov  
Russian Fulbright Scholar

homa.

Let me say a few words about American food. I never have seen so many nice restaurants as in Oklahoma City. Food is cheap and delicious. The best I found was at the buffet – Golden Corral. It is not surprising that I gained about 40 pounds during

my stay in the United States.

So I miss American people, American food and American cars. The cars in the United States are so large and so nice. I so enjoyed my car that I did not want to sell it.

—Sergey Moskalionov

## 'Married Man' exact portrayal of the male brain, lifestyle

It's been referred to as the male "Sex in the City" but with all the cigar token', poker playing and beer guzzling, there is no denying the testosterone that exudes from the "Mind of the Married Man."

Returning for its second season, the HBO comedy series picked up right

where it left off in its flagrantly honest examination of the male psyche.

The series depicts how the lives of three male best friends intertwine because of the bonds created by their lifetime commitments.

Throughout the show, the characters struggle to survive the obstacles imposed by marriage, while also examining the complex relationships between men and women.

The lead character Micky Barnes, played by Mike Binder, constantly battles with his inner turmoil that disrupts his life and threatens to shatter his marriage.

In the first season his faithfulness is rattled and

he tests the boundaries of monogamy.

Whenever Micky feels torn, he turns to his confidants Jake (Jake Weber)

male perspective but it also incorporates the female insight into monogamy.

In this season the female characters are more devel-



and Doug (Taylor Nichols) for advice and leadership.

Doug, who plays the role of the monogamous and sturdy character, is the voice of reason that helps to keep Micky grounded.

On the other hand, there is Jake, the charming two-timer who convinces Micky that there is nothing thrilling about choosing the same dull flavor year after year.

This season Micky is searching for solace in his marriage and striving to mend the tattered relationship between him and his wife Donna (Sonya Walger).

"Mind of the Married Man" allows women to view married life through the

oped and we get to see their view on men and relationships.

The reoccurring question that looms in each character's life is: Does modern marriage stand a chance in today's society?

This series tackles this issue head-on using humor and a straightforward approach that leaves no room for apologies.

If there is one lesson to be learned from the "Mind of the Married Man," it is that there are certain aspects of both men and women that will always remain a mystery.

—Kat Mohr  
Staff Writer

## 'Sweet Home Alabama' one for the collection

Reese Witherspoon has captured audience attention again.

"Sweet Home Alabama" was cute, funny and an all-around great romantic comedy.

Melanie Carmichael (Witherspoon) has been running from her small time Alabama life for seven years when a proposal from new beau, Andrew Hennings (Patrick Dempsey), forces her to face her old life and love in order to get a divorce.

This movie could be classified as the chick flick of the year with the endearing way the story captures the girlish power Witherspoon displayed in "Legally Blonde".

Melanie is an up-and-coming New York designer. Always stylish and on the go, she has snagged the bachelor of the town who happens to be the mayor's son.

The democratic mother

and son are the city's royal family. Mayor Kate Hennings (Candice Bergen) is not happy with her son's choice of a political princess for her president-in-the-making.

Still legally married back in small-town Alabama, Jake Perry (Josh Lucas) keeps returning the divorce papers with a secret hope that he can prove himself as a good man to win Melanie back.

The awkward love triangle forces Melanie to face who she really is and decide what it is that she wants out of life.

Although it's not a movie that most guys will love, it is completely suitable for the younger romantic crowd.

"Sweet Home Alabama" earns an A for the entertainment, easy-going wit and loveable characters. This might even be a movie for the DVD collection.

—Kate Brennan  
Staff Writer



# Counselors assist students in reaching education goals

By Mackenzie McCulley  
News Writing I Student

OKCCC is filled with students, young and old, with a plan.

For some, this plan consists of transferring their college credits earned at OKCCC to a four-year school while others plan to go straight to work.

Regardless of which one students choose, OKCCC is trying to help them in reaching their personal goals.

Student Development Counselor Claire D. Echols said it is beneficial for students to see a guidance counselor before enrollment to let the counselor know what it is that the student plans to do in the future.

By doing so counselors are able to help students choose the correct classes in order for the student to be better prepared for the next step.

Sophomore Broadcasting major, Clayton Hice of Oklahoma City, said he has not seen a counselor.

However, he said that he has plans to do so by the end of this semester in or-

**"It was very helpful to visit a counselor. I was able to prepare myself for the University of Central Oklahoma..."**

—Raina Clayton, business/construction major

der to prepare himself for the University of Oklahoma, where he plans to attend after finishing up at OKCCC.

Without the guidance of a counselor, students might enroll in a class that will not transfer to the senior institution of their choice, Echols said.

This could be a waste of time and money for the student.

On the other hand, if a student does visit a counselor, one of the first things explained to them would be the differences in degree plans: university parallel and job entry. This way the student will be aware of what will and will not transfer.

Third year OKCCC student Raina Clayton is a Business/Construction major from Blanchard.

"It was very helpful to visit a counselor.

"By visiting them I [was] able to prepare myself for the University of Central

Oklahoma in Edmond, where I plan to get my bachelors degree in Business."

The Student Development Office tries to reach every student attending OKCCC.

One of the largest events the Student Development Office coordinates is College Transfer Day.

This event is scheduled every February.

Students can attend and learn a little bit more about each option that is available to them after their time at OKCCC.

At the College Transfer Day more than 25 colleges are present to answer questions students might have in order to give them a better idea of what to expect from that particular institution, Echols said.

Echols said she and her fellow counselors try to help OKCCC students get a clear idea of what to expect and how to plan in order for the student to be prepared.

## Learning to play...



Photo by Kat Mohr

Jordan Drake, 8 months, plays with toys during the self selected activity time allotted for the infant class at the OKCCC Child Development Center.

# Theater degree teaches students people skills

By Derek Strong  
News Writing I Student

Theater Professor Ruth Charnay is making special plans for College Major Days Oct. 7 and 8 in the college union.

She said her plans are to educate students on the value of a theater degree.

Future employers will consider the skills learned in the theater program as valuable resources, she said.

"Acting is a process of group problem solving," Charnay said.

These types of people are in high demand in corporate jobs and in many jobs where communication skills are crucial, she said.

"Actors tend to observe and study people," she said, so are great in counseling or sales positions.

Charnay encourages students to stop in Monday or Tuesday to hear more about the career opportunities that a degree in theater will provide.



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# October designated to support United Way

**By Kat Mohr**  
Staff Writer

OKCCC is participating in the United Way annual fund-raising campaign throughout the month of October.

The activities planned for this month include:

♦ **Blue Monday:** Employees can donate \$5 al-

lowing them to wear blue jeans every Monday in Oct.

♦ **Students and employees** can donate \$5 for the chance to win a pair of tickets to the OU vs. OSU football game.

♦ **College Feud:** This game is supposed to be similar to the game show Family Feud.

Employees who donate \$5 will formulate a team of four to six individuals from

any department on campus and face off against another team.

College Feud will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17, and Thursday, Oct. 24, at noon and 4:30; and on Thursday, Oct. 31 at noon.

♦ **Pie in your face:** An online poll will be taken throughout the month of Oct. where employees can choose the top 15 "most wanted" pie in your face

employees.

At the end of the month there will be an auction in which employees can purchase a pie and choose who they want to target.

♦ **Traditional giving:** Employees or students can choose to make a one-time donation. Employees who wish to give money have the option of having their donation deducted from their payroll.

Employees interested in making a donation can fill out their donation cards and give them to the United Way coordinator in their office.

Students who want to show their support can pick up and fill out a donation card at the office of Paula Belcher's, secretary to the executive director of enrollment management.

## Club in need of sponsorship

**By Mark Stack**  
Editor

The Western Heights College Club is looking for sponsors.

The purpose of college clubs is to encourage high school students to stay in school and help them plan and prepare for success in college.

Annmarie Shirazi, dean of planning and institutional effectiveness, said anyone can volunteer to be a sponsor, but she would like to see college faculty, staff and students volunteer because they have a better understanding of the college lifestyle.

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high school students to prepare them for college," Shirazi said.


Shirazi said the club helps students who have an idea about attending a college after high school get some idea about the programs offered by those institutions.

Learning study skills, ways to go about receiving financial aid and relieving anxiety about attending college are just a few things that the students will get a better understanding of before they become college students.

"For a student wanting to attend a college or university, it becomes 'what do I do, how am I going to pay for this, where do I start?' and we help with this," said Shirazi.

"We talk about how to find scholarships, how to find money other than through the federal government and other things to make students not so anxious and make them believe that they can do it," she said.

If interested in becoming a sponsor, contact Shirazi at 682-1611, ext. 7213.



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# Satellite series to focus on health topics

**By Jarrett Henderson  
News Writing I Student**

Health topics will head the discussion during the second in a series of satellite seminars being offered at OKCCC.

All aspects of health from genetics and environmental, to physiological health will be on the agenda at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 8, in room CU3, during the seminar, "Dimensions and Directions of Health: Choices in the Maze."

Sponsor and OKCCC Professor Richard Rouillard said attendees can get advice about healthy lifestyles.

Also on the agenda are topics concerning the film industry and media modeling healthy lifestyle choices.

Dr. Linda Hancock is the scheduled presenter.

Hancock is the Assistant Director in the Office of Health Promotion and Family Nurse Practitioner and Health educator at Virginia Commonwealth Uni-

versity in Richmond, Va.

She also is the author of many books covering tobacco use and women's health.

Sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the National Collegiate Honors Council, this will be the fifth time for the satellite seminars program at OKCCC.

More than 220 colleges, universities and high schools will participate in the seminars.

The series will consist of five seminars. All will start at 6:30 p.m. in CU3.

The first seminar "The Genetic Dimension of Health," was held in September and featured Dr. Paul A. Lambardo.

Other seminars to be presented include "Emerging Infectious Diseases" by Dr. Gail Hughes on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

"Environmental Dimensions of Health" by Dr. Kenneth Olden will be presented Tuesday, Nov. 12.

"The Mind/Body Connection" by Dr. Lori Arviso will take place Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Rouillard said the semi-

nars are open to the public and are interactive.

Through the use of a 1-800 number, the audience will be able to ask questions.

The presentations are funded by OKCCC's library. Instructional media services will provide the satellite up-link and technical support for the programs, Rouillard said.

The library will be recording and archiving tapes of the seminars to be made available on campus.

Rouillard said the satellite seminars are a great way to broaden the academics of local students.

"It's a really good opportunity in expanding knowledge."

For more information contact Rouillard at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7389 or e-mail rrouillard@okccc.edu.

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*All seminars are at 6:30 p.m. in CU3.*

## Thieves make off with machinery, CDs, rings

**By Jeff Bradley  
News Writing I Student**

As the year moves along more students are falling victim to theft on campus. Not only are the students being taken advantage of but so are construction workers on campus as well.

A \$10,000 piece of equipment turned up missing Sept. 24 at a construction site on the north side of the main building, according to a crime report filed with the OKCCC security office.

The report stated that a hydraulic concrete breaker was attached to a Bobcat before the workers left, and when they returned the next day, the Bobcat had been moved and the concrete breaker was gone.

On Sept. 18, student Randy Woods returned to parking lot B to find the driver's side window of his 1997 Chevy Silverado shattered. A Kenwood car stereo, two amplifiers and a CD holder containing approximately 100 CDs all were gone. The estimated value of the damaged and stolen property is \$3,350.

On Sept. 17, student Samantha Spann reported several rings missing. They were valued at more than \$500. Spann said she took them off in a campus restroom to wash her hands and forgot to put them back on. She returned about 40 minutes later to find the rings were missing.



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# College throws weeklong birthday celebration

OKCCC staff and faculty still know how to party after 30 years.

OKCCC celebrated its 30th anniversary on Sept. 26.

The festivities began with the disbursement of anniversary cake.

"Together we had fun, enjoyed '70s music, danced a little and ate anniversary cake," said OKCCC President Bob Todd.

"It's great to be 30."

Jessica Martinez-Brooks was one of the many people chosen to hand out the college's birthday cake.

"I think it is really impressive to see how far the college has come," Martinez-Brooks said.

"The progress this college has made in this short period of time is amazing."

While students satisfied their sugar rush, a band called Super Freak entertained them with their '70s costumes and disco tunes.

The anniversary celebration concluded on Sept. 27 with the Decades Dance.

Approximately 30 people attended the anniversary bash.

"It wasn't a good turnout but everyone that was there had a good time," said Mike Jones, coordinator student

activities and promotions.

Biology professor Dennis Anderson said he thoroughly enjoyed the party.

"I love working here because it's always a new experience every semester," Anderson said.

"I get a new group of students every semester which it makes it interesting."

Jones believes that it's the school functions like the Decade Dance that keeps students involved in the college.

"It is the extra-curricular activities like this dance and the Halloween party that will be held at the end of this month that allows students to get more out of their college experience," Jones said.



OKCCC President Bob Todd hands OKCCC student Mary Vick a piece of the college's 30th birthday cake.



Biology professor Dennis Anderson dances with his wife Darlene in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the college.



Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities and promotions gets his groove on with Jessica Martinez-Brooks, public relations writer.



The band Super Freak entertains students during the college's 30th anniversary.



# Moscow Chamber Orchestra to perform Oct. 15

By Jennifer Hutchings  
News Writing I Student

An evening of orchestral music will fill the air at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 in the college theater as the Moscow Chamber Orchestra performs.

The Moscow Chamber Orchestra was created in 1956 by renowned conductor and violist Rudolf Barshai according to the website [www.moscowchamberorchestra.com/AboutMCO.html](http://www.moscowchamberorchestra.com/AboutMCO.html).

For the last seven years, Constantine Orbelian has filled that position. In that time, the orchestra has maintained an active touring schedule across Europe, Russia and the Americas.

The Moscow Chamber Orchestra has received rave reviews from newspapers across the nation such as The Los Angeles Times, The Dallas Morning News and The Monterey Peninsula Herald.

These reviews along with many others also can be found on their website.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7579



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Constantine  
Orbelian

**Music Director:** Constantine Orbelian. **First Violin:** Dmitry Khakhamov (Concertmaster), Pavel Bereslavitsev, Elena Kulygina, Levon Oganessian, Alexei Strelnikov, Maya Tonitenko. **Second Violin:** Irina Ivanova (Principal), Dmitry Chepiga, Dmitry Dukarsky, Alexander Ostrin. **Viola:** Radik Khanafin (Principal), Victor Ignachin, Alexander Medvedev. **Cello:** Tatiana Zavorskaya (Principal), Alexander Saliman-Vladimirov, Dmitry Tatischev. **Bass:** Iaroslav Lobov. **Oboe:** Evgeni Nepalo (Principal), Viktor Baidak. **Horn:** Vasily Sharkov (Principal), Alexei Bulgakov.

## Alumni Association formed

By Mark Stack  
Editor

An improved alumni association is being put together for former OKCCC students, due largely in part of the continuing success of OKCCC graduates.

Stacy Meldrum, director of public relations, said it wasn't until a recent advertising campaign that she realized how successful former OKCCC graduates are, and how they need to be used to benefit the college.

"I always knew we had great alumni here, but I discovered that we have some fabulous alumni who are doctors, lawyers and pharmacists," said Meldrum.

"I thought, we need to utilize these people, so how could we go about doing that?" said Meldrum.

She said some of those ways include having alumni involved in a career mentoring program of cur-

rent students, having them recruit prospective students, giving classroom speeches and giving advice on certain majors.

"We want to showcase our successful alumni to first generation college students," said Meldrum.

"We also want to publicize the image of the students who came out of OKCCC, while also discrediting the negative image that community colleges have across the country," she said.

She said the lack of social components such as an athletic program, on-campus housing and other areas is what keeps OKCCC from having an active alumni association.

Meldrum said she is hoping to change this by having alumni actively promote OKCCC.

The \$30 fee to become an alumni member will include benefits such as discounts to the Aquatic and Wellness center, theater productions, free use of the college library, computers



Stacy Meldrum

in the communications lab and the college's employment and career planning services.

Meldrum said she is hoping to get discounts for alumni to events around the metro area, outside of the OKCCC campus.

Meldrum said half of the \$30 fee will go towards alumni scholarships for OKCCC students.

To become part of the OKCCC alumni association, visit the website <http://okccc.edu/alumni>. There, graduates can sign up and pay their fees.

## Students increase reading level at seminar

By Candace Siddles  
News Writing I Student

Gary Cohen recently took a group of 35 OKCCC students and, in one hour, nearly doubled their reading speed.

During his seminar, "Making Better Grades in Less Time," the academic skill coach said college students typically read 250 words a minute. After leading the group of students through the exercises, most increased their speed to about 400 words per minute.

Cohen used humor, enthusiasm and practical strategies to teach the audience to study better.

"Goals are reached when you push yourself a little further each time," he said.

Students were pleased with the knowledge they gained. OKCCC student Heath Work said he was impressed with the short amount of time it took to improve his reading comprehension level.

"I couldn't believe it actually worked," he said.

Cohen has taught his speed-reading comprehension and memory techniques at many colleges, including Harvard and Cornell.

Mike Jones, coordinator of Student Activities and Promotions, said students who missed the opportunity to attend the seminar can check out the video at the college library.

To learn more about the program, visit [www.totalsuccess.com/order/3pagec.htm](http://www.totalsuccess.com/order/3pagec.htm).





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# Highlights

## Register to vote

The last day to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the Nov. 5 general election is Friday, Oct. 11. The Leadership Council and the Campus Activities Board will have a voter registration table from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 10 and 11 in the college union. The office of Student Life has voter registration cards and information.

## Editor to speak to journalism students

Joe Hight, managing editor of the Daily Oklahoman will speak to Clay Randolph's Newswriting I class from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 in room 2E3 in the Arts and Humanities building. Visitors are welcome, but limited space is available.

## Officers needed for the Muslim Student Community

The Muslim Student Community is having an organizational meeting to elect officers at noon Wednesday, Oct. 9 in room 1G7 of the main building. The club allows for Muslim students to educate non-Muslims about Islam. All students are welcome.

## Eat a burrito, help a club

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will be holding a burrito fund-raiser between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8 in room CU3. Burritos will be \$3 and a plate will be \$5 with rice and beans.

## A variety of events for all students

Upcoming intramural events will include the Individual Billiards League from 7 to 9 p.m. starting Thursday, Oct. 10, three on three basketball from 2 to 4 p.m. starting Tuesday, Oct. 22 and rock climbing from 9 a.m. to noon at OKC Rocks. The cost for rock climbing is \$5 for students and \$10 for others. All other events are free. For more information or to sign up, visit the Wellness Center or call Karen at 682-1611 ext. 7786.

## Career Day with the candidates

The Oklahoma Advertising Club is hosting career day for college students Wednesday morning, Oct. 9 at the Oklahoma Homebuilders Association at 625 W. I-44 Service Road in Oklahoma City. Speakers will include gubernatorial candidates Steve Largent, Brad Henry and Gary Richardson. For more information call 478-3434 or e-mail Lisa Bryant at lbryant@sbgnet.com.

## 'Around Campus' needs volunteers

The "Around Campus" show on channel 18 is looking for a volunteer to demonstrate holiday gift wrapping in October. For more information on being involved in the show, e-mail Stacy Meldrum at SJMeldrum@okccc.edu.

## 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 deadline for all submissions is Dec. 1. For further information, contact the Arts and Humanities office or Professor Clay Randolph at 682-1611, ext. 7238 or crandolph@okccc.edu.

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



Photo by Kat Mohr

**A bookworm in the making:** J.D. Miller, sophomore, buys a book from Heath Work, Engineering Club president. Proceeds from the book sale go to fund the Professor Jack Cain Memorial Engineering Scholarship. The sale raised \$2,000 to go towards the scholarship.

## Kid-safe activities in the works

### Halloween happenings coming soon

**By Kate Brennan**  
Staff Writer

**"It's a nice, safe alternative to trick-or-treating in the neighborhood."**

—Mike Jones

Coordinator of student activities and promotions

Halloween has found a new home. The Campus Activities Board is providing a trick-or-treating alternative for parents and children in the community.

The Annual Family Halloween Party will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31, in the college union. Admission will be free for adults accompanied by a child. The charge for children will be \$2 for the first child and \$1 for each child thereafter. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Campus clubs will be sponsoring events including: a Mash unit, a haunted house, a coloring booth, a fish pond and a ball toss. All events will include candy.

A costume contest will be held throughout the evening and judged separately

by age group.

"It's a nice, safe alternative to trick-or-treating in the neighborhood," said Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities and promotions.

He is expecting close to 1,000 attendees this year as opposed to the 800 participants last year.

"It's on Halloween this year," said Jones. "Before it was just a precursor."



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Students without children can get a free wax molding taken of their hands from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. which will also be available during the evening event.

"Halloween is going to be chocked full of events," said Jones.

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## AUTOMOBILES

**FOR SALE:** '01 Jeep Wrangler SE, auto, 4x4, custom wheels, a/c, CD, white with tan soft top, excellent condition. 12K miles. \$15,800 OBO. Call 237-1146.

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**FOR SALE:** '97 GMC Yukon, 4WD. 80K hwy miles, 350 V-8, black w/ gray interior, loaded, lots of extras. \$14,900 OBO. Call 672-6341 or 408-7285. Please leave a message.

**FOR SALE:** '96 Honda Civic EX. Black, gray interior, 2 door, power window, locks & mirrors. Sunroof, spoiler, multi-disc changer, automatic, new timing belts & tires. In good condition, perfect mechanical condition. \$7,000 OBO. Call Amber at 816-4338.

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**FOR SALE:** '95 Mitsubishi Eclipse, red, 5-speed, a/c, Pioneer CD player, LCD screen for video games, sunroof, alarm, good condition. New clutch, timing belt, and radiator. \$6,000 OBO. Call 517-2305.

**FOR SALE:** '93 Chevy Lumina APV LS (van). One owner. All power, cassette, AM/FM, load lift system, 15" wheels, new tires, 7-passenger modular, red, 138k miles. \$3,500. Call 376-1258.

**FOR SALE:** '93 Ford Explorer XLT, power locks and windows, sunroof, new tires, new brakes, loaded, runs great. \$4,500 OBO. Call 314-1941.

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**FOR SALE:** '92 Honda Accord LX, auto, a/c, all power, CD, new timing belts, clean, loaded, 173K miles. \$2,900. Call 229-4279.

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great, looks good. 132K miles. \$2,500 OBO. Call Michaela at 692-0844.

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**FOR SALE:** '90 Mazda 626, 5-speed manual drive, alloy rims, tinted windows, CD, cruise, a/c. \$2,500. Call 359-8533.

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## ELECTRONICS

**FOR SALE:** Visioneer 3300 Scanner, with cord and CD, like new, used once. \$75. Call Desi at 350-1146.

**FOR SALE:** Practically new G4 Quicksilver computer. With box. 733Mhz, 40G hard drive, 256 ram, CDRW. With MacOS 9 and 10. \$1150 OBO call 912-5105.

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**FOR SALE:** iMac 600, 256 RAM, 40 GB hard drive, CD-RW, Macromedia Flash, Dreamweaver, Firework, Freehand software and books included. 6 months remaining on 12-month warranty. \$700 OBO. Call Mario at 202-6018.

**FOR SALE:** Electric wheelchair carrier, fits in trailer hitch, electric operated. Also has crank in case of car battery failure, never hooked up. Paid \$1,100, will take \$800. Call Red at 634-9559.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**FOR SALE:** Massage recliner, mauve. \$100. Also, nice stove freestanding or fireplace insert with attached blower. Can heat 1,800 square foot house, only 1 year old. Paid \$1,200. Asking \$800. Call 680-7513.

**FOR SALE:** Golf equipment. Odyssey white hot putter, \$100. Calloway Knock of Irons 3-PW, \$200. Putter and irons like new. Lightweight carry-style bag, forest green and black, \$40. All for \$300 plus balls, tees, and other golf items. Call Glen at 412-6028.

**FOR SALE:** Microsoft Frontpage software. New, opened but never used. \$80 OBO. Call Marissa at 204-9414.

**FOR SALE:** Mountain bike. Giant brand, medium size mens, 1 year old. Purchased new at the Cycle Shop in OKC for \$300. Must Sell! \$175. Call to see 703-1247 or 682-1611 ext. 7374.

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**WANTED:** Italian-speaking person needed to tutor student. Prefer person familiar with Italy. Call Paula at 685-3013 or email at pnobles@po.okccc.edu.

**FOR SALE:** Two-man bass boat with \$300 trolling motor for \$350 or \$250 without motor. Call Nate at 527-4442.

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**WANTED:** Clean roommate to share current apartment within walking distance of OKCCC. Prefer non-smoking. Call 684-9432.

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5 Profoundness  
10 Robin Hood's Friar  
14 "With," to Henri  
15 Old cattle town  
16 Pretty soon  
17 First or reverse  
18 Actress Streep  
19 VIP's car  
20 Certain confidantes  
22 Group of eight  
23 Not idle  
24 Captain Kirk's navigator  
26 Gobbled up  
29 Rite  
33 Wake  
34 Regretting  
35 Animal park  
36 Prince Valiant's son  
37 Potters' needs  
38 Mork's home  
39 Sault — Marie  
40 Move in a sneaky way  
41 Minister's home  
43 Wages  
45 Curved moldings  
46 Sommer of films  
47 Plateau  
49 "Bolero" composer

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1 Upright  
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64 Pamphlet  
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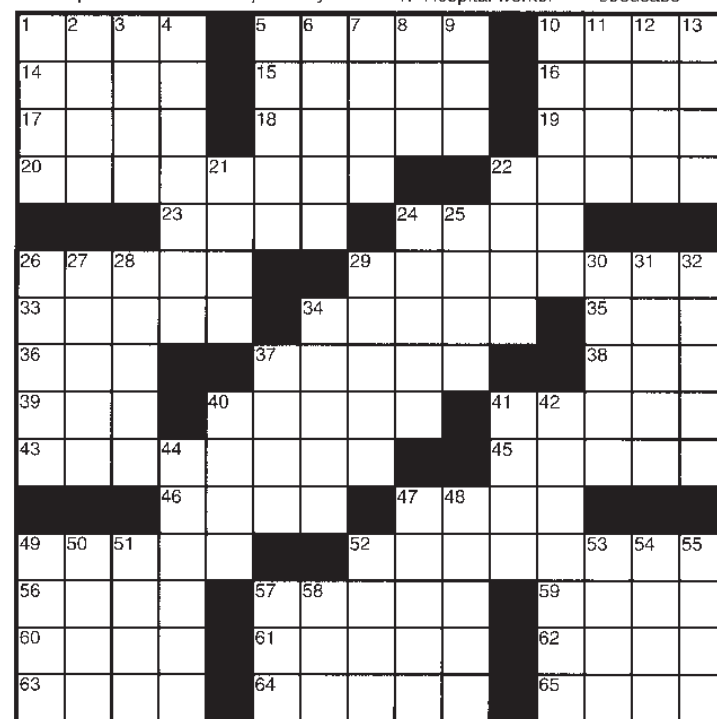
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3 Pod items  
4 Secretaries of ancient times  
5 Round tops  
6 Grinding material  
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8 Quaker pronoun  
9 Actor Linden  
10 Bath powder  
11 Actress Moon — Zappa  
12 Arrive  
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22 Cassini of fashion  
24 Fishing device  
25 Vases  
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# Smokers' options being re-evaluated under current law

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tivity might be the annual Arts Festival Oklahoma.

And, Miner said, OKCCC is permitted to enforce even stricter policies if it chooses.

"[The Health Department] encourages a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week smoke-free policy," he said.

Art Bode, vice president for Business and Finance, said tougher restrictions than what are already set

forth in the act must be brought to the attention of the OKCCC executive council for a decision.

"The policy and the approach are currently under review," he said.

Bode said everyone's help will be needed to enforce the smoking regulations.

"It's everyone's responsibility to help point out anyone not following the law," Bode said.

Smokers at OKCCC have mixed feelings regarding the issue.

"[A smoking ban] wouldn't bother me," said

Crystal Berdinner, nursing major.

Having two children with asthma, Berdinner said she understands the health issues related to smoking and is sensitive to the non-smokers around her.

Dustin Vance would like to keep the option to smoke on campus.

"I think [a smoke-free environment] would be bad," he said.

"[The school] should be able to regulate [smoking], but it shouldn't be banned completely."

The college also is re-

quired to inform students, staff and faculty of its policies regarding the law by the posting of signs in the smoke-free areas as well as making available upon request the written school policy with an explanation of the reasons for prevent-

ing tobacco use, procedures for communicating the policy, the restriction of all tobacco products and a provision for enforcement, according to Title 310 Chapter 355 of the Oklahoma State Department of Health regulations.

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## Online enrollment should be fully functional by spring

**"Enroll,"**  
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and it will give them better access to advisers," she said.

Barton said she anticipates online enrollment to be fully functional for spring enrollment, and she encourages students to do as much work online as they can before trying to handle any enrollment business in person.

"One of the problems we had [during fall enrollment] was that transfer credits for students were not in the system, so it wasn't recognizing prerequisite classes that the student had completed," she said.

"We are in the process of loading transfer credit information now."

Barton said she hopes students have signed on and changed their password, and become familiar with the new web site, which will make online enrollment easier.

"Enrolling online allows students to do it at their own convenience."

"They can view openings in classes and choose what they want more quickly," she said.

"We have recognized the difficulties students had in enrolling through the web site [last semester] and we believe we have cleaned up all of those problems."

Barton said additional computers should be available in the registration area in time for early enrollment.

In addition to early enrollment, there are other important dates students should be aware of.

On Friday, Oct. 4, fees are due for mid-fall classes. Students who do not pay for their mid-fall classes by that day will be dropped.

Monday, Oct. 14 is the last day of first eight-week classes. That day also marks the first day of open enrollment for all students.

Tuesday, Oct. 15 is the first day of the second session of eight-week classes for the fall semester. Special extended enrollment hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on that day.

Friday, Oct. 18 will be the last day to drop second eight-week classes in order for students to receive a full refund. Students who drop after that day will not receive a refund.

Finally, Friday, Nov. 8 will be the last day to drop fall 16-week classes without a refund.

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October 9 and 10 for Social Sciences, Information Technology and Science and Math

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