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Photo by Ronna Austin

Shhhhhh: An OKCCC student, who the photographer couldn't bear to wake to get his name, takes a nap break on a sunny, grassy knoll outside the main entrance. With just three weeks of the spring semester left, spring-like temperatures finally arrived late last week, enticing students outdoors to study and enjoy the warmth of the sunshine.

College website gets upgrade

By Kristin Ball
News Writing I Student
and Kate Brennan
Editor

Student reaction to the newly-updated college website is positive said OKCCC Marketing and Public Relations director Stacy Meldrum.

OKCCC's website was updated April 2. The change will make the website more user-friendly and easier to navigate, she said.

Web administrator Kathy Nix said the website is more student-friendly in many ways. It uses simpler descriptions of pages for better understanding, she said. It also offers a better layout and drop-down menus which allow visitors to view the page options and not get lost within the website's more than 2,000 pages.

"I wanted students to be proud of this website and make it more user-friendly," Nix said.

Meldrum said the 150,000 people who visit the website monthly will also find other updated features such as the faculty pages with professors' names and links to their e-mail addresses, college maps, and information and times for labs and centers.

The new website also is ADA compliant; meaning it is accessible to people with disabili-

ties. Nix said the website has been coded so that anyone with the correct software can have the website read to them using that software. She said she is excited about the feature because it's a rarity among websites.

The marketing and public relations department, along with a student advisory board, is responsible for the changes. This advisory board is comprised of 10 students who offered suggestions on how to make the website more useable.

Nix said the need for changes became apparent when students expressed that the website was hard to navigate. She said the college also wanted the website to look more professional and have a uniform look.

"It has taken about a year and a half to get to this point," said Nix.

She said the work won't stop here.

"We are always looking for new ways to improve. It's a never-ending process."

Barbara Gwinn, English and psychology sophomore, said the new site is useful, but can still be improved.

"The information available is great, but it's sometimes hard to find exactly what I want and the drop-down menus are a little hard to see,"

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Technology fees fund many items

\$810,000 projected for FY '04

By Kate Brennan
Editor

OKCCC students will pay almost a million dollars next fiscal year for only one fee — technology.

According to the OKCCC Course Catalog, this \$4 per credit hour fee funds maintenance and system upgrades of the college computers, and current software programs.

Vice President for Special Projects Gary Lombard said it is projected that \$810,000 will be collected next fiscal year through the student technology fee.

"The student money is tracked to make sure it is spent on technology," said Lombard.

The fee also is what enables the college to replace classroom computers, he said.

The fee pays for the cost of 665 computers in 21 computer classrooms and 11 computer-equipped labs, said Lombard.

The technology money from student fees is not enough to fund all the technology on campus, he said.

Since state appropriations pay for a portion of that, cuts are being made in non-student affected areas he said.

For example, student computers will continue to be replaced in the three-year plan, but administrative computer replacements may be delayed due to budget cuts, said Lombard.

The technology money also completely funds multimedia classrooms Lombard said.

Paul Sechrist, provost/vice president for academic affairs, said the college will be adding 13 multimedia classrooms within the next fiscal year to bring the total on campus to 87.

Sechrist said he believes the technology

"The student money is tracked to make sure it is spent on technology."

—Gary Lombard
Vice President for Special Projects

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Spam e-mail here to stay, or on its way out?

The Oklahoma State Legislature and Gov. Brad Henry want to lighten your mailbox—e-mail box that is.

The bill will make it illegal to send third-party e-mails, which act as a disguise from who the material is really coming from, or basically from an unknowing person's account.

This same bill would also make it a requirement that all e-mails that would include any type of pornographic material must include a specific nine-character code to distinguish it from any other type of legitimate mail.

It's a nice thought to be able to open personal e-mail at the office or around the kids without having to worry about any "Girls Gone Wild" advertisements, but will this really work?

Legislation against spam is not new. Yet, there are always the people that figure out a way around it. It seems as if junk advertising will be a part of the Internet and e-mail for good.

Even though you still will receive it, there is a way that you don't have to look at it anymore.

Filters are now becoming the norm on accounts such as Hotmail. These filters put questionable e-mails in a separate junk mail folder so as not to show up in the regular inbox.

Filters such as this are making checking e-mail a little less nerve-racking. There is less fear that somehow an inappropriate message will show up in front of your 12-year-old daughter or when your boss is passing by your desk.

The reality of spam is that it's here to stay until the legislation is enforced and there are serious consequences.

Until then, the filters are a convenient alternative and save some irritation that results from having a mailbox full of porn and junk mail, so you can actually find that last-minute letter from your best friend or the memo of a meeting in five minutes with your new boss.

Legislation may not be able to stop it, but hopefully much more savvy software programmers can, through improved filters.

—Kate Brennan
Editor

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Broader musical tastes wanted

To the Editor:

It is absolutely pathetic on how people think in Oklahoma in terms of music. I am writing this because of some things I have seen. No one seems to care what is going on around the world as far as music goes. I am referring to electronic music in general.

People need to educate themselves just a little bit about what's going on around them as far as music. They say they are into music, and name off a few random people, but those people are very inferior to what is out there. Take for instance, there was a DJ Icey article a few weeks back. DJ Icey is one of the most mainstream people out there.

His tracks are outdated and just annoying. He has not been really creative for a few years now.

Also, one day I was waiting for my class to start and overheard this girl going off about how she was so "into" electronic music, and she only mentioned a few ultra famous people. There are loads of people out there

that are into the music, but just not deep enough. What I guess, I am getting at is that the people in this state really keep to themselves as far as music goes. There is a whole world of good music in Oklahoma, but they just do not know where to find it. There are loads of other styles of music as well in the electronic scene that get absolutely no play here in Oklahoma.

Drum and Bass for instance, or "jungle" is its other known name. People don't even give that type of music a chance.

They say "oh yeah, its too fast" or "Oh, I can't dance to it because its too fast." These are the same people that I see dancing to hiphop, which is actually half the speed of drum and bass/jungle, which are often mixed together.

There's loads of others I did not mention, because I wanted to get the name out there, drum and bass/jungle.

I guess people in Oklahoma will stay in their current state of being as far as music goes. They will not

educate themselves, and will continue to listen to overplayed breakbeat and trance because they think that its so "cutting edge."

In fact it has stayed the same since day one. Which now, most of its commercialized and will continue to stay the same, because no one will ever educate themselves on it.

—Ali G.

OKCCC Student

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Comments and Reviews

Poetry for the weary

The blur of a sleepless life.

A student filled with strife.

Wake up for work, then go to class.

Life feels like it's under a magnifying glass.

Your parents are telling you, you party too much.

Friends are screaming cause you can't kick it for lunch.

Fall to winter, winter to spring.

Finally here comes summer.

Time to relax and catch hold of things.

Going to college trying to do something in life.

But once again another student filled with strife.

Life was supposed to clear when I got into college.

Now four majors later, what's up, where's all the

knowledge?

Life's not really clear just a little more focused.

Still can't see where I'll be in ten years, maybe just disgusted.

Insanity not an option, but somehow a comfort.

Life's such a daze.

It just feels like a haze.

Hearing the conversations of others drift in and out of my reality.

Denny's is my weigh station for this cosmic trip from school to work.

Sleep a little then back for the replay.

Where are we all going?

Bumping into each other in the hall like a bunch of rats in the race. If I said hi and tried to know more than the weather, would I really care about the response or would you even respond.

We're just like a bunch of

fish in a pond.

Swimming along waiting for a bigger fish to eat us.

The blur of a sleepless life.

A student filled with strife.

Everyone's searching for the "American Dream."

Sometimes it feels so extreme.

Everyone's searching for this "American Dream,"

But really what does it mean.

What is this dream that we seem to need?

Everyone wants it but what does it mean?

Who has the solution to this dilemma, consuming me?

I want to be successful and have the silver spoon.

But at what cost to pay?

Why is there all of this delay?

—Daniel Lapham
Staff Writer

Computer lab draws scrutiny

To the Editor:

I have been to the computer lab on the third floor of the library numerous times in the past year, and noticed the same thing.

I understand the strict policies put into place to protect students as far as everything goes, academics, etc. But, I wanted to comment on how rude some of the workers there are sometimes.

I understand the concept of no chatrooms, no cell phone usage, but sometimes they go too far and sometimes are too easy on everyone. I know the cell phone thing is annoying. Sitting there today one guy got several calls during his brief period there.

That was ultra annoying due to the fact that his ringtone was stupid. The employees did nothing to tell him to take it out of the lab, or anything of that nature. But, they will, however, no matter how many times they see you in the lab, ask you if you have signed in.

Every time I sign in, but five minutes later they will ask me if I signed in. I see them try to help people out. That's cool. But I have seen them get downright rude to the students. There are loads of things I have seen. I suggest someone go observe these acts.

—Ali G.
OKCCC Student

Financial aid stirs up students in need

To the Editor:

I am currently an OKCCC student and have been for the past three years.

I just finished reading an article in regards to the horrible financial aid office located here at our wonderful school.

Every semester, for the past three years that I have been a student here, my financial aid has been severely screwed up.

Not only do I turn in my paperwork on time, but I also check with the financial aid office on a weekly

basis in regards to new paperwork to fill out or documents that the office needs.

I think we need to do more than just write an article. We need to make sure that something is done about our problem.

As of fall semester, my financial aid will pay my rent and help support my 5-year-old daughter, and I can't wait for someone to twiddle his thumbs and wait a month or so to get to it. I refuse for that to happen.

—Amber Vaughan
OKCCC Student

Media brings on skepticism

To the Editor:

After reading your article on sensational media, I would like to make some comments. One must discriminate between actual information sources and entertainment.

The news and pundit programs are driven by sponsors and ratings. Reporters must make reports into stories that hold the interest of viewers. Studies show that many television watchers do so with the remote in hand.

I personally have flipped between three or four channels during an evening news program, searching for the story I want to hear.

Newspapers must have headlines that create enough interest to entice readers to read the story. In many cases getting the

story has become more important than getting the facts. When stories don't flow, they fill in the gaps with information that may have more to do with making the story interesting or serving their own agenda, than proven facts to make copy.

The general public discounts much of the information presented by the press. The television channels and news programs have become entertainment and political platforms reflecting management views of these outlets. The press wonders why they are viewed with skepticism, but it only takes a few bobbles like Arnett and Rivera to destroy trust.

—Allie Burgin
Pioneer Reader



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Quote of the Week:

“Luck is when preparation meets
opportunity”

—Roger Staubach

Prof takes winding road to teaching career

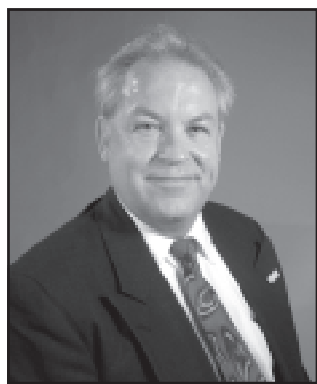
By Jamie Crowe
News Writing I Student

Business Professor Joseph Ramsey spent the first six years of his life growing up in a dump truck.

His father owned a fleet of dump trucks after World War II and his primary customer was a highway construction company he followed from job to job over the roads of Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

When it was time for Ramsey to start school, his family settled in Choctaw with five acres on Highway 3. This included an unoccupied home, filling station and a grocery store that was to become Ramsey's Hilltop Grocery and Filling Station.

Ramsey said he tells stories about his colorful past to make his classes more interesting and lively so students want to be there. He understands what it means to be a busy student trying to combine work, school, and a family.



Joseph Ramsey

He started his college career in 1965 at St. Gregory's Junior College in Shawnee. He resumed his college career at OSU Technical Institute in Oklahoma City in 1978 and finished his Bachelor of Science at Oklahoma City University, May 8, 1999.

"Life is a journey and that learning is a life long process," he said. Ramsey is still learning; he is taking graduate classes at the University of Oklahoma.

He offers advice to busy students.

"Find out what a balanced life looks like, focus on the spiritual aspect of it, and the rest will fall in behind it."

Students take his classes to learn real world examples in the classroom. He is open and willing to discuss many aspects of his life.

Ramsey teaches Introduction to Business, Principles of Management, and Business Ethics at OKCCC.

Professor volunteers for Holocaust remembrance

By Nicole Giglio
News Writing I Student

Theater Professor Ruth Charnay has directed a video of Holocaust survivors to be shown at this year's Yom HaShoah observance at 2 p.m. Sunday May 4 at Bishop McGuinness High School.

In addition to teaching, Charnay has volunteered her time to the annual Yom HaShoah observance, a day

set aside to remember the victims of the Holocaust of World War II.

It is not a religious service nor was it created for the Jewish community.

"It is a way of sharing with the entire Oklahoma City community the tragic stories of the Holocaust and how relevant the message is today."

Charnay has spent the past two months visiting the homes of Holocaust survivors in Oklahoma City. Interviewers and a

camera operator helped document the survivors' experiences.

Charnay has worked with Peter Hermes, Norman filmmaker, to create the documentary of four survivors. The survivors will be at the observance and will participate in a candle lighting ceremony, to recognize the millions of people killed during the Holocaust.

"All of these people know the importance of telling their stories, but these are

very sad events that many have spent years putting behind them," said Charnay.

Over the past 10 years, Charnay has created various programs to help educate the public about events of the Holocaust.

"I have learned that as a society, we have certain things we think should unite these people," said Charnay. "But as I listened to each one, I realized that is an oversimplification. They are all individuals and

responded to their circumstances in very different ways.

The documentary will be placed in the new Oklahoma City public library in the Holocaust Resource Center. The video will also be available through the public library to show in classrooms.

"It is an amazing look at history, right here with us in our community, and an uplifting experience to see the fortitude of these people."

Gimme a tune



Photo by Mark Doescher

Jean Pierre Lucien Basse performs an original spiritual song for the judges during the auditions for the college's talent show. The talent show will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, in the theater.

Absolute creativity honored

The annual reception for the contributors to Absolute 2003, OKCCC's literary and artistic journal, will be held at noon on Wednesday, April 30, in CU 2 and 3.

Artists, photographers and writers whose works are published in the 2003 edition of Absolute will be honored. Several authors will read their works. Vicki Hamm, Kelly Clayton, and Rochelle Mosby will read poems. Gracelynn Allen and Amber Nevarez will read essays. Sam Gresham and Meika Yates will read short stories.

Critic's Awards will be presented to writers, artists and photographers for outstanding work.

Absolute has been published by the Arts

and Humanities division since the 1970s. The annual reception has become a tradition. Clay Randolph is the present faculty adviser. Past faculty advisers include Sue Hinton, Warren Neal, Gene Bragdon and Helen Smith.

The editors this year are Barbara Gwinn, Vicki Hamm, Cynthia Sabouri, Karen Hudson and Jennifer Jackson. Naomi Christofferson and Mary Punches are copy editors. April Jackson is the graphics design specialist.

Lunch refreshments will be served. The reception is open to all OKCCC students, staff and the guests of those being honored.

Students have options regarding books: sell 'em, trade 'em, keep 'em

By Bridgette Lee
News Writing I Student

At semester's end students have a bag load of books and a choice of what to do with them — keep them, sell them to the bookstore, or sell them to other students.

Kathy Reed, bookstore director, said students will have an opportunity to sell back their textbooks during the buy back, May 12 through 19. Although a receipt is not needed, student ID and enrollment verification may be requested.

The buy back will be from 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, and 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, in room CU7 in the college union.

"The bookstore buys back books that can be resold for the next semester, based on quantities needed and in-stock inventory," said Reed.

She said students planning to sell their books should plan to have all parts of a book package

such as a study guide or a solutions manual.

"Generally speaking, all components of a book are required in order to sell it back."

"I don't think there is any point in selling them [back] because you won't get your full refund."

—Tamika Jones
Psychology Major

Reed said refunds are determined by several things, the edition status, copyright year and if a book is a workbook or study guide.

Some students don't resell their books in the OKCCC bookstore because they aren't satisfied with the money they get.

"I don't think there is any point in selling them [back] because you won't get your full refund," said Tamika Jones, 22, psychology major.

There are also students who think the bookstore overprices their books to begin with which makes for

an even bigger loss on the resale price.

"I think they need to sell their books at a competitive market price instead of raising their prices deliberately high because they know we have to purchase them here," said Kat Greubel, 21, liberal arts major.

Other students are fine with the process.

George Thomas, 20, nuclear medicine major, said the buy back prices offered are fair because the books are used.

"I am going to use the money I get towards purchasing next semester's books," said Thomas.

Reed said the most money paid for a book would be 50 percent of its new book price. That would be for a book in top-notch condition, and including all companion books.

"That's pretty standard," Reed said.

For more information regarding book buy back, contact the OKCCC bookstore at 682-1611, ext. 7510.

Another option for students to consider is posting their books for sale and

books needed on campus bulletin boards.

There are two on campus where students can list books for sale or books they want to buy.

Those boards are located on the first floor of the main building near the Student Life office just inside Entry 11, and on the second floor of the main building near the Business Division office.

Student Life assistant Marcy Wiggins said stu-

dents can get the pink slips needed to list their books on the boards on a table located in the Student Life office.

Another option students have is to place an ad in the Pioneer, the campus student newspaper.

Ads can be either e-mailed to ADMAN@okccc.edu or dropped off at the office located in 2M6 of the main building. Classified ads are free for students.

Spring music's in the air at OKCCC

By Gillian Whybark
News Writing I student

Two music concerts will be held at OKCCC this May.

Music professor Jonathan Stewart shows talent through his students who will perform on Tuesday and Thursday May 6 and 8.

The Symphonic Chorus and the Jazz Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 6 in the College Union.

OKCCC students are not the only ones that will perform on Tuesday for the Symphonic Chorus. Community members will be part of this performance as well.

"That is why I call it the community chorus," Stewart said.

The Symphonic Chorus, the Chamber Singers and the Concert Choir have been rehearsing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

since the beginning of the semester.

The harmonica, violin, bass, drums and piano will accompany the bright spring colors of the chorus at the concert.

The Chamber Singers and the Concert Choir will perform the Spring Concert in formal concert dress, at 7:30 p.m. May 8, in the college theater.

The Chamber Singers and the Concert Choir will be accompanied by the piano during their concert.

The Concert Choir will perform first, singing spirituals, Slovak folk songs and other music.

The Chamber Singers will perform next presenting German lieder (German songs), American madrigals, sacred Latin music and a little bit of jazz.

All are welcome to the performances and admission is free.

For more information contact Jonathan Stewart at 682-1611, ext. 7249.

Beat a professor, sign up for intramural volleyball

By MB Doescher
Staff Writer

Summer time is steadily approaching and so is a favorite summer pastime.

Volleyball is coming to the campus of OKCCC in the form of the Intramural Volleyball tournament. Teams of six people will compete for the crown of champion volleyball team from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and

Thursday, May 6 and 8 at the wellness center gym.

The format of the tournament will depend on the number of teams that enter.

Sports and recreation specialist Karen Hartline said, the tournament will either be single or double elimination and might include two divisions. If enough teams participate, a recreation division and a competitive division will be formed.

Staff and faculty are encouraged to sign up and form teams.

Hartline said, "I would love to see a staff-faculty team sign up to take on the students."

All games will last only one hour on each day.

Visit the Wellness Center or contact Hartline at 682-1611, ext. 7786 for more information or to sign up. The tournament is free to students and staff members and is \$5 for non-students.

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Students honored through awards

Students, staff and faculty gathered in the college union April 11 to honor students for their academic and personal achievements. Students who were honored are:

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Arts and Humanities: Catherine "Kate" Brennan, Journalism; Barbara Gwinn, Humanities; Staci Owen, Diversified Studies.

Business: Debora Adams, Administrative Office Specialist; Lauree Goodnoh, Business; Jerry Leonard, Business.

Health Professions: Kristie Bradley, Physical Therapy Assistant; Cheryl Prince, Emergency Medical Assistant; Robin Yates, Nursing Sciences.

Information Technology: Thomas Finch, Computer Programming; Kenneth George, Computer-Aided Design.

Science and Mathematics: Olabisi Atoyosoye, Chemistry; Phong Nguyen, Pre-Engineering; Sheau Huei Te, Pre-Engineering.

Social Sciences: Cole Bridges, Political Science/

Pre-law; Stephen Lancaster, Psychology; Julie Shatswell, History.

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

Arts and Humanities: Christian Anderson, Broadcasting; Leslie Bishop, Liberal Studies; Steven Boulware, Speech; So Young Lee Jung, Music; Kris Kanaly, Graphic Communications; Daniel Lapham, Journalism; Theresa Lewis, Pre-Education; Russel Macway, Film and Video Production; Maribel Martinez, Visual Arts; Maria Janae Morgan, Modern Languages; Ricky Palmer, Philosophy; Tracy Peters, Diversified Studies; Mike Post, Public Relations.

Business: Kay Collett, Banking and Finance; Beverly Collins, Administrative Office Specialist; Eileen Early-Tran, General Office Support; Michelle Fair, International Studies; Marsha Heck, Accounting; Phillip Mikula, Technology; Joel Robidox, Business; Terry Robinson, Medical Transcriptionist; Kari Shearer, Legal Office Procedures.

Health Professions: Vanessa Crider, Physical Therapist Assistant; Robert Gunn, Emergency Medical Sciences; Cherise March, Occupational Therapist Assistant; Jill Symes, Nursing.

Information Technology: John Brady, Computer-Aided Design; Multimedia Emphasis; Tara Brewer, Computer-Aided Design; Multimedia Emphasis; Alice Coffman, Computer Science, Microcomputer Specialist; Martin Cole, Computer-Aided Design; Architecture/Manufacturing; Khoi Dang, Computer Science; Computer Science Emphasis; Lance Grant, Computer-Aided Design; Architecture/Manufacturing; Alan Heltzel, Computer Science; Computer Information Systems Emphasis; Carse Wood, Computer Science; Computer Programming Emphasis.

Science and Mathematics: Denise Anderson, Biotechnology; Sandra Carter, Biology; Theresa Dinh, Math; Randy Gordon, Premed; Jennifer Greenlee, Chemistry; Dawn Mustain, Pre-

Pharmacy; Muhannad Rabeh, Pre-Engineering; Mike Walters, Physics.

Social Sciences: Jeff Amos, History; Laquitta Botkin, Psychology; Timothy Damron, Sociology; Jonahs Goodrich, Political Science/Pre-Law; Keisha King, Child Development.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Recognition of Honors Graduates: Staci Owen, Dustin Perkins, Angela Rigsby, Jeffery Rose.

FACULTY

ASSOCIATION AWARD RECOGNITION

Denise Anderson, April Brewer, Christina Fazio-Walters, Jenna Miller, Amin Parnian, Christopher Pitts, Ryan Roggow, Julie Shatswell, Mike Walters.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Pioneer award: Catherine "Kate" Brennan, Journalism.

ENGLISH STUDENT ESSAY AWARDS

Nicole Quigly, Micah Welchel.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARDS

Abilities Galore: Josh

Hansen.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry: John Wilkerson.

Campus Activities Board: Deidre Neal.

Chess Club: Lori Fischer.

Chi Alpha: David Wiggins.

Drama Club: Jessica Ball.

Engineering Club: Mike Walters.

Future Teachers' Organization/Student Oklahoma Education Association: Barbara Gwinn.

Gay Alliance and Friends Club: Suzie Rooker.

Health Professions Club: Christina Fazio-Walters.

Hispanic Organization to Promote Education: Omar Lozano.

International Student Association: Phuong Vu.

The Leadership Council: David Wiggins.

Photography Club: Jessica Viner.

Scholar's League: Meagan Attebery.

Student Art Guild: Fatemah Taghavi.

Student Occupational Therapy Association: OTA students.

Student Physical Therapist Assistant Organization: Emily Savage.

Transfer process explained

**By Stephen Waggoner
News Writing I Student**

Transferring from OKCCC to a four-year university can seem difficult for some students who might not know how to begin the process.

Students can unravel the mystery by stopping at the Student Development office located in the main building.

Ed Williams, student development adviser, explained the importance of students knowing their academic standing.

"The bottom line grade point average to transfer to the University of Central Oklahoma is 2.0, and the student must be in good standing with his or her institution," Williams said. "However, the student could still be admitted if his or her GPA is under 2.0 but would be under UCO's probationary standards," he said.

A student transferring to the University of Oklahoma who has completed 7 to 59 hours must have at least a 2.5 GPA. If the student has 60 or more hours the bottom-line grade point average is a 2.0.

College credit earned at OKCCC will

transfer to UCO or OU but might not be applicable to the degree chosen. However, if a student earns an associate of arts or associate of science degree, the entire degree will transfer to either one of the universities, Williams said.

In a report given to OKCCC Board of Regents on Feb. 24, Dr. Paul Sechrist, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, said the average GPA of a transfer student (1,270 students) from OKCCC in the spring semester of 2002 was 2.8, whereas students who transferred in the fall 2001 semester to the University of Oklahoma (659 students) had a cumulative GPA of 2.69.

Kayla Kelly, a transfer student from OKCCC to UCO said, "I like it at [UCO]. The classes are about the same size and I feel like more of a college student now than when I was at OKCCC." Kelly has managed to carry a 3.87 at UCO and a 3.5 while at OKCCC.

Keep in touch with your adviser from OKCCC and from UCO and your transferring experience should go well, Williams said.

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Spring Festival offers fun, eggs-itement



Conner Smith examines the bag of goodies he received at the Spring Fair, held Easter weekend at the college.



Max Baldridge pauses for a quick snapshot during the Easter egg hunt at the college union.



Photos and text
by MB Doescher



Several hundred parents and children attended the April 19 Annual Spring Fair at OKCCC. Festivities included games, an Easter egg hunt and of course, the Easter Bunny.

During the indoor hunt, dimmed lights, shrubbery and tables were used to hide the eggs and create a challenge for the hunters. Three separate hunts were held for varying age groups.

The favorite activity outside of the egg hunts was the wax hand table. Fairgoers waited 20 to 30 minutes to have their hands dipped in wax and the casts colored to their liking. Parents and kids alike enjoyed taking home a little piece of themselves.

Other activities at the fair included face painting, ball toss, ring toss, coloring, hula-hoop, a cotton candy machine, free balloons and balloon animals, and caricature drawings.

The Photography Club sponsored an event where kids could have pictures made with the Easter Bunny for a small fee. Children young and old, and a few parents, sat with the Easter Bunny and posed for the camera. The pictures were a nice memento from a day well spent at the college. The club will use the money raised to fund their activities.

The Spring Fair was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.



Cody Owens withstands a little heat in order to get a wax mold made of his hand.



Two-month-old Jailee McMillin has her picture taken with the Easter Bunny and big sister Brianna McMillin.

Pathways Middle College makes the grade

By Naseem Cox
News Writing I Student

OKCCC provides space on campus for an alternative high school for promising students who struggle with motivation in a large urban school setting.

Carol Brogan, principal at Pathway Middle College High School, said Pathways is a school developed through a partnership between the Oklahoma City School District and OKCCC. Currently, the school has 48 students in grades 8 through 10.

"The school was established in January 2001 and each year will be adding an additional grade," said Brogan.

To be admitted into the Pathways program, each applicant must submit two letters of recommendation,

a copy of their current transcript, test scores and an interview.

A day for a Pathway high school student is much like a day at an ordinary public school. Students attend class but have also incorporated an ACT preparation class into their curriculum.

Vincent Peoples, 15, Pathway student described his school.

"It's a good learning experience. We have gotten used to a more serious learning environment."

The ACT preparation class helps students build test skills and become familiar with questions. It provides a daily reinforcement for them.

"Several students have done well enough on their ACT score that if they keep a 3.5 grade point average, then they will be eligible to take college courses. They could take between six to twelve hours," said Brogan.

After scoring so well on the test, some students were surprised.

"Most of us did a lot better than we thought we would do," said Jamie Bates, 16, student.

She said the students may not have done as well without the class. The school stresses study.

"The main difference at Pathways

is our focus is primarily academic," said Brogan.

Student Holly Tiller, 15, said "they work us hard but we learn." When asked what students wanted people to know about their school,

"This isn't for potential dropouts. We came here for a better education," Tiller said.

Pathways staffing reduced

By Naseem Cox
News Writing I Student

Pathways Middle College High School faces new obstacles due to the district-wide budget cuts in the Oklahoma City School System.

Pathways School is currently funded through the district's general fund although the school also receives a small amount of money through Title One grant money.

Pathways principal, Carol Brogan said due to the budget cuts, the schools will be losing part of their teaching staff.

"We are losing one faculty position, and we have two teachers with less than three years of service with the district who may be reassigned to other schools in the fall."

Tentatively Brogan has come up with a solution to the school's upcoming problems.

"Some students who have done well enough on their ACT will be eligible to take college courses while still being a high school student, reducing the class size in some classrooms.

Also, we thought about combining grade levels, putting eighth and ninth grade together and tenth and eleventh grades together."

She said three teachers will be brought in next year. All will be qualified to teach in several areas.

Brogan said she has met with parents and college officials and they are aware of the situation.

"We are just discussing possible ways to meet all the challenges."

OKCCC a diverse college

By Kendall Simpson
News Writing I Student

To many students, diversity is based upon race and nationality, but diversity encompasses many more categories.

"People often think of diversity as only racial and ethnic diversity. Of course the issue is a much broader scope," said Dr. John Barker, director of Institutional Research at OKCCC.

Barker's research shows that every OKCCC student is different.

Male students make up 44 percent of the student population. Research also shows that 35 percent of the students attend class full time.

"I am occasionally asked to provide a profile of the average OKCCC student," Barker said. "Due to the tremendous diversity at OKCCC, I don't believe there is an average student."

Barker said diversity on campus can be classified in many categories such as family, employment status, current area of study, marital status and even if they have children.

More students are studying health science than business and management.

More than half of the students enrolled work part-time and more than half also said they are here to receive transfer credit.

Twenty-eight percent of students have dependent children and 25 percent are married.

"I am a full-time student at another university," said Jenny Hoge, public relations major at the University of Oklahoma. "I take classes at OKCCC that are difficult to enroll in at my university."

There are many students on this campus who are planning to attend a four-year university.

"I wasn't ready to attend a huge university right out of high school, so I chose to come here and transfer credit when I am ready," said student Abbie Lyon.

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Folk music left crowd wanting more

By Stacey LeGrange
News Writing I Student

Intricate melodies echoed from Brad Richter's acoustic guitar at the OKCCC theater, April 15.

Richter performed a variety of songs creatively intertwining folk with the harmonious rhythms of classical guitar.

Native legends and stories were creatively told through music, giving the audience something to picture as Richter potently finger-picked.

"How the Sun Came" is a Cherokee legend that Richter chose to express through song. The tale begins in the beginning of

time when it is dark.

All of the animals make a plan to steal the sun from the other side of the earth. First, an opossum says that he will steal the sun and hide it in his beautiful bushy tail. Yet, the sun burned all of the hair off his tail giving him a skinny, rat-like tail.

Next, a vulture comes and says he will steal the sun and hide it in his beautiful head feathers. Yet, again the sun burned them off leaving the vulture's head bald, like it is today.

Last, a spider said he would steal the sun but because he was so small the other animals' ridiculed and laughed at him. Ignoring the other animals' insults, the spider stole a

little piece of the sun, and put it in a clay bowl he had made. The piece of the sun grew more every day creating the immense sun we have now.

Richter also played some unique self-written songs titled "Clock Strike Midnight", and "Stepping on a Spider."

In "Stepping on a Spider," Richter oddly used a match on his guitar string to create the eerie sound of a spider scurrying. The song comically ended with Richter smacking his guitar representing the spider being squashed.

Richter was born in Enid and began teaching himself guitar at the age of 12.

"I would always pick out the guitar parts in songs on

the radio when I was little, I would play air guitar," Richter said.

"I taught him his first instrument," Richter's uncle said, "I taught him how to play his armpit!"

Having no formal musical training, Richter was awarded the presidential scholarship to the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago.

After completing his undergraduate degrees, Richter accepted a scholarship to the Royal College of Music in London.

There Richter studied under a man named Carlos

Bonell, who is now one of Richter's mentors.

In 1994 Richter completed his master's degree at Royal and now travels all over the world performing as a solo artist.

Richter left OKCCC students in awe after his performance.

After seeing the show, OKCCC student Chris Johnson said, "Whenever he played the songs he wrote himself... awesome."

OKCCC student Adam Lynch really enjoyed the intertwining of music styles

"I like how he mixed jazz with folk. It was rad!"

Parking lots fail student poll

By Brandon Dewan
News Writing I Student

Parking lots get a D- from students. In an unscientific poll of 20 OKCCC students, parking lots received a 60 percent pass rate with the most serious problem being shortage of parking spaces.

OKCCC student Lauren Coco said: "Most every time I arrive at school, I have a difficult time finding a parking space [in the area where I want to park]."

OKCCC has an estimated enrollment of 10,000 to 11,000 students each semester.

John Knight, director of Physical Plant, said there are a total of 2,196 parking spaces for students and faculty and 93 parking spaces for handicap commuters.

Professor of Journalism and English Sue Hinton said she has no trouble finding a place to park.

"I always think there is room for improvement," she said. Hinton said the big-

gest problem is around the swimming pool area. When the swimmers are coming and going, it appears to be very congested. "Certain times during the semester are much worse than others," Hinton said.

Knight said there is talk about enlarging the parking lot, but "nothing is concrete."

Potholes are another problem with one parking area. Student Matt Hanna said: "One day I hit a pothole that was so bad it popped my front right tire."

Hanna is now more cautious when driving around the OKCCC parking lot.

Knight said the parking lot was last repaved in fall 2002 and should be repaved again in the summer of 2003.

"It will most likely be repaved when school is out, so it will be ready for the fall," Knight said.

Some students find markings in the parking lot deficient.

"It is hard to tell where the spots are because the lines are extremely faded,"

said OKCCC student David Straight.

Building Services Assistant Rick Cowan said the parking lot lines are planned to be repainted in the near future.

The nighttime lighting in the parking lot is also a problem facing commuters for evening classes.

OKCCC sophomore, Kendall Simpson said: "When I walk out of my evening class, the parking lot light is faint and I do not feel safe."

As a solution the college provides a security escort for students who don't want to walk alone to their cars. To take advantage of this service, call campus security at 682-1611 ext. 7691.

According to Safety and Security Attendant Rod Harden, every day there are at least three officers patrolling the parking lot at the same time.

For further information, contact the director of Physical Plant, John Knight, at 682-1611, ext. 7292.

Summertime equals biology training

By Morgan Hopkins
News Writing I Student

Area high school students will have the opportunity to attend the Summer Science Academy at the college from June 2 through 20.

During the academy, students can choose from three sections; microbiology, field biology and biotechnology.

Chemistry professor Steve Shore, described some of the things students would be able to do.

"In the biotechnology field, students will be able to take DNA from swabs of cheek cells," he said. "Then with this, students will be able to study short segments of mitochondria DNA."

"Mitochondria DNA is almost entirely maternally inherited so this will give a taste of some of the many things we can learn."

With this information, a

person could trace who the ancestors were or help discover identities of unknown bodies.

Biology Professor Dennis Anderson, also will be in attendance at the academy.

"There is a website available for those who can trace their ancestry back to the eight tribes of England, if your lineage is from there."

This information is found at oxfordancestors.com.

High school students who will be freshman, sophomores, juniors or seniors during the fall, may qualify to attend the academy as well.

The deadline for applications to the academy is Thursday, May 1. Students may either pick up applications through their counselor or science teacher, or call 682-7508 to have one mailed.

Students may also access the Internet to download the forms at www.okccc.edu/deanderson.

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Highlights

Concert in the courtyard

A choral concert will be held from 11 to 11:50 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, in the college courtyard. Admission is free. All are welcome. Audience may bring their lunch as they enjoy the concert in the sun. The concert will be canceled if it rains. For more information, call Jonathan Stewart at 682-1611, ext. 7249 or e-mail jstewart@okccc.edu.

Two concerts in one week

OKCCC is presenting two concerts in one week. An Evening of Broadway Tunes featuring the Symphonic Chorus and Jazz Ensemble will be held on Tuesday, May 6, in the college union. The Spring Concert featuring Chamber Singers and Concert Choir will be held on Thursday, May 8, in the theater. Both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. Audience may take entry 6 to get to both concerts. Admission is free. All are welcome. For more information, call Jonathan Stewart at 682-1611, ext. 7249 or e-mail jstewart@okccc.edu.

Intramural volleyball tournament

The Intramural volleyball tournament will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, and Thursday, May 8, in the College gymnasium. The intramurals usually involves students, but staff and faculty teams are also welcome. Those who are interested in signing up for a staff/faculty team to play in either the 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. game, e-mail Karen Hartline at khartline@okccc.edu. Games would only last one hour.

Raising Optimistic Children

OKCCC will host a seminar, "Raising Optimistic Children," which will focus on how to prevent depression in children. The seminar runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 2, in the Training Center located on the fourth floor of the college library. "Raising Optimistic Children" will be presented by Dr. Curtis Nigh, a licensed professional counselor and marriage and family therapist. The cost is \$55 and includes a continental breakfast. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on May 2. Early registration and payment are encouraged. For more information or to register, call 682-7562.

Free Immunization rescheduled

The Caring Van has been postponed to 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, due to a scheduling conflict. The van will be in the Child Development Center parking lot. Parents should bring their children along with their shot records to receive any needed immunizations. Immunizations are free. For more information, stop by the Child Development Center Office located south of the OKCCC campus facing May Avenue.

Scholarship for the summer

The Financial Aid Office is offering two \$500 scholarships for the summer, which are based on both merit and financial need. Applicants must be recipients of federal need-based financial aid during the current year and have a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Each applicant must also have earned 24 college level credit hours by the application deadline of Monday, May 19, and be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for summer. Applications may be picked up in the Financial Aid Office. For more information, call Student Financial Support Services at 682-1611, ext. 7524.

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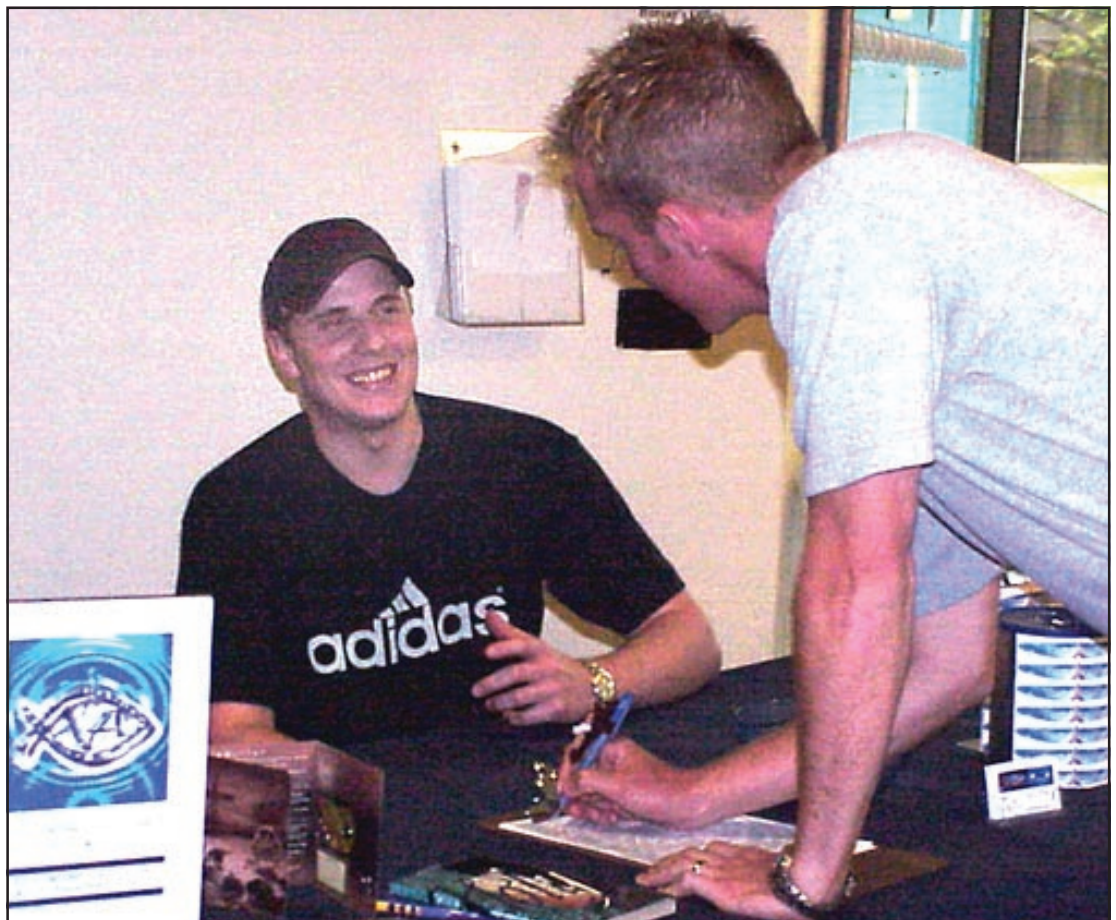


Photo by Ronna Austin

Promoting Chi Alpha: Tim Moser, incoming vice president for college religious organization Chi Alpha Christian fellowship, talks to Carey Parker about the club. Moser said he hoped to entice more members to the club with the literature available on the table and Christian music videotape playing on a nearby television.

Nursing club active; sponsor proud

By Caroline Ting
Staff Writer

The Oklahoma Nursing Students' Association has always been active, said nursing professor Nancy Cook, who has been a sponsor of the organization for 10 years.

The organization currently holds 14 active members and many other nursing students who participate in club meetings but are not members, said Brandi Spencer, publicity officer.

Recently seven new officers were elected in order to meet the needs of the growing numbers of the nursing students who want to become a part of the club.

The club is organizing a silent auction as a fundraiser for nursing scholarships. Spencer and Lea Ann Loftis, director of the program, are working to collect items and set up the event.

The fund-raiser will be

held from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, and from 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, in the mini hospital of the nursing building.

Numerous items such as candles, fitness center memberships, restaurant gift certificates, beanie babies will be available.

Spencer said the auction gives all the students and faculty in the college a chance to make bids and raise money for the scholarship fund.

Throughout the semester, the club has had quite a few guest speakers from hospitals and military, as well as speakers talking to the nursing students about needed physical touch with patients.

Sometimes Cook herself serves as the guest speaker. She talks about her eight years of home hospice nursing as well as multicultural issues. She'd also care with the club members in a nursing home, which she said was a great activ-

ity.

Cook pointed out how busy all the nursing students are and they're still willing to invest time and effort into the club.

"Their schedule is grueling," Cook said.

Nursing students choose to participate in the club even if they already have a busy life because "this is what professionals do and that's how we support one another," Cook said. "That's how we advance ourselves."

Cook also said that the officers and the members are doing a great job in running the club. She said she's "proud and delighted" with all the work the club is doing.

Students who are interested in becoming a part of the Oklahoma Nursing Students' Association may contact Spencer at 326-8823 or e-mail vice president Dusty Grupe at mz1-grupe@aol.com.

Membership is open to nursing students after summer break.

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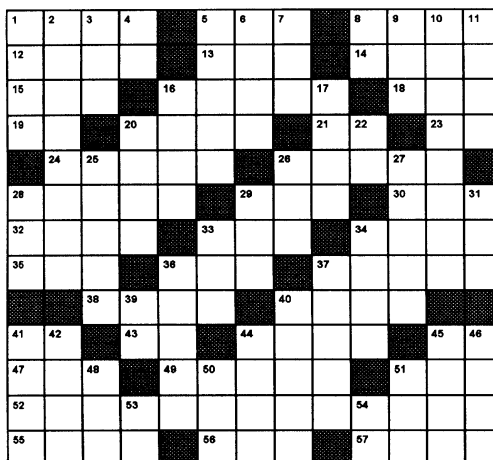
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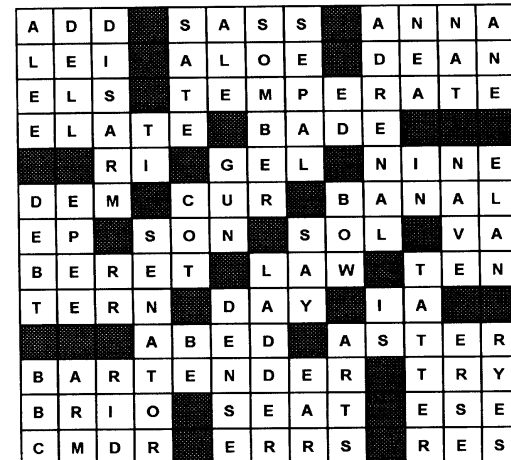
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Campus security van damaged

By Chelsie Taylor
News Writing I Student

You don't always have to call a security guard when you get into a wreck on campus. Sometimes they are already there.

A white 1991 Chevy pickup backed into one of the college's security vans on April 16. Russell Sanders, 23, said he didn't see the van as he was backing out of his parking spot.

The security van suffered a large dent on the passenger side of the sliding door. Sander's pickup truck showed little damage.

Sanders said security officer John Hughes wasn't too mad. "He was polite about it," Sanders said.

No one was hurt in the accident. Three other OKCCC security guards responded to the accident as did an Oklahoma City police officer who was called to complete a report on the accident.

Keith Bourque, campus security officer, said normally campus police would have handled the wreck.

"We don't always have Oklahoma City police come to the scene, but we did in this case because it was a state vehicle that got hit," he said.

A campus accident report lists estimated damages to the van as between \$3500 to \$3800. Sanders wasn't given a ticket by either campus security or Oklahoma City police.

Technology fee usage explained

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benefits the students.

More and more professors are requesting the

multimedia classrooms since the college has encouraged the increased use of technology in the classroom, said Sechrist.

Sechrist and Lombard both agree that technology is important to a quality

education.

"We are trying to stretch the [money] to hit the highest priority areas," said Lombard.

College website updated

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she said.

Cole Bridges, pre-law sophomore, agrees with Gwinn that the site could still use improvements. Changes can be made to make the site more accessible, he said.

"Currently, I find the site less user-friendly," Bridges said, but added that may be because it's so new and will take some getting used to.

Mayra Moreno, nursing sophomore, said she has found the site more useful for her.

"It's a lot easier to access information to enroll and drop classes," she said. "It's not as slow and I can find more information."

Students aren't the only ones noticing the new look.

Political Science professor Dana Glencross has visited the updated site.

"The visibility is much more compressed so it's much more user-friendly," she said.

Glencross said she uses the site mainly for online courses and distance education.

Professor of Learning Skills Mark Schneberger finds it much easier to navigate. His students, however, have had difficulties.

"There are too many different options for them that they aren't sure where they should go," he said.

Schneberger said he spends time in class helping his students navigate the site to properly enroll in their classes. They students are confused by the terminology he said.

"It's easier for me [to navigate]."

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