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College looks into expanding parking areas

523 spaces could be added next year

By Caroline Ting
Editor

The college has plans to add a total of 523 parking spaces next year in parking lots B, C, F and G.

"There have been preliminary looks done at where we potentially could expand parking," said Art Bode, vice president for Business and Finance.

No discussions about parking lot expansion have been held within the college President's cabinet, Bode said. But, he hopes to do that after the first of the year.

Then, he said, a formal proposal would be brought forward to the OKCCC Board of Regents for approval early spring.

"The college is really trying to do all that it can to accommodate student, faculty and staff parking needs."

—Art Bode
Vice President
for Business
and Finance

Chris Snow, Physical Plant assistant director, provided early estimates for each of the lots recognized in the plan:

Parking lot B — 201 additional spaces; lot C — 198 additional spaces; lots F and G — 124 additional spaces.

The initial plans were made in September of 2003, Snow said.

The college just finished 289 parking spaces in the north and south portions of parking lot A before fall semester started.

The extra spaces helped out with the overflow parking, especially in the first week of class, Bode said. Overflow parking area is the grass section outside of the Faculty Circle to the northwest corner of the campus.

"(The new parking spaces) helped considerably," Bode said. "Last year there were times that we had, especially early in the semester, as many as 400 to 450 cars out in the overflow parking."

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Photo by Daniel Orren

Tattoo art: Freshman Kiel Spelts gets a cross tattooed on his leg during an event sponsored by Student Life. Several students wait in line to be next for one of the airbrush tattoo creations by Preferred Entertainment.

Halloween party on Oct. 29

By Nicole Bryce
News Writing I Student
and Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

What do trick-or-treating, face painting, a beanbag toss, fishing, tramping through a haunted house, eating and listening to a deejay have in common?

All will be part of OKCCC's annual Halloween carnival held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, in the college union.

The Campus Activities Board has hosted the carnival for more than 10 years, CAB sponsor Liz Largent

said. Each year, she said, there are many activities for children, the student body, faculty and the community. Each activity is sponsored by a student organization on campus. "The Halloween carnival is a community service project for the clubs and organizations," she said.

The carnival will be a fun and safe place to bring the whole family and have a good time, Largent said.

Admission for the first child is \$2 and \$1 for each additional child. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are free. For more information on the Halloween carnival, contact Liz Largent at 682-1611, ext. 7596.

Fall back one hour Oct. 31

By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

Come Monday, Nov. 1, some college employees will have their hands full — of clock hands that is.

When Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Oct. 31, all clocks will need to be set back one hour to standard time.

That includes the approximately 180 clocks on campus, said Gary Phillips, building and campus services supervisor.

Chris Snow, physical plant assistant director, said building services — an entity within the physical plant — will reset the campus clocks.

He said if everything runs smoothly, they should be able to get all of the clocks reset in one day.

Snow said Simplex-Grinnell is the company contracted to change the time on the library clock tower.

Not everyone in the U.S. is affected.

According to the website family internet.about.com, Hawaii, most of the Eastern Time Zone, portions of Indiana, and the state of Arizona except for the Navajo Indian Reservation, don't observe the bi-annual time change.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Strong bones keep you healthy for a lifetime

Many people worry about the way they look. They also wonder how they can make themselves appear to be healthier. What they don't see, or neglect to see, is what's holding a body together in one piece — the skeleton.

Healthy bones may not sound very important to younger crowds, but as people get older, they will begin to notice the changes in the flexibility of their bodies. Bone injuries and osteoporosis can easily occur to anyone with unhealthy bones.

"Osteoporosis, or porous bone, is a disease in which bones become fragile and more likely to break, even from a slight strain such as a cough," according to www.nof.org.

This major public health threat affects 44 million Americans, and leads to more than 300,000 fractures each year, usually in people age 65 years and older, according to the same website.

Some tips to keep in mind are: eat a diet rich in calcium and vitamin D; perform weight-bearing and resistance-training exercises, and refrain from smoking and excessive alcohol use. Log on to www.nof.org/osteoporosis/sgr_release.htm to learn more about osteoporosis and how to prevent it.

The brochure includes facts on osteoporosis, risk factors on whether you or someone you know may have the risk of attracting the disease, as well as tips and steps for people at all ages to develop strong bones.

A recent article in The New York Times talked about osteoporosis researchers' worries about how patients with broken bones are evaluated in America.

"For example, doctors should routinely evaluate people over 50 who break a bone, for any reason, to see if they have osteoporosis. But such evaluations are seldom ordered," said Dr. Joan McGowan, chief of the musculoskeletal diseases branch at the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases.

The surgeon general's report on bone health was released recently. McGowan is one of the two scientific editors, the article said.

"The report urges that doctor and patients pay attention to bones throughout life. Children and adolescents need a proper diet and exercise to stimulate bone growth. For adults, eating properly and staying active can maintain bone strength," The article said.

It is obvious that a broken bone must be treated as a serious matter with proper medical attention. Learn the basics to keep your bones healthy so you won't regret not taking care of your bones earlier.

—**Caroline Ting**
Editor

Non-payment policy has flaws

To the editor:

Personally, I am a big fan of the non-payment drop policy. My major, graphic communications, has very limited space in the classrooms. All of the classes fill up in the first three hours of registration. If I forget to register for a certain class, I have to wait until the non-payment drop policy before I can even try to get into the class.

I do feel sorry for some of the new students that aren't aware of the policy. I, too, have suffered the consequences of enrolling too late. The GCOM major has a class or two that is only offered in the spring or fall semesters. So, if I don't get in there early, then I'm out of luck until next year.

I think OKCCC should create more awareness when students enroll.

There should be a big warning sign on their schedule printout, bill, invoice or whatever that says you will be dropped, if you do not enter a payment plan by a certain period.

The non-payment drop policy gives students that really want to be in a class the opportunity to be there. A lot of students enroll in more classes than what they intend to, just so they can arrange their schedule accordingly and drop the unnecessary classes.

I have known several people that have intentions of taking a course or two, so they go ahead and enroll. When they find out they really don't want to be in the class, they say, "Oh well, I'll be dropped automatically anyways."

So, what's going to happen to the classes that

those kinds of students are enrolled in? Is OKCCC going to wait three or four weeks after classes start and then drop them from the course? What happens to the empty slot that someone could have enrolled, if the non-payment drop policy was still around?

—**Name withheld by request**

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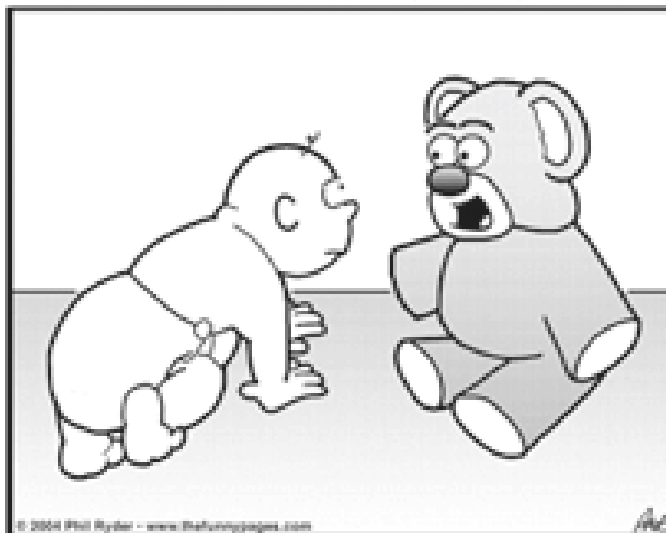
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THE JOKE'S ON YOU

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Comments and Reviews

Free 'Fahrenheit 9/11' showing

To the editor:

I would like to invite you all to a free screening of Academy-award winner Michael Moore's (2002 Best Documentary "Bowling for Columbine") film "Fahrenheit 9/11." The movie will be shown at 3:30 and again at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28, in the college theater of the Arts and Humanities building.

As I am sure many of you have heard, this film has created quite a stir, which is why it is very important that you know. Showing this movie is not an effort to manipulate people.

In accordance with that, at the end of the film there will be an opportunity for those that attend to discuss their feelings about the

movie. It does not matter if you do or do not like what the film has to say; you will be respected regardless. Obviously to have an opinion you must see the movie first.

The only thing that will be asked of you is that you leave out criticisms and insults of Michael Moore as a person. Those of us bringing you this movie are only interested in logical arguments for or against the movie itself. Especially, considering the informal logic of the fallacy of attack on the person or ad hominem do nothing to logically refute the message of this movie.

I think this is a good opportunity for students in this school to come to-

gether. No matter what your feelings about the film, the goal in bringing this movie to you is to make sure that after the movie and the discussion, you walk out of that theater knowing something you did not know when you came in.

The content of "Fahrenheit 9/11" is as serious and disturbing a thing as you might see.

This movie should be treated with the utmost care, which is exactly why people should view and discuss this movie amongst each other. I hope from the bottom of my heart that you all take this opportunity.

—**John Dell**
Vice President of the
Young Democrats

'Team America' vulgarly funny

"Team America: World Police" is every bit as hilarious as it is vulgar. From the minds of "South Park" creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker, this film will have you doubling over with laughter and covering your mouth in shock.

Puppet sex aside, the film follows Team America as they battle marionette terrorists and search for weapons of mass destruction.

After uncovering a heinous plot by North Korea's Kim Jong Il (voiced by Parker), the team must stop Il and the liberal actors of the Film Actors' Guild.

Littered throughout the film are hysterical musical pieces, uproarious action

sequences and peculiar, mirthful love scenes.

While the single most offensive scene in the film is the sex scene between team members Greg Johnston (Parker) and Lisa (voiced by Kristen Miller), it can be overlooked, thanks to the creativity and charm this film possesses.

Many filmmakers lack the guts to poke fun at certain situations such as the AIDS epidemic and the threat of terrorism. But, that's what places Stone and Parker in a league of their own.

They are witty and smart about displaying their ideas onto film. This movie is just another piece of work that can vouch for their genius

when it comes to comedic entertainment.

The best part of "Team America" is that Parker and Stone supply a majority of the characters' voices. This really adds to the appeal of the film, especially when Il bursts into a melancholy tune of how "lonely" he is.

Although this movie is hard to discuss without spoiling too much, it's a film that deserves much attention.

"Team America: World Police" will either have you slapping your knee or convincing you that comedy has gone down the drain. I give this film a B+.

—**Richard Hall**
Staff Writer

Quote of the Week:

"We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

—**Aristotle**
Greek philosopher



Q: How many students here at OKCCC are deaf and hard of hearing?

A: There are eight deaf students and 23 hearing impaired students.

—**Tammy Earl**
Coordinator for Interpreting Services

Q: What kinds of postage stamps are sold at the OKCCC bookstore?

A: We sell regular 37-cent single stamps. You can buy as many as you want.

—**Erin Newcomer**
Bookstore clerk

Q: Why does OKCCC have such limited parking spaces?

A: As enrollment has continued to rise, the need for additional parking has become an issue. The college administration recently added 289 parking spaces in the north and south portions of parking lot A. The college is in the process of planning and budgeting for additional parking lot construction to address the needs of the institution.

—**Chris Snow**
Assistant Director of Physical Plant

Q: In the Intro to Engineering class, we are required to study Fourtran 99 programming. However, the course does not transfer to 4-year colleges. Why is it a required course in the curriculum?

A: The course transfers to the University of Oklahoma. Some type of programming is required at every college. We are working with OU to match up with their curriculum. If you entered college before fall 2004, you are under the old system. This class was changed for this semester to Engineering Practice I for incoming freshmen. The course doesn't include a programming component.

—**Gary Houlette**
Professor of Physical Science

Q: Why do the professors at OKCCC take attendance?

A: Faculty may institute a class attendance policy, provided the policy is approved by the dean and presented in writing with the course syllabus to the students at the start of the class.

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Questions about OKCCC?
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Transportation to the polls a problem for some

Ride programs, absentee ballots are a few ways to make sure your vote is counted

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

As Nov. 2 nears, a concern some voters may have is how to get to the polls on Election Day. Those folks may need to arrange transportation for that day or find an alternative way to vote before the Nov. 2 General Election.

State Election Board Secretary Michael Klingman said those people might consider calling "the local parties or specific campaigns" for a ride.

"One of the big ways candidates and political parties get the vote is by offering rides to disabled and elderly voters," Klingman said.

Both the Democratic and Republican parties offer rides for certain groups.

Oklahoma Democratic Party Political Director Chilton Marshall said the Democratic Party has a group of volunteers who help get people to the polls.

"The names of people who call us are compiled on a list," Marshall

said. "Then, we find out which precinct they are in and get them a ride."

Oklahoma Republican Party Chairman Gary Jones said providing access to people who need rides is important.

"Those who need a ride can call our state office, identify themselves and tell us where they are located," he said.

County government officials in Oklahoma don't offer transportation to the polls due to a lack of funding for the counties Klingman said.

However, for those who are unable to get to the polls at all on Election Day, other options are still available across the state said Canadian County Election Board Clerk Cheryl Steffan.

"[Counties] offer early voting, absentee voting and voter assistance at the polls," she said.

Klingman said those services are available in every county in the state.

McClain County Election Board



Secretary Marilyn McReynolds said absentee ballots are common and an easy process.

McReynolds said to receive an absentee ballot, a voter needs to fax or mail a written application with his or her name, date of birth, residential address, address where the ballot should be sent, which election the ballot is for and a signature.

In some rare instances, the ballots may be taken to the person McReynolds said.

"Under the law, absentee ballots are taken to nursing homes," she said.

According to the website, www.oklaosf.ok.us, all absentee ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

Steffan said all people who meet the voting qualifications should be able to vote.

"There are many ways people are helped at the polls," Steffan said.

"We help those who are blind, hard of hearing, and illiterate. Also, many of the polling places are

handicap accessible."

For more information on transportation to the polls, contact either the Oklahoma Democratic Party at (405) 427-3366 or the Oklahoma Republican Party at (405) 528-3501.

Area county election boards also can answer questions. Those are:

- Canadian County, (405)422-2423.
- Cleveland County, (405) 366-0210.
- Lincoln County, (405) 258-1349.
- McClain County, (405) 527-3121.
- Oklahoma County, (405) 713-1515.
- Pottawatomie County, (405) 273-8376.

Folks may also call the Oklahoma State Election Board (405) 521-2391.

Student Life is presenting a
New Voter Workshop at 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 26 in CU1.
Student Life employees will go over
voting procedures, explain the ballot
process and present an objective look
at the state questions.

Students comment on final presidential debate

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

As the general election date nears, students at OKCCC are becoming more confident in their choice of the best candidate for the presidency.

The third presidential debate was held Oct. 13 at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. The debate was forum style, like the first one.

OKCCC students were split on who debated the best but most do know who they feel is the best man for the job.

"I think John Kerry would do a lot for our country," said Hugh Patton, 24-year-old freshman. "I think he would bring home all our people over in the Middle East fighting. I also think he'd create a lot of jobs that we don't have right now."



Kimberly
Higgs

Kimberly Higgs, 38-year old sophomore agreed with Patton that Kerry is the best man for the job.

"Kerry brought up minority issues. Not everything that we needed to know, but he did bring up minority issues before Bush did," Higgs said. "I believe that John Kerry won by a landslide."

Some students disagreed with Patton and Higgs. They felt George Bush has done a good job and will continue to do well in a second term.

"Kerry was trying to attack George Bush and what the administration had done instead of saying what he could do," Ray Lujan,



Hugh Patton

33-year-old sophomore said. "Instead of telling me what he was going to do, he knocked down what Bush had not done or had done wrong."

Lujan is not the only student to feel like Kerry attacked Bush and his administration.

"Kerry has a lot of false accusations on Bush's views," said Billy Cannady, 18-year-old freshman. "Bush had pretty good rebuttals."

Some students didn't care about the debates at all and are still undecided about which candidate to choose.

"I think it's just negative politics," said Sean Fisher, 19-year-old freshman.

"I don't like the way they're debating."

Forty-three-year-old Amy Bladow agreed with Fisher about the way the candidates debated. "I thought it was poor on both candidates' part," she said. "I really would have liked them to stay more positive."

"I also feel that Sen. Kerry has said or done nothing wrong as far as talking about Cheney's lesbian daughter. I hope she votes for Kerry."

Information about the candidates can be found online at www.johnkerry.com or www.georgewbush.com.

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Billy
Cannady



Amy Bladow



Ray Lujan



Sean Fisher

Photos by Ann Lushbough

Vote yes or no for same-sex marriage

By Kevin R. Hicks
News Writing I Student

Along with voting on who is going to be the president, on Nov. 2, Oklahomans also will decide whether they want an amendment to the state constitution banning same-sex marriage.

State question 711 would define marriage as between one man and one woman. Voters should be aware that the outcome of this question could not make gay marriages legal in Oklahoma. It is a vote on whether to have a written definition of marriage in the state constitution.

The referendum also seeks to prohibit the state from recognizing same-sex unions performed in other states.

Soon after the proposed amendment was approved for the November ballot, the Oklahoma Civil Liberties Union and a gay rights group sought to remove the question from the ballot saying it is vague and discriminatory.

The Oklahoma State Supreme Court ruled unanimously not to take the case and let the state question stay on the ballot.

Some students see the measure as unfair to same-sex couples.

"Everyone pays the same taxes but do not have the same right," said David Jordan, film and video sophomore.

"Not letting two American citizens share the same rights, such as tax cuts, VA benefits, inheritance, medical decisions, as well as many other benefits a married heterosexual couple shares is discrimination."

He also believes the concern about gay marriage should focus solely on civil liberties, not religious issues.

On the other hand, Mike Barnett, sponsor of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries, supports the amendment. He said the Bible defines marriage as between a man and a woman.

Barnett said he views gay marriage as society moving away from God's design and purpose in marriage.

Either way, the question on adding an amendment to the state constitution still remains.

"Everyone should go vote on Nov. 2 whether they believe in gay marriages or not," Jordan said.

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and story ideas!
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e-mail editor@okccc.edu.

Young Democrats holds discussion

By Sara Masters
News Writing I Student

The Young Democrats are hosting a state question awareness and discussion seminar at 1 p.m. on Nov. 1 in CU3. They are hoping to inform students on exactly what they will be voting for or against.

At the forum, speakers will explain all nine of the state questions that will be on the ballot. Then students may ask questions about anything they are confused about. Speakers include Tony Oliver, Josh Butler, and James Smith.

State Questions

State Question No. 705 Legislative Referendum No. 330

The measure creates the Oklahoma Education Lottery Act. It creates the Oklahoma Lottery Commission. The Commission will operate a state lottery. The board will write rules regarding the conduct of lottery games. At least 45% of the revenue from ticket sales will be returned as prizes. The net proceeds of the lottery will be used for education purposes. Net proceeds will equal at least 35% of ticket proceeds except for the first two years. The act contains provisions relating to the selection and regulation of retailers. This act would lose the force and effect of law under certain conditions. The act contains many other provisions relating to the conduct of a state lottery.

State Question No. 706 Legislative Referendum No. 331

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It adds a new section 41 to Article 10. This measure would create the Oklahoma Education Lottery Trust Fund. The trust fund shall consist of monies from the Oklahoma Education Lottery. The monies of the trust fund may only be used for certain purposes. All of the purposes for which the trust fund may be used relate to education. The monies in the trust fund may not be used to replace other state funds used to support education. The State Board of Equalization will determine if any of the monies in the trust fund are being used to replace state funding of education. If such a finding is made, the Legislature may not make any appropriations until the amount of replaced funding is returned to the trust fund. This measure would only become effective if voters approved the lottery contained in House Bill 1278 (State Question 705).

State Question No. 707 Legislative Referendum No. 332

This measure amends Section 6C of Article 10 of the Oklahoma Constitution. The amendment deals with the use of certain city, town and county taxes and fees. When authorized by law, cities, towns or counties can put these taxes and fees to use in three ways. The first use is specific public investments. The second use is aid in development financing. The third use is an income source for other public bodies in the area.

The Legislature can authorize cities, towns and counties to direct the apportionment of these fees and taxes among or between these uses. The amendment allows these apportionments to be prospective. The amendment permits these apportionments to continue from year to year.

The amendment permits these cities, towns and counties to pledge certain taxes and fees beyond the current fiscal year and to pledge certain taxes and fees to repay some debts of other public entities.

State Question No. 708 Legislative Referendum No. 333

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Section 23 of Article 10. This section involves the Constitutional Reserve Fund also known as the Rainy Day Fund. This measure changes the amount which could be spent from the Rainy Day Fund. The State Board of Equalization would decide if the taxes the state collects each fiscal year will be less than predicted. This is called revenue failure. If this happens, up to three-eighths (3/8) of the Rainy Day Fund could be spent. The total amount spent from the Rainy Day Fund for revenue failure could not exceed the amount of the funds shortage predicted by the State Board of Equalization. The Rainy Day Fund can be used now if the prediction about state tax collections for the current year is less than the prediction made the year before. One-half (1/2) of the Fund can be spent now if this occurs. If this measure passes, that amount would change to three-eighths (3/8). Money can now be spent from the Fund for certain emergencies. One-half (1/2) of the Fund can now be spent for these emergencies. This measure would change that amount to one quarter (1/4).

State Question No. 711 Legislative Referendum No. 334

This measure adds a new section of law to the Constitution. It adds Section 35 to Article 2. It defines marriage to be between one man and one woman. It prohibits giving the benefits of marriage to people who are not married. It provides that same sex marriages in other states are not valid in this state. It makes issuing a marriage license in violation of this section a misdemeanor.

State Question No. 712 Legislative Referendum No. 335

This measure enacts the State-Tribal Gaming Act. The Act contains a Model Tribal Gaming Compact. Indian tribes that agree to the Compact can use new types of gaming machines. These machines are used for gambling. Compact-ing tribes could also offer some card games.

"A lot of people never pay attention to the state questions," said James Williamson, president of the Young Democrats.

"We are always worried about who is going to be president. Hopefully, this can answer some of the questions that people might have."

The forum will last about two hours, give or take a little. Any questions about the forum or the club can be directed to Williamson, at JamesW@po.okccc.edu.

Williamson said although the club is always open to recruiting members, but that isn't their objective at this forum.

Currently, the club has 11 members. The club meets from 1 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday in room 3K2 of the main building.

If at least four Indian tribes enter into the Compact, three State licensed racetracks could use the same electronic gaming machines.

The Act limits the number of gaming machines racetracks can use. The Act does not limit the number of machines that Indian tribes can use.

The State Horse Racing Commission would regulate machine gaming at racetracks. A tribal agency would regulate authorized gaming by a tribe. The Office of State Finance would monitor authorized tribal gambling.

Proceeds from authorized gaming at racetracks go to:

1. the racetrack,
2. the owners of winning horses,
3. horsemen's organizations,
4. breed organizations, and
5. the State to be used for educational purposes.

Some of the proceeds from authorized gaming by Indian tribes goes to the State. The State would use these proceeds for educational purposes and compulsive gambling programs.

State Question 713 Legislative Referendum No. 336

This measure ends sales tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products. The measure places a new tax on cigarettes. This tax will be 4 cents per cigarette. The measure places a new tax on other tobacco products. These taxes begin January 1, 2005.

Some monies from the new taxes will be given to state, county, and local government. Some monies from these taxes will be used for various health-related purposes. These purposes include health care, building a cancer center, trauma care, long-distance medical care, substance abuse, breast cancer, and aid to hospitals and ambulance services.

A committee is created to recommend rules regarding tobacco product taxes.

The measure provides penalties for Indian tribes that break tobacco tax compacts.

The measure makes several income tax changes. It makes the highest Method One individual income tax rate 6.65%. It increases the amount of certain retirement benefits not subject to income tax. It allows certain capital gains of an individual to not be subject to income tax.

The measure sets maximum income levels for individuals making claims under the Sales Tax Relief Act.

The measure makes other changes

State Question No. 714 Legislative Referendum No. 337

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It amends Section 8C of Article 10. This measure changes the method for determining the fair cash value of the homestead of certain heads of household. The change only applies to heads of household who meet two requirements. First, they must be at least 65 years old.

Second, their gross household income must meet income level requirements.

This measure changes the income level requirement. At present, to be eligible, the gross household income from all sources must be \$25,000 or below. The amendment changes the qualifying income level. To be eligible under the change, gross household income cannot exceed the area's mean income for the prior year. A federal agency determine these mean income levels. The agency determines mean income levels for counties and metropolitan areas. The State Tax Commission must inform each county assessor of the established mean income levels each year.

State Question No. 715 Legislative Referendum No. 338

This measure amends the Oklahoma Constitution. It adds a new section to Article 10. The new section is Section 8E. The measure creates an exemption from property tax. The exemption would apply to certain injured veterans. The exemption would also apply to veterans' surviving spouses. The exemption would be for the full fair cash value of the homestead. To qualify for the exemption an injured veteran would have to meet several requirements. First, the veteran must have been honorably discharged from a branch of the Armed Forces or the Oklahoma National Guard. Second, the veteran would have to be a State resident. Third, the veteran would have to have a 100% permanent disability. Fourth, the disability would have to have been sustained through military action or accident, or result from a disease contracted while in active service. Fifth, the disability would have to be certified by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Finally, the veteran would have to be otherwise qualified for homestead exemption. The exemption can be claimed beginning January 1, 2006.

Cheating won't help students pass classes

**By Todd Milligan
News Writing I Student**

While in college, some students may be pressured into making unethical decisions just to make the so-called "grade."

A student may see the effects of cheating as good, said Jim Ellis, director of Career and Assessment Services at the OKCCC Test Center. The cheating students may have received a good grade but the long-term effects of cheating can be very damaging, Ellis said.

"A test is to see how much you learned in class," he said. "They show, by your

grade, how much you don't know and how much you need to learn."

Tests assist people in developing themselves, receiving experience and gaining information in the field of study they would like to be employed in, he said.

"What if you were studying to be a nurse and you cheated on some of your tests because you didn't know the information," Ellis said.

"I don't want to be in a hospital in critical condition and you not know what to do because you cheated through that section."

Some OKCCC students said they know of classmates who have success-

fully cheated in the college's testing center.

Trent Tarp, business management major, said he knows of ways people use new technologies to cheat.

"I know people that have taken pictures of their notes with their camera phone and used it on the test," Tarp said.

Tarp said he also has heard of students programming all of their notes and formulas into their calculator for easy access on the test.

Psychology major Blake Slatten said he has heard of these methods of cheating as well.

"I've heard of people taking a picture of the test with their camera phone and after the test give it to a group of people who had not taken it yet," Slatten said.

"Doing this gives the group all of the questions previous to the test."

Ellis said most of the cheating cases he has run into involve conventional means.

"The most common type of cheating found in the Testing Center is when people have answers written on a piece of paper prior to entering [the Testing Center], and hide it either in their calculator or under

the desk," Ellis said.

Adam Ballard, advertising major, said some OKCCC students have creative ways of cheating.

"I commend some of the ideas and plans of cheating that I have heard about from several students just for the fact that they were so extreme," Ballard said.

Public relations major Dana Fisher said she feels like cheating won't get students a good grade in the course.

"Of course it looks good to get an A on a test, but is it right? Is a cheated A better than a legit C in a class?" Fisher asked.

Minority enrollment up

**By Sara Masters
News Writing I Student**

The percentage of minority students attending OKCCC has increased 50 percent over the last decade, according to the college's Office of Research.

During the fall semester in 1994, 20.7 percent of OKCCC students were non-Caucasian. This year, 30.5 percent are non-Caucasian.

Charlotte French, executive director of Enrollment Management, said the increase is a result of goal setting.

"I think the college has had increases in minority enrollment as a priority for the last five or six years," she said.

"A lot of the things we're doing have been successful and it's showing up in the numbers now," French said. "It's been our plan to increase that enrollment to more closely mirror the ethnic makeup of our community."

The percentage increase of Hispanic students has been the greatest.

The percentage of Hispanic students attending OKCCC was 3.3 percent in 1994.

This percentage has risen 3.6 percent over the last decade, making it 6.9 per-

cent to date.

The lowest increase in minority enrollment has been among Native American students.

Currently 6.2 percent of the student body is Native American. There has only been a 1 percent increase in the number of Native American students since 1994.

French said part of the cause for the lower increase is the fact that the Native American community isn't a growing community in Oklahoma City.

Asian students make up the second largest group of minority students at OKCCC.

The number of Asian students has increased 2.2 percent in the last 10 years. In the fall of 1994, 5.7 percent of the student body was Asian. Currently 7.9 percent are Asian.

The largest minority of the student body is African American.

Ten years ago, 6.5 percent of students attending the college were African American. This semester 9.5 percent of students are African American.

French said OKCCC does not seek out minority students individually.

She said college officials go to high schools with high minority student enrollment to encourage the high school students to attend college.

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Pigeons find home on campus, leave mess behind

By William F. George Jr.
News Writing I Student

More than 1,000 pigeons had made their home on top of the buildings of the OKCCC campus when J.B. Messer, director of Physical Plant, arrived at the college six years ago.

The birds nested around the skylights of the Aquatic Center, the air handlers of the main building, the towers of the Arts and Humanities Building and, especially, in the housing of the clock tower on top of the library, Messer said.

The pigeons had been living in the clock tower since it was built in 1995 and it was evident by all of the products that remained, Messer said. When the pi-



Photo by Ann Lushbough

geons were removed and the tower sealed, a large-scale clean up began. Just removing the accumulation of pigeon dung proved a Herculean task.

"We estimated from the number of bags and the weight of each bag that we removed approximately two tons of excrement," Messer said.

How does one go about removing hundreds of pigeons?

"All kinds of people have all kinds of ideas about how you go about this," Messer said. "If you don't take away their roost areas, then they are not going to go away."

Chris Snow, Physical Plant assistant director, said the college initially tried using controls that were not physically threatening to the pigeons, all of which failed. The pigeon population began to decline only after the college contracted with Wildlife Service in June 2003, Snow said.

Today there are hardly any pigeons to be found on

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— J.B. Messer
Physical Plant Director

campus.

Wildlife Service places wire-cage live traps on the roofs of selected buildings on campus. The traps, which hold up to two dozen pigeons, are stocked with food and water. They are placed in environmentally sensitive areas to protect the trapped pigeons from the elements. The traps are checked approximately three times a week.

Phillip Robinson, staff wildlife biologist for the Wildlife Services division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food and Forestry Service, said the pigeons at the OKCCC campus are feral, or wild, but are not treated as wildlife. They are considered an invasive species and are not protected under any state or federal law.

Large flocks of these birds can cause structural dam-

age to buildings and large accumulations of their feces can be a threat to public health, Robinson said.

The cages are collected and the pigeons, anywhere from one to 20 of them, are taken off campus.

"We are pretty much in maintenance mode now," Robinson said.

Robinson was reluctant to explain that all of the pigeons taken from the OKCCC campus by Wildlife Service are euthanized using CO2 gas (carbon dioxide), a popular method in keeping with the American Veterinary Medical Association guidelines. He said talking about that part of the process tends to stir up strong emotions.

"When science and emotions come into conflict, science usually falls through the cracks," he said.

Grammy-nominated ensemble to perform

By Jennifer Mardis
News Writing I Student

For those suffering from a bad case of electionitis, OKCCC will host the international singing group, King's Singers on election night.

The performance will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2. The singing ensemble will offer a diversion from the hanging chads and non-stop media frenzy.

The Grammy-nominated ensemble was founded at King's College in Cambridge, England, in 1968.

Their diverse repertoire includes Renaissance madrigals, orchestral classics and folk music in a multitude of languages.

The group also has collaborated with Dudley Moore and Bruce Johnston of the Beach Boys, according to www.kingssingers.com.

The group has performed in many European cathedrals and at the Hollywood Bowl. They also held a private concert for the British royal family at Windsor Castle.

King's Singers marks the third installment of OKCCC's Cultural Awareness Series led by Dr. Manuel Prestamo, dean of Cultural Programs and Community Development.

Prestamo said the pending election is not expected to affect turnout.

"We are almost sold out as it is," Prestamo said.

General admission tickets are \$20, student and senior tickets are \$15.

For information about tickets or future installments of the Cultural Awareness Series, call 682-7579 or visit www.okccc.edu/cas.

Activities planned for National Disabilities Awareness Month

By Stephanie
Tiner-Daeges
News Writing I Student

Have you ever had to travel the campus through crowded halls in a wheelchair or in the dark? How do you take notes in class when you can't hear?

October is National Disabilities Awareness Month. Services to Students with Disabilities, Abilities Galore, occupational therapy students and many more groups are planning activities to celebrate.

Abilities Galore will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 12:30 to 1:30 in

room 1G7 of the main building. The meeting will discuss ways of bringing more public awareness to the abilities and needs of the disabled student community at OKCCC.

On Oct. 28 there will be an Abilities Awareness Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the college union. The fair will allow students to experience what it's like to be disabled.

Participants will be able to maneuver wheelchairs through an obstacle course, experience the feeling of being visually impaired and learn their name using Braille.

Members and staff from all organizations will be

there to answer questions about the Abilities Awareness Fair and National Disability Awareness Month.

Did You Know?

- 19.4 (48.9 million) of the United States population has a disability.
- 4% (9.2 million) of the population age 5 and over in the U.S. needs assistance with activities.
- Of the U.S. population over age 15, 25 million females, compared to 21 million males, have a disability.

—Source: www.infouse.com

Cultural arts dean takes talents to a new arena

By Caroline Ting
Editor

After having dedicated almost 10 years bringing art and music to south Oklahoma City, Dr. Manuel Prestamo, cultural programs and community development dean, is moving on to continue his work in Bartlesville.

Prestamo turned in his resignation letter Oct. 7, effective Nov. 9.

Prestamo has accepted a job offer from the OK Mozart International Festival in Bartlesville where he'll start working Nov. 10 as the executive director.

"It's very exciting because I will have a performing arts center that has 1,700 seats, not 300 seats," he said. "(And) I have a full staff to work with."

Although OKCCC offers a lot of support services, he said, it doesn't have an in-house staff designated to cultural programs and community events only.

During his time here, Prestamo said, he created the Cultural Awareness Series and the Oklahoma Film Institute.

The Cultural Awareness Series offers a fall and spring season of performances featuring artists from around the world, according to the college's website. Those performances are held in the college theater.

The award-winning series, now in its ninth year, has had many concerts sell out, Prestamo said.

Prestamo also started the Oklahoma Film Institute, which grew from a one-week event to a complete degree program.

According to the college's website, the first Oklahoma Film Institute was held in August 1998. The goal of the institute was to train future technicians for Oklahoma's film industry.

In addition to the two programs he created, Prestamo said he also has supervised Arts Festival Oklahoma for the past several years. The festival just celebrated its 26th year on Labor Day weekend.

"I think I've changed the complexion of the arts festival," he said. "Others have said to me, 'You really moved it to a whole different level.'"

Each year Prestamo brings in local and international artists to participate in the festival.

Prestamo didn't always work so



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Dr. Manuel Prestamo

closely with artists but said he has always looked out for the advancement of OKCCC.

When he first came to the college, he was dean of Arts and Humanities.

During that term, he said, he strongly supported the use of technology in higher education and added numerous classes.

As dean, he received a \$350,000 grant to fund a project called Foreign Language Assistance Program to help train foreign language teachers around Oklahoma.

Prestamo also received a grant to fund the lighting of the college's mosaic project, "...so that as evening arrives and sun sets, these lights would automatically turn on and people can enjoy the projects even during evening and night hours," he said.

Prestamo said none of the projects could have been done without the support of Dr. Paul Sechrist, provost/vice president for Academic Affairs.

In an e-mail message, Sechrist said Prestamo has contributed greatly to the college.

"Dr. Prestamo's contributions to the college included raising the awareness of global issues and through many initiatives, he has better prepared students, faculty and staff to live and work in a global society.

"He will be remembered for bringing to the college and to Oklahoma City numerous artists from around the world.

"We all wish him well," Sechrist said.

Margy Davis, cultural programs and community development secretary, has worked with Prestamo for about four years.

"He brings out the best in you," she said. "[He] is great to work with. I will miss him very much."

Outside of the college, Prestamo also has served on many statewide, national and international boards and associations.

He was a Fulbright Scholar to Ecuador in 1997.

Prestamo has a doctorate from New York University in arts administration, and studied violin and conducting at the Cleveland Institute of Music, Case Western Reserve University and at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria.

Originally from Cuba, Prestamo was sent to the United States with his aunt by his parents when he was in elementary school. Since then, he has traveled the world extensively.

He has been married to his wife Anne for about 27 years. She currently works at Oklahoma State

University as the interim associate dean of libraries. She said she is delighted about her husband's new job.

"I think this new job is an incredible and exciting opportunity," she said.

She said their cat and dog will make the move with them.

The cat is named after Prestamo's grandmother Dulce, which means "sweet" in Spanish.

The dog, a 110-pound white German shepherd, is missing the tip of its right ear, Prestamo said, so naming him was easy — Vincent van Gogh.

"In the space where he sleeps," Prestamo said, "there's a small replica of a Vincent van Gogh painting of sunflowers."

Prestamo said he is excited about starting a new job, but also is sad about leaving OKCCC.

"While I'm excited about working with some really great people, I've worried that the thought of saying goodbyes to all the wonderful people would be hard."

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Artist at work...



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Artist/Dramatist Joseph Kaknes paints a picture while portraying artist Vincent van Gogh. Kaknes recently performed as part of the Cultural Awareness Series. The next event is the choral ensemble King's Singers, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 2, in the college theater. Visit www.okccc.edu/global/2004-2005.html for more information.

Paintball All-Stars on campus

Getting pelted by a projectile flying 200 mph is just part of the fun for the new OKCCC paintball team, the All-Stars. The team of 15 OKCCC students was formed this semester and warmed up for their first tournament in Choctaw on Oct. 17.

President Justin Warnock, a business major, has played paintball for four years.

"College paintball teams are becoming more popular," Warnock said. "It's the third most popular extreme sport in the world."

Automotive Technology major Derek Mason also is a member of the All-Stars.

"Playing paintball gives me an adrenaline rush," Mason said. "You really don't notice it when you get hit until [the officials] tell you that you're out."

Playing paintball is a lot like playing dodgeball, only with guns.

Two opposing teams are placed on opposite sides of the field, and as the game's time limit begins, each team must protect themselves and their flag.

Once someone is shot, that person must immediately exit the game. The rules forbid the shot players to talk with teammates.

A game ends one of two ways, a team bringing their opponents' flag to their own base, or when the time limit expires, resulting in a draw.

Warnock said getting hit by a paintball is like getting hit by a rubberband.

An average player can shoot 13 shots a second while a professional can shoot 20 shots a second, Warnock said.

Both Mason and Warnock said paintball is an expensive sport. A case of 2000 paintball shots costs \$60, Mason said. During a single tournament, Warnock said, the team may go through 15 to 20 cases of ammunition.

"Regular-grade paintball guns cost about \$150," Mason said, "but tournament-grade guns can run up to \$2,000."

Daniel Orren, 19, has been playing for two years. He joined the All-Stars when the team formed. Orren said paintball will test a player's reaction time.

Tournament winners really cash in, Warnock said. Winners receive a trophy, points that allow the teams to advance all the way to the World Cup at Disneyland, sponsorships and, of course, bragging rights.

**Text by Richard Hall
Photos by Ann Lushbough**



OKCCC All-Stars Daniel Orren, Brad Collins and Justin Warnock prepare for the game. The All-Stars are the new paintball team at OKCCC.



Left: Freshman Daniel Orren picks his target and rushes the field.



All-Stars Derek Mason, Jake Birdwell, Justin Warnock, Cass Walker and Daniel Orren take aim.

3-on-3 with OKCPD

**By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer**

OKCCC is hosting a day of fun and games to help a charity benefiting children. Event participants could win \$200.

The Sixth Annual Oklahoma City Police Athletic League (PAL) 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held at 10 a.m., Nov. 13, in the OKCCC gymnasium.

PAL is a non-profit organization founded by the Oklahoma City Police Department to raise money to provide kids with opportunities to play sports.

"Any money provided from (sports) tournaments goes towards providing equipment, teams and referees for underprivileged children to get into sports and off the streets," said Shane Palmer, OKCCC security officer.

There is a \$50 fee per team to register for the double-elimination basketball tournament. A team consists of four people. A fifth may be added for an additional \$10 charge, Palmer said. The entry deadline is Nov. 10. Fees must be paid in full by then.

"It is an adult only tournament or (for) people that feel they can play and keep up with adults," Palmer said.

The yearly basketball tournament is a heated competition between teams formed by police and fire departments, college students and many others, said Darrell Gilbert, Oklahoma City Police Department sergeant.

Both Palmer and Gilbert stressed that the tournament is very competitive. Teams come from as far away as Anadarko to participate, Gilbert said.

He said each team that plays will have a chance at winning \$200 for first place. Last year, 18 teams participated in the tournament.

PAL holds many other sports tournaments including baseball and soccer, to raise money for their youth programs.

"PAL's main complex is at Rotary Park. They have basketball courts, a soccer field and a baseball field," Palmer said. "It was a really dilapidated park, and the city took it over and gave it to PAL."

Rotary Park is located on the corner of S.W. 15 Street and Rotary Dr. in Oklahoma City.

Palmer said he is excited that OKCCC has the opportunity to sponsor the event.

"It's a fairly large event, and in the colder weather, (PAL) cannot hold the event outside," Palmer said.

The event, expected to attract between 200 and 300 people, includes teams, referees and spectators.

It is free to watch the event, but it will probably be standing room only, Palmer said.

Palmer said PAL is an important program to him because, through the charity, the neighborhood around OKCCC is improved.

"I grew up around sports and can understand the mentality coaches try to instill in the kids," Palmer said.

"A lot of the kids [PAL] deals with have only seen law enforcement in a bad light."

"[PAL gives kids] positive role models as far as coaches teaching them stuff and helping them out, giving them guidance, but at the same time, [kids] understand [coaches] are police officers. They understand that police officers aren't always there just to take somebody to jail."

"Plus, [the program]

"Any money provided from (sports) tournaments goes towards providing equipment, teams and referees for underprivileged children to get into sports and off the streets."

**—Shane Palmer
OKCCC Security Officer**

keeps the kids off the streets, and gives them something to do that's not going to get them in trouble."

To donate to PAL or find out more about their events and programs, visit their website at www.okcpal.org.

Senior Writer Christiana Kostura can be reached at SeniorWriter@okccc.edu.



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ID theft solutions revealed to students

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the world, said John Quinton, a fraud investigator for Tinker Federal Credit Union.

He spoke of its dangers on Oct. 12 in the college union.

"Identity theft occurs when someone obtains your personal information, such as your name, Social Security number and credit card number," Quinton said.

He said the impact of identity theft is huge.

There have been 27.3 million victims in the past five years and 9.9 million last year alone he said.

There are different ways someone can discover if they have become a victim, Quinton said.

"If financial institutions call about returned checks, if collectors call about late payments and if the Internal Revenue Service contacts you regarding unpaid taxes," he said, "you may be a victim."

One of the ways someone can risk having their identity stolen, he said, is if the victim participates in insecure shopping on the Internet.

"Whatever you put on the Internet stays there forever," Quinton said.

"Always use a secure server and always know whom you're dealing with."

Quinton discussed how fraudulent deals are likely to be carried out through e-mails and popular shopping sites like eBay.

"If you're unsure of what you're dealing with," he said, "do an Internet search and see if it's a scam or not."

Shoppers should always verify checks before making deposits, Quinton said.

Verifying checks allows the check receiver to see if the person they received the check from is a bad check writer.

He said to use common sense. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is, he said.

Quinton also discussed "phishing," which is a high-tech scam on the Internet that uses spam or pop-up messages to deceive someone into disclosing personal information.

"About 92 percent of all phishing attacks are carried out by using spoof e-mail addresses," he said.

Another threat Quinton warned about was hackers and virus writers on the Internet.

Hackers and virus writers can trick people into downloading a harmful virus, such as a Key Logger Program, which enables the hacker to see everything the victim types on his or her computer, Quinton said.

By using such programs, hackers can gain valuable information about someone, such as Social Security numbers, home addresses and even computer passwords.

"Avoid becoming a victim by utilizing strong passwords," Quinton said.

Another common scamming technique is by regular mail, Quinton said.

"There are a lot of mail scams out there," he said. "The most popular mail scams are lottery scams."

Lottery scams usually come from other countries and encourage the victim to send money so they can claim their lottery prize, Quinton said.

Another way people can keep themselves safe, he said, is by buying a paper shredder.

"This way you can shred any piece of paper with valuable information on it," he said.

"There are many ways to avoid becoming a victim," Quinton said.

"Don't release any personal information, be mindful of your billing cycles and keep your personal checks in a secure place."

"Identity theft occurs when someone obtains your personal information, such as your name, social security number and credit card number."

—John Quinton

Tinker Federal Credit Union Fraud Investigator

Quinton is a retired police officer and police chief.

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

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Fraud Investigator John Quinton speaks with students about identity theft.



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•Now through Oct. 29:

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•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.

Prof prepares to take a walk

**By Candice Jones
News Writing I Student**

OKCCC nursing professor, Beverly Schaeffer, is training and raising money to participate in the Disney Marathon with the "Train to End Stroke Program" in Orlando, Fla.

The program has become the premier fund-raising campaign for the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association.

Schaeffer is a member of Team Oklahoma, which consists of participants in the Oklahoma City and

Tulsa areas.

"As of right now we have 15 members from Oklahoma City and seven from Tulsa," said Michelle Hutsell, Train to End Stroke director.

Each member must raise a minimum of \$3,500 and train in order to participate in the marathon. Schaeffer has already raised \$2,200 from family and friends.

"I am confident," Schaeffer said.

The participants must also train to prepare themselves for the marathon. Schaeffer has been training since August.

"I am up to 15 miles per week, which is good for

me," Schaeffer said.

Team Oklahoma will travel to Disney World in Florida on Jan. 9 to participate in the marathon.

Stroke is the number three cause of death in our country and the number one cause of disability, Schaeffer said.

In the past four years, the program has raised \$27 million.

It is the only fund-raiser where all proceeds are given to stroke research and educational programs.

Students and faculty are encouraged to get involved by donating money, volunteering or simply researching warning signs of stroke.



Photo by Ann Lushbough
Beverly Schaeffer

For more information please contact Schaeffer at 682-1611, ext. 7344 or visit teamokc.kintera.org/Disney.

Soccer team's season ends on sour note

**By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer**

OKCCC's club soccer team had a tough weekend, said K.B Yeboah, head soccer coach.

The University of Oklahoma shut out the team 2-0 on Oct. 15, Yeboah said. "I don't know what happened," Yeboah said. "I think we just had a bad game," Yeboah said.

Then the team lost their final game against Oklahoma State University 3-2 on Oct. 16.

Mumy Randolph, team player, said the problem was obvious. "It was a close game, but we didn't have a goalie," she said.

Randolph said the substitute goalie did his best but just didn't have enough experience.

Coach Yeboah said the team needed to win just one more game to be eligible for the regional tournament.

This last loss brought the teams overall record to two wins and four losses.

The loss against OSU was the deciding factor

that kept the team out of regionals.

"We didn't make it," Yeboah said.

Yeboah said he plans to

begin preparation for the spring season in January.

"I am going to get in touch with my players and find out who is coming

back."

Randolph said she is ready for the next season to begin. "I plan to play in the spring. We will do better."

Pool repairs taking place

**By Michael Byrne
News Writing I
Student**

Finishing touches and new lane lines were to be finished last Friday to the swimming pool, said Roxanna Butler, Aquatic and Facilities coordinator.

"The repairs look to be finished by the Nov. 1 deadline," Butler said.

The OKCCC Physical Plant is working with RenoSys Corp. on a \$241,413.94 budget to provide the proper repairs so that the pool will be ready by the deadline.

Repairs include a new RenoSys PVC pool shell, a new swimming bulkhead, as well as repairs to the gutters in the diving well,



Butler said.

"RenoSys Corp. has been renovating pools for 16 years and has completed more than 3,200 pools," said Gary Novitski of RenoSys.

"RenoSys formulates their liners especially for each pool," Novitski said. "The liners normally last around 20 years."

"Benefits of the new liner include low maintenance costs, a watertight layer, and a layer more comfortable to the feet," Novitski said.

A new fiberglass bulkhead also is provided by

"The repairs look to be finished by the Nov. 1 deadline."

—Roxanna Butler
Aquatics and Facilities Coordinator

RenoSys.

A bulkhead is a moveable piece of equipment that allows the pool to be shortened or lengthened for practice or competition.

The original bulkhead is being replaced because panels on it would fall off during use, Butler said.

The diving well, originally built in 1989, also is receiving repairs to its gutters. These repairs to the tiles are due to normal wear and tear causing them to crack.

"These repairs should not take as long as the pool," Butler said.

The repairs to the diving well are needed before a Nov. 4 diving competition.

Planters filled with best of both worlds

By Amanda Murray
News Writing I Student

Bringing the outdoors to the indoors has been a challenge for the Physical Plant department, causing horticulture to lead to plasti-culture.

Six large artificial trees now stand in place of the former live trees that succumbed to OKCCC's dim sunlight and fluctuating temperatures during breaks and holidays, said J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director.

The previous plants were having a difficult time surviving without enough sunlight. Messer pointed out that the fluorescent light was not a sufficient substitute for the ultraviolet light the trees needed to survive. Variances in temperature also contributed to the replacement of the plants.

Bringing the outside to the inside gives seating areas a look that Messer said is

"more atmosphere, less institutional."

The ficus trees were replaced with six large willow leaf ficus trees, each standing 10 feet tall.

At the base of the tree are a mixture of live and artificial lower bed plants.

Some of the live plants include 18 Jewel of India argonemia (a small variegated leafy variety) and 48 Marble Queen pothos ivy (notable for its wandering leafy stems).

"The reason we picked them is because there is not enough outside light to grow certain plants," Messer said.

"That's why these were picked because they'll grow in very little light."

Messer said the Physical Plant employees wanted all of the plants to look real.

Landscapes Etcetera set the trees and plants in the existing pots.

Chris Snow, Physical Plant assistant director, said he hopes the students enjoy and respect the greenery — both artificial and real. "We hope through this process that students will no longer use [the planters] as a waste receptacle."



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Sophomores Kiril Kirilov and Ivo Lupov hang out by one of the college's willow leaf ficus trees. Physical Plant Assistant Director Chris Snow said the trees create a nice environment.

OKCCC looks at adding more than 500 parking spaces sometime next year

"Parking,"

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Does that mean the 289 parking spaces added in lot A reduced the overflow parking to 100 to 150?

"Not always," Bode said. But, he said, the number has reduced significantly.

The overflow parking area still needs to be open throughout the semester to meet peak demand from 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday, Bode said.

"The rest of the time there is parking available on our hard surface parking lots," he said.

The lots identified for future parking expansion are all inside Faculty Circle, so people don't need to worry about having to park too far away from the building, Bode said.

Snow agrees.

"As far as the proximity to the building, it would not be any closer than an existing parking lot would be," he said.

How many spaces the college would eventually add to the lots depends on the funding available, Bode

said.

Building a parking lot, by using the industry estimate, would cost \$800 to \$1,000 per parking spot, Bode said.

The lot A expansion project took five months to complete, Snow said, because there were many rainy days that delayed the

construction.

Physical Plant Director J.B. Messer told the Pioneer in the April 5 issue that parking lot A expansion would take about two

months to complete.

Bode said OKCCC recognizes the obvious needs for more parking spaces.

"The college is really trying to do all that it can to

accommodate student, faculty and staff parking needs."

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Halloween Costume Contest

The Society of Performing Artists, formerly the Drama Club, is hosting a costume contest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, in the foyer of the main building. Prizes include a \$20 Boomerang gift certificate, a free pizza from Sophabella's and a season pass to City Repertoire Theatre. For more information, contact Ruth Charnay at 682-1611, ext 7246.

True Colors workshop

The Student Oklahoma Education Association will host the True Colors workshop at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4, in college union room 1. Find out about your personality and how others view you at this workshop. The guest speaker is Floyd Cox, from SOEA's state organization. The workshop is free and snacks will be provided. For more information, Mary C. Punches at 682-1611, ext. 7634.

Spring Tuition Fee Waivers available

Spring Tuition Fee Waivers are available in the Financial Aid Office until Nov. 15. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. Nov. 15. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 682-7525.

Last week for October giveaway

This is the last week to upload your résumé on the Student Life Employment Services website at www.collegecentral.com/okccc to be eligible for the October drawing. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. For more information, call Employment Services at 682-7519.

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 the college union. "Celsius 41.11" is a documentary about Sept. 11, 2001. For more information, contact Ralph deCardenas at 682-1611, ext. 7216.

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 Daniel Orren

Protect yourself: Freshman Debbie Pham and sophomore Yu Da Kim demonstrate how to block an oncoming attack. Student Life held a self-defense workshop on Oct. 14. The workshop was aimed at teaching students how to defend themselves.

International students retreat

**By Adam Ballard
News Writing I Student**

More than 100 international students came together for a retreat sponsored by the Baptist Collegiate Ministries from Oct. 1 to 2 at Falls Creek Baptist Conference Center in Davis.

Three students from OKCCC attended the retreat: Taryn Anquoe, Hien Le and Azfar Gul.

Mike Barnett, the sponsor for BCM, said the International Student Retreat aimed to do three things: help international students adapt to American culture, answer any questions they might have regarding immigration and teach the students about Christianity through seminars.

"I learned about religion and faith," Gul said.

During the retreat, students participated in games, music, seminars, and small group activities.

"My favorite part was the introduction and prayer,"

Gul said.

The retreat has been going on for 10 to 12 years, Barnett said.

Gul said this was his first time to attend the retreat.

"I met people from all over the world," Gul said.

Barnett said the retreat is important because many international students spend their time here in four-year increments and may never be invited into someone's home.

"This type of event brings together people of different nations," Gul said. "It will help solve the misunderstanding of religions."

"There should be more events to bring people closer to each other."

Barnett said BCM is very interested in building relationships with international students.

"We have several international students on our BCM leadership team and many international students come to our noonday lunch meetings on Monday and Thursdays."

Barnett said the BCM holds lunches from noon to

1 p.m. each Monday in college union room 8, and from noon to 1:20 p.m. each Thursday in room 3N0 of the main building.

Director of Student Life Liz Largent stressed the importance of the BCM and other organizations being involved in activities. She said it is just one way of better educating students.

Barnett said the club is preparing to hold the International Student Harvest Banquet.

At the banquet students will be able to enjoy performances by students from different countries showing their cultural talents, he said.

Aside from the entertainment, Barnett said, he hopes to teach the students about the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

For more information concerning the Harvest Banquet, contact Katrina Neuhardt at 525-3535.

For more information concerning the BCM, contact Mike Barnett at 691-5989.

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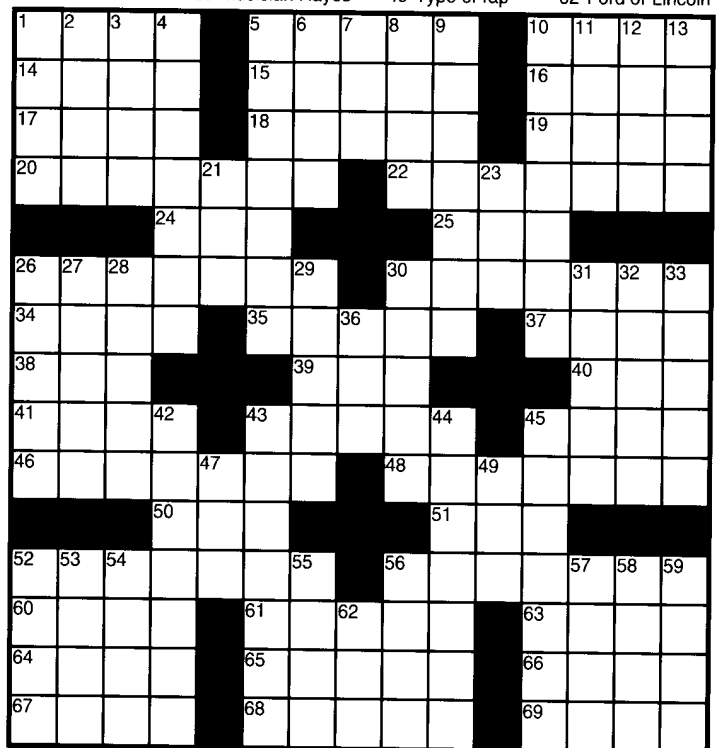
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