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Donated property to free up space for classrooms

By Daniel Lapham
Editor

OKCCC is expanding. John Massey, chairman of First United Bank and Trust Company in Durant, has donated property and a building to OKCCC. Ownership of the Tower Tech Inc., World Headquarters building and property, located at 11935 S. I-44 Service Road, was accepted by the OKCCC Board of Regents Oct. 20.

"Mr. Massey is a life-long supporter of higher education in the state of Oklahoma," OKCCC President Bob Todd said.

"His commitment and service to the state... and his belief in OKCCC as a leader in the state's higher education system has resulted in this gift to the college."

Todd said the property consists of about 25,634 square feet of modern office and conference space set on 5.33 acres.

The facility has undergone level one environmental and structural evaluations that ensure the building, built in 1997, is in top condition he said.

Todd said once all of the necessary upgrades are completed certain areas of the college — likely those that perform administrative functions and don't directly interact with students — would be moved to the new building. He listed the areas of finance and human resources as examples but did not confirm they would be among the areas moved.

However, he said, the move of administrative offices to the new building would open up space to add classrooms.

"This really gives us the opportunity to continue in our promise to provide students with the highest level of education possible," he said.

Todd said the main thing the college will look at when expanding is to allow for the largest amount of usable, quality classroom space.

He likened the new OKCCC addition to Tulsa Community College's campus. Todd said TCC has five campuses with its executive offices centrally located, but separate, from the rest of the college.

OKCCC will be linked together electronically in the same fashion as TCC, he said. The new facility is equipped with fiber optics that will enable offices there to be directly networked to the college systems.

Todd said the move will take place "early next calendar year."

Beverly Glass, a buyer in the purchasing department, said she is not sure yet if her office group will be moving because no one has confirmed it.

Glass said if they do move they will continue to do their jobs to the best of their abilities, but said they likely would need to change the way they do things because of the change in location.

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—Bob Todd
OKCCC President



Photo by Keah Roggow

Teamwork: Abi Viezcas, graphics communication major, and Kyle Stower, engineering major, work in enrollment management as student ambassadors, stuffing pamphlets for financial aid.

Faculty diversity has increased since 2000

By Camilla Lemons
News Writing I Student

The percentage of non-Caucasian faculty members at OKCCC has risen since 2001, college statistics show.

Dr. Brenda Harrison, associate vice president for academic affairs, said minority faculty members now make up 18 percent of the total 116 full-time professors, compared to 12.4 percent in 2000.

In the last college accreditation review in 2001, it was noted that

Caucasian faculty members made up 87.6 percent of the total, while Caucasian students made up only 72 percent, said Dr. Annmarie Shirazi, dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning.

Harrison said OKCCC would like students to gain cultural awareness while attending the college. Because of that, she believes it's important to have diversity in the faculty.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Too much TV for the youngsters

Many children are watching too much television and spending too much time using other screen media instead of books.

This is not a debatable statement anymore after sociologists released studies linking television viewing to child obesity, violence and irregular sleep pattern.

Parents of the children who like to spend more time enjoying outdoor activities rather than sitting at home watching television, playing video games or surfing on the worldwide web, probably don't have to worry too much about setting time limits on television watching, DVD viewing, computer usage and so on.

The Kaiser Family Foundation has conducted a recent study based on a telephone survey of more than 1,000 parents of children ages six months through six years.

Some of the findings from the Kaiser study include: more than a third of kids under six have a television in their bedroom; about one in four have a VCR or DVD player where they sleep; a computer is present in 7 percent of the bedrooms, and on an average day, about a quarter of 4- to 6-year-olds spend more than an hour on a computer.

Parents wanting their children to learn how to operate the latest technology is quite understandable, because every other kid knows how.

But, think about this: they're still just kids.

At the youngest age is the best time they can learn something very quickly.

Why not turn some of the learning material from electronics to actual books, music lessons and things kids can enjoy away from the screen?

The study also finds that television affects children's reading abilities.

Children who have a screen in their bedroom or those who live in households where television is on "always" or "most of the time" are less likely to be able to read by age 6.

Parents should consider how long their kids should watch television everyday and choose programs carefully.

If it's not necessary to have the television on at home. Turn it off. Let the kids listen to their favorite music or take them out to play a sport or day in the park.

Some kids might be one step ahead of others just because they spend more time with electronics.

But, as they grow, they'll find that others might be able to read better and have more skills than they do.

Then, that wouldn't be too much of a one-step ahead anymore, would it?

—**Caroline Ting**
Staff Writer

Respect necessary for life

To the editor:

Once again, I am writing this editorial in response to last week's article by Amber Phillips published in the Oct. 27 edition of the Pioneer.

America, to me, is a great country compared to most other countries in the world. I agree that I am lucky to have been born here instead of Mexico, Somalia, or any other country that does not have the freedom and opportunities that are available in America. However, living in America does not mean I have to agree with everything that goes on here, including government legislation and our current situation in Iraq.

To voice my opinion, which may differ from those of other Pioneer readers, is a right that I am grateful for. Freedom of speech is one of many basic freedoms that all people should have.

As for soldiers of the past and present, I do have respect for everyone in the

armed forces, including those who are fighting right now. However, as an American, I am allowed to disagree with actions taken by the government.

To me, true Americans are people who know their rights and use them to the best of their ability. A true American respects other Americans, regardless of their political affiliation, race, religion, opinion or any other factor which may distinguish one individual from another.

As a true American I have respect for Amber Phillips, just as I respect every other person I have or have not met. Respect is necessary for the world to function, because everyone has a dif-

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—**Carrie Eldridge**
Education Major

ferent opinion. That's just the way it is.

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Comments and Reviews

Brain dead comedy for sale

This world consists of hot chicks, a videotape, a white emcee and friendly aliens. What do all of these things have in common? It's "Scary Movie 3."

"Scary Movie 3" stormed metro theaters Oct. 24.

This third installment from the cast and crew that brought you a stoned gay serial killer in "Scary Movie" is sure to have you drooling from sheer loss of brain cells after seeing this one.

Shifting gears from the first two movies, where they parodied the top horror films of the late '90s and 2000, this third installment ensures that no one is safe from its moronic insults.

"Scary Movie 3" is sure to offend anyone who has a pulse. This film does not

discriminate; it attacks everyone — black, white, man and woman. They even make fun of aliens.

So, if you're visiting from a galaxy far, far away and want some mind draining entertainment, just be forewarned, they insult you too.

The all-star line-up consists of big names like Jenny McCarthy, Charlie Sheen, Redman, Method Man, Fat Joe, Pamela Anderson, Eddie Griffin and movie

spoof icon Leslie Nielsen who plays the President. It is sure to please the brainless.

Some of the movies targeted in this spoof are, "Signs," "8 Mile," "The Ring" and "The Matrix."

All in all, if you're looking

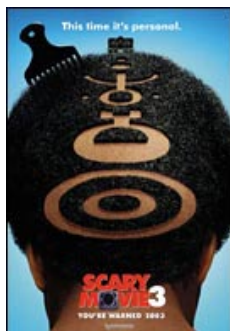
for a movie that leaves you wondering how you are going to get back the brain cells and two hours of your life you just wasted, then definitely go see this movie.

I am an individual who loves to watch a stupid movie and give my brain a rest from reality, but when I feel like my IQ has dropped a good 30 points after watching a movie, that's when they've gone too far.

If you should decide to go see this movie, simply be warned that the theater does not claim any responsibility for your loss of intelligence and the film is rated PG13, to spare the intelligence of our youth.

So go ahead, watch the movie, have fun and get stupid. Just don't complain because you have been warned.

—Daniel Lapham
Editor



Drinking pays off for punk band

Named after their favorite drinking game, Yellowcard hit Oklahoma City Oct. 22.

The Green Door in Bricktown hosted a sold out show to Yellowcard. The show was killer.

Rumor has it that a guy from a Putnam City high school mailed the guys a letter begging them to come to Oklahoma City and play. The guys showed up at his school the day of the concert. Don't know if it's true, but it is a good story.

There was a pretty young audience, but even with that it rocked. For those who don't know who Yellowcard is, they are a punk band based out of Jacksonville, Fla. Their sound is a little "poppy," but not too extreme. They consist of two guitarists,

Ben Harper, 22, and lead singer Ryan Key, 23; a bassist Alex Lewis, 25; a drummer Longineu Parsons, 23; and a violinist Sean Mackin, 24.

They have been heard at numerous big events such as Warp Tour 2003 and Pepsi Smash on the WB. They were also featured in an MTV interview Oct. 21.

Being signed with Capitol Records must not be that bad.

Back to their show. The five-piece band performed their music with beautiful enthusiasm.

One of my favorite songs was "Way Away."

The classically trained drummer, nicknamed Animal, furiously hit the drum head while Mackin went wild on his white electric violin.

During one acoustic song, Key sang the lead while Mackin played the violin.

He seemed to be crying. It just shows the emotion even a punk band can have.

During many songs the band got the youngin's riled up, making them run in a huge circle around the venue. Then they had the audience stand at opposite sides of the room and find a person from the other side to run into. They got this clever game from the band Suicide Machines.

If you want to check them out, their CD is called Ocean Avenue and is in stores now. I definitely recommend this addition to your music selection.

—Lacey Lett
Staff Writer



Unfair treatment of humanity

I haven't written anything in this column in several weeks about politics. Why? I don't know. I guess because everyone else is ranting, so I figure why not just sit back and watch the madness.

Well, I've done that, but over the past few weeks I have been following something that is pissing me off. So, of course I had to say something. Now keep in mind, this is my opinion.

I have been reading recent articles by the Associated Press. The articles are focusing on new laws, fees and other various tracking systems affecting international students and scholars. These new systems have been put into play to track internationals since the 9/11 attacks.

Now let's think about this for a minute. I, like anyone else, want to be safe in my own country. I want a security system in place that will help keep me safe. But, what cost is this country willing to pay for fake safety? How fair is it to charge international students three times the amount of tuition and fees citizens pay only to alienate them by accusing them of being criminals.

I have friends right now who are scared to death to go home to visit their families, travel to other states or even drive in Oklahoma for fear they will get questioned by the authorities and go to jail or be deported for no reason. Are my friends criminals? No, they are not even breaking the law.

They are scared because they have seen other international visitors threatened and even arrested for having one line blank on their paperwork. They have seen their friends get arrested for working at Wal-Mart or Papa John's Pizza to pay their rent because their tuition is \$14,000 a semester. Yes, working your way through college is illegal for international students unless they work for the college or university they attend. The problem is that most college and university jobs are part-time and do not pay well.

How many people do you know that are American citizens who don't work and collect welfare or unemployment because they are too lazy to get a real job?

I know plenty. And you know what, I would rather live and work next to an international student who wants to better their life by getting an education than an American citizen who wants the government and me to pay for them to sit on their butt.

Maybe I'm delusional, but the last time I checked this country was taken from its natives by foreigners who came here trying to better their lives.

If we band together as individuals who believe in the common decency of humanity and demand peaceful tolerance then maybe one day our international brothers and sisters will stop being arrested in this country for trying to work honestly to survive.

—Daniel Lapham
Editor

Quote of the Week:

"Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo."

—H. G. Wells

Survivor grew up in concentration camp

Nesse Godin spoke at OKCCC about what she saw during the Holocaust

By Jaci Dake
News Writing I Student

Almost 60 years ago, Nesse Godin made a promise to some women that she would not let them be forgotten. Those women cared for her and comforted her during the dark days of the Holocaust.

Today, she spends her life keeping that promise. Godin came to speak Thursday, October 23 at OKCCC to approximately 350 to 400 people. She insisted that she was not a speaker.

"I am not a speaker, I am not a lecturer, I am not a professor," Godin said. "What I am, is a survivor of the Holocaust.

"I talk so that you would know the truth and most of all, never, ever allow a tragedy like the Holocaust ever again."

Godin was raised in a small village in Lithuania. "All the people of every race, of every religion, lived freely together."

She remembers her parents taking soap and water in the middle of the night to wash "signs of hatred" off of synagogues. Godin says, "That is how the Holocaust started with calling names and making signs of hatred."

When she was 13 in June of 1941, the Germans marched through Lithuania. She said no one was killed in the process of occupation, but the lives of the Jewish people were immediately changed.

One night, 1,000 men were taken from the village to a rural area and shot and killed. Before that night, her father did not believe the stories about the Nazis. He said, "Germans? They're very sophisticated, fine people. They wouldn't do such things."

Soon, Jewish children were not allowed to go to school. Jews were required to wear the Star of David on their clothes. Jewish women were forbidden to be pregnant. "Jewish people were killed from womb to grave," Godin said.

There was a Jewish council who saw over the Jewish community of 10,000. The Nazis allowed the council to stay formed during the beginning of the occupation, thinking the council would not actively encourage rebellion.

The council decided to gather the money from the Jews to bribe the



Nesse Godin

Nazi officials to use them for slave labor. They thought that this would protect them from being killed.

The people chosen for slave labor were moved to a "ghetto", a prison. Only those who were given a special certificate were allowed to live in the ghetto.

Godin's mother had to bribe a secretary to allow Godin in because she was so young. All those who did not enter the ghetto were killed. In that one night, 3,400 Jews died.

Children were not allowed in the ghetto. Godin and others had to hide all over the compound to keep from being found. To keep Godin safe, her parents arranged for her to work outside the ghetto during the day.

One day, she came home to hear terrible screams from the ghetto. While she had been at work, the SS, Gestapo, and Ukrainians working with the Nazis had found all the hiding places.

Everyone hiding was taken away, as well as some not in hiding. Her father was among those taken and killed. Eventually, Godin and her family were taken from the ghetto and separated.

At one concentration camp, Godin and the rest of the women were subjected to traumatic examinations.

At one point, they were taken to a room labeled SHOWERS. She was considered fit for slave labor, so she was directed to the room with water showers, rather than the cyanide showers.

Nesse Godin became prisoner 54015. Her number was painted on her dress, not tattooed on her arm as it would be at other camps. Godin was then transferred to the

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you won't see a race, you won't see a religion
you will see a human being."

—Nesse Godin
Holocaust survivor

concentration camp at Auschwitz.

Every morning, all the women gathered for role call. If someone was found to be too skinny, she was taken from the camp to be shot. A woman standing next to her in line one morning said, "Little girl, they are going to kill you here."

The woman was trying to warn her to get out of Auschwitz and to a labor camp where she could grow to appear healthy.

One night, she saw some women lined up to leave Auschwitz. Godin sneaked into the line and went out with 5,000 other women for a slave labor camp.

Their house, she said, was a tent. "Like you guys would sleep two people, we had to sleep 10."

In 1945, the German army was retreating from that area. They took Godin and the workers with them, marching them through the streets.

As the prisoners marched through the towns and villages, the ones who were dead or dying would be left on the side of the road.

They wound up in a barn in Poland. Godin said that all the time she was a prisoner, she prayed every night, "God, let me sleep through the night. Maybe I'll be free." Every morning she prayed, "God, let me make it through the day. Maybe I'll be free."

By the time they were at the

barn, she was praying for God to let her die. One day, a woman came and wrapped her arms around Godin and others came to feed her.

The woman said to her, "Little girl, don't pray to die. Who's going to be happy if you die?"

"But if you survive," she said, "don't let us be forgotten."

In March 1945, the barn was liberated by the Russian army. Godin finished her story by saying, "I hope when you look at each other, you won't see a race, you won't see a religion you will see a human being."

After the lecture, Godin stayed to talk with the handful of people still there, giving hugs to all within arms reach.

Showing a picture of her husband, she giggled as she said, "See? Isn't he cute? He is a cute old man now, but he was a cute young man once."

"I tell these stories," she explained, "so that people can know that just because a terrible tragedy has happened in their life, that doesn't mean you can't still go on living."

Godin wore a pin written in Hebrew. It translates, "Remember."

Godin does remember. She has never forgotten about her promise made to a group of women who took care of her in such terrible times.

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Governor shines light on art prof

By Josh Norris
News Writing I Student

Putting on mascara during a conversation about an upcoming award reception, visual arts professor Mary Ann Moore displays a professional's eloquence and an artist's touch.

On Thursday, Nov. 13, Moore will be presented with the Governor's Art Award by Gov. Brad Henry and the Oklahoma State Arts Council.

The award will be presented for Moore's work on the mural project in the courtyard.

The mural was started by former art professor Paul Ringler, who was also brought back to do the preliminary drawings of the mural.

"Thousands of people have worked on the murals," said Moore. "I couldn't have done it alone."

"It's not about Mary Ann Moore. It's about a lot of people. I'm just picking up the award and honored to do so."

Although Moore often works outside of class on projects, her first obligation is to her students who adore her.

"[Moore] is always there to give advice," said Angela Harmon, visual arts major. "She has told me about career choices and helped me decide which path is best for me. She makes class fun and is more like a helpful friend than a teacher."

Moore was nominated for the award by OKCCC President Bob Todd.

The mural project will be completed late in the fall semester or early in the spring semester, depending on the weather, said Moore.

The four panels of the mosaic are titled Coronado's Expedition, Mega-Hunter — The First People, The Battle of Honey Springs and Aerospace in Oklahoma. Over one million handmade ceramic tiles were used.

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—Mary Ann Moore
Professor of visual arts

Fairytale Dreams



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

OKCCC Photography Lab Director LaWanda LaVarnway recently took first place in the Wewoka Sorghum Day Photography Show with her photo "Fairytale Dreams."

"This is the first time I've entered a photography contest," LaVarnway said. She was awarded a first-place ribbon as well as a \$75 cash prize. "It's so exciting," she said of the win. Photography professor Jai Gronemeier won a second-place award.

State issues discussed on prof's radio show

By Heather Simpson
News Writing I Student

Dr. Paulette Camp Jones, an adjunct political science teacher at OKCCC, speaks out about controversial issues in Oklahoma on her news radio show, State OK News.

State OK News was formerly called State of the State. The radio show

changed its name because it was easier to have the name the same as their web site name, said Jones.

Jones got her bachelor's degree in speech education at the University of Oklahoma. She went on to get her master's degree at the University of Central Oklahoma in political science.

She said she had been in radio before and the reason she got into radio again is because she simply missed

it.

"It's a dream job," said Jones.

Not only does she have a radio show, but she teaches online and teaches through interactive television. "I'm on radio and television now," she said.

State OK News is in its third month now, and Jones has already talked about issues such as children at risk in Oklahoma, the proposed Oklahoma

state lottery, possible legalization of homosexual marriage, scientific evidence of creation and many other issues that concern Oklahoma, said Jones.

State OK News with Dr. Paulette Camp Jones airs every Tuesday at 2 p.m. on KTLR Radio 890 AM.

Students are welcome to call in, and some have called in, to state their opinions about issues in Oklahoma, said Jones.

If students wish to call Jones during her radio show to express their opinions on Oklahoma issues, the number is (405) 616-5509.

Tuesday, Oct. 28, the show featured a Native American guest who spoke about Native Americans that are conservative.

If you wish to learn more about State OK News, check out the website at www.STATEOKNEWS.com.

Student diversity up by 1% since last fall

By **Daniel Lapham**
Editor

In the packed halls, as students trek past each other on their way to classes, they may notice the collage of diversity among their fellow students.

According to this year's fall enrollment report, minority students have increased 1 percent since last fall.

The current student diversity on campus has increased to 29 percent of the total fall enrollment. Minority students currently account for 3,477 of the 12,157 students enrolled this fall.

The breakdown looks like this:

Asian student enrollment has increased by 9 percent. This increase of 58 students brings the total to 948 from last year's 890.

Native American students have increased by 8 percent. This equals 742, up from last year's 700, an increase of 42 students.

African-American students have increased by 24 percent. This year's total of African-American students equals 1,021, an increase of 179 from 842 last year.

The Hispanic population has increased by 2 percent, bringing the number up to 766 in contrast to last year's 753 students, an in-

crease of 13 students.

Sally Edwards, director of prospective student services, said the increase in minorities is a direct reflection of the surrounding community.

"More and more we see diversity within the communities we live in and I would say that is a very good thing," Edwards said.

"[The Oklahoma City] school district is 36.7 percent African-American, 2.7 percent Asian, 24.6 percent Hispanic, 5.6 percent Native American and only 30.4 percent white," Edwards said.

"So, by virtue of recruiting heavily out of that district and offering free tuition in that district, you're going to get a greater number of individuals from these different ethnic groups," she said. "It's just basic math."

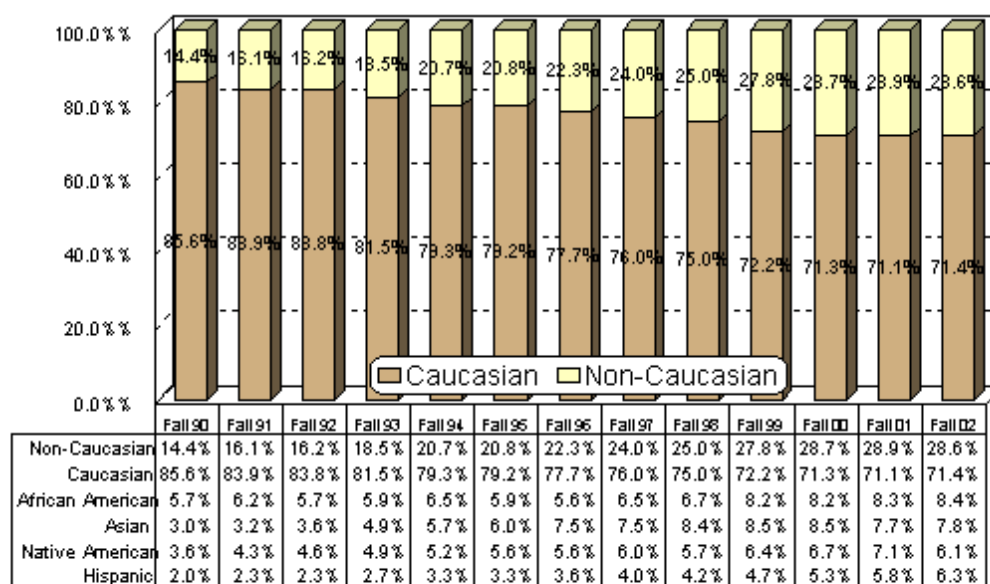
Edwards also believes the OKC-GO program at the college has been instrumental in the rise in minorities. The program offers free tuition to Oklahoma City Public School graduates.

OKCCC President Bob Todd said, according to the Oklahoma State Board of Regents, the state will need 25 percent more college graduates by the year 2010 for economic growth and stability.

"You're not going to get a higher percentage of college graduates if you target the

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average demographic of prospective college students," Todd said.

"You are going to have to target first-generation college students," he said. "This means individuals that come from minorities and low-income families."

Todd said things have changed dramatically during the time he has spent in Oklahoma City's south side.

"When I go through my community, where I have lived for 60 plus years, the makeup of that community is substantially different than it was 30 years ago,"

he said.

"It is important that we provide education opportunities to these individuals in our community. In this way the college is a mirror of the diversity in the surrounding community."

Edwards said the office of perspective student services staff tries to maintain sensitivity to the diversity of students and perspective students.

"We use the psychology of inclusion to help everyone feel they are welcome at this wonderful institution," Edwards said.

Edwards said there is one

element of diversity that could be improved on campus.

"One thing we need to work on is diversity within our teaching staff," she said. "I think the institution is beginning to do that and sees that need."

Todd confirmed Edwards statement.

"In this past year we have seen an increase in the diversity of the faculty and staff, especially with Latinos," Todd said. "We are continuing to broaden our faculty and staff while holding on to our promise of excellence."

OKCCC sees a significant increase in minority faculty numbers

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sion's site team visited the college for its accreditation review in 2001 Shirazi said.

During that regularly-scheduled visit to check the progress of the school, they recognized that the college needed more diversity in its faculty to reflect the changing demographics of the student body.

Shirazi knows best the progress OKCCC has made in bringing more diversity to campus. She crunches the numbers every fall semester.

Her numbers show that from fall of 1990 to fall of 2002, the percentage of non-Caucasian students has risen from 14.4 percent to 28.6 percent.

The faculty's improvements in minority numbers show that from fall of 1990 to 2000 they rose from 10.1

percent to 12.4 percent.

Harrison said the exact change in faculty now shows: 82 percent Caucasian, 6 percent American-Indian, 3.5 percent Asian-American, 5 percent African-American and 3.5 percent Hispanics.

In the fall of 1990, the numbers were 89.9 percent Caucasian, 2.4 percent American-Indian, 1.3 percent Asian-American, 4.9 percent African-American and 1.5 percent Hispanic.

Shirazi said OKCCC has done well in starting the improvements needed to become more diversified.

In the college's attempt to bring the knowledge to their students that they live in a global society, it has made that improvement suggested since the review from the site team.

In the site team report presented to OKCCC in January 2002, the Higher Learning Commission stated its recommenda-

tions.

Toward the end, the book states: "OKCCC students need to see themselves reflected in the people, the programs, and the services of the college."

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OTA students who make up the staff for the camp.

OTA students work with the disabled

Jamie Ferranti
News Writing I Student

There is a place in Stroud where a person can dance the night away, perform his or her talents in front of a supportive audience and purchase a Walkman radio for 25 golf tees.

That's right – 25 golf tees. However, not just anyone can get in.

Every year, OKCCC occupational therapy assistant (OTA) students volunteer to organize and staff a camp for the members of the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled.

This year's camp was based on a sports theme and was held Oct. 24 through 26 at the Wilderness Camp Lodge near Lake Stroud.

The All Star Extravaganza camp was colorfully decorated with baseball, football and basketball ornaments placed throughout the lodge, along with cheering fans painted on the windows.

It was a three-day weekend filled with fun, food, activities, races, encouragement and Elvis Presley impersonations. Gary, a member of the foundation, fondly referred to as "the King" by the OTA students, performed a show-stopping routine of Presley.

Campers preferred to be known only by their first names.

OTA students helped the campers make autograph books, mascots, megaphones, pompons and pennants during crafts time.

"I like this camp a lot," said David, a member of the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled. "It's fun and I like to do the crafts."

At the All Star Auction, campers got to bid on donated items with golf tees used as currency. The winners got to take home prizes such as shirts, hats, electronics, backpacks and stuffed animals. Every person left with loot.

The OTA students were fascinated and teary eyed by the campers' abilities introduced during the All Star Talent and Extravaganza Review.

There were dance productions and hula-hoop acts. Some campers presented captivating renditions of songs performed by artists such as Celine Dion, Tim McGraw, and Jimi Hendrix. A personal favorite among the crowd, performed by foundation member Glen, otherwise known as "Big Dog," was "Who Let the Dogs Out" by the Baha Men.

"There is no masked emotion here," said Tom Kraft, professor of the occupational therapy assistant program. "This camp is what we're all about."

This project requires year-round work by Kraft's students.

"We're already planning for next year's camp," said Stacy Rendon, an OTA student nicknamed The Enforcer.

The students who put this three-day camp together are: Tamara Carillo, Kristin Townsend, Tricia Hartzell and Jessica Pearson.



Tamara Carillo, OTA student, helping David make a pennant.

Patricia Beckers, Cody Elliott, Dee Dawson and Terri Collins. Teah Ausmus, Eric Latham, Kari Davis and Melissa Smithpeter. Perry Boston, Lacy Vadder, Adam Salafia and Christy Aaron. Stacy Rendon, Carolyn Terrell, Sara Monoco and Julie Smith. Paula Valdey, Toni Long, Phillip Ramey and Terri Daniels. Angel Borrigo, Steve McGaha, Tara Cole and Louise Blount. Lori Wyssmam, Drenda Evans and Karen Weichmen. Kraft is the director of the OTA program.

Adam Salafia, OTA student, and Heather dancing



Photos by
Keah Roggow



Woman of the Year says OKCCC helped in success

By Caroline Ting
Staff Writer

Former OKCCC student Shannon Nance, 33, is one of several Oklahoma women to be named Woman of the Year for 2003 by the Journal Record.

Nance is the Director of Sales and Marketing for the Renaissance Oklahoma City Hotel and COX Convention Center as well as the new Downtown Courtyard by Marriot, which is scheduled to open at the end of this year.

She said she is honored and humbled about receiving the award.

"It's always an honor to be singled out....," Nance said.

She said, at her young age, she is flattered to be listed in such an elite group.

She said she didn't always know public relations was going to be her career choice, but thinks it may have found her instead of the other way around.

She said she enjoys working with the public and giving to people.

Nance attended OKCCC from 1995 to 1996. While at the college, she took several classes in mass media and communications with professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert. Public Relations was one of them, she said.

Nance said she liked Faulconer-Lippert's approach to practical applications in class.

"...We were given real-life situations..."

"We were a company trying to sell our products. We were representing the Daily Oklahoman whenever they raised their price to 50 cents. We were somebody speaking on behalf of the FBI....," she said.

Nance suggests that students who are interested in public relations take some of Faulconer-Lippert's classes for the practical application she uses.

She also suggests spending time thinking about and studying articles or advertisements related to the field.

Nance said she doesn't know who nominated her for Woman of the Year or why she was nominated, because, she said, all the other award nominees are



Shannon Nance

just as diligent in their lives as she is.

Nance has a bachelor's degree in public relations from Oklahoma City University.

She has served on several professional committees as well as civic and nonprofit organizations.

According to the Journal Record, Nance is a two-time finalist for the Woman of the Year award and has earned many other recognitions as well.

"[Being named Woman of the Year] is a very humbling experience," she said.

Langston University doors open to all, regardless of race

By Obiora Chima
News Writing I Student

Non African-American students who have considered transferring to Langston University may believe the university won't accept them. That's not true, said Gayle Robinson, dean of admissions at Langston.

Langston University, once known as Colored Agricultural and Normal University, is Oklahoma's only historically black institute for higher learning.

Langston University was established by Oklahoma's territorial legislature in 1887 and was given its own land grant.

Robinson said all students are considered for admission into Langston University.

"But most [non African-Americans] don't apply because they feel that since Langston was founded as an all-black university, people of other races will not be able to get in."

Here at Langston, we welcome everyone from all walks of life," Robinson said.

She said Langston University offers some of the best programs for science-related majors such as their nursing and physical therapy programs.

Students who want to graduate from these programs must complete the 124 hours required for graduation including 54 credit hours of upper-division coursework in nursing and physical therapy, Robinson said.

She said transferring students seem to find it better and easier to fulfill their scholastic goals.

Ashley Montgomery, a former University of Central Oklahoma student who now attends Langston University's Nursing Degree Program, said the transition was fairly smooth.

"College can be tough, but Langston University makes the introductory years easy," Montgomery said.

"Students have control over their scheduling, which enables the students to have time to study, work and more importantly, [to have] a social life."

"Along with that, you have small classes so that the professors can give you that one-on-one training that you need."

Robinson said Langston offers interested college students help with scholarship information. Students who are interested in a possible transfer to Langston University should fill out an application, then send it to the college with transcripts and records. Students are accepted with a GPA of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.

Questions about the university should be directed to Robinson at (405)446-3400 or visit Langston University's website at www.lunet.edu.

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New dean holds on to what she believes

By Caroline Ting
Staff Writer

The new dean of the division of Social Sciences, Dr. Patti Buxton of Sallisaw, keeps her philosophy in mind throughout her career.

Buxton said her philosophy is more like her "heart of service to students." She said she believes that everyone should have a chance to attain an education.

While she was working at the University of Central Oklahoma, she said, the increasing standard in the graduate school is great, but she thinks it's excluding many other students. So she decided to go back to a community college again.

In a position such as Buxton's, there are some goals she would like to

achieve.

"We certainly have a need to hire additional full-time faculty in the area of geography, political science, history and psychology.

"We're also looking at starting an additional new degree: associate of Arts in Paraprofessional Education."

According to Buxton, the No Child Left Behind legislature act was passed January, 2002. The act requires that all schools be in compliance by 2006. The degree requires 60 hours of training, she said, so it's a very suitable degree for a community college to offer to students.

One of the most memorable experiences Buxton has throughout her career is working with a student who didn't believe in what he could achieve, she said. She encouraged him to finish his bachelor's degree at UCO, and he ended up get-



Patti Buxton

ting his master's degree.

"I don't think in education, we would ever know all of the students' lives we have touched," Buxton said. "But it's nice to have the opportunity to keep up with the students and see the final outcome."

Buxton said that she was named Educator of the Year

by a student organization while she was teaching at UCO.

She also was the Division Director of Behavioral and Social Sciences for six years at Redlands Community College. Then, she said, she taught graduate courses and provided professional services including guidance and counseling to the university for eight years.

In addition to teaching graduate courses, Buxton also taught deaf students in public schools for seven years and was a public school counselor for six years. She said she enjoys working at OKCCC.

"...I really like the faculty, the staff and the administration," she said. "They're a very professional group of

individuals... They're all very concerned about the success of the students.

"The administration is not only student-focused, but employee-focused, and they provide a wonderful working environment for faculty, staff and other administrators."

Buxton received her bachelor's degree in special education from University of Central Oklahoma, master's degree in communication disorders from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and doctorate degree in counseling and student personnel from Oklahoma State University.

She has been married for four years to her husband Sheldon Buxton.

Disabled students get help

By Richard Hall
News Writing I Student

The Services to Students with Disabilities Center of OKCCC, which became its own independent part of the school in 1994, offers many accommodations to students in need of services ranging from note-taking to interpretation.

Pat Stowe, Director of Services to Students with Disabilities, has been a part of the center as long as the center has had its independence.

"Before we became our own center, we were listed under student support centers which included assistance to veterans and the disabled.

"Since becoming our own part of the school, we've hired a full time staff to help those in need," Stowe said.

The Services to Students with Disabilities Center offers a wide variety of services to help those that are

deaf or hard of hearing, have physical and mental disabilities and who are blind.

With the advancements of technology, disabled students use adaptive technology to help them with everyday situations of student life.

Specialized computer-learning software, voice synthesizers and Braille printers are just some of the adaptive equipment offered to the students, which are provided by a grant given to the center.

"We teach the students how to use the adaptive technology equipment in our labs here at the center. That way they can use them in other labs around campus," Stowe said.

Jenna Howard has been the adviser of the Services to Students with Disabilities Center for over a year and enjoys her work.

"We all enjoy working with the students, and we want to insure that all students are treated equally when it comes to their edu-

cation. We want to make sure every student has a good student-teacher relationship and is accommodated according to their needs," Howard said.

Kelly Jennings, a sophomore at OKCCC, is majoring in deaf education while being deaf herself. With Tammy Earl as her interpreter, Kelly is able to get across her point of view.

"The center here at OKCCC is a comfortable place and has a very friendly staff. The center has helped me further my education and learning experience. There is nothing I would change about it," Jennings said.

Stowe and Howard are both pleased with the progress the center has made and of the assistance that they're offering to the students.

Stowe said: "The center has a great staff who enjoy the interaction with students. I'm proud to say that we show leadership through our experience with helping those in need."

Vivaldi's Gloria at OKCCC

By Mike Selbo
News Writing I Student

The Community Chorus and the Concert Choir will be performing a free, fall concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11 in the OKCCC theater.

The Community Chorus will be performing Vivaldi's Gloria. Jonathan Stewart, professor of music, said this performance will include the chorus with soloists, strings and harpsichords that will accompany them.

The performance will be sung completely in Latin as it was originally written.

The Concert Choir will be performing selected works from Bartok, Copland and Billings.

Many of the pieces will be performed in English, but the choir will perform four Slovakian folk songs by Bartok that will be sung in the original Slovakian language.

Stewart feels this concert will be "very energetic." He also said: "it will be a great concert and it's free."

This is the first concert of the semester at OKCCC for the two groups. The concert will last about one hour. Tickets are not necessary for admission.

Donations will be accepted at the door. The donations will go toward offsetting the cost of the concert. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7249.

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Highlights

English Department is having a book sale

The English Department is having a book sale Wednesday, Nov. 12 to raise money for the Writing Symposium. For more information call Michael Franco at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7204.

Computer Aided Design Society offers video games

A 3-D computer game demo will be featured from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 4, and from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the college union. Also, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, there will be computer game competitions. The cost is \$8 which includes pizza for lunch. Must be 16 or over to play and under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call Doug Gregory at 682-1611, ext. 7336.

Alpha Omega Christian fellowship

For good Christian fellowship and teaching, come to the meetings. They are held from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. every Tuesday in room 2P7 in the main building.

Apply now for tuition fee waivers

The Student Financial Aid Center has spring tuition fee waiver applications available. Friday, Nov. 14, by 5 p.m. will be the last day to submit applications to the Student Financial Aid Center. Monday, Dec. 8, the Student Financial Aid Center will have a determination of whether a student is approved for the Academic Tuition Fee Waiver award. For any questions call (405) 682-1611, ext. 7524.

Literary Excursions

A discussion will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, in 3E1 in the Arts and Humanities building. Literary Excursions is a newly-formed book club that seeks members from English majors, future teachers of English and people who love to read. For more information e-mail Wendi Jewell at wendij45@msn.com.

Economic Development Generating Excellence

OKCCC will host a forum called Oklahoma's EDGE. It will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 4, in the library, room 407. It is open to the public and will include a live video link to discuss the development of a focused economic action plan to provide Oklahoma a new competitive edge in the global economy. The purpose is to address issues in order to build Oklahoma's economy, such as creating a clear vision for where Oklahoma is headed and a blueprint on how to get there.

Writers, artists sought by journal

OKCCC's journal of literature, art and photography is published annually in the spring. For those who want to submit a copy of their work for consideration should send it no later than Dec. 1 to Arts and Humanities Division, Oklahoma City Community College, 7777 South May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73159 or via e-mail at crandolph@okccc.edu.

Arthritis network sponsors event

O.A.M. also known as Oklahoma Arthritis Network is sponsoring an event called OKC Doesn't Sit Still for Arthritis from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15 at the OSU-OKC campus located at 900 N. Portland. There will be speakers, workshops, exhibits and door prizes. The cost is \$5 and is due Nov. 10. For more information call (405) 650-8381.



Baskets for scholarship

money: President of Abilities Galore, Meredith Dunkeson, Sociology major, sold baskets in the main building Tuesday. She said the club used the sale to raise money for scholarships. Most of the baskets contained Halloween treats, but also could be personalized.

Photo by Keah Roggow

LAN party blows up OKCCC

By Daniel Lapham
Editor

World War II is making a comeback Saturday, Nov. 8 on the OKCCC campus. History will be relived through electronics in a multi-player interactive war game on campus.

The Computer Aided Design Society Club will be hosting a Local Area Network (LAN) Party from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in CU3 of the main building and in room 201 of the Library.

CAD Club President Jeff Young said this will be a time to relax from the normal pressures of college life.

"This is the time to just chill and take a break," Young said.

The featured game at the party will be "Battlefield 1942."

Young explained the dynamics of the strategy

game.

He said "Battlefield 1942" has been out for a couple of years and is gaining popularity in the gaming community.

Young said, "This is a strategy game similar to 'Doom' in some ways, but more realistic."

"Instead of going around shooting demons, you are soldiers in a World War II battlefield."

Young said the club will have two rooms for the competition. CU3 will be the room dedicated to those who bring their own computers. Library room 201 will be equipped with computers for those who don't have access to their own computers.

Beginners are welcome to come to the party, Young said. He said CAD members will be on hand to show newcomers the ropes if needed.

Requirements for stu-

dents if they bring their own computers are: interactive games of their choice, "Battlefield 1942" CDs and patches, 10/100 LAN Port, speakers or headphones. Also the player must allow an anti-virus check.

If players use the college's computers, they must bring their own headphones and a USB mouse or joystick.

Players must be at least 16 years of age to attend. Players over 18 do not have to be students of the college, but players under 18 must be accompanied by an OKCCC student over the age of 18, Young said.

There will be free demo maps for those who do not own the game.

The LAN Party will cost \$8 to play all day and will include pizza for lunch.

For up to date information concerning the LAN Party, check out the club board outside of the College Union.

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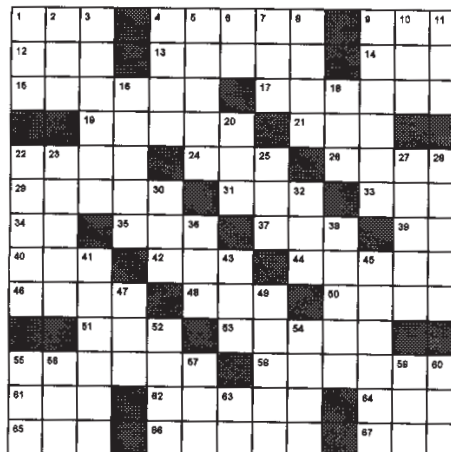
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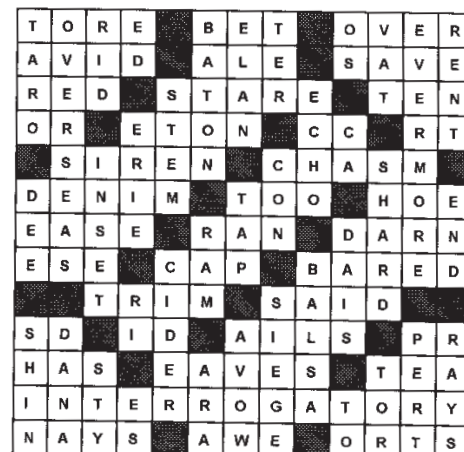
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President anticipates moving administrative offices to new area

"Tower Tech,"
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The finance department also may be considered in the move.

Laura Taylor, payroll supervisor, said they also have not been told of a definite move, but said, should it happen, they too would have to revamp their system. Taylor is supportive of a move.

"I think it will be a good move."

Another administrative support department that could possibly move is the department of planning and institutional effectiveness.

Annmarie Shirazi, dean of planning and institutional effectiveness, said "[The move] makes perfect sense."

She said students need more classroom space, so the move would help with that. Shirazi said she will miss seeing the students and working with the professors.

"We're all just spoiled here," she said.

"But the parking will be good over there."

Art Bode, vice president for business and finance, said the building will be renamed.

He said, at this time, the property is being internally referred to as the south facility. However, no official name has yet been given.



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John Massey, chairman of First United Bank and Trust Company in Durant, donated property and a building to OKCCC. Ownership of the Tower Tech Inc. World Headquarters building and property, located at 11935 S. I-44 Service Road, was accepted by the OKCCC Board of Regents Oct. 20. OKCCC President Bob Todd said the 25,634 square feet of modern office and conference space has undergone level one environmental and structural evaluations that ensure the building, built in 1997, is in top condition. Once all of the necessary upgrades are completed, Todd said, certain areas of the college — likely those that perform administrative functions and don't directly interact with students — would be moved.

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Oct. 29 - Last day to withdraw from Session 2 Fast-Track classes without a refund.

Nov. 7 - Fees due for Session 3 Fast-Track classes; Cancellation for non-payment of fees for Session 3 Fast-Track classes.

Nov. 8 - Last day of Session 2 Fast-Track classes.

Nov. 10 - Fall 2004 Nursing, OTA, and PTA applications available in Admissions and Records.

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