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Photo by Billy Adams

Construction workers scan the area that will be one of the parking lot additions. The men had to pull out a couple of trees as well as a large amount of dirt to get the area ready. When completed, the work will have added 289 parking spaces at the college. J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director, said the project would be completed in time for the fall semester.

Regent ready to serve OKCCC

By Caroline Ting Editor

A lready connected to the college in a number of ways, it just makes sense that Bob Jenkins was recently appointed by Gov. Brad Henry to serve on the OKCCC Board of Regents.

Jenkins, 59, was part of the team which completed the college's Project Vision — Datatel project. Datatel is the campuswide computer system that was completed in 2002.

Jenkins said he's had a relationship with OKCCC since the time he worked as a consultant for the Datatel project.

"I've grown to consider OKCCC my school, because I was deeply involved in that project and got to know the staff, the administration and the mission of the college," he said.

"[I] got overwhelmed with how much [OKCCC] accomplished in the last couple of decades and wanted to be a part of that."

Although he's now retired, Jenkins was coowner of Pinnacle Business Systems in Edmond. He said he's been in the computer field all his adult life.

Jenkins grew up in Kansas City. He has a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's in business administration from the University of Oklahoma.

His wife Mary is the general counsel for SBC Communications Oklahoma/Arkansas. He also has two stepsons, one daughter and a couple of grandchildren.

College President Bob Todd said Jenkins will benefit the college with his skills and experiences.

"Mr. Jenkins will bring a



Bob Jenkins

significant background from the business community," Todd said.

Todd also spoke on behalf of the board.

"It's a good appointment and the board welcomes Mr. Jenkins as a regent," Todd said.

See "Regent," page 12

Workers break ground; parking add-ons started

By Caroline Ting Editor

Construction for adding 289 spaces adjacent to the existing parking lot A has started. The excavation phase began during the week of April 12.

The work started on the south side of the parking area, near the main building, where 195 parking spaces will be added. This part of the project will need another week and a half to complete, Business and Finance Vice President Art Bode said at press time.

As soon as the excavation is done in that area, Bode said, the construction crew will begin excavation and other works on the north side of the area, where 94 spaces will be built between the library and the retention pond.

Bode said college officials will use careful planning and consideration regarding the number of student, faculty and handicapped parking.

"We will maintain an appropriate balance but there will be [an] appropriate increase in faculty and staff [parking] and, if necessary, handicapped parking as well."

Bode said when determining how many spaces will be designated for each of those groups, two things are considered — the law and the college's needs.

Following the excavation, workers will start trenching work so the electrical wiring for the parking lot lights can be installed. Wiring for the south portion is expected to be completed

"...there will be [an] appropriate increase in faculty and staff [parking] and, if necessary, handicapped parking as well."

—Art Bode Business and Finance Vice President

around mid June. Two weeks later, the north portion would be done.

Bode said the concrete and asphalt work would be completed next.

The last step will be to mark the individual spaces.

Physical Plant Director J.B. Messer said the project will be completed by the fall semester.

In the meantime, Bode said, safety precautions should be taken during the construction. He said folks should stay out of the area that is marked off as a construction site.

"As we get more into the asphalt laying and concrete work, there's potential for some increased truck traffic that I would want people to be aware of," he said.

The cost of the expansion will be \$191,175, made available through Auxiliary and Section 13 Offset Funds. The cost of the lighting will be about \$30,475, which also will be drawn from Section 13 Offset Funds.

Section 13 Offset Funds are funds the college gets every year through the state regents solely for capital expenditures.

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Editorial and Opinion _____

Editorial

Get medical prescriptions in your in-boxes

If shopping, chatting, buying movie tickets and file sharing can all be done on the Internet, perhaps visiting the doctor online can be a time-saving option too. Your physicians will be able to e-mail you your medical prescriptions and offer advice, just as they would during a regular in-person appointment. The idea is not as far-fetched as one might think.

As it is now, when scheduling to see a doctor, you first call the doctor's office and try to work out a time and date when you don't have to skip school or work and when the doctor can meet with you. If you're lucky, you can jot down when the appointment is going to take place right after the first phone call, but if not, you'll have to wait and call back some other time. At some in life, we've all been through this process.

Doctors don't enjoy it very much either. They wish they could e-mail consultations and prescriptions to patients whom they don't necessarily need to visit with. It saves both doctors and patients a ton of time.

People feeling more comfortable communicating with computers than with people may be a sad reality in today's society, but it is a fact. Many people prolong some regular visits with their physicians, because they hate the hassle. Therefore, they start assuming they are physically healthy.

E-mails can be a good opportunity for doctors and patients to stay in touch. If you trust your doctor, he or she could drop you an e-mail saying "Come see me," if they know your condition is something that needs to be looked into and treated.

A number of hospitals as well as health insurers have begun experimenting with electronic communication with their patients.

In a recent publication of the New York Times, an article reported that Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston has 18,000 patients who routinely log on to a protected website to request prescription refills, write to their doctors or scan personal medical records.

Blue Cross of California is experimenting a program that treats e-mail messages like visits to the doctor. They charge a fee of no more than \$10, the article said.

It's good to keep in mind that if this type of communication between physicians and patients become widely practiced, people should always be clear and concise in their e-mails. Having a certain amount of trust in your doctor also is important. Because you know your doctor is not trying to save time and make more money on visiting with other patients who are likely to pay bigger medical bills.

—Caroline Ting Editor

Ideas offered on Christian faith

To the editor:

In response to Karen Cuellar's letter regarding Christian beliefs in the April 12 issue, I do have ideas about the Christian faith.

I may not know the origin of the sacrament of marriage, but I do believe Adam and Eve never went through that particular sacrament.

Since Adam and Eve were the only two people in the Garden of Eden, they could not have found a third person to perform the sacrament of marriage for them.

I believe God is almighty and superior to everything, and I will never be able to comprehend his presence. How did God come to exist? I will never know the answer because I cannot fully understand God, and I cannot assume I think as logically as God.

A marriage recognized by the government is not the same as marriage recognized by the church. In my Christian opinion, a union between two people is a sacrament, a formal religious act conferring a specific grace on those who receive it.

The state does not recognize the sacrament of marriage, but it does recognize a union between two people and calls it a marriage to give the couple certain legal rights. Gay couples want the legal rights.

Marriage is a common term that is used by all people, even by non-Christians, to describe a union between two people.

I thought the letter to the editor was offensive. Hate is a strong word, and she used it to describe homosexuality. I have failed to see many homosexuals ridicule, scorn or make any kind of "mockery" out of marriage. When she called gay marriages a "circus," does she imply that homosexuals are animals or just clowns?

I thought the letter was discriminating against homosexuals.

The writer directed to them "form your own union based on your common principals and what you consider to be moral."

I thought the writer was telling homosexuals to create a new Christian religion, and the only difference it has to other Christian religions is that it recognizes same sex marriages.

Discrimination is the act of categorizing people instead of considering their individual merit.

Homosexuals may like the idea of same sex marriages, but they are still individuals.

The writer was being prejudiced. If homosexuals were to create a separate church, that would endanger their rights, make them vulnerable to ridicule, and create intolerance. Prejudice harms people's rights.

To her Christian idea, faith cannot be proven. Therefore, I will not find "an origin for marriage before the Garden of Eden," and I

will not show "biblically where God loves homosexuality."

Let God judge people's actions (not humans), and pray for all of us to find the right path.

—Kim Pham Chemistry major

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Comments and Reviews

What is an alternative lifestyle?

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the one printed in the April 12 issue by Karen Cuellar about so-called gay marriage.

Cuellar demands "respect for Christian marriage." How about some respect for people different than her? How about letting people live their own lives without the government telling them who they can marry? That's right. I said marry and not civil union.

What is an "alternative lifestyle" anyway? What's so alternative about falling Spears "make a mockery

"What's so alternative about falling in love and wanting to spend the rest of your life with that person, regardless of the sex?"

-Mioshee Greer Nursing student

in love and wanting to spend the rest of your life with that person, regardless of the sex?

And since we're on the subject of "alternative lifestyles," didn't Britney

and circus out of" marriage recently? Is her lifestyle alternative?

I say shame on you for being so narrow-minded and judgemental.

> -Mioshee Greer **Nursing student**

'Bobby Jones' comes in under par

Not too long ago, the golf world was witness to history. Phil Mickelson finally won a major — the Masters at Augusta National. He had finally beaten the course that the late great Bobby Jones had designed as his "homage to St. Andrews." So perhaps it is fitting that Jim Caviezel's "homage" to Bobby Jones is as masterful as the course he designed.

Caviezel stars as the golf legend in Rowdy Herrington's "Bobby Jones: A Stroke of Genius."

The movie's opening credit sequence is a beautiful portrayal of The Old Course at St. Andrews. For the non-golfers out there, St. Andrews in Scotland is where golf was invented long ago.

The first scene in the movie is a tried and true movie opening, where we start at a later date and then it transitions to an earlier time to begin the actual narrative. Sometimes this type of beginning

can feel very overdone, but in this case, it plays very

Caviezel avoids the postbig movie trap with a wonderful portrayal of the medically-troubled Jones. Showing the kind of deep emotion that is very rarely displayed by actors these days, you believe and feel for Jones throughout the

Malcom McDowell, whom you might remember from "Star Trek: Generations" as Dr. Tolian Soran, plays O.B. Keeler. Keeler is a writer from Jones' hometown that becomes a mentor for Jones as he goes with him on every trip to every tournament.

A nice showing to mention was the child actor Devon Gearhart. Gearhart played the young Bobby and showed great comedic timing as well as captured that feeling of awe of our childhood heroes.

And capturing the 1930s playboy feeling was Jeremy Northam. Northam played

another golf legend, Walter Hagen. Northam's Hagen is very much an homage itself to Bob Hope. With a cocky smile and manner, Northam captured the persona of a golf champion who feels he can do no wrong.

For the most part, Hollywood has been unable to produce a golf movie that is basically a good movie. Most other movies that deal with the sport are either in the vein of "Caddyshack" or over-the-top dramatic like "Tin Cup." That has changed with this movie that appeals to both golf fans and non-golfers alike.

Golf fans will love the story of one of their heroes and the game itself. Nongolfers will connect with Caviezel and his struggle with his physical ailments and his marriage.

As a golf fan, I want to give this movie an emphatic **A**, but for the purposes of neutrality, I will settle for a **B**. Way to go, Jim.

-Billy Adams **Staff Writer**

Quote of the Week:

"Most people would like to be delivered from temptation but would like it to keep in touch."

—Robert Orben

Vacation ideas

"Summer afternoon — summer afternoon...the two most beautiful words in the English language."

—Henry James

The end is near! The end of the semester, that is. Now it's time for thoughts about summer and some much needed "R & R." After all, all work and no play will make you cranky.

For those of you who've had your noses to the grindstone for so long that you can't remember what leisure time is, we in Student Development have put together some ideas to help get you on your way to a fun and (hopefully) restful break from school. Even if you do plan on taking classes this summer, you can make some time to enjoy all that the season has to offer.

With a variety of exhibits, features and new babies, the zoo can be a fun and educational place to spend time with family or friends. For a more upclose and personal experience, consider the Little River Zoo east of Norman off Highway 9. Here, you'll get a personal tour guide and opportunities to interact with the animals.

If you want to be truly interactive with the animals, set your sights on a day of horseback riding at one of the area stables. It's a whole other world when you're looking at it from atop a great steed. If you can't picture yourself being that involved, remember that the Lazy E is just up the highway in Guthrie, and Bullnanza is a featured event in June.

For those who like a lot of noise and speed, there's Thunder Valley Raceway in Noble. Here you can witness dirt track racing at its finest. Being a spectator is a great leisure activity.

OK. Some of you might want a bit more involvement, so you can go climb a rock! Mother Nature has provided some wonderful terrain across Oklahoma for those who like to take the trails for hiking and climbing adventures. If you like to climb, but hate the thought of "bugs and critters" while you do it, take advantage of some of the indoor climbing facilities here in the metro.

Oklahoma has a rich and diverse heritage, so be a tourist in your own state this summer. You can check out the official state tourism website at http:/ /tourism.state.ok.us/. This site shows all the historical sites, lakes and rivers, golf courses, museums and so forth, at a wide range of costs.

Last, don't forget about the absolutely decadent pleasure of doing nothing. Sitting in a cool spot with a breeze on your face while your evelids slowly come to full closure can be one of the most enjoyable ways to spend some time to yourself. In fact, an unscientific survey of counselor opinions places napping at the top of the list of favorite things to do. Whatever you choose to do, enjoy and be safe.

-Student Development

Comments and Reviews

Bible provides no definition for marriage, says writer

To the editor:

This is a response to Karen Cuellar's letter regarding same sex marriages, "Gay marriages disrespect student's faith in Christianity."

She stated that we can all agree that marriage is a union created by the God of Abraham...

I do not agree with that statement. Marriage as we know it today is a civil union created by the laws of the government in which we live.

If marriage was created by God, then all civil marriages, those performed outside a place of worship and without a religious official, would be invalid.

I am not a Bible scholar, so I have asked several people that know the Bible, and they have told me that it does not define marriage. If we are to believe that the Bible is "the word of God" as so many people have said, then marriage is not "God's Law."

Same sex couples are not seeking a religious recognition of marriage. They are simply attempting to gain the more than 1,000 rights enjoyed by heterosexual spouses.

In fact, no church, synagogue, mosque or any other house of worship is, or will be, required to perform a marriage that is not in accordance with their faith.

When it comes to the issue of same sex marriages, you must take God out of the equation. This argument is not about religion. This argument is about basic civil rights.

You may not agree with homosexuality. That is your right. But you do not have the right to deny basic civil rights to anyone.

—David Jordan OKCCC student

Harsh language used in nude artwork issue

To the editor:

We at OKCCC seem to have different opinions regarding the nude drawing. Some people believe that it should be displayed in the hallways, others believe it should be placed in a specific area behind a door. There are those who are concerned about the art student's inability to express herself.

The fact of the matter is that both sides were given the opportunity to speak out on this issue, even though all but one of the comments from OKCCC students were one-sided. These students were very harsh and immature toward those who have different beliefs.

What has happened to accepting people from different backgrounds and cultures? People do not and will not always see eye-toeye, but a license to bash others will never resolve anything.

The articles contained foul language and hateful tones which do not project the professional or mature attitudes expected by those from a higher education institution. Indeed, these students were themselves complaining about those supporting the petition not acting in a professional manner.

There was no hate expressed by the students petitioning to have the art removed. That petition was done in an orderly, mature fashion.

One student who was against the petition wrote to the editor and expressed that "this country is so intolerant nowadays." Maybe he should take a look in the mirror to see how intolerant he is being toward those who have different beliefs.

—Daniel Magar Biology major

Concerns about students' maturity

To the editor:

I am responding to your article in the March 22 issue, "Artwork evokes mixed reactions." After reading the article and remembering the picture, many students are concerned about the maturity among other students concerning wonderful artwork.

We are all intelligent college students. We are all adult students with families and careers on the same road to success. Adults should have no problem walking down a hallway or walking into a classroom and viewing successful art.

Our minds should be more focused toward the message from the artist than what the picture shows as details.

Nick Boston, a student in my College Writing II class, gave this remark, "How interesting a picture, but how unfortunate a situation involving great works of art." The student was more interested in the message and texture of the artwork than certain details involved in the piece.

Society might and should receive a different message from the art, as that is the way it should be. Other students feel the artist did a wonderful job and the artwork should be shown to mature adults who have the ability to appreciate artwork that's another person's creation. The College

Writing II class taught by Learning Skills professor Mark Schneberger had a discussion concerning the issue.

Considering the students who are presently involved in writing of this nature, this article fits into the class discussion. The class as a whole discussed the article and found that as mature adults, students have the right to view mature material. We are all mature adults; therefore, most adults can handle observing a wonderful work of art produced by a powerful course offered by OKCCC and a good stu-

> —Matthew Harris OKCCC student

Disappointment and sadness over loss of art

To the editor:

In response to the article, "Artwork evokes mixed reactions," I must say I was very sad and disappointed to read that someone could get so upset and bent out of shape over something so harmless and benign as a painting.

I would hope that at an institution of learning where we are expected to better ourselves, that people would be more tolerant of such things. Clearly I am wrong.

Allison Foster is apparently a very close minded individual who has issues. It is unfortunate that she and other people signing her petition are threatened by art. She needs to grow up and realizes that people,

"It is unfortunate that [Allison Foster] and other people signing her petition are threatened by art."

—Name withheld by request

especially in college, are encouraged to express themselves. I believe it is the professor's responsibility to encourage and promote this by hanging students' artwork proudly within our halls, whatever the subject matter. What Foster did and threatened to do was dangerous and inexcusable.

—Name withheld by request

Let us hear your comments, opinions and story ideas! The Pioneer is your newspaper. Call us at 682-1611, ext. 7409 or e-mail editor@okccc.edu

Mother's Day wishes revealed



"Dinner with the kids."
—Mary Turner
Coordinator of Student
Support Services





"Just time with my kids."
—Elaine Craig
OKCCC Student





"For all my kids to be home and not have a swim meet."

—Kathy Plummer Recreation and Community Services Secretary.



"A pedicure and a massage." —Jennifer Economou OKCCC Student and her son Matthew







"...for [my kids] all to come to my house because they want to."

—Debra Pappas Secretary to the Dean of Student Development

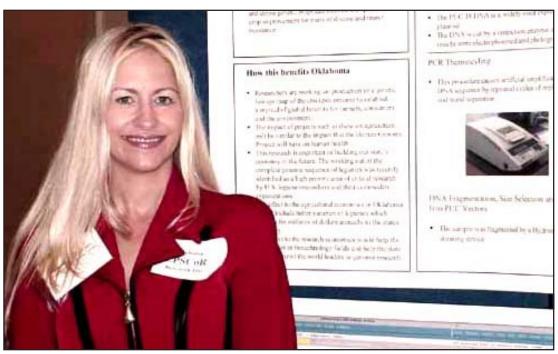


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Scientifically speaking: OKCCC Student Denise Anderson shows a poster summarizing her undergraduate research. Anderson represented the college in a statewide research competition sponsored by Oklahoma EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) showing her science project to legislators and the public at the State Capitol.

Summer college hours reduced

By Billy Adams Staff Writer

The college will cut back its operating hours this summer.

According to an e-mail sent by College President Bob Todd, OKCCC — with the exception of the library and computer lab — will be closed from 5 p.m. Friday evenings until 8 a.m. Monday mornings.

Normal business hours will be in effect throughout the summer with the col-

lege open from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The college also will be open Monday through Thursday evening for night classes.

On Fridays, all areas, including the library, and Aquatics and Wellness center, will close at 5 p.m. The Child Development Center Lab School will be open until 5:45 p.m.

On Saturdays, the college will be closed with the exception of the library and IT Lab. These will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Sundays, all areas of the college will be closed.

The college theater, Training Center, college union, Aquatics Center, Wellness Center and other areas of the college will only be open to accommodate special events and services as they may occur, according to the e-mail.

For any information regarding summer hours for the college contact the admissions office at 682-7512.

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Tips on impressing future employers

By Mitchell Day News Writing I Student

When applying for a job, many often wonder what would cinch the position they want.

Linda Haneborg, senior vice president for marketing and communications at Express Personnel, said developing a professional image is crucial.

The objective during a job interview is to send a positive message, exhibit confidence and to be taken seriously, she said. And, she added, dress the part.

"Don't dress for the job you are interviewing for. Dress for the job you want."

Haneborg said wearing a suit jacket automatically makes a person look more professional and prepared.

She said people form an impression of someone within seconds so it's important to please someone very quickly.

Haneborg gave tips on how to impress a potential employer within 90 seconds: Open yourself up, with good posture, making yourself look approachable. Eye contact is important, because it makes someone else feel that what they are saying is important.

Haneborg said, during a job interview, employers look for certain attributes.

They look for a positive attitude, commitment, flexibility, communication, teamwork and appearance. People who can show these attributes are sure to please an interviewer Haneborg said.

20-year mosaic project beautifully finished... finally

By Billy Adams Staff Writer

Paul Ringler had retired as professor of art at the young South Oklahoma City Junior College when he asked Dr. Bob Todd, college president, what he saw when he looked at the blank south wall of the courtyard. "I saw a beautiful concrete block wall," said Todd. Ringler replied, "I see the history of the state of Oklahoma."

Todd told that story at the dedication of a mosaic depicting just what Ringler saw that day. A project of more than 20 years, the mosaic is a tribute to the state of Oklahoma and to the artists who created it.

Ringler died about a year and a half ago and was unable to see the finished product.

"We wanted to finish with Paul here, but we know he's here with us today," Todd said while looking at Suzanne Ringler-Piña, Ringler's daughter.

The mosaic is a mural that features four panels. Each panel depicts a different scene in the history of the state.

The first panel is a picture of what life in Oklahoma may have been like during prehistoric times. The second panel depicts Spanish explorer Coronado's journey through the state. The third panel shows the state's role in the Civil War. The final panel is a picture of the state in the space age.

Art professor Mary Ann Moore has been the leader on the mosaic project since it began. Taking their lead from the design by Ringler, Moore's students created and installed every individual piece.

Each piece was made, fired, glazed and painted at the college. Students in Moore's classes installed the pieces over the last 20 years.

"It is an incredible achie-

vement for Moore to keep this project going," said Sonia King, guest speaker at the dedication. King is a member of the Society of American Mosaic Artists.

Mosaic art has been around for about 5000 years, according to King. "We're in the middle of a seven-year upswing in [the art form]. It's very hot right now," King said.

She said she has been involved with mosaics since she was 14, and her mother worked with the medium. "It's as much the process as it is the end product," King said.

"This wall will be here long past us, and it will be important to people in the future."

The project proved to be a good experience for the students as well as the professors.

King said there is a connection with mosaics that is created between the eye, hand and the heart.

Gwin Faulconer-Lippert, mass media communica-



Photo by Billy Adams

Visual art professor Mary Ann Moore (right) gave Suzanne Ringler-Pina a plaque in memory of her father who was the visionary behind the mosaic wall located in the courtyard.

tions professor served as the emcee.

"It is every professor's dream to make that connection in a student," she said.

The mural is located on the south wall of the courtvard across from the bursar's office.

For more information about the mural or the mosaic classes contact Mary Ann Moore at 682-1611, ext. 7255.

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Book buy back means "cha-ching" for students this summer

By Lindsay Davidson News Writing I Student

As the spring semester of 2004 is quickly coming to an end, students all share something alike—the word "cha-ching" bouncing in their heads. It's time to take the books back to the bookstore for book buy back days.

"The general rule when buying a textbook back from a student is they will usually get half of what they originally paid in return," said Brenda Reinke, bookstore director.

"Depending on whether or not the textbook will be used again later or there is a change in the book's edition, the price could fluctuate, but I like to stick to the half-price rule," said Reinke.

The bookstore has set specific hours to buy books, in CU1.

Book buy back days are from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, May 10; 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, through Thursday, May 13; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 14; and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 15.

"This year we are opening on Saturday so students with Friday evening or Saturday classes are able to sell their books back then," said Reinke.

Reinke said books must be in fair to good condition for them to be sold back.

"They cannot be wet, no missing pages, and the binding must still be attached," she said.

Reinke said, "You will not be able to return workbooks or lab manuals. Books that you purchased owner has highlighted information. It is just less work for me!"

"I love it when I buy a book and its previous

—Zach Pyron OKCCC student

with software attached must still have it."

She said students do not have to have a receipt with them when returning the books.

"We know the original price of the books, so receipts are unnecessary."

Students need not worry if they wrote in the margins of books or highlighted important information.

"You should be able to get good use out of your books," Reinke said.

"That is what you buy them for!"

Some students prefer

used books with notes from

the precious owner.

"I love it when I buy a book and its previous owner has highlighted information," said OKCCC student Zach Pyron. It is just less work for me."

Reinke said the bookstore will buy back every text-book that will be useful to future students.

"We will buy back as many books as we can as long as they will be used again later on," she said.

If a textbook looks like it has survived World War II, proudly march that "less than perfect" textbook down to the bookstore, hand it over like it is better than brand new, and see what offer is made for it.

"You never know what we will be taking," said Reinke.

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Student artists showcase talent

pastel drawing that stirred up controversy on campus in March won top honors in its category at the annual Student Art and Design Show on campus in April. Heather Story's nude drawing won Best of Category for pastels. Another nude drawing, "Dot-Tie" by Bobby Lasenberry won Best of Show for the Commercial Art and Design Section of the competition.

Over \$700 in cash prizes were awarded to the winners at the reception on April 22. The two Best of Show winners received a certificate and a \$100 check. Each Best of Category winner received a certificate and a \$25 check. The Honorable Mentions received a certificate.

Winners who were not present at the reception can pick up their awards in the Arts and Humanities office on the first floor of the Arts and Humanities building.

The winners are:

Commercial Art and Design:

Best of Category: Amy Habegger, Jessica Garner, Charles Palmer, Edward St. John, Megan Burch, Amy Habegger. **Best of Show Commercial Art and Design:** Bobby Lasenberry.

Fine Art:

Best of Category: Micah Welchel, Alisa Davis, Jimmie Paschal, Jennifer Alig, Donna Schruben, Josh Heilaman, Phong Hoang, Jenna Bryant, Jessica Garner, Rachel Dove, Donna Schruben, Rose Rooks and Heather Story.

Honorable Mentions: Jeremy Williams, Summer Marty, Christopher D. Keith, Andrew Whiteshirt, Terry Brady, Barbara Taber, Krista Duggan, Maribel Martinez, Ty Cale, Andrew Whiteshirt, Amber Dubuc, Bea Johnston, Norman Cardwell and Terry Brady.

Best of Show Fine Art: Andy Holten

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Heather Story's "Untitled-1" won top honors in the pastels category.



"The Green Man" by Sara Rhodes was created by hand from clay.



Alisa Davis' "Scorpion Queen" won the top award for 3-D design.

Bobby Lasenberry's "Dot-Tie" won Best in Show for the commercial art category.





Students walk in U.S. history's biggest march

By Lacey Lett Staff Writer and Obiora Chima **Contributing Writer**

The words "Women United for Feminist Freedom" was just one of the many intense slogans used in the March for Women's Lives protest April 25, in Washington D.C., in front of the Capitol.

An estimated one million pro-choice protesters took to the streets for a two mile walk. This was the biggest march in U.S. history, according to AlterNet.org.

Pro-Choice advocates say they were defending the right for abortion, sex education and the availability of contraceptives.

Rosa Conner, 25, OKCCC student and External Af-Coordinator of Planned Parenthood, attended the march.

"It was monumental," she said. "It was amazing to see so many people fight for a cause I'm fighting for everyday. It makes my job worth-

Education Project, four in New York, and Canada to 10 women will have an abortion in their lifetimes. Five in 10 young people between the ages of 18 and 25 have sexually transmitted diseases. Eight in 10 young people know about emergency contraception.

In a report at www.aolsvcnews.com, said President George W. Bush. He signed an act into law in the past six months. The first is a ban on partial birth abortion; the other is "the first federal law to endow a fetus with legal rights distinct from pregnant women."

Some protestors agreed with Bush.

Amidst the million bright neon pro-choice signs, were 200 pro-life protesters' graphic displays of aborted babies.

Pro-life protesters are against abortion as well as other alternative help.

"I don't agree with it. It encourages a lot of intolerable behavior," E. Creft, Howard University student,

This controversial issue attracted people globally. According to the Public Folks from California to Africa came for the one-day march. This march was twice as big as the March for Women's Life protest in according 1992. www.dailybruin.edu.

Among the pro-choice activist speakers were, Whoopi Goldberg, Ashley Judd, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Susan Sarandon, Gloria Steinem and Cybil Shepherd.

Shepherd pointed out her negative view of Bush.

"Bush thinks he knows how to manage our bushes better than we do."

The Pro-Choice sponsors included Choice USA, Third Wave Foundation. Pro-Choice Public Education Project, The National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, and Hampshire College's Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program.

First-time marcher for pro-choice and OKCCC student, Ricky Doyle, said, "If there were no more questions on women's rights, then the human race could get better."

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Photo courtesy of Associated Pr

More than one million people gathered in front of the Capitol for the March for Women's Rights protest April 5.

Students ready to get out and have fun

By Meggi Shepherd **News Writing I Student**

With the conclusion of the dismal winter weather comes the anticipation of summer days.

Attending classes and studying for exams is the last thing on students' minds.

The hot weather has convinced many students to forgo class periods for a day spent in the sun.

Amber Whitworth, advertising student, said she is

"Summer's so close. Going to class is depressing when it's so nice outside."

Classrooms and parking

lots are more vacant than in previous months.

With finals lurking around the corner, some students feel this spring fever may be hurting their grades.

"I want to skip class," said Jason Horne, journalism student. "Being like three weeks from school being out, it's hard to keep focused," he said.

Others are taking advantage of hanging out with friends before heading home for the summer.

"It's primetime for volleyball games," said Zach Pyron, a public relations sophomore. "My friends and I have trouble peeling ourselves off the court to attend class."

E-mail switching for improvement

By Phuoc Le **News Writing I Student**

The college's student e-mail service will switch over to a new company by the end of the spring semester.

Students or faculty who have e-mail accounts with the college will automatically switch over to the new company called Ipswitch. The new company will carry the same feature as Captaris, the current company, said Director of Computer Systems Development John Richardson.

He said the new company will have some improvements from the previous one and will have a better software package.

There are currently 7,000 active accounts

with the college. Any student who does not have an e-mail account with OKCCC is encouraged to get one, Richardson said. With the account, students can access their e-mail from anywhere in the world. Students can log into their e-mail at http://webmail.okccc.edu.

Students who do not have an e-mail account can go to the OKCCC homepage http://www.okccc.edu/. From there, go to Current Students, then e-mail for Students, which will appear from one of the choices of a pull-down menu. Once the student has clicked on "e-mail for students," the registration will appear and the student just needs to fill it out.

The e-mail system has a maximum storage space of 10 megabytes per student account.

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Campus computer center awaits decision

Private company will make assessment, possibly take over IT functions

Bv Nicole Padilla Staff Writer

Faculty at the college are currently wondering what will happen to the Information Technology Center on campus.

A company called Collegis has been asked to make an assessment and possibly take over the IT functions in the future.

Collegis is a private company that provides

various IT services throughout the United

The company handles everything from consulting to total out-sourcing, said Art Bode, vice president of Business and Fi-

Many faculty members expressed concern over this issue at the Faculty Association meeting April 27.

Bode was the special guest at the meeting.

He explained the only commitment the

college has made is for assessment only.

"There is no commitment from the college to move in any direction other than to see what the assessment says," Bode said.

The assessment team will be on campus May 11 and 12.

They will come to the college to provide assessments on such items as, where the college stands, how it is managed, budgeted and staffed.

Two weeks later rec-

provided. Bode said.

If Collegis takes over, this could mean the loss of jobs for IT employees and a change that could affect all faculty mem-

When professors have a problem or question for IT, they might not see someone on campus but instead, might be referred to someone in another state, employed by Collegis.

IT also is closely linked with online courses.

This could prove a dilemma if online fac-

ommendations will be ulty have problems that need fixing on their website, said Sue Hinton, chair-elect of the Faculty Associa-

> The Faculty Association voted to form a committee to express its desire to participate in the decisionmaking process.

> The group will forward any concerns to Dr. Paul Sechrist, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said Hinton.

> Some questioned whether an outside contractor would be the best choice for the task, or in fact, the

cheapest way.

Bode said college officials are not saying anything is broken or needs to be fixed, just that the college wants to make its technology as good as it can be.

A similar issue was raised in an article in the Oklahoman April 27, referring to The Oklahoma Department of Human Services, which have moved their call centers from the United States to as far away as Mexico and India.

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College students make their way up in the music industry

By Matthew Caban **News Writing I** Student

Matt Lindsey and Chad Dallas both atclasses at OKCCC and hold down part-time jobs as valets.

In their spare time, both are deejays and leaders of Overtone Media.

Overtone is a company that promotes Contemporary Christian music concerts. They have been doing events since 1997.

On Thursday, April 29, they were in charge of "See Spot Rock" at the Lloyd Noble Center at the

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University of Oklahoma.

Instead of parking cars, they parked tour buses.

This tour was the sequel to last year's successful "See Spot Rock" tour.

Last year's show in Oklahoma City was a sellout at the Bricktown Events Center.

This year's lineup included rock acts 12 Stones, Skillet, Pillar and Big Dismal. Hiphop duo GRITS was also on the bill.

"Unifying 3,000 to 4,000 people is a pretty good feeling," Lindsey said. "Overtone has always been about fun.

"At our events people can forget about their problems and be there enjoying music.

"Being Christians has given us more credibility," Lindsey said.

"We as Christians are constantly put under the microscope. It helps the business ethic and the company as a whole."

Lindsey has recorded three albums. His style of dance music is progressive breaks.

He also spins on air on 91FM's Weekend Party Mix.

His show airs Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight.

"I'm a busy man," Lindsey said.

Dallas is Lindsey's protégé and best friend. He serves as Lindsey's right-hand man.

When describing his friendship with Lindsey, Dallas said, "He's the only guy I can relate to.

"We're similar in our morals. We're both strong Christians."

To hear any of the "See Spot" artists visit www.seespotrock.com

Plans for Overtone include the Exodus '04 tour featuring Plus One with Telecast, Jadon Lavik and Hawk Nelson.

This event will be held at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College on Saturday, May 8.



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Cystic Fibrosis Walk 2004

The Cystic Fibrosis Walk 2004 will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, at Eldon Lion Park in Bethany. If you would like to donate to the "Race for Ryno" Walk contact Deborah Kahmar at 682-1611, ext. 7689 or come by the college bookstore.

Rocky Mountain Ecosystems course offered

Spend a week exploring the Rocky Mountains and Yellowstone National Park in the Rocky Mountain Ecosystems course offered during May Intersession from May 17 to 31. The course is \$300 plus tuition. It counts as a science with a lab credit. For more information contact Tony Stancampiano at 682-1611, ext. 7788.

Fall tuition fee waivers deadline

Fall tuition fee waivers will be available in the Financial Aid office from April 26 through July 30. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. July 30. For more information contact Financial Aid at 682-1611, ext. 7525.

Faculty and staff sought to help with tournament

On Saturday, May 8, the college will be hosting the Oklahoma Tournament of Academic Champions, an academic contest for middle and high school students. Faculty and staff are needed to help with this event. For more information on volunteering contact J.P. Johnson at 682-1611, ext 7533.

Arts Festival calling for entries

Arts Festival Oklahoma is seeking artists to exhibit their work for its annual Labor Day Weekend celebration. The deadline is May 15, and the entry fee is \$150. A second check of \$15 will be required for the jury application fee. For more information contact Margy Davis at 682-1611, ext. 7536.

Listener skills training classes offered

Listener skills training information sessions will be held from Aug. 24 through 26. The actual 12 weeks of training classes will start Aug. 31, at the Mayflower Congregational Church in northwest Oklahoma City. For more information about the classes contact Jenny Fenner at 840-9396.

Home buyers seminar to be held

Partners in Charity are a non-profit organization that will be offering a free homebuyer seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 6, in the Memorial Union of the University of Oklahoma. To reserve your seat or for more information call 1-800-705-8350.

Fresh Air Fund Camps seek counselors

College students are being sought to help make a difference in the lives of inner-city children and become a counselor at one of five Fresh-Air Fund camps in Fishkill, New York, 65 miles north of New York City. For more information call Jake Grinsted at 800-367-0003, ext. 8979 or visit www. freshair.org.

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



Photo by Billy Adams

Mmm Mmm Good: LouDonna Jefcoat staffs the Phi Theta Kappa Sweet Sale in the main building. The sale was to raise money for the organization's activities. Phi Theta Kappa is an International Honor Society for two-year colleges.

Future teachers 'learn the ropes'

By Nicole Padilla Staff Writer

Teachers in the making are learning the skills they need for the future while still in college at OKCCC.

The Future Teachers Organization is the local chapter of the Student Oklahoma Education Association (SOEA).

The purpose of the club is to help students who plan on being teachers.

The members are able to keep in contact with each other, meet other students from different chapters, and also advisers, so when the members are ready to transfer to four-year colleges it is much smoother, said Candy Nuñez, president of the organization.

The organization has had several fund-raisers over the past semester including a bake sale and sandwich sale.

Recently, funds were used to host a faculty luncheon. Members were able to invite one faculty member, each who has meant something to them.

Next semester Nuñez wants to have two workshops for members. She said last semester they had a "True Colors" workshop, where members took indepth personality tests. The tests also help teachers recognize children in their classrooms who have these personality traits, Nuñez said.

The organization will attend teacher's conferences, just like real teachers, and the SOEA conferences in the fall and spring.

In the past the organization has adopted classrooms at elementary schools that were short on funds.

They purchased crayons, pencils and anything else that students might need but couldn't afford.

Members also volunteered their time to read to students, which gave them some experience in the classroom.

"I hope we do that again because it was very rewarding for all of us," said Mary Punches, a sponsor of the club. "You feel like you're contributing to the community."

Members agreed that the organization is very good practice since they get to do all of the things they would as a teacher.

"You could call us an entry into the teaching profession," said David Palkovich, another sponsor of the club.

Graduating members definitely end up going places.

Past members of the club are now teaching everywhere. The sponsors remember when these members were just starting out, and said they are very proud of them now.

Members meet at noon every other Wednesday in room 2R5.

For more information contact Punches at 682-1611, ext. 7634, or Palkovich at 682-1611, ext. 7337.

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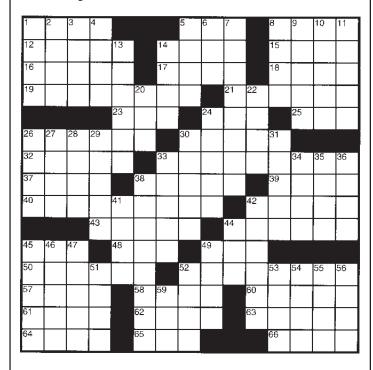
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OKC-Go program increases college numbers

By David Kilcrease News Writing I Student

Harriet Bennett, a Southeast High School graduate, said she probably would not have had a chance to attend college if the OKC-GO program did not exist.

OKC-GO is a program created to increase the number of high school graduates attending college from the Oklahoma City School District, said Craig Robinson, OKCCC coordinator of Community Outreach/OKC-GO.

Robinson said the Oklahoma City School District is the third largest school district in the state of Oklahoma.

In 1999 OKCCC President Bob Todd attended a meeting with the Oklahoma

Governor appoints new regent

"Regent," Cont. from page 1

Jenkins will be present in the May 10 regular Committee of the Whole meeting. He said his goal is to help the college.

"I want to be of assistance and do anything I can to keep the college on the track that they're on in terms of growth and programs," Jenkins said.

Jenkins' term began April 23, and expires April 22,

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City mayor, and OKC-GO resulted from the meeting, Robinson said.

Students are attracted to the program because of the many benefits.

Bennett said the OKC-GO program pays for a student's tuition for two semesters or the equivalent of 24 credit hours at OKCCC, but the student is responsible for all other fees.

Robinson said many parents of the students involved with OKC-GO often have more questions than their children, because they have never had any experience with college.

The requirements for the OKC-GO program is that the student must graduate from a high school within the Oklahoma City School District and attend the fall semester after graduation, Robinson said.

OKC-GO student Deana Perry said any Oklahoma City school graduate can qualify for the program.

"I don't think I am any smarter than the average student," Perry said.

"In fact, I have failed a class."

Since the establishment of OKC-GO in 1999, the number of high school graduates attending college from the Oklahoma City School District has increased by 14 percent, Robinson said.

Robinson said in 1998, 1,296 students graduated high school in the Oklahoma School District.

Of those, 510 went on to college. In 2001, 1,422 students graduated, and 700 of those students went to

Robinson said there has been an increase in the minority population at OKCCC since the beginning of the OKC-GO program.

"Social [and economic] factors and low expectations from students are typical in an urban environment," he said.

Some students lose financial aid and leave the program. But giving them a chance to experience col-

"... I was accepted into the University of Oklahoma's Health Science Center, and I hope to pursue a bachelor's degree in the nursing

> -Harriet Bennett OKCCC/OKC-GO Student

lege will typically motivate them to return when financially able, said Robinson.

Robinson said some high school students attending school outside of the Oklahoma City School District are transferring into the district to take advantage of the program.

Bennett found OKCCC to be a good transition toward her goal of becoming a registered nurse.

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