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Job market narrows for graduates

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Fewer jobs with more responsibilities is the latest trend spawned from the digital era. While some people enjoy the increased opportunities technology has created, others fight to keep the jobs it has eliminated.

A couple of area businesses talked about the impact technology has had on their industries.

Helena's Adventure In Travel has been in the travel agency business for 25 years.

Owner Helena Soremson said the agency had nine employees 10 years ago and now only has two. Yet, employees at the travel agency are doing at least 50 percent more work than they did a decade ago, Soremson said.

She blames the need to downsize on technol-

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Photo by Ann Lushbough

Take a deep breath: Sophomore nursing student Mindy Mysinger demonstrates the capabilities of the Human Patient Simulator located in the Division of Health's mini hospital. The simulator is a life-size representation of a human. Using a wireless microphone, a person issues voice commands to the patient simulator through a speaker built into the simulator's head. The patient simulator can simulate any programmed illness. If it's programmed to have a heart attack, it will have elevated blood pressure, experience chest pains and present all of the other symptoms of a heart attack. Health profession students can even practice some surgical techniques on the patient simulator. It's one of only two patient simulators in Oklahoma. The University of Oklahoma's school of Basic Sciences owns the other one.

Graduating students need to take necessary steps

By Emily Bone
News Writing I Student

Students planning to graduate in December should apply for graduation now, said Barbara Gowdy, Admissions and Graduation director.

Students planning on graduating this fall must apply in the Graduation Services/Transfer Evaluations office.

"Students must have all transcripts turned in, have all faculty approved course substitutions and approved electives on file, and submit a graduation applica-

tion no later than the 12th week of classes," Gowdy said.

While many students believe that if they take all of the classes needed for their degree plan they will graduate, this is simply not the case.

"All students intending to graduate are required to file a graduation application to receive their diploma," Gowdy said.

Applications are available in the Graduation Services/Transfer Evaluations office. They also can be submitted online at <http://okccc.edu/admission/graduation.html>.

Applications are easy to

fill out and only takes a few minutes.

"I submitted my application at the beginning of the semester," said Ben Pendleton, a Film and Video Productions student. "It was really simple and they sent me a letter in the mail about two weeks later confirming my graduation in December."

A minimum of 15 hours resident credit at OKCCC, which apply towards your major, is required for approval. Transfer students must have all official tran-

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Voters' rights

On Nov. 2, Oklahoma voters will be able to vote between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. All registered voters have the right to vote. Work schedules can't interfere with that right under state law. The law provides that:

- Oklahoma employees who do not have three hours of free time either between the opening of the polls and the beginning of work, or between the end of work and the closing of the polls, must be allowed at least two hours to vote. More time must be granted if necessary.



- Employees must notify their employers of the need for time off the day before the election. Employers may specify the hours that an employee must take to allow for a total of three free hours during the polling period before or after a full work day.

- Employers must pay wages for the time taken off if the employee proves that he/she actually voted. Further, they may not penalize employees for taking time off.

- Failure to comply with Oklahoma law may subject employers to a fine of \$50 to \$100.

—Source: www.whad.com/labor_library/Voting_Time_Off_Laws.htm

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Save flu shots for those in need

Flu shots are hard to find this year, yet the U.S. Congress managed to get their hands on about 2,000 shots for its members and employees.

John Eishold, Capitol physician, urged Congressmen to get vaccinated against influenza, stated the Washington Post's website.

According to CNN, this is because the lawmakers are prime candidates for contracting and spreading the flu.

Their high vulnerability is supposedly because of all the "time they spend visiting retirement homes, holding babies and shaking hands," a spokesman for Eishold told the Washington Post.

Being at higher risk for contracting influenza and spreading it is not a good enough reason to get the shot.

High-risk people would not need to worry about catching influenza from contagious Congress members if the lawmakers would simply reserve vaccinations for the high-risk people and not themselves.

The main guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control and used to determine who receives a flu shot are: people over 65 years old, children aged 6 months to 23 months, people ages 2 to 64 with chronic illnesses and medical workers directly involved in patient care.

"We leave it up to (Congressmen) to read the guidelines issued by CDC and then to state whether or not they want the shot," Eishold's spokesman said to the Washington Post.

Tommy G. Thompson, Health and Human Services secretary, is urging people, including lawmakers to forgo receiving the shot this year if they are healthy.

Congress seems to think saying they received 9,000 shots last year makes receiving 2,000 shots this year seem like not much.

Those 2,000 flu vaccinations could have been used for the very young, the elderly, chronically ill people and pregnant women.

Some Congress members who received the shots are claiming they received them prior to the news of the shortage.

This is understandable. However, once news of a vaccination shortage was released, strict guidelines should have been enforced.

Eishold's spokesman said they trust people on Capitol Hill to make the right decision.

The honesty policy is not the best idea.

The general public must prove with medical records that they are considered high risk by the CDC guidelines to be able to receive the shot. Everyone on Capitol Hill should be required to show his or her records too.

So, while grandma is hospitalized with influenza this winter, be sure to thank Congress for helping reserve flu shots for those most in need this season.

—Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

Arthritis network meeting Nov. 3

To the editor:

Rheumatoid arthritis and the probable North American origin of rheumatoid arthritis will be the focus of a presentation at the Nov. 3 meeting of the Oklahoma Arthritis Network. Guest speaker, Hal Scofield, M.D., with the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, will discuss the "Medical Consequences of Columbus's Voyage including Rheumatoid Arthritis."

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3, at the Oklahoma State Department of Health, 1000 N.E. 10th Street, Room 314, Oklahoma City. The meeting is open to the public.

According to the 2004 Arthritis Data Report, "The Painful Truth," approximately one in three adult Oklahomans has some type of arthritis or reports having possible arthritis.

Specifically, 28.4 percent of the Oklahoma adult population has doctor-diagnosed arthritis and 17.4 percent report having possible arthritis. This data does not reflect children who have juvenile arthritis, or people who suffer from

neck or back pain.

In addition to the Oklahoma City location, the meeting will be offered via videoconference at these county health departments:

• Tulsa City - County Health Department, 5051 S. 129th East Avenue, Tulsa.

Call (405) 271-9444, ext. 56410 if you will be attending in Tulsa.

• Comanche County Health Department, 1010 South Sheridan Road, Lawton.

Call (580) 585-6617 and ask for Leola Garrett.

• LeFlore County Health Department, 1212 Reynolds, Poteau.

Call (918) 647-8601 and ask for Mickey Foster.

The Oklahoma Arthritis Network (OAN) features various speakers and presentations for the public to help maximize the quality of life for Oklahomans with arthritis and related health conditions through developing resources, promoting access to health care and offering public health education programs.

Currently, there are about 100 public and pri-

vate health and non-health related organizations in the OAN. For more information about arthritis, and to learn more about upcoming speakers, presentations, and activities available, call Marisa New at (405) 271-9444, ext. 56410.

—Oklahoma State
Department of Health

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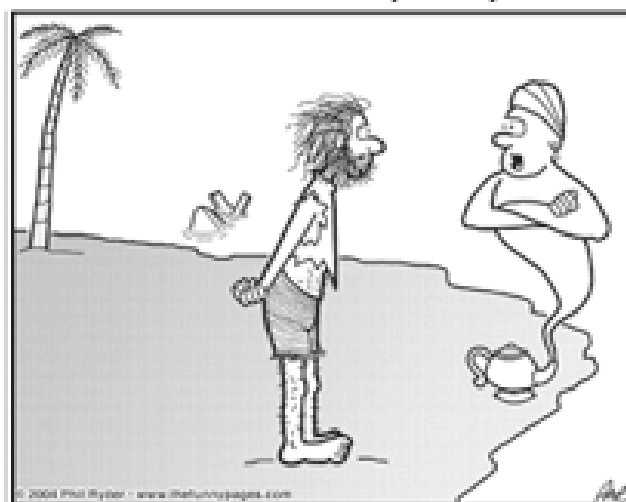
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"Sorry, but we're experiencing cut-backs; so instead of 3 wishes, you'll have to settle for: one want, one hope, and one desire." - Lew • Unknown

Comments and Reviews

Get more out of 'The Grudge'

Just like "The Ring," "The Grudge" is a horror movie bent on creeping out the audience and making them sleep with the lights on. The difference between the two films is that "The Grudge" is actually worth the \$7.50 to see it.

In this American remake of a Japanese hit, "The Grudge" is the story of a cursed house that curses anyone who sets foot in it.

Sarah Michelle Gellar plays Karen, a young American student and substitute caretaker for an elderly woman living in the house. Being tossed into the fray of death and lunacy, Karen yearns for answers and explanations as to why disturbing and unusual things are happening

to those who go near the house.

As far as plots go, "The Grudge" is pretty modest but adds something elegant to the mood. It isn't a burden to figure out nor does it interrupt the frightfulness of the film.

The single best thing about this movie is that it is a sincere spook. It's creepy to the nth degree and won't apologize for being so. It had the entire audience jumping, forcing waves of screams and pressuring viewers to cuddle next to loved ones.

Although acting was never Gellar's strong point, she doesn't do too bad in this film. Perhaps it was because she didn't have as many lines as expected,

which is a good thing.

The only gripe about "The Grudge" is that it seemed to be a bit slow at times, and some parts of the movie raised laughter from the audience when laughter wasn't called for. But then again, this happens with nearly every movie, especially of the horror persuasion.

"The Grudge" is for those who wanted something more out of "The Ring" and the entire horror genre.

Perhaps Hollywood should start taking notes on what Japan does well, which is to make original scary movies.

"The Grudge" gets a B+ from me.

—**Richard Hall**
Staff Writer

No memories of 'Forgotten'

"The Forgotten," directed by Joseph Ruben, is a film that will not likely be remembered.

This story is centered on Telly Paretta, played by Julian Moore. Paretta is a mother who cannot get over the death of her only son. Then, all of the sudden, it seems as though her child has been erased from existence.

The biggest problem with this film would have to be the script. It is a bit far fetched. However, if you have an open mind, you may still remotely enjoy yourself.

The directing is fine but nothing extravagant. A few of the camera angles give hints as to where the script is headed, which is a nice touch.

The lighting for the film is rather dark which adds a bit of mystery to the overall picture.

Moore, along with the rest of the cast, gives a mediocre performance. She didn't stink up the screen, but this is definitely not her best work.

The crowning achievement of this film is the fact that it was able to make the audience jump and scream on numerous occasions. While this movie managed to catch the audience unaware during the film, it was probably because they were bored.

"The Forgotten" is not a total waste. But, don't

watch it expecting to see something that you won't forget.

—**Shawn Bryant**
Staff Writer



Around Campus with the President OKCCC's future

Recently the college's Board of Regents asked the question, "What will the college be like 10 years from now?" This question caused us to take a fresh look at the future of your college... its enrollment patterns, programs, student and community needs and new facilities.

In 2014, over 27,000 students will be taking credit courses at OKCCC — more than a 40 percent increase from current enrollment.

The Board of Regents of OKCCC subsequently approved a "Vision of the Future" to expand the college's instructional capacity and better serve the local community. The economic, cultural and social prosperity of the community is substantially dependent on the college's ability to implement a plan to make the vision a reality and focus on the immediate needs of the college in the next 10 years.

Given that the college is currently operating at near full classroom capacity, the need for new facilities is imperative if we are to meet our responsibilities to future students and the growth of this community. Our plan focuses on three major capital projects: Science, Engineering and Math Center, Arts Education Center and the Health Professions Education Center Expansion.

Other initiatives in the regents' "Vision of the Future" target additional parking facilities; instructional technology and technology-enhanced services for students; operational and human resource requirements; renovation of existing instructional space and expanded community education.

Funding sources include a \$10 million revenue bond issue for the Science, Engineering and Math Center; potential general obligation bonds for the Arts Education Center, and Health Professions Education Center Expansion, and private foundations, corporations and individual donor funds for additional projects.

We know you probably won't be around the campus 10 years from now. Your own vision of the future will be coming true as you focus on your career and life experiences. But you can be certain that this college will continue to strive for student success and make the necessary changes to address the educational needs of this state for years to come.

—**Dr. Bob Todd**
OKCCC President

Quote of the Week:

"God doesn't play dice."

—**Albert Einstein**

Have a question about OKCCC that you don't have the answer for? Give us the question and we will find the answer for you.

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Comments and Reviews

Business ethics students question the Bursar's office

To the editor:

In response to the letter to the editor [published in the Oct. 18 issue], at least 18 students in one classroom can relate to the author's experience.

We would like to pose a few questions:

1. Did anyone take responsibility?
2. What were the reper-

cussions?

3. What is the customer service policy, if any?
4. What are the qualifications for employment?
5. How are these positions evaluated?
6. Who is responsible for the supervision of the Bursar's office?

This letter is a response to a collection of personal

experiences with or in the Bursar's office.

As students, we feel there should be a public apology and a change in customer service, because after all, we are the crucial part of OKCCC.

P.S. Does anyone know Brad Edward's number?

—**Business Ethics**
2043-021

'80s 'Ferris Bueller' a must-see film

In a time when people are willing to spend hundreds of dollars on sporting events, concerts and red carpet movie premieres, some people have forgotten the value of a movie rental.

The '80s video rental of the week is the 1986 teen comedy "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." This John Hughes classic stars Matthew Broderick as the hero, Ferris, and Jeffery Jones as his nemesis, Mr. Ed Rooney, dean of students.

The movie is set in and around Chicago on a perfect spring day. Ferris begins the movie by waking up and playing sick to his parents. Ferris acts and plays innocent to them in order to stay home.

His sister Jeanie (Jennifer Grey) knows he is lying and does her best to tell her parents the truth. Predictably, they buy his act and shuffle her out the door.

Broderick does an excellent job delivering the lines of his multiple asides. From this point of view, Ferris is able to convey his thoughts and crack great jokes.

Those who were in high school when this movie was released may now be parents. With that in mind, their children will not be able to heed Ferris's advice.

After a quick shower, Ferris talks about his best friend Cameron Frye, who is meant to be Ferris's accomplice in truancy. Cameron is depressed while Ferris wants to enjoy the beautiful weather.

Eventually, Cameron goes to Ferris's house, but not until after the guys argue.

Their plan comes into view when it is revealed that Ferris's girlfriend went to school, but will be checked out of school by the guys.

Teenage shenanigans aside, their approach to the situation is humorous. It gets funnier when they complicate it by arguing and Rooney catches on their scheme.

They are able to get out of the jam and

FROM THE VAULT

enjoy the day by driving to downtown Chicago.

The sights of Chicago are on full display from the Chrysler Tower to Wrigley Field.

Like typical teenagers, Ferris and his friends are able to have fun and make the most of each location.

Laughs can even be found at a parade, a French restaurant and the Chicago Museum of Art.

Along with the comedy, the group must avoid getting caught by Ferris's parents and Mr. Rooney, who leaves campus to find Ferris.

There are multiple occasions where Ferris should have been caught, but he manages to escape.

Although the viewer will laugh at these instances, they drive Jeanie insane, who, like Rooney, leaves school to find her brother.

Nearly every teen movie, especially those written and directed by Hughes, has a subplot that involves a character's coming of age.

In this movie, it is surprising to learn which character will grow up, after a few moments of tension and drama. There is no spoiler here.

"Ferris Bueller's Day Off" is full of timeless one-liners and teen awkwardness. Overall, this is a movie full of laughs and it gets an A in my book.

—**Matthew Caban**
Staff Writer

Top shelf music from local rock band

From the trenches of Oklahoma City comes Tied For Second, a post-hardcore band that flirts with pop tendencies and has a knack for providing some of the catchiest musical hooks in Oklahoma City's music scene.

All rolled into one, this five-piece band creates a sound that's not easily forgotten while bringing an intense musical experience that cannot be ignored.

Released on Oklahoma City-based Medic Records, "Hopes and Dreams" is a very impressive first album from Tied For Second.

From the production quality to the technical musicianship, "Hopes and Dreams" sounds just as good as some of the albums recently released by nationally-recognized acts in the past year.

The band's rhythm section pushes aside conventional tactics, and uses their own influences and skills to present a terrific barrage of harmonious intentions.

From pretty and content to brash and artful, guitarists Josh McCleskey and Nick Myrick offer something for everyone who adores the melodic hardcore genre. All the while bassist Geoff Kresbsbach keeps the melody graceful, adding in a few bass hooks every now and again to keep the sound crisp.

One of the best pieces of Tied For Second is drummer Adam Myrick.

Although he has the tendency to hog the limelight, he keeps the beats simple yet memorable. He doesn't show off to the point where he becomes sloppy and he allows the other musicians to reveal their skills without looming over them.

Vocalist Chase Uhl offers a sweet yet melancholy tone to the music, providing soft whispers and emotional outbursts throughout the album.

He puts his best foot forward each time he meets the mic and does quite well conveying what the band is representing.

Both guitarists also lend their talents as background vocalists, planting well-placed screams here and there over Uhl's singing, which helps bring out the intensity and emotion of Tied For Second's music.

The only aspect of Tied for Second and "Hopes and Dreams" that doesn't jump out and grab you is their lyrics. They're not as inventive as some may hope for and more creativity would have been appreciated.

However, keeping in mind that the band is a little more than a year old and their members have just finished high school, Tied For Second has a world's amount of potential that could catapult them to a national level.

While listening to this album, it will be hard to remember that Tied For Second is only a local act. "Hopes and Dreams" doesn't sound like a first recording; it sounds clean, tight and well produced. And as Medic Records' first signed act, both parties exhibit a lot of promise for placing Oklahoma City on the map.

If "Hopes and Dreams" is any indication of what's to come from Tied For Second and Medic Records, then the future will sound as good as it looks.

Rating: 4/5

For more band and label information, visit www.tiedforsecond.com and www.medicrecords.com.

—**Richard Hall**
Staff Writer

Café addition piece of pie

By Courtney Whittier
News Writing I Student

The addition of Pioneer Pies has added a different flavor to the Sellers Café menu.

Chef Robbie Stephenson said the pies are in high demand. If the pies are sold out, people want to know where the pies are, he said.

Stephenson said a spokesperson for Pioneer Pies approached him during the summer about adding the pies to the college's food service menu.

He said, since summer is not a good time to add new menu items, he decided to add the pies at the start of the fall semester.

Stephenson said he is selling the pies because the quality of the product is good.

It's always good to have brand name products that people know and like, Stephenson said.

And well, Stephenson



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Sellers Chef Robbie Stephenson checks the week's inventory of Pioneer Pies. The college's food service area sells the pie for \$1.99 a slice.

said, the owner of Pioneer Pies also is a good friend.

Dana Fisher, advertising major, said she was excited about Sellers adding the pies this year.

"The pies are really good. I'm glad they added them to the menu."

Crème pies are the num-

ber-one seller and tend to sell out first, Stephenson said. The flavor of pies he selects are selected based on what sells.

Stephenson also selects the pies based on price. One slice of Pioneer Pie in Sellers Café is \$1.99.

Ashley Wilson, sophomore psychology major, said the price is worth it. Her favorite is pecan pie.

Customers can purchase the pies Monday through Friday as supplies last.

The pies are delivered every Monday, and can be sold up to three to five days after delivery Stephenson said. However, he said, the slices tend to sell out fast.

Stephenson said he also will take holiday orders.

To purchase a pie for the holidays, place an order with Stephenson by calling 682-1611, ext. 7232.

College bookstore has postage stamps

By Kristie Paliotta
News Writing I Student

The college bookstore is now selling stamps.

"Last year I read in the paper that a student thought that stamps should be sold at the bookstore," said Bookstore Director Brenda Reinke.

So, Reinke did exactly that. Stamps are now sold at the front counter in the bookstore for 37 cents each, and are sold as singles or in packs of 100, she said.

"We used to have a machine that sold one stamp for 50 cents," said bookstore employee Jessica Smoot. "Now we are selling them for no profit."

Many students enjoy being able to buy stamps on campus.

"It makes it more convenient to get stamps rather than going to the post office," said student Lauren Valouch.

The bookstore, located on the first floor of the main building, is open on Mondays from 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m.; on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Fridays from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Students can get certified at area center

By Kristie Paliotta
News Writing I Student

Tricia Wuellner, a student at Moore Norman Technology Center, enrolled in an individualized study class there last June in conjunction with classes at OKCCC.

By the end of October, she expects to receive a nursing assistant certification. By summer, Wuellner plans to work as a nursing assistant at a hospital.

Moore Norman Technology Center helps people — high school students to adults — become certified in specific areas.

The center, located at 4701 12th Avenue N.W. in Norman, has several cooperative agreements with OKCCC and offers four main areas of certification: Computer Information Systems, Engineering/Technical, Health Careers and Human Service/Humanities, said Anna Trowbridge, a marketing communications specialist for the center.

"I think it's a great preview for the nursing field," Wuellner said.

Wuellner also is enrolled in a fast-track class. She said she has to complete 17 quizzes, 10 labs and a final exam at the end. The labs consist of everything from making beds and moving patients to checking vital signs.

"The lab aids demonstrate a skill and then have us do it," Wuellner said. "All I'll have to do is review the workbook and I should pass the final."

Trowbridge said the program gives students a hands-on approach to the different areas of the work force. The center offers day and evening classes as well as long-term day classes.

The technology center is funded by taxpayers so classes are offered at a minimal price she said.

They also have some of the best industry experts as their professors, she said.

She said there is one drawback to the program.

"...Students cannot receive college credits (from Moore Norman Technology Center)," Trowbridge said, "but they can become certified to work in a specific field."

Only those students who are concurrently enrolled at OKCCC can get college credit and that, she said, comes from the college under certain guidelines.

She said Moore Norman Technology Center officials are working toward a plan to make college credit hours through the center possible.

For more information contact Molly Henderson, OKCCC's Cooperative Technical Education director at 682-1611, ext. 7721.

"...Students cannot receive college credits (from Moore Norman Technology Center) but they can become certified to work in a specific field."

—Anna Trowbridge
Moore Norman Vo-Tech

Want to vote?

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where to go Nov. 2?**

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Lab school children learn about shoes

By Dana Fisher
News Writing I Student

"One, two buckle my shoe." This catchy children's jingle could possibly have been the origin for the Child Development Center and Lab School's new "Shoe Project."

The center takes many topics and links them through one common theme, said Connie Pidgeon, teacher at the center.

This year's 3-, 4- and 5-year-old classes have been exhausting many topics associated with the common theme of shoes.

"The whole reason that we started the project based on shoes was because the children were all getting new shoes for fall," said Jessica Hesseltine, teacher and lab assistant. "So, they were interested in

buying and learning about shoes."

Children at the center began learning about shoes Sept. 27.

They are learning about shoes that buckle, tie, Velcro and slip-ons. The children also will consider the texture, color and styles of different shoes, Pidgeon said.

"The learning experience extended much further than that," Pidgeon said.

"Parents (were) asked to donate shoes and shoe boxes so that we could turn the classroom into a shoe store for the children."

The store was used to allow children to discover the concept of shoe size and to learn about the exchange of money for goods.

Parents were invited to the shoe store where the children played the role of shoe store sales clerks, measuring their parent's feet and then selling them



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Cara Drummond and Laith Leger show the boots they plan to buy at the shoe store in their classroom.

shoes.

"Now, whenever anyone comes into the classroom, the students ask them if they want to buy some shoes," Hesseltine said.

After learning all about shoes, Pidgeon said the children earned a trip to the college in late October to see shoes in another setting--on the feet of some-

one other than their teachers and classmates.

The children were able to count and observe the different types of shoes people at OKCCC were wearing and talk to the college students about their own shoe sizes.

During the first week of November, the children will be having their "project finale" by having a shoe parade," Pidgeon said.

The length of each project can range from six weeks to two and half months. The shoe project is expected to conclude sometime during the first week of November.

These projects are designed to keep the children's attention, and they "last as long as the children stay interested in them," Pidgeon said.

Aryana Hooshiannejad, 4, said her favorite thing about the project was getting to try on the shoes.

Surgical tech students look forward to good jobs

By John Stuart
News Writing I Student

The magic number is \$13.37. For surgical technology students enrolled in OKCCC's cooperative agreement program with Moore Norman Technology Center, this number is important. The reason: \$13.37 is the average hourly wage for surgical technicians in Oklahoma.

The surgical technology program is one of 13 cooperative technical programs offered at OKCCC in partnership with Moore Norman Technology Center. The programs are taught at Moore Norman Technology Center, but students in the programs earn credits at OKCCC by completing the programs, said Molly Henderson, Cooperative Technical Education director at OKCCC.

Of the 13 programs of-

fered at the center, the surgical technology program is one of the more popular, Henderson said.

One hundred twenty applications were received for the surgical technology program, said Dana Fuller, surgical technology instructional assistant and Moore Norman Technology Center teacher. Of those 120 applicants, only 20 were accepted into the program.

Fuller graduated from the program in 2000, and returned to teach in 2002. She said she enjoys surgical technology because it's a dependable job.

While the state average pay for a surgical technician is \$13.37 per hour, some jobs pay as much as \$15 per hour. Fuller said people are attracted to the number of jobs and good wages with relatively little schooling.

Students in the program receive training in more

"[The programs] are designed to provide high-skill training in Oklahoma."

—Molly Henderson
Cooperative Technical Education Director

than 200 instruments, Fuller said. To prepare them for future employment, students are trained to perform all the duties of a surgical technician. They even take part in a mock surgery performed on a dead pig.

Primarily, the job of a surgical technician is to assist the surgeon and to "maintain the sterility of a surgical case," Fuller said. The duties of a surgical technician include sterile scrubbing, taking vital signs of patients and gowning the surgeon prior to surgery.

Doug Griffin is a 29-year-

old Moore Norman Technology Center student. He said being a surgical technician offers "a great opportunity to help people."

Griffin said he read about surgical technology in an article in Reader's Digest. Surgical technology was listed as a popular up-and-coming profession.

The year-long program yields many jobs to its graduates, and has been touted the "Harvard of surgical technology schools." The workload is demanding, however.

Amber Rollins, a student of the program, said 90 percent of her time is devoted to school. The 20-year-old Lexington resident said she spends five to six hours a night studying. However, Rollins said, she is satisfied with the program.

"I wouldn't change anything I've done yet."

The surgical technology students enrolled at Moore

Norman Technology Center earn about 17 credit hours at OKCCC per semester.

The program gives the surgical technology students a total of 33 credit hours at the college upon completion of the program.

By taking an additional 30 hours of coursework at OKCCC, students can earn an associate degree of Applied Science in Technical and Occupational.

The cooperative agreement programs offered by OKCCC through Moore Norman Technology Center and other technology centers currently have more than 2,000 students enrolled.

"[The programs] are designed to provide high-skilled training in Oklahoma," Henderson said.

Some other programs at Moore Norman Technology Center include network technology, computer-aided design, electronics, and automotive technology.

Swedish prof offers global perspective

By Jennifer Olian
News Writing I Student

Students interested in a real look into international business will have the chance to study with a business professor from Sweden next spring.

Next semester OKCCC will welcome Swedish professor Gorgen Edenhagen, a Fulbright Scholar. He will be on campus to continue his research and teach students in January.

Edenhagen has come to America as part of the Fulbright Scholars program, which provides college educators with a one-year exchange program in which they can teach in other countries.

As part of this experience, he will teach business classes at OKCCC. This fall he is teaching at Murray State College in Tishomingo.

Edenhagen said he hopes to teach students what they would receive in any business class, but also a bit of extra insight dealing with international business practices.

When asked to compare schools in the United States and Schools in Sweden, Edenhagen said, "I usually teach upper-level classes (in Sweden), but I have noticed that schools here are much stricter."

Edenhagen said he hasn't had trouble adjusting to teaching materials here as one might assume.

"Because Sweden only has about nine million people, which is small in comparison to countries like the United States, we generally use American textbooks so there has been no large difference there."

In Sweden, he was Head of Studies at the Lulea University of Technology's Division of Environmental Management, in addition to

being a business and economics professor.

According to an article in The Daily Ardmoreite, in Sweden his job consisted of planning courses, finding qualified instructors, and making sure his division stayed strong.

Edenhagen said his family is adjusting well to their new location.

He moved to Oklahoma with his wife Bodil, daughter Elina, 13, and his son Alfred, 8.

"My daughter who is about to turn 14, is doing very well and seemed to have no problems adjusting," he said.

"My son only knew English days of the week and numbers when we moved here, but (he) is quickly learning the English language," Edenhagen said.

Edenhagen said he is excited about his time in America and the opportunity to further his world view.



Photo courtesy of Gorgen Edenhagen

Gorgen Edenhagen will teach business classes beginning in January as part of the Fulbright Scholars exchange program. Edenhagen said he is looking forward to sharing his knowledge of international business with OKCCC students.

Improvements to campus add beauty and functionality

By John Savage
News Writing I Student

The OKCCC campus has seen many changes since last winter. Although some are obvious, others might be hard to see at first.

The new retention pond is probably the most evident change and it was one of the changes needed to fight erosion, said Gary Phillips, Building and Campus Services supervisor.

Erosion has been a problem in a few areas around the campus.

Entry 11, located near the Math Lab, had problems with flooding. The flooding was causing the loss of sod in the cracks of the sidewalks.

Phillips said when the pond is completed students

will no longer need to worry about dragging mud into the building or getting their shoes and apparel wet around that entry.

"Erosion is a problem," Phillips said.

Other problems that are erosion related are being solved, he said.

Entry 3, northwest of the main building, has had problems with rain washing away parts of the sod as well.

Another area that has received attention has been the Child Development Center and Lab School. The outside of the center had to be relandscaped completely.

The courtyard also had new irrigation ditches dug last summer.

Repairing these problems now helps to cut down major costs later on, Phillips said.

Whether talking about the flower beds or the sod in the cracks of the sidewalk, many students agree the landscaping jobs were well done.

"I like the courtyard. It feels serene," said freshman Erin Tinsley.

Freshman Megan Wright said she also enjoys the college's landscaping and aesthetic appeal.

"I really like all the different flowers and colors around the campus," she said.

Phillips said he has been working for OKCCC since 1984.

"I like the organization I work for and I like being able to help the community," he said.

Most of the projects were started during the 2003-2004 school year and were completed by the beginning of this semester.

Prof's art to grace Bricktown canal

By Jeff Kelton
News Writing I Student

An OKCCC art professor has said yes to a chance to leave her mark on Oklahoma City's Bricktown entertainment district.

Mary Ann Moore, visual arts professor, has been selected to design and complete a wall of mosaics in the canal area of Bricktown.

"I was selected on my past work," Moore said.

She has taught at the college for 30 years and has served as the mosaics project coordinator for the past 20 years.

This new work will be called the Centennial Mosaic Project.

The new mosaic will be located in downtown Oklahoma City in Bricktown at the west terrace by the canal.

This work will cover more than 1,000 square feet and be assembled of handmade tile.

"The proposals are being written and we hope to start in December," Moore said.

A mosaic project like this will take around two years to complete, Moore said.

The theme will be "As Long as the Waters Flow."

Employee opens home, heart to family

By Sheena Brooks
News Writing I Student

OKCCC's Community Outreach Program Coordinator Craig Robinson, 34, is well known around the campus for his kindness. When tragedy struck his family, that kindness was given the opportunity to spill outside of college walls.

In October 2003, Craig's brother Christopher called a local media station to confess of killing his ex-wife Angela. A few days later, Christopher shot himself.

"[Christopher and Angela] had been divorced for some time and were beginning to live separate lives, but were still having problems. For whatever reason, he chose to end the situation by ending her life and his," Craig said.

Christopher and Angela had two children. Anthony, 8, who has Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, and Courtney, 6. Their relocation was to be decided.

Unable to bear the idea of the children facing Department of Human Services custody, Craig and his wife Jennifer 36, decided to become foster parents.

They had two children of



Photo courtesy of Craig Robinson

Anthony, 8, Ashleigh, 7, Jennifer Robinson, 36, Courtney, 6, Craig Robinson, 34, Danielle, 4

their own, Ashleigh, 7, and Danielle, 4, who has Down's Syndrome. The decision to adopt the children was a difficult but necessary one.

"There were other options for the kids, but Jennifer and I seemed to be the most stable choice," Craig said.

He described the adoption process as "long and hard, but worth it."

"We were required by the Department of Human Services to take 36 hours of parenting classes, even though we had been parents for quite some time," he said.

In addition to parenting classes, Craig and Jennifer participated in family therapy with their children. They also joined a support

group for Anthony and Courtney.

"We think it's important that the children also talk to people other than us," Robinson said.

The household went through changes to prepare for its additions, from bedroom to eating arrangements.

"Our dining room table was only for a family of four, not six," Robinson said.

The biggest change was for Jennifer, who put her career on hold to be a stay-at-home mom.

"There isn't an area of our lives that hasn't suffered... We lost half of our family income," Craig said.

Other than an insurance policy left by Angela and government assistance for

Anthony's needs, the family receives no financial help.

Craig feels that emotional support he and his family have received this past year has been a critical part in the coping process.

"Our families, Jennifer's especially, and everyone in the OKCCC family, have been a great support system for us," he said.

With the anniversary of the deaths so close, Craig doesn't know what to expect from his family.

"It's hard to explain to an 8-year-old and 6-year-old that mom and dad aren't coming back," he said.

The Robinsons have decided not to recognize the date unless the children ask to do so.

"Sometimes you can live your personal life in a box and sometimes everyone is in the box with you. And this has definitely been too big for the box," Craig said.

Besides the anniversary, the children seem to be adjusting well with no major problems.

"Ashleigh seems to miss the one-on-one attention the most," Robinson said.

Courtney and Danielle love spending time with Jennifer, and Anthony is taking karate classes, which is one of the last things he and his mother talked about.

"[Anthony] feels this is something about his mom that he can hold on to," Craig said.

Craig said he feels most of the big obstacles are out of the way and it is now just a matter of "getting the daily routine down."

"This past year has been the hardest of my life, but you can choose to live life or not," he said.

It seems the Robinson family is doing just that — living life.

Prevention key to help children avoid flu bug

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Children are among the groups most at risk of catching the flu, and with the nation having a flu vaccine shortage, that has many parents concerned about how to handle a possible illness.

Public relations major Alicia Howard, mother of a 12-year-old daughter, said her child received a flu shot.

"I'm just happy I was able to get my daughter a shot," Howard said. "I would have been really upset if she couldn't have gotten one because there were supposed to be enough vaccines to go around."

Mary McCoy, Child Development Center and Lab School director, recommends parents consult a clinic when dealing with the flu and vaccines.

"The Child Development Center is not giving flu shots. Parents must go through their clinic for shots and information," McCoy said.

McCoy said the employees at the center take required precautions to help prevent disease from spreading.

"[Employees] wash their hands when handling the children, which is mandatory," she said.

Another way the center prevents disease from spreading is by contacting parents of children who are ill.

"If a child has a fever or any other symptoms [of an illness], the parents are contacted and are to pick up their children," McCoy said.

"Ill children aren't allowed to return to the center until 24 hours pass with no symptoms," she said.

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Nursing board to visit in November

By Ashleigh Branch
News Writing I Student

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing will visit the OKCCC campus on Nov. 8 and 9.

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing will be evaluating the Nursing department to make sure all procedures are followed correctly and done to the proper degree.

The Nursing School must complete a very large body of written information and exhibits to demonstrate that they are following the rules and regulations for a

nursing school that are mandated by the state, said Susan Mann, acting director for the OKCCC nursing program as well as a nursing professor.

The visit is an important factor in the continued operation of the program

"Not only does [the Oklahoma Board of Nursing] make sure that schools follow the correct procedures, the board also regulates the practices of registered nurses, nurse practitioners, certified RN (registered nurse) anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists and many more," according to the Oklahoma Board of

Nursing website.

Mann said this is a very stressful time in the nursing department, because if the procedures are not followed correctly, then the school of nursing at OKCCC could be closed down.

Mann said she has been alleviating some of the stress with the help she has received from Health Professions Division Dean Jo Ann Cobble and Assistant Program Director Debbie Myers.

"I couldn't have done this without all the help I have received from the dean," Mann said.

Students, profs say what they think of website, RateMyProfessors.com

Take time to check profs, students say

**By Dustin Hunt
News Writing I Student**

Every student, at some point, wishes they could turn the tables and grade their professors. Other students would like to know what a professor is like before they enroll in their course. Both wishes can be granted by clicking on RateMyProfessors.com.

With the motto, "Where the students do the grading," RateMyProfessors.com will never leave someone stranded in a course they know nothing about.

To publication date, the site had 2,240,195 ratings, 4,135 schools, and 420,716 professors listed. OKCCC had 265 professors listed and only 53 with negative postings.

OKCCC's number of rated professors jumped from 189 in February 2003 to 265 to publication date, proving that the website is growing and being used.

When visiting, one must keep in mind that the comments and ratings are based on different student opinions, and don't necessarily reflect a professor's exact style.

"I think it's a good idea," said OKCCC broadcasting major, Quinton Kraeer. "It lets students voice their opinions about professors, but also if professors read the comments, they may try to change the way they teach."

Kraeer heard of the site last fall and took it into consideration when selecting his classes this semester.

Advertising major Lori Harp said, "I love the site. I have posted and considered comments on the site when selecting my classes."

Nineteen-year-old Ashley Hodges said she has been to the site and enjoyed reading what people have written about her previous professors but has never rated one herself.

Other students interviewed, like psychology major Evan Wimmmler, and business major Taylor Oshel, said they have never heard of the site, but found it interesting and planned to check it out.

What is RateMyProfessors.com?

RateMyProfessors.com is a popular website that allows students of colleges across the nation to rate the professors they have taken classes with.

Students are encouraged to rate their professors based on helpfulness, clarity, easiness and even sex appeal.

RateMyProfessors.com was founded by John Swapceinski in 1999, in hopes the website would be useful for students.

To this day, thousands upon thousands of students have visited and taken advantage of the website's helpfulness and usefulness, with waves of new visitors clicking in everyday.

Profs say website can be helpful

**By Heatherlyn Gasper
News Writing I Student**

Before students decide to enroll at OKCCC, they might want to look at how their soon-to-be professors have been graded by their students.

At RateMyProfessors.com, 265 OKCCC adjunct and full-time professors have been rated.

The website has become a useful tool for students since the site became available in 1999, said founder John Swapceinski.

"Every semester, thousands of students use the site to help plan their class schedules," he said.

"I hope that the site will help point students in the right direction of great professors and help them avoid the bad ones, thereby improving the quality of their education."

Political science professor Dana Glencross now has 17 ratings. She said she takes the time to review her

critics to see what sounds valid and where she might be able to make improvements in her classroom style.

"I believe it is a democracy and students should have the right to rate their professors," she said. "It's just like voting."

Humanities professor Richard Rouillard fears that websites like RateMyProfessors.com could be a danger to some students.

"Not every student will like the same professors," Rouillard said. "Students have different qualities they look for in a professor and their teaching style. It could ruin a student's semester."

Some professors have little or no interest to visit RateMyProfessors.com.

Adjunct science professor Patrick Hong has yet to visit the site.

He feels the website isn't necessary to visit for students' opinions.

"I usually get the results I need from the in-school's student evaluations," Hong said.

Hong has four ratings from his students at OKCCC and the University of Central Oklahoma, and said he is considering visiting the site in the future.

Voting website stays fair with help of student volunteers

**By Richard Hall
Staff Writer**

John Swapceinski, founder of the voting website RateMyProfessors.com, explained how he and other website moderators keep RateMyProfessors.com a fair and high quality website.

When someone attempts to vote more than once for a single professor on the same computer, a message occurs which tells the voter they have already rated that specific teacher.

Swapceinski said many of

the site's safeguards are based around tracking IP addresses (which is like a computer's telephone number or fingerprint) and other methods.

"One of our best safeguards is the fact that every rating is reviewed by a human, generally within 24 hours," Swapceinski said.

"When we notice suspicious rating activity, we investigate it and delete ratings we think are spam."

In order to keep RateMyProfessors.com fair, Swapceinski and his team of moderators have the right to delete any offensive messages people may post.

Swapceinski said they end up having to remove between 3 and 5 percent of the ratings due to libel and malicious comments, or spamming of a professor's rating.

Swapceinski's team of moderators consists of student volunteer administrators from different colleges across the nation, he said. The site has more than 600 student volunteers who help moderate the ratings.

"Without this huge amount of help, we'd never be able to handle the thousands of new ratings that are entered each day," Swapceinski said.

"One of our best safeguards is the fact that every rating is reviewed by a human, generally within 24 hours."

— John Swapceinski
Founder of RateMyProfessors.com

Other than RateMyProfessors.com, Swapceinski also founded two other websites, RateMyTeachers.com and RateMDs.com.

Swapceinski said all three websites are essentially the same in the way they operate.

Swapceinski also has a career as a software engineer and received a master's degree in computer science from San Jose State University in California.

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Organization is the key

By **Christiana Kostura**
Staff Writer

Most OKCCC students and faculty have more work to do than will fit in their schedules.

A workshop about time management, a Student Life-sponsored Brown Bag Lunch event, reviewed the basics of scheduling on Oct. 26 in CU2.

Alexa Mashlan, OKCCC Cooperative Technical Education coordinator, led the workshop.

"I believe the number-one necessity for students to succeed in college is time management," she said.

Mashlan gave the audience tips on time management and some ideas on how to begin making a schedule.

The first step to successful time management is actually making a schedule, Mashlan said.

She said fixed blocks of time (like classes) should be scheduled first. The second thing to schedule is work and errands. Third, people should schedule time for fun, Mashlan said.

"I'm going to tell you right now, it won't be every day, but it can be at least once a week."

Mashlan said scheduling fun time is important to avoid burning out.

People also should avoid scheduling classes back to back.

"Try to give yourself at least a 50-minute break between classes if possible," she said.

Mashlan said the average attention span is only 50 minutes, which explains why classes are 50 minutes.

Another important thing for students to include in their schedule is study time.

Students should schedule at least two hours of study time per credit hour each week to succeed in classes.

"It's not the quantity," Mashlan said, "it's quality that counts."

Teaming easy classes up with one hard class can help students through a semester, she said. Use some study time allotted for an easier class toward a harder class.

One of Mashlan's biggest points she made was "allow for schedule flexibility."

The audience applauded Mashlan at the end of the workshop and commented positively.

"It was informative," said OKCCC sophomore Phyllis Coleman.

Coleman said she thought the best tip was, "Avoid procrastination."

Nancy Spradling, student account assistant in the Bursar's office, agreed with Coleman.

"The workshop was very informative and extremely rewarding," Spradling said. "I hope this information will help me become more organized."

The next Brown Bag Lunch Series event is scheduled at noon Nov. 10, in CU3. The theme will be, "Standing Up For Your Rights."

More information about future Brown Bag Lunch Series events can be found by calling Student Life at 682-1611, ext. 7523.

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Photo by Ann Lushbough

Cheese! Several OKCCC broadcast students attended the 2004 OETA/OBEA Student Broadcast Seminar held Oct. 13 at OETA in Oklahoma City. Pictured from left are professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert, Ralph Foste, Alicia Howard, Jennifer Mardis, Jeremy Barr, Kai Dameron and professor Rick Allen Lippert.

Don't fret, fall break is near

By **Richard Hall**
Staff Writer

Although the long-awaited winter break is still a month away, OKCCC students and faculty can let out a sigh of relief knowing that fall break is just around the corner.

Fall vacation begins Tuesday, Nov. 23 and runs through Nov. 28.

Many students and faculty members alike are happy and ready for fall break.

Biological science major Caitlin Holcomb is looking forward to the upcoming vacation from school.

"Hopefully, if the weather is nice, I'll be going camping with friends and family,"

Holcomb said.

"It will be a well deserved break from class and work."

Amber Leach, sophomore psychology major, has some plans of her own during this fall break.

"I guess I'll be working and eating," she said.

Student Life Assistant Marcy Wiggins said she really doesn't have much planned for fall break.

"I won't really be going anywhere, just cooking for family," Wiggins said. "I'll just take the time and spend it with family and maybe watch some good movies."

Classes will resume on Monday, Nov. 29.

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2005 Spring Enrollment is now open

Enrollment is now open for 2005 spring semester classes at OKCCC. Those enrolling for the first time must complete an application for admission which can be found in the Admissions Office on the first floor of the main building or online at www.okccc.edu.

Returning students may enroll in person or online.

Admissions Office Hours:

- Monday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Spring semester classes begin Jan. 18. Intersession begins Jan. 3.

For more information about enrollment or admission to OKCCC, visit www.okccc.edu or call 682-7580.

Nov. 10 workshop to promote self-advocacy

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

To some, it may seem a daunting feat to ask for a raise at work or for more time to complete an assignment. Employment Services may be able to help people overcome those obstacles with its upcoming self-advocacy workshop.

The Self-Advocacy/Standing Up For Your Rights workshop will be from noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 10, in CU8.

Denise North, services specialist at the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education will

"People can use what they learn from this training in the workplace. This shows you your strengths and weaknesses."

—Denise North

Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education Services Specialist

lead the workshop.

North said she started in the field of self-advocacy while working with students with disabilities but said, on Nov. 10 she will focus on how self-advocacy can be used in the workplace.

The trained special education teacher said self-advocacy is for everyone.

"The only way you can get

anything is asking for it," North said.

"You can literally shoot yourself in the foot by not knowing how to ask."

"You need to know how to ask for something the right way," she said.

Employment Services Director Linda Fay said self-advocacy is about being assertive rather than being aggressive. She said the workshop would teach people how to stand up for themselves and get the desired results.

North said she teaches self-advocacy from a train-

ing program she created.

She said the training was developed after much research and after collecting information from multiple sources that included websites and personality inventories such as True Colors.

"People can use what they learn from this training in the workplace," North said. "This shows you your strengths and weaknesses."

North suggests students pay attention to their strengths and weaknesses. She said they could research these aspects of themselves.

North said another part of self-advocacy is researching the aspects of various positions that you may be interested in.

She said that involves doing research, coming up with a plan, then practicing

and implementing the plan.

"You can practice what you will say on someone who will give you true feedback," North said.

North said she would discuss at least one fictional scenario during the workshop.

She said scenarios will include getting more time to do a homework assignment and getting a transfer at work.

She said body language, timing, the other person's mood, preparation, delivery, and research all factor into whether a person succeeds at getting what they want.

For more information, contact Employment Services at 682-7519.

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Time for grads to apply

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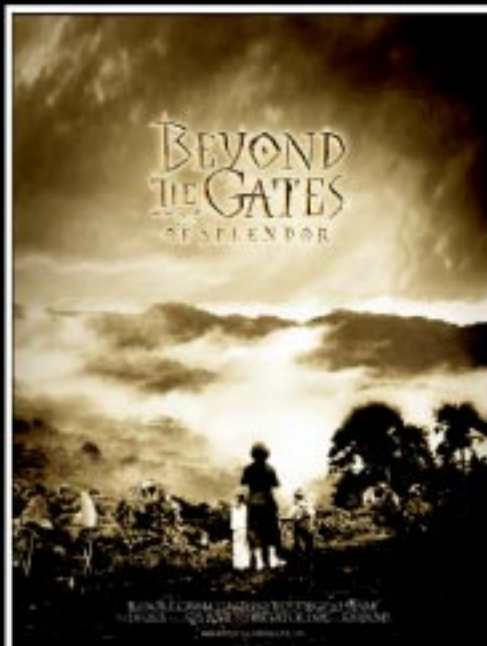
scripts on file in Admissions prior to submitting their application.

For spring 2005 graduates, it is not too early to apply now.

"We recommend students apply for graduation the semester before they intend [to graduate]," Gowdy said

The commencement ceremony for summer '04, fall '04, and spring '05 graduates will be held on May 13 at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City.

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•**Nov. 3:** Eight-ball tournament at the Corner Pocket, 900 S.E. 89th St., OKC from 2 to 5 p.m.

•**Nov. 5 and 6:** Team Punishment will compete in a flag football tournament in Stillwater.

•**Nov. 17:** Swim meet at the OKCCC Aquatic Center. Check with the Aquatic Center for times.

INTRAMURALS

•**Nov. 2:** Volleyball league begins. Games will be held on Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the OKCCC gymnasium.

•**Nov. 4:** 3-on-3 basketball league begins. Games will be held in the OKCCC gymnasium Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m.

YOUTH

•**April 7:** Sign-up deadline for T-ball. The season will start May 3, ends June 10 and is for children ages 4 to 7.

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.

Fall Bash is a smash with kids

By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

Children of all ages turned the college gym into a playground recently.

Eric Watson, Community education and Health specialist, held a Fall Bash for youth sports Oct. 22 and 23 in the college gymnasium.

Close to 60 kids turned out to enjoy the food and fun.

The gym was divided into three sections: basketball, video games and tumbling.

At the entrance to the gym, long tumbling mats were set out for children to work on gymnastics.

The middle section of the gym housed a giant projection screen hooked up to a Sony Playstation.

Watson said the kids seemed to enjoy playing the



Photo by Shawn Bryant

A few of the goals were lowered for smaller children to play.

Playstation, but seemed more interested in basketball.

The section farthest from

the door was set up for basketball.

Two of the basketball goals were lowered to ac-

commodate the smaller children and there were plenty of basketballs to go around.

Watson said basketball was by far the most popular event.

Children who participated in the Fall Bash were eligible to sign up for spring or summer youth leagues.

"We had nearly 60 kids sign up for the basketball league," Watson said.

The ages of children participating ranged from 5 to 12.

Watson also passed out popcorn to all children in attendance.

Watson said the Fall Bash didn't cost his department anything, because everyone volunteered their time.

"Overall I'm pretty pleased with [the turnout of] the event," Watson said.

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Team Punishment goes undefeated

By Clayton Smith
News Writing I Student

OKCCC Team Punishment earned a chance to compete in the intramural flag football tournament in Stillwater after going undefeated and beating team Shocker in the championship game 42 to 28.

"We ran the table," said Chris Bales, captain and quarterback of Punishment.

"We didn't allow a second-half point the entire season," Bales said.

Two other teams competed against Punishment in the tournament.

The Shockers came in second and ShowTime third.

Punishment hopes to raise the \$90 required to enter the tournament, by Oct. 29.

"I think we have a pretty good chance of winning if we get to go [to the tournament]."

—Joshua Houston
Wide Receiver

When entered in the tournament, the star players from all of OKCCC's teams will be added to the roster of Team Punishment.

OKCCC is home to many former football players who are either getting their grades up to try at the college level, or are just playing for fun, Bales said.

Bales, who played high school football in Bartlesville, transferred to OKCCC from Southwest Missouri State University

to improve his grades.

"I really got into partying," Bales said of his early college career.

Joshua Houston, one of Punishment's star receivers, graduated from Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City and wants to transfer to the University of Central Oklahoma soon.

Brian Jones of Team ShowTime graduated from Putnam City High school in 2003, and played wide receiver at Panhandle State

University before transferring. Jones wants to walk on to a Southeastern Conference team such as Tennessee in the near future.

Each player did their part in helping the team.

Houston and Bales said Gustavo Cabello, who played quarterback and wide receiver, displayed a MVP performance.

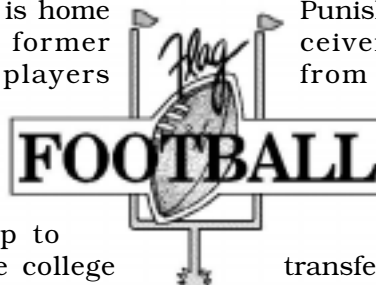
Jones said the entire team worked together to win every game.

"I think we have a pretty good chance of winning if we get to go [to the tournament]," Houston said.

If Punishment gets the money, they will compete in the tournament on Nov. 5 and 6 in Stillwater.

Teams from all over the state are expected to enter.

The winner of the Stillwater tournament will get a chance to play in Houston or Nebraska in a regional tournament.



Student Development area offers variety of student services

By Jennifer Garner
News Writing I Student

OKCCC's Student Development office offers more than advisement and enrollment.

The Student Development department, located on the first floor of the main building, has counselors who are more than happy to help students choose courses for next semester and help students choose what career is best for them, said Mary Turner, Student Development counselor.

"We educate students (on) how to own their education," Turner said.

She said the department also provides workshops to help students become better students.

She said, in addition to educational advisement, counselors offer emotional support.

"Half of our counselors work with students in distress," she said.

All of the counselors in the department have at least a master's degree in counseling, she said.

"Whatever comes up at the moment we have to handle," Turner said.

She said the department deals with crisis intervention and referrals to support services off campus such as United Way.

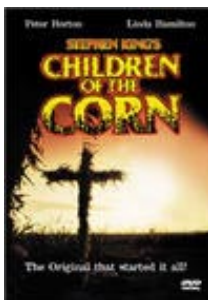
"Stop by and visit with us," Turner said. "If we're not the place you need to be we'll get you connected [with someone who can help]."

For more information, call 682-1611, ext. 7535.

Horror film shown 'director-cut' style

By Matt Marine
News Writing I Student

It's been 20 years since the release of Stephen King's horror flick "Children of the Corn" and the Oklahoma City Museum of Art wants to help celebrate that anniversary with a special Halloween showing.



Horror film buffs can watch victims die by the hand of kids on a special edition DVD when the digitally re-mastered film is shown big screen-style at 2 p.m. Oct. 31, at the

Donald W. Reynolds Visual Art Center, 415 Couch Drive in downtown Oklahoma City.

Those who attend will see that the children are still killing. Linda Hamilton is still bloody and the corn crops are creepier than ever — but now in much higher quality.

The film's director, OKCCC film professor Fritz Kiersch, will present the special showing followed by a question-and-answer session about the making of the film.

Kiersch said he would answer questions based on the audience's reception of

Books equal free learning...



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Professor Debra Burris stops and talks with sophomores Patrick Pine and Meagan Oelke at the Engineering Club book sale, held in the college foyer on Oct 21. All the proceeds raised by the book sale went to the Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship. The book sale raised more than \$650 for the scholarship.

Applications for the scholarship will be available on Nov. 5 and the scholarship will be awarded on Dec. 1. To qualify, students must have completed 12 credit hours at OKCCC, be currently enrolled in or have completed Calculus I, be pursuing an associate degree at OKCCC and have at least a 3.0 GPA.

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the film as well as questions pertaining to the interest of filmmaking.

Admission is \$7 for

adults and \$6 for senior citizens. For more information, visit www.okcartmuseum.com.

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Highlights

College to offer forensic science seminar

Forensic science has become one of America's most sought after careers. The Training Center at OKCCC is offering Basic Crime Scene Investigations from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18, and Friday, Nov. 19, in the Training Center, located on the fourth floor of the library. Registration is \$169 per person which includes the book and lab supplies. For more information, contact the Training Center at 682-7562.

True Colors workshop

The Student Oklahoma Education Association will host the True Colors workshop at 3:30 p.m. 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, contact Mary Punches at 682-1611, ext. 7634.

International Student Association to host lawyer

Timothy L. Cook, an attorney who specializes in immigration law, will speak at the ISA meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3, in room 2P7 of the main building. Issues to be discussed include: how to obtain citizenship, permanent residency and student and work visas in the United States. For more information, contact Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen at 682-1611, ext. 7173.

College Republicans to hold meeting

The College Republicans will have a meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2, in room 3N0 of the main building. For more information, contact Ralph deCardenas at 682-1611, ext. 7216.

Learn how to stand up for your rights

Employment Services will host a workshop called Self Advocacy/Stand Up For Your Rights from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, in college union room 3. Denise North, services specialist for the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education will lead the workshop. For more information, contact Employment Services at 682-7519.

Spring Tuition Fee Waiver applications available

Spring Tuition Fee Waiver applications 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.

Scholarships available in Enrollment Management

Students looking for scholarships should visit the Office of Enrollment Management. It is located next to the welcome desk on the first floor of the main building. Scholarships are available for students transferring to other colleges or universities and for specific majors. For more information, contact Linda Sapp at 682-7580.

Training in suicide prevention

Volunteer facilitators are needed to assist in the presentation of Contact Crisis Helpline's suicide awareness and prevention program, Choices, to middle and high school students. Cost of the training is \$30 for those who participate in the program, and \$75 for those who only want to receive the training. For more information, contact Debbie Rector Johnson at 840-9396.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

What a treat: Nursing junior April Smith and her daughter Winter stop by the Native American Student Association auction to purchase a bag of popcorn on Oct. 20. The club hosted the auction Oct. 19 and 20.

Discover your true personality

SOEA will host a color-based personality assessment workshop

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

For those who want to know more about themselves and how others perceive them, the Student Oklahoma Education Association is ready to help. The club will host the True Colors workshop at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, in college union room 1.

Floyd Cox, state coordinator of student clubs for the Oklahoma Education Association, will present the workshop.

"Floyd is a character and a real live wire," club sponsor David Palkovich said. Palkovich also is a mathematics professor.

SOEA President Candy Nunez agreed with Palkovich.

"Floyd taught the workshop [at OKCCC] last fall and he was very funny," Nunez said.

Cox said True Colors is a communication and learn-

ing styles inventory. He said this may sound boring, but it shows how people see each other.

Cox said the True Colors workshop can help people properly deal with others.

Club Sponsor Mary Punches said she used the personality inventory in a management class. She said it showed her how to evaluate other people around her according to their personalities.

Cox said True Colors also could be applied in the classroom, in relationships and in the workplace.

He said he has trained the primary staff at Dillard's department store at Crossroads Mall with the True Colors inventory.

Cox said the Dillard's employees were able to gain a better understanding of each other.

Cox said he will focus on students for his presentation on campus.

He said both students and teachers have found the workshop very helpful in the

workplace and in class.

Cox said True Colors was developed by Don Lowry in 1978. Books on True Colors and more information is available online at www.truecolors.org.

According to the website, True Colors is designed to be entertaining, practical and easy to understand.

Nunez said the workshop is very energetic and creative.

"If you are the type of person who likes to take personality tests in magazines or just want to know more about yourself, this is for you," Punches said.

SOEA also will have a meeting from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3, in room 2R5 of the main building.

For more information about SOEA, contact Palkovich at 682-1611, ext. 7337 or Punches at 682-1611, ext. 7634.

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

Classifieds

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ANIMALS

FOR SALE: Ball python with 40 gallon cage, water bowl and small tree; \$125. Female adult iguana with heat rock; \$70. 20 gallon tank included for \$10 and all for \$160. Call Berkley at 210-4991.

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RESPONSIBLE ROOMMATE WANTED: Room for rent approx. 1 mi. from OU. May require a co-signer for lease and toleration of my nice pit bull. Includes cable, phone and Internet. \$265/mo. and half the bills. Call Cara at 701-5958 and leave message.

FREE: Classified space is free for OKCCC students and staff.

FURNITURE

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FOR SALE: Bowflex for sale, brand new, paid \$1,100 but will sell for \$400. Call Mike at 604-5168.

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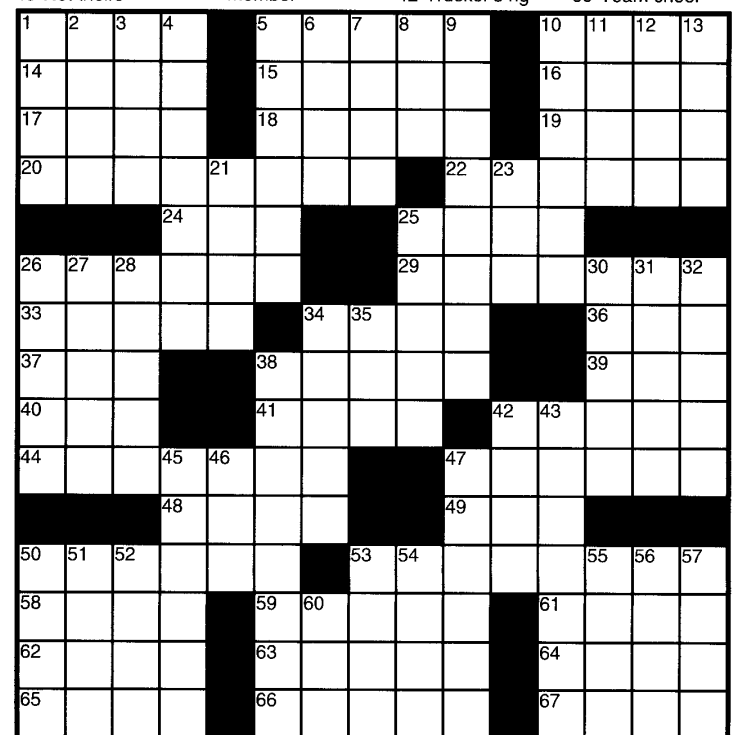
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Technology changes job playing field in a number of ways

"Jobs,"

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ogy — namely Internet travel providers.

About 75 percent of travel agencies' sales are lost to Internet travel providers, she said.

In order to compete with online providers, Soremson said, travel agencies will have to be creative and offer good customer service.

In the meantime, her two employees will handle the work that nine once did.

Sue Hunt, branch manager and banking officer for Union Bank, agreed with Soremson that today's workers are assigned more duties.

She said the Union Bank branch started out in 1992 with eight employees. That number has stayed about the same, but responsibilities have increased. The bank now has a drive-through which it didn't have before.

Hunt doesn't hold out much hope for the future of banking employees.

In the future, she said, she sees a fully computerized and automated banking system.

"Eventually everything will be run by machines, and you probably will not have a teller," Hunt said.

But, she said, there will still be a need for people to oversee the process.

Not all job markets are suffering from the advances of technology. It has actually expanded career opportunities in some fields.

David Greenwell, president of Greenwell & Co., a Certified Public Accountant firm, started the company with three employees in 1998. Now, eight people work for the company. He attributes that to company growth born from technology.

"With the use of technology, we now have the opportunity to gain much more information and use specialized software to allow us to perform jobs that

we might not have been able to," Greenwell said.

Software and programs are widely used in the accounting industry, he said.

"We use a variety of different software programs for income tax preparation, accounting purposes and also for our audit services," Greenwell said.

In the mid-70s, prior to the use of personal computers, he said, tax returns were still prepared manually and no computers were used in auditing services.

Two OKCCC employees also shared the changing dynamics associated with technology in their fields.

John Richardson, computer systems development director, said the information technology industry is expanding.

"The real growth areas are in database administration and in security related areas," Richardson said.

The new cyber security program OKCCC will begin offering next spring is very timely, he said.

Richardson said it's true that some jobs are replaced with computers — some right here on campus.

Degree auditing and most record keeping duties are a few examples of jobs at OKCCC that were once done manually but now are performed by computers, he said.

However, in the meantime, technology also has created more jobs.

Some examples, he said, are software development, equipment manufacturing and equipment maintenance.

"The concept of people losing jobs is reality, but it also opens up some new areas for growth [and] more skilled jobs.

"Technology allows the same number of people to be more productive," Richardson said.

Administrative office technology is another area that is growing.

AOT professor Jenean Jones said technology may have downsized the number of jobs available in the

industry, but the market is still highly competitive.

"Overall (the market for AOT) is not declining. It's expected to grow moderately with rapid growth in some areas," Jones said.

Currently, there are demands for legal secretaries and medical transcriptionists, she said.

She said the profession requires constant skill updates and training, especially the task of learning new computer software and programs.

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The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that certain occupations are declining in pay and numbers while others are experiencing growth

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