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PIONEER

Bush will serve second term as country's leader

By **Caroline Ting**
Editor

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush will continue to lead the country for the next four years. He officially won the 2004 presidential election, with 274 electoral votes and 51.1 percent of popular votes. Democratic candidate John F. Kerry had 252 electoral votes and 48 percent of popular votes.

This year's election results show the highest turnout of voters since 1968, according to CNN.com. The site reports that 114.3 million people voted with 99 percent of precincts reporting. Add to that the 5.5 million to 6 million absentee and provisional ballots cast, and the numbers reach 120 million.

Bush made his victory official after Kerry called him to concede Nov. 3.

At 1 p.m. Oklahomans watched on televisions around the state as Kerry made his concession speech at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

Kerry explained why he made the decision to concede.

"When all the provisional ballots are counted, which they will be, there won't be enough outstanding votes for us to be able to win Ohio.

"And, therefore, we cannot win this elec-

tion."

Kerry emphasized the importance of making every vote count.

"In America, it is vital that every vote count, and that every vote be counted. But the outcome should be decided by voters, not a protracted legal process.

"I would not give up this fight if there was a chance that we would prevail."

Bush expressed his trust and confidence in his fellow citizens during his speech at 2 p.m. CST.

"With that trust comes a duty to serve all Americans," he said. "And I will do my best to fulfill that duty every day as your president."

Bush spoke about his agenda for the next four years as well.

"We'll reform our outdated tax code. We'll strengthen Social Security for the next generation. We'll make public schools all they can be.

"And we will uphold our deepest values of family and faith. We'll help the emerging democracies of Iraq and Afghanistan... so they can grow in strength and defend their freedom."

The Republican Party also has retained the majorities in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives.

For more on the election results, turn to page 8. Editor Caroline Ting can be reached at editor@okccc.edu.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Casual Dress: Toddler Z'Lexus Williams, 2, enjoys Pajama Day at OKCCC's Child Development Center and Lab School. She and the other children attending the center wore their pajamas to school Oct. 29. Teachers and staff also took advantage of the comfy day, coming to work in their favorite flannel jammies.

Last chance to drop classes

By **Richard Hall**
Staff Writer

The last day to withdraw from 16-week fall classes without a refund is Nov. 12, said Mary Turner, Student Development counselor.

Turner said students who want to drop classes will need to fill out a drop form at the registration desk located on the first floor of the main building.

She said students also can withdraw from classes by going online. She said those students will want to print the drop verification page for their records.

"Many students make the mistake of not printing the page," Turner said.

She said time is of the essence so students should check the status of their grades in

their classes.

"Some students... tend to wait too long to see how they're doing in a class."

Turner said students should have frequent interaction with their professors in order to receive status reports on their grades.

Although dropping a class may seem like a way out of a bad grade, Turner said, students should be aware of their academic history when deciding to drop a class.

"A dropped class does show up on a student's transcript as a W," Turner said.

"That means the student withdrew from the class," she said.

"While dropping classes does not affect a student's GPA, it can look bad on their transcript if they have too many withdrawals."

Turner said financial aid students should make sure what the consequences are of withdrawing.

Students who plan to drop classes also should make sure they're not dropping a prerequisite course for a class they plan to take their next semester, Turner said.

She said students who are on a payment plan are still obligated to complete payment for their courses on schedule, even if they drop classes.

Students who are on academic probation will have to visit the Student Development office before dropping a class, Turner said. For more information, visit www.okccc.edu or call 682-1611, ext. 7535.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Contradictions of predictions

The 2004 election has come and gone. After months of debates, commercials, sound bites and campaign signs, a winner has been declared.

George W. Bush will return as the U.S. president for four more years.

His race against Sen. John Kerry was close and very heated. Many polls before the election predicted a tight race.

In a bizarre year that saw the Boston Red Sox break their 86-year-old curse, some reliable indicators of the election's winner were proven wrong.

An odd and interesting assortment of predictors contradicted each other at the end of the election.

Be it strange or funny, Halloween costumes have a history of affecting the election.

An article by Daniel Kurtzman of the San Francisco Chronicle said sales figures for rubber masks of the presidential candidates have correctly predicted the winner since 1980.

The article said www.buycostumes.com kept track of sales of both candidates' masks. As of Election Day, Bush held a 53 percent to 47 percent lead over Kerry.

The website further explained their Presidential Mask Election Predictor. According to the website, in 2000, they began publishing statistics on each Presidential candidate's mask sales.

They found that their sales matched the results of polls conducted by national media groups. Then, the company gathered political mask sales information from five different manufacturers and 12 national stores and in fact, these sales matched the election results as well.

Another reliable predictor agreed with www.buycostumes.com. Children's magazine, Weekly Reader, announced the winner of its mock Presidential Election. More than 300,000 students from kindergarten to 12th grade voted and President Bush received more than 60 percent of the votes.

According to www.weeklyreader.com the students who vote in the Weekly Reader poll have correctly picked the president 11 out of 12 times since 1956.

A well-known indicator of Election Day results is in football. The winner of the election has been determined by the performance of the National Football League's Washington Redskins since 1936, according to www.espn.com.

If the Redskins lose their last home game before the election, the incumbent will lose the election and vice versa.

On Oct. 31, the Green Bay Packers defeated the Redskins 28-14. This was a welcome sign for supporters of John Kerry.

Sometimes even the most accurate predictors are proven wrong. This election again showed how strange things can get when people try to make a decision together.

—Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Student compares political films

To the editor:

Recently, I attended showings of both "Celsius 41.11" shown by the College Republicans and "Fahrenheit 9/11" shown by the Young Democrats. I went to both movies with an open mind, and both showings taught me something.

As far as the movies went, "Celsius" was by far the more biased of the two. All it seemed to do was bash Kerry and say, "Yeah Bush!"

"Fahrenheit" on the other hand, bashed not only President Bush, but the entire Bush family, Osama Bin Laden, the entire Bin Laden family, the whole of Congress, the thoroughly biased media and many others.

But, both presented different and informative sides of the same argument.

What I truly want to comment on was the level of quality of these movie showings. The Young Democrats held a very professional event. They had two showings in the college

theater, free drinks and followed up the movie with a discussion period. The discussions were slightly heated, but well worth the time to attend. The first one lasted about 30 minutes and the second one was nearly an hour.

The College Republicans, on the other hand, took a different approach. They showed their movie many times a day for two days in the College Union a few days before the showing of "Fahrenheit." They also asked if anyone wanted to discuss anything about the film. When I was there, the longest anyone stayed was five and eight minutes. The film was loud and intrusive to those that were trying to eat or study.

In total, I saw more people at the two showings of "Fahrenheit" than I saw in total the times I saw "Celsius" playing in the College Union. And, at the end of "Celsius," the College Republicans passed out information packets about 59 things that were claimed to be false about "Fahrenheit 9/11." I must say that this

last part was something I considered to be in bad taste, as it goes hand in hand with dirty campaigning.

In all, I learned a lot attending the showings of both films. Seeing both of them confirmed my vote for Kerry.

—Jeremy Williams
OKCCC student

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"Your honor, I'd like to request a short recess, so my client can memorize the spontaneous answers we've written for him."

— Sher Surratt • Cleveland, OH

Comments and Reviews

College club thanks audience

To the editor:

On behalf of the College Republicans, I appreciate your great response to "Celsius 41.11" and thank you for your patience.

In the future, we would be glad to show "Celsius 41.11" again, if you would like us to. We invite you to our meetings every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in room 3NO, and at 5 p.m. in the Student Life Conference Center.

I hope everyone understands that the College Republicans feel strongly about the claims Michael Moore uses to try to persuade the public into believing his point of view.

We encourage you to educate yourself about his claims. "Celsius 41.11" helps in this process by giving facts to refute his claims. I encourage the public to read a document written by a life-long Demo-

crat, Dave Kopel, which also refutes the claims in Mr. Moore's film.

The document's web address is <http://www.davekopel.org/terror/59Deceits.pdf>. Please read deceit number 59. If you would like to be put on our e-mail list or join College Republicans, please e-mail us at crs@po.okccc.edu.

—**Susan Mills**
Chairwoman of
College Republicans

E-Bella beats Zio's, Olive Garden

Anyone who thinks that Zio's or the Olive Garden is real Italian food needs to get it together.

E-Bella Italian Fast Food, located at 4321 S. Penn, is by far the best Italian restaurant in Oklahoma.

While the name says fast food, the quality of the cuisine is anything but.

The chicken parmesan is absolutely fabulous and the price is perfect. A family of three can easily eat for \$20, including dessert.

That might get you drinks with your appetizers at one of those other knock-off Italian restaurants.

As good as the food is, the desserts would have to be the highlight of the establishment. The owners of E-Bella have to fly their Cannoli shells in from New York, because no one in this area has them.

E-Bella has a cozy atmosphere that is perfect for a romantic dinner. Upon entering, you know you are

about to experience something different.

The inside is marvelously decorated to differ from the norm and the Italian music that is playing adds a nice touch.

So, if you are tired of stuffing yourself with mainstream Italian food and are interested in finding out what it is attempting to emulate, then, E-Bella is definitely the right choice.

—**Shawn Bryant**
Staff Writer

'Team America' worth a listen

The best accompanying piece to any film is usually the book or soundtrack. In the case of "Team America: World Police," it's the better of the two that grabs top honor as the film's right-hand man.

As in the film, the "Team America: World Police" soundtrack is raunchy, yet capable of pushing a few laughs out of anyone.

With the great melodies and lyrical genius of the film, it's easy to see how the soundtrack is so appealing.

From the album's opening track, "Everyone has AIDS," to the film's Rocky-esque theme hit "Montage," this album has all the ingredients to make it as memorable as the film.

Although the content is questionable, the fact of the matter is the "Team America: World Police" soundtrack is fun, and as amusing as the film.

The only downfall is the songs with vocal tracks are bunched at the beginning of the album, leaving the

last handful of songs as musical pieces. This can become boring and you may find yourself skipping back to the first half of the album. The music alone isn't as funny as the complete songs, but it certainly shouldn't keep anyone from listening to this soundtrack.

If you're a fan of the film, then, the "Team America: World Police" soundtrack is worth the purchase price.

—**Richard Hall**
Staff Writer

Counselor's Corner

Learn from tests

"Don't be discouraged by a failure. It can be a positive experience. Failure is, in a sense, the highway to success, inasmuch as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true, and every fresh experience points out some form of error which we shall afterwards carefully avoid."

—**John Keats**

We see you from time to time; you come to our offices or stop us somewhere around campus. Sometimes, you seem almost ashamed to make your confession. At other times, you wear it like a badge of honor, hoping it will absolve you of any responsibility to improve. You are one of the many students who are afraid of tests, and it is reflected repeatedly in your poor test performance.

America is a competitive place, and tends to reward those who demonstrate their excellence by making no mistakes. Perhaps you strive for perfection, making yourself sick in the process, or you freeze up inside unable to perform. The good news is you can change.

Test is a four-letter word, but so is hope. You may feel as though it is a dark cloud hanging over you or an implement of medieval torture, but it really isn't. A test is simply a chance for you to demonstrate what you know or what you can do at a particular point in time. It should give useful feedback to your professor and you. What's most important about the feedback you get? What you got wrong. Are you reading this right? Did we really mean to say that your mistakes on the test are more important than what you got right. Uh huh, we did.

Your mistakes tell you where you weren't prepared, what you didn't really understand, and where your logic went astray. Instead of lamenting these errors, use them as the opportunity that they are. Ask your professor to explain why the correct answer is the correct answer. Don't be afraid of the mistake. Learn to learn from it.

Of course, none of this takes the place of going to class, doing homework and studying appropriately. But adjusting your attitude about taking tests and risking error will take a lot of weight off of your shoulders. You might even find yourself relaxing some and even (gasp) enjoying your classes. This could lead to your becoming more actively involved in what you're doing.

There are some very practical ways to become more efficient and effective in the way you study and take tests. You may not have to choose between time with family or friends and time studying for tests. If you're one of those students who seems to forever study and fail tests, come see us in the Center for Student Development. Who knows. For your next test, instead of hiding in the shadow of a dark cloud, you might find yourself basking in the warm glow of success.

—**Student Development**

Quote of the Week:

"I don't use any particular method. I'm from the let's-pretend school of acting."

—**Harrison Ford**

Comments and Reviews

Survive a modern holiday comedy

Sometimes critics pan a movie because it is bad, but sometimes they are just punishing the movie's star for a past mistake. This is the case with "Surviving Christmas" and its star Ben Affleck.

It's the tale of millionaire advertising executive Drew Latham (Affleck) and his annual Christmas woes.

Being alone on Christmas is not a new topic, but Latham's response is unique. Watching Latham do a great job winning over a client, one would not suspect the man to be lonely.

After making the sales Latham says, "Right now, I could sell whale steaks to Greenpeace."

Later, the laughs are silenced, for a time, as Latham tries to convince his girlfriend Missy (Jennifer Morrison) to vacation with him in Fiji on Christmas day.

She is appalled by this offer because she believes Christmas is a time for family. Then, she dumps him.

Suddenly alone, Latham does not take the event lying down.

He sends Missy a very expensive bracelet and a love note.

The character is funny, but not the most desirable of companions because he does not tell his girlfriend the truth about his family.

Then, continuing his selfish ways, he looks for a friend during the holidays. Some of his phrases hint at a deeper emotion, possibly tragedy, behind his reluctance to tell all.

Eventually, Latham goes to a place that reminds him of his childhood, which happens to be a house in a suburb of Chicago.

Through a series of unfortunate events and a man who shoots first and asks questions later, Latham ends up with the Valcos.



The Valcos include an angry father who considers salami sacred (James Gandolfini), a mother who is pretending to be happy (Catherine O'Hara) and a son who is addicted to the female body (played by Josh Zuckerman.)

As he is being forced to leave, the uninvited guest Latham offers \$250,000 to be a part of his family for the holidays.

Latham even has a lawyer draw up a contract. That's when the real fun begins.

Common sense says that an uninvited guest will cause trouble and become a nuisance.

This is very true despite the fact Latham has paid for happiness.

Twists come in the shape of Alicia Valco (Christina Applegate) and a group of bizarre supporting characters.

Latham also must make some important choices. The question here is not "to be or not to be," but "to be selfish or to be selfless."

With a story that is somewhat unique and a funny mix of modern comedy, "Surviving Christmas" gets a B-.

—Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

It's just 'How It Goes' with Big D

Ska gurus Big D and the Kids Table does what it takes to present something for everyone in their albums.

Putting music before personal gain, the entire band practically became homeless in order to release "How It Goes," their newest release on Springman Records.

Anyone who's a fan of ska should already be associated with Boston all-stars Big D and the Kids Table. For those who aren't, Big D and the Kids Table, simply put, take hip-hop and rap influences and nicely incorporate them into a blend of punk and ska.

Already having released two notable albums in the past, "How It Goes" is Big D's newest attempt at grabbing new listeners. The good thing is it works, and really well at that.

Big D and the Kids Table is widely known for their aggressive tone and live shows, bringing the rock with no equal in sight. "How It Goes" packs that intense, aggressive punch in the form of a closed fist.

Of the 20 tracks on the album, most are more laid-back and mature in nature as far as lyrics and musicianship goes. After listening to "How It Goes," it's apparent that Big D has grown tighter and closer as a band since their last release.

Big D's albums are always upbeat, of course, and fun to listen to. With that in mind, rest assured that this album is no exception. From fan favorite "LAX" to the cover of "Little Bitch" by The Specials, Big D packs a satiable amount of standout tracks for all mediums of their audience.

Overall, "How It Goes" is more mellow than Big D's previous releases. This album is something to cheerfully bob your head to and its developed personality will make it recognizable amongst the other ska albums released this year.

"How It Goes" is a great representation of Big D's live show and sophistication. It seizes listeners by the collar and immediately makes them fans, or augments their belief in Big D's capacity.

To note that the band gave up so much to make "How It Goes" perfect, Big D and the Kids Table deserve recognition and a large round of applause.

Rating: 5/5

For more information, visit www.bigdandthekidstable.com.

—Richard Hall
Staff Writer

'The Incredibles' wins high praise

Think of all the synonyms for the word outstanding and that will give just a faint indication of how incredible "The Incredibles" is.

From the brilliant minds of Pixar Studios, "The Incredibles" follows a superhero family striving to be normal contributors to society.

When Mr. Incredible, voiced by Craig T. Nelson, decides to jump back into the superhero game, trouble ensues and his family is forced into the fray, battling the villainous Syndrome in order to save the world from destruction.

"The Incredibles" is a great family film, the best to come out this year. It's funny, cute and has a little something for everyone.

The action is amazing. There's heart-pounding combat, adrenaline-rushing chases and

immaculate animation in every single scene. Not to mention, it's all done in a comedic fashion.

Aside from being a marvelous action movie, "The Incredibles" serves as a great motivator for children.

Just like all of Pixar's films, "The Incredibles" has an underlying message. It tells children that everyone is a superhero in his or her own right and should be happy with who he or she is. It also teaches children to recognize their strengths as individuals without becoming too much of a show-off.

Elastigirl (aka Mrs. Incredible) is voiced by Holly Hunter and possesses the innate talent of making her body as flexible as a rubberband. She proves to be a very positive and strong female influence, not only on her family, but also

on society during her glory days as a superheroine.

Dash (voiced by Spencer Fox), son of Mr. and Mrs. Incredible, is easily the best character of the film. With the ability to run at neck-breaking speeds, Dash will have every child wishing for superpowers.

The Incredible's daughter, Violet (voiced by Sarah Vowell), is able to turn herself invisible and can create force fields. She also is a strong female character, one who will urge middle-school girls to be comfortable with themselves.

Pixar Animation Studios has a reputation for being at the top of their game, and this new release cements their prestige to the throne. In the tradition of Pixar, "The Incredibles" is for the child in everyone. I give this film an A.

—Richard Hall
Staff Writer

When in Rome — earn class credit

By Joleen Lawson
News Writing I Student

From May 30 to June 13, OKCCC students will have the opportunity to turn a vacation in Rome into college credits.

History professor Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen will be teaching a Survey of Rome class in Rome, Italy. Students can take the class for history or humanities credits, Sheetz-Nguyen said.

The first informational meeting will be held Feb. 2 for those enrolled in the class.

The combined costs of the trip and enrollment fees should be about \$2,100, Sheetz-Nguyen said.

The total is to be paid in increments with the first \$450 paid to OKCCC for tuition and student activities fees.

After tuition is paid, students will be able to seek out their own airfare and try to get the lowest rates.

"First [the students] pay the enrollment fees, then pay the airline on their own accord," Sheetz-Nguyen said.

Students will stay at the Villa Bassi hotel while in Rome.

The Paulist Brothers, a charitable organization, runs the hotel.

The Paulist Brothers are able to contract the rooms to students at

a reduced rate that comes to about \$30 per night, Sheetz-Nguyen said.

While in Rome, students can look forward to touring the Colosseum, the Villa Borghese Galleries and the Vatican.

"Everyone gets up early to see the Pope," Sheetz-Nguyen said. "You want to get a good seat."

"Rome: Blue Guide," by Alta Macadam, is the required text for the course. The cost of the book is included in the estimated fees.

Students will be graded on class attendance and photo journal essays, Sheetz-Nguyen said.

The trip is not just an excursion to foreign museums. Students will be able to experience, first hand, the culture of another country and even their reaction to American culture.

"Last time... there was a big demonstration opposing George (W.) Bush. They were shouting 'Yankee go home' as we walked by," Sheetz-Nguyen said.

Anti-Bush demonstrations aside, photo journals of last season's students tell of good times to be had.

Students have the option of taking side trips on their own into Florence or Pompeii after the eight days of classes.

Other than additional fees for side trips and meals, prices are affordable, Sheetz-Nguyen said.

"I tell them if they're spending

Singing away...



Photo by Ann Lushbough

The world-renowned King's Singers, pictured at a rehearsal, visited OKCCC Nov. 1 and 2. The group performed a variety of inspiring choral music for students and the public. King's Singers is a Grammy-nominated ensemble founded at King's College in Cambridge, England, in 1968. Besides performing folk music, orchestral classics and Renaissance madrigals in multiple languages, the ensemble has performed at a private concert for the British royal family. The King's Singers event was the third installment of OKCCC's Cultural Awareness Series led by Dr. Manuel Prestamo, dean of Cultural Programs and Community Development.

more than \$20 per day, they're drinking too much wine," Sheetz-Nguyen said.

A Survey of Rome is listed in the OKCCC spring schedule on page 53. Students are reminded that the trip will require a passport.

Questions?
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Contact the Editor!
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Sign language class offered, thanks to Student Life

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Students learned letters, numbers, various words and basic phrases in sign language along with information concerning sign language popularity and deafness in the United States.

Tammy Earl, coordinator for Interpreting Services for Services to Students With Disabilities, held an introductory sign language class Oct. 20, in room CU3 as part of the Brown Bag Lunch series sponsored by Student Life.

Earl said sign language is the fourth most widely-used language in the United States. She said sign

language is a very visual language.

"It takes a very strong commitment to learn sign language well," Earl said.

"Sign language is very hard to learn from a book because it's difficult to tell what positions the hands and arms are in."

Earl said facial expressions are very important when using sign language.

Differences in hand and arm movement are important when signing as well.

"Stern hand and arm movements emphasize a strong meaning while loose movements are just the opposite," Earl said.

Earl said sign language is a valued tool of communications for the deaf.

She said the average deaf person reads at a third or fourth grade reading level, so writing isn't always a dependable substitute for sign language.

Earl said words that are spelled alike but have different meanings require alternate signs. She said, some words don't even have a sign.

"There isn't a sign for the word allergic," Earl said. "To explain those words that don't have signs, the speaker has to use other signs and techniques in order to explain what they're trying to say."

The 22 people in attendance had questions for Earl, such as how to sign common phrases like "excuse me," "happy birthday" and "I love you." One questioner asked if deaf people could read lips.

"Sign language is very hard to learn from a book because it's difficult to tell what positions the hands and arms are in."

—Tammy Earl

Coordinator for Interpreting Services to Students With Disabilities

"Deaf people can read lips, but sometimes not that well," Earl said. "It's very easy for someone to misunderstand what the speaker is trying to say when they're reading lips."

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International flags to hang in campus display

**By Caroline Ting
Editor**

Sixty flags representing all current OKCCC international students' home countries will fly high on campus during the Celebration of Cultures and the International Flag Dedication Nov. 15.

The ceremony kicks off the International Education Week from Nov. 15 to 19, which is "a nationwide push to expose students to cultures outside of the United States," said Jon Horinek, community engagement coordinator for Student Life.

The flag dedication will be held from noon to 12:30 p.m. in the first atrium, on the north side of the first floor of the main building by Admissions.

The area will be named the Hall of Nations, according to the plaque that also

will be installed on the first floor of the main building.

Currently, OKCCC has more than 500 international students, Horinek said.

Student Life counted all the international students enrolled for the 2004 spring semester to determine how many countries should be honored at the flag dedication ceremony, Horinek said.

"Every spring [Student Life] will take a census of the campus and the students who are here on F1 visas," Horinek said.

"We will add or subtract the flags from the display every year."

The F1 visa is for students qualified to attend full-time college, university, conservatory, academic high school (subject to strict regulations) and any institution with language-training programs in the United States, according to www.immihelp.com.

During the dedication ceremony, Horinek said, volunteer international students will bring out their country's flag as their name and country are called.

At press time, 11 international students have volunteered to hang their nation's flags on the day. Those countries include: Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Columbia, India, South Korea, Mexico, Peru, Pakistan, Senegal, Taiwan and Venezuela.

International students from all the other countries that don't yet have a volunteer are encouraged to sign up at Student Life before Nov. 11.

Horinek said all volunteers must have been enrolled at the college last spring with F1 visas.

The ceremony will follow the United Nations protocol for displaying international flags, Horinek said.

All flags will be displayed in alphabetical order; no flag will be bigger than any

other flag, and no flag will be flown higher than any other flag, Horinek said.

"Once you see all these flags flying, it'll really make an impression on our students," he said.

OKCCC President Bob Todd commented on the upcoming dedication.

"Recognition of students is important," Todd said.

"We do have individuals who have come from other nations who have chosen to be here for their education."

"I think it's a very appropriate recognition for the diversity of the student body."

A walk-through display also will be housed in CU3 on Nov. 15.

Students will have the opportunity to learn some basic information about each of the countries being honored during the international flag dedication, Horinek said.

International students

are welcome to drop off cultural items at Student Life to be displayed in the museum, Horinek said. The items will be returned.

Student Life and faculty as well as Sellers Catering, also are working to plan other educational activities for International Education Week.

Other events that are being organized include a Global IQ Quiz, an international panel discussion and cultural entertainment performances.

Sellers also will offer an international selection on their menu everyday during the week.

International Education Week is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. To learn more about the celebration, log on to exchanges.state.gov/iew/.

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Hurrah for heroes

**By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer**

OKCCC will hold a dedication event in honor of Veterans Day at noon, Nov. 11 in the second atrium, on the south side of the first floor of the main building.

The event will dedicate a flag display "to the students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of OKCCC who have served in our nation's armed forces," said Jon Horinek, community engagement coordinator for Student Life.

The flag display will contain an American flag, Oklahoma flag and the college's flag. A new plaque will be displayed as well, Horinek said.

Dr. Bob Todd, OKCCC president, said he will be participating in the celebration.

"I'm proud of the fact that this nation has its heroes, has its people who are giving themselves, because they believe in the opportunity that this nation provides," Todd said.

"So, I think (the flag dedication) is a very appropriate celebration."

The newly dedicated area will be called the "Hall of Heroes," in honor of all OKCCC military veterans.

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Professor served in U.S. Air Force

**By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer**

OKCCC is home to more than 500 military veterans.

Curtis Hawker, English professor, is one of them.

Twenty-two years of Hawker's life were spent in the Air Force defending the United States, he said.

Hawker said he participated in Vietnam, Desert Shield and some flights over Panama during a conflict called "Just Cause."

Hawker said he thinks Veterans Day is an important day.

"It's a visible sign of what our military has done in the past," Hawker said.

He said Americans have designated days for other things and should have a day designated to recognize the "importance of sacrifice."

Hawker said he plans to

"Realize what important work you're doing. I know it's discouraging at times."

**—Professor Curtis Hawker
Military Veteran**

celebrate the holiday by flying an American flag at his house and watching Veterans Day parades on television. He said he does not handle crowds well.

Hawker had some words of encouragement for the soldiers fighting in the war today.

"Realize what important work you're doing," Hawker said. "I know it's discouraging at times. It's easy to wonder why you're over there."

Hawker said soldiers should take advantage of opportunities to learn from

new cultures whenever possible.

Hawker said he has taught as an adjunct professor at OKCCC for the past five years.

He has a bachelor's degree in English from Tanner University in Indiana and a master's degree in English from Webster College in Missouri.

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Hispanic club wants to help educate others

By Nancy Fraire
News Writing I Student

Local Hispanic college students have become more involved in the promotion of higher education through a program they helped create — EDUCATE.

The students, along with the Latino Development Center, created the program that will aid in educating the Hispanic community.

Rocky Chavez, program director of Hispanic Organization to Promote Education and a public relations major at OKCCC, is one of the co-founders of EDUCATE.

The program teams metro area colleges and universities that include OKCCC, Oklahoma City University, OSU-OKC and the University of Oklahoma. The idea is that students from each school would come together to create a support network that is committed to the program.

"Each year we start off with 20 people at the HOPE meetings and end up with five at the end of the year," Chavez said. "That's why I decided to get help from other students so... maybe together we can make a difference."

Chavez said EDUCATE not only encourages higher education, but also encourages members to participate in civic duties. He said some were approached recently by the Democratic Party to help with voter registration.

The students from the different schools are just as committed as Chavez and have taken time out to help the community. They have two meetings every other week and try to accommodate schedules as much as possible, Chavez said.

Lo Meximo is the newest idea for the new organization. "...we basically joined with McDonald's to have a promotion night where they can offer special deals on burgers and we give out [items such as] Happy Meals but with educational stuff inside," Chavez said. "We want to get to the parents too."

Chavez, along with Juan Carlos Gaytan, an OCU student, came up with the idea for EDUCATE at the National Conference of La Raza which took place last June, said Chavez.

"It all started with the director of the Latino Community Center," Chavez said. "We just presented our idea to her and she was already thinking about making a program like this."

HOPE has been active at OKCCC since 1993, said Jessica Martinez-Brooks, club sponsor. She said HOPE members strive to promote education in the Hispanic community.

"We especially try to promote higher education in the Hispanic community by tutoring and mentoring," she said.

Chavez said EDUCATE is looking for committed college students. Students who are interested can e-mail Chavez at chavez_rocky@yahoo.com.

Election results may have upsetting effect on some

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

The 2004 presidential election results may have some OKCCC students upset and distraught.

Mary Turner, Student Development counselor, said, although she had visits from upset students around the 2000 election, she hasn't had any yet this year, and thinks it's unlikely that she will.

Turner said students and even faculty usually will talk amongst themselves when it comes to things like the election.

Although the end of the fall semester is coming up, Turner said she doesn't think students will be that affected by

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—Mary Turner
OKCCC Student Development Counselor

the election enough to have it hamper their studies.

"I encourage students to not use the election as a scapegoat for doing poorly in school," Turner said.

According to WebMD.com, polls suggest that as many as 49 percent of Americans may feel a profound sense of loss and even anger due to the election results.

Warning signs that you have invested too much emotional feelings into this election are feelings of fatigue, stress and despair with the news.

The website reports that doing simple things like spending time with friends and family can help the post-election jitters.

Turner said all students should remember to look at the big picture.

"While having your candidate lose isn't encouraging, remember that this is a cycle and we're back where we started the day before the election."

"People who voted did what all they needed and could do," she said.

Art museum offers student discount

By Lance Walker
News Writing I Student

Hands-on art making, live French instrumental music and a performance by actress Jenny Aldrich will highlight Super Saturday, an event hosted by the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, said Leslie Spears, museum communications manager.

The public event, intended for the whole family, will run from 1 to 4 p.m., Nov. 20, at the museum.

Aldrich will portray Mary Cassatt, whose painting "The Young Girls" will be a featured piece of the exhibit, Spears said.

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The main event will focus on the "Millet to Matisse" exhibit, Spears said.

She said the collection will allow people the opportunity to experience several important French works on loan from the Kelvingrove Art Gallery in Glasgow, Scotland.

The exhibit will feature paintings by "Monet, Picasso, all these wonderful artists."

Of special interest is the Dale Chihuly glass exhibit located on the third floor. This collection was part of the new building's opening in 2002.

Spears said the exhibit is very popular because "you don't have to have an art degree to get it."

Originally a traveling collection, Chihuly's work received so much local interest that the museum began a fund-raising campaign,

eventually purchasing the collection for \$3 million dollars, Spears said.

The museum's official website, www.okcmoa.com, reports that Oklahoma has a long tradition of supporting the art community, beginning with the formation of the Oklahoma Art League in 1910.

On March 16, 2002, the museum moved into its current downtown facility, the Donald W. Reynolds Visual Arts Center, located at 415 Couch Drive in downtown Oklahoma City. The move was made possible by a \$40 million fund-raising campaign.

The new facility, a three-story, 110,000 square foot structure, contains 15 individual galleries as well as the 252-seat Noble Theatre.

OKCCC students will get in for a discounted price of \$5, Spears said. The usual price is \$7.

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"I'm happy because I think our nation is safer [with] Bush..."

—Jamie Blewett, 21
Nursing major



"I was surprised... everything went as smoothly as it has. Go Nader."

—Kyle Shepherd, 21
Architecture major



"I hope[d] John Kerry [would win] because Bush is evil,"

—Skyler Newark, 21
Premed major



"It would have been better if Kerry won because our nation would have been better off."

—Alyssa Lindsay, 19
Nursing major



"Kerry need[ed] to win. President Bush hasn't helped Social Security or the shortage of flu vaccines."

—Senaqua Hildeth, 18
Child Development major



"I'm glad Kerry didn't win."

—John Courm, 25
Automotive Education Service Program



Voters say yes to state questions

By Sara Masters
News Writing I
Student

Oklahomans voted to pass all nine state questions on the ballot Nov. 2.

SQ 713, a measure allowing a 55-cent tax increase per pack of cigarettes, passed with 762,925 votes of approval, versus 667,342 disapproval.

SQ 705, allowing Oklahomans to have a state lottery, passed by 926,191 votes to 505,534.

No less than 45 percent of the lottery proceeds will be given away as prize money. Thirty-five percent of lottery proceeds will go for education. Another 5 percent will go toward teacher retirement. During the first two years of the lottery, 33 percent of lottery proceeds will go toward start-up costs.

SQ 706 got 970,602 approval votes, double the amount against it. This gives Oklahoma a Lottery Trust Fund which will contain the proceeds from the lottery. It allows the money to be used only for education-related purposes.

SQ 711, a measure to

amend the Oklahoma Constitution to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman, passed with 1,075,069 votes, nearly tripling the no votes, at 346,355.

SQ 712, passed with 849,759 yes votes, compared to 579,199 no votes. It deals with Indian gaming and a Model Tribal Gaming Compact.

If four tribes enter into the Compact, they could put electronic gaming devices into racetracks. It also allows the state to have regulatory control over all Indian gaming.

SQ 707 passed with 731,839 yes votes compared to 672,528 no votes. It allows city, town, and county taxes and fees to be used in these ways: public investments aid in financing development, and as an income source for other public bodies.

SQ 708 was approved by 873,676 Oklahomans, and disapproved by 511,052. This measure changes the amount of money that can be spent from the state's Rainy Day fund due to revenue failure. The change will go from one-half to three-eighths.

SQ 714, a measure

changing the methods for determining the fair cash value of certain homes, was largely supported with 960,955 votes for it, and 433,124 against it. It lists two requirements: the head of household must be 65 years old and must make under \$25,000 per year.

SQ 715 passed with a total of 1,186,466 Oklahomans supporting it, while only 221,526 were against it. It allows permanently disabled veterans or their surviving spouses to be exempt from paying property taxes.

The day before the election, OKCCC students were able to get answers about the state questions at a seminar hosted by the Young Democrats.

Speakers Tony Oliver, James Smith and Josh Butler explained what was behind all the political jargon voters were seeing on the ballots.

"I thought it [the seminar] was good," said student Ashley Osborn. "I would rather know whether to vote or not on a certain issue."

Others agreed. "I think they did a very good job," said Political Science professor Dana Glencross.

Provisional ballots explained

By Caroline Ting
Editor

The Help America Vote Act is new to most states this election year. Oklahoma State Election Board secretary Michael Clingman explained how the ballots work.

"Provisional ballot [relates to] the federal law passed in 2002 that more or less dictates, if all else fails, no voter can be turned away. They get a chance to cast a provisional ballot. That's the basis of it," Clingman said.

Each state has its own rules for provisional ballots, he said. In Oklahoma, when a voter arrives at a precinct and finds his or her name is not on the rolls, several things then happen, he said.

The county election board will call the state election board to find out where the voter is registered to vote. If the voter is at the correct precinct, a provisional ballot can be cast, Clingman said.

Or, if a voter believes he or she registered to vote but, for some reason, the voter's

name isn't listed on the rolls, the state election board would first try to determine if the voter did actually register, Clingman said. Even if they couldn't get verification, the voter could cast a provisional ballot. Then, based on additional research done after the election, the vote may or may not be counted.

If a first-time voter shows up at a precinct with no identification, the person would be given a provisional ballot as well. The voter would need to provide information on the ballot including address, phone number and the last four digits of his or her Social Security number or driver's license number, Clingman said. "If all the information is checked out, the provisional ballot [would] be counted," Clingman said.

Clingman said Oklahoma counted about 2,600 provisional ballots statewide, but, he said, they did not affect statewide races or the presidential race.

"It's [was] way too decisive for them to have any effect at all."

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Halloween carnival a fun, frightful delight

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

Witches and dragons and monsters, oh my! Don't worry, there were princesses, superheroes and even Dorothy, too, at OKCCC's Family Halloween Carnival.

From games and dancing, to a haunted house and more, laughs and screams could be heard throughout the college union.

"Stay away from the haunted house. It's spooky," said 5-year-old Cheyenne Seely.

Approximately 1,200 people attended the carnival on Oct. 29, said Student Life Director Liz Largent.

The cost to enter the carnival was \$1 per child. Adults were free.

Money raised at the Halloween carnival is used to offset the cost of the carnival, said Jon Horinek, Student Life's community engagement coordinator.

"We expected to have a lot of people there," Horinek said. There was a definite increase in the turnout from last year, he said.

About 25 of the college's clubs sponsored booths at the event.

"This [carnival] is a great community service opportunity for the college's clubs," Horinek said.

Club members at all of the booths agreed they were having a great time.

OKCCC students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community, attended the carnival with their children.



Seven-month-old Kevin Cousens poses at the Photography Club's Polaroid booth. The Photography Club took instant pictures of the children in their costumes at the Halloween carnival.



Wes Mize, vice president of OKCCC's Writing Club, dressed up as a hobo and entertained the children.



Destinee Grate, 8, gets her face made up by sophomore Valerie Jobe at the Society of Performing Artists booth. The event was hosted by Student Life on Oct. 29 and had 1,200 visitors.

Photos by Ann
Lushbough

Sophomore Tracey Lesley celebrates Halloween with Zane Lesley, 2, as FrankenZane, Elijah Lesley, 5, as Mummy, and Cody Rogers, 7, as Dracula.



Students 'Discover' future career

**By Nicole Lutz
News Writing I Student**

Deciding on a major and choosing a career path are common concerns many students admit they need help with. Deciding on one's future can be complex, but there is help.

The place to find answers is in the college's Testing and Assessment Center. It is located behind the Student Development Center.

Discover, a program that

few students are aware of, is an Internet based program that offers career planning, said Jim Ellis, career and assessment services director.

Upon visiting the Assessment Center, students will be given a sheet of paper with a website address and password which will allow them to log in to the Discover program, Ellis said.

Discover, developed by ACT, contains a series of questionnaires and inventories, he said.

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—Jim Ellis

Career and Assessment Services Director

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The program allows students to learn more about themselves by taking inventories, according to the Discover website.

The inventories ask questions about the student's interests such as, "Do you like to study biology?"

Students are asked to rate their abilities in such fields as helping others. They also are asked to rate their values, such as, "Do you want to work outdoors?"

The Discover website gives students the option to

learn about the occupations that best fit them according to their results.

OKCCC student Chris Young said he found the website helpful for his business degree.

"It told me about the different business careers and degree programs that are available, what classes to take and what schools offer my major," Young said.

Students can find job openings with links given for job searches on the Discover site.

They also can learn how to prepare a résumé and interview with success, Ellis said.

The website even allows

students to develop a portfolio with their information to better plan a major and career path.

"The most effective way to find answers is to print out a copy of your results from the website and to visit a Student Development counselor," Ellis said.

By bringing the printout to a counselor, the student can speak one-on-one about possible major options and what classes to take for a degree.

"It is important not only to use the Discover program, but also to discuss results with a counselor who can help," Ellis said.

Discover is a useful option for many students. It can help them decide on a major and career path that would best fit them.

Ellis said Discover is helpful for any student who is having problems planning his or her future.

Dummy teaches nursing students

**By Dana Hale
News Writing I Student**

A new learning tool has brought some notable changes to OKCCC's nursing program.

"New this year, students have a human patient simulator to make learning hands-on and more realistic," said Susan Mann, acting director for the nursing program.

The simulator looks like a human and is so lifelike that it breathes and responds to medications and treatments.

"The simulator is one of only two in the state," Mann

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—Susan Mann
Acting Director
for Nursing Program

said. The other is used at the University of Oklahoma Medical School, mostly to train anesthesiology students."

"The simulator is linked with a computer and different scenarios can be loaded," Mann said.

"It can be a healthy young male, a frail elderly female or other types."

The simulator's reactions are based on what the student does to treat it.

The reactions will change

according to the various age and physique settings the simulator is programmed to imitate.

"Several students can be in the room working on [the simulator] at one time.

"The room with [the simulator] is linked with other classrooms in the area and other students can observe via a screen," Mann said.

The simulator responds to CPR and can die.

"During training this summer a room full of faculty killed it twice," Mann said.

OKCCC President Bob Todd is responsible for raising the \$175,000 needed to purchase the simulator.

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Employee uses skills to educate workers

**By Anna Rodriguez
News Writing I Student**

Armed with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and currently pursuing a master's degree in early child development, Diedra Carpenter has joined the OKCCC staff.

Carpenter is the new scholar coordinator for Scholars for Excellence in Child Care.

She uses her motivation skills to recruit child care workers to pursue higher education and helps the education system expand one teacher at a time.

Carpenter's former posi-

tion as the head teacher for Our Spot Head Start in Oklahoma City helped her develop a love of children and a remarkable view on the field of education, she said.

She said she believes the teaching profession is important and feels it exposes the positive side of society.

"I believe a proper early education will alter negative situations in the future," Carpenter said.

One of the main duties for Carpenter is to recruit child care professionals from Oklahoma and Cleveland counties to come to OKCCC and earn a degree in Child Development.

"I get to be a motivator,"

Carpenter said.

She visits day care centers and home child care centers three times a week.

Through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Carpenter is able to offer scholarships that pay 80 percent of tuition and 100 percent of book costs for those who are eligible for the scholar program.

"I want to add more students to the college, but not just regular students," Carpenter said. "I want them to be the top students, who are then able to mentor others."

Carpenter also has the added duty of mentoring

"I believe a proper early education will alter negative situations in the future."

—Diedra Carpenter

Child Development Scholar Coordinator

child care providers and students.

"I want to prepare [child care providers and students] to prepare someone else," she said.

Dr. Mary McCoy, Child Development Center and Lab School director and a professor in the Child Development program, said Carpenter has become a liaison between the students and the college.

"She has tied everything

together," McCoy said.

Carpenter said she loves her job and wishes she had more days at work.

Carpenter's office is located in the CDCLS, on the southeast side of campus across the road from the Automotive Center.

For more information on eligibility for the scholar program, contact Diedra Carpenter at 682-1611, ext. 7832, or e-mail at dcarpenter@okccc.com.

Horror film director shares secrets at special screening

**By Shanna Larson
News Writing I Student**

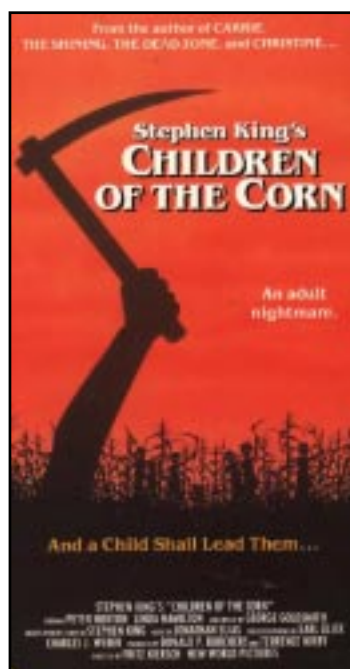
Fans of the cult classic "Children of the Corn" had the chance to see it on the big screen one more time.

Fritz Kiersch, a film professor at OKCCC and director of the horror flick, celebrated the movie's 20th anniversary at the Oklahoma Museum of Art, by hosting a screening of the film, and a question-and-answer session on Oct. 31.

Stephen King's chilling script was shown by way of the digitally re-mastered special edition DVD at the Donald W. Reynolds Visual Art Center, 415 Couch Drive in downtown Oklahoma City.

About 75 people attended the film screening. The audience then asked Kiersch questions about the film and his career.

Audience members asked how Linda Hamilton, who played the female lead, became involved with the movie. Kiersch told of the



over a child in the street. Kiersch expected the scene to go horribly, due to using a cheap mannequin. In actuality, the scene turned out to look very realistic.

Fans also learned about the careers of the actors since the release of "Children Of the Corn."

Surprisingly, actor John Franklin, who played the demonic Isaac, had just gotten out of college when he played the young boy. Franklin has a growth problem that made him look younger than his years. He is now a teacher in Los Angeles.

Horror film buffs learned the technique Kiersch used for the appearance of the monster in the movie. The original script did not contain a monster at all. The wind in the cornfield was created by boat propellers and the monster under the ground was an upside down wheelbarrow being dragged in a ditch by a tractor. The effect in the sky was as simple as ink being injected into water tanks.

Kiersch has been a professor at OKCCC since 2000.

casting and the fact that this was only Hamilton's second movie. He also described how he convinced the makers of "Terminator" that she deserved the part of Sarah Connor, which she later became famous for.

Audience members also learned about events that contributed to making the film even better than planned.

For example, there was a scene in the film where two adults in an automobile ran

New coffee brand offers more selections

**By Courtney Whittier
News Writing I Student**

Douwe Egberts coffee is the newest brand of coffee and cappuccino offered at Sellers, after a new machine was installed in October.

Free samples of the international brand were handed out to patrons on Oct. 25.

The new coffee machine offers more choices, chef Robbie Stephenson said.

"I like [the machine] because it gives variety to the students and that is what we always try to do," Stephenson said.

The new cappuccino flavors include French vanilla, white chocolate caramel, cinnamon roll and English toffee. There also are new syrups that can be added to cappuccinos in order to achieve even more flavors.

Soon, Stephenson said, a list will be posted on the machine instructing customers how to mix cappuccino flavors with various syrups to achieve a desired flavor.

This coffee machine model has only been available for two to three months and was purchased in response to complaints about the old machine, Stephenson said.

Tonya Yahola, Sellers cashier, said students seem to really enjoy the new choices.

"[The students] like it more because it is a new product," Yahola said.

Customers are enjoying the new flavors more, she said.

Stephenson and Yahola both said there have been no complaints about the new machine.

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Sports

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EVENTS

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

INTRAMURALS

•**Nov. 9:** Volleyball league continues. Games will be held on Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the OKCCC gymnasium.

•**Nov. 11:** 3-on-3 basketball league continues. 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. 7786 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.

OKCCC is going to take a dive

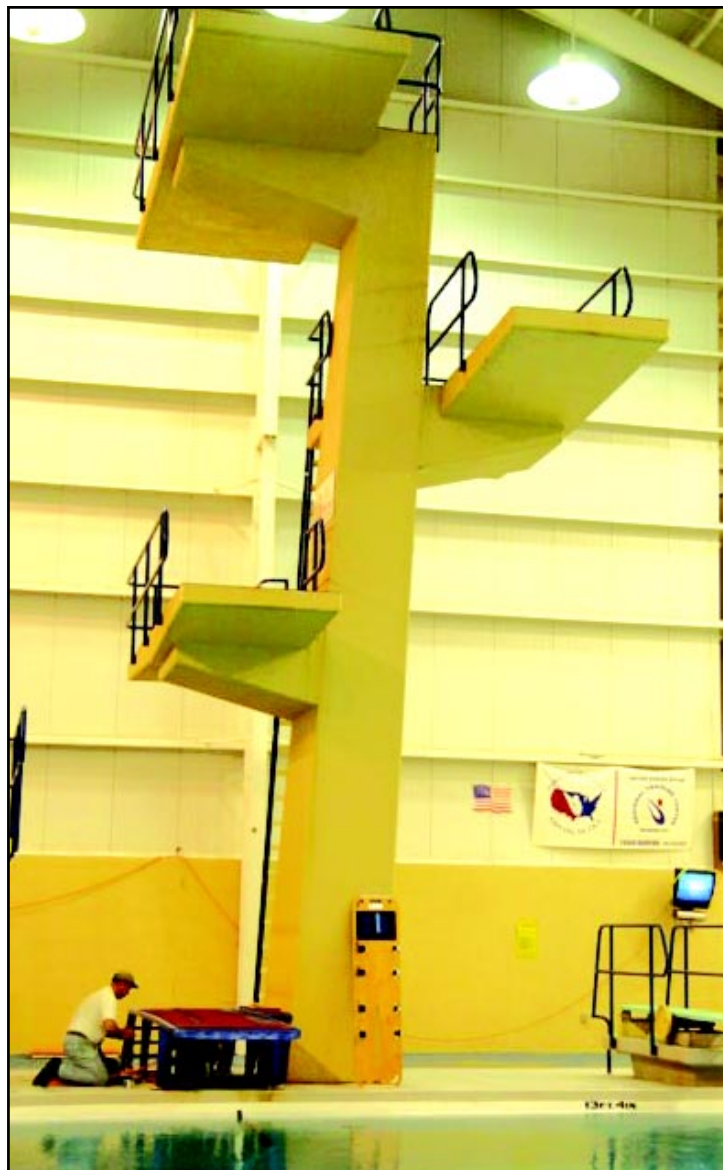


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The third installment of the Oklahoma City Diving Invitational will be held in the Aquatics Center on Nov. 6 and 7. The meet will begin at 9 a.m. Final preparations for the diving contest are in full swing so the college will be able to put its best foot forward.

Swim meet may get hung out to dry

By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

OKCCC swimmers may miss the opportunity to strut their stuff in a Speedo.

The intramural swim meet, scheduled for Nov. 17, is in jeopardy of being canceled.

Eric Watson, Community Education and Health specialist, said only five or six participants have signed up

so far.

"If we don't have at least 10 people sign up, then the event will probably be canceled," Watson said.

Watson said he is waiting for more entrants before he continues the planning.

"[The meet itself] consists of different types of events," Watson said.

Watson also said he is going to try and incorporate a few events just for fun.

"We are thinking about having an inner tube race," he said.

By Jennifer Thorley
News Writing I Student

With a newly-resurfaced pool bottom and other improvements, the OKCCC Aquatic Center will be hosting the Oklahoma City Diving Invitational.

"In diving we want people to know we are here," said Pam Stvegoft, president of the Oklahoma City diving club and meet coordinator.

The invitational will begin at 9 a.m. on Nov. 6 and 7.

"This is the third year we've had the invitational," Stvegoft said.

Divers from six states are coming to the invitational this year including Wyoming, Texas and Missouri.

Usually the participants come with their local swim teams, said Stvegoft.

Participants range from 7-year-olds to 18-year-olds.

"I think it's great exposure for the college," she said.

"Kids can see the pool and they want to come back."

The invitational will be held at the diving well of the OKCCC Aquatic Center.

The diving well, with a depth of 18-feet-6-inches, makes it ideal for diving practice noted the Aquatic

Center website.

Anywhere from 100 to 130 people are expected to attend the invitational.

Stvegoft said the OKCCC Aquatic Center is home to the second best regional training center for U.S. diving.

The Oklahoma team has 25 to 30 divers right now. Each has competed at a national level, Stvegoft said.

Some of the members of the team have even reached junior Olympic levels.

The team is practicing from 4 to 8 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, Stvegoft said.

Along with practice, members of the team take a dance class once a week and practice tumbling too.

In order to compete in the meet at OKCCC each participant must be registered with U.S. Diving, Stvegoft said.

A \$20 entry fee also is required by all participants to compete, Stvegoft said. The meet is free to the public. Concessions and T-shirts also will be on sale at the meet.

For more information about the Oklahoma City Diving Invitational go to www.okcdiving.com or contact the Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-7860.

The swim meet is scheduled to be held in the college Aquatics Center and is free to all participants.

"There will be no fees," Watson said. "It's a student activity."

All participants need to provide their own swimsuit, goggles, and swimming cap, Watson said.

Stephanie Scott, Aquatics and Safety Training specialist, said it is up to the individual whether to wear a swimmer's cap or goggles.

"They are not required,"

Scott said.

The winner of the event will receive an intramural championship T-shirt.

Anyone who would like to participate in the swim meet needs to contact Watson before Nov. 15 at 682-1611, ext. 7786

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Testing Center ups surveillance

By Todd Milligan
News Writing I Student

The Testing Center will soon add an additional surveillance camera that will give center employees "an improved view of the entire room," said Career Assessment Services Director Jim Ellis.

The center already is observed by a series of cameras that run to several screens in the office for employees and Ellis to watch.

He said the cameras serve a real purpose.

"The surveillance system is for the student's protection," Ellis said. "We mainly use the cameras in case anyone is accused of cheating."

A student accused of cheating by one of the proctors of the center or even by another student, might find the cameras useful. Ellis said.

"If the student were to be falsely accused of cheating, we would have the proof on tape if they really did or didn't do it," Ellis said. "This is a benefit to everyone."

Ellis said the video tape always tells the truth, so the student should not feel overly stressed about being observed — unless that person is cheating.

Some students are wary of the added surveillance, saying it increases their anxiety.

Accounting sophomore Matt Renes said knowing he is being watched makes him a little nervous.

"Even though I'm not cheating, I still get nervous because I feel like someone is staring at me," Renes said. "The surveillance just makes you feel a little uneasy."

"It's just the presence of a camera and the feeling that someone is watching you that makes some people nervous," he said.

Ellis said students should relax, that they have nothing to worry about.



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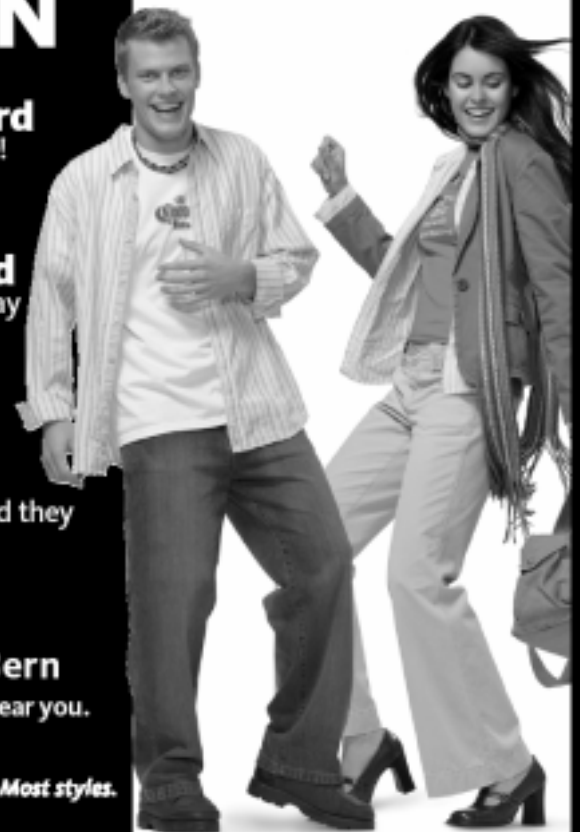
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Clubs to bid farewell to favorite game

Alpha Omega, Baptist Collegiate Ministries and Chi Alpha are joining for a Halo Goodbye Party to celebrate the release of Halo 2 from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8, in college union room 3. Participants should bring their own Xbox controllers. For more information contact Bortier Manison at 672-6324.

Health Professions club to host speaker

The Health Professions club will host guest speaker Heath Burge at their meeting from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, in room 1C4 of the main building. Burge is from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and will discuss the College of Pharmacy. For more information contact Steve Kamm at 682-1611, ext. 7268.

Fund-raiser for Spring Writing Symposium

A book sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, and Thursday, Nov. 11, in the first floor of the main building. Books, CDs, DVDs and videotapes will be sold. All are priced under \$2. Also, "Points of Contact," a CD recorded by Arts and Humanities faculty, will make its debut. The CD has original poetry, fiction, music and sells for \$5.

Speaker to discuss admissions

Dr. Kenneth Coy will speak at the Health Professions club meeting from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11. Coy will discuss admissions at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. For more information contact Steve Kamm at 682-1661, ext. 7268.

Holiday gift fair for charity

Phi Theta Kappa is supporting the American Cancer Society by hosting a holiday gift fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, in the college union. Participants can get a booth at the cost of \$25 for students and \$35 for non-students. Make money and support a good cause. For more information contact Richard Rouillard at 682-1611, ext. 7389.

Auditions for international culture show

The International Students Association will hold auditions for its international culture show from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, in college union room 3. The show is for anyone with a cultural display. For more information contact E.J. Johnson at erjohnson@po.okccc.edu.

Vocal recital on campus

A vocal recital will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, in college union room 1. The recital features mezzo soprano Daisy Hicks and tenor Casey McCarty. They will be assisted by pianist Phoebe Brown. Music by Brahms, Britten, Donaudy, Handel and Mendelssohn will be performed.

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. For more information contact the Training Center at 682-7562.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Photographers being photographed: The Photography Club took a trip to the Will Rogers Gardens on Oct. 23 to take some pictures. From left are Lawanda LaVarnway, Adjani Vidal, Azfar Gul, Trena Grayson, Steven Birkes and Serena Torrez.

Haunted house scares visitors

Scholar's League continues annual tradition at recent Halloween carnival

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Building a haunted house full of frightening things to scare people is not what you expect from members of Scholar's League, a club comprised of students who have received scholarships from the college.

The club joined with the Student Art Guild to create a haunted house at the annual Halloween Carnival on Oct. 29.

Each year the clubs design, build and operate the haunted house, Scholar's League President Kyle Stowers said.

Stowers said the club planned a haunted house with multiple parts with ideas coming from a number of members.

It filled rooms CU1 and 2. "We thought we would not have enough to fill the rooms, but with the help of the Student Art Guild, we got the jobs done," club Secretary Jennifer Williams said. "It was well organized this year."

Williams and other members of the club enjoyed the haunted house.

"It went well," Williams

said. "The carnival was fun because we got the new members involved."

"It showed who will be a part of the club's leadership after some of us have graduated," Williams said she is graduating from OKCCC this December.

Before the Halloween carnival, club Treasurer Kevin Badgett said he was looking forward to scaring a few people.

Badgett said he dressed up as a dead guy similar to one in the Michael Jackson music video "Thriller."

"I wore a suit that I bought from a thrift store and tore it up," Badgett said.

He said he stood up in a coffin made for the event.

Badgett said he wanted to see the reactions of people who went through the haunted house. He said many of them screamed and jumped as they passed him.

Stowers said the haunted house had multiple parts including a cemetery, jack-in-the-box and a head popping out of a table.

Club member Kyle Shepherd said more adults than children were scared.

Stowers said the scariest part of the house was a hallway connecting CU1 and 2. He said the room contained

two fog machines, a number of hidden club members and a runaway truck.

He said the truck had two, one-million candle-light powers lights attached to it that adds to the realism.

"It's a great way to get everyone together as a team," Stowers said.

"We had a common goal of scaring those who came into the haunted house and we did."

After the carnival, a few members of the club went bowling at Bowling Green on 104 Street and Western Avenue.

"It was a good ice-breaker," Stowers said.

"I had fun getting to know people".

On Saturday, Nov. 13, Scholar's League will continue another tradition of an all day bonfire, Williams said.

The next Scholar's League meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, in CU 3.

For more information about Scholar's League, contact Mindy Bergin at 682-1611, ext. 7171.

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

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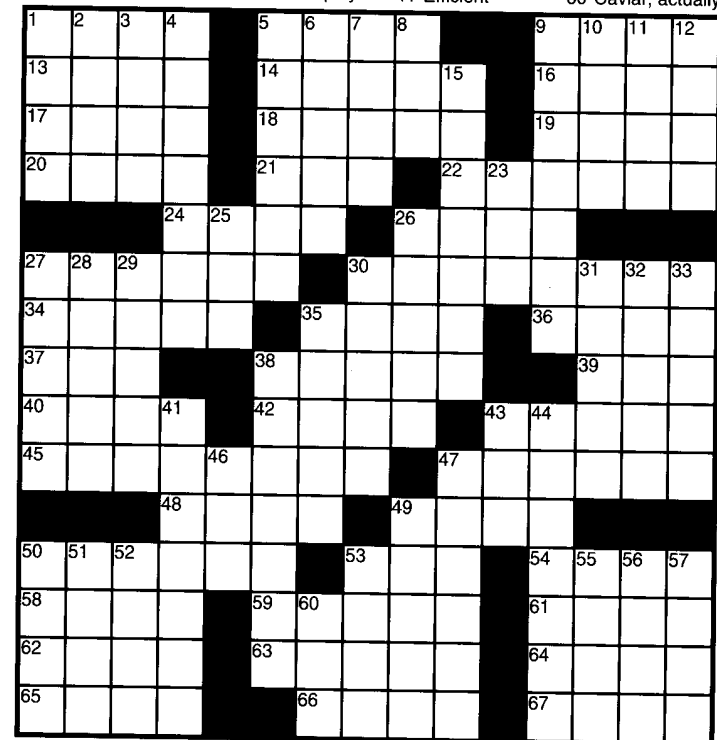
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Variety of trees to add color to landscape

**By Amanda Murray
News Writing I Student**

A landscape makeover is in progress for OKCCC's retention pond on the corner of S.W. 74th Street and May.

The Physical Plant department has been busy adding new trees and shrubs to the pond area, said Gary Phillips, Building and Campus Services supervisor.

He said, during the past two weeks, the surrounding planter beds have had six to eight inches of dirt removed to allow room for healthy new soil.

Many holes are beginning to appear around the edge of the pond to house trees that will add to the autumn splendor of the campus landscape.

Complementing the landscape will be three Chinese Pistache trees that have bright red-orange leaves, and three Golden Rain trees that are golden yellow during the fall with small seed pods that hang down resembling tiny Chinese lanterns, Phillips said.

Adding to the view will be three Caddo Maple trees. The Caddo Maple is native to Oklahoma, Phillips said. It has deep green leaves with deep red veins of color that seep through. The last variety will be six Shumard Red Oak trees that turn a

brilliant red in the fall.

Trees are not the only vegetation that will be added to the pond.

Shrubby also is on the agenda. The shrubs include 60 Crape Myrtle standing six feet tall with multicolored flowers, and 37 Maiden Grass plants that have golden tassels that hang down in a wheat-like appearance, Phillips said. The new trees and shrubs will bring vivid colors to the pond and sidewalks.

Finding plants that will thrive in the extreme temperatures of Oklahoma's weather can be a daunting task but Phillips knows his plants. "We selected the best types of trees and shrubs that would grow in Oklahoma," Phillips said.

The planting job is being funded by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation of Parks and Public Spaces and is scheduled to be completed by early November.



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Ongoing work to the college's retention pond includes adding trees, shrubbery and other vegetation said Gary Phillips, OKCCC Building and Campus supervisor.

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