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College to add 65,000 square feet

By Caroline Ting
Editor

A bigger and taller center for science, engineering and math is on the drawing board at OKCCC. College regents have approved design concepts to add a second floor to the existing building that houses those areas now.

Walt Joyce, from Triad Design Group, presented the early conceptual drawings of the SEM Center to the regents during the regular Committee of the Whole meeting Sept. 13.

Plans are to remove the roof on the current science and math complex, which is located in the underground area of the college, then construct a second story on top of that, he said.

The second story space will provide approximately 65,000 square feet and greatly benefit OKCCC students, he said.

The area will house a math center including a math lab, study rooms, a computer lab, tutoring, testing and a classroom, as well as science laboratories housing botany, biology and zoology classes. General classrooms also will be built.

Due to the growth of the science, engineering and math departments, Joyce said, it makes sense to have more space for them.

Those working on the design made certain the area would be easy to navigate, Joyce said.

The way the general classrooms are designed, he said, students should be able to easily locate their classrooms and professors.

"One of the really key elements is accessibility for students and everybody else," he said.

Faculty offices would surround the classrooms according to the design, providing better accessibility to the faculty as well as a feeling of cohesiveness, Joyce said.

"We'd like to think that it's nice for faculty to all be together in the sense of community."

He said part of the support area in the center in the building would be used to build elevators and stairs. If that turns out to be the case, Joyce said, the Science and Math division offices may need to be relocated at some point.

The two support areas located by the north

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Photo by Ann Lushbough

Concert time: International Pianist Mykola Suk plays for an audience at OKCCC Sept. 21 in the college theater. Originally from the Ukraine, Suk now lives in Las Vegas where he heads the music department at the University of Nevada. Suk's performance was part of the Cultural Awareness Series. The next performance is artist/dramatist Joseph Kaknes. He'll be appearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, in the college theater. Call 682-7579 for ticket information or visit www.okccc.edu.

Enrollment increases by 5.2%

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Enrollment continues to rise but at a slower pace than a year ago.

This fall, enrollment figures show a 5.2 percent enrollment increase, compared to 7.6 percent last fall, said Joyce Morgan-Dees, institutional effectiveness specialist. OKCCC has planned for enrollment growth to stabilize at about 4 percent.

"[The college] did not expect [the enrollment increase] to be quite as high as it was. We were pleasantly surprised that it was 5.2 percent instead of 4 percent," Morgan-Dees said.

She said because the state's economy appears to be doing better, the enrollment growth starts coming down to a normal average.

"As [the economy] continues to stabilize and do better, our enrollment will continue to stabilize," Morgan-Dees said. "We'll just see a really steady increase but nothing major."

This year, of the 11,503 students attending OKCCC, 41.7 percent are males. The average age of the students is 25.7 years old, which

has decreased from 26.6 since last fall.

Morgan-Dees said it's helpful to look at the median age as well as the average age. The median age for both fall '03 and '04 is 22 years old.

"The median is the middle entry of the group," Morgan-Dees said.

For example she said, in an even number of 100 entries in order, the average of the middle two entries — 50th and 51st entries, would be the median. But, she said, if it's an odd number of 99 entries, the median would obviously be the 49th entry.

To calculate the average age, Morgan-Dees said, is simply take the sum of all ages and divide it by the total number of people.

The average credit hours per student has increased from 8.5 credit hours last fall to 9 credit hours this year. The total number of full-time equivalent students has gone from 3,081 last fall to 3,437 this fall.

Morgan-Dees said to count the FTE students, take the total credit hours (113,110) and di-

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Religious intolerance intolerable

Religious intolerance occurs too often in America. This phenomenon of discriminating against someone because his or her beliefs are different is wrong.

Religion can be defined as a personal set of attitudes, beliefs, and practices.

The key word is "personal." If everyone would quit trying to press their own personal religions on other people and stop discriminating against others because of their beliefs, the world would be a happier place.

Incidents of religious intolerance have been occurring for as long as history has been recorded.

Examples of displays of religious discrimination can be found in all religions.

On Sept. 17, a non-denominational congregation belonging to The Living Hope Church in Whitney, Penn., posted a sign promoting religious intolerance.

The sign stated, "To really remember 9/11, you must remember Islam is the enemy."

Another case of religious intolerance involved a social worker in California,

The Christian man had items taken out of his office cubicle last month because the items could be interpreted as harassing gays or lesbians so were therefore against company policies.

The department had removed a bumper sticker that stated, "Marriage: One Man One Woman," Bible verses and some political articles.

It is that man's right to display his messages. If he felt that displaying those messages represented a part of his religion, then other people should have tolerated it.

Even the U.S. government can discriminate against certain religions.

The Department of Veterans Affairs does not offer a symbol of Wicca as an emblem of belief available for placement on government headstones, according to the department's website, www.va.gov.

This form of discrimination is not necessary. Military veterans should have their religious symbol available as a choice of headstone markers.

Last month, one group of U.S. military servicemen and women serving in Iraq were participating in a Wiccan ceremony when other military personnel attacked them by throwing trash and bottles at them, according to an article by Randy Myers, Knight Ridder Newspapers.

Religious intolerance can cause hate crimes, discrimination, emotional damage and even wars.

Lines determining what is allowed based on religion do have to be drawn somewhere. Laws cannot be designed to favor one religion.

However, this country was founded on the idea of religious freedom, so why are we all fighting against it?

—**Christiana Kostura**
Staff Writer

Customer care important

To the editor:

In response to a letter to the editor in the Sept. 20 issue, "Smile, even on a bad day."

I am Robbie Stephenson with Sellers' Catering. Please allow me to address a concern presented by a customer regarding an incident that occurred in the food court.

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—**Robbie Stephenson**
Kitchen Manager
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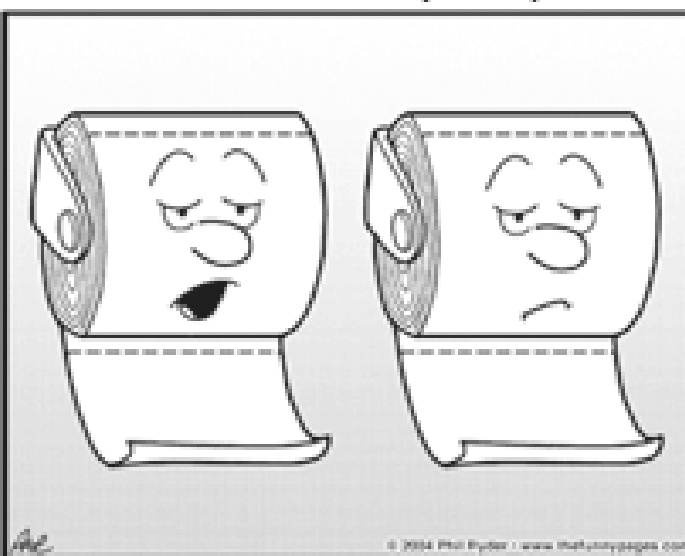
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Comments and Reviews

'Cellular' two thumbs up

"Cellular" is a funny action-packed movie that received a great response from the audience during the film's premiere Sept. 7.

Within five minutes of the beginning of the movie, the action began.

One of the main characters, Jessica Martin (Kim Basinger), Oscar-award winning actress, is a high school biology teacher who is kidnapped from her home and taken to another location.

Her kidnappers lock her in the attic of the location. A smashed telephone that Jessica struggles to piece together enough to place a call. She finally gets a call to go through.

Somebody that Jessica has never met, answers the call on his cell phone.

Ryan, played by Chris Evans of "Not Another Teen Movie," answers the call. He doesn't believe that Jes-

sica has been kidnapped at first. He eventually believes her. That leads to a fast moving chain of events to try and help her even though Ryan doesn't even know who she was.

He goes to the police station for help. An officer, played by William H. Macy, tries to help him but is distracted by a fight that breaks out in the police station.

Ryan quickly discovers the kidnappers are going to try to kidnap the rest of the Martin family. He then tries to get to Jessica's son and husband first to prevent them from being taken by the men that have kid-

napped Jessica.

There are many twists and allusions in this movie that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

This movie has action, drama and comedy all rolled into it. It would be great for a date or to go out with friends to see.

Due to the obscene language and large amounts of violence, it's

not a movie to attend with children.

During the premiere, the theater audience laughed and applauded several times. Overall, "Cellular" gets two thumbs up for script, acting and directing.

—**Christiana Kostura**
Staff Writer



'Exorcist: The Beginning' worst film

"Exorcist: The Beginning" is, without question, the worst prequel of all time. This is very disappointing, since the original is ranked 17th on the Top 20 Horror Films of All Time by the Internet Movie Database.

The plot is primarily concerned with Father Merrin, played by Stellan Skarsgard, the character who performed the exorcism in the original.

Merrin, a former priest who has lost his faith, is an archeologist asked to attend a dig in Africa.

When a mysterious church is uncovered, the Vatican also sends Father Francis, played by James D'Arcy, to investigate a legend concerning its origin.

The church is found near a small village that was once completely wiped out by a plague. When the two priests enter, they discover all sorts of demonic statues and a crucifix hanging upside down.

Underneath the church is a place where human sacrifices were once performed.

The church turns out to have been built on the exact spot where the devil fell when he was cast out of Heaven.

The British army is called in after a string of disappearances and brutal murders take place.

The army believes the villagers are responsible for the mischief, but the

townspeople think it is the work of the devil.

The entire script is horrible. There are just too many holes in the story. This film is plagued by misplaced flashbacks that make no sense. Viewers leave with more questions than answers. This excuse for a movie doesn't even deserve to share a title with the original.

The acting is decent and a few moments cause the audience to jump, but this is more of a freak show relying on shock value rather than a scary movie.

If you have two hours and \$7 to waste then this is your movie.

—**Shawn Bryant**
Staff Writer

Counselor's Corner

Get adviser

"There is no human problem which could not be solved if people would simply do as I advise."

—Gore Vidal

Students, especially those who aren't sure what they want to do with themselves, and those who sort of know but need a direction, should come to Student Development or go to faculty to discuss all of the options. Some of you may prefer getting advised the week before the next semester begins. This isn't a good option if you think you are majoring in diversified studies.

"Before pursuing a diversified studies degree, the student must be assigned a professor willing to serve as the student's adviser and submit for approval a degree plan to the Multi-Divisional Programs office. The degree plan must be submitted before a student will be allowed to apply for graduation. It is the responsibility of the student to verify that these forms are on file as part of the student's permanent record" (OKCCC 2004-2005 Catalog, pg. 186).

Each semester, a surprising number of students cause themselves grief by trying to apply for graduation in this program without having completed a contract. Another large number of students get caught in the "I need a degree plan on file for financial aid or veteran's benefits," during the height of heavy enrollment. Please be advised that contracts take time to put together. If you think you are following this degree plan, but you haven't been to a counselor or faculty adviser to complete your paperwork, then you need to come in now to do that.

The diversified studies degree is a good option for two groups of students: those who wish to pursue a degree beyond the associate, but for which OKCCC has no related degree, such as physical therapy, radiology, marine biology, etc., and those who have taken random courses, perhaps at different institutions. Both associate of arts and associate of science degrees can be constructed depending on your needs.

There are two ways to get a contract. If you have some idea about what you ultimately want to do with the degree and know a faculty person you would like to work with, you may ask that professor if he or she is willing to advise you as a diversified studies major. You will then come to the Center for Student Development to confirm your degree choice, and get a contract put together for approval.

You will get a copy of the contract, and the original will be sent to the Director of Multi-Divisional Studies for approval. The approved contract will then be placed on file in the graduation office. Your other option is to come to Student Development and work with a counselor to complete the contract. The same process will be followed except you'll be assigned a faculty adviser after the contract is approved.

Be advised, you can see us now or you can see us later. Now is a better choice.

—**Student Development**

Quote of the Week:

"For visions come not to polluted eyes."

—**Mary Howitt**

Aviation awareness week begins Oct. 4

**By Caroline Ting
Editor**

Undeclared majors might want to take a moment to learn how they can receive a bachelor's degree in aviation management right here on the OKCCC campus.

Aviation Awareness Educational Week will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4 through Thursday, Oct. 7, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8.

The event is set up primarily to target the undeclared major students at OKCCC and to let them know about the opportunity, said Valerie Lemon, coordinator and academic adviser for the aviation program from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Tables will be set up outside the college bookstore on the first floor of the main

building. Printed materials such as brochures, course catalogs and information on how to apply for financial aid and scholarships will be available to students.

During some days of the awareness week, faculty from the institute, faculty from the SOSU campus, and some professionals from the aviation field will be available to answer students' questions, said Dr. Charles Marshall, assistant professor of the Aviation Sciences Institute at OKCCC.

The job market has a lot to offer future graduates.

"There's a big infrastructure in aviation, both in government and in industry, that [is] in great need of well-educated people who pursue college degrees in the field," Marshall said.

Assistant Professor Carl Gull agreed.

The largest employer for

aviation professionals in the Oklahoma City area is Tinker Air Force Base, Gull said.

Gull specializes in flying and maintenance. For an entry-level position as a fully licensed mechanic in the Oklahoma City area, the individual would make \$13 or more per hour, he said.

In safety — the area Marshall specializes in — \$40,000 is the average entry-level salary offer for someone with a bachelor's degree, he said.

A free drawing also will be held during the week for students. They can come by the tables and fill out information to enter the drawing. The winners will be drawn at 2 p.m. Friday.

The grand prize winner will have a chance to go inside an airplane and maybe take a flight with Gull, Marshall said.

The other prizes are yet

to be determined, Lemon said.

Through OKCCC's business division, SOSU began offering its four-year aviation management program this fall with three options — business, aviation safety and aviation maintenance, Marshall said.

More importantly, he said, all of the classes are eight-week courses. So, full-time students can complete their bachelor of science in aviation management with one of the three options in only two years.

OKCCC offers freshman and sophomore level courses in aviation technology. That means students can finish their basic education here, and go on to get a four-year degree through SOSU, without travelling to the main campus in Durant, Marshall said.

To apply for the four-year program, Lemon said, students can go directly to her,

and she'll help them with the admission and enrollment process. There will be a \$20 charge for admissions. Students also need to bring official high school and college transcripts. For those who are already enrolled at OKCCC, their official transcripts from the college are preferred.

Fall term II, the second eight-week semester, starts Oct. 18. The last day to enroll is Oct. 23. All of the classes will be held at OKCCC's South Facility located at 11919 S. I-44 Service Road.

Lemon can be contacted at 682-1611, ext. 7195, or e-mail vlemon@sosu.edu, or at room UL306 on the upper level of the South Facility.

To learn more about SOSU's aviation program, log on to aviation.sosu.edu.

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Student paints herself a new career

By Ann Lushbough
Staff Writer

After a company-wide layoff at Lucent Technologies, Jimmie Paschal, 49, experienced what she calls "a mid-life change of career."

Jobless after 22 years, she decided to follow her lifelong dream of becoming a professional artist.

"I have been painting as far back as I can remember," she said.

Beginning Sept. 24, she'll put her work out for the public to see during a showing at Photo Park Studios in Moore.

The show will run from Friday, Sept. 24, through Sunday, Sept. 26.

It's Paschal's first show. It's also the first showing at the studio.

Former OKCCC photography professor Jai Gronemeier and her partner Jan Heller will host the grand opening of Photo Park Studios in conjunction with Paschal's show.

This is Paschal's third year at OKCCC where she is an art major. She also is employed at Colonial Art Galleries, the oldest gallery in Oklahoma City.

"It's good for me," Paschal said. "I am learning about the art business."

Paschal said she enjoys painting anything with the human form.

"I am beginning to do some landscapes, abstracts and still lifes but I prefer representational art."

Paschal said she used to work mainly with pastels but has been enjoying painting with oils as of late.

Photo Park Studios is located at 6520 108th Ave. N.E. They are looking for artists of all levels to show their work.

Photo Park Studios is located east of the city of Moore. Exit Interstate 240 at Anderson Road and go south. At 149th Street go east to 108th and take a right, go two miles to the bottom of the hill.

For more information on Photo Park Studios call Gronemeier at 573-0460.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Art major Jimmie Paschal shows one of her award-winning paintings. This piece, entitled "Lumpy in Chains," is a painting of Paschal's daughter. It won best of category in the fine arts oil division at the last OKCCC student art show. Paschal has her first professional showing Sept. 24 through 26 at Photo Park Studio in Moore.

Mid-fall deadlines set

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Students planning to pick up an extra class or two during the mid-fall semester have until Oct. 8 to pay their fees. Those who don't may be dropped from their classes for non-payment.

Mid-fall classes begin Oct. 19. The end of late registration for mid-fall classes is Oct. 20.

Students who are balancing work, family and school are happy OKCCC offers eight-week class schedules.

"I have two children and a full time job," said OKCCC student Marsha Worgon.

"I like that classes are only one night a week because it allows me to work more and to spend more time with my children."

Many core curriculum and automotive technology classes are offered during the mid-fall session.

The average length for a class that meets once a week is five hours. When a class meets two times a week, the

MID-FALL DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 8 - Mid-fall fees due (or students will be dropped from class for non-payment)
Oct. 19 - Mid-fall classes begin
Oct. 20 - Mid-fall late registration ends
Oct. 22 - Last day to drop mid-fall classes with a refund
Nov. 15 - First payment due on Monthly Payment Plan for mid-fall classes
Dec. 3 - Last day to withdraw from mid-fall classes with no refund

average time spent in the classroom is two and a half-hours per period.

The last day to drop a mid-fall class with a refund is Oct. 22.

The last day to withdraw from mid-fall classes without a refund is Dec. 3.

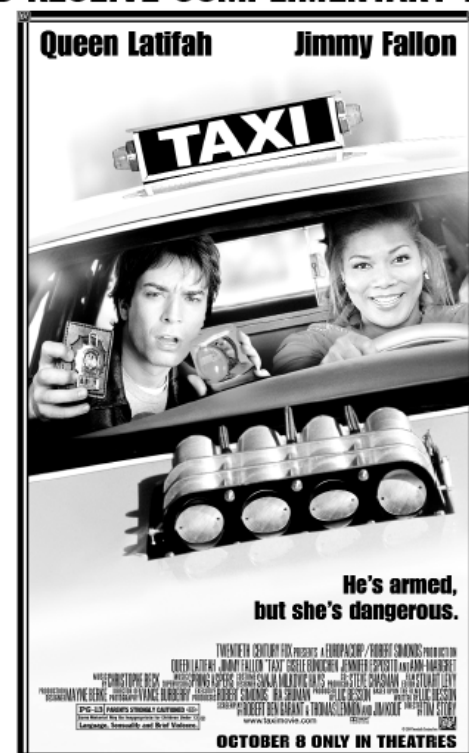
Students who signed the Monthly Payment Plan Agreement must make their first payment by Nov. 15.

The final payment for students who signed the Monthly Payment Plan Agreement is due Dec. 15.

The last day of the fall semester for all OKCCC students is Dec. 18.

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Dean brings 20-plus years of experience to OKCCC

By Kelly Carender
News Writing I Student

The Information Technology Division's new dean has taken a long path to get to OKCCC. He's traveled from Minnesota to South Dakota to New Mexico to Oklahoma. After leaving a 20-year job at New Mexico Junior College, he finally landed in Oklahoma City.

"I enjoy the environment of small colleges," Dr. Steve Barslou said. He said the atmosphere is warmer than at a large university.

Barslou originally began his college career as a student in the field of biology in Minnesota at Mankato State University. During that time, he took a part-time job doing computer programming. He said he gained experience and recognized his interest in this field. He gradu-

ated with a double major in biology and computer science.

Upon finishing his bachelor's degree, Barslou began his career as coordinator and professor of computer science at a technical institute in South Dakota. After 10 years at the institute, Barslou left to advance his professional career.

He joined the staff at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs with positions as chair and professor of computer science.

Two decades later, Barslou applied for the position of dean of the Information Technology Department at OKCCC.

After finding out that he had got-



Photo By Ann Lushbough
Steve Barslou

ten the job, Barslou had to pack up and move to Oklahoma, leaving his wife behind.

His wife is a second grade teacher at an elementary school in New Mexico.

She is focusing on becoming the principal so she did not move with her husband. The two are living apart for the time being.

"We're both adults and we know how to handle being apart," Barslou said.

He explained that it is important for both of them to have professional lives. Their two sons are both finishing college degrees in Texas.

This is Barslou's first semester

at the college and his first time as dean. He said that customer service is one of the most important keys to success for his department. He said that he is concerned that students get exactly what they need.

Barslou's coworkers have complimented his experience and knowledge.

"He knows a lot about the field," said Computer Science Professor Tom Ashby.

Professor of Computer Aided Design Doug Gregory also commended the new dean.

"He is very organized and he gets things done," Gregory said.

Computer Lab Supervisor Dale Hawkins said of Barslou, "He's a great guy and he'll do a fabulous job as dean."

Barslou said he is very busy with new ideas and new projects for the department.

Safety and security director says goodbye

By Veronica Conley
News Writing I Student

Ernest Machado, director of Campus Safety and Security, has resigned after almost two years on the job. Machado was hired Dec. 10, 2002. His last day was Sept. 10.

Coordinator of Campus Safety and Security Keith Bourque has taken over the responsibilities of the director of Campus Safety and Security while Human Resources interviews applicants, said Carolyn Rouillard, senior Human Resources specialist.

"Machado did not provide a reason for his leaving in his letter of resignation so the reasons for his departure are unknown," Rouillard said. She is coordinating the search for a new director of Campus Safety and Security.

The Business and Finance office has not yet established a hiring committee.

"Art Bode (vice president for business and finance) has not yet appointed the committee who will be choosing the best applicant for the job," Rouillard said.

OKCCC security officers are looking forward to working with a new director with mixed emotions.

"It will be different seeing a new face in the office," said Shane Palmer, Campus Security officer. "There is also some apprehension because, with a new director, there will be new ways to operate.

"Either way, there will be an adjustment period after the appointment of a new director."

The Director of Campus Safety and Security is responsible for managing all aspects of pub-

lic safety and emergency preparedness on the college campus with an emphasis on providing and exercising emergency response plans.

"My expectations for the next director is that they should place the needs of their officers first and foremost," Palmer said. "The director needs to be firm but have an understanding nature.

"Most of all they should be approachable, not only to the security staff but also to the students, faculty and staff of the college," Palmer said.

Go job hunting in the union Oct. 6

By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

The department of employment services is hosting a job fair Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the college union.

Linda Fay, student employment adviser, said past events have been extremely successful.

In fact, agencies at the last fair ran out of materials to pass out, Fay said.

"I believe we had over 1,000 students [participate] last time."

Fay expects around 30 agencies to attend this fair and encourages all students to participate. "We have a wide variety [of employers attending,]" Fay said.

Some of those include: FAA, Bank One, OU Medical Center, Cingular Wireless and possibly Dell Computers.

There is no charge for participating in the

The Human Resources Department stopped accepting applications for the Director of Safety and Security position Sept. 24, Rouillard said.

Rouillard will review the candidates on Sept. 27, then send the names along to the hiring committee.

Rouillard said the committee should start interviewing the candidates by the beginning of October.

She said she hopes to recommend the top candidate for the position to OKCCC President Bob Todd by mid-October.

event and members of the community are welcome to attend, Fay said.

Jessica Jones, assistant to the student employment adviser, said a promotional table will be set up Monday, Oct. 4, and Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the entrance to the union advertising the event. Jones will be giving away free candy bars stapled to information concerning the fair.

Tips on how best to prepare for the fair are available online at okccc.edu/es under the events tab.

Those seeking employment should bring a copy of their résumé to the fair, Fay said.

Students who need help preparing a résumé can set up an appointment through employment services by calling 682-7519.

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Youngsters excel at Child Development Center



Cristian Linn, 4, hangs on the fence at the OKCCC Child Development Center. The children spend time playing outside every day.



Mariah Reynolds, 4, Skyler Lowe, 4, and Joshua Mathew, 3, find a shady spot under the jungle gym to hang out and get sandy.

OKCCC's Child Development Center and Lab School cares about children as individuals and is committed to providing them with quality care, said Kendra Kidd, pre-school teacher.

Students who are enrolled in the college's child development programs use the center to learn hands-on about teaching in a top quality child-care center.

Kidd said the children study different themes. The current theme of transportation safety, is "How do you get to school?"

"They will learn to identify different types of transportation that they use to get to school such as cars, vans, buses and trucks," Kidd said.

The center's 3-, 4- and 5-year-old classes plan to visit the AC Delco center at the college.

"The children will draw pictures of cars and learn how an engine works," Kidd said.

The center also hopes to have a bus come on site for the kids to tour, Kidd said.

The center's Parent Handbook states the center is rated a three-star center. The star program is a system of quality and reimbursement that provides incentives for center programs that meet the star criteria, according to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

For more information about OKCCC's child development programs, contact the Child Development Center and Lab School at 682-7561.

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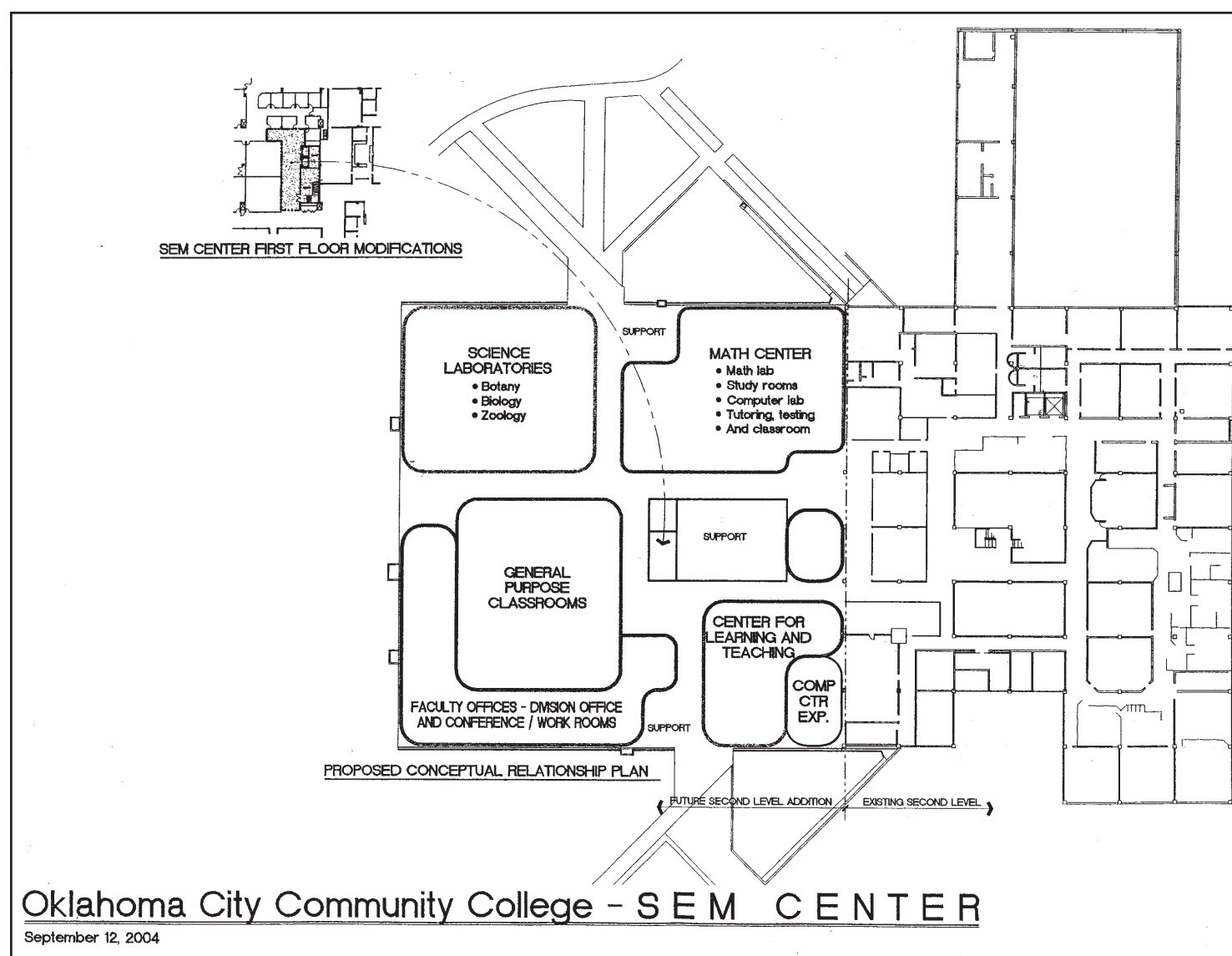
—Kendra Kidd
Pre-school teacher



Four-year-old Ryan McMurry takes a moment out from his busy schedule to show his latest creation made of plastic builders.



Genesis Thompson, 4, shows how high she can climb on the monkey bars.



Conceptual Design

Shown is the architectural rendering for the Science, Engineering and Math Center to be built on campus. Construction will start next year.

Walt Joyce, from Triad Design Group, said plans are to remove the roof on the current science and math complex, which is located in the underground building, and then construct a second story on top of the facility.

The space will provide approximately 65,000 square feet he said.

The area will house a math center including a math lab, study rooms, a computer lab, tutoring, testing and a classroom, as well as science laboratories housing botany, biology and zoology classes.

SEM center gets regents' approval

"SEM,"

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and south entrances of the future second level would become restrooms, he said.

He emphasized that the drawings are all still conceptual ideas. More functional and design analysis has to be made.

"There's a lot of work involved to arrive [at] a final solution," Joyce said.

OKCCC President Bob Todd said the underground portion of the college can safely support a second floor. He said he is pleased that the college is moving forward with the project. "I feel very positive," he said.

One of the main tasks that needs to be accomplished before construction starts is to have the funding in place, Todd said.

The college will sell revenue bonds to pay the entire \$10 million for the cen-

ter. The bonds will be repaid by student fees.

Other facilities that are planned in the SEM Center are the Center for Learning and Teaching, and the computer center expansion.

During the regents meeting Dr. Paul Sechrist, provost/vice president for academic affairs, said the Center for Learning and Teaching will be used for faculty to upgrade their skills, and to provide a resource library for professors.

Joyce said the computer center expansion will allow for needed growth of the college's existing computer systems.

The timing is right on the expansion, Todd said.

He said the underground structure, built in 1972, was due a roof replacement.

In recent construction projects, noise has been a factor for those working and attending classes at

the college. Joyce said that has been taken into consideration on this project.

To help control the noise level during the construction, he said, some items may need to be worked on when nobody is on campus. He said, while not all of the noise can be eliminated, it can be minimized.

Todd expects the construction would begin late spring or early summer.

Joyce said the construction would take at least a year to complete.

Two other construction projects in the planning phase are a Performing Arts Center and an expansion of the health science center.

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Highlights

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. He also has served as the Chair of the President's Council of Physical Fitness under President Jimmy Carter in the past. For more information call Student Life at 682-7523.

First Year Success Scholarship Available

The First Year Success Scholarship is available to all first time, full-time students. To apply for this scholarship you must attend a First Year Success Workshop. The first workshop is from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27. The second workshop is from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28. Both workshops will be held in The Center for Student Development on the first floor of the main building. For more information, contact Peggy Jordan at 682-7535.

Abilities Galore bake sale

Tasty treats will be the main course during the bake sale sponsored by Abilities Galore. The sale will last from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both Wednesday, Sept. 29, and Thursday, Sept. 30, in the foyer of the main building. The group will have a wide variety of cookies and other homemade goodies. A drawing will be held for a homemade cake. For more information on Abilities Galore or the bake sale, contact Jenna Howard at 682-1611, ext. 7621.

Native American Student Association meeting

The Native American Student Association is holding its second meeting of the fall semester from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 in the Student Life conference room. Upcoming activities will be discussed at the meeting and free lunch will be served. NASA also will hold a meeting from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, in college union room 4. For more information, contact Kristi Fields at 682-1611, ext. 7550.

Employment Service resume giveaway

There are just a few more days until the September drawing for a \$50 Wal-Mart gift certificate. Employment Services is sponsoring the drawing. To be eligible, upload your resume on the Student Life Employment Services website at www.collegecentral.com/okcccc/. The drawing will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30.

Theater season opens at OKCCC

The first production of this year's season is "The Barber of Seville" by Beaumarchais. The play will run from Oct. 14 to 16. Each performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission to Thursday's performance is free for students, faculty and staff, but tickets for the general public are \$5. Tickets for the other performances are \$4 for students, faculty and staff and \$5 for the general public. For more information, contact Ruth Charnay at 682-1611, ext. 7246.

Creative journal Absolute accepting submissions

OKCCC's Absolute is accepting short stories, essays, poems, photographs, and black and white drawings for publication in the 2005 issue. Submissions will be accepted until Dec. 1. Submission forms are available in the Arts and Humanities office or online at www.okccc.edu/ah/absolute. For more information, contact Clay Randolph at crandolph@okccc.edu.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. Tuesdays.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Strike a pose: A group of Photography club members pose in style. From left to right are Adjani Vidal, LaWanda LaVarnway, Cybele Hsu, Steven Birkes, Jane J. Johnson and Trena Grayson. Photo club had their first meeting Sept. 21 in the college union. Their next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 5, in room 3K2 of the main building.

Young Democrats are back, say they're here to stay

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

How people vote in November will shape the future, said Bert Smith, Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives for the Fifth District of Oklahoma, when he spoke to the Young Democrats at a recent meeting.

Smith said he is a strong advocate for registering new voters. He brought dozens of blank voter registration forms to the meeting and handed them out to the students.

Smith said he hoped students would encourage their friends to register to vote. He had strong words for those in attendance.

"There are consequences to how you vote," Smith said. "There will be some close elections [this fall.]"

Smith told the group to support their local Democratic candidates outside of campus.

"There are between 20 and 30 candidates who need your help," he said.

"[By volunteering,] you

"We want to get people, specifically women and minorities, to vote and make them aware of the issues."

—Sarah Blaney
Young Democrats Member

can make a difference."

The Young Democrats are just becoming active again after a three-year hiatus, club sponsor Rick Vollmer said. Vollmer is a political science professor.

President James Williamson leads this new crowd of Democrats. He has come up with a few ways of helping the Democratic Party in Oklahoma and to serve the community.

Williamson shared his ideas with the group.

Williamson said the Young Democrats need to help their fellow students register to vote. He said the deadline to register to vote in the upcoming elections is Friday, Oct. 8.

Along with voter registration cards, Williamson said he would like to pass out information on election issues.

Club member Sarah

Blaney summed up what she hopes the club will accomplish.

"We want to get people, specifically women and minorities, to vote and make them aware of the issues."

Blaney said the club wants to ask OKCCC students one question.

"Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" she asked.

Williamson reported on other activities being planned.

He said the Office of Student Life is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity workday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2.

For more information on the Young Democrats, contact James Williamson at jamesw@po.okccc.edu.

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

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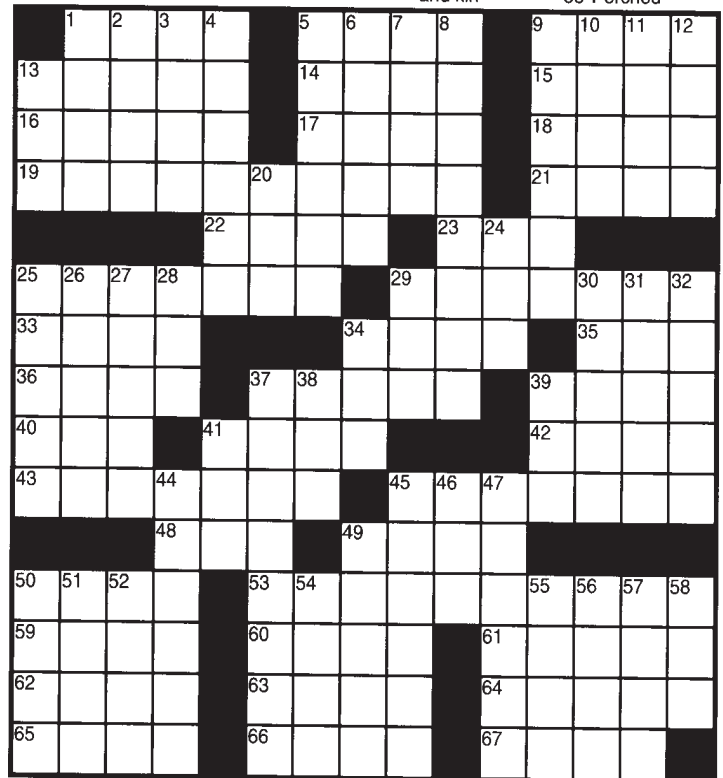
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