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Study time: Aniek VanDoremalen takes advantage of a sunny day to study for a physics class in the courtyard. Aniek said she is at OKCCC completing her prerequisites for an occupational therapy degree. She also attends the University of Oklahoma where she plans to graduate in December of 2004.

EMT field has high stress, low pay

By Trevor Rivera
News Writing I Student

They train to save lives in emergencies, but where do they disappear to? Approximately half of all eligible paramedics, and an unknown number of emergency medical technicians, chose not to renew their state licenses in March 2003.

The reason? Poor pay, said Kay Hollingsworth, who works in the emergency medical services department of the Oklahoma Health Department.

Unless something is done to correct it, the situation could get worse.

"Most agencies won't even realize how large the problem is until a lot of the

paramedics don't renew their licenses this March," said Romeo Opichka, program director of the emergency medical sciences division at OKCCC.

The state's only hope of increasing their employment pool for paramedics and technicians is for companies to increase wages, Opichka said.

The national average annual salary of emergency medical technicians and paramedics in 2001 was \$25,450.

For the same time period in Oklahoma, the average annual salary was \$20,110, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

About 150 students from OKCCC enter the emergency medical field a year. About 20 students become

licensed paramedics. About 130 students become licensed technicians, an arena where the stress level is high and the pay is not.

"It's a stressful job," said Paul O'Leary, spokesperson for EMSA.

He said EMSA, which provides ambulance services to Oklahoma City, pays entry-level technicians \$21,000. Entry-level paramedics earn \$27,000.

EMSA experiences a 15 percent turnover rate annually, O'Leary said.

"Generally, people leave because it's financial or stress related."

Better jobs steal emergency technicians and

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File sharing alternatives legal, cheap

Paying per song to download one option for music fans

By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

(Editor's note: Last week, the Pioneer reported on the Internet piracy lawsuits being filed on behalf of the Recording Industry Association of America, and public reaction to those suits. This week the focus is on alternatives to music file sharing.)

A little more than a month ago, the Recording Industry Association of America filed lawsuits against 261 music uploaders in an attempt to send out a message —the message being, stop downloading and sharing music files.

Computer users can download and share music files through free software offered online. The RIAA said the practice is copyright infringement which is illegal.

Some of the shareware companies and their customers being targeted by the RIAA are Kazaa, Grokster, Limewire and Audiogalaxy.

In May, 6.2 million songs were shared just through Kazaa alone.

The lawsuits, though small in number compared to the number of file sharers, have succeeded in scaring millions away from the practice since May — at least 1.9 million from Kazaa. And the RIAA said this is just the first round of lawsuits. Thousands more are planned, said Jonathon Ramy, RIAA spokesman.

Legal alternatives

But, what about the individual who wants just that one song and not an entire CD put out by an artist or wants to make a compilation CD of favorite music by various artists?

There are options.

One alternative for legally downloading music files exists on the Internet.

Rollingstone.com lets a person download 50 mp3 files — music files — for free as part of a trial subscription to EMusic, their online downloading service. After that, users pay a monthly membership fee for unlimited access to available music files.

Single songs also can be downloaded for 99 cents each at www.collegeconcerts.com and buymusic.com, as well as other sites that can be found by doing an Internet

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Media's gone too far

Has the media gone too far?

It seems like the media is reporting more and more on tabloid material. We've seen whole stories on Britney Spears and Madonna kissing on the MTV Video Music Awards on MSNBC. We see so much material on Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez on Internet sites everywhere — whether they are getting married or not — and it seems like it's every day. Why are the media so worried about what the stars are doing and not enough on real-world material?

It's one word and one word only. Ratings. People want to see what the stars are doing. Even the Emmys made fun of the news stations "newsworthy" material. They made fun of Geraldo Rivera talking about himself more than about the stories he was reporting on, and of reporters asking irrelevant questions on stories such as the Lacy Peterson case.

One of the top stories on the Fox news website last week was "The Number of Schwarzenegger's Accusers Grows." There's more information on Schwarzenegger allegedly groping girls than there is about his campaign. Some people had no idea what his ideas were for his campaign. It seems that some media are jumping to conclusions before getting the facts straight, and not in editorial form. Sensationalism is their top priority.

The info-tainment media has gone too far. The recent Rush Limbaugh controversy was huge. He didn't think about what he was going to say. He just spoke. He made a racist comment that was completely irrelevant to sports and now he's paying the price by resigning as a sports host for Monday Night Football. When Bill Maher said he thought the people who flew airplanes into our World Trade Center were brave, he lost his show.

A questionnaire conducted by American Society of Newspaper Editors on their website found that, in 1999, 79 percent of the American public believed that "it's pretty easy for special interest groups to manipulate the press." Seventy eight percent of adults thought the media was biased.

All of this irresponsibility can be easily fixed. Journalists just need to think about how stories should be relayed based on relevance before actually relaying them. Readers, listeners and viewers really do listen to what the media says. If they report on entertainment all the time, the audience won't know the real events going on in the world.

Not all media is this way, but a lot of it is. Media should just state the facts. They were put here as watchdogs to watch the government and make sure they aren't hiding anything, not to talk about Spears kissing Madonna.

Most new journalists want the media to be credible and it seems like the media is losing that at a fast pace. The media is truly a great source of information and can do tremendous things for the public with the right reporting. Good role models in the media can teach the younger generations to report unbiased and ethically.

—Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Online spring enrollment begins

To The Editor:

By this time, most students should be settled into the routine of frantically trying to keep their heads above water for the fall semester. Days and nights spent with an endless array of reading, homework, tests and projects can get to even the most resilient among us. So, students, eat, breathe, sleep. . . and let me add one more task to your list. Start planning next semester.

Now, you might be asking yourself what this madwoman is thinking. After all, it's only September. But, now is the time to visit with a Student Development counselor or with your faculty adviser to discuss what the next semester will entail.

And if you haven't declared a major or even put much thought into what it is that you want to do with your life after college, then you definitely need to begin working toward some specific goal.

Online enrollment for the spring semester will begin on Oct. 13. Those of you who have no holds and who don't want an overload schedule can enroll online that week. Everyone else can begin enrolling on October 20. So, you have an opportunity to get the classes you want and need, at times you want and need them, without the long lines and congestion we'll see in January.

Get advised now, enroll next month, and then catch

up on that beauty sleep you'll lose during the semester.

Oh, and pay early, too. The fee due date is the last possible date to take care of fees without being dropped.

You don't have to wait until then. Of course, if you love crowds and meeting new people, we'll see you in January.

—Mary Turner
Coordinator of Student
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Tutors needed now

To The Editor:

The Biology Department needs assistance in locating biology tutors. To qualify to tutor, submit transcripts and a letter of reference from a college professor. The transcripts must show successful completion, A or B grade, of some or all of the following classes: A & P I, A & P II, Botany, Zoology,

Human Physiology, CVA, Ecology, Genetics, Human Anatomy or Microbiology. Tutoring will only occur in the Science Center. Qualified applicants will be offered 4 to 6 hours per week at \$6.75 an hour. If interested, call Virginia Hovda at 682-1611, ext. 7355 or e-mail vhovda@okccc.edu.

—Virginia Hovda
Biology Supervisor

GIBBLEGUTS.COM By Dan Gibson



The Space Shuttle examines a disabled satellite.

Comments and Reviews

'School of Rock' rocks

If you are thinking there aren't any good movies out in theaters this fall, then you're dead wrong.

One of the best movies of the year came out last weekend. "School Of Rock" is a great movie that has you laughing, crying and leaving the theater inspired.

Jack Black plays Dewey Finn, a middle-aged musician who is striking out on becoming a big star.

One day his roommate, Ned Shneebly (Mike White), forces him to pay rent he doesn't have.

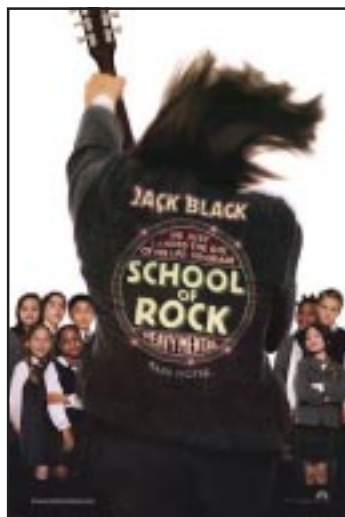
Then one day Dewey Finn's roommate Shneebly gets a job teaching at an elementary school. Finn needs money so he takes the job instead. This is where the story really takes off.

The next memorable

turning point in this movie, is when Jack Black's character really starts to care for these kids. One of the students is feeling out of place. After hearing the students in music class one day, Finn gets an idea for the solution to this dilemma. That is all I am going to give you about the story, but the story line is great.

The moral of this story is sometimes hard to see, through all of the crazy humor the story provides, but it's there. The kids in this movie are phenomenal. They not only capture you with their acting, but also with their musical ability.

Jack Black gives a really great performance. He captures you with his inspiration for music and his passion to make each person feel important.



This movie delivers the great life lesson — you have to have passion for something in life.

I give "School of Rock" an A+ in my book. Go see it. This movie is now one of my top 10 movies. It's friggin' hilarious

—Brent Hodges
Staff Writer

Ska band in OKC for final tour

The flashback begins as the light fades. Here I am at 14, skankin' away at the FIF show. I'm stoked because my parents are actually letting me go out to a place where there is loud music and kids my age — and girls. Sweet, I've got it made. Ska is so cool.

This was the beginning of my life as a "social whore." Yes, Five Iron Frenzy, a Christian band, helped shape the rest of my life.

With this said, you can imagine why I am stoked that FIF is returning. The bad news is that this is the band's final tour.

The "Winners Never Quit

Tour" will be passing through Oklahoma City at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at City Church, 136 N.W. 10 St., just east of Robinson Avenue.

This tour will consist of Five Iron Frenzy, Bleach, The Artist Formerly Known as Holland and Cameron Jaymes.

There also will be a free pre-show kicking off at 2 p.m. and running until 6 p.m. which boasts local bands: Subseven, Minutes Too Far, Chemical X, Morning September, Banner Road, Third Grade Scuffle, Echo Flyer, Special Disaster Team, Crimson Thread

and Obadiah.

For those old-school kids who remember the shows at such faded venues as 4th Street Basement Café, The Outer Café and Mocha Madness, this is a must-see show.

Take yourself back to that 14-year-old inside, when going out to a Christian punk and ska show was the ultimate excuse to meet girls and get away from your parents.

For more information on the upcoming show log onto www.overtone.com.

—Daniel Lapham
Editor

Listen to mom: wash your hands

To The Editor:

Feel free to respond in front of your peers as my children usually do whenever I share with them the wisdom of my many years (roll your eyes, snort, say, "Good grief" or something similar), but take some time to consider the advice in the privacy of your own space.

Before the 19th century, people routinely died from infections they contracted while receiving medical care, having surgery or giving birth. By the early 19th century, some in the medical community began to believe that these deaths were not due just to the fact that the patients were poor and physically inferior, but that things called germs were responsible.

Now, how did these germs get to the patients they ultimately killed? On the unwashed hands of the doctors who treated them. You might be asking yourself what this might have to do with anything in the year 2003. I mention all this in order to stress that there are still minute things called germs in our environments. And these germs love to hitch a ride on the unwashed hands of all those who don't wash their hands. And that might be you (go ahead, roll your eyes and snort).

I have witnessed countless students (all female since I was in the restroom at the time, but I would guess that males do this, too) do whatever they needed to do and then leave the facility without washing. Whatever germs were encountered in a public toilet left on your hands. Hands you later rubbed your eyes with. Hands you put in your mouth. Hands you touched your friends and family with. If you're ever curious about whether these little germ things are real and what they might look like, go visit with a science professor. It might convince you to invest some quality time in washing.

On a less ghastly topic, I encourage you to ponder the nomadic lifestyle enjoyed by many commuter college students, possibly by you. I can't begin to tell you the number of students whom we in Student Development have attempted to contact for some very important reason only to find that the telephone number given to admissions is no longer a working number. We also have had countless pieces of mail returned because the student no longer lived at that address.

Conversely, we have students come to us each semester angry because they were dropped from classes for non-payment or because they missed some other vital piece of information that they felt we should have forwarded to them. When questioned about their place of residence, they look at us funny and say something profound such as, "I haven't lived there for a year," as if we should have known. The moral of this story is that if you change your address or telephone number, let admissions know so that the correct information is on the system. I promise that we won't just call to chat during dinner.

So ladies and gents, wash your hands often, let us know when you move, and be kind to yourselves and others.

—Mary Turner
Coordinator of Student Support Service

Quote of the Week:

"Your own words are the bricks and mortar of the dreams you want to realize. Your words are the greatest power you have. The words you choose and use establish the life you experience."

—Croquette Sonia

Former student to seek Senate seat

By Daniel Lapham
Editor

OKCCC graduate Brian Maughan announced his plans to run for the state Senate as the Republican candidate for the seat previously held by Keith Leftwich. Leftwich died in September.

Maughan, 26, is a life-long resident of south Oklahoma City. He said he decided to run for the seat after receiving an overwhelming amount of support from the community.

"Over the past two weeks I have been humbled by the number of calls and e-mails that I have received from people all over south Oklahoma City encouraging me to run," Maughan said. "After very careful consider-



Brian Maughan

ation, I have decided to accept their support and enter the race."

Maughan graduated from OKCCC in 1999 after attending since 1995. He graduated with a degree in public relations and broadcasting and journalism.

Maughan said his two greatest loves are politics and public relations. He said these two passions work very well together.

Maughan said he believes his experience at OKCCC helped him prepare for public office.

"The training I received at OKCCC was invaluable," Maughan said. "I think that Gwin Faulconer-Lippert is probably the best professor anyone could have getting into public relations. She has taught me more real life day-to-day experience that I have applied to my jobs than anything I have learned in any other kind of classroom."

"I just think I received a premiere education from OKCCC."

Maughan resigned as an economic development director for County Com-

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—Brian Maughan

Former OKCCC student currently running for an Oklahoma State Senate seat

missioner Jack Cornett to run for the seat. He ended three years of employment with Oklahoma county on Oct. 2.

"I have resigned my position as of Thursday at 5 p.m. from Oklahoma county in order to pursue this senate seat. It is important to me that there be no appearance of impropriety or conflicts of interest, as I think it is nearly impossible to separate a government job from a major campaign such as this one," accord-

ing to Maughan's press release.

Maughan said he plans to support the college. One of the ways he plans on doing this, he said, is to fight for zero-based budgeting to fund education first.

"Economic development will be a big priority," Maughan said. "Helping the economy and bringing quality jobs to south Oklahoma City is the best stimulus towards making our neighborhoods cleaner and safer."

Jazz combo set to release new album in spring '04

By Josh Kahoe
News Writing I Student

Kevin Webb, director of the OKCCC Jazz Combo, has an album release planned for the future.

Teamed with students at the college, he is taking the best songs off previous CDs and compiling them onto a best-of album.

Webb plans to send the CD to area high schools so that they can add solos and songs to the CD as well.

"We have decided to release the album in January of 2004," Webb said.

The jazz combo is currently a small ensemble working on improvisations.

Webb is not only the director, but also the guitarist in the combo.

Webb is accompanied in the combo by OKCCC students Jeff Vandagriff and Yoshitaka Isoda.

Vandagriff is the bass player and is in his third semester in the combo with Webb. Isoda is the pianist.



Jazz Combo instructor Kevin Webb plays electric guitar with Jeff Vandagriff playing bass guitar and Yoshitaka Isoda playing the electric organ. These three make up the college's jazz band.

Webb said the combo's music is based around blues, funk and jazz standards. They are generally accompanied by vocals, but are currently in search of a vocalist.

For more information e-mail Webb at kwebb5@cox.net for further details.

Photo by Keah Roggow

This is his first semester in the combo.

"This is my favorite class because I like playing bass so much," Vandagriff said.

Webb encourages anyone who can play an instrument or sing to sit in at one of their practices.

The jazz ensemble prac-

tices in room 1C5 in the Arts and Humanities Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m.

The combo is planning to have a clinic at the college with the famous Jimmy Dorsey Band, which is going to be in concert at 7 p.m. October 14 in the

OKCCC Theater.

Webb said the combo's music is based around blues, funk, and jazz standards. They are generally accompanied by vocals but currently are in search of a vocalist.

Webb teaches standard guitar, jazz guitar and the

jazz band.

For more information about the Jazz band, e-mail Webb at kwebb5@cox.net.

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Photo by Keah Roggow

Colleges compete: OKCCC Baptist Collegiate Ministries softball team took 2nd place at the State BCM tournament in Edmond Sept. 19 and 20. Their coed team competed against teams from many colleges around the state. OKCCC, defending champions, lost in the championship game in the last ending to Western Oklahoma State College. Meetings are at noon on Mondays in room 3K6 and at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays in room 3NO.

BCM... A club for worship

By Roger Murphy
News Writing I Student

Like many college campuses in Oklahoma, OKCCC has a Baptist Collegiate Ministries club.

BCM is a place where Christians can meet other Christians and for non-Christians to hear about Jesus, said John Wilkerson, president.

"We meet, we eat, we listen to a speaker, we pray, we sing and we have a good time," he said.

"We do lots of activities with other BCM groups from other campuses, and we get together on some Thursday nights and go bowling as a group," he said.

After the Thursday meeting, BCM has a Bible study group called Herbert.

"In this group we study

different and practical topics like how to study the Bible and use a concordance. We talk about dating and discrimination on campus," said Wilkerson.

"We reach approximately 30 to 40 students per meeting," said Wilkerson, "And I wish we could reach a lot more."

BCM is a national ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention to college students, said Mike Barnett, coordinator at OKCCC and the OU Health Science Center. He started with the campus ministry 26 years ago when they went by the name BSU, Baptist Student Union. In that time, Barnett said he has worked on the campuses of OKCCC, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City University and Southern Nazarene University.

There have been some

changes in the last 26 years, said Barnett. Starting in the 1990s students began to be more involved in missions and mission work. Barnett thinks this is because many churches today are more global in their outlook.

"The students of today are also more enthusiastic about their walk with the Lord," said Barnett.

BCM groups from different campuses get together for activities on a regular basis. They hold softball, volleyball and basketball tournaments. They also get together on spring and fall retreats every year, said Barnett.

The weekend of Oct. 4 and 5 saw the annual retreat for international students at Falls Creek. Several hundred people attended, said Barnett.

"Last year 21 countries were represented."

Baptist club finds replacement sponsor

By Roger Murphy
News Writing I Student

Mike Barnett, Baptist Collegiate Ministries coordinator, announced to club members last week that Brooks McMullan has agreed to serve as the new sponsor for the group, since the previous sponsor, Karen Hartline, is leaving.

"Karen Hartline and I worked together in the Recreation and Community Services Department at OKCCC for about one month," said McMullan.

He was Hartline's supervisor and said it is going to be hard to replace her.

He is also getting ready to go away for two weeks on a trip to Italy that he and his wife have planned for more than a year.

His wife is with the College of Business at the University of Oklahoma and is going to a Study Abroad conference sponsored by the University of Kansas, said McMullan. "She asked me to go with her and my reply was 'yes'."

"When I get back and things slow down in November, I want to attend as many BCM meetings as time allows," said McMullan. He said he looks forward to receiving a briefing from Barnett on how he can help the most.

McMullan received a bachelor's degree in family counseling from the University of New Hampshire, where he attended on a football scholarship. McMullan came home to Norman to attend the University of Oklahoma for his master's degree in higher education administration.

Before coming to OKCCC, McMullan said, he worked for five years at the Norman YMCA as a fitness coordinator and did some fund-raising.

McMullan then spent six years at the OU with Residents Life as an assistant director with a staff of 45 and 4,000 students to watch over.

The students spent two days in fellowship and attending seminars. The seminars covered topics on American culture, relationships and comparative religions where they learn about Jesus, said Barnett.

"About 50 percent of those who attend are not Christians," said Barnett.

For students who are interested, BCM has mission trips each summer. They range from several weeks in length to all summer long.

Opportunity exists for mission work in the state of Oklahoma, various

states in the United States and in several foreign countries, said Barnett.

"A mission trip changes you, it opens your eyes," said Katie Perkins, who went on a BCM mission trip to Mexico this past summer. Perkins said she would encourage others to go on a mission trip.

"I would like to go back," said Perkins. "I have a burden in my heart for the poor people of Mexico."

BCM meets at noon on Mondays in 3K6 of the main building and at 12:20 p.m. on Thursdays in 3NO.

Lone male in class flips over tumbling

By Sean Thurmond
News Writing I Student

Being the only boy in a tumbling class with nine girls might make some kids a bit timid, but it doesn't stop 8-year-old Jalaun Parker of Oklahoma City from doing his best to show up all the girls.

The class of 10 gathered for an afternoon of cartwheels and flips last week.

Jalaun's mom Valeasha Stewart said he was not always so comfortable being the sole male in the class. However, she said, he felt much better when she pointed out that the reason he was the only boy is there may not be a lot of boys who can do flips.

Jalaun takes pride in his status.

"I think that it is very honorable, being the only boy in the class," he said.

He admitted being the only boy often limits the people he could talk to since he's a little shy about talking to girls.

Even so, it does not stop Jalaun from doing his best.

"I think I am doing very well," Jalaun said after class.

His tumbling coach, Terri Schuelein, agrees.

Jalaun said, by the time class ends, he may be on his way to joining the Bart Conners and Mitch Gaylords of the world as a world-class gymnast himself.

OKCCC offers the class for kids ages 6 through 14 every Saturday afternoon. Call 682-1611, ext. 7860 for more information.



Photo by Keah Roggow

Jalaun Parker, 8, is the only boy in his tumbling class at OKCCC. The class of 10, which meets each Saturday afternoon, is part of the College for Kids classes the college offers every semester. "I think that it is very honorable, being the only boy in the class," Parker said. For more information about College for Kids, call 682-1611, ext. 7860.

Manuscripts, photography, artwork sought

By Nicole Padilla
News Writing I Student

The new editors of the Absolute are now accepting manuscripts, photography and artwork for publication in The Absolute 2004.

English professor Clay Randolph said the Absolute literary anthology is a publication put out by OKCCC since the early 1970s when the college opened, which contains students' short stories, poetry, essays, photography and artwork.

The deadline for submissions in The Absolute 2004 is Dec. 1. All applicants submitting manuscripts need to submit a copy of their story, essay or poem.

Artwork and photographs will be returned to the owner. A submission form may be picked up outside the Arts and Humanities office or also may be found on the Absolute website at www.okccc.edu/ah/absolute/index.htm.

English Professor Jon Inglett, is the Absolute's website creator.

Submission forms may be turned in at either the Arts and Humanities office or in Randolph's office

in the arts and humanities building, room 3E5.

Randolph has been faculty adviser of the Absolute for 10 years. English professor Mary Panches is faculty editor for the publication.

"Professor Panches has been a great help," Randolph said.

"[The Absolute] was started to give students a voice," he said. "If you want to be a writer then it's a good entry level to start at."

Randolph said there is no limit on the number of submissions, although not all submissions will be included.

The editors select the work that gets published, he said.

Three student editors have been chosen this year. They are Rena Gibson, Lisa Harrison and Meika Yates. Former student Vicki Newby will fill the role of senior editor. Newby lives in New York and has helped with editing in the past.

Rena Gibson said being an editor for the Absolute is important to her because she wants to be a writer someday.

"I think this will be a great experience for me to see what others are writing and to actually become an editor and critic of others," Gibson said. "It will be a learning

experience and I hope to enjoy reading other people's work."

The Absolute is published annually in the month of April and can be purchased for \$5 in the college bookstore. Also, during the same

month, a reception is held for the authors and artists appearing in the anthology.

For more information, call Randolph at 682-1611, ext. 7238 or visit the Absolute website.

Distance education expanding

By Chisato Kajimoto
News Writing I Student

In 1999, when OKCCC first offered distance education classes, 232 students took advantage of the new courses. Last year, 6,445 students were enrolled.

OKCCC is now planning to expand web-enhanced and interactive television courses.

Web-enhanced courses are classes where a student spends half of the time on campus and the other half online. Interactive television courses use a two-way video system that allow students to observe the class and interact with its instructor.

"...As soon as we add a section in one of those courses, it fills up within a week or two," said Jim DeChenne, dean of Learning Resources.

"Distance education is really in demand," DeChenne said.

"Students like to take advantage of it. They like flexibility, I believe,"

Vinh Chau, freshman, takes a math course online.

"Taking online courses gives you a lot of time to do other things, for example, work or take more classes," Chau said.

"It is basically a self-paced class within a time frame... You can control your pace."

DeChenne said the college will continue to add sections to existing courses.

He said one of the goals is to increase the variety of courses.

The schedule hasn't been decided for next semester.

"That's one of the things deans are looking at," deChenne said.

"I will anticipate we have more sections of history, English composition and all other general courses."

In the race



Photo by Keah Roggow

Debbe Leftwich, 52, co-chairwoman of the Oklahoma Democratic Party, is presented with a T-shirt and a petition containing the signatures of more than 2,000 south Oklahoma City residents Oct 3.

The widow of Sen. Keith Leftwich said in an interview with The Daily Oklahoman last week, "I realize that the people of this district deserve to be represented with the same level of service and commitment Keith always gave," she said. "Without the support of all these people, it would not be a consideration. Therefore, it is with great respect to my community that I pledge to take on Keith's unfinished business."

She filed Oct. 6 for the special election on Dec. 9 to fill her husband's remaining three years.

Local hospital ends emergency service, cuts job opportunities

By Trevor Rivera
News Writing I Student

Mercy Hospital has announced it will close its emergency services department Oct. 1, and discontinue its ambulance services Nov. 1.

Mercy Hospital has responded to more than 9,000 emergency calls a year since opening its ambulance services in 1987, according to a press release issued by Nancy Woodard, public relations coordinator for Mercy Hospital.

"Faced with replacing aging equipment and the cost of maintaining this high level of service, it's economically impractical for Mercy to continue this operation," the release reads.

Mercy provides ambulance services for Bethany, Mustang, Nichols Hills, Piedmont, Warr Acres, The Village and Yukon.

EMSA, Oklahoma City's ambulance service, will fill the gap left by Mercy Hospital, said Paul O'Leary, spokesman for EMSA.

"We will try to make it a seamless change — prices, timing for calls and staffing," he said.

EMSA also has guaranteed employment in its emergency service department to all of Mercy's full-time emergency workers.

None of Mercy's part-time emergency services depart-

ment employees will receive an employment offer with EMSA, O'Leary said.

O'Leary said full-time employees who accept EMSA's offer will make what the other medics make.

"We will pay them what our paramedics make based on experience," O'Leary said.

In addition, he said, they will receive full benefits with EMSA, which O'Leary said are comparable to Mercy's benefits.

Mercy paramedics and technicians will not receive a sign-on bonus, unlike new hires or employees renewing their contracts with EMSA, who receive a \$1000 bonus, O'Leary said.

Romeo Opichka, program director of the emergency medical sciences division at OKCCC, said EMSA will gain financially because they will be able to eliminate some management positions from Mercy thus becoming more efficient.

Shawn Rogers, director of emergency services with the State Health Department, said with Mercy out of the picture, "EMSA will be able to create a seamless web of service and be more efficient."

That will help EMSA in keeping... short response times.

"Our average response time is six minutes and 30 seconds," O'Leary said. "We are rated in the top five

in the country for [that.]"

Although Oklahoma laws don't mandate response times, some cities do, Rogers said.

"Oklahoma City holds EMSA to a seven minute and 59 second response time for priority one response 90 percent of the time," Rogers said. "Priority one is a cardiac episode."

Both EMSA and Mercy Hospital meet the standards for priority one responses, Rogers said.

Prior to EMSA and Mercy Hospital providing ambulance services in the Oklahoma City metro area, EmCare provided the services. Oklahoma City officials asked EMSA to provide emergency services when EmCare collapsed financially, said Rogers.

At that time, Bethany, Mustang, Nichols Hills, Piedmont, Warr Acres, The Village, Yukon, Del City, Midwest City, Choctaw and Moore refused EMSA's services, instead going with Mercy and Midwest City Hospital.

Although EMSA announced they would cover all of Mercy's routes beginning Nov. 1, the affected cities still must approve the plan, Rogers said.

Mercy's closing means the approximately 150 students who graduate from OKCCC's emergency services program each year will find fewer employers.

Paramedics field in Oklahoma experiencing shortages because of low pay

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paramedics from Oklahoma, O'Leary said.

"Some other states have higher salaries," he said.

Hollingsworth said the reason one half of the paramedics didn't renew their certification was that they probably moved out of state or became nurses in order to make more money.

O'Leary said EMSA is

working to find a solution.

"We try to do as much as we can to help make it financially possible for [technicians and paramedics] to stay," he said.

EMSA offers a \$1,000 sign-on bonus and offers to pay moving expenses to out-of-state candidates in order to attract technicians and paramedics.

EMSA also offers both their technicians and paramedics college tuition reimbursement, bonuses for working overtime and a

\$1,000 retention bonus when renewing contracts, O'Leary said.

Who's working on the ambulances?

Hollingsworth said, generally, an ambulance service licensed as a paramedic service must have at least two people on an ambulance. At least one person must be a paramedic.

Technicians earn eight credit hours in emergency medical services. After passing their licensing exam, they are able to treat

patients for basic trauma, airway obstructions and basic medical emergencies, but must be supervised by a licensed paramedic, according to Oklahoma Health Department regulations.

Paramedics complete 48 credit hours of emergency medical services.

They work shift rotations in all units of hospitals, learning how to diagnose medical conditions.

Before completing training, a program medical di-

rector evaluates them during a 12-hour rotation. Students then work 24 hours with a trained paramedic evaluator, according to Oklahoma Health Department regulations.

EMSA paramedics and technicians are working more hours to make up for staff shortages, O'Leary said. Some managers have returned to ambulance duty.

"As far as the city is concerned, we have a full staff," O'Leary said.

20-year labor of love nearing completion

By Trey Gonzales
News Writing I Student

The final pieces are coming together for a 20-year mosaic project.

A mosaic wall, commemorating Oklahoma history, is expected to be complete by the end of the fall semester, said Professor of Visual Art Mary Ann Moore.

"I'm very excited that we are almost finished," Moore said.

A distinct theme is portrayed in each of the four walls. They are titled: Coronado's Expedition, Mega-Hunter — The First People, The Battle of Honey Springs and Aerospace in Oklahoma.

Mosaic students are diligently working on the final wall located in the courtyard of the arts and humanities building, Moore said.

Each of the four walls measures approximately 12 feet by 32 feet. They are constructed of concrete cinder blocks, the best material to combat Oklahoma's ever-changing weather, Moore said.

Prior to the current project, another mosaic wall was constructed on the east wall of the arts and humanities building.

That wall was created using the indirect method of mosaics where the tiles are arranged, glued and sealed as a whole form before being attached to the wall. The forms are then lifted and held up by propped 2x4s and epoxied to the wall.

The weight of the concrete tiles posed a problem. The forms could not completely adhere to the wall causing cracks with weather changes, Moore said.

Therefore, the direct method was the chosen



Photo by Keah Roggow

Students work on the mosaic wall in the college courtyard. The project, 20-plus years in the making, is expected to be completed by the end of the semester, said Mary Ann Moore, visual art professor.

technique for the current project. Each tile is placed one by one on the wall. Instead of the entire form expanding and shifting, only each individual tile will adjust. The threat of cracking and deterioration is less likely using this process, Moore said.

Former OKCCC vice president, Dr. Bruce Owen, and the late art professor Paul Ringler had the initial vision for the historic mural, Moore said.

Ringler taught mosaics at OKCCC in the late '70s. After his retirement, Moore began teaching the class. Ringler was asked to come back and assist with the historic wall. All the im-

ages were drawn by him, Moore said.

Many groups and individuals have taken part in helping make this dream a reality.

Members of the Oklahoma Historical Society, an aerospace expert from the Omniplex, as well as faculty members from the history department have all taken part in the research.

The greatest challenge was to preserve the historical accuracy of each wall. Every detail, even the buttons on the uniform of a Civil War soldier, were taken into account. Therefore, the knowledge of these experts was vital, Moore said. A dedication ceremony is expected for this spring.

Sports and recreation specialist takes skills up north

By Billy Adams
News Writing I Student

With her winter parka packed, Karen Hartline is leaving the balmy winters of Oklahoma behind and heading to the frozen tundra of the north.

After nearly two years as the sports and recreation specialist at OKCCC, Hartline will be moving to Madison, Wis., to be the director of the My First Sports program at the Keva Sports Athletic Facility.

The facility is a multi-million-dollar center with numerous indoor facilities for a variety of sports, including soccer and basketball.

It is also a very well-known facility in the area, Hartline said.

The area Hartline will be heading up is a program that introduces sports to children ages 2 to 7 years old. The program features sports like soccer, baseball, basketball and lacrosse, a sport that is very popular in the area.

"Working at OKCCC has been a great experience for me," Hartline said. "I've enjoyed working with everyone, from kids to students to parents to the staff of OKCCC."

Hartline graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1999 with a degree in recreation management. She came to

OKCCC in January 2002.

While here, she has been in charge of Intramural Sports, adult sports leagues, youth sports leagues and several summer camps. She also was sponsor to the Baptist Collegiate Ministries club.

"We will definitely miss her," said Brooks McMullan, coordinator of Community Education.

Kathy Plummer, Recreation and Community Services secretary, said she enjoyed working with Hartline.

"She was a very hard worker and several of the programs grew while she was here," Plummer said. "She was very enthusiastic about the... program."



Photo by Keah Roggow

Karen Hartline, sports and recreation specialist, and Denise Smith, RCS office assistant, say goodbye to each other at Hartline's going-away party. With OKCCC for almost 2 years, Hartline is leaving to continue her career in Wisconsin.

Retention pond construction on schedule

By Cody Quine
News Writing I Student

The retention pond being built on the northwest corner of campus is expected to be finished sometime in mid-February, said J.B. Messer, physical plant director. Wittwer Construction company is managing the \$1.2 million dollar project.

OKCCC is contributing \$100,000 to the cost. This money is coming from Section 13 offset funds, funding which can only be used for capital improvements for the college.

The City of Oklahoma City is funding the rest. When the pond is finished, OKCCC will maintain use of the pond for its park and trails.

The pond will help with drainage problems the col-



Bird's eye view of heavy construction equipment working on OKCCC's new retention pond. The pond, covering approximately seven acres, will consist of two levels of walking trails and a fountain, adding to the aesthetics of the campus. This photo was taken from the third floor of the Library.

lege and surrounding community experiences now, Bob Todd, OKCCC president, said.

Currently, when it rains, the water runs off the concrete into drainage ditches so the college will not have flooding or erosion. Then, the drainage ditches fill up and cause problems for the school and the community.

The pond will help tremendously with this, Todd said.

Superintendent for the job, Kenny Zerr, said recent rains held up progress for several days. However, he said, most construction should be completed in November. The due date for completion is February. Between now and then the cosmetics of the pond will be

done, Zerr said.

He said the dirt taken out of the pond is going to be used in the new residential area at the corner of S.W. 89th and May. The rest will be put into a stockpile at Will Rogers International Airport until further use.

The pond will not only help with the drainage

problems, but also will help with the appearance of the school, Todd said. Two levels of jogging trails, as well as a fountain to finish the new look, will be located around the pond.

Zerr said the pond itself will occupy approximately seven acres of land and will be 17 feet deep at its deepest point.

Journalism program to shine spotlight on the Patriot Act

Curtailing civil liberties in the name of public safety has a long history in the United States, said Dr. Matthew Cecil, assistant journalism professor at the University of Oklahoma. The Patriot Act is just one more chapter in the series, which he will talk about in a speech on campus.

Entitled "Exhuming McCarthy: The Patriot Act, Terrorism and the Rhetoric of Fear," the presentation will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in CU1.

"The Patriot Act significantly changes every American's relationship with the government," Cecil said. "Yet it is poorly understood by most people.

"I argue that the news media needs to take a broader view, including an understanding of the historical context of this de-

bate, so that people can better understand how America is changing since Sept. 11."

Cecil will be speaking about the news media's role in reporting the federal government's assault on basic civil liberties. Further, he will discuss the government's use of patriotism to control debate of government policies since Sept. 11.

He believes that dissent has been characterized as unpatriotic in the news, and yet Americans have received little information on how the government's response to terrorism fits, or doesn't fit, the core principles of freedom and democracy.

The Patriot Act was signed into law in October 2001, as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks. The act was created to allow law enforcement and intelli-

gence agencies to investigate and prosecute acts of terrorism. Since its passage, the law has sparked controversy regarding the accountability required to investigate citizens of the United States.

Some critics say the act does too little to safeguard the protection of personal privacy.

Cecil, 39, earned his doctorate in Mass Communications from the University of Iowa. He spent five years as a political reporter for daily newspapers in Sioux Falls, S.D., and Fargo, N.D.

His research centers on the relationship between journalists and their sources. He is currently working on a book, "J-Men: Journalists and J. Edgar Hoover's War on Crime and Dissent."

This event will be free and open to the public. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7331.

The murky side of modern medical tech

By Jaci Dake
News Writing I Student

Physician-assisted suicide, stem cell research, and the social and parental responsibilities of cloning are a few of the topics that will be covered at a satellite seminar at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14. The seminar, entitled "The Ethical Frontiers of Biomedicine" will be held in library room 407.

Dr. Vicki Lachman is the featured speaker. Lachman is an advanced certified nurse administrator and has published hundreds of articles, including an upcoming book, "Conversations on Ethics in Nursing."

This seminar is the second of a five-part series called "Dimensions and Directions of Health: Choices in the Maze."

The Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and the National Honors Council are hosting the seminar.

Professor Richard Rouillard, Phi Theta Kappa adviser, encourages all to attend.

"At some point in every person's life, your doctor will treat you based on his ethical considerations," he said. "You will want to know the ethics influencing scientists regarding your treatment."

The seminar is open to the public.

For more information on this and future seminars log on to www.ptk.org/nchcss.

Highlights

Upward Bound Student Council

A bake sale will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 16 in front of the college bookstore as a scholarship fund-raiser. All proceeds will benefit OKCCC's graduating seniors of 2004. For more information call Jim Ybarra in the Upward Bound Office at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7763.

Upward Bound Student Council

A car wash will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fri., Oct. 17 in the Albertson's parking lot at S.W. 104th and Pennsylvania. Contributions are accepted. All proceeds will benefit graduating seniors of 2004. Bring your car to Albertson's and let us wash it! For more information, call Jim Ybarra in the Upward Bound Office at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7763.

The Center for Student Development

First semester, full-time students may apply for a First Year Success Scholarship by attending one of two workshops. The workshops are scheduled from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Tues., Oct. 14 and from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Wed., Oct. 15 in the main building at the Center for Student Development. Information about applying for the scholarship and general advising tips will be provided during the workshop. For more information, call (405) 682-1611, ext. 7362.

Literary Excursions

For students who like to read, there is a new book club on campus. The Literary Excursions meet every other Friday at 5:30 p.m. in room 3E1 to discuss works of varying lengths, relevance and entertainment value. Meetings will be held on Oct. 17, and on Nov. 7. Tell your friends, relatives and classmates, and join us every Friday until we stop talking. If you have any questions e-mail Wendij45@msn.com.

Community Chorus

The OKCCC Community Chorus which will be performing "Vivaldi's Gloria" on Tues. Nov. 11, and are still looking for a few more singers. All singers are welcome, but we are especially in need of tenors and basses. Anyone interested may contact Jonathan Stewart at jstewart@okccc.edu or (405) 682-1611, ext. 7249. Rehearsals are from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays in room 1C5, located in the Arts and Humanities Building.

Health Professions Club

Susan Tucker from the University of Oklahoma College of Allied Health will be speaking from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. on Oct. 16, in room 1C4 in the main building. She will discuss the application process and different programs offered.

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Bricktown Haunted Warehouse will be open nightly from Oct. 10 to 31. It has three floors with a terror theatre, collapsed mineshaft, mad man isolation room, junkyard mayhem and new this year is the toxic waste dump. The warehouse lasts 40 minutes. It is located at 101 E. California Ave. For more information, call (405) 272-9294.

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



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Yummy in your tummy: Steve McGaha talks with Perry Boston at their club bake sale Tuesday. Both students are in the Occupational Therapy Association program. They were hosting the bake sale to raise money for the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled.

Bottle caps help the critically ill

**By Brenda Arens
News Writing I Student**

OKCCC's Phi Theta Kappa is currently collecting beverage can tabs for the Oklahoma City Ronald McDonald House charity.

The beverage tabs collected will be recycled for money to help cover day-to-day expenses for families of critically ill children undergoing medical treatment at Oklahoma medical facilities.

The Minneapolis/St. Paul Ronald McDonald House community established the pop tab collection program in 1987.

To date, more than 400 million pop tabs have been collected, generating over \$300,000 for charity, said Anne Scudder, OKCCC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter president.

"This project is an easy way to help others."

Everyday provides more

tabs and more opportunities to start collecting," added Scudder.

Project participants are not limited to Phi Theta Kappa members. The public also is invited to help.

"You would be surprised that the little, seemingly insignificant tab you pull to open your soda can assist in providing families of critically ill children a home away from home," Kristen Rule, OKCCC student said.

"I saw the cardboard collection houses posted at OKCCC and started col-

lecting my tabs."

Collection of the tabs will take place during the fall and spring semesters.

Collection boxes are posted throughout the campus on the various student organization boards. If it is inconvenient to remove tabs, whole cans will be accepted. Arrangements also can be made to have cans or tabs retrieved once or twice a month at convenient locations.

For more information regarding this project, contact Anne Scudder at anneteh@cox.net.

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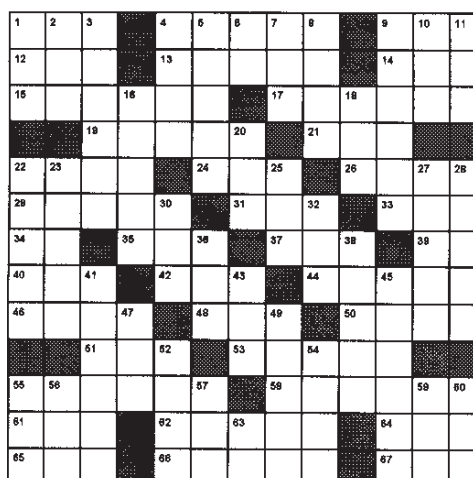
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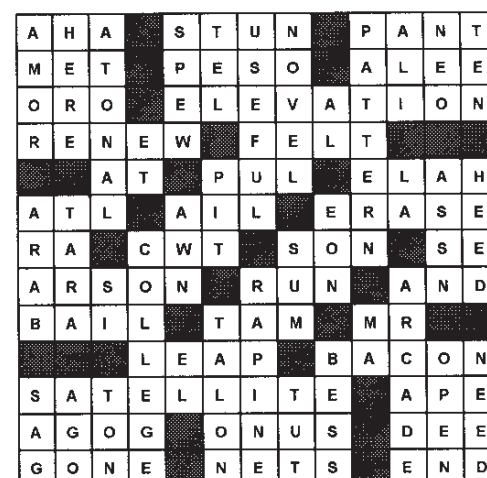
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4 Prevent; discourage
9 Small taste
12 Anger
13 Pompous public speech
14 Belonging to (suf.)
15 Leave out
17 Birth of Christ
19 Vote in
21 Organization of American States (abbr.)
22 Arm bone
24 Can
26 Pierce
29 Gritty
31 Energy
33 Boring tool
34 Midwest state (abbr.)
35 Have dinner
37 Brewed drink
39 Drinker's group (abbr.)
40 Chinese philosophy
42 Flightless bird
44 Keep safe
46 Flat-bottomed boat
48 17th Greek letter

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DOWN

1 Kept out of sight
2 Before (poetic)
3 Slacken; give in
4 Lavish excessive love
5 Build
6 Teacher's helper (abbr.)
7 7th Greek letter
8 Do over
9 Mexican nap
10 Hotel
11 Dog or cat
16 Make happy
18 Organic vessel

20 Edge

22 Entities
23 Easter flower
25 Meshwork
27 Merit
28 Cutting part of knife
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Music fans seek alternate ways to get the MP3 files they want

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search.

In addition, Apple's iTunes offers more than 200,000 songs for 99 cents per song and lets the potential buyer listen to a song before buying it. iTunes has been a huge success, according to USA Today. The company has sold an average of 500,000 songs a week since it came out in May.

Used music

Buying and trading used music is another option.

Locally, there are several music stores that deal in new and used CDs. One is CD Warehouse.

Vice President Matt Allen has been with the company for three years. He's seen sales go down in two of those years, especially in college towns and probably because of the easy availability of downloading music online. He said the company has closed all its college campus stores.

Now, in light of the lawsuits, Allen believes CD Warehouse offers a great alternative to downloading.

"We have 40 percent of all the newest releases," he said. "We largely carry niche music that the Best Buys of the world don't have on their shelves anymore."

However, even Allen realizes there are still those times when a person, including himself, doesn't want an entire CD.

He said he thinks Apple's iTunes is a great program.

"Apple is going down a good direction," he said. "When there's a song on the radio, and I only want that song, I won't have to go buy the entire CD."

Allen said it also would help if the music industry would bring back CD singles "since they don't really make them anymore."

OKCCC student Chris Evans said he prefers keeping the RIAA and others like them from looking at his

computer files for downloads altogether.

He recommends using Firewall as a way of keeping the RIAA from snooping around.

According to McAfee.com, Firewall places an "easy-to-use, always on-guard barrier between hackers and your hard drive, blocking access to sensitive files, financial records and personal data."

RIAA's alternative

RIAA also offers an alternate plan — sort of. The thing is, their solution doesn't involve another way to get music files, just a way to remove them from a computer entirely and possibly avoid a costly lawsuit.

The "clean slate" program is what their solution is dubbed.

It involves signing a two-page document saying you, a peer-to-peer user, will delete any downloaded music on your computer.

The document, located online at musicunited.org, must be filled out, signed and notarized, then sent to the RIAA Clean Slate program headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Lamy said, in a phone interview, the RIAA is taking [the clean slate document] "on good faith."

He said they will not be monitoring those people who fill out and return the form. But, he said, if they come across someone who filled out the form yet is still downloading music, they will face even more trouble.

Musicunited.org also offers links and information to legal websites where music fans can buy tunes at affordable prices, as well as get information on how to uninstall files from a person's computer.

Artist permission

According to Lamy, certain artists allow their music to be shared online which is legal if it's in the artist's contract.

"For those people who want to do that, more power to them," Lamy said.

"It's usually part of their contract that an artist has

with a record company," he said. "The contract would lay out various distribution channels whether it's record stores or online, and then lay out the conditions for royalty rates."

One artist who supports music file sharing and disagrees with what the RIAA is doing is Moby, a popular electronica artist.

On his official website, on a daily journal page, he writes about other options the RIAA has other than lawsuits.

"Stop persecuting people who are music fans," Moby said in a Sept. 10 post. "People who engage in file-sharing are people who like music. You can't make people feel guilty about loving and listening to music."

He said selling CDs at two retail prices would be a good idea — one being a basic CD for \$5 or \$6 and an enhanced version that would include more features, such as posters, discounts on concert tickets and free access to online material.

Industry options

The USA Today website reported the RIAA is making plans with tech companies to stop the downloading before it has a chance to start — in the uploading phase.

The report said the RIAA is asking tech companies to design CDs that could not be recorded over or uploaded.

However, the website reports, record companies are finding many flaws in the enhanced CDs.

Richard Doherty, director of Envisioneering Group, said on the USA

Today website, "[The CDs] aren't reliable to play in portables or car stereos. They're not designed to play at all in PCs."

Deejay for area radio station KOKF 90.9FM, Matt Lindsey, said artists should stay focused on a different venue which makes more profit — touring.

"Touring has always been a big part of an artist."

He said artists really only make about \$2 per CD sale anyway. The majority of their money comes from live performances he said.

Final thoughts

Opinions on music file sharing are as varied as the music being downloaded.

Lamy said he is seeing new and existing artists getting cut and that fans

are discouraged by the decline in music. He said just 10 percent of CDs released today are commercially successful.

"Record companies rely on the 10 percent of hits to recoup their investment and invest in the new artists of tomorrow," he said.

Music director and composer Tim Cissell feels that if the record industry can get people to pay any amount, even a small one, to download music, the industry will then be able to afford to "develop and present new artists."

"People will again enjoy exploring what is available and making personal music discoveries," he said.

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