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As classrooms increase, so will student fees

Administration foresees students paying extra \$3 per-credit-hour

By Caroline Ting
Editor

The college is taking steps to increase the number of classrooms on campus.

Three projects that will make the increase possible are building a science, engineering and math (SEM) center, a center for the arts, and an expansion of the health sciences center.

Total cost is estimated at \$25.1 million.

At the March 8 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Board of Regents discussed various ways to pay for the projects.

Board members authorized the college to request a resolution from the State Legislature to issue up to \$10 million in revenue bonds to help fund part of the cost.

Revenue bonds are sold on behalf of the college by financial institutions such as banks, said OKCCC President Bob Todd. The college uses them when they don't have the money needed for building projects.

In essence, the college would borrow money and pay it back by making payments with interest over a set period of time. A revenue bond is very similar to a mortgage, Todd said.

In addition to the revenue bonds, the other primary source of funding would be the general obligation bond for higher education which would provide about \$15.3 million.

These bonds must be approved by the state Legislature and voted on by the people. The college is not responsible for paying this money back, Todd said.

"The State of Oklahoma will be obligated to pay the general obligation bonds," he said.

During the Committee of the Whole meeting, the Board of Regents and the administration also discussed how the revenue bonds would be repaid.

Todd said to pay for the revenue bonds, the college would raise student fees — possibly as much as \$3 per credit hour.

Art Bode, vice president for business and finance, said the increase would depend on the payment length of the revenue bonds and the

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Photo by Billy Adams

Puppet Masters: Sarastro (left), the high priest of Isis, presents his prisoner Princess Pamina. Sarastro and the princess were two of the main characters in the Salzburg Marionette's performance of "The Magic Flute." The troupe was brought in as part of the ongoing OKCCC Cultural Awareness Series.

Library to be named after state senator

OKCCC Board of Regents vote to honor college supporter Sen. Keith Leftwich

By Jaci Dake
Contributing Writer

The Board of Regents is honoring the late Oklahoma State Sen. Keith Leftwich by naming the OKCCC library in his honor.

A dedication ceremony will be at 1:30 p.m., March 25 at the college library.

The motion to name the library after Leftwich was passed unanimously by the Board of Regents last October.

In an earlier story, OKCCC President Bob Todd said Leftwich's efforts as a senator provided funding for the library to be built.

Leftwich died last September of cancer.

Todd wholeheartedly supports the decision. "Sen. Keith Leftwich was an outstanding sup-

porter of OKCCC," Todd said.

"The recognition of his contribution to the institution is an appropriate step by the Board of Regents."

Sen. Debbe Leftwich was elected last fall to fill her husband's senate position. She said the late senator would be very honored by this gesture of appreciation.



Sen. Keith Leftwich

"I know he would have been overwhelmed," she said.

She described her late husband as an avid reader, one more reason this would have been such an honor to him.

"He read all the time. He would check out four or five books a week from the library."

She also said her husband felt it important that the college and community have a library.

"Reading was a high priority [to

him]," she said.

"He felt that reading opened your mind and took you places you couldn't otherwise go."

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Equal treatment for same sex marriages

President George W. Bush has proposed a Constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages.

Bush believes marriage should be between a woman and a man. John Kerry, democratic presidential candidate, also is against gay marriage, but does not think an amendment is necessary.

Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry said to reporters from The Oklahoman and Tulsa World, "I think we should protect traditional marriage, but I don't think government should interfere in the lives of two individuals who want to live together."

U.S. Congressman Frank Lucas favors the Constitutional amendment and says he will vote to "...protect marriage..."

History seems to repeat itself. Just 40 years ago interracial marriages were banned in almost every state. Now, people are surprised to know that such a common practice was once illegal.

Is gay marriage really something we need to be protected from? Gay people are having sex right now and that isn't affecting straight people's sex lives, so why would gay marriage affect a straight marriage?

According to Rolling Stone magazine, courts in Kansas have ruled that it is OK to punish gay teenagers more "harshly [than heterosexual teenagers] for having underage sex." Sex under the age of 16 is illegal there.

The government doesn't need to tell the people what's moral.

We can't blame the fall of the sanctity of marriage on gay people. More than 50 percent of marriages end up in divorce right now.

These gay couples want to live a life together monogamously. How can that hurt anyone else? We are discouraging people from doing something that's right.

Also, how constitutional is it to say someone who's gay has fewer rights than someone who's straight just because of their sexual orientation? It seems America is going backwards. If America is trying to avoid discrimination, why put discrimination in the Constitution. All men are created equal, right?

The 18th amendment of the prohibition of alcoholic beverages was amended only 14 years later because the people wouldn't allow the government telling them what to drink.

We need to keep up with our fast-changing society.

Geoffrey Garin, pollster for Gen. Wesley Clark, said in Rolling Stone, "... In an era of 'Will and Grace' and 'Queer Eye,' the real danger is being seen as participating in an active effort to roll back the clock on individual liberties."

—Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Play stereotypes culture

To the editor:

I recently attended the "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged" performed by the OKCCC Theater Department.

In this modernized, updated version, the play worked its way through all of Shakespeare's tragedies, comedies and histories. The drama used modern language and speech that we all know and speak, with a twist of comedic features and elements that would not bore the average student who had to read Shakespeare in high school.

Now, all in all I was enjoying myself while watching this play until 30 minutes later, when the second to last Shakespeare tragedy, "Othello," was performed. Now, whether or not a person knows the story of Othello, it has to do with the sensitive subject of race: in which Othello is black married to Desdemona who is white and all the problems that came with it.

In the play they didn't have any black actors so they used three white girls who basically stereotyped black culture and black people by putting on big, puffy afros, wearing ban-

danas (gang style), doing black hip hop dances, making their fingers into a W saying "Westside" and speaking slang words like "shiznit" and "scured" instead of scared as if all blacks live up to these stereotypes.

Also, by the end of Othello, the girls then raised up their fist and said, "Africa Power" as if poking fun of historic Civil Rights leaders. I think they did all that in poor taste and should have made it known that, "Hey, we need a black person to do this part," instead of butcher their culture, which might have offended somebody.

While some laughed at the girls' antics on stage, most remained silent during this uncomfortable time in which people looked around to see if there were blacks in the audience who might have had an angry or embarrassed look on their face and if so, then it would have been inappropriate to laugh.

The one thing that would have really offended people was if they had put on black face paint, which they were smart enough to stay away from.

But with that one bad note to the play, everything else was cool, I could tell

they worked hard on this play and they deserve a round of applause. The Hamlet piece was the comedic climax to the evening in which the audience interacted. So keep up the good work, Theater Club.

Just be careful next time of who your audience is and what their reactions might be.

—Jonathan Nimo
OKCCC student

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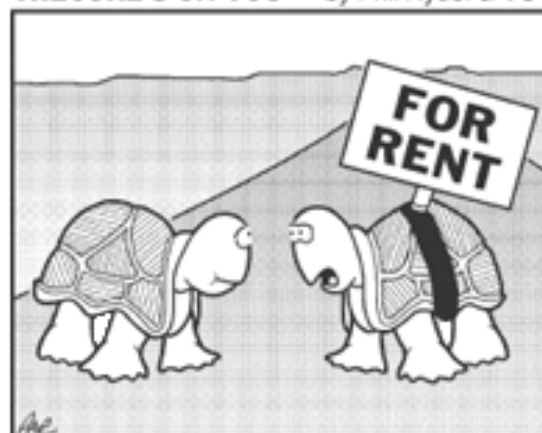
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Comments and Reviews

Cloning is important to living

To the editor:

The editorial in the March 1 issue of the Pioneer on cloning moved me to respond. I found the editorial to be shortsighted and deserving of response.

Through the years, genetic research has enhanced everything from the food we eat to the animals we breed. The genetic research currently being done, more commonly referred to as cloning, is the next logical step to make diseases like Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and Sickle Cell a thing of the past.

In the editorial the writer refers to cloning as an effort to "defy natural selection," but we as humans defy the raw form of natural selection everyday via

organ transplants, life saving medicine and even the protection of those who cannot protect themselves.

Cloning is merely another technological advancement that will better our understanding of DNA and the genetic code that is built into us all.

The editorial then refers to the Raelians and Dolly the sheep. However, what the writer fails to mention is that the Raelians, despite international pressure, have never scientifically backed up their claim, and that the death of Dolly was not the direct result of cloning.

Finally, the writer states that some people may misuse the cloning process, and that this is a substan-

tial reason to stop the genetic research. However, if we would have done so in the past, many modern inventions, though sometimes misused, would be long forgotten.

The writer also implies that we as Americans should stand up to the rest of the world on the issue of cloning, in effect enforcing our moral consciences on the rest of Earth's inhabitants.

I see no reason why we cannot control the use of the current cloning technology. We have done so with nuclear weapons, and we can do so in the future with genetic research and cloning.

—Shane Parks
OKCCC student

'The Dreamers' — too sexy

Leave your children and inhibited friends at home!

"The Dreamers" is based in 1968 Paris where social riots are ripping the streets. The music is amazing, using legends none other than Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and the Doors.

In a nutshell, this movie is about a guy named Matthew, 20, played by Michael Pitt, who moves to France to further his knowledge about the country. Instead, he finds himself watching movies all day every day.

While there he spots movie-obsessed Isabel, played by Eva Green, at the theater and is hooked by her coolness and beauty. They end up meeting at a riot and hit it off. Her brother, Theo, played by Louis Garrel, invites Matthew over for dinner with

their parents.

During dinner the parents discuss their departure on a "journey." Isabel insists Matthew move into the guest room while their parents are away. He obliges. And here is where the trouble begins.

During the months he lives with them, crazy and gross sexual excursions coincide with "dare" games. Many I can't even put in this paper. Risqué is understating it. They are all naked through 90 percent of the movie — yes, even the guys. The threesome foreshadows the possibility of a ménage à trois, and someone is devirginized. Their peep shows for each other are both awkward and incestuous.

This isn't a far cry from Director Bernardo Berto-

lucci's previous movies which include "Last Tango in Paris" and "The Last Emperor." He's brilliant about bringing out the '60s in the film before the characters even mention the year, and he makes the characters seem very sexual and innocent at the same time.

The story line was interesting, but there were a lot of irrelevant scenes in the movie. It seemed like they just added them to take up time. Ebert and Roeper give it two thumbs up and Rolling Stone magazine gave it four and a half stars out of five. My ratings aren't as high, but it's your call.

"The Dreamers" is rated NC-17 for explicit sexual content. It's in theaters now.

—Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Counselor's Corner

A good start

Imagine yourself sitting in class on one gray, rainy Oklahoma day when, all of a sudden, the alarm goes off and startles you out of your tranquility. What do you do? The correct answer is to get out of the building because that noise is the fire alarm.

The college has no alarm system to signal inclement weather. If there is danger of a tornado, Safety and Security officers will move through the building directing people to a safer area. When the alarm goes off, calmly get up and get out of the building, even if it is raining outside.

On a less gruesome but just as important note, imagine you've accumulated about 60 credit hours at OKCCC, and you wander over to the graduation office to apply for graduation, only to be told you're following a program that requires a contract. You've never bothered to do one of those. Now you have to, and you're upset that you have to come to Student Development to see a counselor and fill out paperwork and be assigned to a faculty adviser. These are the steps you should've completed first. You flipped through the college catalog and found Diversified Studies, and it seemed like a reasonable degree to complete. But it isn't. Diversified Studies is a degree designed for students who want to pursue a degree program that OKCCC doesn't offer.

So, you first need to visit with a Student Development Counselor about what you eventually hope to do. A contract has to be completed with one of us, or with a faculty adviser, and be submitted to the Director of Multi-Divisional Studies for approval. Once the contract is approved, you then have an official degree plan to follow. Please note: Faculty advisers are important, and every student should have one. These people are the content experts in your chosen field of study. They have contacts with employers out in the real world. If you don't have one, or if you don't know who yours is, come to Student Development and get one.

Another group of students who need to proceed through their programs with extreme caution are education majors. If you want to teach special education, elementary education, or early childhood education, you need to make an appointment with Mary Turner, coordinator of student support services at mturner@okccc.edu. She will help you start on your program requirements and then assign you to a faculty adviser. Every four-year public and private institution in the state has a different set of guidelines for their education programs. It's extremely important to get off to a good start so that you can have a good finish. Secondary education majors will typically major in the discipline you plan to teach, but electives, humanities, etc., may vary depending on where you transfer.

—Student Development

Quote of the Week:

"What we see depends mainly on what we look for."

—scribe Lola Culbertson

Comments and Reviews

Much help is available though Financial Aid Office

To the editor:

Processing of financial aid applications for next fall began on Feb. 10, while the staff continues processing current year files.

As of Feb. 27, 1,374 applications had been received for the 2004 to 2005 academic year. This is the earliest start ever for OKCCC's Financial Aid Office. Correspondence to students concerning their application for next year has resulted in files ready for eligibility review, and 31 students have already been awarded for next year.

Also, students may still apply for financial assistance for the current academic year. 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. The Financial Aid Office will notify you of your award after determining your remaining eligibility for 2003 to 2004.

Total student financial assistance funds managed by the Financial Aid Office, applications received and total recipients of assistance have all increased dramatically in recent years. That trend continues. These numbers will continue to grow daily throughout the remainder of the current year ending June 30. Disbursements for this year already exceed last year. The three-year increase in applications is 67 percent, eligible students 33 percent and funds disbursed 50 percent through Feb. 27.

Financial Aid is respon-

sible for communicating with all financial aid applicants to request required documentation, build student files, assess eligibility, award funds and handle annual reporting of federal, state, and college expenditures. Eleven major programs of student financial assistance are managed by the Financial Aid Office. Each has their own eligibility criteria which must be applied consistently to all applicants. Management of these programs is subject to compliance reviews.

Utilizing technology provided by the college integrated information system, the Financial Aid Office has been able to increase the number of Pell Grant disbursement dates each year. Prior to 2002 to 2003, Pell Grants were disbursed once per month. With the

implementation of new technology in 2002-03, Pell Grant disbursements are now generally scheduled twice per month. Implementation of Electronic Funds Transfer for Guaranteed Student Loans beginning with 2003 to 2004 has improved efficiency in the management of this program. Funds are transferred twice each week from lenders to the College and applied to student accounts.

The Financial Aid Office is also responsible for certification of enrollment for veterans applying for educational benefits. The Veterans Certification Unit certifies enrollment in approved courses each semester: fall, spring and summer for nearly 700 veterans.

Students interested in

obtaining additional information about student financial assistance and veteran's services should stop by the Financial Aid Office or visit the College homepage. Click on prospective students, then financial aid. The Financial Aid Office webpage contains information which can help clarify processes and procedures and also has numerous forms which can be downloaded, completed and faxed to financial aid at (405) 685-7837. Financial Aid can be reached by phone at (405) 682-7525. Usual hours of operation: Monday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—**Harold Case**
Dean of Student
Financial Support
Services

2004 presidential election crucial to Americans

To the editor:

I've written a number of letters to the Pioneer, but none as serious as this one.

In the upcoming presidential election we as Americans are going to be faced with a choice of voting for a man who went to Vietnam and was a hero which he used to his advantage and then threw it in the country's face; the other was in the reserves and probably used his father's influence and power to avoid going. That in my eyes makes him a draft-dodger just like Bill Clinton and a lot of other politicians.

As a veteran of three tours of duty in Vietnam who volunteered, I can forgive a draft-dodger. I might have tried to avoid going on knowing what awaited me when I got there. I can't forgive a traitor, which is what I consider Kerry. He used his medals which our country bestowed on him to get home early and became a

"Bottom line is, I can live with myself and sleep at night having voted for a draft-dodger instead of a traitor."

—**Lloyd Kingsbury**
Health Lab Coordinator

war protestor, then joined forces with another traitor, Jane Fonda who most of us refer to as "Hanoi Jane."

I lost buddies in Vietnam and had friends come home in pieces, physically as well as mentally. I spent several years in counseling as did millions of others, but I got past it and have never tried to use it to my advantage.

Most people who went to Vietnam were heroes in my mind, and they went because they felt it was their duty, not because they agreed with the war or the politicians who started it or kept it going. It was our duty to go and protect all of the wonderful freedoms we enjoy in this marvelous

country of ours, the same freedoms that have allowed celebrities to notoriously come out against every war we've been involved in.

What other country in the world can these people make the money they make for no more than they do?

Look at professional athletes, actors/actresses and politicians. These are the types of people who raise hell about the very wars that are keeping them where they are at. Big businessmen kept the war in Vietnam going because it was making them richer. We used weapons made by Singer, Mattel, Zenith, and Chrysler made all of the war vehicles.

President Johnson's campaign was paid for by these same people. I'm a registered Democrat, and I voted for Bush the last time as I will this time, I really like Edwards but won't vote for a Kerry/Edward's ticket.

Bottom line is, I can live with myself and sleep at night having voted for a draft-dodger instead of a

traitor.

People are saying Iraq is becoming another Vietnam and maybe that's true but I just pray it is the right thing to do.

Who's to say Kerry could do better? He didn't have the guts to do his duty in the '60s so why would he start now?

—**Lloyd Kingsbury**
Health Lab Coordinator

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**Questions?**

**Call Caroline at 682-1611, ext. 7409.**

# Students get answers about sports

By Deana Perry  
News Writing I Student

Some OKCCC students wonder why the college doesn't offer varsity sports. Others wonder why intramural sports activities aren't better publicized.

"If they had varsity softball I would play," said current student Richenda Silva.



The school could do a much better job at advertising, said former student Misty Chance. The college's Olympic-sized swimming pool causes some to wonder what uses it could be put to.

"I'd like to see the school get a swimming program because the pool is beautiful," said recent graduate Meredith Dunkeson. "They could do so much with it."

Traci Wheeler, director of recreations and community, answered these concerns. "The reason for not having varsity sports is because we don't have the money to fund them.

"We are trying to get water polo in this spring so we can get students to use the pool," said Wheeler. "The mission of the school is focused more on academics, not athletics."

Terence Castro, another student at OKCCC, said he would join an athletic team if he had more choices, like water polo and baseball.

Students questioned mostly had heard of campus sports such as soccer and flag football.

There is, in fact, a women's softball team, but only on occasion.

Lela Dungan, student, would like to see tackle football teams. "I want a real football team that hits other people, not flag football."

The gym is not up to standards to hold varsity sports. It would cost too much money to fix everything needed to regulation, said Wheeler.

She said, things that OKCCC students can look forward to in the spring are slow pitch softball and water polo.

And for the fall there will be flag football, soccer, three-on-three basketball and volleyball.

Call Traci Wheeler at 682-1611, ext. 7280 for more information.

# It's never too late to start college

By Chris Vasquez  
Contributing Writer

After two frustrating years at Rose State College, Meika Yates, OKCCC student and editor for the "Absolute," quit school completely for a two-year sabbatical.

Unlike many students who quit college early in their academic careers, Yates has proven to herself that it's never too late to go back and finish school.

Yates, now 24, was enrolled by her mother at Rose State in 1998.

"I wasn't ready for college," Yates said.

"My mom made me enroll. I partied too much and didn't take it seriously."

Fresh out of high school, and unsure of what she wanted, Yates didn't care that she was floundering in her classes.

"I did miserably (in school), so I took two years off and got a job managing the Sunglasses Hut in Quail Springs Mall," Yates said.

"Working in retail makes you see the value of a college education," she said.

"You can always go back and better your life."



Photo by Nicole Padilla

Meika Yates

Yates credits her boyfriend as a major influence in the decision to complete her education.

"He's three years younger than me and is about to graduate from college," she said.

"I knew I needed to go back to school and he helped me realize it."

Yates then enrolled in six credit hours at OKCCC in spring of 2002, deciding a "gradual" return to higher education would best suit her busy life.

Born in Germany to an American military family, Yates grew up in Norman where she lived a few

blocks from the University of Oklahoma.

She is currently a full-time student, working an average of 35 hours a week, and is the editor for the OKCCC journal "Absolute," a collection of student and faculty-written poetry, short stories, photography and artwork.

Yates plans to get an associate's degree in journalism from OKCCC before pursuing a bachelor's degree from OU.

"I want to influence people through my writing," Yates said.

"It is really the best way I have to express myself."

# Democratic candidate moves closer to general election

By Travis M. McMillan  
News Writing I Student



Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry moved one step closer to officially securing the Democratic Party's nomination for the presidency.

Winning Florida, Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi by large margins brought his delegates total to 1,816 of the 2,162 needed for nomination.

Kerry ran virtually unopposed in this week's states

with all his main competitors having dropped out of the race.

Kyle Shepherd, student at OKCCC, is hopeful about Kerry's chances in this November's Presidential election.

"I think Kerry is [going to] beat Bush," Shepherd said. He said he preferred North Carolina Senator, John Edwards, because he cared

more about regular people. Edwards dropped out of the race March 3.

After this week's primaries, President Bush officially won the Republican Party's nomination for president. Terry Holt, Bush campaign spokesman, told CNN, "Republicans are excited about the campaign ahead and know how serious and important this election is."

The latest FoxNews poll has Kerry and Bush running very close at 45 percent of likely voters.

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# Divers make big splash at OKCCC

By Billy Adams  
Staff Writer

For the fifth straight year, OKCCC hosted the Mountain West Conference Swimming and Diving Championships from Feb. 19 through 21. For the fifth straight year, Brigham Young University walked away with the top honors in both the men's and women's divisions, winning both by more than 100 points.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Traci Wheeler said the competitors, coaches and MWC officials appreciate the level of hospitality the OKCCC staff provides. In turn, the staff appreciates the kindness and respect shown by the competitors and coaches. Students are easier to work with than younger competitors, she said.

"We'll have high school groups come in, and the students will demand things of the staff and break things," said Wheeler.

The good relations between

OKCCC and the MWC is a large part of why the school is a favorite to host the competition next year, making it six years in a row.

The Office of Recreation and Community Services is trying to find ways to improve the facility to compete with the other schools trying to host the competition. One noteworthy school that wants to host the competition next year is the University of Texas.

The schools that make up the Mountain West Conference are Brigham Young University, the University of Utah, the University of Wyoming, San Diego State University, the University of New Mexico, the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and the United States Air Force Academy.

For more information regarding the aquatic center contact the Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-1611, ext. 7860.

For more information about the competition or the Mountain West Conference log on to <http://themwc.ocsn.com>.



Photo by Billy Adams

UNLV diver Casey Fay



Photo by Billy Adams

**To be or not to be:** Ace Burke (left) and Micah J. Moad perform a scene from the "Hamlet" portion of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged." Burke played Hamlet and Moad played Horatio.

## Dog gives professor 'faith'

Former professor writes book about journeys

By Caroline Ting  
Editor

Former OKCCC professor Jude Stringfellow has recently written a book titled "With A Little Faith." At present time, she said she is still in search of a publisher.

Stringfellow said her book contains 220 pages divided into three parts. The first part is about the custody battle and kidnapping of her children during a five-year period of time.

"It took an act of faith on my part through God to actually get me through [that time]," Stringfellow said.

The second part of the book is about Stringfellow's family member, Faith the dog, and her accomplishment through training and therapy, Stringfellow said.

Faith was born with three legs and learned to walk on the hind two from the time she was 10 weeks old. Before she had been making her way around using her two back legs and dragging her face and chest. Faith has been seen on national TV as well as in at least 14 countries.

The third part of the book is about going into the future with Faith, Stringfellow said, and using

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—Jude Stringfellow  
Former OKCCC  
English Professor

her to help others who are depressed.

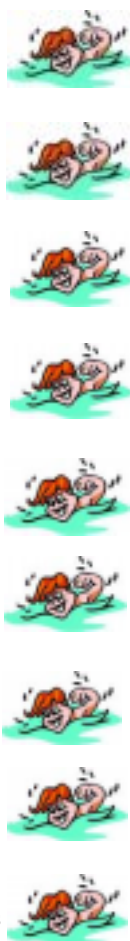
Stringfellow said she also wrote about a situation that happened to Faith and her while they were in a show on Broadway in Times Square last month. A woman wheeled herself down Broadway in order to get to Faith, Stringfellow said.

The woman told Stringfellow she had purchased a gun to kill herself but decided not to because of the strength and will she saw in Faith.

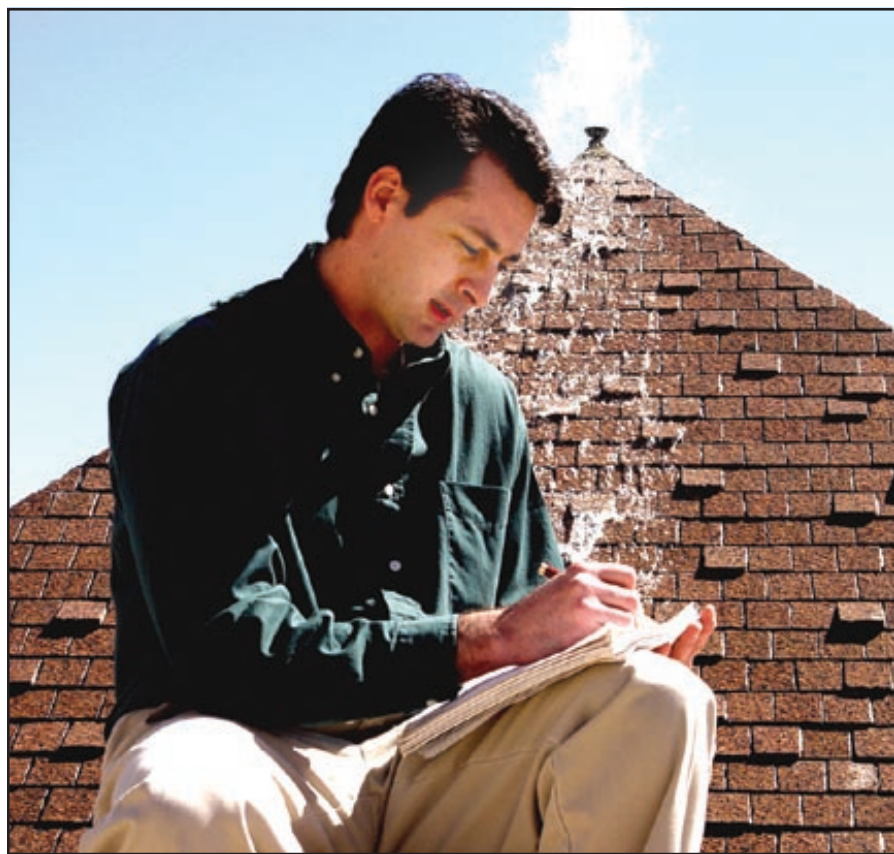
Stringfellow said her book is different from a Chicken Soup book.

"The difference between this book and one of [the Chicken Soup books] is, this is one person telling many stories versus many stories being told by individual people," she said.

The underlying theme is strength and faith, and how far people would be able to reach if they just had a little faith, she said.







Micah Johnson takes advantage of a nice day to study American Federal Government by the fountain between the library and the main building.

# What do you do to pass the time?

Class from 10:30 to 11:20 a.m. and then nothing until your 1:30 p.m. class. So, what do you do with that two hour break in the middle of your day?

Eat lunch is the most common response from students, but that only takes up a small portion of that two hours. What else is there?

Ben Stagner and his friends like to “work out and just horse around” in the aquatic center in between classes. In fact, many students can be found in the aquatic center during the day.

Another option that many students choose is to study. Books, papers and students are often found occupying the couches and tables in the main building as well as in the library.

Another seemingly more popular choice for the tables and couches in the main building is just to hang out. Students build on old relationships and make new ones simply by sitting down with their friends in the lounge areas that are found all over the first floor.

So whatever you do to pass the time between classes, make sure not to spend so much time that you forget to go to class.



Paramedic students Ben Stagner (left), Rob Collett and Justin Lorenzen like to kill time between class by swimming in the college pool.



Dustin Radloff and Marissa Polston study in the main building between classes.



Richenda Silva (left), Deana Perry and Pilar Silva can be found on the same couches by the elevator on the first floor of the main building whenever they are not in class.



Blake Slatten (left) and Trent Tarp like to just hang out around campus with their friends between classes.

*Photos and text by Billy Adams*



# Intramural basketball teams compete in tourney



Photo by Billy Adams

Players from the Ballers and the Black Knights compete for a rebound in the Intramural Basketball Tournament.

**By Billy Adams  
Staff Writer**

It wasn't March Madness, but the OKCCC Intramural Basketball tournament was exciting.

The season started with the newly-enacted draft, used to allow more students to participate in the season.

Watson said the Final Four was made up of the Ballers, Longhorns, Sooners and the Black Knights.

The Ballers beat the Longhorns and the Black Knights beat the Sooners to make the final game.

The final game was almost a test of endurance as the ball moved from one

end of the court to the other so often that it seemed like a tennis match.

And the final score in the game shows just how large a part defense played. The Ballers won 46-35.

The story doesn't end at OKCCC though.

The top two teams — the Ballers and the Black Knights — as well as a third team comprised of the all-stars of the other teams, will possibly have the opportunity to play against teams from the University of Central Oklahoma in an intercollegiate contest, Watson said.

He said the games will be played sometime after

spring break.

An exact day and time was not available at press time.

Members of the Ballers received championship T-shirts and their team name on a plaque.

The team consisted of Taylor Fields (team captain), Caleb Steele, John Tastad, Will Moses, Anthony McClanahan, Ben Martin, Chris Hawk and Jason Fish.

For more information about the intramural program or the intercollegiate game contact Watson in the Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-1611, ext. 7786.

## Jack of all trades there for students

**By Sara Scarbrough  
News Writing I Student**

Jack Kraettli can often be found lending a hand to students at the college's Welcome Center located at the front entrance of the main building.

Not only does the administrator of extended services for OKCCC interact with people at the Welcome Center, he does a lot of behind-the-scenes work too.

That includes taking care of rooms that have been double booked, managing the student copy machines and listening to complaints so he can direct people to the proper authorities he said.

As the administrator of extended services, many people look to Kraettli when a problem needs to be solved on campus in the evenings.

"If something needs to be done and they can't wait, then it becomes my responsibility to see that it gets done," said Kraettli.

Kraettli has been working at the college for 21 years.

Beginning as a professor



Jack Kraettli

in the business department, Kraettli has since written grants for the college, served as special projects manager for the Physical Plant, a coordinator of community education and as the evening administrator, which has recently been re-titled administrator of extended services.

Having taught in the business department for nine years, Kraettli said at times he does miss the classroom.

"It was great to hear the students interface and disagree, and come to some kind of solution," he said.

Kraettli said a benefit of night classes is they include both younger and older students, and the different age groups are able

to learn from each other.

"It gives a lot of insight to a lot of people," he said.

Kraettli is a critical aide to night students because he works late hours at the Welcome Center, which is open until 10:35 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

After the admissions desk and the bookstore close for the day the Welcome Center is still open for those who have questions.

Kraettli helps students find classrooms, events, or instructors.

"I help them become acclimated to the college."

When not working at the college, Kraettli enjoys woodworking, fishing, bicycling and camping.

"I have become a very dedicated gardener," he said.

He said outdoor activities are a pleasure since his job keeps him inside.

Kraettli has some helpful advice for students.

"Always be prepared for class. Always stand responsible for whatever you do or don't do. Don't shift the blame.

"If you can't change something, don't fight the battle."

## Trip to Mexico offers a fun time

**By John Foresee  
News Writing I  
Student**

Pack your bags and sombreros. OKCCC students are going on a trip to Mexico July 24 through August 1 sponsored by the Arts & Humanities Division.

All you have to do is pick up a form in the Arts and Humanities office, fill it out, and take a deposit form at the door.

According to the flier put out by Patricia Jimenez Brooks and Dianne Broyles, the cost for the eight-night trip is \$1,595. Students will arrive in Mexico City. They will travel by bus, and they will be visiting Puebla.

Students will tour Puebla's museums, colonial buildings and artist colony. Group excursions to nearby archaeological sites in Cholula, Cacaxtla and to the city of Tlaxcala are planned

as well.

Students will stay in the Hotel Colonial which has been serving colleges for over 35 years.

Students will spend an hour and a half with helpful and knowledgeable locals.

Afterwards they will spend time in conversation while exploring the city.

The courses are International Study 1 (SPAN 1163) and International Study 2 (SPAN 2063), and enrollment is limited.

The classes can be taken for three college credit hours.

For more information see the flier in the Arts & Humanities office or contact Diane Broyles at 682-1611, ext. 7657.

If you want to enjoy visiting the pyramids of Teotihuacan, the Museum of Anthropology, the Plaza Mayor, the Basilica of Guadalupe and other sites in Mexico City come join the trip of a lifetime.





Photo by Billy Adams

Christopher Hall is all smiles after his preschool class finishes their play "The Mitten in the Snow." Each child in the preschool class was involved.

## Kids learn about life at college child care center

By Shelby Teasley  
News Writing I Student

Winter, animals and mittens.

The children in Preschool B at OKCCC's Child Development Center have been learning about those things in the past few weeks.

They have been making animal masks to portray the characters in the book, constructing winter scenery, knitting, sewing and dyeing yarn, and many other activities, according to Connie Pidgeon, the preschool teacher.

Visitors also showed the children how to knit and how to spin wool into yarn.

Then came the grand finale.

On March 5, the class presented a play at the center's multipurpose room for their parents, grandparents and friends.

The play, based on the book "The Mitten in the Snow" by Jan Brett, was created and performed by the students.



It wrapped up their lessons about winter said Pidgeon. As spring nears, the youngsters prepare to move on to another lesson.

Pidgeon said, after spring break, the children will begin tending to their garden, located in the center's play yard.

Gardening is a tradition for the pre-K students she said.

Other activities will include making sponge grass, counting and sorting butterflies, and discussions about the weather.

## Native American Club finds sponsor, reorganizes

By Tim Sapp  
News Writing I Student

The re-formation of the Native American Club was ensured when a new employee of OKCCC saved the day. Kim Fields, an administrative assistant in the academic division of business stepped forward, volunteering as the group's sponsor.

"I jumped in without a lot of preparation," Fields said.

"I am new to the campus and really was looking to get involved."

Fields said she was seeking a way to become active in campus life.

While not American Indian herself, Fields has ties to the Native American community.

"My husband referred them to me," she said. "He is Native American but he couldn't take the position because of his part-time status."

With the help of Fields, the Native American club was able to hold its first official meeting in two years.

The path to making the club official was an arduous one, said club spokeswoman Desiree Dare.

"We have our 10 signatures, but it was difficult getting a sponsor," she said.

"We went to the people who were the spon-

sors of the old club, but they were too busy."

Dare said the addition of a faculty sponsor will help bring structure to the club. Now, the club's participants can design a future for themselves as an official campus organization.

Spokesperson Chris McGirt feels that the club's job as an awareness tool for Native Americans is its most important one.

"It is a shame that [Native American students] aren't aware of their culture," McGirt said.

Dare thinks the club serves an important role for similar reasons.

"For one, this is Oklahoma," Dare said. "This is a way for Native Americans to get together and spread awareness. We can share information about getting to powwows or other cultural events."

The next goal in sight for the Native American club is the "Gathering of Nations" in Albuquerque, N.M. Club representatives say the club's stipend is only a beginning, not an outright solution.

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—Desiree Dare  
Native American Club Spokeswoman

Those interested in joining the Native American club do not have to be American Indians, Fields said.

Fields also is opposed to a membership fee.

"I don't understand membership fees," Fields said. "Why would they have to pay \$5 to be in the club?"

While no weekly meeting times have been established, club representatives report they are busy trying to outline a schedule.

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# Highlights

## Health Professions Club field trip

The Health Professions club will take a trip to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center at 1 p.m. Friday, March 26. There will be a tour of the College of Pharmacy, Medical School and Allied Health. Sign up on the Health Professions bulletin board but only if you are committed to going. For more information contact sponsor Steven Kamm at 682-1611, ext. 7268.

## Literary Excursions Club meeting

The new and improved book discussion club will meet at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, in room CU7. The discussion will be on Richard Adams' novel Watership Down. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact sponsor Michael Panches at 682-1611, ext. 7637.

## Spring graduation application deadline

Although the deadline to apply for spring graduation has passed, late applications are still being accepted in the Graduation Office. Students who turn in their applications after March 22 will not get their names and degrees in the program. Applications will continue to be accepted through the last day of spring classes. For more information contact Barbara Gowdy at 682-1611, ext. 7528.

## Native American Student Association meeting

The Native American club will meet at noon on Tuesday, March 23, room to be determined. For more information contact sponsor Kristi Fields at 682-1611, ext. 7550.

## Women of the South scholarship

The Women of the South scholarship applications are now available in the Office of Enrollment Management. For more information contact Linda Sapp 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 a 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.

## International Student Awareness Day

There will be a festival held at the State Capitol in honor of International Student Awareness Day. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24. For more information contact Mary Candler at 682-1611, ext. 7821.

## NASCAR driver to speak at college

NASCAR driver Ron Hornaday and his crew chief will talk about racing and the automotive field at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31 in parking lot H. OKCCC's Automotive Career Day will have booths and displays open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the same day. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Larry Grummer at 682-1611, ext. 7581.



Photo courtesy of Mike Barnett

The BCM basketball team is all smiles after playing in the Statewide BCM tournament.

## Despite losses, basketball tournament fun for Baptists

**By Casey McDermott  
News Writing I Student**

OKCCC Baptist teams competed against 13 other colleges and universities in a statewide basketball tournament.

On March 5 and 6, BCM groups from as far away as Panhandle State University met at the University of Central Oklahoma for the events.

Nineteen players combined to form two teams — a men's and a women's team.

The OKCCC Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) for lack of a mascot, named themselves the Golden Monkeys.

The women's team played a double-elimination tournament in which they lost both games, while the men's team played a round robin tournament where they also were unable to win a game.

Student player Jeremy Barr described the events as

"stressful, but everybody had a lot of fun."

OKCCC BCM coordinator Mike Barnett said, "This tournament has been sponsored by the BCM for years and it is not necessarily for the basketball.

"We do it to improve bonds within the group and with other BCM groups," said Barnett.

"It also allows students to do more than just attend the usual BCM meeting."

The tournament was split into three different groups: a 4-year school division, a 2-year school division, and a combination of 2- and 4-year schools for the woman's division.

Schools involved in the 2-year division included OKCCC, Connors State, Northern Oklahoma Col-

lege, Western Oklahoma State College and Carl Albert State College.

The men's team was comprised of Jeremy Barr, David Ruth, Carlos Obando, Mark Ward, Daniel Dumbleton, Scott Brown, Randy Sanders, Jordan Evans, James Howell and Eric LaRue.

The OKCCC women's team included Shasta Raymond, Miranda Bandy, Lacey Buettner, Phoebe Brown, Allison Foster, Chelsie Davis, Rachel Graham, Tamika Jones and Latoria Jones.

Women's team leader Shasta Raymond described their team play as less than desirable, but said the experience was well worth it.

"It was humbling, but loads of fun," Raymond said.

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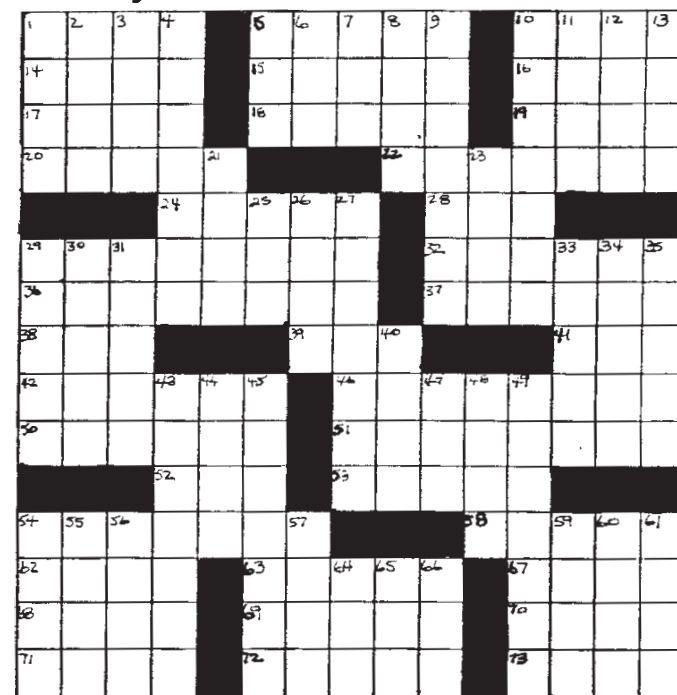
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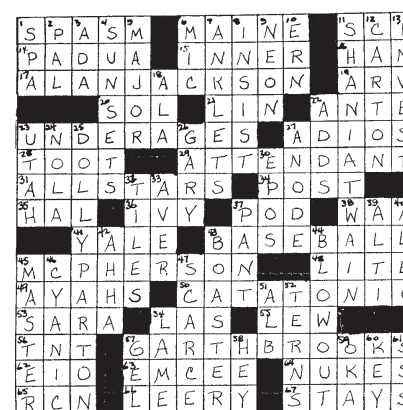


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- 15 Architecture style
- 16 Comedian Sahl
- 17 Andy's buddy
- 18 Right angles to a ship's keel
- 19 Taxonomic groups: comb. form
- 20 "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" director
- 22 One of the seven dwarfs
- 24 "Twelfth"
- 28 Batman and Robin
- 29 Accustomed
- 32 Antenna
- 36 South American boa
- 37 Viewpoint
- 38 Rustic accommodation
- 39 "Old MacDonald had a farm- EI"
- 41 A start for meter
- 42 Egyptian statesman
- 46 One of world's seven wonders
- 50 Jacket part
- 51 Artists' subject
- 52 Strength
- 53 Gaelics
- 54 Bauble
- 58 Israeli
- 62 Canadian bird
- 63 Seventh sign of zodiac
- 67 Spring flower
- 68 Gem
- 69 Blundered
- 70 Cannes movie
- 71 Ravine
- 72 Jacket feature
- 73 fountain

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- 2 Bullets for short
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- 4 "and Old Lace"
- 5 Seventh Greek letter
- 6 To nickname
- 7 Netherlands city
- 8 Lot's son
- 9 Flotillas
- 10 Vase
- 11 Blunder
- 12 Language of Pakistan
- 13 List shortener
- 21 - Saharan: African languages
- 23 Tallow
- 25 Intoxicant
- 26 Geol. angle
- 27 Roam
- 29 Desirous
- 30 Journal entry
- 31 Parsonage
- 33 "A Passage to"
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- 35 Superlative of "little"
- 40 and terminator
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- 45 Repairs shoes
- 47 Indian dance drama
- 48 Top cards
- 49 Patchworks
- 54 Exhale
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## Tool time



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Bennie Slover, Physical Plant maintenance mechanic, clears away cement from around a pipe in the former fountain on the first floor of the main building.

The fountain will be converted to a walk-through area, said Physical Plant Director J.B. Messer. He said it would be more useful to students as a social area than as a fountain.

Physical Plant worker Darrell Pearman said clubs and organizations also may end up using the space to set up bake sales or popcorn machines.

# Pre-planning is best when transferring to a university

By David Kilcrease  
News Writing I Student

Most OKCCC classes are transferable to four-year universities. However, George Maxwell, OKCCC Student Development Counselor, said students planning to transfer need to do some fact-checking first and not assume anything.

"Most of the students do not lose credit hours when they transfer to a university," Maxwell said. "They just find out that all of their hours might not apply to their particular major."

"Knowing your major and what school you plan on transferring to can eliminate most of the problems."

Kristina Blalock, a junior at the University of Oklahoma, had no problems transferring from OKCCC.

"I feel like earning my associate degree was a smart move because it helped me prepare for university life. All my hours transferred fine."

Barbara Gowdy, OKCCC credentials analyst, agrees with Maxwell that students are better off checking what will transfer and what won't early on.

"An associate degree will usually satisfy the general education requirements of a bachelor's program, but there are exceptions depending on the major you have chosen."

Some students have discovered the hard way their classes won't transfer.

Renee Stepp, a psychology major at Southeastern State University said, "I went to OKCCC last semester before transferring and I lost nearly all of my hours."

Naomi Strauss, sociology major at OU, also lost some credit hours when she transferred but considers herself fortunate.

"I went to OKCCC for two semesters [but] I only lost a three-hour elective class when I transferred to OU."

"If you think transferring from OKCCC is bad, you should try transferring from Texas to Oklahoma."

Maxwell said problems concerning transferring credit hours have "definitely improved in the last several years."

"...Most of the information can be located online," he said. "Almost every school has a website these days and most websites have transferring information regarding their school."

## Students agreeable about fee increase

### "Bonds,"

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interest rate at the time the bonds are issued.

Todd said, at this point, the college administration has not decided whether the increase would occur in a student facility fee, but they do anticipate the revenue source would be from student fees.

"[The college is] sensitive [to] what it costs [students], but we're also aware of the value that students get from their education," Todd said. "It's an investment in the future, rather than an

expense."

Some OKCCC students showed support for the college's decision to expand the college facilities. They also commented on the possible increase in student fees.

Pre-dental student Christina Grant has been a student at the college since fall 2002. She said the college needs more classrooms and a small increase in student fees is not much to ask.

"Three dollars is not that much, if I take about an average of 15 hours," Grant said. "To [use the money] to [build more] classrooms, that's a good thing."

Another student, unde-

cided major Iain Wilson, agrees with Grant.

"[The possible amount of increase] is not much to ask at all," Wilson said.

He said the tuition at the college is much less than many other schools. The facilities at the college also are very good, he said.

Wilson said he has a journalism degree as well as a business degree from Kansas State University, so he's only attending OKCCC for some special classes he's interested in.

Todd said construction on one of the projects — the Arts Center — is expected to begin late summer of 2005.

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