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Everybody pays for past due tuition

Students owe thousands of dollars

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Each year, students end up owing thousands of dollars to the college in unpaid tuition.

College Bursar Brandi Johnson said when students fail to make tuition fee payments, it hurts everyone.

"[The college] has based its budgets on the enrollments of students and tuition fees charged to students," she said.

"When (students don't pay), it obviously decreases the college's cash flow."

Past-due payments result in the Bursar's Office placing a hold on student accounts, which can hurt the college's enrollment.

"When a student reaches a point that the hold is on [the account], they can't enroll in classes," Johnson said. "[This means] there's a student that the college doesn't have."

The students also will not be able to get transcripts, official grades or add or drop classes from the current semester, Johnson said.

The total number of accounts turned over to collections increased from 1,100 to 1,727 between 1998 and 2002, according to the OKCCC collections history. The total dollar amount for the past-due accounts in those years went from \$353,278.74 to \$692,430.10. In 2002-03 the total amount decreased slightly to \$557,024.12.

Johnson said because tuition and fees have increased steadily in the past few years, it is logical that the total dollar amount for the past-due balances also increased.

In addition, the number of accounts does not represent the number of students, said Ralph deCardenas, Bursar's Office employee.

Students can be counted more than once, if they enroll in different terms during one semester, Johnson said.

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—Brandi Johnson
OKCCC Bursar



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Get back in the water: Workers check out work that was done on the college swimming pool recently as they prepare to install a bulkhead. The bulkhead is the movable partition in the pool that defines the length of the lanes during competitions. Renovations on the pool are finished and the pool has been reopened.

College awarded \$70K grant

By Caroline Ting
Editor

OKCCC is one among 10 colleges and universities in Oklahoma to receive Brain Gain improvement grants totaling nearly \$750,000 from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, according to a news release.

The college has been awarded \$70,000 from the grants.

The purpose of Brain Gain grants is to "help increase retention and graduation rates and degrees earned across the state," the press release said.

OKCCC President Bob Todd is pleased with the funding.

"I think [the grant] will give us additional support to work on retention of our students and assisting students, making sure that they complete their programs," Todd said.

The \$70,000 grant would be used predominantly to provide additional resources in the basic education areas of math, reading and writing as well as others, Todd said.

Todd said the basic assumption is that the program would work best for those who are able to read, write and use a computer.

Todd said he very much believes in the premises of Brain Gain — "economic development in the state of Oklahoma is directly related to the number of college graduates in the state."

"Therefore, if you want to increase the number of college graduates in the state, then the way to do that is increase graduation at the colleges."

Colleges and universities in the state responded favorably to the state regents' idea of providing support through Brain Gain, Todd said.

A total of 21 proposals were submitted to the OSRHE, he said.

Then, Todd said, the state regents had individuals from outside of the state review all the proposals to "ensure a greater level of objectivity and knowledgeable review."

The grants given to the 10 institutions range from \$22,200 to \$105,134, according to the news release.

OKCCC may not be able to do everything with \$70,000, Todd said, but the funding will have a significant impact on the process. "I'm very pleased with the potential to expand the programs and to have had others look at what we say we plan to do."

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Parents, set the boundaries

With "Halo 2" and the "Grand Theft Auto" series breaking records in sales, it is apparent that violent video games are growing ever more popular. Gone are the simpler times when running, jumping and spitting fireballs could be found enjoyable.

Now, games contain realistic weapons and intense real-life situations. Some say these types of games are unsuitable for children.

According to a study on video game violence and public policy conducted by Dr. David Walsh, 79 percent of American children play computer or video games on a regular basis. Children ages 7 to 17 play for an average of eight hours a week.

With all of the time spent playing video games, it is understandable that some people want a little control over what types of games children can get their hands on. This is the purpose of the Entertainment Software Rating Board, to place ratings on the covers of all video games.

According to the ESRB website, there are five different ratings for video games.

EC – means the game is suitable for early childhood ages 3 and older.

E – suitable for everyone ages 6 and over.

T – suitable for teenagers ages 13 and older.

M – suitable for mature audiences 17 years of age or older.

AO – suitable for adults only.

The ratings are placed on all video games sold in stores. Some stores require a valid driver's license proving a buyer's age before a mature-rated video game can be bought.

The ratings system is a fair and suitable way to limit a child's access to violent video games.

Another argument concerning video game violence is that by playing violent video games, children are becoming more violent.

According to a study posted on www.apa.org/, students who played more violent video games in junior high school engaged in more aggressive behavior.

This could be due to the fact that more aggressive children choose more violent video games. It is unfair, however, to place the blame entirely on the video game industry.

While the ratings system may be satisfactory for grandparents who can't bring themselves to play the games, parents should still take the time to screen video games before allowing their children to play the games.

It wouldn't hurt to sit down and actually play the game with children and explain to them what is and isn't acceptable behavior.

Thousands of children played "Super Mario Brothers" for years, and never went out in the front yard to eat mushrooms before chasing after a giant dragon. Parents need to take responsibility for raising their children and not leave it up to video games.

—Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

Dr. Prestamo will be missed

To the editor:

I just wanted to publicly say thank you to Dr. Manuel Prestamo for his years of service to OKCCC and the community, especially in regard to his dedication in providing diverse opportunities to enjoy and learn from the many cultural events held over the past several years.

If you are a student who has had a special visitor in one of your classes because that visitor had been invited to perform with the

Cultural Awareness Series, you have Dr. Prestamo to thank. If you are a member of the community who enjoyed an evening of music, song, dance or theater as part of the Cultural Awareness Series, you have Dr. Prestamo to thank.

From the Moscow Boys Choir, the Salzburg Marionette Theatre, the Little Angels from Korea, to Brad Richter from Enid, Edgar Cruz from Oklahoma City and many, many others, our college community has

been enriched by the diversity of cultures, local and global, brought to us by Dr. Prestamo.

Dr. Manuel Prestamo will be greatly missed by many people at OKCCC and in the Oklahoma City area. Best wishes and kind regards.

—Bertha Wise
English Professor

Prepare for the weather

To the editor:

It won't be long and we all will be thinking about and dealing with winter conditions.

The college administration strives to make college-closing and classes-called-off decisions by 5 a.m. for morning classes and by 2 p.m. for afternoon and evening classes, depending on the weather circumstances.

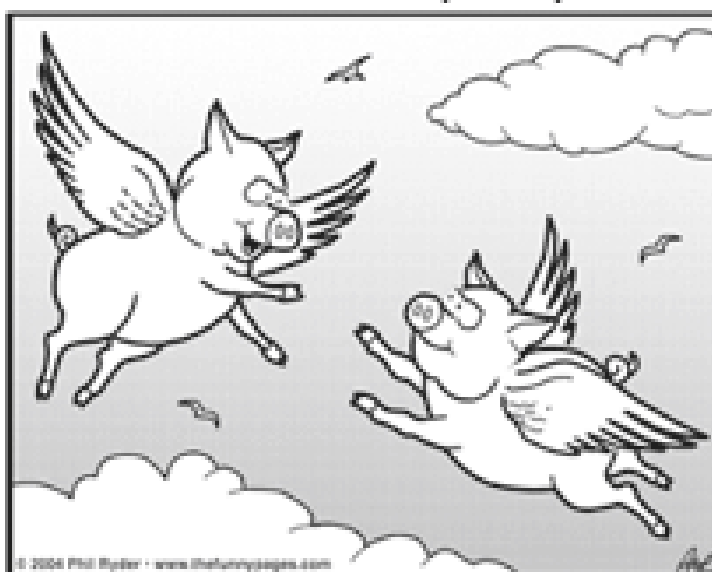
Students need to listen to the following local television stations: KFOR 4, KOCO 5, KWTV 9 and FOX 25.

Radio stations to tune in are: KTOK 1000 AM and KOMA 92.5 FM. The college website (<http://okccc.edu/>) also will post college closings, delays, etc.

—Pat Berryhill
Executive Director of
Institutional
Advancement

THE JOKE'S ON YOU

by Phil Ryder & YOU



"Every time a politician tells the truth,
another pig gets his wings."

— Sher Surratt • Cleveland, OH

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Comments and Reviews

'Jones' returns to success

She's back... and better than ever. Bridget Jones (Renée Zellweger) returns for a second movie, "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason."

Women of all ages enjoyed a sneak preview of the film on Nov. 4 at Quail Springs Mall. Even a couple of soft-hearted guys showed up. O.K., O.K., their girls were dragging them in.

In this sequel to "Bridget Jones' Diary," the story picks up where it left off. Jones is dating Mark Darcy (Colin Firth). Although she absolutely adores him, she begins having doubts about their relationship.



Jones' job as a journalist sends her to Thailand to work with her co-worker and former lover Daniel Cleaver (Hugh Grant).

After some exciting twists and turns land Jones in a Thai prison, the laughs

come more frequently.

There is a surprise in who comes to her rescue.

Many characters from the first movie reappear in the sequel. These characters alone are enough reason to go see the film.

If you liked the first film, you would love the sequel.

So ladies, go cry, laugh and smile at all of Jones' mistakes and you will see your life's not so complicated after all.

And, guys, it's worth sitting through to make your girl happy. Hey, you might even find yourself laughing, too.

—**Christiana Kostura**
Staff Writer

'Blinking With Fists' is a heavy hitter

The many sides of human nature are visible in Billy Corgan's poetry. Whether it be anger, malicious intent, compassion or heartache, Corgan speaks of it from first-hand experiences, making his first poetry book "Blinking With Fists" an estimable experience on its own.

Gaining much renown for his role in the Smashing Pumpkins, Corgan has hung up his guitar and shifted his attention toward published work. While "Blinking With Fists" may be his first run at published poetry, he is no stranger to words.

Having already grasped a tremendous amount of respect for his lyrics with

the Smashing Pumpkins, Corgan's wit, charm and personality truly present themselves in his book.

Through 96 pages, Corgan reveals himself in so many ways, that even avid fans will be awestruck. From sincerely deep and meaningful, to brash and hopeful, Corgan literally undoes his stitches and pours himself into his book.

The most revealing poem is "The Poetry of My Heart." It picks apart every single thought Corgan conjures, leaving the readers with a sense of nostalgia and a smile on their faces.

Aside from his use of a romantic tone, imagery has

always been Corgan's strong point. He wields his ability to make the readers hear, see, breathe and feel every poem he inks onto paper.

Although the ingredients for a winning piece of work are there, some of the poems are a tad too aureate and overambitious.

This nudges the readers to reread certain lines which, in the end, seem a tad frivolous in relation to the entire piece.

"Blinking With Fists" is an amazing first helping in its own right. It embodies everything a memorable first poetry book should have. Even if Corgan is no T.S. Eliot or Walt Whitman, he will, nevertheless, have you captivated by his thoughts and his pen.

—**Richard Hall**
Staff Writer



Quote of the Week:

"The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder — a waif, a nothing, a no man."

—**Thomas Carlyle**

YOU asked FOR IT

Q: What was that loud siren noise coming from the second floor of the main building all last week?

A: The college was having new audible and visual devices installed on the fire alarms.

—**Keith Bourque**
Campus Safety and Security Coordinator

Q: Ramps from both parking lots A and G meet up on the roof area next to the second floor of the main building. However, the entrance is not handicap accessible. Can the college make this entrance handicap accessible?

A: The ramps going to the roof do not meet ADA requirements. The college is currently planning the addition of the second floor of the Science, Engineering and Math Center. At that time, the accessibility of the ramps and entries will be addressed.

—**J.B. Messer**
Physical Plant Director

Q: Why is it that only News Writing I students can write stories for the Pioneer unless it's a letter to the editor?

A: The Pioneer is a training lab for students in the journalism and broadcasting program. Our news reporters are enrolled in the News Writing I class or would have had some background in basic news reporting.

—**Sue Hinton**
Journalism Professor and Pioneer Adviser

Q: Why does Rose State have a basketball team but not OKCCC?

A: It is up to the president of the college and at this time it just doesn't fit into OKCCC's plan. Right now OKCCC is more concerned with becoming academically sound.

—**Eric Watson**
Community Education and Health Specialist

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OKCCC that you don't have
the answer for?
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Give us the question and
we will find the answer
for you.
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Comments and Reviews

Nagging smokers is a no-no

To the editor:

A note to nonsmokers:

If you live with a smoker, or are close friends with one, don't nag about their smoking habit!

You can make noise about their smoking in the house or near you, because their second hand smoke hurts you, but don't nag them to quit.

There's a big difference.

Just three times a year, you can ask your loved one briefly to quit smoking in

very loving warm tones. Surround your request with honest compliments.

Nonsmokers should treat smokers with respect and work their way through them.

If you are a smoker and your loved ones are nagging you, don't fall into the old trap of hurting them by continuing to smoke out of your anger toward them. Instead, let them know how you feel.

Smokers — you can do it.

If you have tried to quit smoking and failed before, take comfort in the fact that most smokers fail several times before quitting successfully.

Your past failures are not a lesson that you are unable to quit. Instead, view them as part of the normal journey toward becoming a nonsmoker.

—Dorothy Ackon-Mensah

Vice President of
Service Phi Theta Kappa

'Switchfoot' a mix of rock and pop

When a band or musician arrives in the mainstream, their concerts are suddenly filled with a new slew of fans, the bandwagon types.

Many of these only know the lyrics to the band's current hits.

"Switchfoot" has sold nearly two million copies of its 2003 album "The Beautiful Letdown." Their success is due in part to two top 10 hits, "Meant To Live" and "Dare You To Move."

An effort was made to help the bandwagon types catch up to long-time fans. They did so by releasing the three albums as one package. "The Early Years: 1997-2000" is a three CD set that retails for \$17.97 and sells for less at some stores.

The music is a refreshing mix of rock, pop and spirituality. Each of the set's 32 songs offers something different. The best part about listening to each of the CDs is hearing the growth of the band.

While the sound may not be as full because the band was a trio during "The Early

Years," they still made beautiful music. "The Legend Of Chin" is their 1997 debut and displays the work of a band fresh out of high school. Its second track, "Chem 6A," jumped out as a favorite.

With lyrics students can relate to such as "I don't wanna/Read the book/I'll watch the movie," the band is likable.

Other highlights of "The Legend Of Chin" include "Underwater" and "You."

The band's second album "New Way To Be Human" is overall stronger and more complete.

The title track and "I Turn Everything Over" are the best examples of rock on the album.

However, it is the band's softer songs "Let That Be Enough" and "Only Hope" that complete the album.

The third album in the set is Switchfoot's 2000 release "Learning to Breathe." Standout songs include:



"You Already Take Me There," "Poparazzi" and "I Dare You To Move."

This album features the original version of the band's current hit "Dare You To Move."

It is a great song in either form, but this version lacks the intensity of the 2003 version.

The set's final song, "Living Is Simple," does the best job of summing up the band's beliefs and sound.

If you want to rock and sing along, "The Early Years: 1997-2000" is for you.

—Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

'GTA' worth a look

"GTA: San Andreas," the latest installment of the "Grand Theft Auto" series, hit stands Oct. 29.

This time around the main character is CJ, who must return to San Andreas to attend his mother's funeral.

Upon his arrival, CJ is picked up by two crooked cops, voiced by Samuel L. Jackson and Chris Penn. The cops frame CJ for a murder, rob him and drop him off in the neighborhood of a rival gang. CJ has no choice but to join his old crew and revert to the lifestyle he tried to escape.

"San Andreas" is without question the best video game ever to be released on the Playstation 2 console. The game play is similar to that of the earlier "GTA" games with a few new features.

CJ can now duck and roll while locked onto an enemy, in addition to being able to use combo attacks. A few of the glitches in the old "GTA" games also have been corrected.

"San Andreas" moves much quicker than earlier titles. Players do not have to wait for the game to load as they enter a different city as in the past. This is truly an incredible feat, since the size of "San Andreas" is actually six times larger than "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City."

Other new additions include four-person drive by shootings, the ability to rob houses, as well as the ability to customize the appearance of your character. There also are new vehicles and weapons at your disposal. This is basically a continuation of the earlier titles with enough new stuff to keep you interested.

If you follow the "GTA" series, then this is a must-have. If not, then you should at least try this one to see what everyone is talking about.

—Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

Hope for the best from Gillette M3 Power razor

The newly-released Gillette M3 Power razor [a Mach 3 innovation] is not exactly all it is cracked up to be.

The Gillette Company advertises its new razor to "enable gentle micro-pulses to stimulate hair up and away from the skin, so in just one power stroke, you can get a closer and more thorough shave."

However, this wasn't the case when I shaved with the first micro-powered shaving system from Gillette.

Even though I was disappointed with the razor, it was definitely more enjoyable than its predecessor, the Mach 3.

Unfortunately, this new hygiene device does require a triple A battery, but it is shower friendly.

A key factor to consider before purchasing this item is price. Although I experienced a more enjoyable shave, it was not worth \$14.99.

In fact, I honestly could not tell you if I received a closer shave. Hope for the best, but expect the worst if you are planning on buying the new Gillette M3 Power razor.

—David Kilcrease
Staff Writer

Got something you want to say?

Write us a letter!

E-mail: editor@okccc.edu

Star guitarists to entertain college

By Dustin Hunt
News Writing I Student

Award-winning guitarists Edgar Cruz and Ruben Romero will perform at 7 p.m. Nov. 30 in the college theater. The cost is \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students and seniors.

Born and raised in Oklahoma City, Cruz found his love for the guitar, he said, through rock 'n' roll.

As Cruz found his passion for music from music itself, New Mexico native Romero was born with the musical note and began studying guitar at the age of 2.



Edgar Cruz

Cruz's love developed while playing Mexican bass for his father, who has been entertaining restaurant customers for more

than four decades, while Romero continued his studies of the flamenco guitar style in Spain.

When Cruz graduated from Oklahoma City University in 1986, he had already mastered the art of classical guitar.

It was then Cruz decided to combine classical skills and elements of popular

music into his own style that only he can manipulate.

Cruz has been named Oklahoma's Best Performing Artist on Acoustic Guitar three years in a row. He has 12 albums which include styles of jazz, rock and mariachi.

To date, Romero has recorded 17 albums and is distinguished as one of the primary innovators of the "Santa Fe Sound."

Cruz performs more than 200 shows per year. He frequently travels around the world, performing in countries of Europe and Asia.

Both musicians are highly regarded as two of the best performers of this time.

At the performance, the artists will play excerpts from two of their collaborated albums.



Ruben Romero

College network down during break

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

MineOnline, e-mail, online courses, the library system, campus web pages, online class bulletin boards and chat rooms will be inaccessible during an upgrade procedure Nov. 26 and 27.

Access to those services will be unavailable due to an electrical service upgrade, said John Richardson, director of Computer Systems Development.

He said a new uninterruptible power supply will be installed in the computer room during the Thanksgiving break.

The current uninterruptible power supply is at least 15 years old and needs updating, Richardson said.

"An uninterruptible power supply is important," Richardson said, "because it allows all of the equipment attached to it to continue running for 20 to 40 minutes even after a power outage."

He said the college's current uninterruptible power supply has reached its capacity and problems have been occurring due to its age.

"The college needs a new piece of equipment that will meet its needs," Richardson said.

He said the new uninterruptible power supply will have double the capacity of the current one.

Richardson said the dates chosen were the best days available to perform the upgrade.

"We want to get the electrical service upgrade done as quickly as possible without interrupting the college or students," he said.

Richardson said professors are aware of the upgrade and an e-mail will be sent out to students with OKCCC e-mail addresses letting them know of the procedure.

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Students visit French art exhibit

Heatherlyn Gasper
News Writing I Student

History professor Dr. Sheetz-Nguyen and her students took a walk down history lane Nov. 6 at the Oklahoma City Museum of Arts. They viewed some of France's art masterpieces.

The Oklahoma City Museum of Arts is one of six museums to host the exhibit, "Nineteenth to Twentieth Century French Paintings: Millet to Matisse."

The art comes from its home museum in Scotland.

History student Beverly Winn was a first-time visitor to the Museum of Arts. She and her mother took the opportunity for a free trip to the museum. They said they both enjoyed the informative and educational tour.

Sheetz-Nguyen's students also had the opportunity to earn extra credit.

"It's an easy A and they can use it to make up for a bad grade," she said.

"It's a wonderful opportunity."

Western Civilizations student Michael Stiltner didn't go just for the grade. He was open to the experience.

"It's been very realistic and enlightening to learn who did what, how it started and how the paintings evolved," Stiltner said.

Tour guide Silvia Small said museums are a visual walk through history.

The Museum of Arts holds at least 64 pieces in its art collections that date from approximately 1830 to 1930.

"When you think of museums, you expect to see older art, but it is more of a modern museum," said Gwen George, a Survey of Women's History student.

"I enjoyed the tour but it did not compare to the Survey of Rome course I took in the summer with Sheetz-Nguyen."

Also a first-time visitor, George O'Shields said his favorite painting was "The Portrait of Alexander Reid" by Vincent Van Gogh.

"It was very tranquil and wasn't as busy as the other paintings," O'Shields said.

Sheetz-Nguyen's students learned that art work holds its own significant place in history.

"I truly believe that the arts are just as important to the study of history and literature as are the accounts of great wars and technological achievements," Sheetz-Nguyen said.

"I will continue to encourage student visits to art museums in the future by using the carrot of extra credit to sweeten the attraction."

These masterpieces will be on display at the Museum of Arts through Dec. 5.

Individual admission to the OKC Museum of Arts is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Children 5 and younger, and museum members are free.

The Museum of Arts is located at 415 Couch Drive in downtown Oklahoma City.

Aviation Fair winner takes flight



Photo by Melissa Guice

Freshman Justin Mahaffay, 23, stands in front of the N6088F aircraft with Assistant Aviation professor and pilot Carl Gull on Oct. 30 at Wiley Post Airport.

Mahaffay entered a free drawing during the Aviation Awareness Educational Week Oct. 4 to 8. The Norman resident was selected as the winner for an aircraft ride. The flight lasted about 30 minutes.

Gull teaches aviation at OKCCC as a faculty member from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. SOSU now offers a bachelor's degree in aviation through OKCCC, and aviation students can stay right here on the OKCCC campus to finish their degrees in two years after completing their associate degrees.

For more information on the aviation program at OKCCC, contact Valerie Lemon at 682-1611, ext. 7195 or by e-mail at vlemon@sosu.edu.

To learn more about SOSU's aviation program, log on to www.aviation.sosu.edu.

Film industry pros to speak on campus

By Shanna Larson
News Writing I Student

A grant awarded to OKCCC's Film Department will fund a series of guest speakers. Professor Fritz Kiersch of the film department said the money is going to be used to bring in leaders in the movie industry to work with film students.

The students will get to sit in on a class taught by the guest, see a presentation of the guest's work, and join a question and answer session open to the public.

"We'll invite a number of different 'Hollywood caliber' and working professionals to come here," Kiersch said.

The series will give students a chance to discuss careers and opportunities with some of the film industry's most prominent people.

Students will choose who comes to lecture by voting on names from a list and by offering suggestions of their own.

They will have a variety of lecturers to choose from including directors, cinematographers, production designers and special effects engineers.

Robert Altman, director of the M*A*S*H series, and Paul Thomas Anderson, director of "Magnolia" and "Boogie Nights" are two possible guest speakers. The producer of "The Godfather," Albert S. Ruddy, also is a possible choice.

The series will have at least one lecture this semester and up to three in the spring. Kiersch said he hopes to have a speaker for the week of Dec. 1, and has already begun talks with a possible guest speaker.

The Kirkpatrick Foundation gave the \$28,000 grant to the film department. Once the lectures are scheduled, the Cinemateque Society will be in charge of the promotions for each event.

OKCCC to sell \$10 million in revenue bonds

By Caroline Ting
Editor

There are a few more steps to go through before OKCCC sells \$10 million in revenue bonds for building a Science, Engineering and Math Center.

The SEM Center is a part of the college's Vision of the Future plan approved by the college regents in October 2003. Other parts of the plan include building a Performing Arts Center and expanding the health sciences center.

In the upcoming Board of Regents meeting on Nov. 15, the regents will be

asked for a recommendation to approve two resolutions discussed in the Committee of the Whole meeting Nov. 8, said Art Bode, vice president for Business and Finance.

The resolutions listed in the Nov. 8 meeting agenda are to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds, and the sale of revenue bonds on a negotiated basis.

There are two ways to sell the revenue bonds, Bode said. One is competitive bid and the other is negotiated basis.

In a competitive bid, Bode said, one would sell bonds on a certain day and then receive bids with interest rates at the end of the day.

"(The bond seller would) have no choice except selling [the bond] to the lowest interest rate," Bode said.

"This may or may not be the best deal."

If selling bonds on negotiated basis, he said, the seller is selling the bonds to an underwriter who will then take the bonds and resell them.

Particularly with public bonds in Oklahoma, Bode said, there are tax benefits to people in the state who buy state-issued bonds.

Through the underwriter negotiating with the people who will eventually buy the bonds, the method is a better opportunity for the college to get a better deal, as

opposed to competitive bid, Bode said.

If the board approves the resolutions on Nov. 15, a number of actions would then be taken by others in the state of Oklahoma, Bode said.

On Nov. 18 the Oklahoma Bond Oversight Commission would be asked to approve the issuance of the revenue bonds, and then the State Regents for Higher Education would be asked for the same approval on Dec. 9.

After that, Bode said, the bonds would be sold. The tentative dates are Dec. 13 or 14. Then, the college would have to wait for 30 days.

"There is a required 30-day period during which someone could challenge the legality of the bonds or how they were sold and so on," Bode said.

At the end of the 30-day period, Bode said, the Attorney General of the state of Oklahoma would approve the sale of the revenue bonds around Jan. 21.

On Jan. 26 or 27 the bond issue would be closed, Bode said. The college would then receive the proceeds of the bond issue, the \$10 million, so construction could begin.

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Many computer jobs still in demand

**By Kelly Carender
News Writing I Student**

More than one million jobs will be available over the next 10 years to students in the computer field, said Al Heitkamper, OKCCC Director of Cyber Security.

Computer Science students choosing to specialize in Cyber Security will have more skills to offer prospective employers Heitkamper said.

"Finding a job in information technology is a game that often comes down to how many tools (skills or knowledge) you have to offer," Heitkamper said. "The real value of the program is that the individual will be more marketable in many areas of information technology."

The college's Cyber Security

program is already in place.

"Teaching began in spring '04 when I taught an online section of Principles of Information Assurance," Heitkamper said.

Due to a shortage in enrollment, classes were not offered in the fall.

Four courses are available for the spring semester.

These include two sections of Principles of Information Assurance, one section of Secure E-Commerce, and one section of Network and Operating System Security.

Two additional courses will be offered in the fall '05 semester. These include a section of Enterprise Security along with a section of Cyber Forensics.

The Cyber Security program offers three educational credentials. Students can obtain an Associate in

"Finding a job in information technology is a game that often comes down to how many tools (skills or knowledge) you have to offer."

—Al Heitkamper
Cyber Security Program Director

Science degree if they plan to transfer to a four-year institution or an Associate in Applied Science degree if they're interested in focusing on skills required to obtain employment immediately upon graduation.

The college also offers a Certificate of Mastery for those wanting to update their work skills or simply learn the core concepts of cyber security.

Classes will be held in a computer lab on the second floor of the library, Heitkamper said. Since the courses require the use of special hardware, software, and various operating systems, classes will be connected to a network sepa-

rate from the college network.

"A career in Computer Science looks exceptionally

bright," said Heitkamper. "Ignore naysayers who say computer careers are dead."

Cyber security vital career field

**By Kelly Carender
News Writing I Student**

Students enrolled in the Cyber Security Program can look forward to more group interaction and fewer lectures.

"These will not be courses where students listen to lectures and take tests," said Al Heitkamper, Cyber Security director.

"Students will find the courses challenging and will need to be able to work together and solve problems."

Cyber Security is defined by its creator, Dr. Sujeet Sheno, as the study of computer systems, their flaws and techniques to protect them.

Heitkamper said, in order to deal with society's problems, we must be able to trust the foundation that provides solutions.

Heitkamper stressed the importance of cyber security.

"It is probably the most important issue society faces because all are affected by technology," Heitkamper said.

Steve Barslou, Information Technology dean, said society must protect information.

"Businesses and individuals have invested little,

if any funds, into securing systems," said Barslou.

Heitkamper, former Dean of the Information Technology Department at OKCCC, left the position to become director of the Cyber Security program.

He is spending this year doing graduate studies in Cyber Security at the University of Tulsa. He is set to graduate in May '05.

Heitkamper plans to return to OKCCC this summer to begin managing the program.

Heitkamper has worked at OKCCC for five years and has worked in information technology for more than 30 years.

"I had several opportunities to pursue cyber security," Heitkamper said.

"When the most recent one presented itself, I realized that it was something I needed to take a serious look at."

He has been involved in OKCCC's cyber security program from the beginning.

He participated in writing the request for OKCCC's (\$450,000) portion of the \$3 million grant Oklahoma received to support the program.

Heitkamper said after spending the past weeks at TU, he is convinced of the program's importance.

Great American Smokeout Nov. 18

**By Graham Rennels
News Writing I Student**

Trying to quit smoking can be one of the hardest things a person can do. But on Nov. 18 people across the United States can take their first step to quitting the harmful habit.

The Great American Smokeout, which began in 1977, will be celebrated on Thursday, Nov. 18.

The Great American Smokeout's motto is "helping cigarette smokers quit for one

day, in hopes they will quit forever."

Kellen Carter, psychology major is willing to quit for one day but said she won't make any promises beyond that.

"I'll give it a try because I've wanted to quit for a long time," Carter said.

Statistics show that smoking directly causes lung cancer, and may also lead to illnesses in adults and children who are subject to second-hand smoke.

Travis Brassfield, another smoker, is a Studio Art sophomore at OKCCC.

"I think the Great American Smokeout is a great idea, but I probably won't quit because I'm a social smoker and I'll probably be partying that night," Brassfield said.

According to the Smokeout's website, smokers who feel they can't quit may just realize they can kick the habit if they can get through a 24-hour period without a cigarette.

For more helpful tips on quitting smoking visit www.cancer.org or call 1-866-PITCH-EM, the state's toll-free hotline.

Smokers are encouraged to put down their cigarettes for one day during the Great American Smokeout Nov. 18.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Crawdads make home in campus pond

By William F. George Jr.
News Writing I Student

The newly-completed campus pond presents a pastoral setting on a misty fall morning. One is likely to see people out for a leisurely stroll, dogs chasing each other down the walking paths and, in the flumes and drainage channels, a prehistoric parade of sorts. Crawdads. Lots of crawdads. Big crawdads.

Chris Snow, Physical Plant assistant director, said he had seen as many as 30 crawdads at one time moving around the pond. They are muddy-brown and six to eight inches long, he said.

"They are the biggest crawdads I have ever seen," he said.

Dr. Liz Bergey of the Oklahoma Biological Survey said the most common of the 28 species of crawdads found in Oklahoma is *orconectes nias*.

It also is the most likely species to be found in the campus

pond.

Bergey said this species is "big and long lived," with an average life span of four to eight years.

Crawdads (also known as crawfish, crayfish and mud-bugs), molt or shed, their shells often when they are young, Bergey said. As they get older, this process is determined by water temperature and food supply.

Bergey said crawdads are particularly active this time of year because, unlike other species, they breed in fall, winter and very early spring.

Gary Phillips, building and Campus Services supervisor, said the 7-acre pond occupies a space where two natural storm water drainage canals met.

He said not only does the pond provide a tremendous service by retaining storm water runoff, it also provides habitats for a wide variety of species.

"There are egrets out there, big blue herons, ducks and geese," Phillips said.

The storm drainage system also acts as a conduit for moving different species from

place to place.

"Everything that is in the pond now is coming from the drainage areas that feed into it," said J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director.

The pond is not fed by a creek, so the fish and other aquatic life including the crawdads, must come from the drainage system, Messer said.

Nationwide, crawdads are the second most endangered group of freshwater invertebrates next to freshwater mussels, Bergey said.

Bergey also is on the zoology faculty at the University of Oklahoma.

"Their [crawdads] numbers are small and prone to disturbance," she said. "Freshwater systems are highly affected by humans."

Disturbances to freshwater systems that threaten crawdads include construction projects, destruction of habitat and crayfish introduction.

Crayfish introduction is when non-native crawdads are introduced into a freshwater ecosystem.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Nope, they're not lobsters. Crawdads are running amok at OKCCC's pond. The crawdads spotted at the pond are said to measure as long as six to eight inches and have been spotted in groups as large as 30. "They are the biggest crawdads I have ever seen," said Chris Snow, Physical Plant assistant director.

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OKCCC pond ready for community

South Oklahoma City has a brand new park with a pond that lies on 18 acres of land on the OKCCC campus. The college held a Retention Pond Dedication on Nov. 10.

The pond project, approved by the OKCCC Board of Regents in October 2002, to be used for storm water drainage. The pond also includes additional landscaping of fountains, and jogging and walking trails.

Many special guests were recognized at the dedication ceremony. Oklahoma State Sen. Debbe Leftwich (District 44), City Council Ward 5 Councilman Jerry Foshee and Paul Brum, director of Public Works with the City of Oklahoma City attended.

OKCCC Board of Regents Chairman Dr. David Casper, along with regents Alice Musser and Ed Chappell, also participated in the ceremony.

"It's a very exciting day for OKCCC," Casper said in his dedication speech.

"We're celebrating the city and the college's collaborative efforts (on the retention pond project)."

The project was done in partnership with the OKCCC Foundation and the city of Oklahoma City, Todd said at the ceremony.

Community members who attended the dedication seemed to like the idea of having a new park area in their area and neighborhood.

"(The pond) is very beautiful and very needed," said Elaine Lyons, South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce president. "It really adds to the quality of life here," she said.

Leftwich also commented on the new addition to the area.

"It's attractive. People love it," she said.

Todd said he is excited to see people walking and jogging by the pond when the weather permits.

"It is a tremendous addition to this community," Todd said.

The pond cost about \$1.2 million, most of it funded by the city.

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OKCCC President Bob Todd and Paul Brum, director of Public Works with the City of Oklahoma City, celebrate the pond and park dedication. The retention/detention pond project was approved by the OKCCC Board of Regents in October 2002.

Oklahoma State Sen. Debbe Leftwich and State Rep. Richard Morrisette stand out of the spotlight for a change. The pair attended the pond and park dedication Nov. 10 along side many other special guests.



OKCCC's pond and park were dedicated Nov. 10 to celebrate its completion. The park offers jogging and walking trails and landscaping of fountains on its 18 acres of land. In this photograph, taken at sunset, the light reflects off the pond surface and surrounds the fountain.



Oklahoma City Council Ward 5 Councilman Jerry Foshee speaks at the pond dedication.

Text by Caroline Ting
Photos by Ann Lushbough

Student magician sees his future in cards

By Jill Hembree
News Writing I Student

"Magic is in the hands," said Yu Da Kim, a professional magician and OKCCC student. He said he believes he has the magic touch that will turn his talent into gold.

But before he does, Kim said he plans to earn his degree in elementary education, so he'll have the means to earn a steady paycheck.

Kim, 21, began practicing magic three years ago when he was reunited with a professional magician who also was his best childhood friend.

Kim said he performed his first acts at his high school, Bishop McGuinness, during his senior year. He said he received a standing ovation from his peers and students at his school were constantly asking him to perform.

"I even had a teacher who always started off our class by asking me to do a magic trick," Kim said.

Since then, Kim said, he has become one of Oklahoma's best magicians.

Kim competes annually in Oklahoma's Close-up Competition where Oklahoma's most talented magicians come together to perform their own personal acts. Kim performs stunts of levitation, manipulation and card tricks.

Although Kim has performed on stage, he prefers close-up acts.

"Close-up magic is more personal because you can interact with the audience

"I want to change the world. I want to be an inspiration to people and influence them to travel and see the world."

—Yu Da Kim
OKCCC Student and Professional Magician

more," Kim said. "It's also more challenging.

"When it's stage magic, a person could completely mess up something and the audience would never know. When I'm performing close-up, if my pinky is slightly off when I'm manipulating the cards, the whole trick is ruined."

Although Kim said he definitely plans on making a career out of performing magic, he plans to revisit his homeland country of Korea. "My grandfather died in the Korean War to save our family," he said. "It was then that all of our fortune was gone.

"I promised him I would become successful and take care of our family."

While in Korea, Kim said, he plans to teach English using his elementary education degree.

"I want to change the world," Kim said. "I want to be an inspiration to people and influence them to travel and see the world."

Kim said he plans to return to the United States to pursue his career in magic after his visit to Korea.

"I'm a very simple person," Kim said. "All I need in life are my hands.

"My hands are going to make me millions of dollars someday."



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Yu Da Kim is a professional magician and OKCCC student. He said he believes he has the magic touch that will turn his talent into gold. Kim, 21, began practicing magic three years ago.

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Students make plans for fall break



"I'm gonna go snowboarding."
—Colt Leonard
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"I'm going to Texas to spend time with my family."
—Griselda Serrano
sophomore
nursing major

"I'm probably going to sleep..."
—David Stottlemire
sophomore
business
management
major



"I think I'll be at drill that week. I'm in the National Guard."
—Kyle Palmer
freshman
political
science major



"I'm getting together with my boyfriend's family."
—Maricruz Martinez
freshman
undecided
major



"...go to Grandma's... and have a big cook-out."
—Narisha Jackson
freshman
computer
design major

"I'm having a family reunion."
—Mabel Hernandez
freshman
business
administration
major



"I might go on a road trip to Mt. Scott and go hiking."
—Michael Bergstrasser
sophomore
undecided major



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Fall break building hours

—Wednesday, Nov. 24: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.—

—Thursday, (Thanksgiving), Nov. 25: CLOSED—

—Friday through Sunday, Nov. 26 through 28: CLOSED—

Regular building hours will resume Monday, Nov. 29

—Monday through Friday: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.—

—Saturday: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.—

—Sunday: closed—

Employees needing access at times other than those listed above should contact Safety and Security at 7747. There are NO classes Tuesday, Nov. 23 through Friday, Nov. 28



Sports

UPCOMING

EVENTS

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

INTRAMURALS

•**Nov. 16:** Volleyball league continues. Games will be held on Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the OKCCC gymnasium.

•**Nov. 18 :** 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.

Volleyball intramural trash talk

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

A heated competition between two volleyball teams took place on Nov. 9 in the OKCCC gymnasium.

The Social Science Spikers won two out of three unofficial games against the Baptist Collegiate Ministries in an intramural volleyball tournament.

A team from the Physical Plant signed up to play, but didn't show.

"Men in Blue didn't show because they knew they'd get beat by the Social Spikers," said Martha



Photo by Christiana Kostura

Jeff Carlisle, Thomas Jones, Martha George and Chuck Carselowey of the Social Science Spikers prepare to take on the Baptist Collegiate Ministries in a volleyball match-up.

George, psychology professor.

Teammate Chuck Carselowey, sociology professor agreed with George.

"The intimidation factor was too great," Carselowey said.

Both teams said they enjoyed the game.

"I'm just glad we get to play," said BCM member Cristal Pursley.

Eric Watson, Community Education and Health specialist, said the event went well and that he hopes to plan more of these types of events in the future.

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Learn to swim at the Aquatic Center

By Jennifer Thorley
News Writing I Student

OKCCC has one of the state's largest Learn-to-Swim programs, said Stephanie Scott, aquatics and safety training specialist.

The Learn-to-Swim Program is designed to help swimmers of all ages and abilities develop their swimming and water safety skills, according to the American Red Cross website, www.redcross.org.

The program is intended to go through six levels with each becoming more difficult than the last.

Since the program is available year round, it allows swimmers progress to new levels at their own pace.

All ages are welcome to attend starting as young as 18 months with a parent present, Scott said.

Students can use the Aquatic Center for free with a current student ID Scott said. Student discounts also are offered some of the programs.

The swim program is held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as Saturday afternoons.

The Tuesday and Thursday classes are \$30 for eight classes. The Saturday classes run five minutes longer and cost \$19 for four lessons.

"This is a very affordable program," Scott said.

Scholarships for the Learn-to-Swim program

are given out each semester. Scholarship requests may be completed in the Office of Recreation and Community Services. See Scott for more information.

The teachers are all water safety certified, Scott said. Aides can be in the water helping, but must go through some training to obtain this title.

Students are always needed as volunteers and

aides for swim events and programs. Many students work part-time at the Aquatic Center or go through the training programs to become certified lifeguards, Scott said.

For information on the Learn-to-Swim program or other programs offered by the Aquatic Center, contact the Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-7860.

Ice-skate at Blazer's arena

By Erin Sanchez
News Writing I Student

For students wanting to learn how to ice-skate, the College for Kids program at OKCCC started a partnership with the Blazers Ice Hockey Arena.

The Blazers are a professional Oklahoma ice-hockey team. The arena is located at 8000 S I-35 Service road.

Jack Perkins Coordinator of Community Education and Health, has taken over the responsibility of looking after the partner-

ship.

The partnership with the arena started less than two years ago and allows students to take ice skating lessons at the arena. Since OKCCC does not have the facilities to teach ice skating, students sign up through OKCCC, but attend the classes the arena already offers.

This way it is possible for a single OKCCC student to join an arena class, though they will not receive college credit.

"[College for Kids] gives kids the opportunity to do things," Perkins said.

Ice skating is not the only

class offered in a partnership.

The program also has partnerships with Troy Cheatwoods Family Martial Arts in Oklahoma City and Bart Connor's Gymnastics Academy in Norman.

These partnerships work the same way as the partnership with the Blazers arena.

This program allows students from age 5 and up to take the classes at the Blazer's arena at a discounted price.

Students can sign up for these classes like any other course: online, over the phone or in person.

Students can test their international IQ

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

OKCCC students will be able to test their global IQ during International Education Week.

Two quizzes will be offered in the Testing Center from Monday, Nov. 15 to Friday, Nov. 19.

John Hughes, political science professor, is organizing the event with the help of Jim Ellis, Testing and Assessment director.

Hughes said the quizzes will have 30 multiple-choice questions in three areas: continents, countries and cultures.

"The quizzes are to test one's knowledge of international geography and current events," Hughes said.

The questions were written by the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of State and the National Geographic Society.

Hughes said this is the second year OKCCC has offered the quizzes. "There was a good turnout last year for the quizzes. We

hope to have a better turnout this year."

Hughes said students should take the quizzes to see how much they know about the topics. "You can also impress people with how much you know, and that's a plus."

Ellis agrees. "It's good to

see what people think of global concerns."

Jon Horinek, coordinator of Community Engagement for Student Life, is involved with many of the planned events for IEW.

"International Education Week can help broaden students' horizons," he said.

Prizes will be given away to students who score exceptionally well, Hughes said. Those include gift certificates to Don Pablo's,

Pizza House and Chan Hong Chinese restaurant.

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CSI class on schedule

By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

With television shows such as CSI becoming popular, the demand for a degree in such areas is on the rise. Melanie Williams, Training Center receptionist, said the center will offer a non-credit course in basic crime scene investigations from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, and Friday, Nov. 19, on the fourth floor of the library.

The cost of the course is \$169 and covers the textbook and lab supplies, Williams said. The course will be taught by Doug Parker of the Oklahoma City Police Department and will be a mixture of classroom and hands-on activities, Williams said.

"I believe they will go out and look at car tracks, mud tracks, footprints, and do fingerprints."

Williams said no prerequisites are required to enroll. The course is approved for 16 hours of Cleet certification and students will receive a certificate upon completion.

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Highlights

Indian taco and fry bread sale

The Native American Student Association will be selling Indian tacos and fry bread from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18, in the college union. Fry bread is \$2 and Indian tacos are \$5 each. Indian tacos come with a drink. The sale is a fund-raiser for the club's trip to the Gathering of Nations, from April 28 to 30, at the University of New Mexico. For more information contact Kristi Fields at 682-7550.

Great American Smokeout on campus

Phi Theta Kappa is teaming with the American Cancer Society to bring the Great American Smokeout to OKCCC on Thursday, Nov. 18. The Great American Smokeout is a day of encouraging people to give up tobacco products, commit to living a healthier life and take advantage of cessation support services the American Cancer Society offers. For more information contact Richard Rouillard at 682-1611, ext. 7389.

Final Employment Services drawing

This is the last month of the Employment Services drawing for a \$50 gift certificate from Wal-Mart. To enter the drawing, upload your résumé to the OKCCC Student Employment website before Nov. 30. The web address is www.collegecentral.com/okccc. For help with a résumé contact Employment Services at 682-7519.

Scholarship available in Enrollment Management

The \$1,000 George and Donna Nigh Scholarship is now available in the Enrollment Management office. If you are an Oklahoma resident, have a 3.2 grade point average or better, are enrolled in at least 12 credit hours, and pursuing a degree leading to a career in public service, please come by the Enrollment Management office and pick up an application. The deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 24. For more information contact Linda Sapp at 682-7580.

Business Professionals of America Meeting

The Business Professionals of America will be holding a meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, in room 2R5 of the main building. The club will be voting for officers and planning for the spring semester. For more information contact Vijayan Ramachandran at 682-1611, ext. 7220, Joe Ramsey at 682-1611, ext. 7454, or Summer Medlin at 748-7468.

Christian club to host outing in Norman

**By Jay North
News Writing I Student**

Christians on Campus is continuing their tradition of college outings at noon on Saturday, Nov. 20, at Rock Creek Youth Camp in Norman.

The event will begin with a discussion on the Book of Genesis, said Christians on Campus staff member Brian Tal-

ent.

"Our goal is to help people build solid relationships with God, while they are in college," Talent said.

Christians on Campus holds Bible study at noon every Monday in CU7.

Talent said the cost of the fall college outing is \$5 and transportation can be provided.

For more information contact Talent at 414-4084.

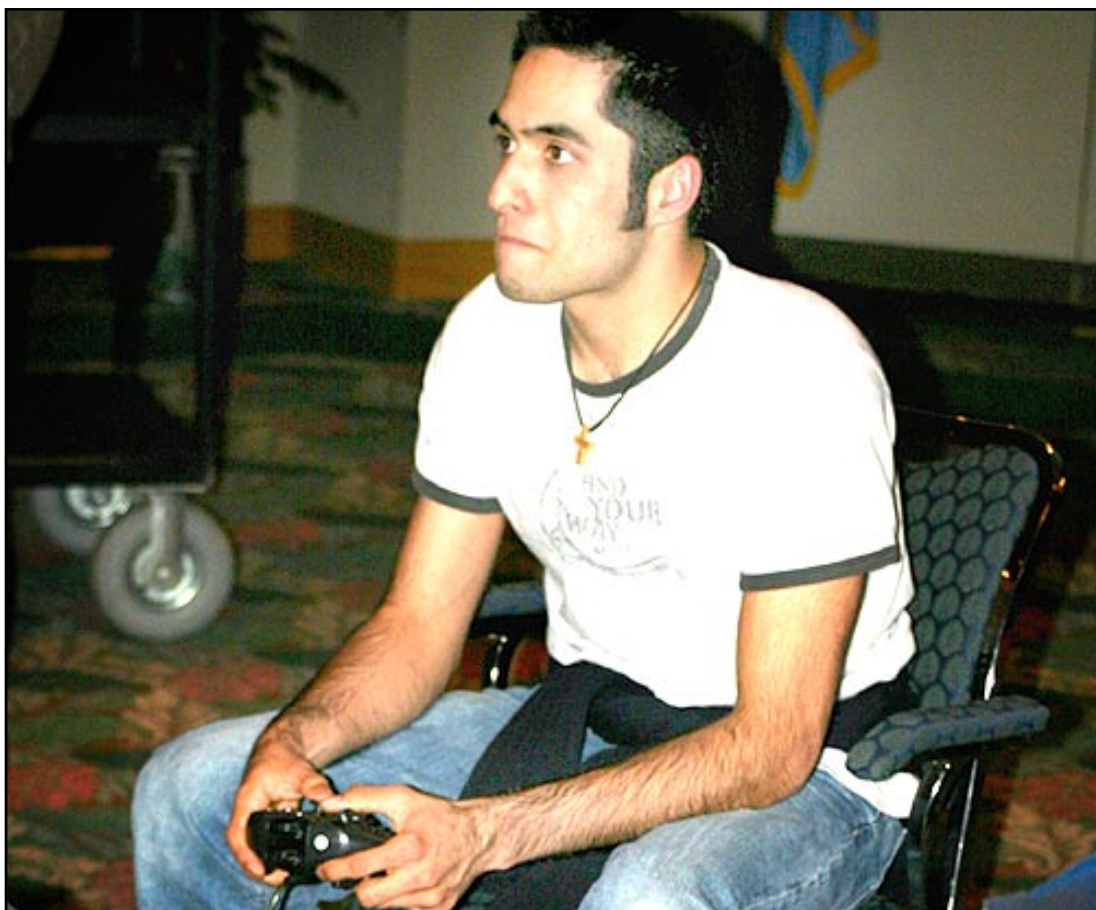


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Sophomore Eder Mata plays the Xbox game, "Halo." Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Chi Alpha and Alpha Omega teamed up to play "Halo" on Nov. 8 in the college union.

Clubs bid farewell to video game

Organizations band together to play 'Halo' on the eve of 'Halo 2' release

**By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer**

Today's video games allow players to give their characters names such as: John Kerry, Legolas, Ralph Nader and Bush.

These were just a few of the names used by participants at the "Farewell 2 Halo" party on Nov. 8 in CU 3.

The people responsible for the comical aliases and fun were Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Chi Alpha and Alpha Omega members who wanted to celebrate the release of "Halo 2" by playing "Halo."

"Halo" is a science fiction action game that takes place on an alien planet and has sold more than 5 million copies to date, according to www.xbox.com.

The website said "Halo 2" exceeded 1.5 million pre-orders three weeks before its Nov. 9 release.

"This is a new outreach tool," BCM member Bortier Manison said. "Most people would not come to [one of our meetings], but here we can invite them to church."

The party drew students who are not members of any of the clubs.

"I have visited BCM meetings before, but now I will regularly attend," said freshman engineering major Kris Stowers.

"I enjoyed having fun on a common ground. It's a great time to meet new friends."

Stowers said he loves playing "Halo." He was not alone in his sentiments.

Sophomore web design major Chris Whitman said he plays "Halo" often.

BCM member Cristal Pursley said she brought her younger brother Jerome to the party and he loved it.

The party also was a practice for "Halo 2," Manison said.

"I play online and have to

type what I want to say, but here I can just say it," said sophomore website design major Jason Hamilton.

"I'm new to 'Halo' and need more practice," freshman engineering major Bryan Huffman said. "I am glad for this."

Manison said the clubs might hold "Halo 2" tournaments as early as December.

Manison said if the clubs host tournaments in the future, he is going to promote it heavily.

"We are doing this to let people know that we are here."

Manison said 16 people could play "Halo" simultaneously at the party.

He said the clubs gathered four Xbox game systems, 16 controllers, four televisions, a projector and a large projection screen.

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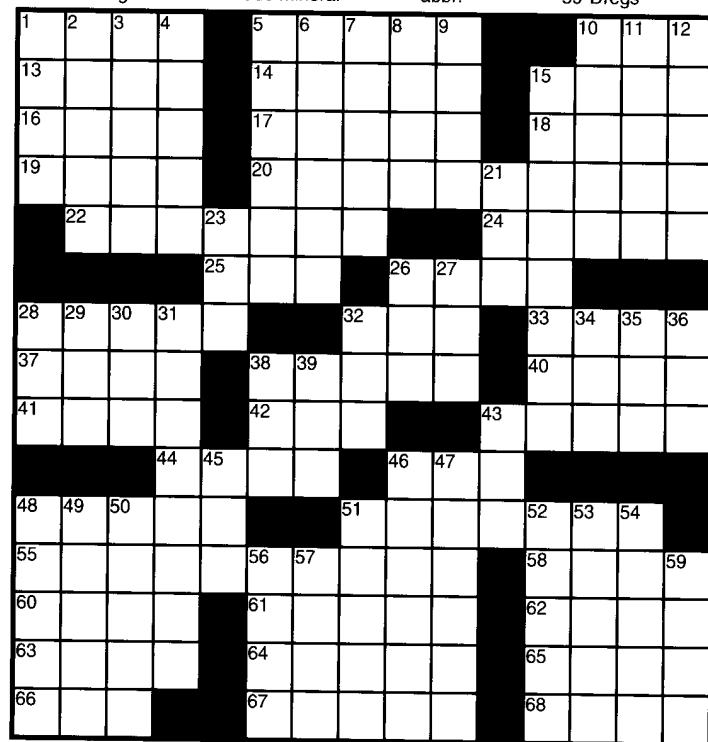
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Unpaid tuition occurs for many reasons

"Collections,"
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Each year the college budgets a certain amount from student fees in its Educational and General Operating Budget, Johnson said.

For the past five years, the percentage of uncollectibles, based on the amount of budgeted student fees, are: 1998-99, 6 percent; 1999-2000, 7 percent; 2000-01, 8 percent; 2001-02, 9 percent and 2002-03, 6 percent.

Johnson said she's surprised to see the percentage of uncollectibles has been so steady. On a hopeful note, 2002-03 is lower than the previous year.

"Hopefully, we're actually starting to come back down in the number of unpaid accounts," Johnson said.

With 2001-02 being the highest year in uncollectibles, the switch from the old payment policy to the current payment plan could be one factor for the hike, Johnson said.

"It takes a while for everyone to get used to the change," Johnson said.

The policy change occurred in fall 2000, said Pam Baker, enrollment finance assistant.

Students used to pay \$20 to enter the extension agreement, which allowed them to make two payments on accounts, deCardenas said.

If students missed the first payment, deCardenas said, they were dropped from current classes and still owed tuition.

Students who missed the second payment were dropped from both current classes and future enrollment, if they had already enrolled for the following semester, he said.

Like today's payment plan no extension agreement was offered for inter-sessions and fast track classes, Johnson said.

Johnson said she reviews every past-due account, and she has noticed a trend.

"A high number of students who entered into a payment plan do not pay," Johnson said.

Other uncollectible accounts also could be the result of returned checks and loss of eligibility for financial aid, Johnson said.

OKCCC President Bob Todd commented on the students who leave their bills unpaid.

In a broader sense, the college has provided services to those who did not make payments, he said.

To some degree, unpaid tuition and fees can affect the college's capacity to serve students, Todd said.

"It's not a major problem, but it is something that businesses of any size have got to address, monitor and attempt to find ways to reduce," Todd said.

The Bursar's Office generally gives students about 30 days to make arrangements for any unpaid amounts on their accounts, Johnson said.

Students who paid \$25 to get on a payment plan must pay their fees before the last payment due date, or the balance will be turned over to a collection agency after the 30-day period after the final due date, Johnson said.

The college offers payment plans for those enrolled in 16-week, early 8-week and late 8-week semesters.

"Each one of those is considered as a separate payment plan," Johnson said.

Students on a monthly payment plan should not make payments online, because their accounts will not be credited correctly, Johnson said.

In case students did pay online for a current payment plan they're in, Johnson said, they must let the Bursar's Office know, so they can correct the problem.

Winning trio...



The Society of Performing Artists held a costume contest during the Halloween holiday. Winners are:

Left: Testing Center employee Sheena Long took first place as a scarecrow. First-place prize was a season pass to the OKC Repertoire Theatre.



Above: Sophomore Valerie Jobe took second place as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz. She won a gift certificate to Sophabella's Chicago Bar & Grill.



Right: Business major Gil Lopez took third place in the costume contest. He won a gift certificate to Boomerang Grill.

Photos courtesy of Ace Burke

With past due balances or accounts that have been turned over to collection agency, Johnson said the account holders can either pay online if they have a MineOnline ID, or pay the collection agency.

Johnson said she reviews web payments on a daily basis, but it would still be a good idea for people to inform the Bursar's Office after they have made a payment online for past due balances.

She encourages students with questions concerning their accounts to visit the Bursar's Office on the first floor of the main building, call 682-1611, ext. 7825, or e-mail bursar@okccc.edu.

She also recommends students read all the information they're given for all deadlines for payments, refunds and withdrawals.

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