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Oklahoma City Community College

Roof repairs to begin on main building

Tentative start date is Oct. 19

By Christiana Kostura **Staff Writer**

KCCC's main building and administrative connector are receiving much needed roof replacements. The OKCCC Board of Regents approved spending \$341,249.01 for the project on Sept. 20.

The main building roof is 31 years old. The building houses several classrooms, labs and offices. The 21year-old administrative connector, located off the main building, houses administrative offices and the board room which is used for regents' meetings.

Art Bode, vice president for Business and Finance, said there are some major leaks that need repaired.

Those walking through the main building lobby during a heavy rain will likely see strategically-placed trash cans catching water.

"About the only thing we can do, due to the location of where the leaks are, is to catch the water in the lobby area as much as possible," Physical Plant Director J.B. Messer said.

Messer said the Physical Plant has tried to repair the damaged areas of the roof but repairs have become more than can be handled so roof replacement must be done.

A trek across the main building roof shows it has become spongy in spots and the top layer of roofing material is peeling off.

Plans to replace the roof began three years ago, Bode said. He said major roof repairs were last done to the main building in 1989.

Most of the college's other roofs have already been repaired or replaced.

Twenty-one skylights in the main building roof also will be replaced, Messer said. Many have cracks that have been temporarily repaired.

The new skylights will meet the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's requirements for insulation value and safety, Messer said.

Section 13 Offset Funds — funds provided to the college for capital purposes only such as new construction, repair, or renovation — will fund the project, Bode said.

The roofing project is scheduled to begin Oct. 19. The Board plans to accept substantial completion on Feb. 21, said Chris Snow, Physical Plant assistant director. The completion date is dependent upon weather conditions and other problems the contractor may encounter,

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Olé: Oklahoma City's own Mariachi Orgullo de las Americas played in the college union on Sept. 28. Student Life organized the event in recognition of Hispanic Awareness Month.

Bipolar disorder leads man to reach out, help others

By Matthew Caban

ven the funniest of E people can be haunted by inner demons such as depression and thoughts of suicide said lecturer, song-writer and stand-up comedian Paul E. Jones.

He knows. He is one of those people.

Diagnosed with bipolar disorder two years ago, Jones will talk about his struggle with the disorder at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, in college union rooms 1, 2 and 3.

About two years ago, the 38-year-old Ohio native had grown tired of the toll the disorder was taking on his family and decided to kill himself.

He spent seven hours writing a suicide letter. The letter was a part of what he called "suicide etiquette."

In the end, Jones had a change of heart.

Still, he e-mailed the letter to his manager. Jones's manager said the letter changed his outlook on life. He suggested that Jones might help others by publishing the letter.

"Dear World: A Suicide Letter" is the result.

In it, Jones explains the disease he suffers from and attempts to educate others. He said he wants to help people, especially young people.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among people ages 15 to 24. Depression affects 19 million people over the age of 18 according to www.afsp.org.

Jones said his depression led him to do such things as lie under the bed of his hotel room for 20 hours a day. He said he would turn out all the lights and turn the air conditioning down to its lowest setting.

He said his behavior would shift to a manic state. Mania is a euphoric state that impairs judgment. Jones said.

While in a manic state, Jones said, he would stand up in his car with the top down and driving 90 miles per hour, hoping to die.

He said he did not want to put his family through that type of behavior anymore. That's when he wrote the letter.

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Editorial and Opinion _____

Editorial

Bush shares ideas in book

The current presidential administration is criticized on all sides, through satirical humor at www.jibjab.com, Saturday Night Live, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and even in America's most respected newspapers.

This is not to say that the criticism is undeserved. Any president should be able to pronounce the word nuclear and the names of foreign leaders.

However, by the same standards, the president should be supported, not insulted for his decisions. For example, new members of the U.S. Army must pledge their support to the president.

In the president's autobiography "A Charge to Keep," Bush describes part of his pilot training at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga.

"I was frightened when (the flight instructor) suddenly pulled the nose up and deliberately stalled the plane," Bush said. "'Are you afraid of this thing?' he asked as we began losing altitude. 'If you're afraid of this airplane, you will never be a pilot.'

"He was graphically demonstrating that he was the master of the machine," Bush said.

Although President Bush is not our nation's master, he is our leader. You may or may not support his ideas or actions. The most important outlet to express your opinion is through voting.

Voter registration for the upcoming election ends on Friday, Oct. 8. By not registering, you silence yourself. Some eligible voters list multiple reasons for not registering, according to www.chealth policy.org. The website compiled a list of these reasons or as some might say, excuses. They include: my vote doesn't make a difference; I've never gotten around to it; my husband takes care of that and, it has nothing to do with me.

Politics has everything to do with you. Voting is a privilege that too many Americans don't take advantage of. If your life hasn't improved in the past four years, it may be time for new leadership. Maybe you don't think President Bush served in the military and therefore, is unqualified to be reelected.

"I served [in the Air National Guard] and I am proud of my service," Bush said in his autobiography. "Yet I know it was nothing comparable to what our soldiers and pilots were doing in Vietnam."

The president also is criticized for the economy and the war in Iraq. However, any president should be given slack because of what a tragic event like 9/11 can do to the nation's economy. There are some people in the country who still fear a terrorist attack.

One of the most interesting points of "A Charge to Keep" is Bush's outlook on war. "If America's strategic interests are at stake, if diplomacy fails, if no other option will accomplish the objective, the Commander in Chief must define the mission and allow the military to achieve it," he said.

No matter who is elected president on Nov. 2, you may be criticized for not speaking with your vote.

—Matthew Caban Staff Writer

Celebrate math and science

To the editor:

October is Oklahoma Higher Education Math and Science Month.

Colleges and universities across the state will promote their math and science lab services, as well as showcase faculty and student success stories via the State Regents website. The "Math and Science Resources" online tool is designed to ease math and science concerns and boost current skill levels of students statewide.

Students, parents and educators are encouraged to visit www.okhighered .org/student-center under "Check It Out" for a list of campus events and helpful math and science websites. Visitors will notice a variety of services, including assistance with homework problems for students and parents or for educators in creating lesson plans.

"Math and Science Month draws attention to the importance of these subjects not only in school, but in the world of work. The skills learned in math and science courses are important in creating a strong workforce for our state," Chancellor Paul G. Risser said.

"During October and throughout the school year, students, parents and educators are encouraged to use the resources available to assist our young people in developing the math and science skills necessary for college-level work and eventually, the workforce."

In addition to Math and Science Month, the State Regents have multiple initiatives to strengthen math and science learning in Oklahoma's K-12 classrooms. These initiatives are designed to help reduce the need for math and science remediation at the college level.

Students who enroll in remedial courses pay tuition and fees, but receive no credit for the course. Students who get a strong foundation in math and science skills in high school can avoid remediation later.

Some of the initiatives of the State Regents include improving teacher preparation, offering the Educational Planning and Assessment System (EPAS) and sending feedback reports to the high schools.

For more information about Oklahoma higher education's math and science programs, e-mail studentinfo@osrhe.edu or call 1-800-858-1840 (225-9239 in Oklahoma City).

—Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

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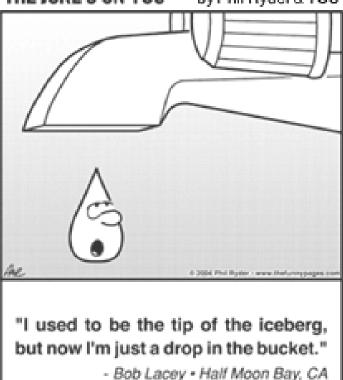
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THE JOKE'S ON YOU by Phil Ryder & YOU



Comments and Reviews

He said, she said: who to believe?

Staff writers Richard Hall and Christiana Kostura recently attended a screening of "First Daughter," a romantic comedy starring Michael Keaton as President Mackenzie and Katie Holmes as daughter Samantha Mackenzie.

We agree on this much: the film revolves around Samantha's first semester of college as she strains to sneak out of the limelight and into normalcy.

Throw in a few typical college situations, a love interest and a twist, and you have a decent idea of what "First Daughter" is like.

This is where we agreed to disagree.

Richard said:

"First Daughter" has all of the ingredients to make it a decent movie. The only problem is that you'll have a very hard time stomaching it.

The acting job by Katie Holmes isn't anything to gawk over, and honestly, Holmes better lends her talent as a piece of eyecandy than as a convincing actress

As the romance aspect of the film takes flight, an unexpected plot surprise takes over and leaves both characters involved dealing with the consequences of their decisions. This is where the disappointment sets in. As if the movie couldn't have become any worse, you can see the sudden and obvious twist coming from a mile away.

If you've seen Mandy Moore's recent film, "Chasing Liberty," then there is no need to watch "First Daughter," since the same gimmick is applied to both films

Overall, this movie boasts a familiar feel to it and will have to live with the stigma of being a chick flick. While being such a film can't single-handedly tarnish the enjoyment of the experience, a tired story and arduous direction will.

It's not that I don't mind a horribly clichéd movie every once in a while, it's just that I will never have enough estrogen coursing through me to watch "First Daughter" ever again.

So please, don't force-feed yourself. This film is all looks and no charm. I give it a C+.

Christiana said:

"First Daughter" is a cute movie. It has some classic components of a romance. Of course, the girl can't have the guy that she wants. That's where the conflict comes in, and where would we be without the conflict?

Although Holmes' performance wasn't as dynamic as it could have been, her acting was good enough for the audience to enjoy the film. The twist in the movie was predictable, but still received a well-deserved sucking in of breath and cries from the girls in the audience.

The directing and script were fine for this type of film.

Sure, it's a chick flick. But, to make your girl happy, why not take her to see it? I give this film a B.

> —Christiana Kostura and Richard Hall Staff Writers



Q: Why doesn't OKCCC offer physical education courses?

A: OKCCC only offers credit courses that lead to a Certificate of Mastery or an associate degree at the college. Since none of the certificate or degree programs have a physical education course requirement for credit, there are none offered.

—Dr. Brenda Harrison Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Q: Why is the ceiling in the main building unfinished?

A: The college was built with an open design concept. As areas have been renovated over the years, room enclosures have been added to address the needs of faculty and staff and students.

—J.B. Messer Director of Physical Plant

Q: Why did the college choose parking lot A to add new parking spaces?

A: There were four expansion areas proposed to the executive members in the college administration, who elected two of the areas be installed. Those two areas were the north and south portions of parking let Λ

—Chris Snow Assistant Director of Physical Plant

Q: Why do some classrooms have old and small desks while others have newer tables and chairs?

A: The college started with tab arm desks in most of the classrooms. As funding becomes available, the tab arm desks are replaced with tables and chairs. The goal is to replace all the tab arm desks eventually.

—J.B. Messer Director of Physical Plant

9: What should a student do if his or her professor isn't doing a satisfactory job?

A: The student can refer to section five on page 41 in the student handbook. If the student chooses to file a formal grievance, he or she should follow the approved guidelines. Otherwise, the student should contact the professor and/or the dean.

—Dr. Brenda Harrison Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Q: What is the percentage of minority students?

A: This year 30.5 percent of the student body are minority students.

—Joyce Morgan-Dees Coordinator of Research

'Mr. 3000' a major baseball comedy

Bernie Mac definitely deserves a hit on the scorecard for his latest sports comedy "Mr. 3000." Not only is this movie a hilarious comedy, it also is a great baseball flick.

Stan Ross (Mac) is an extremely arrogant superstar who is loathed by the press. After recording his 3000th hit, Ross retires mid-season, even though his team, the Milwaukee Brewers, are in playoff contention.

Nine years later, Ross cons the owner of the Brewers into retiring his number. While on stage at the ceremony, Ross pleads with the fans to assist him in making it to the Hall of Fame.

However, when Cooperstown officials check Ross' statistics, they discover three of his base hits were actually recorded twice and therefore, don't count.

Ross decides to return to his former team in search of the three hits so that he can reclaim the title of Mr. 3000. The Brewers, who are dead last, allow Ross back on the team strictly as a publicity stunt to drive up the attendance.

The closer Ross gets to his goal, the better the team begins to play.

The sports writers are all

over Ross, especially his former girlfriend Mo (Angela Bassett), who is interested in more than Ross' 3000th hit.

Bernie Mac does a terrific job in the leading role and the script is wonderful. "Mr. 3000" is a sports film that has comedy, drama and even a little romance.

The film is the best baseball comedy since "Major League," and deserves more respect than critics are giving. If you enjoy baseball or movies, then you will have a good time watching this one.

—Shawn Bryant Staff Writer

Quote of the Week:

"Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight."

—Phyllis Diller

Photo by Ann Lushbough

Former governor of New Mexico Jerry Apodaca spoke in the college union on Sept. 27 about the important role of Hispanic



Hispanics important to election

By Ann Lushbough Staff Writer

Former governor of New Mexico Jerry Apodaca spoke on campus last week about the importance of voting and the effect the Hispanic community will most likely have on this year's presidential election.

"By the year 2005, Hispanics will be the largest minority community in the country," Apodaca said.

"I believe we have already become the largest."

As of this year, the Hispanic community makes up 14 percent of the popu-

Apodaca quoted President George W. Bush in saying Hispanics will make the difference in this year's election. Apodaca thought

this was a very powerful statement.

Apodaca said only 4 percent of the population is undecided about the presidential elections this year, and that Hispanics and women make up the majority of the undecided.

"Both candidates are making a serious effort with the Hispanic community," he said.

Some political experts wonder what this means for the country. Political Science professor Rick Vollmer is worried about campaigns focusing too much on the Hispanic community.

"If campaigns continue to focus more on the Hispanic vote, doesn't it seem like it contributes to the division of our country even further?" Vollmer asked.

Apodaca sees the split as pronounced. "The country today is just as divided as it was four years ago," Apodaca said.

'You just don't know what will motivate people to become involved."

Illegal immigration was another topic that arose. Apodaca said neither candidate has addressed immigration because there is no

"Illegal immigration is in the millions," he said. "As long as the economic conditions are better in the United States, people will continue to migrate illegally."

In 1975 Apodaca became the first Hispanic governor of New Mexico, the first of the country since 1918. He speaks in colleges across the country.

Photographer Ann Lushbough can be reached at pioneerphotog@okccc.edu.



'Barber of Seville' sheer fun

By Kyle Sonner **News Writing I Student**

One woman is pursued by two men in "The Barber of Seville," a romantic comedy that will be performed in the college theater Oct. 14 to 16.

Theater Arts professor Ruth Charnay directs the play. "I chose this play because I think it is funny," she said. "I think the audience will enjoy it.

"I tend to choose plays that give our acting students a wide variety of different styles."

Charnay said she chooses plays for her students that also will help them grow as actors.

"We have never done anything that was this period or style before," she said.

This comic play, written in the 1700s by • Pierre Beaumarchais, takes place in Spain.

Rosine, played by Jessica Myer, finds herself caught between the affections of two men

Count Almaviva (Ace Burke) and Dr. Bartholo (Eric Hughes).

The Count falls in love with Rosine at first sight and seeks her out.

He relies on the help of Bartholo's barber, Figaro (Jason Grogan), to help him with his mission.

Grogan said his character "mixes things up and causes problems.'

Bartholo is Rosine's legal guardian. He also is in love with her.

"It is like soap opera meets comedy, meets tragedy...it should hold something for everybody," Hughes said.

"(There is) enough comedy for the guys (and) enough love interest for the girls."

The play will be per-

formed at 7:30 p.m. each night from Thursday, Oct. 14, through Saturday, Oct.

Admission is free to OKCCC students and faculty with a valid ID on opening night.

For the following nights, admission is \$4 for students and faculty from any institution with a valid ID and \$5 for the general pub-

Students wanting to help out with the production need to contact Charnay. Ushers and people to make promotional posters are needed.

The theater department's next production will be "Nunsense." Auditions for "Nunsense" — which is an all-female cast — will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Oct.

18 and 19 in the theater lobby.

Males can audition for "Nunsense," but Charnay wants it to be clear that they will be playing females if they are cast.

For more information contact Charnay at 682-1611, ext. 7246.

Students land lead roles in upcoming play

> By Kyle Sonner **News Writing I Student**

Approximately 30 people auditioned for lead roles in the upcoming OKCCC production "The Barber of Seville." Four landed parts.

Eric Hughes, 22, plays Dr. Bartholo. He said those who were chosen will do a great job.

"There is a lot of talent in this show," he said.

The Kansas native is majoring in communications. Ace Burke, 24, portrays Count Almaviva. He is a

theater arts major from Moore. He was nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship for his role in the "Glass Menagerie," performed last December at OKCCC.

Jessica Myer, 18, has the role of Rosine. She is majoring in theater arts.

"I love [acting]," she said. "I like being other people. People are so interesting and I think that is what makes acting fun."

However, the Norman native said, it's not easy for her to relate to her character.

"Rosine is so hard to relate to because she is so dependent," Myer said. "Women are more independent these days.'

Jason Grogan, on the other hand, said he completely relates to his character of Figaro. The 26year-old Arizona native is a theater arts major.

"I am a musician, a playwright and an actor like Figaro is," Grogan said. "It is kind of funny that I got cast as this character.'

The cast rehearses four to five days a week for two or more hours per day. As opening night nears, they will rehearse six days a week, Burke said.

The cast is hoping for a big turnout when the play opens Thursday evening, Oct. 14. They are unanimous that "The Barber of Seville" is a good play that people will enjoy.

"Anytime the school does something like this, it is definitely going to be awesome," Grogan said.

And those who attend will have the best time of their lives if they pay attention, Hughes said. There are tons of innuendos, he said.

"We are going to try and make them big but you really need to pay attention."

With the exception of last spring's production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare," all past productions have been plagued with low attendance, Burke said.

"I wish more people would come out and see (the plays)," he said. "I love performing in front of people."

Burke said it's a great way to spend an evening but not a lot of money.

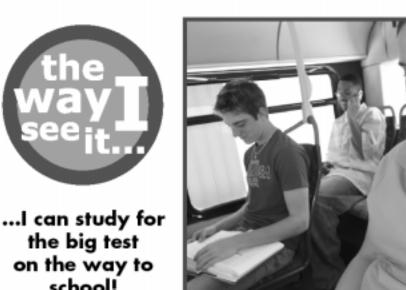
"Take out your significant other and see a funny show," Burke said. "It is a cheap date."

Hughes echoed that sentiment.

"It is freaking hilarious," he said. "You will have a good time, I guarantee it."

Come and support us so we can keep putting on these shows," Burke said.

Count: Ace Burke Rosine: Jessica Myer Figaro: Jason Grogan Bartholo: Eric Sean Hughes • Don Bazile: Jeremy Williams Youngman: Nathan Richards • **Wideawake: Carl Evens Justice: Mark McDevitt Notary: Yousef Kazemi**



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26th annual festival sees increase

By Caroline Ting Editor

OKCCC celebrated the 26th year of Arts Festival Oklahoma during Labor Day weekend with better weather conditions than last year, but sales and attendance still did not meet the expected numbers.

This year the art sales commission was \$21,801, compared to \$17,336 last year, and \$25,324 in 2001, the highest in the past five years.

The total attendance was 35,000 this year, compared to 27,972 in 2003, and 44,850 in 2002, according to the 2004 festival's preliminary report in the Sept. 20 Board of Regents meeting agenda.

Dr. Manuel Prestamo, dean of cultural programs and community development, said the art sales commission represents 10 percent of the actual sales amount of artwork sold at the festival.

It is the agreement between the artists and the festival that they return 10 percent of their sales to the festival to help pay off the costs for setting up the event, Prestamo said. Arts Festival Oklahoma is sponsored by OKCCC, the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, Central Art Association and Women of the South.

The food vendors returned 20 percent of their total sales at the event. The food sales commission for 2004 was \$17,721, compared to \$15,660 last year, and \$28,488 in 2002, Prestamo said.

The total revenue of the festival was \$52,069 this year, compared to \$42,748 last year, and \$69,645 in 2002. Included in the total revenue are sales from art, food, T-shirts, the children's area, parking and others.

Dr. Ann Ackerman, vice president for economic and community development, said there is no specific reason that contributes to the decline in revenue, but said weather can be a primary factor that affects the numbers.

"There's no real way of knowing definitively," Ackerman said. "Last year it was cold and rainy. It "It's about people. It's about the artistic experience, and connecting and promoting our Oklahoma artists."

—Manuel Prestamo
 Dean of Cultural Programs
 and Community Development

rained almost the entire weekend, and I think that's why the numbers were low."

This year, competition with other popular events in the metro area on the same weekend also affected the festival, Ackerman said. Some of those include the Phil Collins concert at the Ford Center, Willie Nelson and Bob Dylan at the SBC Bricktown Ballpark and college football games.

The AFO 2004 featured headline entertainment from Brasil Brazil, the Oklahoma City Philharmonic and Ty England. There were approximately 160 visual artists, 200 performing artists, 14 food vendors and 1,300 volunteers at the event, according to the report.

The number of artists remained about the same for this year, and many of them

return to the festival every year, Ackerman said.

The festival is a "juried show," for the artists, Ackerman said. One of the co-sponsors of the event, Central Art Association, judges submitted artwork and selects artists who are qualified to showcase their work at the festival.

In order to see an increase in these numbers in future festivals, Prestamo said, it's crucial to advertise more widely and connecting young people with art.

Due to a limited budget, Prestamo said, the college couldn't afford advertising on television. "We don't have a budget that can really cover television advertising," Prestamo said.

But, he said, Cox Communications and FOX were recruited and became major sponsors for the festival this year. They provided some free public service announcements on their channels.

"Our public relations department created the announcements. They were very nicely done," Prestamo said.

While the statistics tell how much money the AFO made and how many people attended, Prestamo said, people should look beyond the figures.

"It's not just about numbers," Prestamo said. "It's about people. It's about the artistic experience, and connecting and promoting our Oklahoma artists."

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Spring enrollment Oct. 11

By Richard Hall Staff Writer

Early enrollment for the spring semester will begin online Monday, Oct. 11, for all previously admitted students.

Students who are new to the college may begin to enroll for spring classes on Oct. 18 when open enrollment begins for all students.

Enrolling at an early date can ensure placement in the desired class, said Mary Turner, coordinator of Student Support Services.

"Students who enroll as early as possible typically receive more counseling if they need it," she said. "We can spend more time on degree plans and on discussing the choices of majors."

Many classes fill up within the first week of enrollment. Health-related classes tend to fill up at a much faster pace than other classes, Turner said. "There is a big demand for occupations which deal with the allied-health programs," she said.

Turner said students hoping to enroll in the programs should expect a lot of competition for spots in the classes.

Turner said many of the students who will enroll for the spring will be returning students.

Broadcasting major Jeremy Barr will be back for his third semester at OKCCC.

"I used to go to the University of Central Oklahoma but decided to come here because it's cheaper," he said.

Turner said students who are having trouble deciding on a major should talk to counselors in Student Development.

"If you have an idea of what you want to major in, it makes it easier to develop an idea on career direction," she said.

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Seminar to target ID theft

By Caroline Ting Editor

Identity theft may target you next, if you don't learn how to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

Student Life is bringing Tinker Federal Credit Union's fraud investigator John Quinton to speak on the topic "Protect Yourself from Fraud and Identity" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12, in college union room 3. The seminar is free and open to the students.

During the seminar, Quinton said, he hopes to provide information on what identity theft is, and how people can avoid it. He also will focus part of the lecture on Internet identity theft.

Anyone can be a victim of fraud and identity theft, Quinton said. "It can happen to you.

"A lot of people know and understand that it happens but [believe] it always happens to somebody else."

Quinton said he wants the public not

only to understand what identity theft is, but also to keep in mind how pervasive it can be, and understand the negative impact it creates after the crimes have been committed.

Quinton has spoken about fraud and identity theft at several other campuses, such as Redlands Community College and Oklahoma State University. He also was an adjunct professor for eight years at colleges including OSU, RCC, Oklahoma City University, Rose State College and Francis

He has an associate degree in police science from OSU, a bachelor's in criminal justice from OCU and a master's in criminal justice management administration from the University of Central Oklahoma.

The seminar is one of several Employment Services has put together that continue through spring '05. All the seminars are held in conjunction with Student Life's Brown Bag Lunch Series. To learn more about the employment services seminars call 682-7519.

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College celebrates 32 years with outdoor party



Photo by Ann Lushbough

tudent Life threw a celebration in honor of the college's 32nd anniversary on Thursday, Sept. 23.

The celebratory events were held at the Arts Festival grounds, located outside of the Arts and Humanities building.

Students, faculty and staff were invited to partake in a \$1.50 lunch consisting of a burger, chips and a soda.

There also were games such as Sumo wrestling, and a Velcro wall as well as giveaways such as free Frisbees and tie-dye T-shirts.

Although the weather was a little cloudy, the celebration was still a success.



Freshman Brittany Grimes tries not to fall as she runs to beat her opponent in a bungee race. Student Life hosted the anniversary event which included many activities for students and faculty to participate in.

Photo by Daniel Orren



Left: Freshman Aura Luna stops by the anniversary party to make a

Photo by Daniel Orren

Sophomores Jeremy Williams and Gilbert Lopez test their strength in the Sumo wrestling ring at the anniversary celebration.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Freshmen Kristie Guy and Scott Rhoden grab some lunch at the OKCCC anniversary party. Sellers Catering served hamburgers, chips and drinks for \$1.50 at the celebration.

Text by Christiana Kostura Photos by Ann Lushbough & Daniel Orren

Sports____

UPCOMING

EVENTS

•Oct. 13 & 14:

Ping pong tournament - in the OKCCC gymnasium 2 - 5 p.m.

•Oct. 25 & 26:

1-on-1 basketball tournament - in the OKCCC gymnasium 2 - 5 p.m.

INTRAMURALS

•Now through Oct. 29: 3-on-3 basketball

league sign-up in the OKCCC gymnasium.

•Now through Oct. 29: Volleyball league sign-

up in the OKCCC gymnasium.

•Nov. 3: 8-ball at the Corner Pocket, 900 S.E. 29th St., OKC Time to be announced.

•Nov. 15: Swim meet at the OKCCC Aquatics Center. Check for times.

YOUTH

•Nov. 22 & 23: Fall Bash, Youth Sports Event in the OKCCC gymnasium. Events, to be announced, are free.

Contact Eric Watson at 682-1611, ext. 7860 for more information on OKCCC's sports programs.

Do you have an OKCCC-related sports event you want to put in the calendar? Contact Sports Reporter Shawn Bryant at 682-1611, ext. 7440, or e-mail StaffWriter2@okccc.edu

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Running in former student's sole

By Shawn Bryant Staff Writer

Imagine running a race that was so long your shoes fell apart. That is exactly what 40-year-old Russell Allison did.

As the former OKCCC student and Norman resident trekked more than 3,000 miles across the United States, his Nike Zoom Elite running shoes began to deteriorate.

"[I looked down] and the glue was delaminating," Allison said. "So Nike bought me new shoes."

Run Across America 2004 was a 3,100-mile race that began in Huntington Beach, Calif. on June 12 and ended in Central Park, N.Y., Aug. 21.

The race was broken up into 71 daily stages, which range between 29 and 54 miles long, Allison said.

"I averaged around 43 miles a day and ran for about eight and a half to nine hours a day," he said. "[During the race] I aver-

aged about 11:41 per mile."

Allison said his wife of 20 years, Robbie, was responsible for his crew.

"Every three miles or so I would stop and have a 16-ounce Coke or Gatorade and some Cheeze Doodles."

Allison said he tried to keep his calorie intake to around 6,000 calories while he was running and would

eat double portions when he was resting.

In preparation for the event, Allison ran 20 miles a day before he upped his mileage in January.

"One week I ran 210 miles which is about 30 miles a day," he said.

Running across America is a tremendous feat Allison said he is proud to have accomplished.

"Twelve men started the race," he said. "Only six finished.



Photo courtesy of www.runacrossamerica2004.com

Former OKCCC student Russell Allison ran more than 3,000 miles across the United States in Run Across America. He said he's been thinking about running across the country since he was 10 years old.

"Four were physically unable to finish. The other two weren't mentally prepared." Allison said.

Even though Allison received no money for participating in the race, he said he was amply compensated for his time.

"Having nothing to do but run is so satisfying."

Allison said when he decided to enter the Run Across America 2004 race, it wasn't fame or fortune that motivated him.

The race was run purely for satisfaction he said.

"The greatest thing about this race would have to be doing something that I have wanted to do for so long."

Allison said he remembers thinking about running across the United States as far back as when he was 10 years old.

Although Allison didn't run while in high school, he still has close to 20

years of experience in the sport. He previously ran a 310-mile race across the state of Colorado. He also completed a 252-mile race across the state of Oklahoma.

Aside from running, Allison is the owner of Allison's Fun Co. in Norman, an amusment rental equipment and party planning company.

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OKCCC Club Soccer shuts out opponent

By Shawn Bryant Staff Writer

The OKCCC Club Soccer team handed a 7-0 shutout to the University of Central Oklahoma Blue team Saturday, Sept. 25.

It could have been more. "Three of our goals were

called back because of an offsides penalty," said Mumy Randolph, an international business major and team member.

"The team played very well," Randolph said.

This win brings the team record to 1-1.

Saturday's game was played at the Oklahoma State University campus in Stillwater. Games are played every Saturday at different locations.

Randolph said those wanting to attend a game can even hitch a ride as the soccer team will be taking a school van to each game. The team will leave the college one hour before game time.

The league has a total of seven teams.

At the end of the regular season there will be a National Intramural Recreations Sports Association regional tournament followed by the semi-finals.

During semis the top four teams will compete to see who will play for the league championship.

Randolph said team members had to pay in or-

der to participate.

"It costs \$35 to join," Randolph said.

He said uniforms are handed out before the game and taken up afterward.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, OKCCC plays OSU Japan at 2:30 on the UCO cam-

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For more information about OKCCC Club Soccer, call Coach K.B. Yeboah at 255-7735 or e-mail dakm 921@yahoo.com.

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College's main building scheduled for roof replacement

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Snow said.

Oklahoma Roofing and Sheet Metal is providing a 20-year warranty on the new roof, Bode said.

He said any repairs needing to be done during the 20-year period will be performed by the contractor.

Messer said his area will provide needed maintenance.

Bode said taking care of the outside of the college is important for the building's longevity.

"The main benefit to students is that (the new roof) prolongs the life of the building that we're holding classes in," he said.

"We want to make sure that we keep the shell of the building in as good a shape as we can, so that we don't destroy the things that we've done inside."

Recent renovations and construction have elicited a few complaints about

Messer said he is optimistic that the contractor and Physical Plant can figure out a way to work effectively while bothering as few people as possible.

Bode agreed that any interruptions to classes should be minor.

"Normally, roof projects aren't going to cause a significant enough noise level to cause any major or long-term interruptions," Bode said.

He said faculty should contact the Physical Plant if the interruptions are seriously interfering with their classes.

"We'll work with the contractor to try and lessen the impact."

Psychology Professor Martha George teaches classes in the main building and also has an office there. She said about the project, "It's an expenditure whose time has come.'

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Physical Plant Assistant Director Chris Snow lifts a piece of damaged roofing material, showing the extensive damage on the main building's roof.





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Mental illness lecturer to visit Oct. 11

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Jones's lecture is part of the Educational Lecture Series 2004-2005 presented by the Office of Student Life.

"What we try to do with a lecture series is engage students to learn outside of the classroom," said Jon Horinek, Student Life coordinator of civic engagement.

"We hope to bring awareness to mental illness, which is something people overlook.

According to www.mentalhealth screening.org, at least half of all cases of bipolar disorder begin before age 25.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill reports bipolar disorder affects 2.3 million adult Americans or about 1.2 percent of the population and it can run in families [www.nami.org].

Horinek believes Jones will not only be an interesting speaker, but also a reliable source when it comes to bipolar disorder.

"He is not a typical lecturer," Horinek said.

"He speaks from his own experience because he lived through it.

"It is something [Jones] deals with today. Bipolar disorder is not something that goes away."

For more information regarding the Educational Lecture Series, contact Horinek at 682-1611, ext. 7697.

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Highlights

Business Professionals forming club

There is a new student organization on campus, the Business Professionals of America. The OKCCC chapter of the club will hold an introductory meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, in room 2R5 of the main building. For more information, contact V.J. Ramachandran at 682-1611, ext. 7220, Joe Ramsey at 682-1611, ext. 7454, or Lea Ann Hall at 682-1611, ext. 7497.

University of Central Oklahoma to visit campus

A representative from the University of Central Oklahoma will be visiting campus from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Monday through Dec. 13 to assist students who wish to transfer to UCO to complete their bachelor's degree upon completion of their associate degree. The representative will set up a table in the first floor foyer of the main building. For more information, contact Joel A. Drury at jdrury1@ucok.edu.

College Republicans to hold officer elections

The College Republicans will hold their annual officer elections at the next meeting which will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5, in room 3N0 of the main building. For more information, contact Ralph deCardenas at 682-1611, ext. 7216.

Native American club meetings

The Native American Student Association is holding a general meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6 in the Student Life conference room. NASA also will hold a meeting from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, in college union room 4. For more information, contact Kristi Fields at 682-1611, ext. 7550.

Brown Bag Lunch series to continue

The Student Life Brown Bag Lunch series will continue with "Behind the Scenes: 20 Years in Sports, TV and Movies" at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7, in college union room 2. Craig Hitchcock will speak about his experience in the world of film and live television. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at 682-7523.

Fraud investigator to speak

John Quinton, fraud investigator from Tinker Federal Credit Union, will present "Protect Yourself from Fraud and Identity Theft" from 12:30 to1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, in college union room 3 of the main building. For more information, contact Student Life at 682-7523.

Health Professions Club to host speaker

The Health Professions Club will welcome Jim Albertson from the OU Health Sciences Center to their meeting from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, in room 1C4 of the main building. Albertson will answer questions on the application process for OUHSC and the school's curriculum. For more information, contact Steve Kamm at 682-1611, ext. 7268.

"The Barber of Seville" is first production of season

"The Barber of Seville" by Beaumarchais opens at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 in the college theater. The play also can be seen at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 15 and 16. Admission to Thursday's performance is free for students, faculty and staff. 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.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Rock the vote: Freshman Daniel Orren registers to vote at the suggestion of freshman James Gentry at the recent American Politics forum featuring lecturer and former governor of New Mexico, Jerry Apodaca. The event, hosted by Student Life, was held in the college union on Sept. 27.

College Republicans ready for debate and elections

By Matthew Caban Staff Writer

A debate may be brewing between two on-campus political organizations, the College Republicans and the Young Democrats, College Republicans Chairwoman Susan Mills said.

Mills said the clubs are looking to hold the debate in mid October.

The club will discuss the possible debate at the next meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5 in room 3NO of the main building, Mills said.

"We have appointed a committee to look into the possibility of having a debate," club sponsor Ralph deCardenas said.

"If we have the debate, I am going to take part in it," club member Robert Edde said. "I want to be involved in the debate because I am passionate about what I believe and I want to express it."

Late President Ronald Reagan once said the College Republicans helped change the course of history, and changed it for the better. The current College Republicans on campus are preparing to do their part to write history as well.

With the general election on Nov. 2, deCardenas said the College Republicans are looking at a number of possible events.

Mills said she recently started a newsletter to send to members of the club. The newsletter lists upcoming events.

In the past the club had a voter registration booth set up to encourage people to register to vote, deCardenas said.

He said if a voter registration booth was set up this year, it would allow nonpartisan registration.

Another way the College Republicans will try to get students involved is by selling political T-shirts. Mills said one of her favorites is the "Dubya is my homeboy" T-shirt. She said these are based off the popular "Jesus is my homeboy" T-shirts.

Although he said he likes

the "Dubya" T-shirts, de-Cardenas said the club is still looking into selling the shirts on campus.

Those involved with the College Republicans had their ideas about the club to share.

"We are trying to educate student about the conservative ideals," deCardenas said.

"We're here to encourage a passion for politics and the Republican Party on campus," Mills said. "We do activities together to support Republican candidates."

Members of the group said they are excited about the club's future. "I am looking forward to the Nov. 2 election," Edde said.

"I'm very encouraged with our attendance in the last three weeks," de-Cardenas said.

"I encourage anyone who is interested in politics to come to one of our meetings."

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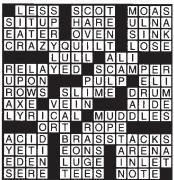
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