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# PIONEER

## Film students ready to show off hard work

Capstone projects are the final requirement for graduation

By Mark Stack  
Editor

Hard work and lots of dedication from several film and video production students will soon be showcased for all to see.

Fritz Kiersch, professor of film and video productions, said students in his Capstone course will show off their short films on Friday, Dec. 6 in the college theater.

"We have all kinds of little films to show," Kiersch said. "Terrific, cool little films that shocked me as to how good they are. They are really nice."

Kiersch said all students enrolled in the film and video program must complete the course Capstone Project.

Kiersch said the Capstone class requires students to produce a short film anywhere from 10 to 15 minutes in length, shot on digital video with the college's equipment and resources.

Kiersch said it is almost like a degree thesis and completes the course work.

"It combines their knowledge of everything they have done within the two-year program," Kiersch said. "It is a demonstration of all the course work completed, which emphasizes the technical over the creative."

Students are allowed to make any form of film they wish, from a documentary, narrative, fantasy or rock video to a mockumentary film.

"They are basically demonstrating their learned skills in sound editing, sound recording, picture editing, camera work, lighting and production work," Kiersch said.

He said the quality and creativity of the content in the films is not as important, because no real skills like directing or writing have been stressed within their program.

"Let's see if they can really edit shots together, or make an image that really is good," Kiersch said. "Let's make the technical tell the story rather than the

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## Bob Todd's contract renewed

By Mark Stack  
Editor

The president can relax. He has job security for at least another year.

The Board of Regents unanimously voted to re-employ Dr. Bob Todd for another year as the leader of OKCCC, starting fiscal year 2003.

"I certainly appreciate the compliments that the board has expressed by voting to renew my contract," said Todd.

"It's really a reflection on [the Board's] perception of what the faculty and staff are doing for the institution — that no one person can do what needs to be done," Todd said.



Dr. Bob Todd

"Really, I... appreciate the board's vote of confidence, but more importantly accept it from the standpoint that it's a vote for the faculty and staff who are making things happen," said Todd.

Todd admits more can be done, but is proud of the increases in enrollment growth, retention rates, number of graduates and business partnerships to every faculty and staff employee.

"In my judgment, last year was the best year in the life of the institution, and that's not because of Bob," he said. "It's because of the people I work with, the employees of OKCCC."

Facing a \$798,000 budget cut in state

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Photo by Kat Mohr

**What a turkey!** Coordinator of Student Activities and Promotions Mike Jones tosses a turkey down the lane in an attempt to make a strike during the Turkey Bowl. Jones said the idea for turkey bowling was born at an activities conference six years ago.

"This is the second time this event has been held at the college and both times we've had a blast."

All non-perishable items donated at the bowl will be given to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. So far, 120 pounds of food has been donated. The drive will continue until Thursday, Nov. 22.



To all of our readers:

Have a Happy and safe  
Thanksgiving!

—The Pioneer staff





## Editorial and Opinion

### Editorial

# Youth crimes still shocking

Violence is a common occurrence in today's society. In fact, it is such a normal part of our daily lives that every time people turn on the nightly news they expect to hear stories of turmoil through bloodshed. But there is one thing that America will never grow accustomed to—acts of violence at the hands of children. In recent years, an outburst of juvenile crime has gripped the nation in an unbelievable state of shock.

Children as young as 13 and 14 are committing heinous offenses that used to be associated with adult perpetrators. Schools — the one place in which parents felt comfortable leaving their kids — are no longer viewed as safe havens for children.

The series of school shootings that attracted headlines in the 1990s awakened people to the harsh reality that many children in our society are ill and in serious need of help.

The recent horrifying case of the King brothers, accused of killing their father, sent a chilling message that rippled through the fabric of traditional family life. It was even more disturbing when the boys' grandfather told CNN that he believed his grandsons were capable of murdering their father.

What isn't understood is why their grandfather didn't reach out to the boys before it was too late. Maybe if he would have simply listened to them this grisly situation could have been averted.

Children are not born inherently evil. Environment has much to do with the construction of a child's character. There is more than one plausible explanation for youth crime, but a dysfunctional background appears to be a prevalent factor in a majority of cases. There is obviously a direct correlation between deteriorating family settings which involve some form of abuse whether it be sexual, emotional or physical and children with behavioral and socially inept problems.

When a child is emotionally crippled due to feelings of helplessness and instability, it is easy to turn to crime to fill the gaping wounds inflicted by neglect. Some people believe that violent video games, television shows and movies promote violent behavior in the impressionable minds of today's youth.

It's illogical to blame youth crime on such frivolous forms of enjoyment. It is not the entertainment industry that breeds criminals. An unstable teenager with violent tendencies is going to participate in aggressive activity regardless of their interest in video games, especially if no one takes the time to divert these children toward a healthier life.

Youth violence is a serious problem that is plaguing our society. And until we tackle this problem through love and understanding instead of relying on the confines of cells, youth crimes will continue to exist.

Violence performed by people of any age is wrong, but there is nothing more devastating than a child who uses the instrument of violence as a means to calm the cries of desperation.

—Kat Mohr  
Staff Writer

# The ban should help smokers quit

### To the editor:

John, you are so right. I'm ashamed of myself for not printing my name with my opinion, but as you stated, sometimes it is not wise. Based on your statement that I'm afraid to own up to my opinions here goes: I do have a right to breathe. Second-hand smoke has been proven to be a health hazard. I am a former smoker of 30 something years and that is why I had a stroke two years ago and now have great difficulty breathing, sleep almost sitting up and strangle in the middle of the night.

I work in the Health Technology building and am a member of the Health Professions Division. This division alone has several people who are asthmatics, several who have sleep disorders and sleep on breathing machines, some with emphysema and quite a few with allergies. All of these affect breathing.

The point I'm trying to make is that I'm not trying to get anyone to stop smoking. I'm just expressing my opinion that I have the right to breathe fresh air. I am perfectly willing to help anyone who wants to quit. I quit when I came to work here at the college because

it was too much trouble to come down from the third floor and go outside to smoke on break.

Therefore, if we ban smoking on campus, we are in fact helping smokers quit and also creating a healthy environment while setting a good example for our children. I don't feel this is any more discriminating than expecting people not park in faculty/staff parking, handicapped parking or not to bring alcohol on state property. It is simply the law.

There was a big problem a few years back with handicapped parking. I know this because I have served on the parking committee off and on for years, but as soon as enough people called the Oklahoma City police, it quit being a problem. I'm not complaining because it makes my clothing smell bad, or because it burns my eyes and nose. I'm complaining because it keeps me from being able to breathe and that scares me!

Surely if we have the money for new gym floors, fountains, and retention ponds, we can afford to create an area for smokers. As you put it, "to suck more poison into their lungs" out of the weather and ele-

ments. God forbid they catch a cold and get sick. Where can we access this tobacco settlement money? We could use it. The Agent Orange settlement of a few years ago amounted to about \$7 per Vietnam Veteran exposed! And it was a much larger settlement. This is strictly my opinion.

—Lloyd Kingsbury  
Health Lab  
Coordinator

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THE DOG CHANNEL: AFTER DARK

## Comments and Reviews

# Lives become affected due to blatant bigotry

### To the editor:

It gives me some comfort that Mr. Jon Kuhlman is a student at OKCCC, because it is clear from his recent article, "Opponents of homosexuality should learn not to be afraid, speak their minds," that he is in dire need of an education.

The premise of this article is outrageous, ignorant and wrong. As a lesbian, my experience is that homophobic individuals and institutions are anything but afraid to show their bigotry, and in fact are often quite generous with their intolerance.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people face the dangers of bigotry,

hatred and violence every day of our lives. We get called names, get beat up, and sometimes even lose our lives because of the actions of our "opponents." It would be a great benefit to society if those who don't like us would in fact make it a practice to show restraint when it comes to striking out at those who are different than they are.

As for religion, there are many, many good Christians who are members of the gay community. Christianity and homosexuality are not mutually exclusive. That homosexuality is a sin is a huge, hurtful lie that is finally beginning to unravel. Personally, I know

that God is much more concerned that I might express hatred than about exactly how I express love.

Anyone who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning or a straight ally and wants to experience the radiant truth of God's all-inclusive love is welcome to come to my church, the Cathedral of Hope (see [www.cohokc.com](http://www.cohokc.com) for details). The Cathedral of Hope has a primary outreach to members of the LGBT community, yet welcomes everyone, as many have been excluded from the church for way too long.

—**Lisa Heezen**  
OKCCC Student

# Truths tend to be misconstrued from one belief to the next

### To the editor:

Homosexuality is opposed by a certain percentage of people on a Christian religious basis alone: "God says it is immoral in the Bible. I believe in the Bible; therefore, I think it is wrong. All because God tells us that it is so."

I mean no offense when I say what I am about to say but.... not everybody believes in the concept of the Christian God and/or the Bible. I don't think homosexuality is wrong or immoral or evil. I just don't.

My viewpoint on homosexuality has not been wholly influenced by religion, even the religion/spirituality of which I am a member.

Within my religion, homosexuality is not looked down upon through any scripture or Bible. It is embraced, at least on the outset.

However, that is not to say that there on not mem-

bers of my religion that are not flaming homophobes, because there most definitely are, but it not is from our few religious tenets that they feel that way (at least in my own opinion it isn't).

Homosexuals love differently from the "accepted" norm viewpoint. That's all. Sexual orientation is a very personal thing.

I really don't have that much of a right to judge anyone about how they live their sexual lives, even if they feel the need to disgustingly flaunt their sexuality (insert picture of Christina Aguilera here.) Notice I said Christina Aguilera, not Divine (R.I.P.) or Rosie O'Donnell or Melissa Etheridge, or anything about the Castro or the Folsom Parade, but Christina "Is my skirt short enough?" Aguilera.

That is not to say that there are not some displays of sexuality that aren't disgusting. There are, but they

exist on all sides of the spectrum, from homosexuals to heterosexuals to the bisexual to the transgendered.

Truth is made of many, many, many, truths. Mr. Kuhlman's truth, my truth, and the truths of many others will vary a great deal. Everyone has a right to speak a truth; however, to me, Mr. Kuhlman needs to recognize that his truth is not The Truth; nor is it representative of all other Christians.

Even what I am saying right now is not The Truth. It is not even necessarily true, merely my own opinion.

Also, I cannot express how much it makes me unhappy to see what feels like a veiled attempt at proselytization in our school newspaper.

—**Stormy Beasley**  
Physical Science  
Lab Assistant

# Hate on campus apparent to writer

### To the editor:

I recently read the article in which Jon voiced his religious beliefs. Mr. Stack, it is apparent to me, as a gay student, that bashing does really exist on my campus. My question to you would be, what happened to separation of church and state? Since I moved here to Oklahoma, I have felt nothing but isolation and ridicule from the community. You would think that at a college, we would not have to face such hatred.

The article had hatred written all over it, no matter how you sugar coat it. Basically to me this man was saying, "fags not welcomed," unless we bow down before his "holy" father or whatever.

I'm sorry, but I'm not into serving some cross carrying idol that doesn't want me in his "so called" heaven. (I bet that would never get into the Pioneer, huh?) Then why did someone's letter get in that promoted killing homosexuals?

Hmmm, I'm sorry but I will not read the Pioneer anymore, and I will form a group who opposes it! Is it funded with my tuition?

—**Donald Sevedge**  
Nursing Major

# Open invitation for all to come, learn

### To the editor:

As one of the faculty sponsors of the GAF (Gay Alliance and Friends) club on campus, I want to respond to the anti-homosexuality article in the Nov. 4 issue of the Pioneer.

I am a married woman with three children, so why do I act as sponsor for the GAF club? Because it is important for OKCCC to wit-

ness to and be tolerant of diversity, and because I personally believe that homosexuality is conferred, not chosen, and as such, is part of God's plan.

Hence the "Friends" part of our club title. I invite other "Friends" to join us.

—**Charlotte Mulvihill**  
Biotechnology  
professor

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opinion? Or write a  
review? e-mail the  
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# Students should spend less time complaining

## To the editor:

I recently learned that a student from my biology class wrote a letter to the dean complaining that our instructor does not get our tests back to us in a timely manner.

I believe all students have a right to express their opinions; however, if there is a problem with a class or instructor, it should first be presented to the instructor before being taken to the dean.

I am certain that this disgruntled student would have cleared things up had she first spoken with our professor. Teachers put a lot of effort into teaching, yet they often hear only about the negative.

I am compelled to defend our professor with positive feedback for a job well done. Our instructors receive far too few rewards in their teaching profession as it is. I'm certain that a little appreciation from students goes a long way in rewarding their efforts.

I also wrote a letter to the dean, accompanied by a survey I conducted in my biology class.

My purpose was to prove that the class majority disagrees with this student's complaints, and that our class appreciates our instructor.

All 14 participating students revealed that they are satisfied with the time that our tests are returned.

Furthermore, all participants agree that this professor's class is very difficult, but we are learning a great deal of biology.

We agree that he is prepared for class, extremely knowledgeable about his subject, and his lectures are interesting, even fun.

Had we known this instructor's reputation for being difficult prior to enrolling, half of the students say they would want to take his class regardless of the difficulty, while the other half would try to take an easier instructor.

Everyone agrees that our tests are returned within an acceptable time frame. So where's the merit in this student's complaint?

Perhaps she was simply frustrated. It takes hard work and motivation to keep up in a challenging class. In fact, these are two ingredients most needed to make it through school, or any challenge in life!

Those of us who are seeking a quality education do appreciate our hard-working instructors, even though we must buckle down and study hard.

This is, after all, what college is about — self-motivated study and learning.

Students preparing for a successful transition to a four-year university must keep up or be left behind. Professors at OKCCC wouldn't be doing us any favors by lowering teaching standards.

Students should voice their complaints in a fair and responsible manner. They should speak first to their professor.

The dean is there to support students when attempts to reconcile differences fail.

Our dedicated teachers have enough to worry about throughout the busy course of their days; they don't need to waste time defending themselves against petty complaints.

—**Samantha Russo**  
OKCCC Student

# Nasty words solve absolutely nothing

## To the editor:

I have been keeping an eye on the heated debate about smokers vs. non-smokers. I am greatly surprised at some of the letters that have been published in the school paper. The debate has turned drastically from nasty to downright vicious.

I think it is great that so many stand by their convictions so strongly, but some that have been written should have been left to discuss in a chat room. I understand where the non-smokers are coming from — I have to walk through the smoke, too.

We should respect each other's decisions whether or not we agree with them. It is the law that smokers stand be-

hind the signs saying, "No smoking beyond this point." We should respect this law, for both those around us and for the sake of it being a law.

That's the way it is. I, for one, dislike the smell of cigarettes, but I also dislike how we as students have gone about solving the problem. Throwing dirt at each other through distasteful letters to the editor will not solve the problem.

Can we please stop the mud-slinging and the backstabbing? The only thing that it is doing is causing a bigger problem. I don't wish to cause more offense, but let's try to show discretion in our actions and our words.

—**Katie Perkins**  
OKCCC Student

# The Don gone from us forever?

## To the editor:

There was a time that I ate in food service everyday. Now, I eat there about once a month, due to high prices, poor service and attitudes and cold food (laid out too long.) But on the days I did break down and eat there, I would look forward to having the sandwich of the day or the Philly

steak, which by the way was the best in town.

I liked seeing Don's smiling face and enjoying her always cheerful, helpful attitude, which like the Philly steak, was rare for food service. I understand that she is no longer there, and for whatever the reason, I and many other employees will eat elsewhere.

When you only have a few bright spots in a business you should really try to help them shine and use them to your advantage, but some people never learn!

Oh well, at least Burger King gives a discount to college employees!

—**Lloyd Kingsbury**  
Health Lab  
Coordinator

# A better fire evacuation plan should be in place for college

## To the editor:

This letter is concerning the fire alarm incident on Tuesday, Oct. 29. I have two complaints.

First, my class was on the third floor of the main building. When directed by our professor to use a stairwell by the Human Resources offices, we came out on the first floor right next to an emergency exit door. But the man who was behind us had us go through financial aid and all the way down to the Humanities building before we could

exit the building.

Note that on the way are the east side main doors (entry one) where the construction is taking place. We had to walk right by those while construction workers stood outside of them and watched us.

What was to be done if this was a big emergency? Granted, the emergency was a small one, but next time the OKCCC administrators really should have a better exit plan in place, taking into account what construction is going on.

My next complaint is regarding the employee who was behind us and works in the Human Resources office. We had a student on crutches that was at the back of the pack leaving. Not only could she not use the elevator instead (and in a big emergency I see the safety of that plan) but as we students were helping her down the stairs, he got totally rude.

One student held her crutches, one her backpack, and there were two on each side of her for bal-

ance. I proceeded right in front of her to keep her from tipping forward. We were doing this rather quickly considering her circumstances.

About halfway down, this man (who was behind all of us, and not volunteering to help), started to tell me in a rather loud and demanding voice to walk on down. I tried to explain to him what I was doing, but he continued to demand that I not stay in front of her, but "Walk on down." So, I did, but not so far ahead that I

could not catch her if she fell. I was going to stay with this student and help her whether he liked it or not.

If he was in such a hurry he could have just gone around us. But I suppose he thought he was "bringing up the rear" as the saying goes. Now I won't mention this man's name, although I do know it. But how he acted was completely ignorant and rude. I would hope he realizes that.

—**Janet M. Wilson**  
OKCCC Student

# Newstead Trio on theater bill

By **Ashley Martin**  
Staff Writer

The Newstead Trio will bring their musical talents to the OKCCC theater stage at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 3.

"They play traditional music," said Manuel Prestamo, dean of cultural programs and community development.

"[They also play] some classical music, big-name old composers," he said.

"They put on a really neat program."

The Newstead Trio is the resident ensemble at the Pennsylvania Academy of Music, where each member is on the faculty and coaches chamber music.

In addition to the United States, they have performed in countries all over the world, including Canada, Italy, Hungary, Singapore and China.

Michael Jamanis plays violin for the group. He received degrees from the Julliard School, Yale and Rutgers. He is currently the head of the strings department at the Pennsylvania Academy of Music.

Cellist Sara Male, originally from Canada, received degrees from the Victoria Conservatory of Music, Rutgers and Mannes College of Music.

Pianist Xun Pan studied at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing and Syracuse University before earning his Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from Rutgers.

The Cultural Awareness Series began in October and has featured performances by the Moscow Chamber Orchestra and actor Jack Eddleman.

The series is held every fall and spring and features performances reflecting different cultures from around the world.

After the Newstead Trio, the next performance will be the Little Angels from Korea on Jan. 28.

## Fall break, payday dates on schedule

By **Ashley Martin**  
Staff Writer

When students are let out for a break from school, it can be confusing as to what days the college is closed and what days classes are dismissed but the campus is open for business.

Thanksgiving falls on Thursday, Nov. 28 this year and, according to the OKCCC 2002-2003 Academic Calendar, fall break for students is from Nov. 26 through Dec. 1.

The college will remain open Nov. 26 and 27 but classes will not be held on

those days.

The college will be closed beginning Nov. 28 through Dec. 1. Classes will resume Dec. 2.

For college employees, whose payday is usually the last working day of the month, payday will be Nov. 27 due to the break.



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# Expert sheds light on terrorism for students

**By Cole Bridges  
News Writing I Student**

Hawthorne Farr, a terrorism expert, emphasized the importance of understanding terrorism and why it happens, as he spoke to Dr. Jerry Steward's international relations class on Oct. 16.

Farr has lived and traveled abroad and worked as an intelligence adviser for President Richard Nixon.

Farr encouraged students to take international relations classes, believing that Americans are not as aware of the world as they should be.

While discussing the causes of terrorism against the United States, Farr focused on America's unwavering support of Israel. When asked why terrorism happens, Farr replied, "Support of Israel. End of story."

When American helicop-

ters, flown by Israelis, are killing Palestinians, terrorism is fueled, Farr said.

The Israel issue is a reality and should be paid attention to, Farr said. He also spoke about the treatment of Palestinians by Israelis as a contribution to terrorism. Predicting no end to the U.S. support of Israel, Farr suggested creating a balance of power in the Middle East.

Farr expressed the view that religion should be kept separate from politics. Organizations like the Christian Coalition and right wing fundamentalists may support Israel, but terrorism runs much deeper than that, Farr said.

Farr also commented on the current relations between the United States and Iraq.

"If we're going to go after Saddam...bring in a coalition," Farr said.

Farr believes that Iraq undoubtedly has weapons of mass destruction, but said that Iraq would not

attack Israel.

Commenting on possible military action, Farr said that if the region is destabilized, it will be a major problem for the rest of the world.

The only way to end terrorism is through education, Farr said. He said that hatred for the United States comes from many sources, including the nation's position as the sole remaining superpower in the world. Farr said he believes that education may overcome terrorism.

Steward said he attempts to have a variety of speakers in all of his political science classes, including U.S. representatives.

"It is important for students to have access to people who have 'real world' experience," Steward said.

"By bringing guest speakers into the classroom, it seems to me that student learning is enhanced, and understanding of what they do learn is enhanced a great deal."

## Easy visas thing of the past

**By Michelle Mikesell  
News Writing I Student**

For many international students, obtaining their visas to attend OKCCC was tough. Since the attack on America on Sept. 11, 2001, it has become even more difficult because of the stern enforcement of student visa rules, said immigration lawyer John Velie.

Previously, if students had not received a visa before school started, they were allowed to attend school anyway and wait for the visa to arrive.

It happened that way for sophomore Ana Herrera. She came to America from El Salvador as a tourist, began school and her student visa came later. That can't be done now.

"There has been a lot more scrutiny since 9-11," said Velie.

He said that for a student

to receive a visa to attend school in the United States, one must first complete the lengthy application forms for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

These applications are for what is called an F1 visa in order to enroll at a university, or an M1 visa to enroll in a vocational school.

The aspiring student must be able to show how school and housing will be paid for once he or she has arrived in the country.

This can only be done up front, considering that the students are not allowed to work unless it is an on-campus job for a maximum of 20 hours a week.

Because of this rule, Ana Herrera works in the cafeteria here at OKCCC.

She said that after one year, an international student can apply for a work permit and then job-hunt off campus.

The student also has to be enrolled full time and

cannot drop below 12 hours or the student's visa will be confiscated and he or she will be deported, Velie said.

Though getting one of these visas was already difficult, the immigration lawyer said that since the attack, enforcement has been more stringent.

Mohammad Atta, one of the pilots who flew a plane into the World Trade Centers in New York City, went to flight school in the United States while awaiting his student visa.

Shortly after he ended his life and the lives of thousands of others in the terrorist attack, his M1 visa came in the mail.

In response to this incident, Velie said that background checks are done more carefully, and visas must now be approved by the INS before the student may enroll in school, taking between four and six months to do so.

## Test Center Holiday Hours

### Thanksgiving Holiday:

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# Thanksgiving celebrated around the world

Before the establishment of formal religions many ancient farmers believed that their crops contained spirits which caused the crops to grow and die. Many believed that these spirits would be released when the crops were harvested and they had to be destroyed or they would take revenge on the farmers who harvested them. Some of the harvest festivals celebrated the defeat of these spirits. Harvest festivals and thanksgiving celebrations were held by many different cultures.

The ancient Greeks worshipped many gods and goddesses. On the first day of the festival married women (possibly connecting childbearing and the raising of crops) would build leafy shelters and furnish them with couches made with plants. On the second day they fasted. On the third day a feast was held and offerings, to the goddess, Demeter were made — gifts of seed corn, cakes, fruit and pigs. It was hoped that Demeter's gratitude would grant them a good harvest.

The Romans also celebrated a harvest festival called *Cerelia*, which honored *Ceres*, their goddess of corn (from which the word cereal comes.) The festival was held each year on Oct. 4 and first fruits of the harvest and pigs were offered to Ceres. Their celebration included music, parades, games sports and a thanksgiving feast.

Jewish families also celebrate a harvest festival called *Sukkoth*. Taking place each autumn, Sukkoth has been celebrated for more than 3000 years. Sukkoth is named for the huts (succots) that Moses and the Israelites lived in as they wandered the desert for 40 years before they reached the Promised Land. These huts were made of branches and were easy to assemble, take apart and carry as the Israelites wandered through the desert.

When celebrating Sukkoth, which lasts for eight days, the Jewish people build small huts of branches which recall the tabernacles of their ancestors. These huts are constructed as temporary shelters, as the branches are not driven into the ground and the roof is covered with pomegranates. On the first two nights of Sukkoth, the families eat their meals in the huts under the evening sky.

In 1621, after a hard and devastating first year in the New World, the Pilgrim's fall harvest was very successful and plentiful. There was corn, fruits, put away for the winter. The Pilgrims had beaten the odds. Their Governor, William Bradford, proclaimed a day of thanksgiving that was to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native American Indians.

In 1817 New York state adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. By the middle of the 19th century many other states also celebrated a Thanksgiving Day. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

Article courtesy of [www.holidays.net](http://www.holidays.net)

## CANDIED SWEET POTATOES


Ingredients:

- 6 medium sweet potatoes, cooked and peeled
- 1/2 cup miniature marshmallows
- 2/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup butter

Slice potatoes into 1/2" slices. Layer potatoes in a buttered 1 1/2 qt. casserole dish with mixture of sugar, salt and butter on top. Continue until ending with sugar and butter. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for about 30 minutes or until glazed. Add marshmallows in the last five minutes; brown lightly. Serves six.

Recipe courtesy of [WWW.stiinc.net](http://WWW.stiinc.net).

## Thanksgiving



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## Thanksgiving

### HARVEST DRESSING

Ingredients:

1 cup carrots, shredded	1 cup celery, chopped
1/2 cup onion, chopped	1 tsp. poultry seasoning
1/2 cup butter or margarine	1/2 tsp. salt
3/4 cup chicken broth	1/8 tsp. pepper
8 cups whole wheat or white bread cubes	1/4 cup wheat germ
Or Pepperidge Farm packaged stuffing mix	1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
2 cups peeled apples, finely chopped	

Cook carrots, celery and onion in butter until tender, but not brown. Stir in all the seasonings. Add the chicken broth. In a large bowl, combine all the other ingredients. Pour the liquid mixture over this and toss lightly. Put in lightly buttered bowl and cover, or put in your turkey. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Recipe courtesy of [WWW.stiinc.net](http://WWW.stiinc.net).

## Use caution — check the internal temperature of your turkey

Turkey is done when the meat thermometer reaches 180°F deep in the thigh. It also must have a temperature of 160°F in the center of the stuffing, if turkey is stuffed. When the stuffed turkey is done, remove it from the oven with stuffing and let it stand 15 minutes. This stand time allows the stuffing temperature to reach 165°F for an added measure of safety.

Courtesy of [www.Butterball.com](http://www.Butterball.com)



## Learn to stuff your Thanksgiving turkey

For consumers who choose to stuff their turkey, the following five guidelines are recommended.

- \* Prepare stuffing just before placing in turkey. Use only cooked ingredients in stuffing -- sauté vegetables, use only cooked meats and seafood (oysters) and use pasteurized egg products instead of raw eggs.
- \* Place prepared stuffing in turkey just before roasting. Do not stuff the turkey the night before roasting.
- \* Stuff both neck and body cavities of completely thawed turkey, allowing 1/2 to 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound of turkey. Do not pack stuffing tightly in turkey.
- \* Return legs to original tucked position, if untucked for rinsing or stuffing.
- \* Use a cook method that allows the stuffing to cook along with the turkey. Do not stuff turkeys when cooking on an outdoor grill or water smoker or when using fast cook methods where the turkey gets done before the stuffing. If you do not have a meat thermometer to measure the internal temperature of the stuffing in the turkey, the stuffing should be cooked separately from the turkey.

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# Clothing drive collecting items this month

By Tara Holt  
News Writing I Student

One OKCCC club is getting into the Christmas spirit early this year. Parenting As Single Students with Critical Learning Activities for Student Success is on a mission to help students at OKCCC

and needy families this holiday season by holding a clothing exchange. PASS w/ CLASS, a single parent student organization, aims at giving each other emotional support and encouragement in parenting and learning. “We really try hard to reach out to one another for moral support, babysitting and just every-

day issues concerning parenting,” said Suzie Wahpekeche, president of PASS w/ CLASS. Club members strive to not only help themselves, but to reach out and help the community. Therefore they are asking for support and donations from OKCCC students and faculty. Donated clothes, toys or

non-perishable items will gladly be accepted by the club. Anyone on campus can pick up items they need from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22. Any leftover items will then be donated to the YWCA, said Annmarie Shirazi, club adviser. “We will take anything like toiletries, magazines,

diapers, toys, whatever people can think of,” said club member Denise Frost. “Everyday things that people take for granted, the women and kids in the shelter can use.” Anyone wishing to donate clothing or other items can do so from now until Wednesday, Nov. 20, in room 3L7 in the main building.

# Mystery of dreaming unlocked during free lecture

By Tara Holt  
News Writing I Student

Shannon Keener, aka disc jockey Kate Burns in the morning on KTST the Twister, educated a roomful of OKCCC students and staff in the meaning, language and wisdom of dreams on Nov. 7 in the college union. She said that every night

when you close your eyes, your dreams give you advice and feedback for free. Keener said she believes dreams are messages that are communicated from one’s soul to the conscious mind that are always truthful. Keener explained that people in a dream represent qualities present in the dreamer. “Every person, place or thing in one’s dreams is

always about the person dreaming,” Keener said. “Dreams speak to us through pictures. They give feedback from the past 24 to 36 hours of waking life,” said Keener. She offered a few tips for remembering dreams. “Get a notebook and write down every night before you go to bed, ‘I will remember my dreams.’” “Believe me it works.” Keener also took time to

give meaning to common symbols universally used in everyone’s dreams. “Being naked in a dream represents honesty in one’s self,” said Keener. “The clothes represent how we feel about ourselves.” Keener holds a bachelors degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in Sociology. Keener said she completed the first cycle of lessons in the mastery of con-

sciousness from the School of Metaphysics. The School of Metaphysics, a non-profit educational institute is located in Oklahoma City. Anyone interested in attending can call 228-0506 for more information, or visit their web site at [www.som.org](http://www.som.org). “Our goal at the School of Metaphysics is to teach human potential and how to bring out human genius,” Keener said.

# Enrollment up for Spanish course

By Traci A. Jones  
News Writing I Student

Enrollment is up in OKCCC’s conversational Spanish course for the fall semester. “The class focus is on speaking and oral comprehension,” said Patricia Brooks, professor of Modern Languages and ESL. “Students are taking the Spanish courses not because they are required, but because the skill makes them more marketable,” Brooks said. The average number of students enrolled in Conversational Spanish is usually 17 or 18 students. This semester there are 28 students with more trying to get in. This course is taught entirely in Spanish. The class is for people who are motivated to speak a second language. Now students can receive a Certificate of Mastery in Spanish upon completing the required courses. There are two different Certificates of Mastery offered, traditional and conversational. Upon completing the Certificate of Mastery requirements, students must attend an “Immersion Weekend.” Students go to a specified location and spend a week-end participating in activities involving and speaking only the Spanish language. This spring, the Conversational Spanish class will be offered as a 16-week course, one night a week.

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- Get a better and higher paying job.
- Properly serve your Spanish-speaking patients you are nursing back to health.
- Report on the news in your community if you are a reporter.
- Communicate with the parents of your students if you are a teacher.
- Communicate with the parents of small children if you are a day care operator.
- Train people in a Spanish-speaking country when you go to their facilities as a technician.



# Students visit historical sites

Former Oklahoma capitol of Guthrie offers insight to Oklahoma heritage

By Caroline Ting  
News Writing I Student

Thirty-one English as a Second Language students recently got an up-close-and-personal look at a slice of Oklahoma's historical architecture in the city of Guthrie.

Along with ESL teachers Abbie Figueroa, Vicky Wilson, Sherah Hefner and Patricia Brooks, The students visited the city Oct. 10 during a field trip.

OKCCC students from Russia, Japan, Mexico, Iran, Vietnam, Peru, Honduras, Venezuela, India, Eastern Turkistan, the Philippines, Cambodia, Taiwan, Brazil, Poland, Jordan and Bangladesh attended.

The first stop was at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Masonic Center, home of the Masons, the largest social fraternity in the world with 4.5 million members.

During a guided tour, students learned that the building is unique with its ancient European-style rooms.

The tour guide said the building was built by the Masons fraternity in 1929

and used as a meeting hall for the members of the fraternity.

The students also said they were amazed by the 14 carpets and the 144 stained-glass windows in the building.

They were really interested in knowing where everything came from and who designed everything.

During lunch at a Victorian-style restaurant, Granny Had One, in downtown Guthrie, the students shared their thoughts about the tour and Guthrie.

"The explanation we had at the Masonic Temple this year was the best so far," said Figueroa.

Russian student Lydia Delaney said she enjoyed the trip.

"I've been to Guthrie twice and I like old cities like this," she said.

Mexican student Julieta Sanchez said she also had fun visiting Guthrie.

"I also think it's important to know about the places around Oklahoma because it's where [I] live now," she said.

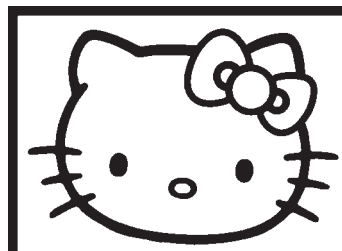
The afternoon portion of the trip was scheduled for students to walk around downtown and visit the



English as a Second Language students and their home countries are, from left to right: Amin Shriatzade, Iran; Aga Turgun, Poland; Carla Mariga, Brazil; Jewel Mohammed, Bangladesh; Cintia Murillo, Mexico; Benett Raj, India; Saul Elera, Peru; Julieta Sanchez, Mexico; Caroline Ting, Taiwan; and Sharon Tsai, Taiwan.

stores. Some of the students had been busy taking pictures or videotaping since the morning.

ESL organizes two field trips per semester, said Figueroa. The purpose of the trip is for students to learn more about Oklahoma history.



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# Highlights

## Share your blood

The Oklahoma Blood Institute will hold its second blood drive this semester from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 20 and 21, in the college union. All donors will receive a free T-shirt.

## Give some holiday cheer

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.

## Listen to the sounds of Christmas

The Symphonic Chorus will be holding its Christmas concert, "Many Moods of Christmas" at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22 in the OKCCC theater. Admission is free and all are welcome. For more information contact Jonathan Stewart at 682-1611, ext. 7249.

## Get some Christmas spirit in your step

Join in the "Festival of Lights Volkswalk" from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14 in Chickasha. The walk is free. Registration will be held at the University of Science and Arts Oklahoma student union foyer in Chickasha. The walk is open to the public. There will be both a 5K and a 10K trail. For more information contact Ross or Sheila Kiddie at 387-3231, ext. 6043 or e-mail at phferd@aol.com.

## The Communicator needs your stories

During the month of December, The Communicator will run a special feature entitled "Ho Ho - Uh Oh!" People are needed to submit their funniest or most unusual holiday story. One will be picked each week to be featured and the selected entries will win a small prize. Please e-mail stories or send via campus mail to marketing and public relations.

## Nursing application extension

The nursing program has changed the application deadline for the Fall 2003 semester traditional program to noon, Friday, June 6. The deadline for the next LPN track program will remain at noon, Friday, March 28.

## Support the Black Student Association

Sooner Fashion Mall and Quail Springs Mall will host "An Evening of Giving" from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 24. Admission to the event requires a \$5 ticket which can be purchased from the Black Student Association.

## Scholarship available

Applications for the 2003 All-USA Academic Team Scholarships are available. Nominees from Oklahoma will be eligible for statewide recognition and scholarships through the All-Oklahoma Academic Team. The highest scoring nominee will receive \$2,000. Applications can be downloaded from the Phi Theta Kappa website with an access code. Please visit the office of Vice President for Student Services to receive the access code and to turn in applications. All applications must be turned in by Friday, Nov. 22. For more information call 682-7595.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer. Forms are available in the Pioneer office, located in 2M6 of the main building or Highlights may be e-mailed to [editor@okc.cc.ok.us](mailto:editor@okc.cc.ok.us) using the word Highlights in the subject line.



Photo by Kat Mohr

**In the spirit of giving:** Student Art Guild President Fatemeh Taghavi accepts a donated can of soup from Adam Benson, student activities assistant, for the Students Against Hunger Food Drive which was held in the student union on Nov. 13.

## Kill some time, pick an activity

### Get involved and support a club

**By Kate Brennan**  
Staff Writer

Now that classes are nearing an end, students can diminish their finals blues with a little fun provided by the OKCCC clubs.

The International Student Association will be holding a worldwide fashion show at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19, in the general dining area of the college union.

"They will also be featuring the dragon dance," said Mike Jones, coordinator of campus activities and promotions.

This dance consists of two people in a dragon costume dancing in rhythm to drums, Jones said.

Gay Support Day is also on the schedule of events for Wednesday, Nov. 20.

All supporters of gays, lesbians, bisexual, transgendered persons and their friends are asked to wear blue shirts.

"[The Gay Alliance and Friends] is a club like any other on campus and I believe they deserve our support," said Jones.

The Black Student Association will be holding an open mic night starting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21 in the college union.

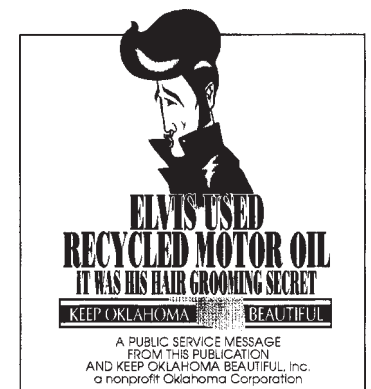
All acts are welcome, Jones said.

Students are encouraged to recite poetry, play the guitar, sing, tap-dance, whatever they want, Jones said.

With the fall semester coming to a close, Jones hopes that students will participate to relieve some of the undue stress created by finals and the holiday season.

For more information on clubs, contact Jones at 682-1611, ext. 7318.

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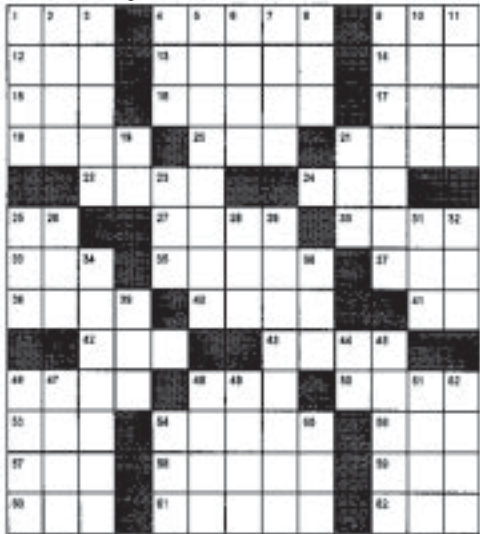
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## weekly crossword



### ACROSS

1. Place for experiments (abbr.)
4. Sink
9. Knock
12. Sick
13. Cheer
14. Age
15. Visualize
16. Took Out
17. Admirer
18. Spanish monetary unit
20. Resigned (abbr.)
21. Liability
22. Cut
24. Dog
25. Article
27. Fast
30. Cam
33. -eer (variety of)
35. Flower
37. Extravehicular activity (abbr.)
38. Sand below water
40. Story
41. Square of any type size
42. Drag
43. Ooze
46. Map; chart
48. Ova
50. Beak
53. Sup
54. Assembly place (Gr.)
56. Mat
57. \_\_\_\_ out (complete)
58. Gemstone weight
60. Lead (p.t.)
61. Swelling
62. The letter C

### DOWN

1. Speech Defect
2. Toward which the wind blows
3. Bless (p.t. form)
4. Cot
5. One who scares
6. Stuff
7. A follower (suf., pl.)
8. Man's name
9. Umpire
10. Semitic
11. Huff
19. N.W. state (abbr.)
21. Dig (p.t.)
23. Lupino
25. Broadcast
26. Born
28. 7th letter, Greek alphabet
29. Message
31. \_\_\_\_ Maria
32. Male sheep
34. Akin
36. Dream stage (abbr.)
39. Obese
44. Not out
45. Subject
46. Pare
47. Eric, e.g.
48. Mild oath
49. Stab
51. Rational
52. Rim
54. High card
55. \_\_\_\_ glance

## Fuzzy Crossword Causes Headaches

We apologize about the fuzzy crossword clues in last week's Pioneer. We are working with our printer for better reproduction. For the last issue, go to [pioneer.okccc.edu](http://pioneer.okccc.edu), click on the archives, and print off page 11 of the November 11 issue. It will print off clearly. Thanks for being a loyal Pioneer reader.



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## Capstone projects highlight films

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actor's performance."

Kiersch said he will screen as many Capstones as possible that are ready to show, which could be as many as three, possibly more.

"Other student films that

are done as projects might also be shown during that time," he said.

The 14-minute short film "Tainted Legacy" will also be shown.

"Tainted Legacy" was produced by OKCCC adjunct video productions professor Rick Allen Lippert and the Oklahoma Film Institute, and directed by David DuBos.

"Tainted Legacy" is a mystery concerning artifacts from a museum given back to a tribe some 30 years later.

"It deals with the fact that everyone who comes into contact with the artifacts become sick," Lippert said.

The screenings will begin at 7 p.m. Friday Dec. 6 in the college theater. Admission is free to all.

## College Regents approve Todd for another year

"Todd,"

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appropriations, and another one possibly looming, Todd is excited about the challenges and adventures the next year will bring.

"I look forward to the continued emphasis on increased graduation rates, retention rates and dealing with the continued enrollment growth, all in a time of economic downturn within our state," Todd said.

Along with that, Todd said several business partnerships and a city project also brighten the future of OKCCC.

"I am incredibly excited about the full implementation of the ACDelco program that began last year, the beginning of the Enterprise center and the retention pond," he said.

The pond, funded primarily by the city, will feature jogging trails and several

fountains, among other things. The construction is set to begin after the first of the year. The pond will be located on the southeast portion of the campus.

More than all that, what makes Todd proud is watching his faculty, staff and students be successful in life.

"The most joy I get is from watching employees and students make things happen," he said. "That's what I love to see."

This year, the re-employment process has been a little different for the president. The Board normally votes on the re-employment of the president in early spring, but has since changed. The reason, Todd said, is that he and the Board get together once the fiscal year has ended to as-

sess and review student outcomes. It's kind of like a job performance assessment for Todd.

"The intent was for the board and [me] to sit down shortly after the year was complete to do an evaluation of the outcome assessments," Todd said.

Based on those evaluations, Todd said, the board considered renewal of his contract for the following fiscal year.

"They modified their timing so they could make their decision now instead of waiting until early spring," he said.

Todd said this helps the board make a better decision since they are closer to and more familiar with, the information than they would be in four to five months time.



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