

Oklahoma City Community College PIONTER



Photo by Billy Adams

Action! Oklahoma Film Institute participant Ben Dunagan hangs a banner on the wall of a college locker room that is doubling as the set of "Demons," a film being made by OFI. Dunagan is the set dresser. "The director has his picture of the scene and I make it happen," Dunagan said. "I'll be director on [June 22]." The Oklahoma Film Institute is a three-week program taught at the OKCCC campus, designed for students who are interested in the film industry. Dunagan is a student at Oklahoma State University.

Retiree ready to explore world

By Caroline Ting Editor

A fter 19 and a half "wonderful" years at OKCCC, Jean Snow is ready to see what life has waiting for her outside the college. Snow, 61, will retire Aug. 6.

The senior executive secretary to the president started working at the college in the purchasing department as a clerk typist, then became a secretary in the area.

One day, she said, she received a phone call from the president's office, asking if she would be interested in a secretarial position. That was 15 years ago.

Snow said when she went to work in the president's office, she sensed the team spirit in the area the first day on the job.

"[Team spirit] is the standard mode at this office," Snow said. "I've never known it to be any other way."

Janice Phillips, executive administrative assistant to the president, and Snow's coworker for 15 years, agrees, saying she and Snow are a complete match at work.

"Jean and I, from day one, have comple-

mented each other," Phillips said.

"It just seems like in the 15 years that we've had the opportunity to work together in the president's office, we never once had a tiff or anything like that. Working with her has been wonderful."

Phillips said Snow is persistent, detailed-oriented and caring toward all people.

"I'm going to miss her terribly, but (I also am) excited for this new step in her life," Phillips said.

"Not only is she a coworker, but she's a



Jean Snow

friend." OKCCC President Bob Todd agrees. He

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Multi-cultural headliners set to appear

OKCCC series enters 9th year

By Caroline Ting Editor

D rums, singing, guitars, drama — all will be part of the 2004-'05 OKCCC Cultural Awareness Series.

As the series enters its ninth year, eight performances are scheduled for the fall and spring semesters. Artists will travel here from as near as our own back yard and as far away as Moscow, said Dr. Manuel Prestamo, dean of cultural programs and community development.

"[The performances] all are going to be terrific," he said.

On **Sept, 28**, audiences will be treated to a return performance by Chen Zimbalista. "He's Israel's most outstanding percussionist," Prestamo said.

After his successful performance on campus last year, Prestamo decided to bring him back.

A concert featuring a percussionist can be hard to perceive, Prestamo said, because people would think that it's an evening of just drums.

Not so, Prestamo said. In addition to drums, Zimbalista also plays the xylophone, the malinba, and some instruments from his native Israel. For this visit, Zimbalista is bringing his pianist to accompany him.

"[Zimbalista] is such a virtuoso, and it's incredible to see him perform with as many as four or five mallets with just the two hands," Prestamo said. He said Zimbalista plays pieces the general audience will recognize.

Vincent VanGogh fans will enjoy the next scheduled performance as well as the months leading up to it.

Artist and dramatist Joseph Kaknes will take the college theater stage **Oct. 19** in a one-man play about the famous painter.

The performance follows Kaknes from a VanGogh painting lesson to him telling the story of VanGogh's life and, finally, watching him finish the painting.

"The audience will end up having an evening

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Editorial and Opinion **Raise awareness of arthritis**

Editorial

Your trash is your responsibility

Take one last sip of that cappuccino, and just toss it on the ground. It's not like it matters anyway, nor is anyone watching. Besides, it is far easier to leave it there rather than take the few extra steps and throw it in a nearby trash can.

Drink bottles, newspapers, McDonald's bags, magazines, empty chip bags and Coke cans are just a few of the items that can be found, if a stroll were taken around campuses and in the parking lot areas.

Some people pretend that the trash cans which are placed throughout campuses are nonexistent, and leave their trash anywhere they feel is convenient for them. OKCCC, for instance, appears to have become a wasteland during the day.

In the bathrooms, feminine products, toilet paper and paper towels lie on the floors, because some women are too lazy to throw them in the trash cans.

The tables in the main building and in the library usually are left with sheets of papers, magazines and newspapers. Near the doors of the entrances, cigarette butts surround the area because it's just too hard for smokers to pick up what was theirs.

Many may argue that there isn't enough time; they could care less, and possibly even that it doesn't matter if it's just one piece of trash. Well, there is absolutely no excuse for laziness.

At college, mothers do not walk around the campus picking up after everyone. There is no reason to take the attitude that others should pick up after your mess.

The real issue deals simply with respect. Just as cleaning up after playing was taught as a youngster, sharing also was another lesson.

This campus is shared by hundreds of students, administrators, faculty and staff. Because it is shared, everyone should show respect by picking up after himself or herself. We don't exactly own anything here just because some of us are paying tuition.

Numerous high school students and people of the community visit the campus each day. One piece of trash may not make a difference. Yet, one piece of trash after another amounts to a giant mess.

The campus provides a homey environment for students and staff. Many find time to learn and study, hang out with friends and eat in the cafeteria. True, this place may not be our home, but it is our home away from home.

People should take responsibility for their carelessness and show some respect for OKCCC, others, and especially for themselves.

-Christina Tran **Staff Writer**

To the editor:

Forty-nine million American adults reported doctordiagnosed arthritis and another 21 million stated they had chronic joint symptoms in 2001, according to statistics reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Pre- vention's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

In the first state-specific estimates of doctor-diagnosed arthritis, the CDC says that one in four adults in 30 states was diagnosed with arthritis and other rheumatic conditions. In Oklahoma, with a population of more than three million, the implications are sobering.

There are 726,000 Oklahoma adults who report that they have arthritis or other rheumatic conditions while 444,000 report they have possible arthritis (BRFSS, 2002). Officials at the Oklahoma State Department of Health say that the problem is likely to grow as Oklahoma's population ages.

CDC estimates the economic and societal burden of arthritis nationally as one percent of the U.S. gross domestic product, or \$86.2 billion. Of that

amount, \$51.1 billion are in medical care expenditures and \$35.1 billion are in lost earnings. The economic burden in Oklahoma is \$1.2 billion.

"Medical costs associated with arthritis and other rheumatic conditions are predicted to rise as the population ages and because new medical interventions are more costly,' said Marisa New coordinator for the OSDH Arthritis Prevention and Education Program.

"It is our hope that costs will be reduced and quality of life increased through more widespread use of public health programs to increase physical activity, maintain healthy weight, and expand self-help options to manage pain and disability."

The Oklahoma Arthritis Network promotes the following Arthritis Foundation programs:

•The Arthritis Self Help Course - a program to help people with arthritis better manage their condition.

•People with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE) - a program that teaches people with arthritis how to safely increase their level of physical activity.

For more information or to receive a copy of the soon-to-be-released 2004 Arthritis Data Report, "The Painful Truth," contact the **OSDH** Arthritis Prevention and Education Program at (405) 271-9444, ext. 56520, or visit these websites: www.health.state. ok.us/program/apep/ and www.arthritis. org.

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THE JOKE'S ON YOU by Phil Ryder & YOU



Comments and Reviews 'I, Robot'; writer says 'I, like it'

What do you get when you take a robot-hating cop and set every robot in the world to attack him? You get a great movie. Will Smith stars as Detective Del Spooner in Alex Proyas' "I. Robot."

Spooner is a techno-phobic cop that is called to the scene of the apparent suicide of Dr. Alfred Lanning (James Cromwell), the creator of robots. The premise of the movie is based around Spooner's belief that a robot named Sonny murdered Dr. Lanning. Spooner is seen as crazy because that would clearly violate the Three Laws that govern robots.

Lanning's murder comes at an inconvenient time for US Robotics (USR), because they are on the eve of the largest robotic distribution ics world and the real in history. There will be one robot for every five humans. The new robot, the NS-5, is the same type of robot as Sonny. Smith is in top form as Spooner. He has grown quite a bit since the days of "Fresh Prince." He is able to show the darker side of his character while still being able to pull off that million-dollar grin.

Helping Spooner is Dr. Susan Calvin, played wonderfully by Bridget Moynahan. Moynahan is able to be her own character apart from the "damsel in distress" scenario that she is placed in sometimes. Look for her to do greater things as her career progresses.

The most wonderful part of this movie is the blending of the computer graphworld. When you see Sonny talk and interact with human characters, you can actually believe that he is real. John Nelson, the visionary behind the ships and tunnels in the Matrix series, masterminded this amazing effect.

Some people will complain about how the movie isn't faithful to the Isaac Asimov short stories of the same name, but I'm not one of them. The credits in this movie list the stories as suggesting the movie, not based upon them.

Smith comes through again with a stellar performance that is consistent with a summer blockbuster. It gets a B+.

> Billy Adams Staff writer

Ska band gets revenge

Long-time contemporary Christian favorite ska band, the O.C. Supertones returns to music store shelves with their seventh release on BEC Recordings, "Revenge of the Supertones.'

Although the band is not related to or affiliated with the hit Fox television show, "The O.C.," its song lyrics do reflect a sense of humility, daily struggles and a desire for an end to the drama of life.

The album ends with "Dream of Two Cities." The band takes time to explain the meaning of their songs in the lyric pages. The particular passage for "Dream of Two Cities" said the lyrics are loosely taken from certain passages of Revelation.

This may lead some people to believe the O.C.

Supertones are another group of Christians obsessed with the end of the world similar to the "Left Behind" series. However, the band is not a part of this groups because most of their songs are upbeat.

The song's lyrics may be too serious for some listeners, but the actual music and instrumentation is worth hearing out. It starts with a mid tempo drum groove that seems to mimic reggae.

Eventually, guitarist Ethan Luck joins the fray with a slow melodic line that is drenched in an effect called tremolo. This sound was used by Creedence Clearwater Revival on their song, "Suzie Q."

The vocals become anthem-like over the course of the "Dream of Two Cities." The sound of the guitar fol-

Quote of the Week:

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell

where his influence stops."

lows suit and becomes faster and darker.

Most of the album's songs are upbeat. They are a mix of modern rock and reggae based ska.

"Wake Me Up On Time" opens the album appropriately with lots of volume. This is about the singer's desire to finish his life spiritually strong.

The album's liner notes do not specify who writes the band's lyrics, but the song explanations point to singer Mojo also known as Matt Morginsky.

The O.C. Supertones are known for their high energy concerts and general sense of fun.

Their music is for fans of Reel Big Fish, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones and Smash Mouth.

—Hans Hofmann

-Matthew Caban Staff writer



g: Where are pencil sharpeners located on campus?

A: In the college facilities, the number of pencil sharpeners are determined by the number of classrooms and laboratories that we have. So, our goal would be to have pencil sharpeners available in all the classrooms and laboratories for students and faculty to use.

If there's no pencil sharpener installed in any of these areas, then the faculty can let the Physical Plant know through their divisions. We will then either install pencil sharpeners in the areas that don't have them, or we will replace ones that are damaged.

-J. B. Messer **Director of Physical Plant**

Q: Where is Prospective Student Services located at? What is the purpose of the department?

A: Prospective Student Services is located within the Enrollment Management offices on the first floor of the main building. Prospective Student Services is part of Enrollment Management.

The job of Prospective Student Services is to bring new students to this institution. The work of the department naturally leads to Enrollment Management. Enrollment Management deals with enrollment levels at the college.

-Sally Edwards **Director of Prospective Student Services**

G: When is the last day to enroll for the fall? What do I need to bring with me to enroll?

A: The last day to enroll for the 16 week fall semester for late registration is Aug. 27. Students need to fill out an application form for Admissions and Records, and bring transcripts from high school or previously attended universities.

-Ivy Butler **Admissions Clerk**

Q: Why doesn't the college sell postage stamps?

A: That's something the bookstore is looking into. It is something that I have thought about, and possibly in the future we can start offering the service of selling postage stamps in the bookstore.

> -Brenda Reinke **Bookstore Director**

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Cultural Programs dean attends conference in Mexico

By Christina Tran Staff Writer

Dr. Manuel Prestamo, dean of Cultural Programs and Community Development at OKCCC, recently attended "Mexico: Gateway to the Americas," where he represented U.S. community colleges among 20 other leaders from higher education and the performing arts.

Prestamo said the aim of the conference was to establish a dialogue of cooperation between Mexico and the United States. Leaders from institutions of higher educational backgrounds from both countries were brought together to find a means of presenting performing artists from each country.

"We worked for four days and the entire experience was completely fabulous," Prestamo said.

"Our purpose was to build a strong relationship and a bridge with one another." Prestamo said meetings

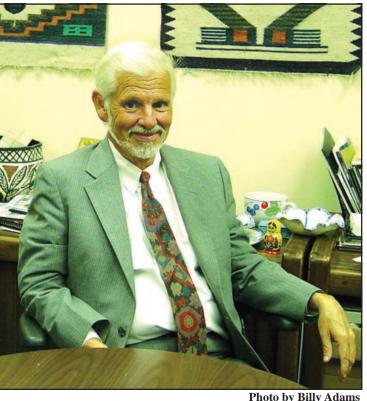
were held throughout the four-day conference where the delegates would be able to discuss everything from their ideas on how to present performing arts and the challenges that may arise with certain projects.

"In many ways, we were able to better understand one another through sharing our own experiences," Prestamo said.

"The organizers of the conference had envisioned that we would learn from one another, but we also learned more about our own countries."

Prestamo watched several performances and also toured numerous performing arts centers. Prestamo said, each night a bus would arrive to take the delegates to a different performing arts center where they were able to view artists from every part of Mexico.

"On one night, we went to a performing arts center



Dr. Manuel Prestamo, dean of cultural programs and community development, sits in front of several cultural items that grace the walls and shelves of his office. Prestamo represented U.S.

that had 12 theaters," Prestamo said.

community colleges at a conference in Mexico.

"Every hour there was a new performance, and it was just incredible." Prestamo said there were nearly 120 performances on that night.

He said he had toured a performing arts center that

had eight theaters with a seating capacity of 7,000 people.

"We saw a variety of performances including modern, ballet, folklore, theater, orchestra, classical, and much more," he said.

"We were also able to see world and ethnic music. Popular rock was played in the theater that held 7,000 people."

Prestamo said he feels the conference has given him the chance to change OKCCC.

"The conference gives us a great challenge to expand our offerings to students, faculty and the community throughout the year."

Prestamo serves as the director of the Cultural Awareness Series and also as the executive director of Arts Festival Oklahoma, the annual Labor Day arts and crafts festival, which takes place at OKCCC each year during the fall semester.

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Lush, green landscaping will surround retention pond

By Laurel Garvin News Writing I Student

Envision lush green landscaping surrounding the OKCCC's new retention detention pond, located outside just northeast of the college because that is exactly what OKCCC's Physical Plant is planning to accomplish by installing a new irrigation system.

"They have already planted 64 new trees around the pond," said J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director. Initally, 69 trees were removed from the area to make room for the pond; however, most of them have been brought back, Messer said.

Messer said all trees on the campus have to have irrigation. They cannot just be hand watered.

"So what we did was put an irrigation project together to protect them," he said.

Martha Constant, project design specialist, said she worked on the drawing for the project for about eight months.

All that's left now, she said, is to get bids for the materials and insatll those materials.

The pond is not just a beautification project. It also is an engineering project.

"The retention detention irrigation system has a four-inch irrigation line that starts at the corner of S.W. 74th and S. May Avenue, and then goes down each of the individual streets," said Gary Phillips, Building and Campus services supervisor.

The water lines will be tied together around the entire pond, as well as across it, Phillips said. That way there will be water traveling continuously all the time.

"In the first phase, we are going to put this line in so we have a water source," Phillips said.

"Every 75 to 100 feet, there will be a quick connect, so you can put a hose in and extend it for sprinklers to water the trees and grass." Phillips said, during the second

phase, his department plans to



Photo by Billy Adams

Workers lay down sod around OKCCC's retention pond. The trees that line the pond and those along the road will be watered through a new irrigation system.

build irrigation systems that will tie into the pipes. This will allow for sprinkler heads to pop up and water the landscape automatically. The result, Phillips said, will be lush green landscaping.

Olympic trials at Long Beach

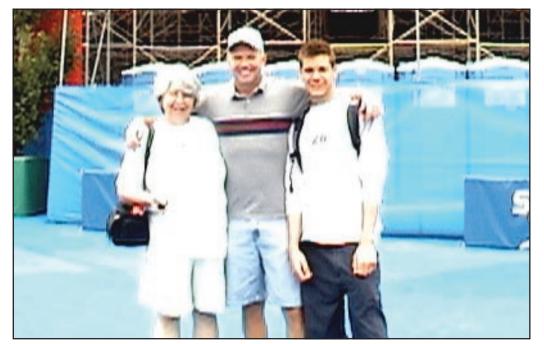


Photo courtesy of Kathy Plummer

Kathy Plummer (from left), Wade Williams, and David Plummer outside of the Olympic team trials in Long Beach, Calif. Williams was David's high school swim coach at Westmoore. David finished 9th in the 100m backstroke and 19th in the 200m backstroke.

Profs recognized for performance

By Holly McGowen News Writing I Student

Each year at OKCCC at least one adjunct professor from every division receives an award for outstanding performance in the classroom.

This year two people were recognized from the Social Sciences and the Arts and Humanities divisions — Dr. Bruce Cook and Terry Isaacs.

"I commend the outstanding faculty for their service to the college," said Dr. Paul Sechrist, vice president for academic affairs. "They bring that real world work experience into the classroom, which is of great benefit to our students."

Cook, psychology adjunct professor, received the Outstanding Adjunct Award in the Social Sciences division.

Cook teaches Introduction to Psychology on Monday nights at the college, and also is the administrative director for the Oklahoma State Health Department in the Child Guidance Program.

Cook said he enjoys working in both settings.

"I have a nice blend of both sides of psychology," Cook said. "I get to practice... and pass my knowledge on to others."

Cook said he incorporates examples that help students relate to the material they are learning.

In one demonstration, Cook said, he uses a McDonald's Happy Meal to teach learned behavior.

Cook said he enjoys teaching Introduction to Psychology because of the thrill he receives from getting into the classroom, and trying to explain new concepts to students who are not familiar with the subject.

Also awarded as an Outstanding Adjunct was Terry Isaacs, guitar instructor from the Arts and Humanities division.

Isaacs said he began playing the guitar at the age of 8, and has always had a passion for music.

With a degree in music performance and music therapy, Isaacs said he spends his time teaching private classical guitar lessons at OKCCC and from his studio.

One of Isaacs's students, English Professor Michael Punches, said, "[Isaacs] gives and gives and gives, and is not concerned about his time. He enjoys his work and he doesn't expect anything extra for it."

Isaacs said teaching students is very rewarding. "My favorite part is watching a student with no ability at all learn to play an instrument."

Isaacs said his approach to teaching his students to play the guitar is letting them move at their own pace in a fun and relaxed setting.

Another new addition to Isaacs's classes is a classical guitar énsémble. The énsémble will play at 5 p.m. July 24 at the Wine Festival at S.W. 104th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Those who received Outstanding Adjunct Awards are Joe Czapla, Business division, Fonda Scott, Health Professions division, and Teresa Randall, Science and Math divison.

Math students volunteer at conference

By Matthew Caban Staff Writer

Members of Linda Knox's College Algebra and Elementary Algebra classes recently served as volunteers for the annual Oklahoma Council of Teachers of Mathematics summer conference.

The conference was held in the college union and in classrooms on each floor of the main building. Student volunteers helped conference goers find their way to the various rooms.

Teachers from all over the state were invited.

"Its enjoyable helping people out," said volunteer Crystal Plata.

Volunteer Celeste Scheihing added, that with all of the math teachers around, there was plenty of help with homework.

Knox said, during the conference, numerous teachers told her how helpful the student volunteers were.

Forty-six different math-related workshops were conducted during the conference.

Led by a group of secondary school teachers, college professors and specialists, the workshops offered new ideas and activities that teachers can use with students next year OCTM President Kelli Ball said.

Ball said one of the most interesting workshops dealt with new technology called SmartBoard, an electronic marker board then works with erasable markers and computers.

A personal computer is able to project information onto the board without the use of a projector.

The seventh-grade teacher said she hopes to use one in her classroom in the future.

"I think the exhibitors can get people interested," she said. "Its important to show kids how math works and why it is important to them."

Knox said the conference is great for teachers because it provides them with hands-on material for the classroom.

In addition to helping out those attending, Jessica Larson won a \$500 scholarship sponsored by the OCTM.

Ball said the scholarship is for math students, especially those who plan to become math teachers.

Knox said the conference has been held on campus annually since 1995.

She said this year's conference was larger than previous conferences and she expects attendance will continue to grow each year.

The total membership of the OCTM is about 500, Ball said. Two hundred fifty members attended the summer conference.

Next year's conference is set for Friday, June 24.

Knox will serve as the Conference Chair, and OKCCC math professors Lisa Buckelew and Paul Buckelew will serve as co-program directors.

For more information about next year's conference, call Knox at 682-1611, ext. 7278, or Lisa Buckelew at ext. 7279 or Paul Buckelew at ext. 7277.

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Student artwork showcased on campus

By Meredith L. Gibson News Writing I Student

A few OKCCC artists are getting the chance to show off their work to others — by invitation of the Student Development Dean John Hockett. On May 17, several student pieces, ranging from paintings to black and white drawings, were hung on the walls in the Center for Student Development.

Hockett said an earlier art show at the college spurred him to seek out the artists.

When he attended a student art exhibit last semester, he wrote down all of the names of the artists in the show. Then, his department sent invitations to each of the students asking those who were interested in displaying their work in the Student Development center to contact them.

Hockett said he wanted to be sure each piece was unique and different from the next in order to appeal to the wide variety of students who come into the center. "The greater range of diversity that we have [in artwork] tells students and incoming students that we're alive."

The one limitation for displayed pieces is that no work containing nudity or partial nudity can be displayed. Hockett said he did not want to risk shifting focus away from the artwork by creating controversy.

Students who choose to hang their work in the area could benefit financially as well, he said. Student artists are able to sell their artwork if they elect to do so, Hockett said.

Each piece includes the artist's name, the title of the piece, and a price if the piece is for sale.

Hockett said he would eventually like to get enough student artwork to fill the walls of the testing center. He said he feels the pieces would be more inspiring to students than the blank walls.

Student Page Carneal said she believes having artwork in the testing centers would help students concentrate more on what they are doing than the blank white walls.

Hockett said the Center for Student Development will be sending out more invitations in the coming months to other student artists.





Photo by Billy Adams

Zakee King, student development intake assistant, takes a moment from work to look at one of the many paintings hanging in the student development area. Several works of art by students are displayed in the student development office.

Incentive scholarships offered

By Stacey Murray News Writing I Student

If you were offered a scholarship as an incentive to return to OKCCC after taking a semester off, would you take advantage of that offer?

Nine OKCCC students received that opportunity in April.

When the students failed to return for the spring 2004 semester, they were offered re-entry scholarships for the summer or fall 2004 semester.

This is the first time the college has offered this scholarship, said Sally Edwards, director of Prospective Student Services. She said the faculty wants students to know the college cares about them.

Anita Williams, business professor and outgoing Student Retention Committee chairwoman, said students who attended OKCCC full-time in the fall 2003 semester but didn't return in the spring 2004 semester were eligible for the scholarship. There was no other criteria.

Edwards said roughly 280 letters were sent out. The letters contained re-

entry scholarship applications.

Applicants also were required to write a 100-word essay about their past experiences at OKCCC.

The scholarship covers tuition for one 3-credit hour course Edwards said.

Students who received the scholarship are not required to enroll in more than one course during the summer or fall semester, she said.

Williams said the goal is to get those who may have been sidetracked back on the path to an education.

"Many of our students are working, have family responsibilities, health issues... resulting in an interruption of their educational plans," she said. "This scholarship is one small way to reach out to those students..."

Should others view the scholarship as a reward for those who drop out of college, Edwards assures them it's not.

"I don't think it's a reward. I think personal circumstances cause students to drop out."

Edwards said the scholarships are funded by an external source, not OKCCC.

However, OKCCC faculty made up the student retention sub-committee that came up with the idea for this scholarship.

The college is not sure whether the scholarship will be offered again.

"We are not certain whether it will be a continued scholarship," Williams said. "This is a pilot project, and we will follow up with those scholarship recipients to determine the impact of the scholarship."



Photo by Billy Adams

Cristian Linn (front), and Christian Hinojosa play along as the class marches through the main building lobby singing "We'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain."

Child care center teacher given grant for flower bulbs

By Elizabeth Jones News Writing I Student

Children in the Child Development Center and Lab School may have a flowerfull spring next year.

Preschool teacher Connie Pidgeon received a letter informing her the center has been selected as a grant recipient of the 2004 Kids Growing With Dutch Bulbs award.

With this grant the center will receive 202 premium Dutch bulbs, planting instructions and tips for curriculum activities involving the study of bulbs.

A few of the assortment of bulbs the center will receive are 100 tulips, 10 hyacinths, 40 daffodils, 20 muscari blues, 20 crocuses, 10 paperwhite narcissus and 2 amaryllis.

Director of the center Mary McCoy said Pidgeon applied for the grant in May. "We plan to take down the wooden fence and put a gated fence up, so the whole community can enjoy our tulips," —Connie Pidgeon Preschool teacher

The center should receive jo the bulbs sometime in the e fall. The Mailorder Gardening Assocation provided the for grant. b

Jessica Hesseltine, teacher of the preschool B class, said the kids are excited about getting the flower bulbs.

"[We] can't wait to get them," Hesseltine said.

According to the award letter, the center was chosen for the national grant based on the application Pidgeon submitted.

The award letter stated, that in the application, Pidgeon "demonstrated clear educational goals and a commitment to help children gain hands-on experiences with the many

jobs and wonders of gardening."

Pidgeon said she "[looks] forward to planting [the bulbs] in the fall with the children."

The bulbs will be planted along the fence in the playground area of the center, along with the other plants that are already growing.

"We plan to take down the wooden fence and put a gated fence up, so the whole community can enjoy our tulips," Pidgeon said.

The Child Development Center and Lab School is located on the east side of campus off May Ave.

For more information about the center, call 682-7561.

Child musicians show off skills

By Elizabeth Jones News Writing I Student

Music flowed through the halls July 16 when the preschool B class went on a musical parade through OKCCC.

Preschool teachers Jessica Hesseltine and Teresa Schutten led the way as the children sang and marched around the Child Development Center and Lab School, then into the main building of the campus.

The children sang "We'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain," while playing tambourines and drums.

The youngsters were prepared for the performance. "We practiced and learned the song all week

Fall last chance to take photography course

By Paul Riedl News Writing I Student

Photography majors planning to graduate in the spring will have only one chance to take a class that is required — GCOM 2143 Photo Lighting. The class is offered this fall.

The problem is that it may have to be canceled said Lyn McDonald, graphic communications professor. Current enrollment is low," she said. "This class may not make."

At press time, only five of the available 16 seats were filled. Twelve seats must be filled for the class to be held as scheduled.

The class will meet from 5:30 to 8:50 p.m. on Mondays.

McDonald said it's imperative photography majors understand graduation requirements.

"Any photography majors

Dillon Cambron, Christian Hinojosa, Miles King, Laith Leger, Tyra Robinson, Gabriel West and Cristian Linn made up the band.

The children also dressed up in costumes to add to the entertainment. Costumes included shirts, vests, hats, skirts and gloves.

The musical parade was an activity the children participated in while studying a unit in class about musical instruments

"We began this unit about three weeks ago and will [continue] as long as the children keep [being] interested," Schutten said.

For more information about the preschool music intrument unit, contact the Child Development Center and Lab School office 682-1611, ext 7561

wanting to graduate or transfer from OKCCC next
spring need to be aware of the courses required to

graduate," she said. The course syllabus notes that students will be responsible for providing film and all processing costs. Students also are required to have their own cameras, an on-camera flash and a tripod for the course but will have access to the school's lighting equipment.

Adjunct Photography Professor Konrad Eek said assignments will involve studio lighting, as well as working with natural light.

"I think that if the students combine this class with the Black and White II class, they will be in a position where they are ready for an entry-level position in photography," Eek said. "The course is very real- world oriented."

Students can enroll online at www.okccc.edu.

Page layout course changes in graphic art

By Paul Riedl News Writing I Student

For the last several years, OKCCC graphic communications majors have been required to take either Adobe PageMaker or Quark XPress as their electronic publishing course.

However, beginning this summer, the department is offering a new choice of page layout program. Adobe InDesign is being offered as an elective.

OKCCC is switching its focus from PageMaker to InDesign, re-

flecting the software's importance as a publishing tool and top industry choice.

"By fall 2005, InDesign will be required of majors, but PageMaker will still be offered as an elective," said Lyn McDonald, graphic communications department chair.

Adjunct Graphic Communications Professor Stephen Pursley, who is teaching InDesign this summer, said, "About 60 percent of professionals are now using InDesign."

When not teaching at OKCCC, Pursley's title is Senior Graphic Designer for ClimateMaster in Oklahoma City.

"I still use PageMaker and some-

Problem solving made easier with MAXIMO

By Laurel Garvin News Writing I Student

Those who remember e-mailing and phoning in work orders to the Physical Plant, also recall the time it often took for the physical plant employees to get the message and respond.

It has now been a full year since OKCCC started using MRO MAXIMO.

J.B. Messer, physical plant director said MAXIMO is a computerized facilities management system, which allows users to send in work orders for maintenance requests online.

"The Physical Plant first went active with MRO MAXIMO on July 1, 2003," Messer said.

Since then it's been working well for the college, he said.

Every location, such as classrooms and hallways in the college has a certain code that an authorized user can type in on the request to let the Physical Plant know where a problem exists.

The user writes a brief description of the problem, and indicates if it is a priority one through four, one being the highest priority.

"There will be some 3,000 plus locations being monitored by this system," said Gary Phillips, building and campus services supervisor.

Not everyone is authorized to use the system.

"There will be one to three people in each department that can do a "There will be some 3,000 plus locations being monitored by [MAXIMO]." —Gary Phillips Building and Campus Services Supervisor

work request," said Phillips.

Individuals who have access to MAXIMO have been trained to use it, and are given a password to get into the system.

One of the system's users, Lea Ann Hall, business division assistant, said she believes the system was good and had its benefits.

This summer Paul Chapman, maintenance mechanic, is working to improve MRO MAXIMO.

One thing he's working on is a preventative maintenance system, designed to take care of a maintenance issue before it becomes a problem.

"Right now I am gathering data for equipment such as serial and model numbers, and putting them in a format that can be entered into MAXIMO," Chapman said.

The data, in part, will allow the system to alert the Physical Plant about something as routine as changing an air filter.

This will allow the Physical Plant to know of potential problems in advance and may eliminate costly repairs, said Chapman.

For more information about MRO MAXIMO, contact the Physical Plant at 682-1611, ext. 7554.

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Graphic Commincations Depatment Chair

times Quark, but mainly InDesign," Pursley said.

Pursley's syllabus notes that students will learn the basic operation of InDesign, including knowledge of type, document design and graphic manipulation. Students also will learn page layout and prepress production.

For more information about the InDesign class or the graphic communications program, contact the division of Arts and Humanities at 682-1611, ext. 7558.

Minority enrollment up

By Jennifer Webb News Writing I Student

Enrollment numbers are up this fall from last year's tally of minority students.

Approximately 3,300 minority students are enrolled this fall, as opposed to the 2,535 that were enrolled in fall 2003, said Annmarie Shirazi, Dean of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness.

Shirazi said more programs are centered on trying to retain all students.

Some of these programs include the Retention program, OKC-GO and Pathways.

Charlotte French, executive director of Enrollment Management, said there was a need for more minority students in the college so more recruiters were hired to go out into community high schools and spread the word about the benefits of attending OKCCC.

"The idea of going to college is what needed to be pushed," French said.

"Many of the students we try to encourage are low-income or first-generation students who don't know why they should attend college."

Carita McDonald-Combs, coordinator of community outreach, noted OKC-GO is a tuition-fee waiver program that awards any Oklahoma City public school graduate 24 credit hours of tuition.

Oklahoma public school graduates should apply for the OKC-GO waiver in the Enrollment Management office located at the front entrance of the OKCCC building. Students can also call the office for more information about the program at 682-1611, ext. 7584.



Ever Get Somebody Totally Wasted?

College may replace current entry test

By Laura Courson News Writing I Student

The college is considering replacing the current Compass test with another assessment test called Computers Placement Test, said Jim Ellis, director of Career and Assessment Services.

The Compass is a comprehensive, computer-adaptive testing system that helps place incoming students into the appropriate courses, and maximizes the information post-secondary schools need to ensure student success. Hopefully, Ellis said, switching to the CPT test will allow more accurate advising in placing students in the correct classes.

A committee made up of administrators and faculty including Ellis and English professor Mary Punches, chairwoman of the group, is making decisions on evaluating the new test. They hope to have a final decision in time for the test to be ready for the fall 2006 enrollment.

Ellis said he is "only receiving positive support from the faculty and administration." He said the current test is a very good test, just a little outdated.

Ellis and the committee said the college tries to update their testing system every eight years to keep it from getting outdated.

He stressed the importance of assessment testing.

"It's a serious test that is usually correct in placing [students] in the classes that are best for [them] when it is taken correctly," he said.

He said many students don't take the test seriously and end up in classes that are either too hard or too easy for them.

'The students then become bored or find the class to be too hard, and end up dropping or giving up in the class," Ellis said.

Ellis said the new test system would assess the students better and provide them with a better learning system. The test is not timed and is made as stress free as possible.

Partnership...



Photo by Billy Adams

As Southeastern Oklahoma State President Glen D. Johnson waits on the side, OKCCC President Bob Todd talks about the new aviation partnership between OKCCC and SEOSU. Several staff members from both institutions were present at the announcement, as well as several members of the aviation professional community. "We are excited for students because our program is in high demand," Johnson said. "Our program is the largest in the state and we are excited to bring this to Oklahoma City."

OK-Share Card Program allows students inter-library use

By Emily M. Stiles **News Writing I Student**

For the English student researching an author who has been dead for a century or the accounting student brushing up on the latest Fortune 500 lists, it can be an inconvenience to drive through traffic and road construction to use the OKCCC library and its resources.

Thanks to the OK-Share Card Program, this arduous journey may no longer be necessary.

Any OKCCC student, faculty or staff member has the opportunity to use almost any public or private collegiate library across the state, said Barbara King, director of Library Services.

For example, she said, if you were an OKCCC student living in Norman and had an OK-Share Card; you would have full access to the University of Oklahoma's library.

Therefore, if you ever needed to do last-minute research or just snag some spare reading material, you wouldn't have to drive to OKCCC.

According to the Oklahoma Higher Education website, The OK-Share Card Program was developed in November of 1999 by The Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors to give students and faculty around the state more convenient access to the academic resources they need.

Students and staff wishing to participate in State University, Oklahoma City. the program should visit the

main circulation desk in the OKCCC library. There, they Name: can fill out an application Address: and, upon verification of City; OKCCC affiliation, receive Student UG College/University: an OK-Share Card.

An OK-Share Card, ac- Authorized Signature companied by picture Expiration Date identification, entitles the holder to borrow ma-

terials from any participating library.

Some nearby colleges participating in the program include OU, Norman; The OU Health Science Center, Oklahoma City; the University of at the Oklahoma Higher Education website, Central Oklahoma, Edmond; and Oklahoma www.okhighed.org.

"About 99.9 percent of state and private institutions for higher learning participate OK-SHARE Library Card

in the program," King said. Students and staff must re-

new their OK- Share Card each semester. The process only takes a few minutes and is well worth the effort, King said.

Individuals interested in the program can find detailed information about the OK- Share

Card Program, including a complete list of participating colleges and universities,

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Highlights

Oklahoma Film Institute wraps up production

Post-production week of the 2004 Oklahoma Film Institute begins July 26 at OKCCC. This is the final week film classes taught by industry professionals. The cost for the week is \$500 with a one-time registration fee of \$75. Professional equipment usage is included in the fee. For more information, call 682-7847 or e-mail ofi@okccc.edu.

Have fellowship, fun and food

Baptist Collegiate Ministries will hold Noonday Fellowship meetings every Monday during the summer semester. Meetings are from noon to 1:20 p.m., in room 3NO in the main building. Everyone is welcome to join BCM for Christian fellowship. For more information, call publicity officer Allison Foster at 329-5440.

Fall tuition fee waivers available

Fall tuition fee waiver applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. Friday, July 30. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 682-7525.

AVID training available for summer and fall

The Training Center will offer training for AVID Express DV digital editing software. These classes will be taught by an AVID authorized instructor using the AVID curriculum and materials. Classes are July 17 to 18, Aug. 7, Aug. 28 to 29, Sept. 11, Sept. 25 to 26, Oct. 2, Oct. 30 to 31, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 to 12. One-day classes cost \$425. Twoday classes cost \$815. For more information, contact the Training Center at 682-7562.

9th Annual Bricktown Reggae Fest starts Friday

This year's Bricktown Reggae Fest will be July 30 to 31 on the corner of Sheridan and Oklahoma Avenue. Gates open at 4 p.m. Friday, and 3 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free both days. Caribbean food, beer in souvenir pitchers, soft drinks, tie-dye T-shirts and hats will be available. For more information, visit www.bricktownokc.com or call 236-4143.

Listening skills training available

Developing effective listening skills can benefit personal relationships and professional careers. Many university students and faculty testify to the value of training they received through Contact Crisis Helpline. Pre-registration is required for an information session offered at Mayflower Congregational Church in Oklahoma City. Sessions will be held Aug. 24 and 26 with training beginning Aug. 31. Call Jenny Fenner at 840-9396 for more information.

Volunteer opportunity available

Preferred Hospice Care in north Oklahoma City is looking for volunteers to do activities with their patients. Volunteers can do anything from direct patient care to making arts and crafts for patients. This is an internship opportunity and can fulfill community service hours. For more information, call Shelly Jackson-Keller at 602-6473.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer.
Forms are available in the Pioneer office, located in 2M6 of the main building or Highlights may be e-mailed to editor@okc.cc.ok.us using the word Highlights in the subject line.



Photo by Billy Adams

Rocking the vote: Zach Roth (left) helps aerospace engineering freshman Matt Grajeda register to vote. Roth is from the Oklahoma Faithful Citizenship Project, a non-partisan effort to get people to vote. They will be on campus every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Aug. 17.

Phi Theta Kappa honor group fights cancer, plans fall events

By Matthew Caban Staff Writer

Phi Theta Kappa visited Hot Springs, Ark. from June 4 to 6 for a regional conference. In the time after the conference, club officers have been planning a slew of fall activities.

Club President Travis Meadows said the club would like to host a Relay for Life event on campus sometime during the upcoming school year.

Relay for Life is an event that is sponsored by the American Cancer Society in which participants gather donations and sponsorships to raise money for cancer research. The teams then have at least one member walking around the track for the next twelve hours.

While in Hot Springs the club took part in a Relay for Life event. Meadows said they passed out fruit to participants, lit candles, lined up the participants and helped set up the event.

Meadows said the event, which began at 7 p.m. and ended at 7 a.m. the next day, was large, drawing thousands of people.

Meadows said the first lap is walked by cancer survivors.

He said five to six other PTK chapters participated in the Relay for Life. He said a PTK tent was set up during the event.

Regarding the Relay for Life, Meadows said it was awesome. "They provide awareness," he said.

"It is a festival for survivors, but the money goes to research."

Club member Zuzana Novakova said she could see the happiness in people's eyes.

"We want [a Relay for Life] in south Oklahoma City to bring awareness to campus," said Meadows.

He said one of PTK's goals

is to make people aware of cancer rather than just read about it. Meadows also said students should know cancer is in their back yard.

Meadows said the Relay for Life at OKCCC is still in the planning stage.

Dorothy, club vice president of service, said PTK will work on service programs with the American Cancer Society.

Besides the Relay for Life, PTK will participate in a smoke-free day on Nov. 10. She said members will encourage people to not smoke and try to help them quit.

Meadows said PTK also will offer five satellite seminars this fall. He said the seminars will explore popular culture. "I'm looking forward to it because I haven't studied [popular culture]," said Meadows.

Club Reporter/Staff Wri ter Matthew Caban can be reached at staffwriter1 @okccc.edu.

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Pioneer Classified Advertising is free to all currently enrolled OKCCC students and employees for any personal classified ad. Ads must be submitted in writing with IDs supplied or work area and college extension included. Deadline for advertising is 5 p.m. Tuesday prior to the publication date. Call 682-1611, ext. 7674 for more information.

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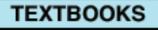
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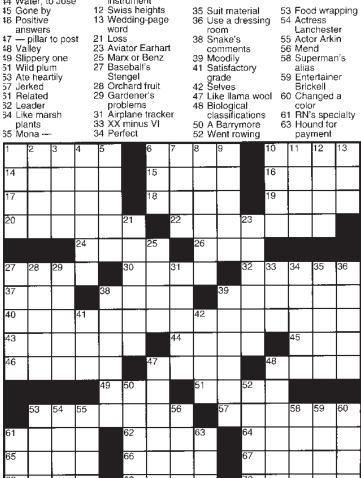
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College to host several artists during Cultural Awareness Series

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in which they will see a oneman show [that is] very beautifully [and] dramatically done, including the symbolic cutting off of his ear," Prestamo said.

"It's just a fabulous amazing artistic accomplishment, because you have an actor, a playwright and a visual artist that you will see working right before your eyes," Prestamo said.

A month or two prior to Kaknes' arrival, Prestamo said, the college will receive about 20 of Kaknes' paintings, which will be put on display in a yet undecided location.

Prestamo said he first saw Kaknes in New York when he attended the American Association of Performing Arts Presenters.

Fans of the choral thing the Oklahoma City énsémble King's Singers audiences get to hear very will want to attend a repeat frequently, so it will be a

performance on **Nov. 2**.

"[The group] was in Oklahoma City two or three years ago, and the response was so incredibly fantastic that [they] had to move the event to a bigger theater," Prestamo said.

The internationally-recognized group consists of six male vocalists who will perform some older music as well as arrangements of more contemporary music, Prestamo said.

Local guitarists Edgar Cruz and Ruben Romero will strum their way into the audience's hearts **Nov. 30**. "[Cruz] is a graduate of OKCCC and has a terrific following throughout the Oklahoma City area," Prestamo said.

Cruz performed at the college last year as well, but this time he will be featured in duo guitar works with Romero. Prestamo said the performance is not something the Oklahoma City audiences get to hear very frequently, so it will be a special evening of guitar duos.

That show will be followed by guitarist David Burgess who will appear at OKCCC **Feb. 8**.

Burgess, a classical guitarist from New York City, will perform some original music with strong Latin American and Spanish connections, Prestamo said.

"That will be just fabulous music and he's a terrific artist, so we're looking forward to having him."

A full-theater production of the play "Steel Magnolias" will be held **March 1**. "This is a show that I

would say cannot be missed," Prestamo said.

A cancellation in another city gave OKCCC the opportunity to bring the booked-up theater troup here, he said.

On **April 5**, the St. Louis Brass Quintet will present "some great and fun music in a good entertaining way that's always been the best quality in musicianship," Prestamo said. "Each of the members of the brass group had been with major symphony orchestras in America, and they have some marvelous arrangements for a brass."

The final show of the series will be the Moscow String Quartet on **April 19**.

In the past the college has successfully hosted several groups from Moscow and Russia such as the Moscow Boys Choir and the Moscow Chamber Orchestra. This year, when Prestamo was again looking for a connection to Moscow, he decided to bring in the Moscow String Quartet.

"Everywhere [the group] has gone performing (including) major concert halls in Philadelphia, New York and other places, people were absolutely thrilled, amazed and delighted to hear this Russian music played by them," he said. "Because it was just such a natural enthusiasm and excitement... that makes the real experience memorable."

Programs listing the 2004-'05 Cultural Aware-

ness Series are available in the Office of Economic and Community Development. A ticket order form is in the back of each program.

General admission season tickets costs \$85. Students and senior citizens pay \$60.

Individual tickets are priced differently for each event. Check out the prices or purchase tickets online at www.okccc.edu/CAS or call 682-7579.

Prestamo said he would encourage faculty, staff and students to attend the shows.

He said it's a great bargain to get to see live entertainment.

Special daytime lectures, master classes and workshops featuring the artists also may be arranged. Those will be free and open to the public.

For information on the date, time and place for these activities, see fliers for each performance around the campus, or log on to www.okccc.edu/CAS.

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Employee says goodbye to college after almost 20 years of service

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said Snow has exceptional work habits and an I-canget-it-done attitude about everything.

"She's pleasant under pressure," he said. "She's pleasant when there's not pressure, and most of the time there's pressure in this office."

One thing Todd said impresses him most is Snow's work attitude.

"Seldom is the situation that you perceive Jean is doing something because she has to," he said.

"She does it because she wants to, and that's a major part of quality performance.

"She will be tremendously missed. We will just have to do without her as part of the team, but she's still part g of the family," Todd said. r Snow said she chose to c

retire now so she can have a flexible schedule, one that will allow her to spend more time with loved ones, including an elderly stepfather and elderly aunt with whom she's very close. She has two sons, Randy and Chris.

Chris Snow also works at the college as the building maintenance and operations supervisor.

Jean Snow also has a 4year-old grandson, Sage. "(He's) absolutely the joy of my life," she said.

Snow has an associate's degree in secretarial science, one she worked toward after she started working at the college. She received the degree in 1991.

During the time Snow's been at the college, she said she's seen numerous changes take place, particularly regarding the size of the campus.

"You would not recognize that this is the same campus that it was when I started (in 1985)," she said.

Buildings have been added, remodeling has taken place, and more trees and flowers have been planted, Snow said of a few of the changes she's witnessed.

Retiring is bittersweet, Snow said, and she's going to miss the people, the friendships and the college. "This college has been

such a blessing in my life.

"Just being a small part of this tremendous success that has gone on here throughout the years has been incredible."

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