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College takes initial steps toward future

Leaders meet to discuss Performing Arts Center

By Caroline Ting
Editor

The college has taken steps toward designing one of the next campus buildings — the Performing Arts Center. It will be built on the north side of the campus near Regents Boulevard.

Construction for the center is expected to begin late summer of 2005, said OKCCC President Bob Todd. The center will house classrooms, as well as a theater.

Todd said since the building has not been designed, the exact size, and numbers of classrooms, offices and labs remain to be determined. But, he said, the center would include performing arts such as music and film programs plus a performance center. The auditorium might seat more than 1,000 people, he said.

"[The college] visioned [the center] not only as a center for college

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College regents approve naming rights modification

By Caroline Ting
Editor

It's official. OKCCC has the right to name its property after those who have contributed to the college the Board of Regents decided Feb. 16.

The board approved a modification to an already-existing policy that specifically authorizes the naming of buildings, rooms, areas of the campus or other college property in honor of individuals.

OKCCC President Bob Todd said that will allow regents to approve naming buildings and rooms on

campus after individuals who have made contributions to the college.

"The Board of Regents has a policy that says they believe it is right to recognize people for their contributions," Todd said.

"[That could be] in many different forms."

Those contributions can include support in the Legislature or support in the community such as financial support, Todd said.

For example, Todd said, the OKCCC library is being named in memory of former State Sen. Keith Leftwich, who died of cancer in September last year.

Leftwich was a long-

time supporter of OKCCC.

It's the first building to go through the process.

Students seem to agree with the naming rights policy.

"If that person put time in this college, they should be honored that way," said Charity Gill, nursing major.

Engineering major Chase Plumlee said he agrees with the policy, noting that the University of Oklahoma recognizes individuals the same way.

The college will not advertise or promote the policy, Todd said. Raising money isn't the purpose of the change, he said.



Photo by Lacey Lett

Yarn spinner Ana Hester shows the youngsters at the OKCCC Child Development Center Lab School how to make yarn from wool the old-fashioned way.

Class spins wool, tales

By Melanie Zuniga
News Writing I Student

Preschool students added wool spinning to the long list of things they're learning at the OKCCC Child Development Center Lab School.

Anna Hester, a 12-year veteran of spinning demonstrations, used her antique spinning wheel to show the 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds how wool is taken from sheep and transformed into yarn for clothing.

Preschool teacher Connie Pidgeon's students and preschoolers from the other class anxiously gathered in front of Hester and her spinning wheel, curious how to operate the primitive device.

Some students found it difficult to remain patient during the entire demonstration. Once Hester had transformed a clump of carded

wool into a string of yarn, the youngsters were full of questions. One asked, "Is it plugged in?"

Their faces filled with wonder as Hester, wearing a quaint 18th century dress, transformed wool into string.

The boys especially were anxious to try spinning, Hester said.

The demonstration is part of an ongoing lesson about mittens. Books also are being incorporated into the lessons.

Pidgeon said her class has been using author Jan Brett's version of "The Mitten" to help strengthen their language skills, vocabulary, and cognitive development.

It is important children have the opportunity to learn about spinning, Hester said. In the case of Pidgeon's class, the experience gave the youngsters the opportunity to relate the concepts from the folk story to the magic of yarn spinning.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Harvard for the poor

Money is a huge concern that makes attending Ivy League colleges a hopeless dream for students coming from poor families. What if their parents wouldn't have to pay?

If such a decision were made, going to one of the top schools in the nation wouldn't only be for the rich anymore. Those college campuses would be filled with more students with lower financial status.

Good news. This decision has been made by Harvard University, according to the New York Times' website.

Harvard said in the article that they want more low-income students to enroll in their school, and will stop asking parents whose income is less than \$40,000 per year to pay parental contributions toward the cost of their children's education.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students coming from lower income families to apply for Harvard. If it turns out they are admitted, they won't have to worry about the cost. The article said Harvard provides about \$80 million in scholarship funds, so there is another hope for low income students as well.

Last year, parents had to pay \$3,000 in contributions. What Harvard has done this semester with the high parental contributions is to average the bill to \$2,300 for parents who make less than \$40,000.

This fall, that contribution will be down to zero. Parents who earn from \$40,000 to \$60,000 still have to pay an average of \$2,250, down from the current \$3,500.

The figures may still sound sky high to some of us, but those who are already attending Harvard and have been working hard to save money to help contribute to the bill will appreciate the effort higher education is making to help them.

Officials from Harvard said in the article they would be the first selective college to officially cut down the parental contribution to zero for low-income students.

Making the decision "official" is a significant part of the plan, because students who want to apply for Harvard but worry about money will know it is very possible for them to attend. This plan will make a great difference to students who have wanted to study at Harvard but always let the thought vanish due to financial hardship.

Although there are plenty of other excellent institutions to choose from when applying for colleges or graduate schools, an opportunity to study at an Ivy League school shouldn't be missed.

When there's a chance to study in a prestigious school out of state, don't be afraid to take the chance. Don't stay at the same place all your life. Go to the best school you can possibly get into.

—Caroline Ting
Editor

Security upset over caption

To the editor,

Please reference the photo and caption entitled "Music Man" in the March 1 issue of the Pioneer.

The Safety and Security Department was made aware of Frons Metal by a passing student who claimed Metal was making derogatory remarks to passersby.

Two officers were dispatched to investigate and speak to Metal. Metal denied having made derogatory or inflammatory remarks to anyone. Our officers determined that Metal was panhandling.

The money jar is painfully obvious in the lower left hand corner of the photo. Metal also failed to obtain authorization from Student Life to perform on the main plaza area. The officers only informed Metal of the process to obtain authorization and instructed him on how to find the Student Life office. Metal went to Student Life and was denied permission to panhandle on the plaza.

He was however given the option to play in the College Union. He turned down the choice and subsequently left the college.

At no time did our officers ask Metal to leave cam-

pus. Nicole Padilla, the photographer, and her associate did not interview the officers or representatives from Student Life. If Padilla had done a great job of investigative reporting, she could have gotten the facts instead of reporting inaccurate and misleading information. I also hold the editor responsible for not ensuring the accuracy of the information she was reviewing.

This misrepresentation of the incident is exactly the type of mistake and reporting that perpetuates a poor image of the officers on my staff. We are not a bunch of hack-booted, whip-cracking, storm troopers waiting to pounce on the general college population. I know we are not perfect and occasionally we make mistakes.

We respond to calls for assistance to investigate incidents or individuals behaving inappropriately or not following college policy.

Since I began working at the college, I have promoted a community oriented spirit with the many departments in the college and the students who regularly call on us. To name a few services we perform throughout the day: jump start vehicles,

open locked car doors, assist students and staff in wheelchairs, help people find their lost cars and respond to calls for medical assistance.

I certainly hope that in the future, field reporters speak to the people involved in the incident(s), get the facts and print them.

—Ernest Machado
Director of Safety and Security

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I love to mess with their minds!

Comments and Reviews

'Sex and the City' will be greatly missed by fans

I'm walking down an aisle at the Home and Garden expo when a lady at a booth says she likes my outfit and wants to see my shoes. I tell her I need to get some new ones to match. She says, "You want some Manolo Blahniks, don't you."

Anyone who watches Sex and the City knows what Manolo Blahniks are. It's like a universal language the show created.

Six seasons and 94 episodes changed the social aspects of women in America and probably many other countries. Sex and the City went from taboo to popular through the years. It has almost been like a revolution for women.

These four women live a not-so-realistic life in the busy streets of Manhattan, but the beauty of the show is that these women stay best friends through thick and thin, and they aren't afraid to tell their most intimate and embarrassing secrets.

Each one of the girls and the city, have very specific characteristics.

Carrie, played by Sarah Jessica Parker, is a sex columnist and the everyday girl. Her character is the strong bachelorette secretly longing for love — Mr. Big love that is. She is the one the other girls confide in most and always tries to lift up their spirits when they're down. She is also the biggest fashion explorer all of the girls. Carrie makes good shoes seem like a necessity.

Samantha, played by Kim

Cattrall, is the tell-it-like-it-is woman. As a marketing executive, she thinks like a man. She has had more lovers than I can count or name.

Her character is so well received because she's so provocative and isn't afraid to act like a man when it comes to sex. She knows she's promiscuous and doesn't hide in the closet about it.

Miranda, played by Cynthia Nixon, is the on-the-go attorney.

Her character's attraction stems from her cynical thinking. She doesn't like the whole romantic mumbo jumbo, yet she's very compassionate to her friends. She's the one Carrie confides in most.

Charlotte, played by Kristin Davis, is the trophy wife. She is the prim and proper one. She's also the one with the most inhibitions. Charlotte's the kind of girl that when you tell a good story is like, "Aww. Oh that's so sweet!"

Since the series began, she's been looking for a husband. She does get married — twice. But she finds the second time's the charm with a not-so-hand-some man. Three words come into mind when the word Charlotte is said — babies, babies and more



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babies.

And finally, the last character — the city. New York City is the basis for the show. It's loud. It's blunt. It's full of guys. It's just perfect for the women. The city that never sleeps has the best fashion and clubs in America. It's one of the only cities you can walk down the street and brush shoulders with a star. For the women, it's the city with opportunities. All of the women live successful lives and never feel lonely because, as Carrie says, New York is their boyfriend.

Although the last episode, episode 94, would be impossible to meet all viewers' expectations, I think the show ended perfectly. Carrie got Mr. Big, now known as John, Charlotte got the baby she's always wanted, Miranda releases her softer side for her love Steve and Samantha finds not just a lover, but love.

"Sex and the City" will be greatly missed by all women across the country, but never forgotten.

—Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Quote of the Week:

"If you can count your money, you don't have a billion dollars."

—J. Paul Getty



Q: Why don't more bands play in the union?

A: We have a campus activities board that's just for students. They make every decision about what kind of activities, of a social nature, that we bring to the campus and not many bands have been selected. Everyone on campus is welcome to join if they want to.

—Liz Largent
Director of Student Life

Q: When will the fountain be operational?

A: I don't have a completion date as of yet. We're just now getting started on renovating it. We aren't going to have water flowing through it. I'm not sure what the functions will be inside the fountain when we are done. But we're progressing on a solution to make the fountain useful for different situations. Once we are completed with it, [the function] will have to be a decision by other people.

—J.B. Messer
Director of Physical Plant

Q: Why are there so few lockers for students in the Arts and Humanities area?

A: Those lockers are solely for art students. The lockers are big enough to fit large pots or canvases. There is not any more room to put in any more lockers.

—Susan VanSchuyver
Dean of Arts and Humanities

Dear readers,

The Pioneer is currently taking questions relating to the college for the "You Asked For It" column. We will be glad to find the answers to your questions.

Questions may be e-mailed to editor@okccc.edu. You may also drop by our office located at 2M6 on the second floor of the main building, or give us a call at 682-1611, ext. 7409, to tell us what your questions are. You will not be asked to provide us with your name or any personal information. Thank you.

—Caroline Ting
Editor

Have a question about OKCCC
that you don't have
the answer for?

We can help you!

Give us the question and we
will find the answer for you.

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Super Tuesday ends with one candidate saying 'bye

By Travis M. McMillan
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Super Tuesday turned out to be particularly super for Sen. John Kerry as he wrapped up the Democratic nomination for the presidency.

After winning nine of the 10 states up for grabs Tuesday Kerry told supporters, "We will fight to give America back its future and its hope," reported CNN.com.

Voters will now have the opportunity to decide who will win between the two candidates as the scene is set for a Bush versus Kerry showdown in November.

Kerry's main democratic competitor, Sen. John Edwards, withdrew from the race Wednesday after not winning any states on Super Tuesday, ending his campaign, self-dubbed "champion for regular people."

Edwards praised Kerry Tuesday night to supporters,

the
VOTE
in 2004

"He's run a strong, powerful campaign.

"He's been an extraordinary advocate for causes that all of us believe in."

Kerry also spoke well of Edwards, saying he has a "compelling voice, great eloquence and great promise for leadership for years to come."

The nice words between the two within the last week has led many to speculate that Edwards is on Kerry's short list of running mates for this November.

President George W. Bush called Kerry Tuesday night to congratulate him on his "decisive victories." Bush said he looks forward to a "spirited debate," according to a Bush campaign spokesman for CNN.

For more information on the primaries or the upcoming election visit www.CNN.com/ELECTION/2004 or www.FoxNews.com/youdecide2004.



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Hard-won women's rights celebrated in March

By Nicole Padilla
Staff Writer

Looking back on the achievements women have made throughout the years it is clear that women have come a long way.

In honor of these achievements, the nation celebrates Women's History Month annually in the month of March.

Women's history was practically unheard of, especially in schools, until the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission of the Status of Women created Women's History Week in 1978.

According to NWHP.org they wanted the week to be in March because International Women's Day is on March 8 and would be a good focal point.

The events that took place during this initial week received a huge response from the community as well as schools.

Finally in 1987, due to the numerous women's organizations, museums and other groups across the nation, the National Women's History Project designed a petition to expand the

week-long celebration to a month. The resolution was quickly approved in both the U.S. House and Senate.

Women's History Month not only celebrates the many great women throughout history and what they have done for our country, but also the Women's Rights Movement which is said to have begun in 1848, according to legacy98.org.

After a great deal of struggle, and many marches and conventions, women's suffrage was won with much rejoicing in the year 1920.

Also in 1920 the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor was created. This was a major step in helping make changes for women in the work force, and protecting them from unsafe conditions and abuse, reports legacy98.org.

Most people believe the movement began in the 1960s but this is actually referred to as the second wave of the movement.

For instance, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act was passed in the year 1964. The title prohibited employment discrimination based on gender, race or religion.

The Women's Rights Movement still lives on to this day. Women of today are living the dreams that many women in the past

worked so hard to make a reality.

"Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others,"

Rosa Parks said once.

To learn more about Women's History or National Women's History Month visit NWHP.org.

Celebrated women in history

These are just a few of the many women that have changed our country and affected our lives. For more on these and many others visit www.search.eb.com/women.



Clara Barton (1821-1912)-founded the American Red Cross in 1881, helped many soldiers in the Civil and Franco-German Wars.

Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906)- an American suffragist and leader in the women's movement during her time.

Amelia Earhart (1898-1937)- an American aircraft pilot who set many records, she was also the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

Rosa Parks (1913-present)- Civil Rights activist, well known for her strong act of defiance in not giving up her seat on the bus during segregation in Alabama.

Margaret Sanger (1879-1966)- social reformer and women's rights activist, responsible for creating birth control and the organization that evolved into Planned Parenthood.

Transgenic fish a novelty for OKC high schoolers

By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

The biotechnology program at OKCCC has something to glow about — the GloFish.

This transgenic creature is being sold across America for \$5 a piece, but OKCCC had the first cut in it, said Donald Bell, biotechnology projects coordinator.

Bell said the GloFish were put on sale to the public in January of this year.

They are genetically engineered fish made from a zebra danio egg and inserted with a gene from a sea anemone, said Bell.

The reason these fish were created, Bell said, was to research pollutants in

the water including oestrogen which have been accused of killing frogs around the country. "Red ones [transgenic fish] were developed to test the oestrogen in the water. The color is made from a protein that is transferred into a gene." He said that whenever in the presence of oestrogen, the fish will glow red; otherwise they are zebra striped.

Part of this research stems from the deformity of frogs. Scientists are speculating that this might have been caused from the jet fuel in planes, Bell said. The fuel releases a chemical that works like an artificial oestrogen. The chemical causes deformities in frogs.

He said the fish also are used for medical research.

Now, Bell has teamed up with biotechnology professor Charlotte Mulvihill to encourage high school students to get involved in biotechnology.

"We have this project which we work with all of Oklahoma City high schools to develop a relationship so that we can give information about biotechnology," Bell said. Next year, he said, they plan to extend to surrounding Oklahoma City schools.

Bell said they train high school teachers how to develop biotechnology in the classrooms.

"We provide them with all of the information they need on how to introduce biotechnology to the kids; plus we have a series of lab by modules that [OKCCC] provide," Bell said. The GloFish



Photo by Billy Adams

A transgenic fish inhabits the aquarium at 1C7 in the main building.

are part of that. They are shown to the students as a visual tool by demonstrating their abilities.

"The GloFish are to stimulate some interest in biotechnology (for the students).

Bell said OKCCC is cutting edge in biotechnology

being the only community college in the state to have the program.

"We're always a step ahead of what's being done," Bell said.

The fish is on display in room 1C7. For more information call Donald Bell at 682-1611, ext. 7685.

'Passion' capturing the attention of everyone

By Jaci Dake
Contributing Writer

The world has been through WWJD bracelets, satirical Christian bumper stickers, and Jesus fish that stick on the back of cars. Now it has a Jesus movie made by Hollywood icon Mel Gibson.

It's almost impossible to go anywhere these days without hearing something about Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ."

"Passion" became a headline news topic weeks before the first screening. Christian churches all over the country bought out entire showings in advance to encourage their members to go and take their friends — both believers and non-believers.

OKCCC students also are talking about the movie.

Jensy Varghese said she looks forward to seeing "Passion." "It'll truly impact me when I see what Christ went through for me."

Matt Wilson also will buy

a ticket. "I usually like Mel Gibson movies, like 'The Patriot.' I figure, if 'Braveheart' was good, this might be good, too."

Jennifer Laudermilk called "Passion" a very emotional experience. "It was very powerful... I was boo-hooing so hard at the end... it was very violent, but very true to Scripture."

While Allison Foster "supports" the movie, she still had some criticisms. "[Passion] didn't explain why Jesus died. It just made it look like he was a nice guy who died."

It would be expected that, once released, some of the speculative, pre-release controversy would be settled.

The debate, however, keeps getting hotter.

CNSNews.com quotes Malik Z. Shabazz, the national chairman of the New Black Panther Party, as saying, "Strangely absent from the debate is one very basic inaccuracy... This purposely omitted fact is that Jesus was not a European white man. Jesus



Christ was a black man—a dark-skinned, Hebrew Israelite from Northern Africa and even the only Biblical physical description confirms this (Rev. 13:20)."

Chapter 13 of the Book of Revelations, however, ends with verse 18.

After CNSNews.com contacted the New Black Panther Party about the Bible verse they referenced, Imam Akbar, national minister for the New Black Panther Party, explained the original reference was a typo in their press release and pointed them to the right verses.

However, African-American Rev. Jesse Peterson, president of B.O.N.D. (Brotherhood Organization of a New Destiny) said arguments about Jesus's skin

color distract from the message of the story.

Peterson said he saw the movie. "There's nothing in the movie that is racist at all. The Bible clearly states the Christ was in Israel and that he was a Jew."

The movie, he added, "clearly points that out as well. To cry 'racism' is a non-issue.

"It's a shame that you have racist organizations like the New Black Panther Party that will come out and allow the devil or darkness to use them, because that's what's happening.

The loudest criticism of the movie has been that Gibson's "Passion" was anti-Semitic, blaming Jews for the death of Christ.

Jewsforjesus.org posted an article by Susan Perlman addressing this issue.

"The Passion' presents a predicament for all of us," Perlman writes.

"If Jesus was simply a blasphemer, unjustly assuming authority that was not his, then why mourn his death or try to escape

blame for it?

"On the other hand, if we accept that Jesus was the one of whom Isaiah wrote, and that his death was part of God's plan to redeem us, then the blame for his death dissolves in the realization that all of our wrongdoing can be absolved by it."

Has Christianity gone from old time religion to a modern-day fad?

Laudermilk doesn't think so. "I believe that Christianity has to turn with the times to attract new believers," she said.

"Younger people don't want to believe in the old-style religion anymore because they are so caught up in the new-world style.

"Some people are saying that if Christians are promoting this movie for non-believers, but are buying up all the tickets, there aren't any tickets for non-believers [to buy].

"But I think that if Christians aren't really seen as supporting this movie, non-believers will have no reason to see it."

The clock is ticking for making vacation plans

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Many college students are talking about where they want to go for spring break. Now is the time to make the final decision and act on those plans. Most spring break packages are nearly sold out, according to area travel agents.

The three most popular places for spring break revelers to visit include Las Vegas, Cancun and South Padre Island, said Debra Dunn, travel agent for Travel Gallery in Oklahoma City.

She said travel agencies usually start selling spring break packages in the fall because that's when folks usually start thinking about spring break.

And since area colleges have changed their spring breaks to coincide with one another, Dunn said, there are just not enough seats for everybody who wants to book a trip.

Dunn said all trips to Cancun are sold out at Travel Gallery, but they're still selling a Las Vegas package that includes four nights for two people, including air tickets

and hotel stay, for \$914.

Packages offered through Airway Travel are:

- Las Vegas: four nights for two people, including air tickets and hotel stay, \$994.

- Cancun: three nights for two people, including air fare, hotel stay, all meals and drinks, \$1,363.

For booking or more information contact Jane Lam at 528-0232.

Break-Away Travel offers the following:

- Las Vegas: four nights for two people, including air fare and hotel stay, \$855.

- Mexico: four nights, including air fare, hotel stay, all meals and drinks, \$800-\$1,000 per person.

For booking or more information contact Kathy Dorough at 692-1992.

Students who have no luck finding the best deal through travel agencies may want to check out online packages. Sometimes the prices are lower as well.

Some websites to visit are:

- www.travelocity.com
- www.vacationstogo.com
- www.travelweb.com
- www.mexicospringbreak.com
- springbreaktravel.com
- partyschool.com/springbreak
- www.hotwire.com

Anywhere south or BUST!

By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Students want to go somewhere affordable, available and popular for spring break. That's why many are going south for spring break — all the way to Mexico, according to many travel agents.

The number one break-from-stress getaway is Cancun, Mexico.

Sharon Maygle of Faraway Places Travel believes it's the party place during spring break.

"I think Cancun is so popular because of the drinking age being 18 and it's not so expensive."

Sheila Porter, with Boarding Pass Travel Service Center, said she believes it's popular because it's convenient.

"It's so easy to get to," she said. "All you need it a photo ID and a birth certificate."

Second in line is Cozumel in Mexico, said Barbara Lowry of Adventures in Travel.

Third most popular place is South Padre Island, Texas, according to the Oklahoman.

Whatever your passion party place, have fun, be safe and party!



SPRING BREAK PLANS



"I'm going skiing at Breckinridge with my church, Grace Assembly of God."

—Aaron Allen



"I'm moving out of my apartment and my boyfriend is coming home from the Marines to visit. He's stationed in San Diego at Camp Pendleton."

—Mandi McCoy



"I'm driving to Ft. Collins, Colorado, to visit some old friends."

—Skip Wilson



"I'm going skiing in Montana with my boyfriend and his uncle. We are going to Big Mountain and Whitefish."

—Rebecca Baye



"My band, Special Disaster Team, is possibly going to start recording, and my girlfriend and I are going to go somewhere..."

—Jake Behrens



"I'm driving down to South Padre with a girlfriend that is coming down from Nashville."

—Merissa Jackson



"I'm flying down to Cancun with a few friends."

—Adam Didonato

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Part-time professors make the best of office space

By Chris Gores
News Writing I Student

Don Shirey, a former full-time professor, said his OKCCC life has been much different in the five years since he went part-time.

He has gone from having his own office to sharing a group office with other part-time professors. He is no longer listed in the college personnel directory, and he can't be found through the college e-mail address book.

Part-time professors often feel lost in the shuffle.

Faculty members in the Arts and Humanities adjunct office have had a few suggestions for improvement in their area.

Mary Beth McCauley, part-time English professor, said the Arts and Humanities adjunct office can get quite stuffy and crowded.

Study Skills professor Sandra Yarbrough agreed.

"On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings it can be standing room only."

Other adjunct offices experience the same problems. Health Professions Secretary Shelly Tevis said there is no actual adjunct

office in that area.

She said there is a round table in the back of the office designated for meetings with professors.

"It makes it difficult to focus on what you're doing," Tevis said.

The mathematics division is not any better, said professor Charles Nunley.

"It's not unusual to have five to eight adjunct professors in the room at one time, each seeing three to four students," he said.

Students also see that differences exist between full-time and part-time professors. Some feel part-time faculty aren't accessible enough. Most are hard to find outside of office hours.

Keita Ibrahima, foreign exchange student from Guinea, said he feels the campus is large enough to warrant a faculty directory that includes all professors and faculty.

Colby Hudson, first-year student, had similar comments on teacher accessibility.

"I think a complete directory is necessary for students trying to locate teachers during enrollment or, if you're like me, always misplacing your class syllabus."

Paula Gower, director of Marketing and Public Rela-



Photo by Billy Adams

Adjunct professors (from top left) Patricia Meeks, Diane Trout Harwood, Kurt Hawker, Sue Oates and Millicent Harralson attempt to grade papers and make class plans in the cramped Arts and Humanities adjunct office.

tions, said that just isn't feasible.

"The college has hundreds of part-time professors each semester, and they change each semester," she said. "Some part-time professors teach only a few semesters and they do not have individual offices on campus."

She said, also for this reason, the part-time profes-

sors do not have their own phones and extensions. Each office shares a phone.

"The OKCCC Personnel Directory is published for use by the college employees as a means of communicating with each other on matters pertaining to college business," said Gower.

"Only full-time staff and faculty and regular part-time staff are listed."

Gower said, in the event that a part-time professor doesn't give students a contact phone number, the student may contact the division office to reach that professor. Those numbers are listed in the college's personnel directory.

She said, a student can always leave a message in the professor's mailbox located in the division office.

Lawton trip fun, educational for international students

By Rachel Savant
News Writing I Student

The largest animals in North America, the buffalo, attracted the attention of 23 international students during a visit to the Wichita Wildlife Refuge in February.

OKCCC's English as a Second Language program took a cultural field trip to Lawton, on Feb. 18.

Many of the students had never seen buffalo. The students learned the history of the buffalo by watching films at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. Once in the field, they were able to come very close to the animals.

The students also learned about the environment and the history of the Native American people.

The group also visited Mount Scott and Fort Sill.

My Tu, a student from Vietnam, loved the view from the top of the mountain, even though the weather was cold that

day. Tu said she learned more about other students while on the trip.

"People told about their countries and I learned a lot about other cultures."

Li Wang, a student from China, was very impressed with the trip to Fort Sill, as well.

"In my country we cannot just visit an army base."

Ade Samaniego, a student from Mexico, said she loved the trip.

"I like to learn and explore new things."

She said it was her first time to visit that part of the state but said she would definitely visit again.

Abra Figueroa, professor of English as a second language, said she plans to host a field trip each spring.

"I had great conversations with the students..."

Hai Huynh, a student from Vietnam, said he enjoyed the history of the land.

He had visited Lawton several years earlier but liked learning more about the differing cultures and geographic features.



Photo courtesy of Professor Abra Figueroa

The English as a Second Language students at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Lawton. English as a Second Language professor Abra Figueroa said she plans to host a field trip each spring. "I had great conversations with the students..."

Pioneer staff takes six awards at annual banquet

By Caroline Ting
Editor

The 2004 Society of Professional Journalists Banquet on Feb. 28 recognized the success of numerous professionals in the journalism field. Among those were five former Pioneer staff and the current Pioneer webmaster.

Mark Stack, former Pioneer editor, won two awards — first place in criminal justice reporting and second place in education reporting. Stack now writes for the sports section in The Oklahoma Daily.

Kate Brennan, also former Pioneer editor, won second place in the category in-depth enterprise/individual reporting for a story focusing on smoking in public places. Brennan said she wrote the story to address the subject in the media. She thought many people would be able to relate to the issue.

"I feel honored that SPJ thought the article was award worthy," Brennan said.

Cole Bridges, former Pioneer staff writer, was awarded third place for his editorial on a Supreme Court decision dealing with forcible medication on non-violent offenders. The Supreme Court ruled against the issue, Bridges said.

"I see (it) as a case that

"I think it's a prestigious honor to have, and I'm just grateful that I could be considered for it..."

—Cole Bridges
Former Pioneer Staff Writer

will stop the chance to forcibly medicate more people and probably people who do not deserve to be forcibly medicated," Bridges said.

He also appreciates the the SPJ award.

"I was more than pleased," Bridges said. "I think it's a prestigious honor to have, and I'm just grateful that I could be considered for it and receive it."

A second place in photo essay was awarded to both former staff writer Ashley Martin and photographer Kat Mohr. The two collaborated on a photo story essay on the college soccer team, Martin said.

"I was really happy that the last award I won for work done at the Pioneer was one with Kat," Martin said.

"She and I became really close during our time there, and it meant a lot to both of us."

Pioneer Online Editor Melissa Guice won an honorable mention for her design of the Pioneer website. The website is located at pioneer.okccc.edu.

"It's an honor that the

website has gotten recognition," Guice said.

"It's nice to be recognized, especially with the competition that we had."

One of the competitors the Pioneer website was up against was the OKCCC college website designed by Kathy Nix, which took second place. Nix said she was very thrilled to receive the award.

"I'm ecstatic," Nix said.

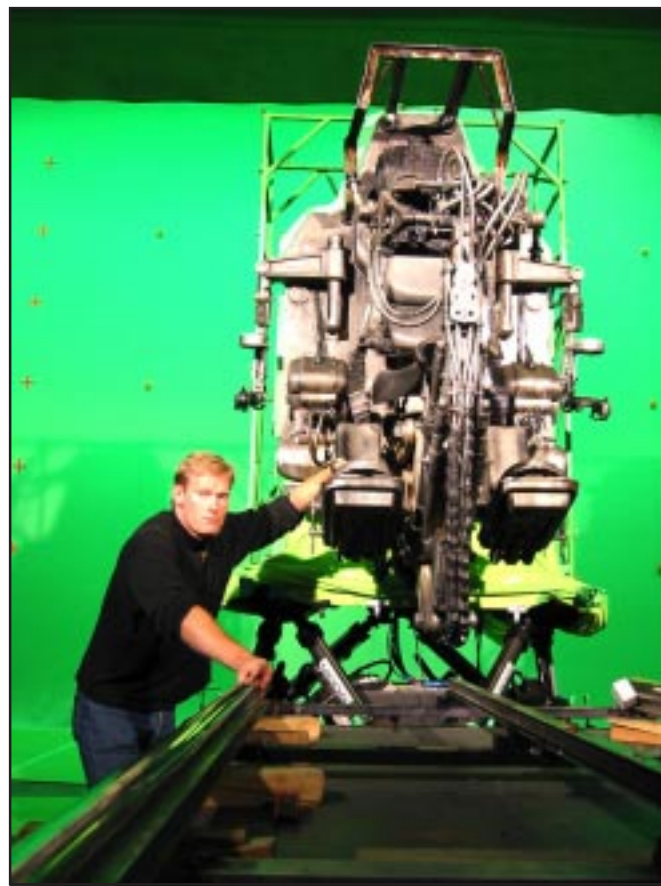
She said part of the effort for putting together the website involved the student ambassadors, who told Nix the content they'd like to see in the drop-down menus.

Former Public Relations Director Stacy Meldrum also worked with Nix on other ideas and improvements for the website, Nix said. The whole process took Nix about four to five months to build.

"I love [the college website], but I still think there's a lot of room for improvement," Nix said.

She also said she's open to any suggestions anyone has regarding the website. The college website is located at www.okccc.edu.

"Matrix" lead animator coming to OKCCC



Rick Glenn, Matrix lead animator

By Billy Adams
Staff Writer

"Take the blue pill and when you wake up, this will all feel like a dream. Take the red pill...And I will show you how deep the rabbit hole goes," said Morpheus in the original "Matrix" film. Rick Glenn, lead animator from "Matrix: Revolutions" is coming to show just how they made that rabbit hole.

The Computer Aided Design Club, Student Art Guild and the Cinema Society/Film Club are sponsoring the free lectures by Glenn. They will take place in the OKCCC theater at 12:30 p.m., March 10 and 7 p.m., March 11.

Before working on the movies, Glenn worked in several areas of industry. He worked for Boeing in

the aeronautics division, he worked on video games for Activision and he was one of the animators responsible for the Clio award winning 'Ray and Carl' Blockbuster commercials.

Carolyn Farris, professor of visual art, said Glenn spoke several years ago at the college, while working for Activision, and enjoyed speaking so much, he wanted to come back.

"He's a very dynamic and animated speaker [who] will provide insight into special effects and movie making," said Farris, who has known Glenn for some time.

Glenn also plans to step in the classes the days of his lectures to talk to students. "He's very excited about coming," said Farris.

For more information contact Carolyn Farris at 682-1611, ext. 7250.

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Highlights

Keith Leftwich Memorial Library dedication

The OKCCC Board of Regents and President Robert P. Todd invite you attend the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library dedication at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25 in the College Library Plaza.

National bioterrorism speaker

Dr. David Magnus, a leading bioethics scholar will present a lecture at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9 in the College Union. For more information contact Student Life at 682-7523.

First Year Success Workshop

A First Year Success Workshop will be held from noon to 12:45 p.m. on Monday, March 8, in the Center for Student Development. The First Year Success Scholarship is for \$250 and is designed for first semester students who are enrolled full time. For more information contact Peggy Jordan at 682-1611, ext. 7535.

Financial aid applications

Students who have a current year application on file and want their eligibility for summer financial assistance evaluated must submit their official summer schedule to the Financial Aid Office no later than June 30. For more information contact the Financial Aid Office at 682-7525.

Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship

A memorial scholarship of \$250 will be awarded to honor Jack Cain, who taught for 24 years at OKCCC as a professor of mathematics. The deadline for the scholarship is 5 p.m. March 23. To be eligible students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at OKCCC, must have completed or be enrolled in Math 2103, Calculus and Analytic Geometry I, have a minimum GPA of 3.25, and be intent on completing an associate degree at OKCCC. Applications are available in the Math Lab, within the Mathematics Center. For more information contact Prospective Student Services at 682-1611, ext. 7580.

Newspaper Board seeks student, faculty volunteers

The Student Newspaper Advisory Board is seeking one student and one full-time professor to serve as members of the advisory panel to The Pioneer. The advisory board meets once each semester, usually on Thursday afternoon. Interested students and professors should submit their name, address, phone number and e-mail address to SHinton@okccc.edu, or come by the Pioneer office on the second floor of the Main building. Deadline is Monday, March 22. For more information contact Sue Hinton at 682-1611, ext. 7331 or Ronna Austin at ext. 7307.

'Matrix: Revolutions' animator lecture

Rick Glenn, lead animator for the movie "Matrix: Revolutions," will lecture at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, and at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, in the college theater. For more information contact Student Life at 682-1611, ext. 7523.

Bricktown Saint Patrick's Day Block Party

The annual Bricktown St. Patrick's Day celebration will begin at noon on Wednesday, March 17, on the corner of Sheridan and Oklahoma streets in Bricktown. There will be free green eggs and ham from 6 to 10 a.m. Live music



Photo by Billy Adams

The job hunt: Student Mike Runnels (right) talks with Chris Stiles, a representative from Advocare, a nutrition company, at the Spring Job Fair on March 3. Several businesses were present to help eager students find a job.

Spring job fair draws workers

45 different companies also participate in the event

By Nicole Padilla
Staff Writer

Where could you find Whataburger, Bank of America and Radio Shack in the same place? At the OKCCC Spring Job Fair, of course.

The job fair was held on campus last Wednesday.

Linda Fay, student employment advisor, said the job fair was a very successful event.

"We've had a steady crowd," Fay said. "When we opened the doors at 10 minutes 'til, people just started streaming in."

Some 45 companies set up booths at the fair this semester.

Fay said she was very pleased at the turnout this semester, not only of students but also employers.

A wide variety of companies were on hand for the event — everything from Army recruiting to Avon.

Some employers made

their first appearance at the job fair.

"This is the first time that we have done a job fair," said Mickey Bunal, manager of The Buckle, a clothing store.

Bunal said she was glad to come to the college and get some exposure for the store.

Many employers were excited about the number of people that had approached them so far.

"We have gotten a very good response so far," said Bree from La Petite Academy, a child care center.

Most students were happy with the job fair.

"I only talked to a couple of people, but everyone was very nice," said Jenna Jameson, undecided major.

Tamara Dobbins, nurs-

ing student, thought that the job fair was a good opportunity for students in the nursing field.

"There were four or five vendors set up for nursing students," said Dobbins.

"I also liked the booths with the applications. It made it easier to turn them in."

Dobbins also remarked at the wide variety of companies, which gave students a good chance of finding something right for them.

The job fair is held twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring.

For more information on the job fair or information on finding a job contact Employment Services at 682-7519 or e-mail at employmentservices@okccc.edu.

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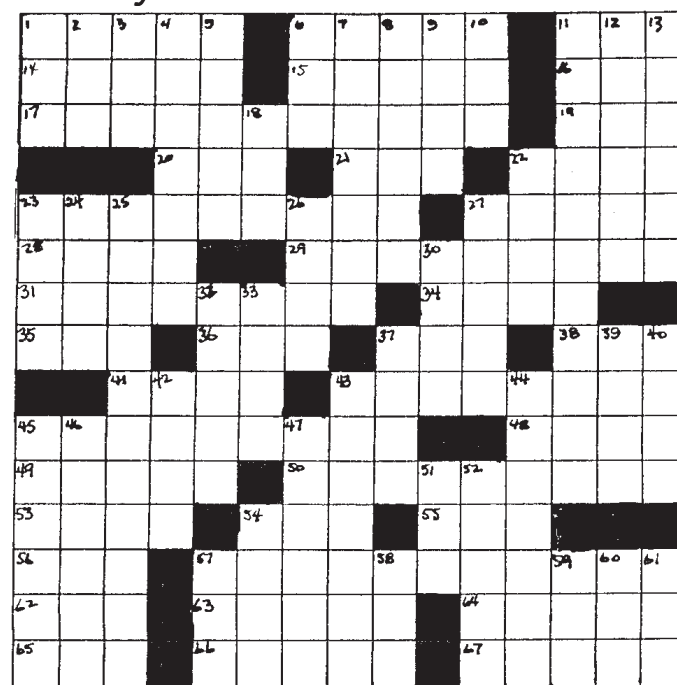
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Sharing job tips



Photo by Billy Adams

Ryan Chittum, staff reporter for the Wall Street Journal and University of Oklahoma journalism graduate, speaks to the students and professionals at the Society of Professional Journalists Job Fair at OU in February. The annual job fair provides a place for journalism students from around the state to meet editors and representatives from various publications in Oklahoma.

Cars broken into, items taken

By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Several students returned from classes to their cars last week to find them broken into and items missing.

Rebecka Graffigna said she went to class Monday morning, Feb. 23, leaving her car parked in parking lot A. When she got back to her car, she found the passenger side window broken out, said Security Officer, James Springer in a police report. Her designer purse was stolen which held her driver's license and credit card. The total value was \$40.

Later that same day, student Vaughan Brook parked his car in parking lot E. When he came back, at 6:42 p.m. his driver's side window had been broken. Inside the car, his dash had been pulled apart and his Pioneer CD player was missing, said Security Officer Larry Lundy in a police report. The total value in that incident was \$600.

At about 8:19 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25, Security officer John C. Hughes was waved down in parking lot G by student Selena Seraj. She had found her passenger side window pushed in as well as damage to the driver's side window, said Hughes. Her dash was pulled apart, and a Bazooka amp and Sony speaker stolen. The total value was listed at \$450.

Music and green suds no blarney on St. Patty's Day

By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Everyone will be seeing green — as well as possibly drinking and wearing it too — on St. Patrick's Day.

March 17 marks the Irish holiday and the day of many festivities around the Oklahoma City area, starting at 6 a.m. with green eggs and ham in Bricktown. Breakfast will be served until 10 a.m. or while supplies last.

Starting at noon, live bands will perform nonstop until midnight under a tent located on Oklahoma Avenue.

Some of the bands include the Sugarfree Allstars, Hosty Duo, Hurricane Jane and the O'Kellys. Admission is free.

In Norman that day, you can eat green eggs and ham beginning at 6 a.m. at O'Connell's with 96.9 BOB FM's morning deejays, said district manager Jeff Stewart. The fun doesn't end there.

Stewart said the all-day event will include "green suds, party favors and 16 live bands." The headliners include old-school rapper Vanilla Ice and country singer Jason Boland. Admission is free.

For more information on the Bricktown events call 236-4143. For more information on O'Connell's festivities call 364-8454.



College in first stages of planning for future

"Center,"
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performances, but also as a center for Oklahoma City and south Oklahoma City, as a venue for various programs and performances," Todd said.

The center will be an asset to all students he said.

Students have their own ideas about the project.

"[The college] needs to work on parking before (building) a performing arts center," said business major J. R. Webster.

He said solving the parking problem on campus should be a priority.

Webster said the arts center should be built if it brings in revenue to the college and strengthens

programs.

Another student, nutrition major Jessica Berry, disagrees with Webster.

"I think it's a good idea," Berry said. "We should make improvement [in the arts area], but also in other parts of the college [that] could use an upgrade."

She said the arts center doesn't matter much to her, but she still thinks it will be good for others.

According to a memo given out in a recent Arts and Humanities meeting, the college's projections indicate the performing arts center will be a 75,000-square-foot facility, and it may be constructed as a performance theater and an adjacent office or classroom complex.

"Since it's an arts center, all those things associated

with arts at OKCCC should be housed in the center," Todd said.

Credit and non-credit programs, as well as community programs, could be included in the center.

Todd said Dr. Paul Sechrist, provost/vice president for academic affairs, has identified individuals to be involved in clarifying the needs for the center and the programs.

The college's major construction projects also include two others — adding a new science, engineering and math center, and expanding the Health Sciences Center.

Todd said all three projects are moving along at the same pace and one is no more important than another.

The college needs to ex-

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pand facilities to meet the growing number of enrollment, Todd said.

"If we conservatively project our enrollment into the future for 10 years, we will have approximately 27,000 students annually on this campus," he said.

The estimated amount of money for building the arts center is \$10 to \$11 million,

according to the annual Board of Regents retreat meeting agenda Jan. 30.

Todd said the anticipated resources for the fund would substantially come from the higher education general obligation bond, which will be decided by the Oklahoma legislature and then be submitted to a vote of the people.