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PIONEER

OKCCC President wants more funds from Legislature

In 10 years, student costs have doubled

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Students who have been bearing the burden of increasing college costs for the past few years may be relieved to learn that the college is working with the State Regents for Higher Education to control tuition increases for next year.

In 2003-2004, about half the college's educational and general operating budget came from state appropriations — \$16.5 million in a total budget of \$32.3 million.

Typically, the main revenue source for the college comes from the state funds for higher education, said college President Bob Todd. However, he said, in the past four to five years, state appropriations from the Legislature have gone down, while student costs have increased.

Student fees generated the second highest revenue source for the college in 2003-2004 — 31.6 percent of the total budget, according to OKCCC's 2003-2004 President's Annual Report. There are two components in student revenue — enrollment increases and tuition increases, Todd said.

About 10 years ago, Todd said, the state regents adopted an objective to have students pay one-third of the cost of a college education. At that time, student tuition and fees comprised 19 percent of college and university's budgets, according to The Oklahoman. Today, that share has increased to 36 percent while the state's share has dropped from 70 to 50 percent.

"Because of the enrollment increases and tuition increases, coupled with the decrease in the state revenue, the percentage of the total revenue coming from students is increasing substantially," Todd said.

Before the next fiscal year, Todd said, OKCCC administrators, the college's Board of Regents and the state regents will work to hold the line on how much a student will pay for college.

He said the budget committee of the Presidents Council will work with the state regents staff to develop a budget request for all higher education. The committee will then give a presentation to the state regents to help them form an official request to the Legislature for funding for higher education.

"[We're] hoping that outcome would be an increase in state appropriations," Todd said.

Todd has been chairing the budget committee of the

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Photo by Ann Lushbough

If I were... Sophomores Ace Burke and Jason Grogan play their roles as Count Almaviva and Figaro for the OKCCC production of "Barber of Seville." The play was performed in the college theater Oct. 14 through 16.

Flu vaccine shortage hits state

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Healthy Oklahomans are being asked to step back this year and let high-risk folks get in line first to receive the limited supply of flu vaccines the state will receive.

Ken Cadaret, director of field operations in the immunization service division of the Oklahoma State Department of Health, said OSDH ordered 325,000 flu vaccines this year. However, he said, the state department would be "very fortunate" to receive as many as 40,000 of those doses.

The shortage occurred after Chiron Corp., one of the major flu vaccine manufacturers in the world, was not allowed to distribute their vaccines due to manufacturing problems, he said.

"None of the Chiron vaccines have been released for use by anybody anywhere in the country," Cadaret said.

That leaves Aventis Pasteur to supply flu shots for the country, he said.

Cadaret said he isn't certain yet when the vaccine shipment will arrive.

When it does, 10,000 of the 40,000 doses the health department expects to receive will be set aside specifically for children up to 3 years old, Cadaret said. They are

"All we can really do at this point is to encourage people to realize that they don't need to be scared as much as they just need to be prepared,"

—Ken Cadaret

Oklahoma State Health Department

in the high-risk group. Others included in the high risk populations are those age 65 years and older, health care workers involved in direct patient care, all women who will be pregnant during the influenza season, and out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of infants, according to a press release from OSDH.

Even those groups may have trouble locating a place to get the shot.

So, until the OSDH receives its shipments of the vaccines, Cadaret recommends high-risk people to contact their local health care providers for an immunization. Currently, he said, the only available flu vaccines are carried through private providers.

Biology professor Ron Scribner said the

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Research state questions

With under a month left until Election Day, the focus on George Bush and John Kerry is growing by the minute. So much in fact, that hardly any news coverage has been spared for the nine state questions which also will be on the ballot Nov. 2 when Oklahomans vote for president.

The Oklahoma State Election Board website has a list of the issues that will be voted on.

State Question 705 will decide whether to create an education lottery act. This would allow Oklahoma residents, who buy lottery tickets in Texas or another neighboring state, to forgo the journey and pump money into their own state's economy.

State Question 706 is a question concerning the creation of an Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund.

By far the most controversial topic on the ballot is State Question 711, which will decide whether a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage is necessary. Passing this would amend the state constitution to define marriage as being between a man and a woman. It also would render all same-sex marriages, recognized in other states, invalid in Oklahoma.

State Question 707 is a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma constitution that deals with the use of certain city, town and county fees and taxes. Passage of this would allow those funds to be spent for public investments, aid in development financing, or an income source for other public bodies in the area.

With State Question 708 Oklahomans will vote on the amount of money that can be spent from the state's Rainy Day Fund. Voting yes would change the amount at the Legislature's disposal from one-half to three-eighths.

State Question 712 is a question on whether Oklahoma should enact the State-Tribal Gaming Compact. This would allow American Indian tribes who enter into the compact to use new types of electronic gaming machines. "If at least four Indian tribes enter into the compact, three state licensed racetracks could use the same electronic gaming machines," according to the website.

State Question 713 would increase the tax on a pack of cigarettes by approximately 55 cents to fund health care initiatives.

State Question 714 changes the requirements for determining the fair cash value of the homestead of certain heads of household. If this passes those eligible must be at least 65 years old and earn under \$25,000 a year.

State Question No. 715 would create a property tax exemption for injured Veterans and their surviving spouses, if passed.

Don't just vote for a presidential candidate and leave. All of these issues are important and, in some way or another, affect every Oklahoman.

—Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

Students are crucial to OKCCC

To the editor:

Have you ever noticed that a few people that work here at OKCCC forget that without us as students, they would not have jobs?

The other day, I walked into the Bursar's office and kindly stated, "I wasn't sure if you were busy, so I thought I'd walk in and ask." She replied, "Yes, I'm busy. That's why we have signs that say, 'Wait till you're called.'" Mind you that only her window was open and no one else was even taking questions.

I sadly turned away as tears began to form in my eyes. "Never mind," I replied. She loudly replied,

"Well, ask me now, because I'll be too busy later to help you." I once again told her, "Never mind. I guess it wasn't as important as I thought."

It discouraged me so badly I left early that day and missed my last class so no one would see me cry.

So all I ask of the Bursar is to remember that students are the most important part of OKCCC. With-

"Without them, no one would have a job at this great place I call college."

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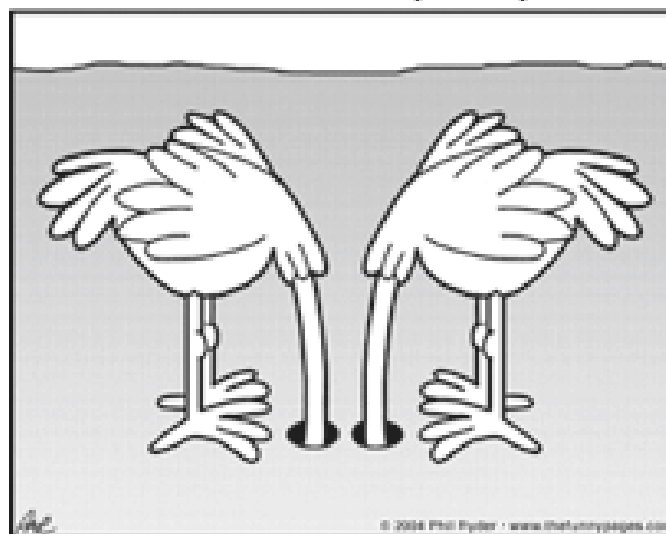
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Comments and Reviews

Laugh and enjoy with 'Taxi'

Big laughs and a good time can be found at the theater, if you are watching the new flick "Taxi."

Jimmy Fallon, a former Saturday Night Live performer, plays Andy Washburn, an inept police officer with a bad habit of wrecking cars and generally being clumsy.

Queen Latifah, real-life musician, plays crazy taxi driver Belle Williams, whose tricked-out taxi Washburn commandeers.

Washburn and Williams relentlessly pursue a group of sexy female serial bank robbers.

Don't worry, girls, there

are some hot guys in the film too (watch for William's fiancé).

Even after Washburn gets fired from the police depart-

ment, he continues to pursue the criminals with the help of Williams.

Washburn hopes to revive his reputation as a cop and renew his relationship with his ex-girlfriend who happens to be his boss.

During the premiere, the audience laughed and ap-



plauded throughout the entire film. Previews don't do this movie justice. You'll have to see it for yourself.

Don't order a large Coke, because you are not going to want to leave your seat while the film is playing.

—**Christiana Kostura**
Staff Writer

'Friday Night Lights' scores big

"Friday Night Lights" is an extremely powerful drama, packed full of action.

Peter Berg, who directed "The Run Down," does spectacular camera work. The football scenes are as good as, if not better than, watching an actual game on television.

This film takes place in Odessa, Texas, and shows just how serious high school football in a small town can get.

It is Coach Gary Hines's (Billy Bob Thornton) first year with the Permian Panthers and the town people make it apparent they expect the team to win a state championship.

Thornton has a wonderful southern accent throughout the film and really looks the part. Despite a tremendous performance by Thornton, Tim McGraw somehow manages to outshine him. Yes, the country singer.

McGraw stands out with his portrayal of an abusive alcoholic, who was a local legend during his high school days.

Most musicians who try to transcend into the movie business are laughed off the screen.

McGraw; however, seems comfortable on screen and gives a believable performance.

The film has just enough touchy-feely crap to keep the ladies interested, and the guys will be so mesmerized with all of the bone-

crushing football action, they won't even notice.

Remember, ladies, all real men love football. So, if you want to make your hubby happy and enjoy yourself, the next time you make him take you out to see a movie, go see "Friday Night Lights."

You may score in more ways than one.

—**Shawn Bryant**
Staff Writer



Quote of the Week:

"One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words."

—**Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

Counselor's Corner Enroll online

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear."

—**Ambrose Redmoon**

In American education, fear often lurks where there is any chance of failure. In fact, the basis of our education systems is built on the assumption that people should not make mistakes. However, we are human and humans make mistakes.

This college is one of many that has moved to an automated system of enrollment. This has been great news for those who feel confident with technology, and who have some sense of what you should take for your respective programs.

Some of you, however, feel less comfortable with manipulating and trusting a machine to do your bidding. Perhaps you have tried and been frustrated because you could not make the system do what you know it can do. Or perhaps you have been hesitant to try because you know you will fail.

We in Student Development want to help you work through any fears you may have about enrolling online. We encourage you to try the process for yourself beginning Oct. 11. We also can teach you the process if you come in for advisement.

First, select "check course availability." This will bring you to a page where you may select the semester in which you wish to enroll (a drop down menu will guide you through the different entries). You will then enter the course category and number (e.g., ENGL 1213). If you don't know the course number, enter the category to bring up every course in this department.

You will then get a listing of all the courses available for that course during that entry. Follow this process to build a schedule for yourself prior to actually going into the enrollment process to help ensure that you don't have any overlapping times or have other scheduling issues. Make sure that you correctly write down the section numbers (usually 3 digits) or synonyms (usually 6 digits) for each class.

Once you have selected a schedule for yourself, go back to the college homepage and select "enroll now." Then, click on "enroll now for the spring semester." This will bring you to where you must enter your user name and password. Your user name will be your social security number. Initially, your password will be your birthdate month and year. You may then change your password.

Once you have done this and logged into the system, select "add a course" and enter the information about the course you want to add. Repeat this process for each course that you want. Once you have added the classes, you may print a schedule.

As always, we counselors will be here to assist with your advising issues. Happy scheduling.

—**Student Development**

Comments and Reviews

Hilary Duff shows no talent in 'Raise Your Voice'

"Raise Your Voice" is a sour note. The only response this film deserves is "please shut up."

As the story goes, 16-year-old Terri Fletcher (Hilary Duff) has been accepted to a music camp in Los Angeles. After her brother's death, Terri's father, Paul (Jason Ritter) forbids her from going.

Terri's mother Frances (Rita Wilson), and Terri's Aunt Nina (Rebecca De Mornay) conjure up a plan to get Terri to the camp without her father knowing.

Upon arriving in Los

Angeles, Terri is introduced to the stereotypical portrayal of the city. She has a rude taxi driver, her jacket is stolen within minutes, and she travels past a plethora of whores and addicts while on her way to the camp.

Once at the camp, we meet Jay (Oliver James), Terri's future love interest who is already coupled with the antagonistic Robin (Lauren C. Mayhew).

Sensing Jay's attraction to Terri, Robin starts on the defensive, which leads to rivalry and heartache between the charac-

ters.

As the movie slowly progresses, we become acquainted with a nameless music teacher Mr. Torvald (John Corbett) who helps Terri grow as a vocalist and person. Surprisingly, this is the only likable character of the entire movie.

Albeit he does have a striking resemblance to Jeff "The Dude" Lebowski from "The Big Lebowski," he only lends a pinch of class to this failed attempt at a respectable film.

The movie deceives the audience, leading



them to believe that Terri will perform an amazing vocal solo at the camp's end. What the audience gets is a talentless song performed by a talentless voice. It's quite a let down after suffering through terrible acting

and an even worse script, just to listen to a song that resembles Duff's radio singles.

"Raise Your Voice" has formulaic written all over it. As soon as the movie started, a majority of the audience wanted it to end. Even the young teenagers whom this film is expected to appeal, wheezed with laughter at Duff's poor, off-time lip-syncing and the awkward love scenes between Terri and Jay.

Based on Duff's past work, I wasn't shocked to see how bad this film really was.

When humor in a movie is based on how

many times someone trips on a flight of stairs, you know nothing good can come of it.

"Raise Your Voice" puts the B back in bland, A back in awful and D back in disappointing.

If you're hoping for a movie that delivers novel characters, a powerful story and deals with performing arts, then I'd highly recommend skipping out on this and renting "Fame" instead.

I am generously awarding "Raise Your Voice" a D.

—**Richard Hall**
Staff Writer

Share 'Pride and Prejudice' with that special someone

Some people, namely men, will not openly admit to being a sucker for romantic comedies and Jane Austen novels.

Thus, it is not surprising that a certain reporter watched a new version of Austen's classic novel "Pride and Prejudice" in secret.

"Pride and Prejudice: A Latter-Day Comedy" is a 2003 independent film that brings Austen's classic up to date with all of the amenities, technology and troubles of today.

In the case of this movie, there was an interesting and unique twist.

The majority of characters are Mormons and the film takes place in Provo, Utah, the home of Brigham Young University.

However, the religious references make the film even funnier, but it does not patronize religion or bash you

over the head with it.

The movie sticks to the intelligent humor, wit and undeniable charm of the original novel with a smart script.

This is the story of a girl named Elizabeth Bennet who is an intelligent, attractive and modern woman.

She is not the typical woman within her social and religious circle, because she has goals for her life other than marriage.

Elizabeth lives with Jane from Argentina, a pair of sisters named Lydia and Kitty, and an awkward girl named Mary.

In the original, all five characters were sisters, but here they are college roommates who behave like sisters.

Some funny characters are missing, including Elizabeth's parents, but they would not have meshed well with this

movie.

The only other problem with this update is that two of the girls switch places in a particular courtship.

Like many romantic comedies, there are funny scenes galore and plenty of man hunting by the ladies.

Relationship woes and hopes also are plenty in this story.

Elizabeth is interested in Jack Wickam and despises the rich bachelor and potential publisher of her novel, Mr. Darcy.

Both comedy and drama come into the mix throughout the story.

The climax of the movie involves a fake engagement, a race to Las Vegas, a wedding chapel, a fight and the music of Wagner, recorded at high frequencies for dogs.

It is difficult to explain how funny and enjoyable this movie is in such a short space.

This film is perfect for sitting next to someone special and sharing a big tub of

popcorn or some ice cream.

"Pride and Prejudice: A Latter-Day Comedy"

is available to rent at local video stores.

—**Matthew Caban**
Staff Writer

See 'Playground' all this month

To the editor:

Relive the '70s, '80s and '90s with "Playground," written and directed by Robert Matson at the IAO (Individual Artists of Oklahoma) Gallery, this October. The comedy-drama takes place in a small neighborhood playground where a group of misfits reveal secrets, enter adulthood and take a different path toward life and each other.

Lane Fields heads the cast as Marky, the young boy who discovers his homosexuality at an early age with Mary King as Alice Blue, the Southern girl with stars in her eyes, and Elizabeth Thompson as Kels, the pessimistic tomboy. Rounding out the cast are Gil Lopez as Jojo, the quiet one of the group, and Eric Kuritz as Todd, the neighborhood bully.

"The cast play from the ages of ten to mid-thirties," Matson said, "and take the audience on a time-warp ride through three decades of disco, techno pink and e-mail."

"Playground" is sponsored by The Gayly Oklahoman and Terry's Computer Service. Performances are Thursday, Oct. 21 and 28, Friday, Oct. 15, 22 and 29 and Saturday, 16, 23 and 30 at 8 p.m. with a Sunday performance at 7 p.m. on Oct. 17.

Ticket prices are \$9 for general admission and \$6 for students and IAO members. Star Card members receive a two-for-one admission at the full price.

"Playground" will be performed at the IAO Gallery, located at 811 Broadway in downtown Oklahoma City. For gallery information call 405-232-6060 or go to www.tarsplace.com. For reservations and show information about "Playground," go to or call 405-751-0949.

"Playground" contains adult language and adult subject matter.

—**Robert Matson**
Professional actor, director and playwright

Employee talks about experience in film

**By Richard Hall
Staff Writer**

Craig Hitchcock had already made a name for himself before he joined the OKCCC staff as a labor market specialist in the Career Transitions program in early August.

Hitchcock has played roles on national television, and has been an assistant cameraman for an Emmy-award-winning film. Now, he's ready for a 9 to 5 job close to his Norman home.

With more than 20 years of experience in television

and film, Hitchcock has developed what he calls his "second career," working on various projects for the ABC television network.

As a cameraman and production assistant, Hitchcock has worked on ABC Family Channel's hit reality show "Switched," which follows the lives of two teenagers as they switch lives for several days.

Hitchcock, 50, also was involved with "America's Most Wanted," landing acting roles in a couple of episodes. He said it didn't always bring him a warm response.

"I once had to portray a



Photo by Ann Lushbough
Craig Hitchcock

man who was being chased by the police," Hitchcock said. "Shortly after that episode aired, a lot of people assumed I was the wanted criminal, which then resulted in me getting questioned by the authorities."

Hitchcock also has worked on the set of the 1980s hit television action show "The A-Team" alongside actor George Peppard,

who starred as Col. John "Hannibal" Smith.

Hitchcock also was a contributor to the IMAX film "Stormchasers," which won an Emmy for Best Documentary in 1995.

Hitchcock was born in Norman. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's in film video studies and a master's in regional city planning.

He said his experience with broadcasting has helped out both of his careers.

"I'm currently involved with the Oklahoma Film Commission," he said. "I'm grateful that I've had the opportunity to work on national commercials here in Oklahoma."

Wal-Mart and State Farm Insurance commercials are just two examples of what Hitchcock has been involved with in Oklahoma.

He said he is happy that Oklahoma has become noticed in the industry because future projects can provide jobs.

While he may be a Jack-of-all-trades, Hitchcock likes to describe himself as "the guy behind the camera." He often assists in the operation of video equipment and lighting.

Hitchcock lives with his wife and two children.

He enjoys being involved with the OU football games, and has set up press boxes and provided quarterback statistics for ESPN and ABC Sports.

"I enjoy this part of my second career," Hitchcock said. "It's a lot of fun."

"Not only do I meet new people, but it helps me get into the OU football games for free."

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Earn free tuition

**By Valerie Jobe
News Writing I Student**

Students who plan to transfer and have accumulated at least 45 credit hours, including college entry-level classes, may be eligible for a three-hour tuition fee waiver in the spring semester.

Eight hundred letters were sent out to randomly chosen students with the hope that 400 would participate in a test known as the Academic Profiles Test, said Annmarie Shirazi, dean of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness.

This is a national test, much like that of the ACT, which tests the basic knowledge that a college student should have.

"It gives students back some standard scores that compare them to other people majoring in their specific field," Shirazi said.

The test may be taken in the testing center between Oct. 23 and Nov. 6.

Students will have approximately 45 minutes to complete areas of math, social sciences, natural science, reading, writing and critical thinking.

"Those who score in the 95 percentile or higher will receive a waiver for one three-hour class for the

spring semester," Shirazi said.

Eight waivers are being set aside; however, if there are more who score high enough, waivers will be issued to them as well.

After the results are sent back to the college, a report is made of the summary data and sent to the OKCCC regents. The regents then send the data to departments for use in improving instruction in classes.

All of the students who choose to participate in the test will receive a certificate along with their score to keep for their own records.

Before, Shirazi said, she would ask a professor to give up one of their class periods so she could test the students. She said it was difficult to find students who had taken all their general education courses.

Last year's scores were even with the national average, and the year before, the college was one point higher than the national average.

Brenda Harrison, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, also is overseeing the test.

"We needed something that was an external source to verify where our students were academically," Harrison said.

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Comedian discusses bipolar disorder

By Natalie Reynolds
News Writing I Student

At age 11, Paul Jones said, he started to notice symptoms that he now believes pointed to his illness, bipolar disorder.

At the time he just thought he was a little different, "creative," as people said.

Today, Jones is a stand-up comedian. On Oct. 11 he spoke on campus to nearly 100 OKCCC students about bipolar disorder and

**"If you drink or do drugs,
you are prolonging your
agony."**

—Paul Jones
Stand-Up Comedian
and Speaker

its effects on college students.

Forty-year-old Jones, who suffers from bipolar disorder, said he was depressed for three and a half years.

"I started dreaming [about] dying," Jones said.

He said although he had great kids, a wife, a car, and a house, dying was all he could think about.

While on campus, Jones explained the importance of recognizing the disease and getting help.

"One of the problems with people who have mental illnesses is they hide. Nine times out of ten, they were afraid of getting help," Jones said.

Bipolar disorder affects more than 2 percent of the population and at least half of the cases begin before age 25.

It is brain disorder, also known

as manic depressive illness. Bipolar disorder causes mood changes between overly high or irritable to sad and hopeless, and then back again.

Jones is now on medication for his illness and wants to let people know, especially college students, the importance of getting help.

"If you drink or do drugs, you are prolonging your agony," he said.

Finding the right prescription medication can be time-consuming and frustrating, Jones said. "You don't have to be the best, but you don't quit until its over."

Absolute self-expression now accepting work

By Whitney Russell
News Writing I Student

Have you ever considered publicly revealing your artistic side?

The Absolute, OKCCC's

literary and artistic journal, is now accepting a variety of submissions including fiction and non-fiction essays, poetry, art and photography.

Clay Randolph, professor of English and humanities, and the Absolute's long-time faculty adviser de-

scribes the journal as one that is mostly the work of students, with a few works from staff and people from the community.

Heather Erwin, one of the Absolute's editors, explains the selecting process.

"I look for good organization of thoughts and

events...

I don't base any of my judgments on grammatical expertise or spelling perfection because those are things that can always be corrected," Erwin said.

"The content of the work and how it is presented are the most important issues," she said.

Students can find the submission forms in the Arts and Humanities department. Entries may be mailed to the address on the form, dropped by Randolph's office on the second floor of arts and humanities, or e-mailed to cran-dolph@okccc.edu. Deadline is Dec. 1.

Philharmonic tickets cheaper for students

By Lance Walker
News Writing I Student

OKCCC students have a great opportunity to experience high culture for low prices through the Oklahoma City Philharmonic student ticket RUSH program.

This program allows students to purchase available tickets 15 minutes prior to the start of the performance for only \$5, according to Anne Behrens, public relations for the Philharmonic.

"Just show your student ID. Most of the time you can get a really good seat," Behrens said.

Regular ticket prices range from \$11 to \$75, depending on seat location and whether it is a special event or not.

The Philharmonic offers a Classical Series, which focuses on traditional orchestra pieces by composers like Mozart and Beethoven, Behrens said.

The Pops Series features more contemporary music such as the music of famous movie composer

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—Anne Behrens
Oklahoma City Philharmonic
Public Relations

John Williams. The Discovery Family Series, which takes place on Sunday afternoons, was created for children, and provides a fun-filled atmosphere to expose youngsters and their families to the joy of music.

The Philharmonic's RUSH program is a great way to enjoy a quality experience with minimal cost.

"I think [students] will really enjoy the experience. It's a lot of fun," Behrens said.

To learn more about the Philharmonic and to see a schedule of events, visit www.okcphilharmonic.org.

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Real-time online payment saves time

By Natalie Reynolds
News Writing I Student

For decades, OKCCC students have waited in lines to pay their tuition.

However, this past summer, OKCCC began using an E-Commerce system, which allows students to pay for school online by credit card in real time.

The E-Commerce system, which became available for students on July 28, allows for student credit card numbers to be entered and immediately be accepted or declined.

OKCCC Bursar Brandi Johnson said the new system "has greatly affected the efficiency of the bursar's office, because although students paid online, [before] it was not a secure transaction.

"Before, it took three to four steps and there were data entry errors."

Prior to the E-Commerce system being put in place, students were able to pay their tuition online but there was a delay — sometimes of several days — before the transaction was finalized.

She said, because the original payment method was not a real-time transaction, it left too much room for human error, both by the student submitting the informa-

tion online and by the bursar staff when transferring that information from a printed e-mail to the credit card terminals.

The E-Commerce system is an efficient way for students to cut down on the length of time they would stand in line to pay their

tuition, Johnson said. She said the E-Commerce system cut waiting times in half.

"I do believe that more students will begin to utilize the online payment capabilities, particularly once word gets out that these are true, real-time transactions."

Essay assignment earns student \$200

By Brittanie Wilfong
News Writing I Student

Sometimes doing your homework pays off.

It did for Carl Walls who, on Sept. 30, won a \$200 cash award from the Oklahoma Global Education Consortium at Tulsa Community College.

Walls' English Composition I class was given an essay assignment from English professor David Charlson. The class was told to write an essay about the importance of learning about the world beyond your own backyard and why global education is important.

Walls said he was encouraged by his professor to submit his essay to OGE.

"I had no idea I would win," Walls said. "I had never entered a writing contest before."

Out of the essays submitted by 14 other community colleges, Walls' was chosen along with two others. "It was very exciting to win," Walls said.

His essay was titled "Our Global Backyard: More than Just Greener Grass."

Walls said he has not decided if he will enter more writing contests.

This is the first year Charlson has ever had a student win.

"I knew if I gave the essay as an assignment to all 40 of my students, I would get at least three contenders for the award."

Charlson won an award last year for "English Composition Gone Global," an Internet course he designed.

The Oklahoma Global Education Consortium will hold its 5th annual essay contest in fall of 2005. The deadline for entries is Friday, Sept. 9, 2005, according to www.ogec.org.

Sign language basics to be focus of brown bag lunch

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

Students interested in learning sign language may want to attend a workshop Wednesday, Oct. 20.

"Introduction to Sign Language" is part of the Brown Bag Lunch series put together by Student Life.

The workshop will be from noon to 1 p.m. in college union room 3.

Tammy Earl, coordinator for Interpreting Services at OKCCC, will lead the workshop.

Earl said she will pack the hour with beginning sign language.

"The workshop will include basic sign language like the alphabet," Earl said.

Earl said she looks forward to the event.

"I enjoy the interaction."

She said she has many deaf family members so she has used sign language her whole life.

Professionally, Earl said, she has

signed for more than 18 years.

She holds a degree in interpretation, is nationally certified, and is a licensed courtroom interpreter.

Earl said she has interpreted for some famous people including Hillary Clinton, President George W. Bush (when he was governor of Texas) and Tammy Wynette.

Pat Stowe, director of Services to Students with Disabilities, said the workshop idea was a collaborative effort between the Student Life and Students with Disabilities offices.

The workshop is free, open to the public and no registration is required.


Drinks are provided, but please bring your own lunch.

For more information on Brown Bag Lunch events, call Student Life at 682-7523.

For more information about services to students with disabilities, call 682-1611, ext. 7520.

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Second presidential debate gets mixed reactions

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

Presidential candidates John Kerry and George Bush drew mixed reactions from OKCCC students when they debated one another in the second of three debates on Oct. 8.

This debate, held at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., was held in a town-hall style forum, meaning audience members posed the questions of the candidates.



Jennifer Fischer

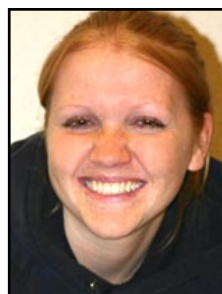
Many OKCCC students watched the debate as Kerry and Bush debated such issues as the war in Iraq, health care, the economy and terrorism.

Some came away feeling the candidates avoided directly answering any of the questions.

Jennifer Fischer, 24, said she didn't think questions were answered.

"I kind of thought Kerry skirted around everything," the sophomore said.

Twenty-two-year-old sophomore Jackie Foos agreed that the candidates were not straightforward in



Jackie Foos

the
VOTE
in 2004



Robert Edde

"Kerry waivers and flip flops around," he said.

Freshman Amanda Bridgeford, 22, said she isn't impressed by either candidate.

"They want to win all the votes that they can," she said. "They're going to say and promise and do anything they can to get that vote but, in my opinion, neither one of them is ca-

their answers.

"I thought pretty much everything Bush said went back to weapons of mass destruction," she said.

Others saw it differently.

Freshman Robert Edde, 20, said he felt Bush did a good job.



Chris Rasberry

pable of accomplishing their promises."

Freshman Lorraine Magaña, 20, also watched the night's proceedings.

"I thought it was a good debate," she said. "I think Kerry would make a better president from the things he said at the debate."



Lorraine Magaña

Sophomore Chris Rasberry, 22, agrees with Magaña.

"Bush is not being truthful to us at all," Rasberry said.

"Kerry will ultimately pull us out in the long run."

Andrew McCullom, an 18-year-old sophomore, disagreed.

He said he feels Bush would be the better leader.

"I think Bush can protect our country better,"

Voters will take to the polls Nov. 2 to determine which candidate will be president for the next four years, vote on several state issues, and pick who will fill a number of state and national offices.

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Andrew McCullom

Groups cross partisan lines to sign up voters

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Two campus clubs set aside their political differences recently to further a common cause — signing up potential voters before the Oct. 8 deadline.

The Young Democrats and the College Republicans were ready to help increase the number of Oklahoma voters during a voter registration drive held Oct. 7 in the college union.

"I thought it was interesting that both sides could work together," Young Democrats sponsor Rick Vollmer said.



"It shows how important everybody thinks [voter registration] is."

Vollmer said this is one of the rare times the two clubs have worked together.

"To my knowledge, this hasn't happened much before on this campus," he said. "Both groups worked to get people involved in this election."

The group of volunteers registered 40 people, said Young Democrats President



James Williamson.

He said those who registered joined a variety of parties or registered as an independent.

Vollmer said both groups brought literature supporting their political views.

Williamson said neither group forced their views on those who registered to vote.

Rather, both clubs focused on the registration process, he said.

"The main thing was

getting people registered to vote rather than telling them how to vote," Williamson said.

"The registration was what we cared about."

College Republicans sponsor Ralph deCardenas said the registration drive was important because everyone has the right to vote.

"...No one can exercise that right for you," deCardenas said.

Williamson agreed. "I'm highly dedicated to voter registration," he said.

College Republican Chairwoman Susan Mills said she hopes to see more voters at the polls.

"Everyone needs to be registered to vote because it is part of your civic duty," she said.

Both groups did their best to get fellow students registered in time.

Vollmer said it was important to have students pushing voter registration.

"It wasn't just a government professor saying you need to vote, but other students getting their peers involved, which is a positive step," said Vollmer, also a professor of political science.

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—Rick Vollmer

OKCCC Young Democrats sponsor

The candidates, backgrounds, issues

JOHN KERRY



- Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry volunteered to serve in Vietnam just as he was graduating from Yale University. There, he was awarded a Silver Star, Bronze Star with Combat V[alor] and three Purple Hearts.
- Kerry is a 1978 Boston College Law School graduate.
- Kerry was elected Massachusetts Lt. Governor in 1982.
- Kerry has 20 years of experience in the U.S. Senate. He has won re-election three times.

on the issues...

- Iraq:** wants to lead more allies into the reconstruction of Iraq.
- Afghanistan:** wants to up international efforts to secure peace.
- Middle East:** wants to improve social, economic and political conditions in the region.
- Patriot Act:** preserve over 95 percent of the Act and make improvements on the rest to strengthen the war on terrorism.
- Increasing the Army:** wants to recruit more service members and start a community defense service.
- Defense Program Budgets:** wishes to invest in new technology and offer better benefits and pay for soldiers.
- Tax Cuts:** repeal cuts for wealthy, increase child tax credit.
- Job Creation:** assist small businesses, train workers, infrastructure jobs.
- Education:** fully fund No Child Left Behind, special education and school building.
- National Health Care:** will let people buy into government system, fund by reversing tax cuts.
- Drug Costs:** wants to shut loopholes, offer incentives to lower drug costs.
- Drug Policy:** wants more police, to target traffickers, fund treatment.
- Social Security:** opposes privatizing Social Security.
- Immigration:** wants to speed up immigration process, unite families and patrol borders.
- Gay Marriage:** against gay marriage but backs benefits and rights of [gay] couples.
- Gay Adoption:** supports gay adoption.
- Abortion:** supports a woman's right to an abortion.
- Death Penalty:** opposes death penalty.
- Gun Control:** require child safety locks, close the gun show loopholes.
- Alternative Fuels:** promotes clean, renewable fuel sources.

GEORGE W. BUSH



- Bush served in the Texas Air National Guard
- Bush has a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School.
- Bush served six years as the 46th governor of Texas. He became the first governor in Texas history to serve consecutive terms.
- As the 43rd President of the United States, George W. Bush has spent the last four years in office.

on the issues...

- Iraq:** wants to help develop democratic government.
- Afghanistan:** proposed more than \$1 billion for reconstruction.
- Middle East:** has "Road Map" plan for peace process.
- Patriot Act:** supports the Patriot Act.
- Increasing the Army:** has yet to suggest an increase.
- Defense Program Budgets:** wants to increase budget by 4.2 percent.
- Tax Cuts:** signed two tax cuts thus far.
- Job Creation:** plans to help small businesses and hopes to provide \$500 million for jobs and job training.
- Education:** supports No Child Left Behind.
- National Health Care:** supports improving current system over government system.
- Drug Costs:** wants to reduce costs for low-income patients.
- Drug Policy:** wants to reduce illegal drug use by 10 percent over two years.
- Social Security:** backs investing some Social Security taxes in stocks.
- Immigration:** wants to enforce immigration laws by increasing budget.
- Gay Marriage:** supports banning gay marriage.
- Gay Adoption:** opposes gay adoption.
- Abortion:** opposes it except in cases of rape, incest or to save a woman's life.
- Death Penalty:** supports death penalty.
- Gun Control:** protects gunmakers from lawsuits.
- Alternative Fuels:** supports the development and research of hydrogen fuel cells.

—Sources: CNN.com, www.johnkerry.com, www.georgewbush.com. For more information on the candidates and where they stand on issues, visit: www.issues2000.org and www.factcheck.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

State and federal laws permit a person to cast a provisional ballot if that person believes he is registered and eligible to vote but his name isn't listed in the Precinct Registry. The provisional ballot is put in a sealed envelope. The voter signs an affidavit explaining why he thinks he is eligible to vote. After the election, County Election Board officials use that information to determine the person's eligibility. If it is confirmed, the vote is counted and included in final election results. Those who are asked for identification and can't provide it also are able to cast a provisional vote.

—Source: www.state.ok.us/~elections/voteok04.pdf

DID YOU KNOW?

Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader won't be on the Oklahoma Presidential Ballot because he did not file the required 37,027 signatures by the July 15 deadline.

—Source: CNN.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Oklahoma does not have write-in voting.

—Source: http://okimc.org/newswire.php?story_id=40

DID YOU KNOW?

Only 51.3% of the voting age population in the United States voted in 2000. Only 36.1% of young people aged 18-24 voted in the 2000 election.

—Source: www.getoutthetvote.org/didyouknow.asp

History prof presents paper in England

**By Joleen Lawson
News Writing I
Student**

OKCCC history professor Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen made a voyage to England last month to present her research paper to scholars during the Consecrated Women Conference.

Sheetz-Nguyen presented her research paper praising the efforts of the Sisters of Charity of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

The conference was held at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology at Cambridge University.

Margaret Beaufort was the mother of King Henry VII. She was devoted to many charitable causes,

Sheetz-Nguyen said.

She said Beaufort founded both Christ's College and St. John's College at Cambridge University.

"I think it is so interesting that this conference was held at the institute named for Lady Margaret," Sheetz-Nguyen said.

She said her paper, titled "What Can Poor Mothers Do with No Character," focused on the Sisters of Charity of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

The Sisters of Charity were a congregation of French nuns that moved from Paris to London in 1858, Sheetz-Nguyen said. In London, they opened a house of charity for poor women and children.

"Many of the children that came in were sick,"

Sheetz-Nguyen said.

In 1876, the Sisters of Charity were accused of infanticide due to the high infant mortality rate at their charity house," she said.

"They were accused of 'the massacre of innocents,'" Sheetz-Nguyen said.

The Sisters were forced to promise not to bring in more infants and were censured for not providing adequate infant care, she said.

"Roman Catholic chari-

ties really challenged the existing 'poor-law' system," Sheetz-Nguyen said. That is why they were dealt with so harshly, she said.

The poor-law system called for oversight committees to supervise any organization that received poor-law funds, she said.

The system left many poor people without a way to make ends meet, Sheetz-Nguyen said.

Sheetz-Nguyen said she has researched the Sisters of Charity, now known as the Daughters of Charity,

for about 10 years.

Sheetz-Nguyen said she had previously spent five weeks at Cambridge on a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities researching her paper.

Sheetz-Nguyen has taught history courses at OKCCC for five years.

She has a bachelor's in European history from Cabrini College in Pennsylvania, a master's from Millersville University in Pennsylvania and a doctorate from Marquette University in Wisconsin.

Free copy cards offered in library

**By Erin Lewis
News Writing I Student**

OKCCC students can save \$6 on printing pages off the Internet in the college library by obtaining a free copy card.

Students are allowed 60 free printed pages in the library per semester.

After the \$6 is used, students using free cards may then add money to their card for printing as needed at 10 cents per page.

Funding for the free cards is included in the student technology fee, which students pay as part of their tuition, said Barbara King, director of Library Services.

King said in the mid-'90s, library staff realized there needed to be limits on printing because of cost.

"The card was presented to the college in 1997 to put a control on printing."

Cards cannot be used in copy machines around campus or in the library, King said. They are only for printing material from the

Internet in the library.

Students do not need a card to print online materials from any of the computer labs.

Some students are excited about the card.

"(The card) is a great idea," freshman Katie Vinton said. "I have used it already this semester while I was working on a project in the library."

Vinton said she learned of the card through student orientation. One student just learned of the free copy card.

"I'm never in the library, so I didn't know anything about the card," sophomore Charli Weir said.

"It is a good idea for (students using) the library, but I think that students would get more use out of (the card) if it could be used in the Xerox machines."

Students must show a valid (stamped with current semester) OKCCC ID at the reference or circulation desks in the college library to receive a free copy card, said Kyron Smoot, circulation assistant.

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Transferring made smoother with major in mind

**By Nicole Lutz
News Writing I Student**

Kristen Andrews is undecided about her major, but she wants to transfer to a four-year university. She attends college here at OKCCC to get her basics, but admits she needs help deciding on a school and major.

Cable Smith is a computer science major at OKCCC. He plans on transferring to the University of Oklahoma after he finishes his associate's degree here at the college. He said he is unsure of how to begin the transfer process.

Lynne Meyer is an education major at OKCCC. She is taking classes at the college for elementary education, but is unsure of where she will transfer to. She doesn't know what school is right

for the degree she is pursuing.

These three are like many students at OKCCC, who need help with the transfer process. The place to find answers is in the Student Development office on campus. OKCCC counselors and representatives of transfer universities said they are happy to help.

Counselor George Maxwell suggests that students first decide what it is they would like to do. He said once students have decided on a major, the process will move more smoothly.

Counselors in the student development center help students declare a major and find appropriate classes to take. Remember, the transfer process begins once students have started at OKCCC because the grades made will transfer, Maxwell said.

Finding the appropriate

transfer institution also is vital in the transfer process. Counselors such as Maxwell and Mary Turner advise students to investigate universities that offer a student's chosen field of study.

Find an institution that offers your major, Maxwell said. Each school specializes in and is known for certain fields.

The University of Oklahoma has great journalism and law programs, Maxwell said. The University of Central Oklahoma offers a great education program, professor of Communication Don Shirey said.

Students should research schools they may be interested in to see if they offer the right program.

Try the university's website or visit the school's representatives when they visit OKCCC. Schedules of when universities visit

OKCCC are available in the student development center.

Many students wonder which credits will transfer. Turner said that OKCCC has an arrangement with most Oklahoma colleges. She said all credits will transfer toward their majors. Students should be sure to take the classes that apply to their majors, she said.

The transfer process isn't as difficult as it seems. Maxwell said there is a helpful webpage on the

OKCCC website about the transfer process. Go to www.okccc.edu, look under current students,

then student development and finally academic advisement. This page gives students a list of five steps, from declaring a major to

applying to the college of their choice.

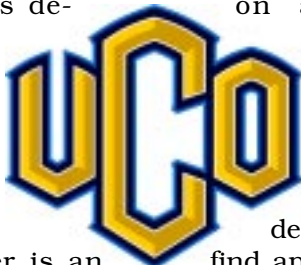
The most vital step in the transfer process is to apply. Students must be admitted to the school before they can transfer. Students should contact the school they would like to attend.

Students may call the admissions office or pay them a visit. They will help

guide students through the steps they require. Students should be sure to have an official copy of their college transcript.

Remember, the transfer process isn't as complicated as it seems. Shirey said not to be overwhelmed. He said he believes OKCCC students are getting a good education and great preparation at the college.

There are many counselors in Student Development to help students get from the beginning to the end in the transfer process.



Emergency Medical Sciences program gets recommendation

**By Erica Needham
News Writing I Student**

The Emergency Medical Sciences program recently earned a recommendation for national reaccreditation.

The accrediting agency found no deficiencies in the program, said Romeo Opichka, emergency sciences program director.

OKCCC's Emergency Medical Science program is the only accredited program in Oklahoma. It first started seeking accreditation in 1993 and received it in 1999, Opichka said. The accreditation was scheduled for renewal this

month.

"The accreditation committee mainly checked for quality assurance. We prepared exhibits for review.

"A lot of the questions that were on the check lists were answered by the exhibits through student surveys," Opichka said.

One exhibit the committee viewed covered the programs core curriculum. The program creates a portfolio on each student, which keeps track of their progress during their time in the program, Opichka said.

Certain criteria for the program also was reviewed, such as whether the program director has the appropriate credentials.

On Sept. 30 the commit-

tee first met with Opichka to discuss the program. Throughout the day, the committee viewed one of OKCCC's medical facilities, Southwest Medical Center, to observe students in the clinical environment. The committee also made a visit to EMSSTAT, Norman Regional Hospital's ambulance service, in Norman, Opichka said.

Accredited programs have better pass rates on national exams than non-accredited programs, Opichka said.

According to the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, by the year 2010, national programs will no longer accept students from nonaccredited programs.

OKCCC EMS students excel on national exam

**By Erica Needham
News Writing I Student**

OKCCC's Emergency Medical Science program students had a 100 percent pass rate on the national exam for Emergency Medical Technicians in 2004, said Romeo Opichka, emergency science program director.

"We implemented a new curriculum in 2003 that has helped our students immensely on the national test," Opichka said. "Most of the curriculum is based on the principle of critical thinking, which is what the national test is based upon."

In 2004, 13 of the 14 emergency sciences graduating students passed the national exam the first time they took it.

The average score on the national exam for OKCCC students in 2002 was 73.1 percent; in 2003, 79.5 percent and in 2004, 80.46 percent, according to OKCCC's National Registry of Test Data.

Sports

UPCOMING

EVENTS

•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: Eight-ball tournament at the Corner Pocket, 900 S.E. 89th St., OKC
Time to be announced.

•Nov. 17: Swim meet at the OKCCC Aquatics Center. Check with the Aquatic Center 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. All submissions must be in no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday for inclusion in the next issue

Inside view on sports, TV, film

By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

Most television viewers have no idea how much work is put into the production of the shows they watch.

Craig Hitchcock, labor market attachment specialist, gave students an insider's point of view Oct. 7, when he spoke at a seminar titled "Behind the Scenes: Sports, TV, Movies."

Hitchcock, who is now responsible for finding businesses that will provide OKCCC students with on-the-job training, spoke about some of his many experiences involved with the television and film industry.

Hitchcock said he broke into the industry by working in sports production. He has previously been responsible for the yellow line seen on television that marks how far a football team has to go in order to make a first down.

"It's called the bug," Hitchcock said. "It's not hard work but you just



Craig Hitchcock gives an insider's view on film and TV

have to stay on top of it, because both the directors and the commentators go off its placement," he said. He also has worked in films.

Hitchcock was cast as head coach of both the Kansas City Chiefs and the New York Jets in the made-for-television movie "Rise and Walk - the Dennis Byrd Story."

"It's pretty funny," he said. "I'm on one side of the

field in a Kansas City outfit and then the camera cuts to the other side of the field and I am wearing a Jets outfit."

"One film leads to another."

"There is no magic formula. Everyone gets in their own way," he said.

Hitchcock also has been involved in the utilities aspect of sports television, which usually consists of laying out cable or setting

up the cameras.

Hitchcock said a college game generally requires between 17 and 19 cameras.

"That's about four to five miles of cable," he said.

Hitchcock said that as far as sports go, golf pays the best, but he prefers to work football games. That is probably because he was a linebacker for the University of Oklahoma in 1973. He said covering football can be dangerous.

"I still have a cleat mark on my foot that came from an OSU player."

Hitchcock said he is very proud of the work he has done with film and television.

Even though Hitchcock has a regular day job, he still works in film and television whenever he has the opportunity.

"I hold on to my career in film," he said. "It has provided me with a lot of great opportunities."

For a list of valuable film contacts, visit the Office of Student Life.

Sports/staff writer Shawn Bryant can be reached at StaffWriter2@okccc.edu.

Deadline for intramurals approaches

By Clayton Smith
News Writing I
Student

Sign-up deadlines for volleyball, swimming, pool, and 3-on-3 basketball are coming up.

To play intramural basketball, volleyball, or pocket pool, players must sign up by Oct. 29. The swimming deadline is Nov. 15.

To sign up for intramural sports, go to the Recreation and Community Services office. Those who don't have enough people for a team in one of the events can sign up as a single and will be assigned

Sign up ends on the following days:

3 on 3 basketball - Oct. 29

Pocket Pool - Oct. 29

Volleyball - Oct. 29

Swimming - Nov. 2

Those wanting to participate need to contact Eric Watson, community education and health specialist, at 682-1611 ext. 7786

to a team.

These intramural sports are set to begin the first week of November, with six-man volleyball on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Pool starts the next day, Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Pool is played tournament style at the Corner Pocket, located at 900 S.E. 89th. The tournament is going to be round robin,

where each winner stays to play another round. The first tournament will last through Nov. 10, and the second tournament is set for Dec. 1 to 8. For more information on the Corner Pocket call 632-2992.

Three-on-three Basketball will start Thursday, Nov. 4, and will be played on OKCCC's basketball

court every Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. The season will last from Dec. 4 to 16.

Intramural swimming includes a variety of events, and is set for Wednesday, Nov. 17.

Due to the renovation to the swimming pool, swimming dates may be postponed. The pool will reopen by Nov. 1.

Spectators are welcome to all intramural events. Intramural schedules are available at the Wellness Center.

All sports are open to male and female athletes. For more information on any of OKCCC's intramural sports, call the Recreation and Community Services office at 682-7560.

Vaccine shortage leaves Oklahomans vulnerable

"Flu shots,"

Cont. from page 1

vaccines take some time to manufacture. He said flu vaccines are raised in chicken eggs and take up to seven months to produce.

"That's one reason why persons with egg allergies need to be very careful about these vaccines, because there's going to be a little bit of egg protein in there," Scribner said.

Scribner said he normally gets a flu shot each year.

However, he said, he will be one of those who steps aside — at least until those who really need the vaccines have gotten them.

Last year, Scribner received a flu shot from the Visiting Nurses Association on the college campus.

Even that is not an option this year.

An all-employees e-mail sent out by Senior Human Resources Specialist Carolyn Rouillard said, due to the shortage, the visiting nurses who administer the vaccines to OKCCC employees have canceled all arrangements for the shots.

A few area locations are offering the shot but advise that people call first.

First Med at 7378 S. Walker Ave. (near I-240 and S. Walker) is giving flu shots on Friday, Oct. 15. The cost is \$20 per shot. They have a limited supply. The phone number is 636-

0767.

Access Medical Center has a waiting list, and they will find out in two weeks if they're getting any more vaccines. They charge \$15 per shot. The number is 691-5208.

People also should keep an eye on the local media to find out if the OSDH has gotten any shipments of flu vaccines and where they're going to distribute those, Cadaret said.

For those who can't get the shot, for whatever reason, Cadaret said, there is no cause for panic.

He said there are a number of precautions people can take to cut their chances of getting the flu.

"All we can really do at this point is to encourage people to realize that they don't need to be scared as much as they just need to be prepared," Cadaret said.

He said a few tips everyone should observe during the influenza season are:

- Wash your hands frequently.

- Keep your hands away from your eyes, mouth and face.

- Stay home from school and work if you have flu.

- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing at least 61 percent of ethyl alcohol as its active ingredient.

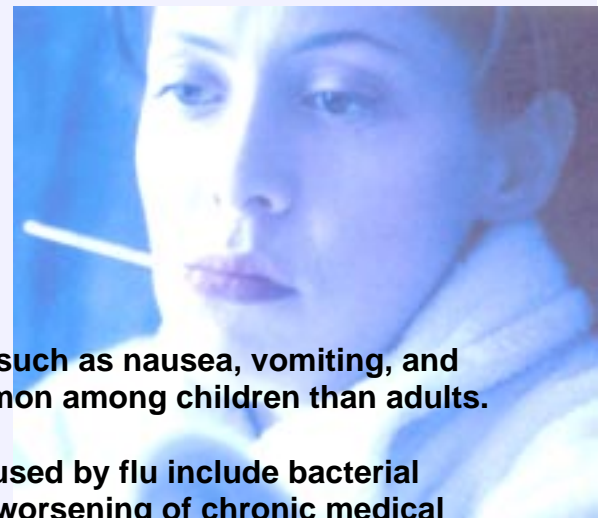
For more information, visit www.health.state.ok.us/.

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Is it the *flu*?

Symptoms of flu include:

- * fever (usually high)
- * headache
- * extreme tiredness
- * dry cough
- * sore throat
- * runny or stuffy nose
- * muscle aches
- * gastro-intestinal symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, are much more common among children than adults.



Some of the complications caused by flu include bacterial pneumonia, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes. Children may get sinus problems and ear infections.

Prevention is the key...

How Flu Spreads:

The flu spreads in respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. It usually spreads from person to person, though occasionally a person may become infected by touching something with virus on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

Adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before getting symptoms and up to seven days after getting sick. That means that you can give someone the flu before you know you're sick as well as while you are sick.

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Auditions for the musical, 'Nunsense'

Tryouts will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, and Tuesday, Oct. 19, in the college theater. The cast consists of five nuns, but both men and women may audition. Volunteers for crew positions also are needed and should meet the director, Richard J. Nelson, during auditions. For more information, contact Nelson at 685-3776, ext. 3514.

Training Center to host grant writing classes

Beginning Oct. 19, the Training Center at OKCCC will offer grant writing classes. The first seminar, Grant Writing: Getting Started is from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19. The cost is \$39 and includes a one-hour follow-up with the instructor. For more information, contact the Training Center at 682-7562.

Book sale fund-raiser for engineering club

The engineering club will hold the Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship book sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, and Wednesday, Oct. 20, in the foyer of the main building. Sales will raise money for the Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship. If you would like to donate books for the sale, contact Debra Burris at 682-1611, ext. 7187.

College Republicans offer free screening of films

The College Republicans will show the films "Celsius 41-11" and "Kerry on Iraq" from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26 and Wednesday, Oct. 27, in a location to be determined. "Celsius 41-11" is a response to "Fahrenheit 9/11." For more information, contact Ralph deCardenas at 682-1611, ext. 7216.

Biotechnology club to hold stem cell discussion

The Oklahoma Biotechnology Association will welcome guest speaker, John J. Mulvihill, M.D., from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 20, in room 1C7 of the main building. He is the Director of the Program in Human Genetics at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. For more information, contact Charlotte Mulvihill at 682-1611, ext. 7225.

Native American auction

The Native American Student Association will hold a Native American poster and gift auction from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20 and Thursday, Oct. 21 in the foyer of the main building. Auction items include: posters, handmade jewelry and leather purses. Popcorn and cotton candy also will be sold. For more information, contact Kristi Fields at 682-1611, ext. 7550.

Disney recruiters to be on campus

Disney representatives will be on campus at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, in college union room 3. Recruiters will make a presentation at 1 p.m. and hold interviews afterwards. This program includes paid work and training in business management and other areas. For more information, contact Linda Fay at 682-1611, ext. 7519.

Free screening of 'Fahrenheit 9/11'

The Young Democrats will host free screenings of the critically-acclaimed documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" at 3:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, in the college theater. For more information, contact Rick Vollmer at 682-1611, ext. 7302.

College offering enrichment program for kids

Classes for children ages 3 to 14 are available through Recreation and Community Services. College 4 Kids offers a variety of classes to be held on Saturdays from Oct. 30 to Dec. 11. Cost for each class ranges from \$45 to \$65. For more information, contact Jack Perkins at 682-1611, ext. 7205.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

With honors: Phi Theta Kappa sponsors, professors Marty Ludlum (left) and Richard Rouillard (right), flank club officers Dorothy Ackon-Mensah, vice president of service, and Travis Meadows, president. Phi Theta Kappa is one of the many clubs at OKCCC that focus on leadership and fellowship as well as promoting positive student participation in the community.

Business professionals start chapter on campus

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

A new student club applies what students learn in business class and offers national recognition and big prizes. This club also hopes to take its members to California and China in 2005.

The OKCCC chapter of the Business Professionals of America held its first meeting Oct. 4.

Carl Walls, national post-secondary parliamentarian, started the meeting with an overview of BPA and told students of its benefits.

"BPA is a national student organization that gives students the tools to succeed in the business world," Walls said.

"In class, you hear a lecture or read a book, but BPA has hands-on applications for students," Walls said. "These applications are what you might actually do in your field."

"I was able to do web de-

sign and E-commerce in competitions on a national level."

Walls said BPA has competitions for office professionals, marketing, accounting and Internet technologies. He said the club wants students to be recognized and have fun.

Club sponsor Vijayan Ramachandran said the club wants to have events on the local, state, national and international levels. Ramachandran is a business professor.

Walls said BPA and the Health Occupations Student Association are hosting a Fall Leadership Conference Oct. 11 to 12 at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City. "We expect 3,000 to 4,000 people," Walls said.

According to www.bpa.org, the 2005 Business Professionals of America Leadership Conference is scheduled from April 22 to 26 in Anaheim, Calif. Walls said some members of the OKCCC chapter might attend the conference.

Ramachandran said some

of the club's members might go on a business trip to China.

He said the trip would be similar to a trip made by OKCCC business students and faculty members earlier this year.

The trip would include a visit to the Great Wall of China in Beijing. The group also would tour multinational companies including Boeing and Motorola, he said.

Club sponsor Joseph Ramsey said the club is open to all students and is worthwhile for those involved. Ramsey is a business/technology professor.

"This club and your classes complete the puzzle [of business,]" Walls said.

For more information regarding the BPA, contact Ramachandran at 682-1611, ext. 7220, Ramsey at 682-1611, ext. 7454, or Lea Ann Hall at 682-1611, ext. 7497.

Staff Writer/Club Reporter Matthew Caban can be reached at StaffWriter1@okccc.edu.

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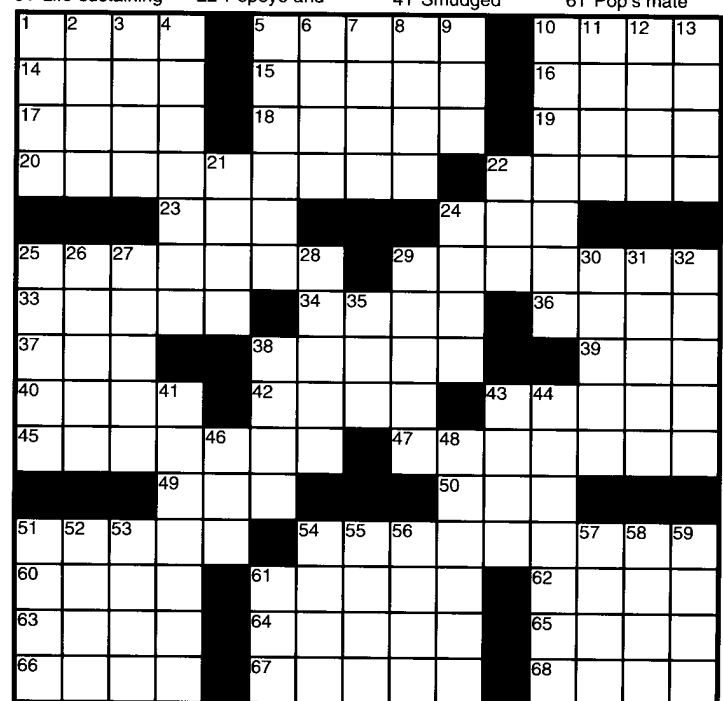
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