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PIONEER

Students want to pay less, get back more

College textbook pricing being looked at by Congress

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Not surprisingly, students feel underpaid when they sell back their textbooks at the end of the semester. Students see the cost of textbooks going up and the return going down.

Sandra Peterman, physical therapy assistant, said she spends about \$300 on books every semester. But most of her books cannot be sold back to the bookstore because of newer editions replacing the older ones. Of the books that can be sold, she feels slighted when the amount offered is only half of what she paid. She said the bookstore should buy them back for more than 50 percent if they're barely used and in good condition.

According to the Associated Press, 15 members of Congress have asked for an investigation to look into the pricing policies of U.S. textbook publishers. Peterman likes the idea.

"I think [the investigation] is worth it," she said.

She said she once had to share a book with a friend because the cost was too high.

Another student, pharmacy major Danny Abyad, said he's done the same as well.

Abyad said he spends an average of \$400 on textbooks per semester and is not satisfied with the 50 percent buy-back price the bookstore offers. He said he's considering buying and selling textbooks online in the future, if he can get more money back.

Peterman said one of her friends bought a new textbook from a bookstore near Francis Tuttle, and the price was \$25 cheaper than the used one Peterman had purchased from the OKCCC bookstore.

Bookstore Director Brenda Reinke explained how textbooks are priced.

The prices are marked up 25 percent over the price the bookstore paid the publishers, Reinke said. The national average for margins or markup, on college textbooks is 27 percent. The margin is governed by the OKCCC Board



Photo by Billy Adams

Play acting: Jeremy Williams listens intently to Tiffany Hughes as she speaks eloquently of being a seagull during the play "The Nina Variations." The play is based on Anton Chekov's "The Seagull." It was the final production for the theater arts department this semester. For information about the department, contact Ruth Charnay at 682-1611, ext. 7246.

Aviation bachelor's degree coming here

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Those interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in aviation management and a master's in aerospace administration are in luck.

Beginning this fall, Southeastern Oklahoma State University will offer the junior-, senior- and graduate-level courses needed for those degrees at the OKCCC campus.

OKCCC already offers freshman and sophomore courses in aviation technology.

It is a first for the college to offer a four-year program on campus, said Larry Grummer, OKCCC transportation program director.

Burt Chesterfield, assistant professor of aviation sciences institute from SOSU, said the four-year program is designed for students who will finish the two-year program at OKCCC and stay on campus to obtain the four-year degree offered by SOSU.

Grummer said the curriculum now is listed under business management. Previously it was in diver-

sified studies.

"We wanted the program to stand on its own, but at the same time we want it to articulate with SOSU's," Grummer said.

He said students will be able to continue their education in aviation management at OKCCC with a seamless transition to SOSU's program.

Currently, there are 15 students in the college's aviation management program, Grummer said. SOSU and the college are looking at starting in the fall with a maximum of 150 students in the program.

A majority of aviation graduates this year decided to stay at OKCCC to get their four-year degrees after they heard about the partnership, Grummer said.

"[The students] are just elated about the fact that they can continue their education and not have to commute any greater distances than they already are," he said.

Chesterfield said SOSU is hoping to hire three additional full-time faculty and sev-

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Professors, please understand

The end of the year. Sounds nice, right? Maybe for some, but a lot of us are running around trying to finish that last big assignment our professors have given us. Why does it always seem like all professors want to pile on work at the same time?

Dorreen Bradsher, first year OKCCC student, has a big workload ahead of her.

"In my physical science [class] we have to go off campus to finish a project due next week. I have a presentation, essay and final in my English class," Bradsher said. She also has three finals.

This example may even sound petty to many OKCCC students who work full-time jobs while going to school full-time. Some students are even raising a family adding to all of this.

The spring semester can be more stressful than the fall because students are graduating and preparing for the next big adventure at a university. Transferring to a university can be tough. First you have to apply. Once you are accepted, you have to enroll. Bradsher feels the pain.

"I'm kind of stressed about enrolling at the University of Central Oklahoma, because I need to do it before I go on vacation at the end of May."

Some students are filling out tons of scholarship applications due to the increase in tuition for colleges and universities. Those who are graduating and not moving on to a university, want to find a job with their recent degree accomplishment.

Chris Borthick, English professor, doesn't understand why teachers save assignments until the last minute. "To me, it makes no sense because if a professor gives the biggest project at the end, they have to do all the work to average the grades by a certain date."

It seems to be a problem with professors not pacing their class at the right speed and then having to hurry and get things done at the end. Or maybe they give the work, but the students procrastinate.

Taking breaks between studying is very important so you can clear your head and not oversleep, said Barbara Elam, stress management coordinator of Southeastern Illinois University Carbondale's Wellness Center. Also, eat less fat and more carbohydrates because, she said, it is a stress buster. When getting stressed out, watch a funny movie. It will help make you less tense.

OKCCC professors, please understand your students' pain right now. We want to do well — in all of our classes. It's hard to keep focused and juggle all of these things at once. Students, just think, it's almost all over and summer is just around the corner for some much needed R and R.

—Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Guest speaker brings out reality

To the editor:

In light of the guest speaker, Bill Baird, that visited OKCCC on April 29, I wish to stress how proud I am of being the president of the supporting club — the Psychology/Sociology club, and how privileged I am to have seen him speak.

Baird has done so very much for the rights of women as well as the rights of all. It's most unfortunate that the lecture turned into a debate about whether abortion is right or wrong. However, he addressed the questions well. Baird tried his hardest not to turn what he was trying to say into a religious debate and instead was able to show the students the flaws of their points.

Many people have said that Baird did not answer the questions asked, but I disagree. I say that he was just turning the questions around to stress his point.

I wish I could have seen more students addressing the importance of birth control instead of abortion. The fact is, if more people understood how to properly use contraceptives, and if more people knew where to get them from cheaply,

abortion would not be as high as it is. I heard some people saying that girls use abortion as a form of birth control, but as Baird addressed, not many do. In fact, if you look at statistics, both teen pregnancy and abortion rates have fallen in the past 15 years.

I understand that it is hard to look at the facts. See reality, and see that they do not coincide with one's beliefs. I understand that the things we have been brought up to believe are challenged by Baird's points. And I understand how hard it is to question one's morality.

However, sometimes life points us in the direction of questioning to question them. If we can question them and come up with a realistic answer, we will come out on the other side as a stronger person.

Frankly, I wish I had known more about Baird before I went in. The textbooks that have taught me what I know neglected to mention him. Knowing more about him would not only have pushed me more to go, but also would have prompted me to get more people to come.

I really enjoyed meeting this great pioneer that laid the groundwork for Roe V. Wade, and I am proud to share what I got from his speech with others. I got a stronger standpoint in regards to abortion, a more realistic view of today's reality and a firmer push to make a difference in the world.

—LouDonna Jefcoat
Psychology/Sociology
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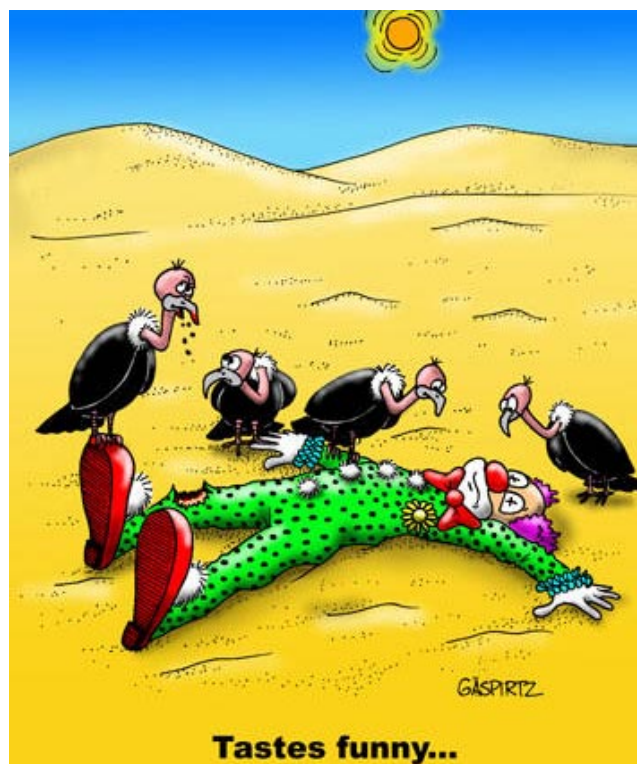
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Comments and Reviews

Eat fresh at Hobie Doby's

Between 74th and 89th on South Western Avenue lies an under-appreciated sandwich shop called Hobie Doby's Signature Rolled Sandwiches.

Hobie Doby's has a sense of humor with sandwiches called Porky's Revenge, The Dogfather and Road Kill, just to name a few.

They make more than 30 varieties of sandwiches. The Hobie's Dagwood is delicious. It consists of black forest or honey maple ham, pepperoni, roast turkey breast, roast beef, provolone, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo all rolled in a tortilla.

For a lighter, healthier sandwich, there is the Organic Planet stuffed full of

Swiss, provolone and jack cheese, tomatoes, sprouts, avocado, lettuce, onion and creamy Italian dressing.

All sandwiches come rolled in either original or sun-dried tomato tortillas which makes them low in carbohydrates. If that doesn't sound tempting, they can make your sandwich with Ciabatta, Focaccia, wheat, marble rye, sourdough, pumpernickel rye bread or a croissant.

Now comes the dessert time. Along with cheesecake, tiramisu and raspberry custard pie is the Café Maui Pie. It is vanilla ice cream in between two layers of chocolate cake, drizzled with hot fudge and topped with whipped

cream. Yum!

Prices for sandwiches range from \$3.48 to \$4.28, but you have to remember that these sandwiches are huge.

They also have a student combo special for \$4.88 which includes the sandwich, a pickle, chips and a drink.

They will deliver as well. Instead of the typical Subway, Quiznos or Schlotzsky's, try something new. If you don't try it, you will be missing out on a great sandwich.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday.

—Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Student explains God's creation

To the editor:

I have read the debate on homosexual marriages week after week. I can be quiet no longer. Marriage is not just a showing of love between two people. Marriage is a creation from God and not just any God, but the God of Moses and Jacob, the Great I am.

People have been saying that if this homosexual marriage bill is denied that it would be an infringement on the rights of homosexuals. That's not true.

Christians cannot allow this abomination into our sacred practices, and I say abomination because that's what the Bible calls it. As far as Christians using scriptures from the Bible to

"Christians cannot allow this abomination (same sex marriages) into our sacred practices, and I say abomination because that's what the Bible calls it."

—Angel Armstrong
OKCCC student

back up what their viewpoint is, I don't understand why this would be an issue.

If a person lives by the Bible, they quote the Bible; if a person lives by the Koran, they quote the Koran.

As a Christian, I feel that marriage is sacred and deemed for one man and one woman, not two men or two women.

What I really can't com-

prehend is why you would want to take part in a ceremony that was created by God for his children when you are not following his principles.

We as Christians have got to stand up and band together and make sure that this thing does not happen. It is not the will of Jehovah.

—Angel Armstrong
OKCCC student

Quote of the Week:

"The tendinous part of the mind, so to speak, is more developed in winter; the fleshy, in summer. I should say winter had given the bone and sinew to literature, summer the tissues and the blood."

—John Burroughs



Q: Why aren't all of the credits for 2000 level courses offered at the college better able to transfer to other colleges?

A: A lot depends on the four-year institutions. They have the option of accepting certain credits or not. Most general education credits are accepted, but in some programs specific courses are not always accepted.

—Brenda Harrison
Associate Vice President for
Academic Affairs

Q: What are they doing with the circle of bricks in the main building?

A: The college has opened the fountain area to make access through the fountain, and put in a new floor with electrical (wires) in it. The area can be used for various activities or needs of the clubs and organizations as well as the college.

—J. B. Messer
Director of Physical Plant

Q: When do they mop the ladies' restroom floors? Is there any way to have them cleaned more often or more thoroughly?

A: The janitors clean all of the restroom floors nightly. If students have a problem with anything concerning custodial or grounds, call 682-1611, ext. 7592.

—Gary Phillips
Building and Campus
Services Supervisor

Q: Why does it take Financial Aid a long time to process students' paperwork?

A: First, students should give Financial Aid plenty of time to process their paperwork. By filing and responding early, it should take about 10 days to process everything. Students also need to mail a document request within 24 hours for information to be verified for eligibility.

About 35 percent of files reviewed by a counselor require corrections, which may result in a one-week delay. It also can be busier at the beginning of a semester, which may take longer for the paperwork to be processed.

For more information on Financial Aid or problems students may have, visit the Financial Aid office or call 682-1611, ext. 7525.

—Annette Kolander
Financial Aid Assistant

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ext. 7409
or write us at editor@okeccc.edu.

Comments and Reviews

Public's opinions shouldn't affect gay marriages

To the editor:

This is in response to most of the letters printed this semester about the gay marriage debate. First, I would like to say that I am neither gay nor a practicing Christian. I believe I have a very neutral opinion on the matter of gay marriages.

First, marriage is one of the few freedoms that is not disallowed by the government for anyone other than same sex partners. A man and woman can be married regardless of their religion, age (as long as both are of age), race, nationality and financial status. A citizen can marry a non-citizen; a convict on death row can marry a pen pal; a man that is married to a woman and decides to change his sex can remain married to that woman after the transfor-

"Marriage is one of the few freedoms that is not disallowed by the government for anyone other than same sex partners."

—Phillip Hall
Pre-Nursing student

mation is complete. The only way you lose the right to marry someone else is if you die or you want to marry someone of the same sex. Just seems strange to me.

Secondly, since it is a civil liberty, or should be, then we should never take a vote to decide whether there should be a constitutional amendment banning it. Civil liberties should never be open to public opinion. Imagine if slavery or a woman's right to vote or an African American's right to an education were ever

voted on. We would still have slaves, and women would still be barefoot and pregnant.

Thirdly, I have read and heard on many news shows that if they allow same sex marriages, it will degrade marriage. Let us look at marriage in America.

I believe the divorce rate is up to 55 percent. And of those 55 percent, many stood up before God and said I will love this person "until death do us part." Of those same 55 percent that get a divorce, many will remarry and say the same

exact thing again with their new "love." I believe that God no longer listens to our wedding vows. Why should he?

Actually I would bet that the first 10 years after it became legal for same-sex marriages, the divorce rate would actually drop because they would not take for granted what we opposite sex couples obviously do.

And I have news for you Christians, if you have a problem with gays and lesbians telling God they love each other "until death do they part." They do it every day in every state regardless if it is legal or not. I am going to my sister's wedding in August. She is marrying her girlfriend of four years. Why not legalize it?

Lastly, what are all the same-sex marriage foes so

afraid of? Let us look at what would happen if today they legalized same-sex marriages. What would happen tomorrow when we wake up? Would there be more gays and lesbians around? Maybe a few more, but only the ones that were in the closet already. Will there be gay conspiracies to convert straight Christians into gays. Not likely, conversion is more the Christians method.

Let's face it, for the most part we, opposite-sex couples, would notice little difference, if they were ever to legalize same-sex marriages. But same-sex couples will notice a huge difference. Isn't that the very foundation your religion is based upon — love and kindness to others?

—Phillip Hall
Pre-Nursing student

The Absolute presents insightful literature, art

"Experience is an author's most valuable asset; experience is the thing that puts the muscle and the breath and the warm blood into the book he writes," Mark Twain said.

Absolute is the annual anthology which highlights the writing, photography and art of OKCCC students, staff and community members. The anthology has been an element of OKCCC since the early '70s.

"[The "Absolute" represents] a wonderful selection of provocative writing from students and faculty ...[who] are the heart of the school," said Meika Yates, student editor for the 2004 edition.

Lisa Harrison's "Sea Story," the first selection of the short story category, is about a childless couple discovering an abandoned baby on the shore. In this tale, Harrison illustrates how one returns to a forgotten heritage. Lisa

Harrison's writing is very insightful and poignant. This is shown when the main character, Mary Alice, is leaving home.

In "You Never Know" by Chris Bright, the author shows how a person cannot predict how one action will affect her life. Although a fantasy, the story takes basic truth from real life, when a modern witch discovers her legacy. Bright weaves a story about finding a lost birthright.

The short story category is well organized. Although the stories are diverse, they flow together and make reading an enjoyable activity. Each author has a unique story to tell.

"Postcards from Mexico" by Emily Medley, is an extremely well written essay. Medley writes in first person narrative, and she illustrates the world through the eyes of a 13-year-old girl. The reader experiences the character's emotions, and is thus able to under-

stand the feelings behind what is happening.

When the teenager is sent to live with her grandmother in Mexico, Medley gives the reader a brief look into a rite of passage. The other pieces in this section, essays by Constance Burris and John W. Perry, are competent examples of essay writing. Nevertheless, the essay that draws the most attention is Medley's piece.

The poets in Absolute write boldly about life. Each piece is a statement of truth for the author. The poem, "Half and Half" by Meika Yates is an acerbic and indignant response from the poet's own life experience. Yates does her most "constructive" writing out of her emotions.

"Pained City" by Torey Butler explores the dreadful realities of World War II. This poem shows the appalling destruction that occurred in Japan in the wake of the H-bomb.

"[The Absolute represents] a wonderful selection of provocative writing from students and faculty ...[who] are the heart of the school."

—Meika Yates
Student Editor
Absolute 2004 edition

Poetry comes in many forms. Some have a rhythm and others are bold declarations of emotion. Although the poetry chosen for this edition of Absolute are not "traditional" poems that rhyme, each is unique and shows the talent of the authors who created them.

Lisa Bryant's "Fairie" is a fantasy portrayed as a sweet but shy fairy, while Marnel Harvard's "Martini" is an austere modern piece that depicts a lone woman with a martini glass. Although Harvard used geometric forms to portray the subject, the painting resonates a stark reality.

Photography is a medium

used to show the world through the lens of the artist. In Phil Colbert's "All Hat," the viewer gets a whimsical portrait of a young child. The symmetry of line and form is portrayed in "Wagon Wheel," by Sandra Cizek. She captures the pioneer spirit in this still life of an old Conestoga wagon wheel.

Each story, poem and art piece has been chosen by a team of editors that know quality. The anthology was arranged perfectly in a way that allows the reader to progress smoothly from one work to the next.

—Shannon L. Hoverson
Feature Writing student



Photo by Billy Adams

Meika Yates, one of the Absolute student editors, welcomes everyone to the reception where several people read from their selections. Copies of the Absolute, the college's literary publication that includes artwork, poetry and short stories can be purchased in the bookstore for \$5.

Readings enjoyed by crowd during Absolute reception

By Drew Addington
News Writing I Student

Students, faculty and even retired professors were recognized for their fine arts achievements April 29 at the Absolute reception.

Artists were awarded for their work in poetry, essays, short stories, art and photography.

Student Nicole Padilla received an award for her photograph entitled "Building."

"I am very surprised and honored to receive the [photography] award..." Padilla said.

She also was asked to read her poem "Storm" at the ceremony.

"I love writing," Padilla said. "It's a great way for me to express myself."

Retired OKCCC professor John Perry's poem "Disappearing Song" was included in the latest Absolute. He read his award-winning poem at the reception.

"...I sincerely appreciate the recognition of my work."

—John W. Perry

Retired OKCCC Professor

"Reading is the culmination of hard work and I sincerely appreciate the recognition of my work," Perry said.

The crowd at the reception also was treated to readings such as "It's Just a Little Hole" by Constance Burris, and Crystal Wellborn's "My Hands are Shaking as I Write This, Now."

The Absolute is an annual publication. Items published in the Absolute are chosen by student editors from hundreds of entries.

English professor Clay Randolph has been adviser for the Absolute for 12 years. He said recognition should be given to the student editors for their extraordinary efforts.

Copies of the Absolute are on sale at the OKCCC bookstore for \$5.

Online enrollment increases by 19 %

By Amber Whitworth
News Writing I Student

Online course enrollment is growing much faster than general enrollment. Online course enrollment has increased 19 percent from last fall said Kathy Wullstein, coordinator of Instructional Technology and Online Learning.

OKCCC's general enrollment increased 10.5 percent in that time.

The Distance Education Online Learning Program offers 314 online course sections, including 46 sections for web-enhanced classes which meet one day online and one day on campus.

There are currently 900 students enrolled in web-enhanced classes, Wullstein said. "Enrollment will be close to 7,700 for online classes."

Online courses are offered

during the same time period as on-campus courses. Classes are offered in 16-week, eight-week or inter-session increments.

While online courses are more convenient, they are not self paced.

Sophomore Shelby Teasley said she likes the convenience of online classes. "It is very convenient for my busy schedule."

Wullstein said the program likely will expand.

"We even hope to have an online degree program in liberal studies in the near future," Wullstein said.

Technical support is offered seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wullstein said the best way to receive technical support is to fill out a technical support form on the distance education online learning website.

For more information, go to www.okccc.edu/distance or call 405-682-7574.

OKCCC nursing graduate, 29, dies

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Former OKCCC nursing student Elizabeth (Beth) Erin Burrough Brown died from a brain hemorrhage April 13. She was 29.

Brown received her registered nursing degree from the college on May 19, 2003. She worked in the Cardiac Care Unit at Norman Regional Hospital as well as Heartland Hospice.

Friend and fellow student Lynn Bates said Brown was funny, outgoing, positive and the life of the party.

"I feel like I was blessed as a person to have known her," Bates said. "...In the relatively short time that she was here, she made a big difference in a lot of people's lives."

Sister-in-law Tina Robinson has known Brown since they were teenagers and will always remember how lovable Brown was. Husband Chris Brown agrees.

"She could always see the bright side in everything," he said. He said his wife was fun, loving, and a very good mother.

"There were literally hundreds of people at her funeral, and that was just a small part of the people [who] I'm sure wished they could've been there," Robinson said.

Brown is survived by her husband, two children, parents, siblings and other family members and friends.

Pioneer Editor Caroline Ting can be reached at editor@okccc.edu.



Beth Brown

Retired regent honored for hard work

**By Matthew Caban
News Writing I Student**

The OKCCC Board of Regents honored one of its own during its meeting April 19 — Chairman Darrel Lanier.

Lanier's seven-year term ended on April 22.

Vice Chairman David Casper presented Lanier with gifts and a proclamation.

Gifts included a plaque, a baseball cap and a fishing tackle box.

Lanier said he retired from OG&E on March 31, after 35 years of service. He plans to spend time with his wife Martha. He also will spend time fishing on his property near Shawnee.

His colleagues had nothing but praise for Lanier.



Darrel Lanier

Casper spoke of his friendship with Lanier.

"[He] took me under his wing when I arrived seven years ago," Casper said.

Casper is now the vice chairman of the board and will lead its meetings until a new chairman is named later this year.

College President Bob

"He has done his job with absolute distinction. Chairman Lanier has done an excellent job supporting this administration."

—Bob Todd
OKCCC President

Todd praised Lanier's efforts.

"He has done his job with absolute distinction."

"Chairman Lanier has done an excellent job supporting this administration," Todd said.

Both Lanier and Todd

spent a few minutes speaking with students after the meeting.

Each stressed that their focus is helping students.



Photo by Billy Adams

From left, Larry Ziegler, Bill Novak, J.B. Messer and Jim Whitten are sworn into office for the new USS Oklahoma City Sub Base. The USSVI is an organization whose purpose is to perpetuate the memory of fallen shipmates in order that their "supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments," according to the organization's website.

Submarine base launched at OKCCC

**By Billy Adams
Staff Writer**

Oklahoma is a landlocked state, so it might surprise a lot of people to know a submarine base was commissioned at the college recently.

The base of note is the USS Oklahoma City. The base is one of the newest members of the U.S. SubVets Inc.

The USSVI is an organization of which its purpose is to perpetuate the memory of fallen shipmates in order that their "supreme sacrifice be a constant source of motivation toward greater accomplishments," according to the organization's website.

The USS Oklahoma City base is named after the active nuclear-powered fast-attack submarine of the same name.

"We are very proud of this fact," said Jim Whitten, base commander.

The potential members met April 27 to decide if they wanted to join and

also to elect officers. J.B. Messer, OKCCC physical plant director, was chosen as the vice commander. The other officers are Bill Novak, secretary and Larry Zeigler, treasurer.

USSVI Central Region Director Art Randall was on hand to see that the process was carried out correctly and to swear in the new officers.

Randall believes the base will be successful.

"This base will grow rather rapidly in my judgment," Randall said.

"There is a high mix of [naval] officers and that suggests they were not only involved with running a boat, but that they enjoy being around submariners."

The base will participate in activities to promote membership in the organization, as well as to remember fallen shipmates.

"The local base will participate in local memorial services to honor all of our shipmates who lost their lives while serving in the submarine service," Whitten said.

Any and all sub vets who want to join the organization can contact Whitten at (405) 528-3997 or by e-mail at js82038@aol.com.

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GED students get diplomas

By Billy Adams
Staff Writer

Forty students took one more step toward their future April 27. Those students received their General Education Development (GED) diploma, the equivalent of high school graduation. The class was recognized at a ceremony in the college union.

The keynote speaker for the event was Oklahoma City Ward 3 Councilman Lawrence McAtee Jr. and Jim Ellis, director of testing and assessment services at the college, gave the invocation. McAtee also gave the graduates their diplomas.

The graduates are:

Latarea Boyd, Amy L. Brown, Ashley Lauren Cavallaro, Jared M. Davis, Tarah Liane Eaton, Latoya Chawntrae Gilbert, Dustin

Scott Henderson.

Lorena Evette Herrada, Amber Hill, Tracy L. Hunter, Michael Wayne Kight, Jodi L. Kirkhart, David D. Lawson Jr., Michelle Marie Marquez, Dawn McCracken.

Paul K. McDaniel, Kristine Nicole McDonald, Michelle McGuire, Brandee Shereé Newby, Marcia K. Melvin, Wendell H. Payton, Jessica Peak, Crystal Pigott, Krista Ann Porter, Ronnieka Andrea Potts, Kyla Nicole Prewitt, Paula Pribble.

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Radio internship offered

By Beth Pate
News Writing I Student

OKCCC is offering a radio internship next fall at Christian radio station KQCV to give a student the opportunity to see the business side of radio.

This internship has been created for students who are interested in specializing in the business part of radio. KQCV contacted business professor Marty Ludlum in hopes of receiving interns for the fall.

"Students will be exposed to aspects like advertising and marketing in the radio field," said KQVC's Office Manager Penny Lee.

The student's daily tasks will include scheduling appointments for possible clients, researching those clients, and possibly sitting in on the meetings.

"Our goal is for the student to actually get a hands-on experience to see what it is like to follow an account through from beginning to end," said Lee.

There are no prerequisites for this course, and all OKCCC students qualify.

The student will most likely put in fewer than 10 hours per week, but the time could vary depending on the radio station's needs.

"If there are a whole lot of people interested we may have some kind of screening process to determine who gets to do it first," said Ludlum.

The internship will begin in the fall and is for three hours of credit.

Students who are interested should contact Ludlum in the business division by phone at 682-1611, ext. 7412, or e-mail at mludlum@okccc.edu.



Photo courtesy of Jim Ellis

Wendell Payton, 65 (center), celebrates his GED graduation with his family. (from left) K. Collins, Jame Payton, Lori Collins, Shelly Payton, Tony Payton, Cindy Payton and Josh Payton.

Grandfather earns diploma

By Nicole Padilla
Staff Writer

The average age of a General Educational Development (GED) graduate in 2001 was 25.2 years old, according to acenet.edu

Wendell Payton decided to turn the tables on these statistics when he received his GED certificate on April 27. Payton is a 65-year-old grandfather from Bethany, now residing in Norman. Payton has four children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Payton said he studied for about six months in the evenings before taking the GED test and took classes at a school in Little Axe. He said his teacher thought that he was doing very well and that he should go and take the test, so he did and passed.

Payton said he always felt like there was something missing all these years that needed to be completed. He said it was time to get his GED.

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—Wendell Payton
GED graduate

"I think getting my GED was good for my self-esteem and I also want to be a role model for others," Payton said.

Payton is currently signed up to take a Spanish course at the college in June. He said it seems to be a good thing to learn with the growing number of Spanish speakers. He said that he will just have to take what he feels comfortable with in the future.

In his spare time, Payton works as a painter part-time and also plays in the New Horizons Band at the University of Oklahoma, which is a band for people generally over 55 years old. The band is a wind instrument group, and Payton plays the cornet, which is similar to a trumpet, he said. He said he played the

cornet for six years in high school and even traded it in for his first guitar.

He started playing in the band last semester because he has always been interested in music, he said.

"I was needing to reconstruct my life and also keep my time occupied," Payton said.

As for advice he would give others possibly wanting to get their GED, Payton said to just go ahead and go for it, no matter what age you may be.

"I think it would be good to go ahead and get a GED because it would help motivate a person to do other things. If they want to do it, the opportunity is always there for them."

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It's a genetic thing



Photo by Billy Adams

Amber Nolan, state genetics education coordinator and president of the Genetics Committee of Oklahoma, talks to students about hereditary diseases at the college's celebration of National DNA Day. The day was proclaimed in honor of the completion of the Human Genome Project as well as the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the DNA double-helix.

Night classes offer more flexible schedule for OKCCC students

By Sara Scarbrough
News Writing I Student

Many OKCCC students prefer to take classes at night rather than during the day. While day classes have their benefits, night classes offer their own added opportunities.

Chemistry major Jess Maulsby, 21, attends evening classes every Tuesday and Thursday nights at OKCCC.

"I like taking night classes because I am usually more awake at night than I am during the day," he said.

"I can focus on the material better in the evening."

Night classes also allow many students to work during the day.

"Taking classes at night is more practical with my daily work schedule," Maulsby said. He works at Mercy Hospital. "Evening classes give me the opportunity to work full-time during the day, but I can still get my education at night."

Steve Kanaly, 20, is a full-time student at OKCCC who is enrolled in both day and evening classes.

"I like day and night classes both for different reasons," he said. "I like having a break from my classes toward the end of the day because it gives me a chance to grab a snack and look over my material before my night class."

Living in Norman, Kanaly finds one benefit of his night classes is that by the time

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—Jess Maulsby
OKCCC student

he drives home in the evening, rush hour traffic on Interstate 35 has subsided.

Sarah Polk, a nursing major at the University of Oklahoma, also lives in Norman.

"I love my night class because it is only held once a week," she said of her Tuesday evening photography class at OKCCC. "Missing dinner at my sorority house is the only drawback," she said of her night class.

Lindsey Wolfe, a health and sports science major at OU, attends her night class for a different reason.

"I planned on taking a class at OU, but the class time conflicted with my [work] schedule," Wolfe said. "I decided to take a night class at OKCCC and transfer my credits at the end of the semester," she said.

Many times a class will fill up at another school; therefore, students decide to drive to OKCCC at night to complete a course.

"I think it's great that OKCCC offers so many night classes," Wolfe said.

"It gives students the opportunity to take classes they normally wouldn't have been able to fit into their schedule."

Rocky Mountain field trip or bust

By Zack Pyron
News Writing I Student

A May intersession class will have some OKCCC students spending one week exploring the science of the Rocky Mountains.

Biology professor Tony Stancampiano said the class gives students the opportunity to study nature and learn about such things as conservation and fire ecology.

The class will stay at an actual working research station where students will learn field techniques for studying wildlife. The class also will study the geology of Yellowstone National Park.

This is Stancampiano's sixth year to offer the class. He said his inspiration comes from past experiences.

"I took a lot of field courses in school and students seem to learn a lot in the fields."

He said it's a great way for students to be exposed to hands-on science.

Students who are interested can call Stancampiano at 682-1611, ext. 7788. Special permission is required.

Employee serves on governor's task force program

By Ashley Fitzpatrick
News Writing I Student

Craig Robinson, head of the OKC-GO program at OKCCC, serves as the parent of an atypical child on the governor's task force program, Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness.

Being the parent of an atypical child means having a child with a disability. In contrast, Gov. Brad Henry's wife Kim serves as the parent of a typical child, or one with no disability.

The program consists of several people from the community. Most of them are heads of organizations such as the Department of Human Services. The group began in August 2003 and meets once a month.

"As the parent of an atypical child, I have an opportunity to make sure that all children are factored into the planning for the future and that disabled children are given every opportunity to build their potential as well," Robinson said.

One of the members of the committee, Dr. Bruce Perry, mentioned that 90 percent of brain development is completed by age 6. After that, it is a matter of training children to use their brains to the best of their ability.

The group continues to meet once a month and is making headway. Robinson said he enjoys being a member of the program and does all he can to help.

Nursing students time travel with essays

By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

As a part of the celebration for National Nurses Week, May 6 through 12, OKCCC nursing students turned to Florence Nightingale, the pioneer of nursing to see how far they've come.

Nursing Professor Judy Martin gave her Overview of Nursing students an assignment to write what would please, displease, and surprise Nightingale if she visited a hospital today. Martin believes learning about Nightingale is important because of the vast accomplishments she made to the nursing field.

"She is the founder of modern nursing," Martin said. "She was the first to make nursing a profession."

Students met the challenge of the project.

Kimberly Parrish created her story to be like the movie "Back to the Future," by having Marty McFly and Doc go back to the Crimean War, fought in Turkey, where Nightingale got her big start in 1854. In this scenario, the pair take her back to 2004 with them and she ends up in a hospital setting.

"Florence was pleased to learn that nurses were required to have an education..." Parrish said. "She was pleased to see the properly dressed beds, the clean floors, the sterilization of utensils and the disposability of other utensils widely used throughout the hospital. Florence knew this was the proper way to help prevent disease."

Debbie S. McKaughan made her story a script.

St. Brigid, like the ghost of Christmas future, took Nightingale to the hospitals of today.

Brigid tells Florence the nurses she is observing in 2004 are probably better qualified and more knowledgeable. Nightingale is disappointed by the fact that the existence of hospitals often mean a person is not surrounded by relatives when at death.

"...By having large hospitals and trained caregivers, death has become foreign to most people." In the screenplay, Nightingale is told that religion has failed many people. "They see death as inconvenient and try to avoid it," Brigid wrote.

Martin said Nightingale was a self-taught nurse.

She was recruited by the secretary of war, along with 38 other nurses for service in the Crimean War, according to www.agnesscott.edu.

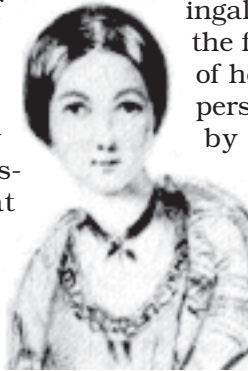
While on duty she noticed the lack of sanitation surrounding wounded troops, which caused the mortality rate to be an estimated 60 percent. She wanted to change that number.

With Nightingale's new sanitary methods, the death rate has diminished from 60 percent to 1 percent, Martin said.

Nightingale died at the age of 90 in 1910, which was a very rare age to live to be at that time, Martin said.

"She was a lady ahead of her time."

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Reproductive rights speaker evokes reactions

By Beth Pate, Sara Scarbrough
and Casey McDermott
News Writing I Students

Many years ago Bill Baird witnessed a young woman bleeding profusely with a coat hanger hanging from her uterus. This woman had no access to birth control and it was illegal for her to receive an abortion.

So, she took it upon herself to abort her own baby, Baird said. She died in his arms.

Since then Baird has been adamant about teaching women the importance of birth control, he told an audience of 300 on April 29 at OKCCC. He felt so strongly about the issue that he offered abortion services in the 1960s, though they were illegal.

The legendary advocate for birth control and abortion rights stirred strong emotions during his presentation.

Baird asked the audience for a show of hands if they were pro-choice on the abortion issue. Well over a majority in the room raised their hands.

However, when Baird took questions and comments from the audience, many expressed strong opinions against his beliefs.

In the 1960s in New York, Baird was among the first to fight for reproductive rights, he said. He worked to educate the public about birth control.

"Indecent exposure of objects" was the charge that landed him in prison when he held up a contraceptive device (a diaphragm) in public.

Baird said he challenged and reversed the toughest law in the country, which decreed that one could not exhibit, purchase or sell birth control devices. Baird's life has been threatened on a daily basis throughout the years, he said.

At one point he was the target of a bullet fired through his living room window. One of his clinics was fire-bombed and burned.

"Do you know how angry I am when I hear that I have to have extra security?" he asked.

"People say they are loving Christians, but they tell me that I deserve to die."



Photo by Billy Adams

Bill Baird

His wife and family moved to another city to protect themselves from the death threats and attacks aimed at him. A man in the audience asked Baird if it was worth it to give up his family to keep fighting the battle for abortion rights.

"Sometimes, at 71-years-old, I am filled with doubt about what I've done, but I have a belief in you, your freedom, your identity and your rights," Baird said.

People in the crowd had mixed opinions about what Baird had to say. Some people cheered for the advancements in reproductive rights, while others were unimpressed with Baird's agenda.

"He's fighting an endless fight," said student Tammy Avers, 20. "The people asking questions aren't opening their ears to hear what he has to say."

Others thought Baird side-stepped some questions.

"At what point in time, from conception to birth, should the right of the unborn to live be recognized?" asked John Stanko, 21.

Many students said Baird avoided answering that question.

"He ignored the question, bringing up unrelated issues," said Abi Vieczas, 19.

Another student, Kendra Draper, 19, said Baird had extensive knowledge of birth control, abortion and other worldly subjects.

"It was good to hear," she said. "I've never talked about or heard about the views he had."

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Phi Theta Kappa Project Graduation service project

From May 10 through 14, Phi Theta Kappa will be accepting donations of canned goods and children's books for Project Graduation. Collection boxes will be spread out around the college and will also be located in the dressing rooms during the graduation ceremony. For more information contact Richard Rouillard at 682-1611, ext. 7389.

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.

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.

Bricktown Blues & BBQ Festival

The 9th Annual Bricktown Blues and BBQ Festival will be held from noon to midnight on Friday, June 4, and Saturday, June 5. Admission is free until 6 p.m. on Friday and until 5 p.m. on Saturday, and \$10 after these times. All ages are welcome. For more information visit www.bricktownokc.com.

'Uncommon Grounds' at the OKC Zoo

The program "Uncommon Grounds" will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 at the Oklahoma City Zoo. The cost is \$12 per person for ZooFriends members and \$15 for non-members. This program gives visitors the chance to taste coffee while getting to meet exotic animals. Reservations are required. For more information call 425-0218.

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.

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. on Tuesdays in the Pioneer Office located in 2M6 of the MB



Photo by Billy Adams

May I Take Your Order?: Desiree Dare (right), Native American Student Association President, assists Olivia Valle (middle) and Ruester Aleson with buying their indian tacos and fry bread. Dare said that the sale was a huge success.

Students 'psyched' about Psi Beta

**By Nicole Padilla
Staff Writer**

If you have ever thought about how the mind works or pondered why someone did what they did, then the field of Psychology just may be your calling and Psi Beta may be the organization for you.

Psi Beta is a national honor society for two-year colleges, for people majoring in Psychology or those interested in Psychology.

In order to be in the organization, you must have at least a 3.0 GPA, and have taken a Psychology course.

Students are also invited to join, and will be mailed invitations during the spring semester, said Peggy Jordan, a sponsor of the organization.

From there, the members will be inducted into Psi Beta, and receive a gold pin, certificate and membership card, Jordan said.

After transferring on to a four-year college, members can then be inducted into

Psi Chi, the international honor society for four-year colleges for Psychology.

The organization has held and helped with many events this past year.

Psi Beta and the Psychology/Sociology club work together often, said Deborah Drummond, vice president of the club this past year.

The two organizations worked with the Center for Children and Families Incorporated.

Members also donated \$100 to the organization to help buy diapers for families that need them, said Cecilia Yoder, a sponsor of the organization.

They also held an even called "Sight Night" last Halloween. They accepted donations for Lens Crafter of prescription eyeglasses, which are then cleaned, read and distributed to people living in developing countries who need glasses but can't afford them.

Yoder, a professor of psychology, has been a sponsor of Psi Beta for four years and said that it's been a

good experience.

"What's enjoyable is seeing students get more involved, that's the main thing that inspires sponsors," Yoder said.

Yoder said that Psi beta, like most other clubs and organizations at the college is a student organization, so it's really up to the members what they want to do.

"Being a part of Psi Beta has been a wonderful experience this year," Drummond said. "We started from scratch, so a lot of what we did was just getting [the organization] up and going."

Jordan has been a sponsor of the club for 4 years, after asked to co-sponsor by Cecilia Yoder.

"I love [being a sponsor], it's a great opportunity to meet students in a different format, and not be grading them," Jordan said. "It's a great way to interact and get to know them on a different level."

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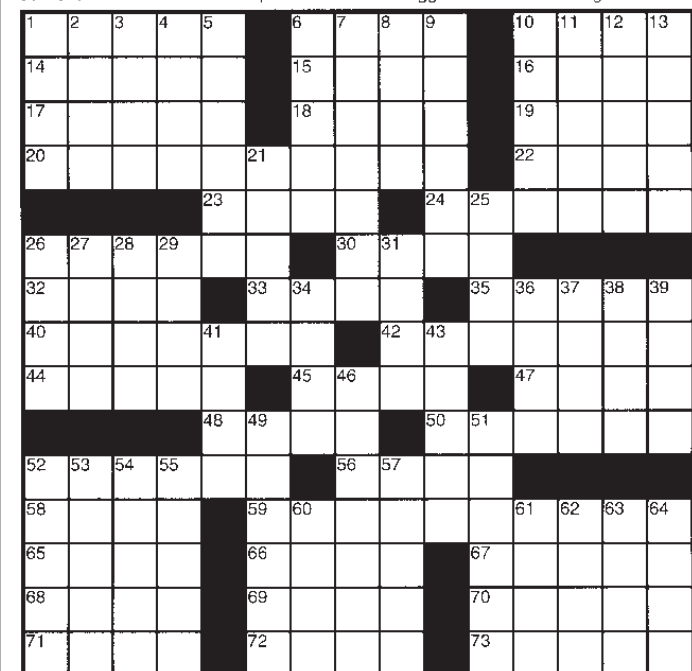
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College textbooks being bought back for far less than purchase price

"Books,"

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of Regents, Reinke said. It has remained the same for the past 18 years she said.

"We are a bookstore, not an auxiliary," Reinke said. "We have to make our wages here in the store."

She said most college bookstores in the state price books according to a margin from 25 to 30 percent. The highest she's ever seen is 32 percent.

"We definitely fall within the guidelines of what the average [margin] is for textbooks," Reinke said.

She said she realizes the prices are high, but said it's the publishers who are setting those prices.

Reinke also said it's unlikely that the bookstore would increase its buy back

prices any higher than the current 50 percent.

Buying books back is a guessing game, she said. If the bookstore buys back more books than it actually ends up selling, the store has to eat the loss.

She said the bookstore usually sells the extra books to wholesalers who don't pay even half of the 50 percent the bookstore pays, Reinke said.

According to some national textbook publishers, the increases of textbook prices are driven by various factors. They said there isn't a set policy on pricing textbooks.

Donna Wessel, publications manager of the American Literary Press, said the prices depend upon topics, page count and paper as well as other essential costs in production.

"We only increase prices

when our actual production costs increase," Wessel said. "That's pretty well driven by the cost of paper."

She said she thinks Congress looking into how publishers price textbooks would have some initial impact on the industry.

"We should all look carefully at our price structure — whether it's for textbooks or general publication — to make sure that they're not only in line with others, but also fair on the market," Wessel said.

Senior Publicist Greg Houle of Westview Press said he doesn't agree that publishers are to blame for the high prices.

"I don't really think it's a case of gouging on the part of book publishers."

He said when publishers sell textbooks to the bookstores, the bookstores can always return the books for

a full refund if they don't sell them. The bookstores also buy the books at a discount, Houle said.

Ron Pullins, owner of Focus Publishing, said returns are high these days. He said about 20 to 25 percent of the company's books are returned.

In the meantime, Pullins said, the company also has to cover the costs of promoting books such as sending free samples to teachers. He said another factor is that teachers prefer to see newer editions of textbooks.

"[The] publishing cycle has shortened," Pullins said.

As the number of newer-edition textbooks increases, so does the likelihood that students can't get rid of their used books.

"It's very unusual to have a [textbook on the shelf] for longer than two years," Reinke said. "A lot of times,

there aren't a lot of changes, but in order for [publishers] to sell more books, they make some changes to the books and make new editions."

Reinke said new editions are necessary in technical and health sciences areas, but not as much in fields such as mathematics and literature. She said a three- or four-year cycle for new editions to be published would be better for students.

Publishers also use another strategy to increase sales of their books, Reinke said, such as wrapping new textbooks with free CDs and study guides to encourage students to purchase new instead of used books.

Houle said his company tries to publish new editions on a five-year cycle.

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College teams with SOSU for aviation degrees

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eral adjunct professors to teach the courses. He will be among those. The SOSU courses will be taught in the evenings at the South Facility located at 11935 S. I-44 Service Road.

"The courses are geared for working professionals to go to school in the evenings," Chesterfield said.

Students also can receive their bachelor of science in aviation management degrees with three options: business, aviation safety or aviation maintenance.

Dr. David Conway, associate professor, and director and chair of aerospace at SOSU, said the bachelor's degree focuses more on management, while the graduate program heavily emphasizes the safety aspect of airport operation.

SOSU offers some internships in Oklahoma City as well, in particular with the Transportation Safety Institute at the Federal Aviation Administration, Con-

way said. Other internships are at various airports and airlines.

The responses SOSU has received to the graduate program has been terrific, Conway said. SOSU has been offering the program for four years, he said, and it already has been the largest graduating program on their campus in the past three years.

Grummer said he has received phone calls from FAA, American Airlines and United Airlines employees, asking about the program.

No online courses will be offered in aviation management in the fall, Grummer said, but might be added as the program expands.

"I foresee that as this program grows, which we have potential for tremendous growth, that we'll start working on [the Internet courses]," Grummer said.

OKCCC's aviation management program also has coordinated an aviation council to advise in the rebuilding of the aviation program, Grummer said.

The council consists of the director of FAA, direc-

tor of Will Rogers International Airport, owner of Downtown Airport, a number of chief pilots and airport managers. Grummer said SOSU will be asked to participate in the council.

For more information or to get a Fall 2004 schedule of the aviation program, contact Grummer at 682-7581, Chesterfield at 682-1611, ext. 7195, or e-mail at BChesfield@po.okccc.edu or the business division at 682-7550.

For more information on SOSU's aviation degree programs, visit www.sosu.edu/aerospace.

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