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Alarms disrupt classes twice on same day

Burned popcorn, dust blamed

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

The sound of alarms sent several hundred students scurrying out of the college's main building Sept. 3 — two times.

Both times, classes were put on hold until the all-clear was given.

Burned popcorn set off the first smoke alarm at 10:31 a.m. The second alarm sounded about 45 minutes later.

Coordinator of campus safety and security Keith Bourque said a dirty smoke detector may have been the cause.

Bourque said the college's alarm devices are cleaned during an annual inspection — unless the need arises to do cleaning beforehand.

"When the system alerts us of a dirty detector, we'll go clean it," he said.

Once in a while, he said, an alarm will sound before there's an indication the detector needs cleaned. "Sometimes, there's not enough dust for the system to alert us [that it needs cleaned] but there's just enough that it sets off an alarm," Bourque said.

Shane Palmer, OKCCC security officer, said additional dust and debris from the college's construction projects could be causing the fire alarms to sound more often than usual.

SimplexGrinnell contracts with OKCCC to perform annual maintenance on the college's alarms. Dewayne Benson, supervisor at the fire alarm company, said construction creates large amounts of dust in alarms.

"Sheetrock dust is the absolute worst thing for smoke detectors," he said. "Smoke detectors see dust as smoke."

However, some newer alarm styles recognize environmental issues such as dust, Benson said. OKCCC has a mixture of new alarms and old alarms he said.

OKCCC's newer alarms do have an adjustable sensitivity level, Benson said. "It is adjustable at the fire alarm panel. SimplexGrinnell generally would be who would adjust it if there is a reported problem."

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Photo by Ann Lushbough

It's a small world: The International Students Club set up a booth in the college union for the recent Organizations Fair. Pictured (from left) are club members Ray Johnson, Carlos Obando, Linda Keene and Jonathan Nimo.

Scholarships help some high schoolers get through college

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Some Oklahoma high school students won't have to worry about having enough money to pay for college anymore, thanks to the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program.

"...the Oklahoma Legislature has set up a unique program for eighth-, ninth- and 10th-grade students that will help pay for their college education if their family's income is \$50,000 or less," according to the Oklahoma Higher Education website.

OHLAP was started in 1996, with only 469 scholarship recipi-

ents, according to the program's 1996-'97 Year-End Report. For 2002-'03, the number of recipients had increased to 2,956.

Over the last several years, the number of OKCCC students registered with the program also has risen, said Janis Armstrong, coordinator of Student Aid Programs.

This year OKCCC has 275 OHLAP scholarship recipients, Armstrong said, compared to 168 students last fall.

DeiShondra Wilson, film and video production major, is one of those who has benefited from the program.

She said she learned about OHLAP while attending Douglas High School.

"If you don't have money, [OHLAP] will help you do something. You might not have money for books, but you can still come to school."

—DeiShondra Wilson
OKCCC Student

Wilson said she's getting scholarships from the OHLAP as well as OKC-GO. Together, the programs pay all of her tuition and fees.

She recommends the program to high school students.

"If you don't have money, [OHLAP] will help you do something," she said. "You might not have money for books, but you can still come to school."

Anthony McGaughey, nutrition, personal

health and fitness major, wishes he had been told of the program when he was in high school.

McGaughey said he likely would have qualified to apply for the program and that would've made a huge difference for him.

McGaughey has been at OKCCC for six years. Until recently, he hasn't been able to

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Choose the nation's leader wisely

With the Nov. 3 presidential elections rapidly approaching, political opinions are running rampant in classrooms and office buildings across America.

The vast majority have an ideal candidate, accompanied by a laundry list full of reasons why that person should be elected.

However, there are a select few that still remain undecided as to who they are going to vote for.

The window of opportunity for political diehards to convert the confused sheep into members of their prestigious flock is closing.

Those who have chosen a candidate should spend these last few months trying to convince others to see the light.

Those who haven't quite decided one way or the other should use this last bit of time gathering information about both sides.

And, those who just don't care should definitely start.

There is nothing more important than electing the leader of our nation. Since the last election was decided by a single state, it is now common knowledge that each and every vote does matter.

It is the responsibility of every registered voter to choose the best candidate.

Do not allow someone who has already made this choice to lead you blindly to the voting booth. Inform yourself about all aspects of each candidate. Look at voting records to see how candidates handled certain situations.

Have an open mind, but at the same time, be skeptical. Just because the media said something doesn't make it true. They can lie just as easily and probably better than the rest of us. Do not allow Fox, CNN or even a pushy co-worker who has it all figured out to force-feed you their ideals and then regurgitate them as your own.

Don't believe a botox injected gold digger with no backbone is going to make your country more respected in the world, because he found a good looking ambulance chaser to tell you that.

For the sake of us all, don't believe that America is safer because a liar declares an unnecessary war against the wrong country to be a victory.

Be an individual. Use your intelligence. Make decisions based on facts, not opinions. Do the research and make sure you get to the polls, because if not, then you are allowing the rest of America to elect the president without you.

Do not go to vote because you want a sticker like everyone else. Make sure your vote has meaning and purpose. Remember that the person you pick may very well be running our country. So, choose wisely.

—Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

OKCCC cares about its students

To the editor:

This is in response to Jenny Lile's college parking comments in the Sept. 6 issue.

The need for additional campus parking is one of the priorities being addressed by the college at this time. With the help of Oklahoma County, the college was able to add 289 student spaces this fall to Parking Lot A.

In regards to your concerns on the retention/detention pond at 74th and May, this is a project initiated by the city of Oklahoma City, with the college, to assist with storm water runoff for the college and surrounding Oklahoma City neighborhoods. It is a needed flood control project designed to address our common needs with 92 percent of the project being

funded by the city.

As you know, Oklahoma colleges and universities meet challenges every year in obtaining additional funding for educational facilities and needs.

We are currently drafting plans for the expansion of the campus parking and other building projects to be discussed with state legislators this upcoming session.

We understand your concerns and are committed to providing quality facilities

"We understand your concerns and are committed to providing quality facilities for the students of OKCCC."

—Pat Berryhill

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Comments and Reviews

Unexpected flick from Gibson

While "Paparazzi" may not be the greatest film to hit the big screen this past summer, it is still a tolerable experience.

The story is centered around Bo Laramie, played by Cole Hauser, who becomes famous after releasing a blockbuster action film.

The second his movie is released, the tabloid journalists are all over him.

Rex Harper, played by Tom Sizemore, takes a special interest in the rising star when he sees an opportunity to milk some money from him.

Harper baits Laramie into punching him and then he has a couple of his cronies

take pictures of the ordeal. The next morning the incident ends up making the front page.

After losing a civil case, Laramie is ordered to pay Harper an enormous settlement, but refuses to publicly apologize.

This further irritates Harper who decides to take things to the next level. Harper and his crew cause Laramie to have a car accident so they can get a scoop. As a

result, Laramie's son ends up in a coma, which pushes the actor over the edge, causing him to go on a killing spree.

The actors all give decent performances, but no one stands out.

This is a decent movie, but it just wasn't the quality picture one would expect Mel Gibson to produce.

This film is worth watching, just don't go out of your way to see it.

—Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer



Psychic thriller film keeps you still

"Suspect Zero" is the best psychic thriller to hit the big screen in a long time. This is one of those movies where everything that is happening becomes so important you don't even want to get up to go to the bathroom.

Ben Kingsley, who starred in "Ghandi," gives a tremendous performance as a person suffering from an obsessive-compulsive disorder. O'Ryan uses remote viewing to knock off serial killers.

Remote viewing is a rare psychic occurrence wherein a person is able to view distant locations as well as enter the minds of others.

Mackleway, played by Aaron Eckhart, is an FBI agent recently returning from suspension. Upon his

return, he must investigate a string of seemingly unrelated homicides.

As murder victims begin to pile up, the FBI sends Mackleway's old partner to assist in the investigation.

Fran, played by Carrie Ann-Moss from "The Matrix," also is Mackleway's old girlfriend.

When these two get deeply involved in the case and with each other, stran-

ge things begin to occur.

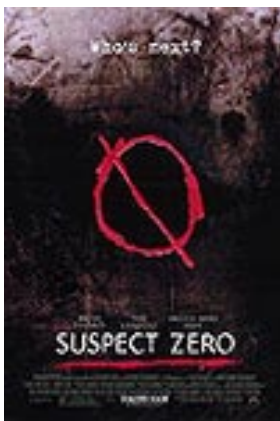
O'Ryan (Kingsley) starts leaving clues on the bodies of victims in hopes that Mackleway will discover who he is and what he is up to.

This box office sleeper is a solid film in every possible aspect. All of the lead actors give superb performances that really accent this intricate script.

E. Elias Merhige, from "Shadow of the Vampire," directed this film perfectly using a wide array of camera angles and close-ups which give the movie a sense of urgency that mesmerizes viewers.

If you enjoy an unpredictable film that makes you think, then you don't want to miss this one.

—Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer



Quote of the Week:

"If we have the opportunity to be generous with our hearts, ourselves, we have no idea of the depth and breadth of love's reach."

—Margaret Cho



Q: Does the Safety and Security office offer escorts to students?

A: The Safety and Security office does send officers to escort students to their cars after class. A student needs to ask someone in our office, at the welcome desk or any other office on campus. They also may dial 0 on a college phone to get an escort.

—Patty Keasling
PBX Operator/Dispatcher

Q: Where should you change your address with the college?

A: You need to fill out a change-of-address form. The forms are available at the Admissions and Records counter. Along with the form, you must show a photo ID. The change is made on the spot.

—Angie Albers
Admissions Clerk

Q: Why do students have to have a parking decal on their cars?

A: If, for instance, someone leaves their headlights on, security officers will run the number on the parking decal and pull up the owner's class schedule and come get the owner. The decal helps security officers identify whom a certain vehicle belongs to.

—Keith Bourque
Coordinator of Campus Safety and Security

Q: I am a student with cognitive learning disabilities. Will the college offer free services to accommodate students like me?

A: By law, the college must accommodate students with any type of disabilities. We offer accommodations through every activity and program, but we're not required to offer any tutoring as an accommodation.

If students need assistance with learning, they should use the learning labs on campus: accounting lab, communications lab, information technology lab, math lab and the science center. Students can find out which tutors they enjoy working with, and find out what their schedules are.

We have been taking opportunities to apply for different grants in order to provide more services to our students. However, it is always up to the grant issuers to decide who they will give the money to.

We do everything that the law requires. Students are welcome to come by and share their ideas about our services with us.

—Pat Stowe
Director of Services to Students with Disabilities

Mind reading...



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Freshman music major Brandon Koonce assists mentalist Christopher Carter in his mind reading show on Sept. 2 in the college union.

Cafeteria welcomes Subway sandwiches

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

Subway sandwiches are now available in Seller's Café.

Subway was on campus Sept. 2 giving free samples of their sandwiches to students. Employees of Subway said the restaurant will be providing OKCCC's Seller's Café with fresh six-inch submarine sandwiches.

Seller's Chef Robbie Stephenson said the sandwich selections are determined by Subway. He said they will choose based on their best selling sandwiches.

"There's not going to be a whole menu, like what you can get at Subway," Stephenson said.

Subway employees, who refused to have their names published, said that for now, three sandwiches are available: turkey on wheat bread, cold cut trio (ham, salami, and bologna) on wheat bread, and Italian BMT (pepperoni, Genoa salami, and ham) on white bread.

The sandwiches are wrapped with the tops separate to make it easier for buyers to take off top-

pings if they don't like them, the employees of Subway said. The sandwiches are not prepared with condiments on them. Buyers may choose their own sauce from Seller's condiment bar after they purchase the sub.

Subway sandwiches are going to be available Monday through Thursday, Stephenson said.

Although the sandwiches are refrigerated, Stephenson said, they will be pulled after four or five hours, or the quality may be affected.

"It's not like I'm going to have them throughout the whole day... because then the quality may suffer," he said.

Seller's deli area will still be open for customers that wish to have custom made sandwiches. Seller's is providing Subway as a "grab 'n go" option, Stephenson said.

The subs can be found in the refrigerated deli case next to the grill area in the cafeteria. They cost \$3.69 each.

Subway sub club stamps are not valid in the cafeteria.

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College employee fondly remembers Elven Gray

Department dean honored to receive award in former co-worker's name

By Benjamin Siess
News Writing I Student

Annmarie Shirazi, dean of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, said she was delighted when she won the Elven Gray Award in August. She said she is honored on not just a professional level, but a personal one as well.

Shirazi was hired as the director of research for OKCCC on Dec. 2, 1975, to help the school receive accreditation.

Elven Gray was an employee of OKCCC at the time Shirazi was hired. He worked in the maintenance department through the 1970s and '80s.

Gray was diagnosed with cancer but continued working for the college in spite of his debilitating disease.

Shirazi said she admired Gray.

Throughout his battle with cancer, which ended up taking his life, he maintained his good spirits, Shirazi said.

"He never had a bad thing to say about anyone or anything.

"He was an amazing soul," Shirazi said.

Shirazi also recalled a Christmas party that took place a few weeks after she was hired. It was the first time Shirazi met Gray.

Knowing only a couple of employees, Shirazi said, she was hesitant to attend, but decided it would be the right thing to do, so as not to seem antisocial.

Shirazi said she was sitting by herself at the party, when Gray left the group he was with, walked up to her, sat down and started talking to her.

Shirazi said she always admired Gray for that, because he was not

at a loss for friends to talk with. He just wanted to make her feel comfortable at the party.

Shirazi's colleagues hold her in similarly high esteem.

Vice President of Student Services Marion Paden spoke admiringly of Shirazi.

"Annmarie has an unconditional positive regard for other people, whether they are colleagues, students, family or friends," Paden

said.

OKCCC President Bob Todd echoed those sentiments.

"Annmarie is one of those rare individuals who makes everyone feel better about themselves.

"Her work ethic and positive demeanor serve as an inspiration to others."

Shirazi will retire in January, after serving the college for nearly 30 years.

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Club fair meets several goals

By **Matthew Caban**
Staff Writer

Some clubs got creative in their attempts to sign on new members during the recent student clubs and organizations fair Sept. 1 and 2.

The Engineering Club used video strategy to gain membership. The club is offering those who attend their meetings or other club activities a chance to win a new Xbox video game system, said club member Patrick Pine.

Chi Alpha, an on-campus Christian organization, asked those who visited their table to fill out a short survey about religion. President Jessica Jones said CDs containing popular Christian rock and rap artists were given to interested students.

International Student Association President Jonathan Nimo said his club

gives students the chance to meet people their own age from all over the world.

Representatives of various clubs and organizations enjoyed the opportunity to visit with prospective members and other club members.

"The fair is a great way to meet people," said Gil Lopez, theater major.

Desiree Dare, Native American Student Association president, said she was able to talk one on one with people interested in the club. "Here I am, able to answer questions and spend time with people," she said. "Personal time is key because people remember you."

Others liked the opportunity the booths provided.

"This is good because it gets students involved and gives them a place on campus," said Andrew Dixon, president of Alpha Omega, another Christian organization.

Freshman respiratory

therapy major Tom McDaniel said the fair gives students a chance to join in. "If you want to be a part of something, there is a club for you."

Disabilities Galore President Rose Harris agreed. "It gives people the chance to follow their interests through extra-curricular activities."

Various club officers said they were happy with the results of this fall's fair.

Nimo said ISA had about two dozen people sign up.

Other clubs, including NASA and Phi Theta Kappa, the community college honor society, had between 50 and 75 students sign up.

Harris was glad to see the event draw attention to the clubs and organizations on campus. "It is wonderful to see what the clubs are doing," she said.

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Photo by Ann Lushbough

Andrew Dixon signs up students at the organizations fair. Dixon is an education major and the club president of Alpha Omega, one of several Christian organizations at OKCCC. The fair was held in early September.

Nursing program doing well

By **Caroline Ting**
Editor

The nationwide nursing educators shortage has forced some nursing schools to turn students away.

Fortunately, OKCCC's nursing program is not affected by the trend, said Jo Ann Cobble, dean of Health Professions.

The college's nursing program has 12 full-time faculty positions, with one unfilled that was added this fall, Cobble said.

In addition, the nursing program director position is vacant.

Professor Susan Mann is serving temporarily as director of nursing.

The program also has an average of 15 adjunct positions per semester, depending on the program's needs, Cobble said.

Although two full-time positions still need to be filled, Cobble said, the program is not understaffed in any way.

"We have as many full-time faculty right now as there were in the fall last year," Cobble said.

Nationwide, Cobble said many nursing professors age 50 years or older.

At OKCCC, nursing faculty tend to fall into the category of 40 to 49 years of age.

Cobble said, at times, when people retire, it is difficult to fill their positions.

Acting program director Susan Mann agreed.

Mann said to be a full-time nursing educator, one must have both a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing, or they must enroll in a master's program and complete at least six credit hours per year.

An advanced degree, plus years of experience are reasons why people who choose to be nursing educators are older, said Nursing Professor Connie Kuebeck.

Kuebeck said salaries are a concern for some who choose between teaching and working in the private

sector as a nurse.

Cobble agreed.

"There are a lot more opportunities for nurses now, and [teaching] nearly always pays less than the private sector."

"So, the challenge is to find someone who really wants to teach, and who's willing to be paid slightly less money," Cobble said.

According to the college Staffing Plan 2004-'05, salaries for full-time nursing professors range from \$37,490 to \$45,038.

Compared to other nursing schools in Oklahoma, Cobble said the program's salaries are competitive.

Cobble said she hopes to have the position of nursing program director filled soon, but she also emphasized the importance of choosing a top quality individual.

"Quality patient care starts from quality education," Cobble said. "So, the quality of faculty is critical."

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Arts festival goers enjoy sunny days

Both artists and festival attendees were treated to beautiful weather, and plenty of arts and entertainment when the college hosted Arts Festival Oklahoma Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3 to 6.

Artists sold pottery, paintings, quilts, caricatures, woodwork, watercolors and more. The colors and designs were eye treats for those in attendance.

Food vendors provided a variety of food that included foot-long corn dogs, funnel cakes, bratwursts, waffle cone sundaes, pizza, cinnamon rolls and Indian tacos. The vendors' wares carried fragrant aromas throughout the festival grounds.

The childrens' tent provided activities for youngsters during the festival. Children could paint, make hats, design plastic beaded jewelry and have their faces painted. Various singers, dancers and the Philharmonic Orchestra provided entertainment for everyone — babies to eighties.

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Right: Six-year-old Lauren Kliever enjoys a cinnamon roll at the Arts Festival. The got rolls were just one of the many food offerings at the festival.



Sculptor Freeman Loughridge shows off one of his creations, a chopper, at Arts Festival Oklahoma held over Labor Day weekend.



Kali Stovall, 3, creates a picture on the spinner machine in the children's tent at the arts festival. Kali was one of the many children who attended this year.

Artists, performers show artistic side



Local artist C.J. Bradford has been showing his work at Arts Festival Oklahoma for the past 25 years. He said he would like to see more students get involved with the festival. Bradford said there should be a tent strictly for OKCCC students to encourage them to enter shows. Of his work, he said, "I play off the language. We talk in pictures all the time; we just don't know it."



Former OKCCC Photography Professor Jai Gronemeier shows off a third-place ribbon she won in the photography category at Arts Festival Oklahoma.



Photo by Anna Rodriguez

Joe Sheehan, U.S. Air Force, enjoys a foot-long corn dog and funnel cake, a couple of the many culinary delights offered at the festival.

Jim Fallier was one of many artists who entered the Arts Festival this year. He lives in Oklahoma City but is originally from Kansas. He enjoys painting horses.



The Spanish Dancers performed on stage the second day of the festival. They were among several performers who entertained onlookers during the four-day event.

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OKCCC gears up for fall with intramural sports

**By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer**

Coed flag football is one of the many seasonal intramural sports OKCCC will offer this fall.

Eric Watson, recreation and sports specialist, said the Fall Super 7 Intra-

murals are about to begin.

The college will offer seven different coed sports, including soccer, basketball, flag football, volleyball, swimming, pingpong and pool.

Watson said, he has tried having all girl teams in the past but it didn't work out.

The teams will be a mixture of men and women

until more female students decide to sign up, Watson said.

"Right now, every [football] team will have at least one girl," Watson said.

The number of girls per team will depend upon how many sign up, Watson said.

The soccer and football programs will feature tournament play that will allow the student athletes to compete against other schools, Watson said.

Both of these programs

will be holding a draft day, on Monday Sept. 13. Draft day is when individuals who signed up, but are not yet members of a team will have the option of joining an existing team or forming their own.

The soccer draft will last from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and the football draft will last from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Both drafts will take place in the gym.

While the signup date for football, pingpong and soccer have already passed

there is still plenty of time to join the other sports. Basketball, volleyball and pool will hold sign up until October 29. Swimming sign up will end November 15.

Those wanting to participate should contact Eric Watson at 682-1611, ext. 7860 or the Recreation and Community Service Office at 682-7560.

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Five car break-ins in 10 days on campus

**By Veronica Conley
News Writing I Student**

At least five car break-ins have occurred in OKCCC parking lots during the last 10 days. Purses were among the leading possessions stolen out of the cars, according to crime incident reports.

Jason DeGroot, OKCCC sophomore, was one onlooker after some of the break-ins occurred.

DeGroot said the two cars he saw were parked in parking lot A with their passenger windows knocked in. Lot A is located north of the college's main building.

"It looked as though the windows had been smashed in with the thief's elbow due to one car's tint keeping it intact enough to form a small hole," DeGroot said.

"The oddest thing of all was that the [owner's] purse was stolen but the laptop computer that was sitting on the passenger's seat right beside it was still there," he said.

DeGroot notes that the cars that were broken into seemed to be parked in a way where the thief could break in on the passenger side while still keeping an eye on the school for people coming their way.

Security Officer Shane Palmer urges students not to leave valuables in their cars.

"In order to assure that this does not happen to you, be sure you either bring your possessions with you or simply leave them at home," Palmer said.

Palmer said that the trunk of a car is not safe for possessions due to car trunk remote latches.

OKCCC does not reimburse people for belongings that are stolen.

Robin Kowalik, an OKCCC student whose car was broken into Aug. 31, said the experience has taught her to be more careful.

"Do not keep personal items in clear sight of onlookers," Kowalik said.

Palmer said this could happen to anyone at any time of the day and that students should keep a lookout for anyone or anything odd.

If students do see anyone out of the ordinary in the parking lots, Palmer asks them to report the activity by using one of the blue call boxes which are located around campus parking lots and buildings.

Palmer said that students might also call 682-7691, which is the security department's emergency number.



Students alarmed, upset when classes are disrupted twice in one day

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Students expressed some concern that they weren't able to hear the alarms last week.

"If the door would have been shut, we wouldn't have heard (the alarm)," said Jan Martin, OKCCC freshman.

The first alarm sounded while she was in a class located in the southwest side of the second floor in the main building.

A fire alarm is located there, but Martin said it

didn't sound.

Freshman Kerry Andrews also was concerned because both times the alarms sounded in the main building, she barely heard them.

Her classes were located on the second and third floors of the college's main building.

Palmer said the students didn't hear the alarms because they only sounded on the ground floor of the main building.

He said, because of the ongoing construction, the audible alarms — the sound portion of the detector — on the second and

third floors have been temporarily disabled.

He said the detectors themselves are still working and will signal the security office if triggered.

Bourque said his office follows a set of strict procedures when an alarm is triggered.

Initially, the detector will send a signal to the security office, Bourque said.

This allows security officers to investigate the source of the problem and to determine whether there is a fire.

In the meantime, the building in which the triggered alarm is located is

evacuated, Bourque said.

He said each floor of every area and building is assigned an evacuation warden to check all offices and classes and make sure they are emptied when the alarm sounds.

Professor of Learning Skills Mark Schneberger said he was upset about the alarms interrupting his class.

"I'd be doing better if I could keep a class the whole time," he said.

It is important for students to have enough time in classes to receive all of the information they need, he said.

Andrews said she was evacuated from the college twice on Friday morning, interrupting two of her classes.

"We didn't get anything done," she said.

Benson said those at the college should be glad the alarm sounded, alerting them of the smoke from the burned popcorn.

"It's doing exactly what it's supposed to do," he said.

"Burned popcorn creates smoke. The alarm sounded because it detected it."

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Students get through college with help from OHLAP money

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afford to attend full time.

"In the beginning, it was just me working and paying for whatever classes I could afford, instead of perhaps being in school full-time," McGaughey said.

"[With help from the program] I may have been done by now..."

This is the third semester in which McGaughey has been able to enroll full-time because of monetary help he gets from some other types of financial aids.

Armstrong said the program may have been new when McGaughey was in high school. She said that would explain why he didn't know about it.

She explained the application and enrollment process.

Students apply for the program during eighth-, ninth- and 10th-grade, usually with the help of the school counselor Armstrong said.

The student has to meet certain requirements. Those are:

- Must be an Oklahoma resident.
- Must have graduated from an Oklahoma high school.
- Has to take 17 units of high school courses and achieve at least a 2.5 GPA in all of them in grades

nine through 12.

- Must attend school regularly.
- Must do homework.
- Must stay away from drugs and alcohol.
- No criminal or delinquent acts committed.
- Provide all the information requested by OHLAP.

Once the application is complete, the student is asked to provide proof of income.

As soon as a student is notified of acceptance into OHLAP, it's time to contact the college he or she wants to attend, Armstrong said, because schools have differing amounts of how much the students can be awarded.

"OKCCC students this year are getting \$45.05 per credit hour," she said.

OHLAP pays for tuition only, she said, and recipients need to maintain good academic progress to continue receiving scholarships.

"[Students] still have to make academic progress in order to remain in good standing with the OHLAP," Armstrong said.

She also said students may get the money for a five-year period after they enroll in college.

One benefit Armstrong pointed out is that the students who get aid from OHLAP can still receive other types of financial aid, as long

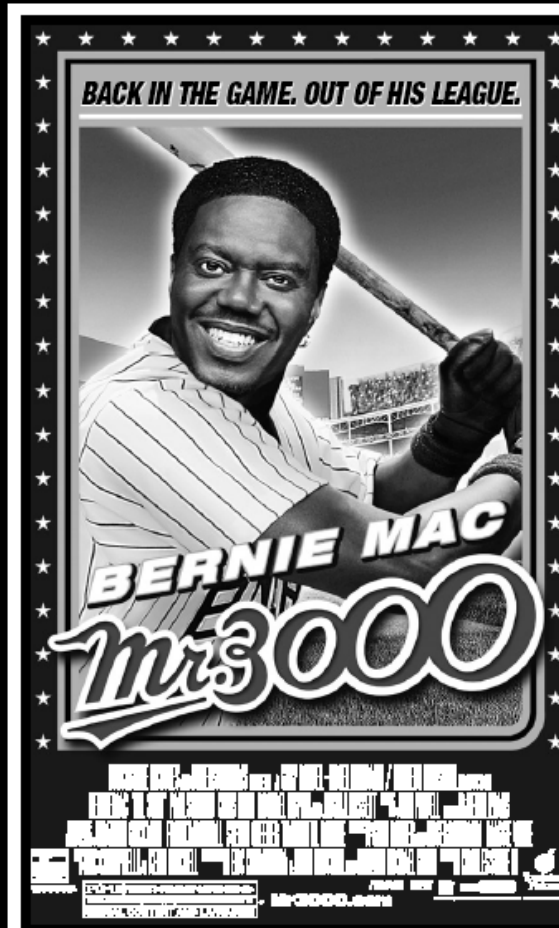
as it's within their budget.

To learn more about the OHLAP, visit its website at www.okhighered.org/ohlap/ or call the information hotline at 1-800-858-1840, or e-mail at ohlapinfo@osrhe.edu.

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Answer all of the following trivia questions correctly, and you could win a special pass for two to see an advance screening of "MR. 3000" on Tuesday, September 14. GOOD LUCK!!

1. Bernie Mac's first film role was in a movie based on a skit from the hit comedy series "In Living Color". Name the film.
2. Bernie Mac played one of the main roles in the 2003 version of 'Charlie's Angels' after Bill Murray didn't return. Name the character.
3. Bernie Mac is considered one of "The Original Kings of Comedy". Name the other three comedians that also appeared with him in that film.

E-mail your answers and contact information by Monday, September 13 to raustin@okccc.edu

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Highlights

Who is Jesus: A Religion Forum

Chi Alpha, a Christian Organization on campus, is holding a religion forum at noon Wednesday, Sept. 15, in college union room 7. Chi Alpha pastors Greg Tiffany and Mike Dsane will lead the discussion and answer questions regarding Christianity. It is open to people of all faiths. For more information, contact Chi Alpha President Jessica Jones at 682-1161, ext. 7519.

Award-winning Israeli percussionist to perform

Chen Zimbalista will be in concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 21 in the college theater. He is one of Israel's leading percussion soloists. Zimbalista's past performances included playing with the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra. Zimbalista has toured the United States, Europe, Africa and China. For more information on this concert and other events in the Cultural Awareness Series contact Cultural Programs and Community Development at 682-7579.

Former governor of New Mexico to speak

Jerry Apodaca, the 24th governor of New Mexico, will lecture about American politics and its dynamics at noon Monday, Sept. 27, in college union rooms 1, 2 and 3. Elected in 1975, Apodaca was the first Hispanic governor in the United States since 1918 and later served as the Chair of the President's Council of Physical Fitness under President Jimmy Carter. For more information, call Student Life at 682-7523.

Brown Bag Lunch series continues

Student Life is holding the second lecture in its new Brown Bag Lunch series at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14,* in college union room 2. Coordinator of Student Support Services Mary Turner will present a lecture on proven study methods. Free drinks will be provided. Students who attend five Brown Bag Lunch lectures will be entered to win a \$100 book voucher for next semester. For more information, call Student Life at 682-7523.

GEAR UP looking for student mentors

Second-year OKCCC students are needed to visit nearby Oklahoma City Public Schools to gather data about the students' educational and career plans. Those OKCCC students involved will be given an OSBI background check and required to attend a 2 to 3-hour training session. The work will start at 7:30 a.m. and go to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, after Sept. 15. Pay is \$8 per hour. For more information, contact DeAnn Campbell at 682-1611, ext. 7654.

Walktober is coming soon

OKCCC Recreation and Community Services is introducing a new walking program in October. The program is free and available to students. It is designed to help participants start walking for healthier living. The deadline to sign up is Sept. 29. Contact the Wellness Center at 682-1611, ext. 7310, for more information.

Bookstore returns to regular hours

Now that the fall semester has started and the rush to buy books at the last minute has ended, the OKCCC bookstore announced its regular hours. The bookstore will be open 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays, 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays to Thursdays and 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. For more information, visit the bookstore on the first floor of the main building or call the bookstore at 682-7510.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Give a little life: Oklahoma Blood Institute Supervisor Tan Hill draws blood from sophomore Rachel Graham. The blood drive was held Sept. 1 and 2, in the college union. Approximately 86 students, faculty and staff donated blood to OBI. The next blood drive on campus will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17.

Christian clubs join forces for Jesus Awareness Week

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

The release of "The Passion of the Christ" to DVD has rekindled interest in Christianity, said Baptist Collegiate Ministries sponsor Mike Barnett. The movie was released on Aug. 31, just prior to Jesus Awareness Week at OKCCC.

A group of Christian clubs will join together during the week of Sept. 13.

"We will have something every day of the week to get the word out," said Phoebe Brown, president of BCM.

In addition to BCM, the Chi Alpha and Alpha Omega clubs also will participate in Jesus Awareness Week.

The unity between clubs is important to many of those involved.

"There are no barriers between clubs based on denomination," Brown said.

"Not everyone may believe the same, but division among Christians will push people away," Alpha Omega treasurer Nicole Estes said.

Not all of the week's activities will revolve around prayers, but food instead.

Starting at 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 13, BCM will be offering free donuts, coffee and milk in the commons area of the main building. The event is called "BCM Donuts," Brown said.

Immediately following "BCM Donuts" will be BCM's regular meeting. The meeting is scheduled at noon in college union room 8 of the main building.

Alpha Omega will hold its first meeting of the fall semester from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14. The room is to be announced.

All the clubs will participate in a national event, "See You at the Pole" Barnett said.

"See You at the Pole" will be at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, near the flagpole in front of the main build-

ing.

Chi Alpha Sponsor Ruth Hudson is a former employee of the finance department at the college. She said the past "See You at the Pole" events had great prayer times.

At noon on Wednesday, Sept. 15, Chi Alpha will host a religion forum. Jones said Mike Dsane, Chi Alpha's OKCCC pastor, and Greg Tiffany, Chi Alpha's full-time pastor at the University of Oklahoma, will lead the forum.

Jones said the forum's focus is on surveys filled out by students at the recent Student Clubs and Organizations Fair.

BCM will close the week's activities with a regular meeting from noon to 1:20 p.m., in room 3N0 of the main building, Brown said.

Jones sums up the week, "It's a way for Christians to minister to the campus."

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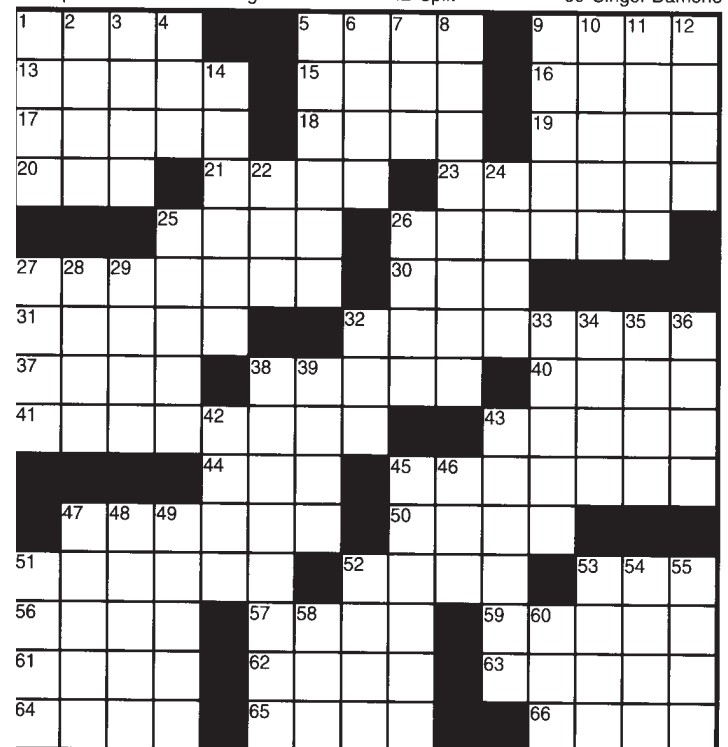
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