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Exit stage left: Zakee King discusses his new business with Beau Elliott and Jessica Ball in the OKCCC play "The Immigrant." Theater professor Ruth Charnay said the show went off without a hitch. "I was extremely proud of the actors and crew for pulling together a wonderful show," she said.

Telecourses convenient

By Jessica Beauregard
News Writing I Student

It is possible for students to receive a college education while sitting at home, watching television. It's called a telecourse.

Telecourses are offered at OKCCC and consist of print and video based material.

"Currently 627 students are enrolled in a telecourse. A total of 765 telecourse enrollments are registered this semester because some students are taking more than one telecourse at a time," said Maggie Abel, telelearning assistant.

Print materials usually include a textbook and a study guide, but other books may also be required or suggested for students, said Glenda Prince, coordinator of telelearning. Students are required to view video lessons in the library or over Oklahoma City Cox Cable, chan-

nel 18 or OETA.

An OKCCC instructor is assigned to each telecourse. The instructor will provide an orientation and may conduct test reviews or group help sessions and will grade all assignments and tests, said Prince. The instructor is available to students throughout the course for questions and assistance either via e-mail or telephone.

"One of our greatest strengths with our telecourses is the faculty who teach them," said Glenda Prince, coordinator of telelearning at the distance education department. "We have excellent faculty who have taught telecourses here for many years and see the importance of providing instruction through this delivery method."

Students taking telecourses are required to meet the same objectives as

Construction project right on schedule

As January completion date nears, students will be temporarily re-routed for tile work

By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

Students may think the first floor of the college has turned into a maze as they are detoured around workers laying floor tiles.

Art Bode, vice president for Business and Finance, said certain areas of the college will be closed off in a "puzzle phase" way, with students being re-routed as tile is laid down in different areas of the first floor in the main building.

"We have worked it out so that access to all areas will be possible during this phase of the project," Bode said.

Bode said the hallway coming from entry 11 that passes by the Safety and Security office will be closed for tiling during a one-month period; however, he does not know when that month will be just yet.

"Entry 12 will remain open at that time to give students access to the building."

Entry 12 leads into the hallway that passes by Student Life in the main building.

The project, as a whole, is right on schedule, he said.

"...a few things are ahead, a few things are behind, but we are on track for a Jan. 14 completion," Bode said.

He said the one aspect of the project he is most concerned about is the tiling of the floors.

"We had hoped, anticipated and been told [by the contractor] that the tile would be in the process of being laid down by now," he said.

"That is the one thing that holds potential for disruption right now."

During the Oct. 15 Board of Regents meeting, Bode said a walk through of the project will be conducted by the Regents and Dr. Bob Todd, president of OKCCC.

"[At that time,] hopefully [the board] will accept as complete the bookstore and the communications lab," Bode said.

The bookstore, which has been housed in its temporary location in the gym for the last year and a half, will be moving back to its newly remodeled original location in the main building. The move is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27.

The bookstore will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 28 and 29, and possibly Oct. 30.

"We'll be in the same general location [as before,] our space will just be bigger," said Kathy Reed, director of the book-

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Put on a brave face, relish life

Living a scared life is just a bad way to live, no matter what the reasons.

Walking around trembling with the fear a sniper could take out one's life at any moment is hardly living at all.

The sniper that is loose and on the hunt in the Washington, D.C. and Virginia area has put panic and trepidation in the hearts of everyone living in that area.

That feeling is completely understandable, but it shows the sniper is already winning the battle.

Whether the latest victim, a man shot dead at a Virginia gas station, is tied to the first murders in the D.C. area doesn't matter. There are always copycat criminals any time news stories make national headlines and top the evening news.

Copycats or not, there will be other murders. It's as certain as a thunderstorm the day after your car has been washed.

It is as certain as the fact the murderer will be caught the day after this editorial is published, making the whole column moot.

For now, though, people are horrified. They don't want to go out. They don't want to be that next victim. Who can blame them? No one does.

To run away and hide from something that may or may not happen is no way to deal with any situation, life or death.

Driving the interstate where wrecks constantly occur poses the risk of a fatality. That never stops anyone from driving. The same goes for flying – or swimming in the ocean after recent sharks attacks.

Seeking shelter from these situations does no good. Just because you are not a target, doesn't mean no one else will become a victim. If not you, then someone else.

It's easy to speak on the problem, situated roughly 1500 miles away from the place of discontent and unrest.

But it's the only way to live, under any circumstance. It's so cliché, but it's so true. Live life to the fullest, and leave no regrets behind. Hug your grandma, kiss your children, tell your spouse how much you love him or her. Climb that mountain you always wanted to climb, buy that car that is only pictured in dreams and ask out that girl who turns every head.

This way if you do fall prey to a sniper or any other fatally devastating event, everything will have been left on the table.

Short of catching the killer himself, it is the only thing that can be done to counteract fear and apprehension.

To steal the phrase from Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis when he says, "Just win, baby."

For now, dealing with this situation and with life in general, it should be – "Just live, baby."

Goodnight now.

—Mark Stack
Editor

Kindness comes in amazing forms

To the editor:

Tuesday's rain had made both the seat and frame of my mobility scooter, which serves as my legs and feet, slick. When I tried to mount the scooter in the parking lot and go to teach a biology class, I slipped from the scooter and fell to the black-top.

As I lay helpless, an angel of mercy disguised as an OKCCC student appeared a couple of entrances away. "Hey," I shouted. "Can you help me?" She turned back toward the Main building immediately and two Security personnel were at my side almost instantly.

Although I had seen Security's fast and efficient responses before, I was surprised and relieved to see them so soon. Three more disguised angels, looking like male students, hurried over to help get me on my scooter.

Back in the Main building, two more disguised angels whom I had never met stopped to offer help as I sat at a table, putting a bandage on my elbow.

Stopping to check my snail mail, I saw Dennis Anderson, my department

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—Dr. James D. Biggs
Science Professor

head, and told him of the kindness that had been poured out to me by members of the OKCCC community. I told him that it was more like being in a church than at a school.

He agreed.

I went to teach my class. As I wrote on the board, students noticed blood on my elbow. Yet two more disguised angels went out for bandages.

Before they could return, my department head was in the room with bandages and two Security personnel were at the door with a large first aid kit. At last—angels without disguise and whom I could recognize had appeared.

I want to offer thanks publicly and sincerely to all of those persons. In the short time I have taught here, I have felt very much at home. I am not only delighted to be associated

with a community of such kind and helpful persons, I am thankful for it.

—Dr. James D. Biggs
Science Professor

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Comments and Reviews

Twinkies, cigarettes like apples, oranges

To the editor:

I'm writing in answer to the letter you ran last week from Cathy Bowman.

No, Ms. Bowman, we can't all get along — not as long as smokers are determined to share their tobacco smoke with me each time I enter the building.

I'm not certain which entry you use, but, in my many years here, encountering at least three smokers at any of the three entrances I normally use is a given, no matter the day or the time of day. And, worse, the smokers often tend to congregate right by the door, not away from it. In fact, I have lost count of the number of smokers I've seen light a cigarette inside the building just before going outside on a windy day.

The bottom line is this: I choose not to smoke. It's that simple.

My needs pose no real hazard to smokers, just the occasional inconvenience, such as walking far away from the entrance to smoke, not just out to the walkway where I still have to pass by to get inside.

Or, better yet, walk to your car. Once inside your car, feel free to puff away — out of the elements and out of the way of my healthy, non-smoking lungs. Smokers could even congregate in one another's cars. Just please keep your "non-harmful," second-hand smoke to yourselves by keeping your windows rolled up tight.

Still, you will be breaking the law.

Ms. Bowman addresses the Smoking in Public Places Act only as it pertains to state offices or state-owned buildings, not as it pertains to educational facilities.

And drawing a parallel between second-hand smoke and someone consuming fattening foods is like comparing apples to oranges. It's ludicrous. If Ms. Bowman chooses to eat every Twinkie and tator tot on campus, I am not directly affected health-wise. She is affecting only herself.

Instead, let's talk about laws people have to obey, whether they like them or agree with them.

There are laws that prevent me or anyone else from bringing a gun onto campus. It is my constitutional right to bear arms. That doesn't matter. I still can't bring a firearm onto campus. There are signs at the door stating so. But, perhaps, instead of following the law to the letter, the college should install a firing range to accommodate gun-toting activists.

What if I like a beer or martini with my lunch and I also like to eat lunch on campus? Laws prevent me from bringing legal alcoholic beverages onto campus or consuming them here although I am of legal drinking age.

That's really bad news for

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—Name Withheld
by Request

any on-campus alcoholics who crave beer or liquor throughout the day. Maybe there should be a designated drinking area on campus.

Think about it. The Smoking in Public Places Act is a real law, intended to be followed by all, not a select few or only if a person feels like following it. It is also to be enforced by college officials, not misinterpreted or ignored.

This brings me to my last point. My respect has dropped considerably for the professors I encountered on my way to work during Tuesday's rain. They were smoking in the doorways, within the banned area. Shame on you. Would you allow the same nonchalant disregard for the law in any of your classrooms? I doubt it.

Please, people.

Quit showing the world that smokers are everything we non-smokers believe them to be — self-centered folks, so driven by their need to consume an addictive substance that they disregard the choices of those who choose to be healthy.

You want us to all get along? Do your part. Let us walk into the college unencumbered by your carcinogen-filled smoke.

—Name withheld by request

Line of partiality blurred somewhere along the path

To the editor:

I am a regular reader of the Pioneer and have always enjoyed your publication. The stories have been informative and keep me up-to-date on what's happening on this campus. I have never thought the Pioneer to be particularly biased or one-sided — until now.

I am referring to the article written by Kate Brennan in the Oct. 7 issue about the new smoking restrictions in effect on our campus.

First of all, let me say that I do not feel passionately about this issue, on either side of it. I am not vehemently against smoking on this campus, nor am I for it. I, personally, have never been bothered by those who choose to smoke at this school.

What prompted me to write this letter is the fact that Ms. Brennan was assigned to write about an issue she is so clearly passionate about herself, as she made obvious by her editorial in the issue the week prior to this article.

She is certainly entitled to her opinion, and her First Amendment right is to publish that opinion in a public forum, such as a newspaper. However, I feel the Pioneer did a disservice to its readers by allowing such a biased story to be published.

Not only was it obvious which side the writer is on, but also there was virtually no commentary from smokers. Just two. I'm sure they have just as much to say on this issue as the non-smokers.

Also, it may have been wise for Ms. Brennan to get a professional, medical opinion from an oncologist about the likelihood of a non-smoker developing lung cancer from passing through a cloud of smoke, outside, on their way into the building, on a regular basis. I am no medical expert, but I have a feeling the chances are pretty slim, if existent at all.

I do not know how stories are assigned at the Pioneer, but seeing as how Ms. Brennan was allowed to write a story on an issue that she herself admitted she was biased about makes me question the credibility of your publication. How can we, the readers, know that every story published is not based on the writer's slanted view?

In her editorial, Ms. Brennan mentioned how soon smokers in Oklahoma will not be able to smoke in

bars, restaurants, etc., just like California. Does Ms. Brennan know how much more harmful it is to breathe the outside air in places like Los Angeles than it is to walk by a few people smoking cigarettes in Oklahoma? She should visit the website www.lalung.org and educate herself on the hazards of the air out there. Not allowing smoking in public places in California isn't even beginning to solve their air quality problems.

Overall, I would like to see the Pioneer do further stories on the smoking issue. I think it's an important one. Apparently Ms. Brennan does, as well. But, the line between 'bias' and 'objective' was blurred this time. I hope the powers-that-be at the Pioneer will take that into consideration the next time the issue needs to be reported on.

—Name Withheld by request

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'Knockaround Guys' know how to play hard

You know how some movies are just... cool?

Like, take "The Matrix" for instance.

When Neo and Trinity take on all the bad guys while attempting to rescue Morpheus... you know the slow-mo scene (pick one) — it just looks.... cool.

Well, "The Knockaround Guys" is just one of those movies.... utterly cool.

Of course, slow-mo isn't really needed too much with this one — it's got the eternal John Malkovich as Teddy Deserve who is just friggin' bad-guy-cool as a member of the mafia.

Barry Pepper ("Saving Private Ryan" and "We Were Soldiers,") really takes the spotlight, though, as the ringleader, Matty Demaret, of the knockaround guys-wannabes.

They're a clumsy bunch of second-generation not-quite mob members who try to do good in the legitimate world but can't

quite make it over the Brooklyn Bridge or past their mobster fathers' legacies. Vin Diesel ("The Fast and the Furious" and "XXX"), Seth Green (TV series "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer" and the Austin Powers movies), and relative newcomer Andrew Davoli ("The Yards"), round out the crew as Pepper's buddies: Taylor Reese, Johnny Marbles and Chris Scarpa, respectively.

The real knock-around guys (led by Benny "Chains" Demaret and played by none other than uber-creepy but, you know, still cool Dennis Hopper) run various questionable businesses and get their piece from local merchants and such — typical mob storyline — only Chains is merely an



underboss (not the top guy but close enough to be considered cool and dangerous) so he's like Clemenza to Don Vito Corleone.

epitome of, well, cool.

Almost automatically revered as soon as they arrive in the tiny town of Wibeaux, Mont., the guys make their presence known

Matty, looking to prove himself to Daddy Chains and uncle Teddy, takes on a relatively easy assignment to deliver a half million dollars from Washington state to Brooklyn.

Of course, things aren't quite that simple as the money gets lost and eventually ends up in the hands of a smalltown corrupt sheriff.

Reeking of Sopranos-like slickness and clad in leather jackets and otherwise kick-ass clothes, Pepper, Diesel, Davoli and even Green are the

quickly and with just a hint of force. The result ranks up there on the coolness factor with The Godfather's Michael Corleone settling all family business on the day of the baptism.

Originally scheduled for release in January 2001, the film was pushed back several times — April 2001, August 2001, fall 2001 then, oddly, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002, only to be bumped up to Friday, Oct. 11.

It's worth the wait, though, as it's just one of those cool movies. It happens to have been directed by the same guys who wrote another very cool movie — "Rounders" back in 1998.

Rated R for violence, language and some drug use, it's not for the kiddies but it is recommended for those who are into movies that are just, you know.... cool.

—Melissa Guice
Staff Writer

Russian professor picked up new form of teaching

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 second of two parts.

To the editor:

What we can say about the educational systems if we compare Russian and American? They are very different.

The Russian system has elements of the old British style of teaching: professors read the lecture and about 100 students in a big auditorium write notes, as some of them do not have textbooks.

Also the lecture can be very different from the text-

book, so there is a great need to write the lecture. Of course, technical equipment like in OKCCC is absent here.

Russia is not a wealthy country; however, it is not a poor country. Usually the final grade depends only on the final exam that is comprehensive and can be in the form of an oral interview between professor and student.

Some professors in Russia use the American approach to student evaluation, extended tests and written exercises, but generally there is a mixture of teaching techniques: old communistic and new democratic.

More freedom after the fall of communism in Russia gave us new problems: lower student discipline and lower student levels. Relationships between professors and students have

become more democratic.

However, in Oklahoma (and in the United States generally), professors are more open to students and they really serve them because students are clients and pay for their education. In Russia about 50 percent of students do not pay for their education, so the educational system is more bureaucratic.

The American system is more democratic and more commercialized. What surprised me most is that relationships between people and between professors and students in America are more "horizontal" and more friendly.

Also the Russian system of higher education includes such old forms as seminars — this form does not exist in the United States, except for master's and Ph.D. courses.

Such elements are disap-

pearing slowly, but they still exist in most Russian universities.

During lectures in Russia students listen to the professor; during seminars the professor listens to the students (with some exceptions). Generally, as a result, students in Russia have more classes but they do not have so much written homework as in the United States. Conclusion: the educational system in America is more objective, more formal and more commercialized; schools and colleges have a better financial base for teaching and research.

Example: in Russia professors do not have separate offices like I had in Oklahoma, except "big bosses."

One reason is the high cost of construction in Russia. Considering the excellent conditions for profes-

sors and all the services, everything is done for students in the United States.

I was very happy that I was selected as a Fulbright scholar to teach courses at Oklahoma City Community College and Murray State College. Unique life experiences brought additional value to my grant. I hope to visit the United States and Oklahoma again.

—Sergey Moskalionov
2002 Fulbright
professor

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Students get creative at OKCCC pottery lab

By Jennifer M. Jackson
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Being enrolled in a ceramics class and working in a pottery lab can teach you about life, said Mary Ann Moore, professor of Visual Arts.

She believes that ceramics is something that anyone can do. The bonus is that it can teach a person about who they really are.

"Creativity works on your soul, your inner being, and who you really are," she said. "It shapes a person, and gives them something to appreciate."

The OKCCC pottery lab, which was built in the late '70s, is located just inside entry 5 of the Arts and Humanities building. The lab is used by students enrolled in one of the four beginning or advanced ceramics classes OKCCC offers this fall.

The lab is equipped with three kilns to fire the ceramics, and plenty of donated material, which students use to work on projects in ceramics, mosaics and screen-printing.

Workshops have also been held in the pottery lab, and teachers, high school classes and even kindergarten students have used the facilities.

"Kindergarten students worked in the pottery lab to make ceramic handprints for

their moms for Mothers Day," said Moore.

For the past five years, OKCCC President Bob Todd has requested that a ceramics I student or Moore use the pottery lab to make the keynote graduation speaker a hand-made ceramic gift.

Recipients of these gifts have included Mayor Kirk Humphreys and Gov. Frank Keating.

Moore recently celebrated her 30th anniversary working with clay. She said she is just as excited about it now as she was 30 years ago. As an artist Moore feels like her medium is clay.

"I really feel like it's my calling, that my purpose is to work in the arts," she said. "To work with creativity helps people build their lives."

Moore believes that the art of ceramics has more to offer than the piece of artwork that becomes the final product.

"Ceramics teaches us so much about life. If you're not centered, it's hard to center clay. Working with clay teaches you about life, patience, perseverance and sticking to something if it doesn't work the first time and trying it again," she said.

Recently one of Moore's former students told her she was really instrumental in helping shape her life.

Although Moore knows there is more to ceramics than just

art, Ceramics I students are learning that ceramics class isn't necessarily an easy A.

Ceramics I student, Jason Pearson, took the class thinking he would automatically improve his GPA.

"I thought it would be an easy A, but found out that it's not a slap-it-together-and-leave type class, but a timely thing. For people who are perfectionists, beware," he said.

After having spent a little time in the pottery lab, Pearson, like Moore, found ceramics to be rewarding.

"It's a good class to relax in. I was totally ignorant to ceramics. I had no clue how much thought goes into making them," he said.

While Pearson was looking for the easy A, Ceramics I student Brandi Travis enrolled because the class interested her.

"I've always had the desire to learn pottery and I finally took the leap, signed up for the course and I love it," she said.

A ceramics class has something to offer every individual, Moore said.

Working with clay doesn't just produce art, but teaches about life, she said.

"I love the arts dearly and to get paid to do what I do, I don't know if anyone could ask for more," said Moore. "I truly believe I'll have clay in my hands as long as I can mentally and physically deal with it."

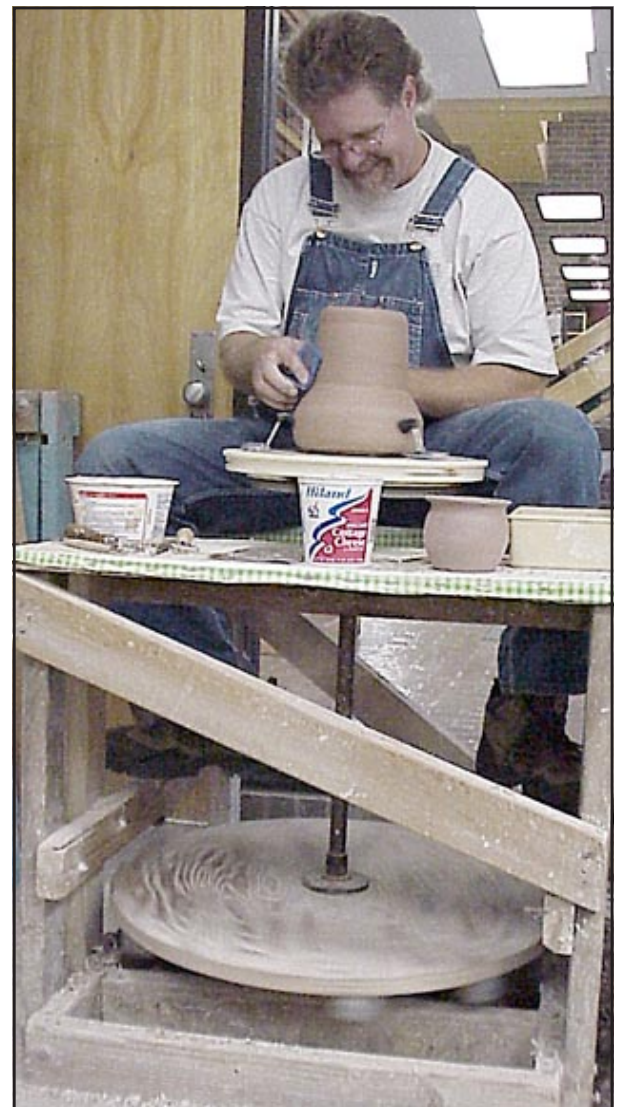


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Physical Science Professor Gary Houlette relaxes by working on his pot in the pottery lab. The lab was built in the 1970s. Workshops are held there, and teachers, high school classes and kindergarten students have all used the facility. The lab is located just inside entry 5 of the Arts and Humanities building, and is primarily used by students enrolled in one of four pottery classes.

Constitutional law class offered in spring schedule

By James Bell
News Writing I Student

OKCCC will be offering a Constitutional law course for the first time in the spring of 2003.

This course will be taught by Dr. Jerry Steward, a professor of political science and the college's attorney.

Steward is a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, meaning he is licensed to practice law in front of the Supreme Court.

Steward is also able to practice law at the U.S.

Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Supreme Court and he is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

This allows Steward to bring real world experience to the classroom.

After teaching American Federal Government for several years, it became clear that students needed an opportunity to discuss landmark cases that have Constitutional implications, Steward said.

"I want students to take away an appreciation for how important an impact those decisions have on life in the United States, and how the decisions of the Supreme Court are every bit as important in the fabric of our political and legal life in this country, as are the decisions of the Congress and the President," Steward said.

Rick Vollmer, professor of political science, said the course will fill a gap currently found in the political science department at the college.

Vollmer said Constitutional Law is a course

taught at many other colleges.

Adding this course will allow students transferring to other institutions to have the course complete before they arrive at their new campus, Vollmer said.

"The student will have a chance to cover court cases that shape our government."

Currently, many important cases are skipped in the general survey course due to a lack of time," he said.

Cole Bridges, OKCCC student, is looking forward to taking the new course.

"As a pre-law major who

intends on practicing Constitutional law, I think the class has a lot to offer me personally," Bridges said.

Bridges, who plans to graduate after next semester, hopes to find a way to fit the course in with his other requirements.

"Dr. Steward has been a great professor in the past, and will most assuredly do a great job with this course as well," Bridges said.

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Preschoolers devour learning activity

Cooking has never been more fun than it was on Oct. 2, when Connie Pidgeon's 17 preschoolers made pepperoni pizza in the OKCCC Child Development Center.

At the beginning of class the students listened to the story "The Little Red Hen Bakes a Pizza."

Then the class was split into two groups and began to get their hands-on experience.

The youngsters took notice of the of shape the pizza (a rectangle in this case), and the colors.

In addition, they counted all the pepperoni slices on the pizza.

The kids were really excited to make the pizza. They first flattened the dough.

"Spreading out the dough was my favorite part," said Hailey Thomas, 3.

Then they spread on the sauce, sprinkled cheese and arranged the pepperoni.

The preschool class is doing a section on breads, learning about different types of breads and their basic ingredients.

A bakery and a bread store are set up in the dramatic play area.

On Oct. 11 the students will visit the OKCCC cafeteria to see how bread dough is made.

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Photos by Kat Mohr



Asia Thompson, 4, helps roll the dough into a circle for their pizza.



Lane Sims, 4, applies 10 pepperoni slices to the pizza. The children were allowed to eat any pepperoni that was left over.



Selah Gilbert, 4, takes a break from making pizza to chow down on some sauce. The pizza activity was part of the bread section they have been learning about recently in school.



Thompson spreads the pizza sauce onto the dough. Next, the children covered the pizza with cheese.

OKCCC employee rediscovers historic life

It was a throwback to the days before cars, supermarkets, denim jeans or any other kind of modern technology.

A historic rendezvous was on display in Woolarac, Okla., on the weekend of Oct. 5, showcasing the way of life for Americans of another era.

Lloyd Kingsbury, OKCCC health lab coordinator, belongs to a group called the Living History Re-enactors who, for a few brief days, live life the way it was meant to be lived, he said.

Kingsbury said the rendezvous, as it is coined, involves groups of people dressing in attire from three different time periods: the mountain-man trapper era from the 1700s through 1840, the pre-Civil war and post-Civil war era which features cowboys and gun-slingers.

"You can't participate unless you're dressed in primitive attire from one of the three eras, and they do not allow any modern conveniences," said Kingsbury.

Kingsbury said the majority of participants are dressed in mountain-man attire which includes buckskins, leather, mochasins and furr or felt hats. He said few people wear factory made clothing, meaning most of the clothes worn were made by themselves.

Only tourists are allowed to be dressed in modern-day clothes.

Once dressed in the right apparel, they then spend the weekend just the way it was in earlier times.

"We go in on a Thursday or Friday, park our cars out of sight and set up camp," he said. "You can't leave until after church services on Sunday."

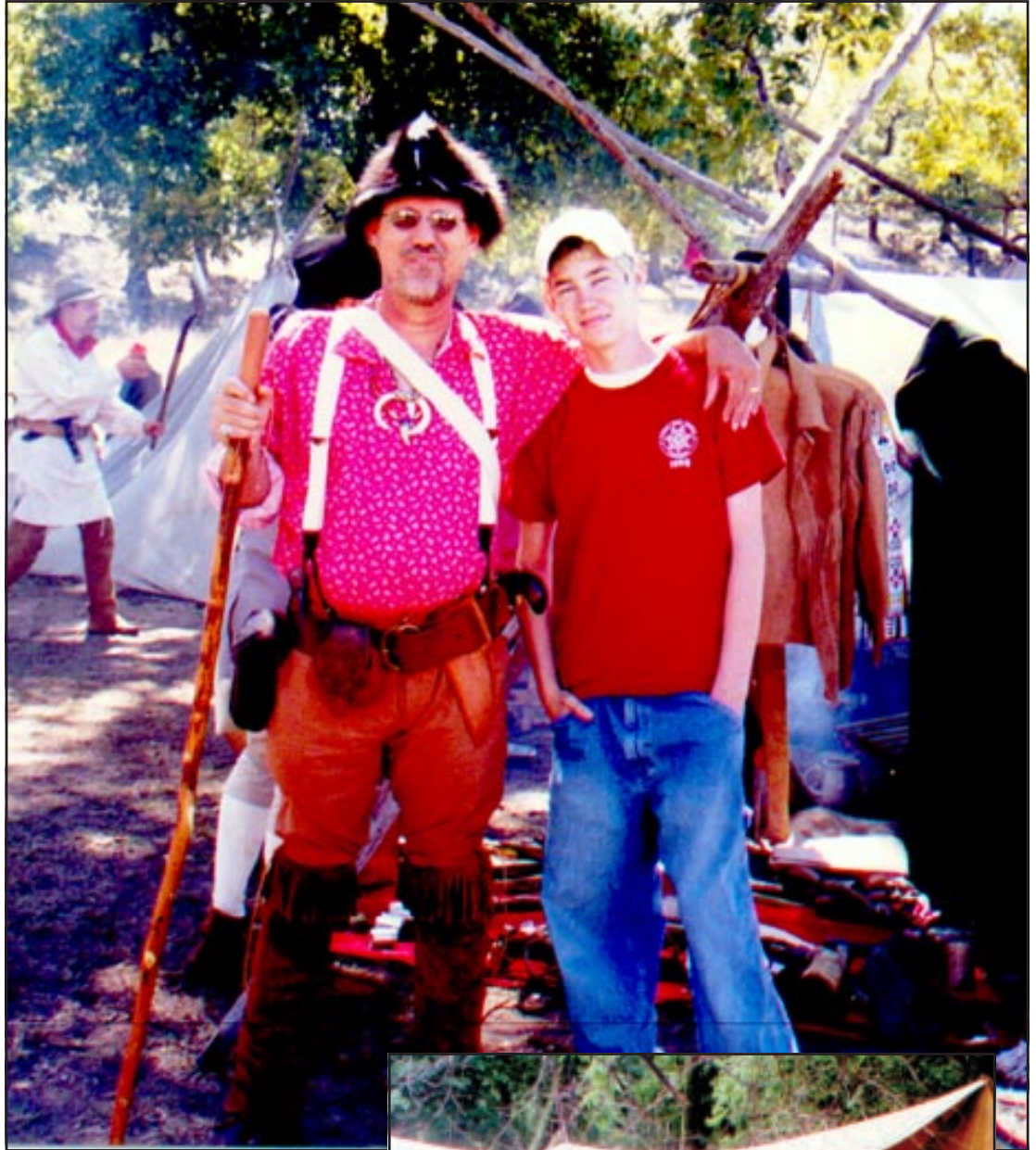
The rendezvous doesn't involve mock gun fights or shootouts, but they do have several competitions for rifle shooting, pistol shooting, knife throwing and tomahawk throwing, while also competing in primitive archery by shooting a long-bow.

"I went to my first rendezvous about four years ago, and it just got in my blood, so now I go to two or three a year," said Kingsbury.

"It's good therapy."

Kingsbury said that more than one rendezvous is held each month. Attending them all is something he only dreams about.

"I love it so much that once I'm there, I don't ever want to come back."



OKCCC Health Lab Coordinator Lloyd Kingsbury bonds with his 16-year-old son Keith during the primitive rendezvous.

"My son and I thoroughly enjoyed reliving history together," Kingsbury said.

**Text by Mark Stack
Photos courtesy of
Lloyd Kingsbury**



Left: Little Buck made an appearance at last year's mountain man rendezvous located at Woolarac Wild Reserve. The fawn is a camp pet.



OKCCC Buyer Sheri Kingsbury participates in the gathering by dressing in the garb of a settler. Sheri is the wife of Lloyd Kingsbury.

Automotive program proves successful for OKCCC

**By Chad Cobble
News Writing I Student**

The BSEP cooperative degree program may be one of Oklahoma City Community College's best kept secrets.

BSEP, the acronym for Body Service Education Program, is a partnership between OKCCC and Francis Tuttle Technology Center. It is the only one of its kind in the state.

In fact, there are only six BSEP's in the nation, with the seventh opening soon, said Larry Grummer, professor of automotive technology.

"BSEP is an internship made up of students who are employed full time by a General Motor's dealership," Grummer said.

Grummer also said that students attend class at Francis Tuttle two or three days a week, and are instructed through courses in collision repair and paint refinishing.

GM developed the curriculum and materials.

When not attending class, the students work at a GM partnership with the program, Grummer said.

"General Motors recognizes the program as an OKCCC program, but because Francis Tuttle has a great facility, we teach the program there," he said.

Upon completion, students earn an associate's degree in Applied Science through the college.

The program trains students to become Structural Repair Specialists, whose focus is on dent and blemish repair, or Painting Specialists.

Students who enroll in the program receive exposure to both sides of the business and choose their area of concentration.

The program is eight weeks long each semester, for four semesters. It takes two years to earn the degree. Students usually begin the program in the fall semester, but are allowed to enter in the spring, Grummer said.

Courses include Automotive Collision Program Repairs, Minor Body Repair,

Door and Quarter Panel Replacement, MIG Welding and Cutting, Introduction to Body Repair and Refinishing, Equipment and Application, Automotive Refinishing Systems and Preparation and Non-Structural Trim and Panel Alignment.

Approximately 20,000 openings occur annually in the U.S. in these fields, but colleges and technology centers provide only 5,200 graduates to fill the positions, according to the Rationale of General Motor Body Service Education Program.

This makes this field an excellent career opportunity and one of the the college's best kept secrets.

The national income average is \$32,000 for a Collision Repair Technician (Structural Repair Specialist).

BSEP has been in existence 12 years nationally.

"OKCCC's [Body Service Education Program] was first offered in August 2000 and is the only one in Oklahoma," said Carolyn Goad, director of cooperative technical education.


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**—Carolyn Goad
Director of Cooperative
Technical Education**

education.

Ten students are currently participating in the cooperative program, but a few more are wanted. Inter-

ested persons should contact Richard Jones at Francis Tuttle at 717-4323 or OKCCC's BSEP number at 682-7822.



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New cash register to speed up lunch lines

By Pepe Villafranca
News Writing I Student

Most people don't like standing in line very long, especially for food.

The college has bought a third cash register to provide more efficiency during busy times.

"We had a higher volume of customers at a certain time, so we put in a third cash register machine," said Jim Sellers, owner of Sellers Catering, the food contractor at OKCCC.

"We don't want to become the reason you don't get to class," he said.

"By adding the third cash register machine we will eliminate long lines at the



Photo by Kat Mohr

Sellers cashier and student Sania Afrin programs the new cafeteria cash register. The third register should shorten wait time in the food service area.

cashiers because the food will be coming out faster."

Linda McMurtry, assis-

tant director of finance at OKCCC, said the cash register was ordered the third

week of September and arrived the first week of October.

"The new register that we are buying is still made by the same manufacturer," she said.

"It's just an upgraded model of what we already have."

Heather DeShazo, food service manager, said the new cash register came with software that will allow it to be linked to the existing registers.

All three registers will then be networked to the office computer.

Information, such as inventory, pricing and item updates, can then be automatically transferred to the computer in the food services office, DeShazo said.

There also have been other changes made this fall semester in the food services.

DeShazo said new items are currently being added to the menu. New drink items include SoBe health beverages and Hank's root beer.

Also, McMurtry said, the area will receive a thorough cleaning and rearranging of the artificial plants that surround the food court.

Finally, she said, a new campus office will allow them to better organize the management of food services.

For more information, questions or suggestions, e-mail collegeunion@okccc.edu or call 682-1611, ext. 7232.

Additional campus parking coming — someday

By David Tarver
News Writing I Student

With the 7 to 8 percent increase in students from fall 2001 to fall 2002, the big question on most students' minds is, when will more parking spaces be available?

Many students finishing their degrees or transferring soon to another school will not get to see a new parking lot any time soon said Art Bode, vice president of Business and Finance.

"Right now there are several options, but nothing has been set," Bode said.

Keith Bourque, director of Safety and Security, said there are currently 2,196 parking spaces available, not including handicap spaces.

With 11,043 students enrolled, parking has been difficult at times. The start of a new semester is usually the worst, but as students start to drop classes the flow of students in the morning is not as hectic, Bode said.

"There is \$110,000 bud-

geted for parking lots," Bode said.

He said the money, paid by all students as student activity fees and facility use fees, also goes toward the repair and maintenance of the existing parking lots.

Bode said college officials want to use the money budgeted to add the maximum number of parking spaces.

He said the college will be building a parking lot, not a garage, because a parking garage costs significantly more money to build.

Students who have visited any of the other campuses in the metro area will find many schools have paid parking. Paid parking is currently not an option school officials are discussing, Bode said.

The two major schools OKCCC students transfer to are the University of Oklahoma and University of Central Oklahoma. Both of these universities charge a fee for parking.

"I paid \$127 last year for parking," said Chris Pratt, a junior at OU.

This year Pratt decided to keep his money and park off campus. Even when OU

students pay for parking, there aren't any parking spaces available, Pratt said.

UCO senior Lonnie Glidewell pays to park.

"This year I decided to go ahead and pay the \$30 for one semester," she said.

Last year, Glidewell said,

he parked in the neighborhood west of the campus and walked.

UCO News Bureau director Charlie Johnson said parking prices there vary.

"The price for just one semester is \$30 and the price for a full year is \$55."

He said UCO students may also pay \$12 for a permit to park in a lot that is about a five minute walk from campus.

OKCCC students still enjoy the free parking even though there aren't many spaces to choose from.




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Highlights

Presentation on medicine programs

The Health Professions Club will be hosting speakers Heath Burge and Jim Albertson to inform students about the College of Pharmacy and the College of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences center. The discussions will include the admissions process and programs offered. The meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 17, in room 1C4 in the science building.

Engineering scholarship deadline

The Professor Jack Cain memorial Engineering Scholarship deadline is Thursday, Oct. 17. There is no application form, but the following are required to be given to Professor Masil M. Masilamani by 4 p.m.: a recent transcript, a list of academic achievements and a list of extracurricular activities with the number of times meetings were attended, field trips participated in and fund-raising activities. For more information contact Masilamani at 682-1611, ext. 7394.

Engineering Club field trip

The Engineering Club will host its first field trip to Commodore Aerospace Corporation on Friday, Nov. 1 at Wiley Post Airport. All interested students please sign up on the sheet in front of office 1E5. All participants will meet at 1 p.m. in room 1C5. For more information please e-mail Michael Deloney at Mugenkidd@cox.net.

Hispanic students plan a general meeting

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will be holding its next meeting at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 17, in room 2N7 of the main building to discuss the Halloween booth, dues and the November fund-raiser.

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 the 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.

Hospice volunteers needed

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.

'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.

Reading mentors needed

The John Glenn Elementary Partners In Education are looking for volunteers to meet weekly with one or two students as a reading mentor. For more information please contact Ronda Sissons at 350-3480 or e-mail her at ronda.sissons@westernheights.k12.ok.us.

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

Correction: In last week's issue, Heath Work, an Engineering Club member was identified incorrectly as president of the Engineering Club.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Sign me up:

Professor of English Jon Inglett presents OKCCC student Jennifer Lavin with some information concerning the Arts and Humanities Department during Major Day which was held from Oct. 7 through 10.

Get a quick thrill, take a flight

By Kate Brennan
Staff Writer

The childhood dream of becoming a pilot can be a reality, at least for a few minutes.

The Campus Activities Board will be sponsoring a motion simulator to rock, roll and toss its inhabitants from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 29, in the college union. It is free to all who wish to participate.

The simulation includes three different programs, the P-51 Mustang, Survival 2006 and Desert Dual.

While in the cockpit of a WWII fighter plane, the player can experience a runway take-off, canyon runs, severe banks, turns and 360 rolls for the P-51 Mustang.

Survival 2006 is a search mission months after a meteorite storm has created an unstable environment. The player must investigate a signal beam.

Desert Dual is the movie style high speed airplane chase.

Anyone with a "Top Gun" complex can give the machine a whirl without a flight certificate.

"Come out and experience flight on the ground," said Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities and events.

Jones hopes everyone will put down the books long enough to take a quick ride.

"It's there for fun," said Jones. "Enjoy."

OKCCC hosts vast array of cultures

Daniel Lapham
News Writing I Student

A variety of cultures will be represented in, "A Celebration of Cultures" at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct 18, in the OKCCC college theater.

OKCCC will be hosting a group of Japanese drummers, a Chinese Dragon Dance, an American folk singer, American tap dancers, as well as representatives from Germany, the Philippines, Taiwan, Africa and many more.

The showcase has been developed and is being presented by Sisters Cities In-

ternational-Oklahoma City. Sister Cities is a not-for-profit citizen diplomacy program.

"[It is] dedicated to creating and strengthening the partnership between Oklahoma City and our six sister cities around the world in China, Taiwan, Israel, Russia and Mexico," said Melissa Graffigna, the president of Sister Cities International-Oklahoma City.

The cost of the event will be a \$10 donation to Project School Desk.

The charity is designed to build desks and improve the education of a group of indigenous people called the Li Minority in OKCCC's

sister city, Haikou City, Republic of China, Graffigna said.

Tickets may be purchased at the door. Contact Melissa Graffigna at (405) 848-9868 or Dr. Manuel Prestamo at (405) 682-1611 ext. 7579 for tickets and information.

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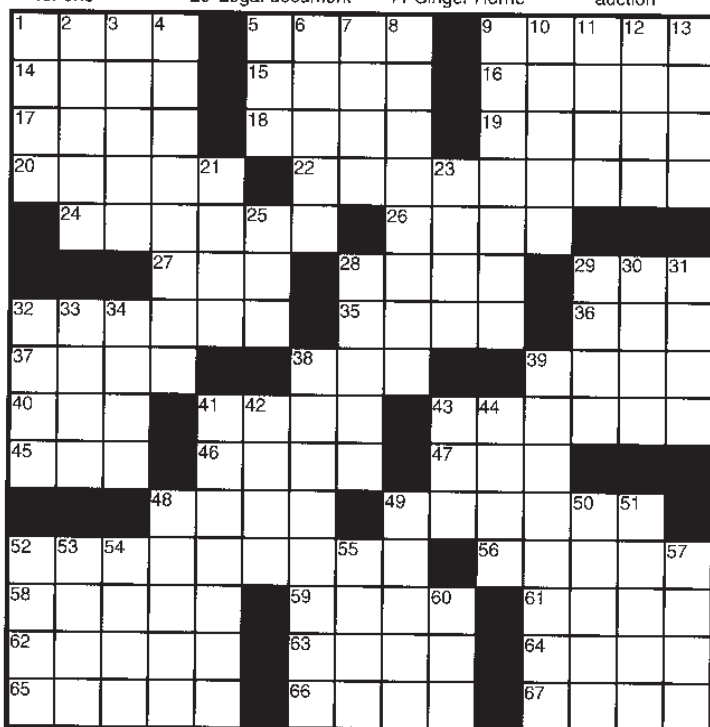
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Construction project scheduled for January completion

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store.

Reed said she is happy to be moving out of their temporary digs in the gym, mainly because of the space issue.

"We didn't have as much

room in [the gym,]" she said. "It will be nice to get back to a good location, too."

"We've been off the beaten path for a year and a half."

The communications lab, currently on the second floor of the Arts and Humanities building, will move to its permanent location in the main building over the winter break.

The newly-remodeled lab area is located just outside of the college union.

Alice Tillinghast, communications lab supervisor, said the move will occur after the fall semester is over so it won't affect students' access to the facility.

"We will be available for winter intersession," she said. "And we will have our

double doors open and smiles on our faces when the spring semester starts."

The project, originally contracted at around \$7.8 million, was recently approved for an increase of 1.42 percent, putting the cost just over \$7.9 million.

Bode said the Board of Regents can legally authorize a budget increase of up to 10 percent.

"Compared to most projects of this nature, it is on time and on budget."

Telecourses give students options

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on-campus courses. Students who take telecourses are expected to be independent learners. They must motivate themselves to study regularly and meet course deadlines, said Prince.

They must be responsible for seeking answers to their questions. If students will contact their instructor immediately with questions or problems that might arise, they will continue to be successful.

Telecourses have been offered at OKCCC since 1980. They offer an alter-

native for students who have time constraints or work-related issues to earn college credit or complete their degree.

Journalism major David Tarver enrolled in a telecourse because nothing else fit into his schedule. Taking the telecourse allowed him to tape the lessons on television at home. He is one of many students taking telecourses along with their on-campus classes. Other students take only telecourses.

Prince believes that students should have the option of choosing a delivery format that works best for them. OKCCC has committed itself to providing those choices with telecourses,

online courses and interactive television courses. Students are able to choose the delivery format appropriate for their learning style.

For more information about telecourses, call 405-682-7838 or go to the Telelearning website at <http://www.okccc.edu/tel> elearning, and read the Frequently Asked Questions.

Jack-of-all-trades to perform Oct. 21, 22

By Derek Strong
Staff Writer

Acclaimed actor, singer, dancer, choreographer and teacher Jack Eddleman will speak at OKCCC on Monday, Oct. 21, and Tuesday, Oct. 22, to educate as well as entertain students.

On Oct. 21, Eddleman will be giving an open lecture. At 7 p.m., Oct. 22, he will perform in the college theater.

"Eddleman is a Broadway artist who was in the original 'Camelot' and has worked with Leonard Bernstein," said Scott Tigert, Cultural Programs and Community Development assistant.

Tickets for the live performance are \$8 for general admission and \$6 for students with ID and senior citizens.

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