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PIONEER

Off-campus building gets new name

By Heatherlyn Gasper, News Writing I Student and Caroline Ting, Editor

Until now, a \$2 million building donated to the college has simply been called the South Facility. Now it bears the name of the former legislator and Durant banker who donated it — the John Massey Center.

The renaming was approved at the OKCCC Board of Regents meeting Nov. 15.

"[The center] represents the largest donation the college has received in its 32-year history," said Pat Berryhill, executive director of Institutional Advancement.



John Massey

The 25,600 square foot building, located at Interstate 44 and S.W. 119th Street, currently houses administrative offices and classrooms.

Massey, 68, is a man of many honors in Oklahoma. He was one of 10 inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame in 2004. He served in the state Legislature from 1960 to 1970 and has been a state regent for higher education since 1992.

Massey is pleased the college is naming his donation after him. "I'm honored, I'm flattered, and I'm thankful."

Massey said he donated the building because he recognized OKCCC's need for additional space and also wanted the college to continue offering students a quality environment in which to learn and reach their goals.

"When you've got people dedicating their lives to make these young people's lives a little richer, the only thing that comes out is success."

During March and April 2005, the college will hold a dedication ceremony to showcase Massey and his donation, Berryhill said. Then, a permanent display with photos and background information depicting Massey's life will be placed near the main entrance of the building, she said. Historical photos of OKCCC and recruitment information will be included in the display area as well, Berryhill said.

"Mr. John Massey is a unique individual and a great supporter of higher education across the state," Berryhill said. "He is honored through many organizations and civic groups throughout the state for his philanthropic efforts."

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Photo by Ann Lushbough

Rescue me: The Oklahoma City Fire Department recruit class practices basic water rescue in the OKCCC Aquatic Center. The recruit class is in the 14th week of a 16-week program. "They are learning how to handle a panicked person in a drowning situation," said Lieutenant David Record. "(Rescuers) will sometimes splash water in the drowning person's eyes to distract them so that they can get them in the position to be pulled to safety."

Security officer fired from college

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Campus security officer Ron Morehouse, 62, was fired from the college Nov. 3, after 12 years as a part-time officer.

A letter, written to Morehouse and dated Nov. 3, was obtained by the Pioneer.

It shows that Keith Bourque, campus safety and security coordinator, sent a memorandum, dated Oct. 6, to Art Bode, vice president for Business and Finance, recommending Morehouse's termination.

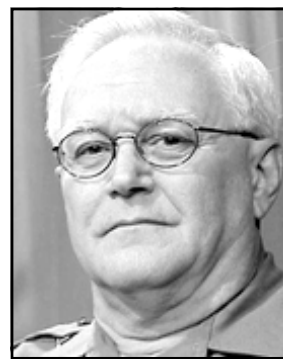
The letter does not list an official reason for the firing, just that Bourque, Morehouse's supervisor, recommended that Morehouse be terminated.

Bourque declined comment because, he said, the matter is a personnel issue.

Bode was unavailable for an interview.

A source close to the situation who asked not to be named, said Morehouse was fired based on an incident that occurred between Morehouse and two unidentified physical plant workers.

The alleged incident was said to have been witnessed by Lori Pace, a college work-



Ron Morehouse

hearing was conducted Oct. 26, the letter said.

Along with the letter, copies of the two regents' policies were sent to Morehouse.

Morehouse had no comment. His wife Bobbie told the Pioneer only that her husband has retained an attorney.

She said they're waiting for the college's President's Cabinet to set up a post-termination hearing.

Under the advice of Morehouse's attorney, Morehouse's wife said she had no further comment at this point.

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study student employed by Safety and Security, who then reported it to Bourque.

In the letter from Bode to Morehouse, Bode wrote that Morehouse had "the right to a post-termination hearing in accordance with Board of Regents (policies)."

A pre-termination

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Explore other celebrations

Due to the commercialization of winter holidays, it is becoming more difficult to figure out what people are celebrating. Understanding the wintertime celebrations is important to making people more open-minded and to avoid offending another person unintentionally.

Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, and Christmas are some of the most popular winter holidays celebrated in the United States.

Kwanzaa, celebrated from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, is a celebration originating in Africa and primarily celebrated by Africans, according to www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org.

During Kwanzaa, seven principles — unity, self-determination, collective work and response, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith are celebrated, according to the website.

Gifts are sometimes given to children but must include a book to emphasize the African value of learning and a symbol to show the African commitment to tradition.

While Kwanzaa is a cultural holiday, Hanukkah is a religious holiday.

People of the Jewish religion will celebrate Hanukkah from Dec. 8 to 15 this year.

The Jewish holiday commemorates the rededication of the holy Temple in Jerusalem after the Jews' 165 BCE victory over the Syrians, according to the History Channel's website.

Jews celebrate by lighting candles on a menorah. One of eight small candles is lit each day of the celebration by a large candle called Shamash. The candles represent a lamp that burned for eight days on one day's worth of oil during the rededication of the Temple.

Another holiday celebrating light is Winter Solstice.

Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year, is a Pagan holiday celebrated on Dec. 21 this year. The date is determined by moon cycles, according to www.geocities.com/lavenderwater37/yule.htm.

The Pagan tradition is to celebrate the increasing length of days (increase in sunlight) following the solstice.

Celebrations include decorating trees, decorating the house with ivy, holly and pine, and exchanging gifts. Father Winter, a white-bearded man wearing red clothing trimmed in fur, also visits to deliver gifts.

Winter Solstice sounds similar to Christmas because the Christmas celebration traditions are primarily influenced by the Pagan holiday.

Christmas is a popular winter holiday in the United States. It is celebrated yearly on Dec. 25.

The holiday began as a celebration of Jesus Christ. People celebrate Christmas by attending religious ceremonies, decorating their houses with lights, holly, nativity scenes and by exchanging gifts.

Free your mind. Try something new to add more meaning to your holiday this season.

—Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

Gender equality in society

To the editor:

It was such an opportunity to be broadcast on a local radio to talk about family advocacy efforts of Fathers for America.

One point I want to address is gender equality.

Gender equality includes the recognition of gender roles as they were defined long ago. We always hear the phrase that men need to have more feminine qualities, like having emotion or being sensitive to kids. The fact is men were created with those qualities.

Today, if you ask a reasonable person about masculinity, they all of a sudden get this picture of the beast in the field. Hungry Jack if you will. The innate features, according to the modern intellect, include making money, disciplinarian, controlling, anger and abusive. In reality, men were created with all the good qualities we fail to see socially.

The conflict men face in society is not whether they are right or wrong, the conflict comes from men not understanding their true role both to the family and society as a whole. We know from a sociological point that anytime a society modernizes, there becomes a greater level of inequality within that society. This

also goes for gender roles.

In agrarian societies, the traditional role of a family was for the most part delegated, according to the sex of the individual. Females were generally delegated the duty of child bearing and nurturers of the home. Males were always the providers, or gatherers of resources needed to take care of the home. The males were also the leaders, protectors, disciplinarians, nurturers, mentors and teachers of the home.

As we look at society today, we can see how gender roles have become more stratified and diverse. Traditional roles are no longer found in the modern day nuclear family. Today, females and men work in many of the same roles that were at one point specific by gender. Women are active participants in the job market acting as providers where men are found working in the home as nurturers.

This makes gender conflict a real issue. Not because we are bound to be the innate roles in which we were created to live by, but because we neither respect nor understand our roles as people.

I don't declare women are strictly designed to bear kids and be nurturers in the home, just like I don't

declare men are only designed to be providers or breadwinners.

What I do say is unless we identify with our innate roles that were established when we were created, we will continue to reap havoc on the family and society as a whole.

—James Baughman
Chair of
Fathers for America

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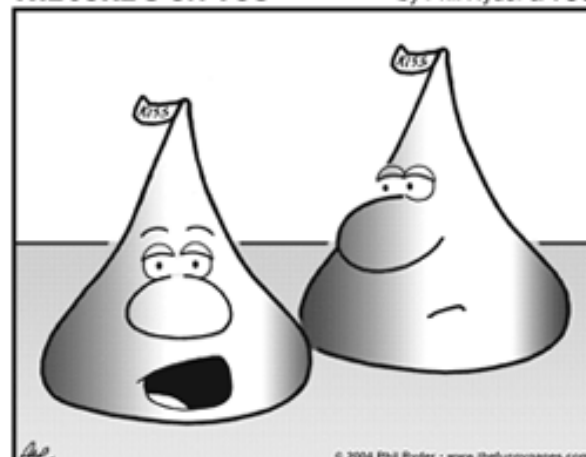
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"Don't try to sweet talk me! Every time that guy puts his hands on you, you melt!"
- P.R. • Smalltown, USA

Comments and Reviews

Student saves professor

To the editor:

How do you thank someone for saving your life? A box of chocolate, a gracious thank-you note or perhaps a letter to the editor that will undoubtedly let the entire OKCCC campus know how Stephanie Dugan successfully gave the Heimlich maneuver to a frightened art instructor who came staggering into the food service area hop-

ing to find someone to help her.

I must have had the look of fear incarnate when Louie Nyugen yelled, "Someone help her." I am so grateful for his concern and for his strong voice rising above the din of the lunch-time customers. Just as Louie yelled, I remember turning my back to a face that looked very capable — lucky for me!

After Stephanie's strong and steady hands dislodged the enormous wad of undigested chicken, all was somewhat back to normal.

Thanks also to Princess Bigwhip who led me back to the dining room with an icy drink and comforting words. Many thanks from someone who is truly grateful.

—Denise Gleason
Art professor

Men in Blue's second no-show

To the editor:

Once again the Social Science Spikers were ready to meet the Men in Blue to settle things.

Tall Thomas Jones, Damaging Dana Glencross, Jumping Jeff Carlisle, Charging Chuck Carselowey, Slammin' Stephanie Hayes and Madwoman

Martha George were on the court in the Wellness Center on Tuesday, Nov. 30, decked out in Social Science Spikers uniforms, waiting to teach the Men in Blue yet another lesson.

Once again, the Men in Blue didn't show up. We'll give them one more chance to defend what's left of their

honor.

At 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7 in the Wellness Center, be there because the Spikers will be and if there's a third no-show... well, that would be almost as bad as showing up and getting beaten again!

—Madwoman Martha
George for the Spikers

'Polar Express' a funny holiday film

Despite reporting that "The Polar Express" is a total train wreck, the film provided an enjoyable experience for the entire family.

This film has received mixed reviews since its recent release. One of the major complaints is the facial expressions of the CGI (computer generated image) characters are poker-faced. This may be true; however, everything else looks so spectacular that it is hardly noticeable.

Robert Zemeckis, who directed "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," is obviously no stranger to animation. However, he has truly outdone himself this time.

The graphics in the film

are definitely top-notch.

The story was adapted from a popular children's book written by Chris Van Allsburg.

A young boy begins to doubt whether Santa Claus is real. A train shows up in front of his house to take him to the North Pole so he can see Santa for himself.

Tom Hanks does the voices for a number of characters including the Hero Boy, his father, the conductor of the train, the hobo, Scrooge and even Santa Claus himself.

Hanks does a decent job changing his voice for some of the characters. But it's fairly obvious which characters belong to him. The hobo and the conductor

both look strikingly similar to Hanks.

Nona M. Gaye from the "Matrix Revolutions" plays the voice of Hero Girl.

Gaye has a pleasant voice and adds a nice element to the film.

Eddie Deezen, who plays the voice of Mandark on "Dexter's Laboratory," is the voice of the Know-It-All. Deezen is responsible for providing most of the comedy in this film.

The story is fun, the acting is decent and the animation alone is worth watching the movie.

"The Polar Express" is a perfect holiday film for the whole family.

—Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

Counselor's Corner

Happy holidays

"The secret of happiness is to make others believe they are the cause of it."

—Al Batt

It's that time in the semester when we all have a keen, and sometimes painful, awareness of time. There is so much to do. You have papers to write. Your professors have papers to read. You have tests to take. Your professors have tests to grade and record. Some of you go to bed at night praying that time will be merciful and fly by. Others get up each morning begging for time to slow down to give you another opportunity to catch up. And we all wind up tired, cranky and unhappy.

We in Student Development feel your pain and would like to offer you a brief reprieve from your worries and studies. While you cannot control the way you feel, you can control the things you do about it. The average child laughs about 400 times a day. The average grumpy adult may not laugh at all each day. So laugh about something. Anything. And don't just laugh alone; introduce yourself to someone new and find something to laugh about together.

By adulthood, we've learned to control these attributes so that we can be proper and appropriate. The cost is often much of the joy that life has to offer us. We get so caught up in being right or in doing something properly or perfectly that we can't let ourselves do things we might really enjoy. So shake awake your inner child and sing along with the radio on your way to school.

Invest in some cheap crayons or colored pencils and make pictures between classes or with your kids. Play a silly game, look up a new word (or even an old one), or just put your feet up for a while. This is also great weather to read something that isn't related to school. Daydream about what you want to be when you grow up or browse through the Christmas catalogs and make a long wish list for Santa.

We get bombarded year round with commercials and print advertisements encouraging us to buy the latest, slickest, hottest items because we'll all be sexier and wealthier and more beautiful if we do. We tend to feel guilty and unworthy if we can't give lots of material things to all the people we love and who love us. But the best gift we can give our loved ones is ourselves. If the beds are not made and the silver isn't polished and the soufflé falls and the gravy has lumps, we're still good people worthy of love and of loving. One of the healthiest things we can do for ourselves is to love one another.

So, instead of counting down the hours and the minutes and the days until this semester ends and the next one begins, take a deep breath and just relax. Eat dessert first. Sculpt designs in your mashed potatoes and decorate them with mixed vegetables. See how high you can stack your crackers before they fall over. Rejoice in being alive. The Center for Student Development wishes you peace, joy and happiness.

—Student Development

Quote of the Week:

"Follow your deepest dream, the one you had as a kid...but stay focused."

—Donal Logue

Comments and Reviews

SpongeBob movie is not much better than series

One name that draws a response is SpongeBob SquarePants. After a successful five-year run on Nickelodeon, SpongeBob has come to the big screen.

To say SpongeBob is popular is a vast understatement. "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" netted \$32,018,216 in its first week in theaters, according to www.imdb.com.

Like an over-the-top action movie or any trend, the movie is more about looks than content.

First of all, SpongeBob (voiced by Tom Kenny) is a man-child in the body of an animated yellow kitchen sponge.

The movie centers on SpongeBob's desire to be considered a man. However, the movie is not a

coming of age tale because SpongeBob never grows up.

Both SpongeBob and his best friend Patrick (voiced by Bill Fagerbakke) are goofy and a little dumb at best. Most of the laughs come at the expense of the title character. This is funny, but SpongeBob's lack of common sense grows tiresome.

His behavior is that of an immature teenager. This will delight younger viewers as SpongeBob fills his body with soap (similar to a real sponge) in one scene.

As cute as the characters can be, some of their actions are outlandish and repetitive.

The redundant jokes do not end with SpongeBob and Patrick. Bald jokes about King Neptune (voiced

by Jeffery Tambor) are bountiful, as are passes at the princess (voiced by Scarlett Johansson).

It would be fair to say the plot is poor and most of the characters are underdeveloped.

Children's television shows are meant to be simple and fun in nature.

The plot would better suit an episode of the show. It entailed finding the king's stolen crown and preventing a hostile takeover of the sea. SpongeBob and Patrick could have accomplished their goal in a 22-minute episode, but the writers let the movie drag on.

In between the laughs were jokes and gags unfit for a children's movie.

The movie would have



been better off sticking to the show's successes and fun scenes, such as a bubble party and a visit to Goofy Goobers, an ice cream joint.

Pointless violence, nudity and a bit of sexism found a place in "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie."

This is not a movie for younger children, but pre-teens and teenagers will enjoy it. Considering the unneeded garbage and a funny appearance by David Hasselhoff, I give this movie a C-.

—Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

'Elf' DVD offers many selections

"You better watch out/ you better not cry/ you better not pout/ I'm telling you why/ Santa Clause is coming to town."

Before Santa arrives, "Elf" the movie was released on a two-disk DVD Nov. 16.

Will Ferrell from "Saturday Night Live" plays Buddy, a human raised as an elf, in the film.

Buddy has well outgrown his home at the North Pole and figures out he was adopted.

His adopted father Papa Elf (Bob Newhart) sends Buddy to seek out his biological father in New York city.

Through a series of side-splitting events, Christmas cheer is spread by Buddy along the path to his biological father, Walter (James Caan), a serious big city businessman.

The "Elf" DVD is part of New Line Cinema's Infinifilm series.

Infinifilm takes the viewer beyond the movie by providing optional pop-up



menus during the film allowing the viewer to click on an option and learn more about the scene they are viewing. A subtitled trivia track can be selected to play during the movie as well.

The DVD also includes many extras, such as deleted and extended scenes, games and director's comments.

There is a "Beyond the Movie" feature that shows kids' thoughts on Christ-

mas, people who over-decorate their homes for Christmas, a surfing Santa and a costume shop making Santa costumes year-round.

Viewers in possession of a DVD-ROM can enjoy many features, such as printable fun including coloring pages and door hangers.

The DVD-ROM feature also includes a section to create your own storybook and make yourself into an elf using your own pictures.

"Elf" is available on VHS and DVD.

With all of the DVD's features, a DVD is a much better deal, plus you can choose to watch it in full or wide screen.

Watching this movie every year would be an excellent new tradition.

I give it an A+ and rank it with classics such as "A Christmas Story" and "Charlie Brown's Christmas."

—Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

Oklahoma Film Institute premiere

To the editor:

The public premiere of the 2004 Oklahoma Film Institute production of "Demons" will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 at the OKCCC theater. The event is free to the public.

Produced last summer during the three-week filmmaking workshop, "Demons" is the story of a preacher and his daughter after they return to his former football-obsessed small town. The script by Steve McCormick of Edmond won the annual OFI screenplay competition.

Institute participants planned, shot and edited the 12-minute trailer that will be shown. A different participant directed each scene. Other films by OKCCC film students will also be screened.

—Rick Allen Lippert
Director of Oklahoma Film Institute
at OKCCC



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Some students frustrated with parking

By John Stuart
News Writing I Student

Parking. Students do it all the time. There is no way around it, and for OKCCC students, it can be joyful or a source of frustration.

For those students getting to school early in the morning, like freshman Thanh Truong, parking isn't a problem. Truong gets to school before 9 a.m. every morning and said he has no problem finding spots.

In addition to finding a spot to park in, students are faced with differing conditions from parking lot to parking lot.

Sophomore Emergency Medical Sciences major Whitney Wright describes parking at OKCCC as horrible. Wright parks in parking lot A, the lot on the northeast side of the campus, and said the absence of lines in the lot causes problems.

Wright would like the lines to be repainted. "It



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Some students find parking at OKCCC to be a problem, while others claim it's just a matter of showing up early.

would make things easier," she said.

However, replacing the lines on the parking lot is not as easy or cheap as one might think. J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director, admitted the parking lots

lacking clear lines can cause problems for students. "We could go and repaint the lines anytime," Messer said.

The bigger problem, however, is that the asphalt in parking lot A needs to be

replaced. Painting lines on the parking lot would cost about \$5,000, Messer said. That is money, he believes, that would be wasted if funds became available to completely resurface the

parking lot.

The \$5,000 cost is small when one considers the price of completely replacing a parking lot. It costs \$1,000 to replace the asphalt for one parking space.

Parking lot A contains about 300 spaces, Messer said, so that would require \$300,000.

Some students seem to want quantity over quality.

Sophomore George Petsalis said parking at OKCCC is a big problem.

Petsalis said he would prefer more parking spaces rather than better parking spaces.

Petsalis also disliked having to park in the grass several times over the course of the school year because there aren't enough parking spaces.

While mild frustration exists among students over the parking quantity and conditions at OKCCC, Messer assures students that parking is a top priority and asks students to be patient with the current parking situation.

Chicano literature class to be offered

By C.J. Kloiber
News Writing I Student

A Chicano, or Mexican-American, literature class will be offered on campus for the first time in spring. English professor Michael Franco will be teaching the class.

Franco said the rising number of Hispanic students at OKCCC was a factor in creating this class.

Being Hispanic, Franco felt a need to teach this class. He said he feels with each new generation, more of the Hispanic culture is lost. Franco wanted to help students reconnect with Hispanic traditions and rediscover the past.

"I am fascinated with how a person can belong to both Hispanic and American

cultures and, in some cases, not belong to either," Franco said.

Students who participate in the class will study novels, poems and plays written by Mexican-American authors.

Some of the authors include Richard Rodriguez, Rudolfo Anaya, Gary Soto, Tomás Rivera and Sandra Cisneros.

"It should be a good blend of literature, history, art and pop culture," Franco said.

He said after taking this class, students also will have a better understanding of Chicano literature and its authors. He also said students will better understand the religion and politics that shape immigrant cultures.

The class is in a preliminary stage right now,

meaning the school is testing the interest of students. If enough students are interested, more sections will be made available.

Only one section will be offered next semester and it will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 to 10:50 a.m. Space is limited to 30 students. As of Nov. 16, 25 of the 30 spots have been filled.

The text used in the class will be in English. Any student who has completed ENGL 1113 is eligible to take the class. It will count as a Humanities credit.

Franco is a former OKCCC student who went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University of Central Oklahoma.

He is currently in his second year as a full-time professor at OKCCC.

Student to premier contest-winning film

By Jeff Kelton
News Writing I Student

The Oklahoma Film Institute will be showing the film "Demons" from their annual summer project vault.

This past summer, 22 films were entered into a screenplay contest, including "Demons."

The program officials then chose one film and 10 to 12 pages from the script to shoot.

"The script by Steve McCormick of Edmond won the annual Oklahoma Film Institute screenplay competition," according to a press release issued by Rick Allen Lipert, OFI director.

Lippert has been working for the OFI since 1998.

According to a press release, ("Demons") is a production of the Oklahoma Film Institute used as a teaching tool to teach filmmaking to students.

Along with "Demons," other student films will be shown. The press release said 'Demons' is the story of a preacher and his daughter after they return to his former football obsessed small town.

The public can view these premieres at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 16 in the college theater.

The event is free to the public.

Offenders must register at OKCCC

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

Sex and violent crime offenders are required by law to register in OKCCC's Safety and Security Office if they are going to be on campus for any reason, said Keith Bourque, Safety and Security Coordinator.

Students, faculty, employees and contractors at the college must abide by these two laws or face penalties of up to five years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000, as stated in both the Sex Offenders Act and the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Act.

"I think it's great, because then you know who's a crazy psycho," said Sarah Blaney, sociology major studying at OKCCC.

Bourque said under the sex offenders law, sex offenders have been required by federal and state laws to register within three days of their arrival at the college since 2001.

The sex offenders list is an open record and available to students from the security office, Bourque said. However, he said, the information also is available online.

Blaney said she likes the idea of the sex offender's list being available on campus because "then you can check to make sure you're not dating a rapist."

Violent crime offenders were added to the registration list due to the Mary Rippy Violent Crime Offenders Registration Act enacted on Nov. 1, Bourque said.

"I think it is awesome. The list should be published in the paper weekly," said Jennifer Bryan,

"I think it's great, because then you know who's a crazy psycho."

—Sarah Blaney
OKCCC student

OKCCC physical therapy student.

"Maybe public humiliation is what (the criminals) need."

Violent crime offenders convicted or released since Nov. 1 are required to register at the college within three days of their arrival, but the list is not available to the public.

The violent crime offenders list is currently protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Bourque said.

FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records, even those of criminals, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Mary Rippy, for whom the new act was named, was an 89-year-old Wewoka woman strangled in her home last year by a paroled felon living next door, according to the Norman Transcript.

Bourque said, although no outside agencies have ever looked at OKCCC's lists, "the lists may be used as an investigation tool."

If any crimes committed are found to be similar in nature to those of a registered criminal, the lists could assist investigators, Bourque said.

Bryan said she plans to visit the Safety and Security Office to obtain a sex offenders list.

"Knowledge is power," she said.

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Photo by Ann Lushbough

Guitarists Edgar Cruz, Jocelyn Celaya and Ruben Romero played Nov. 30 in the college theater as part of the Cultural Awareness series at OKCCC. Cruz is an Oklahoma City native and has been featured frequently on ABC, NBC, CBS and PBS-affiliate television stations. Romero is a Santa Fe, N.M. native who studied flamenco guitar in Spain and has appeared with the Denver Symphony and Minnesota Orchestra.

Star guitarists perform at college

By Dustin Hunt
News Writing I Student

World-renowned guitarists Edgar Cruz and Ruben Romero played in a packed OKCCC theater Nov. 30.

The evening was filled with sounds of Latin/Mariachi style music that Cruz and Romero have, over the years, come to master.

They were also accompanied by a third guitarist Jocelyn Celaya, Cruz's student.

Not only was the crowd amazed by witnessing the brilliance of the guitar skills, but the stage also was lit up with true color when Romero's two flamenco dancers exhibited many traditional dances that originated from Spanish culture.

After playing selections from Cruz and Romero's CDs, "Guitarras de Fuego/Guitarras de Amo," and after a short intermission, Cruz came out to exhibit his transcription of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" which filled the crowd with chills and smiles.

Cruz continued to play what he called Edgar's Top-Ten Guitar Riffs.

The medley included hits like, "Hotel California," the James Bond theme,

Stevie Ray Vaughn's "Pride and Joy," "Tequila," "Labamba" and what he called number one, Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Goode."

Cruz kept the crowd adamantly involved the entire night and even offered a free CD of their choice to the first couple to come on stage and swing dance to Cruz's acoustical rendition of Glenn Millers "In the Mood."

"It was great to become aware of the culture through the singing and dancing," said Kris Stowers, 18-year-old OKCCC engineering major.

Stowers also had a message to anyone not in attendance.

"They missed a good traditional Hispanic guitar trio," he said.

Psychology major Jeremy Williams, 20, said he's seen Cruz before and thought it was enlightening to see all the seemingly impossible things Cruz does with a guitar, and was especially excited to see his rendition of "Bohemian Rhapsody."

"It was interesting seeing how the trio would look at each other during the songs and improvise the melodies," said Wes Holmes, a 21-year-old computer major.

Everyone in attendance agreed the night was great and filled with fun music and culture.

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OKCCC cafeteria reports sales increase

By Jonathan Stapleton
News Writing I
Student

Customer sales have increased in the OKCCC cafeteria.

Robbie Stephenson, Sellers' head chef, said customer numbers have increased by more than 200 to 300 per day.

Stephenson said Sellers' wants to please its customers as best they can.

He said responding to comments and pleasing customers is their goal.

Stephenson began working at the OKCCC location two years ago, and made some changes.

He said he added staff to the grill because of the long line at peak times.

He said they went from three to five employees to combat the problem.

"We want to be proactive rather than reactive. Negatives need to be responded with positives."

—Robbie Stephenson
Sellers' head chef

"You can get food anywhere, but you can't get service everywhere," Stephenson said.

"We want to be proactive rather than reactive," he said. "Negatives need to be responded with positives."

Stephenson said any problems customers have should be brought to his attention.

He said he tries to find and solve any problems before they can occur.

Physical therapy student, Annetta Doyle said, since she needs to eat, the cafeteria is very convenient.

"It's not necessarily cheap, but it's not expensive," Doyle said.

Doyle said.

The cafeteria line offers hot foods with different options everyday.

The hot grill offers fast foods like hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken fried steaks, fries and chicken tenders.

Recently added were Subway sandwiches, and other choices include a deli, salad bar and a wide choice of beverages.

"We try not to be repetitive in the menu," Stephenson said. He said the kitchen staff tastes what they serve.

Dale Hoffert, computer science technician major,

eats at Sellers' cafeteria as well.

"It's better than high school," Hoffert said. "It's excellent."

Sellers' Catering Company operates the food service and cafeteria at OKCCC. The company's

main location is at the college, but the company has other locations around the state.

Other Sellers' locations in Oklahoma include the Farm Bureau State Office, and the event center at Grand Lake.

Walt Disney World internship awarded to students

By Mave A. McKinney
News Writing I Student

Next semester, four OKCCC students will be living in the magical kingdom known as Walt Disney World.

In the past few years, Walt Disney World has created an internship program that offers college students the opportunity to intern at the Walt Disney World resort while earning college credit.

The Walt Disney World College Program offered OKCCC students the prospect when Disney representatives visited the campus in October this year.

Christy Marciari, the representative assigned to OKCCC, made a presentation on campus and conducted interviews with students.

"We had a very good turnout of students," said business professor Anita Williams, an OKCCC adviser involved with the Disney program.

"Over 25 of our students were interviewed for internship opportunities," Williams said.

Of the 25 students who were interviewed, four OKCCC students were extended offers to work with Disney in Florida, Williams said.

The names of the four recipients have not been released at this time, said the Office of Student Life.

The students awarded an internship will travel to Florida to work, live and attend classes at the Walt Disney World resort.

While there, they can earn OKCCC credit in several management, finance and business courses.

"I think this is a great opportunity for me," said Stephanie Tiner-Daeges, an OKCCC student accepted to the program through the University of Oklahoma.

"I think it can do a lot for my future."

The window for OKCCC students to apply for the Disney program has closed, but the opportunity will be available again next semester.

"We will definitely do another presentation in the spring," Williams said.

"We hope to have feedback from the current students participating in the program to generate excitement among prospective students."

For more information about future Disney internship opportunities, contact Williams at awilliams@okccc.edu, or look online at www.wdwcollegeprogram.com.

Food policy to be updated

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

College clubs and Sellers' Catering are working with student leaders to resolve some concerns about food on campus.

Concerns regarding Sellers' were a topic of discussion at meetings of The Leadership Council in November, TLC sponsor Liz Largent said.

A draft of proposed food service guidelines was distributed to TLC members, Largent said. She said the proposed guidelines must be discussed further and are not finalized.

"It's a work in progress," said Robbie Stephenson, Sellers' head chef.

"I was surprised how helpful they [Sellers'] were," Scholar's League president Kyle Stowers said.

"Students have a voice although they think they don't," Stephenson said.

Concerns voiced by students included clarity of rules regarding outside food and the cost of items for clubs, Largent said.

The proposed guidelines addressed these issues, Largent said.

Due to costs, some clubs want to purchase outside food, Largent said.

According to the college's administrative procedure no. 3046, the college's food service contractor is the only provider of food services on campus.

Also, some suggestion cards have been received requesting Sellers' stay open later on weekdays and Saturdays to accommodate students, Largent said.

A major issue for student clubs is cost, Largent said.

Previously, student clubs were not allowed to order pizza from any business besides Sellers', Largent said.

Largent said the issue is that clubs are able to get pizza at a lower cost.

The proposed guidelines allow pizza to be ordered from Papa John's and Mazzio's for club events, she said.

Largent said the college is concerned with food safety and has included this in the new guidelines.

"Clubs have 90 minutes from the time of delivery to consume the pizza," Largent said.

She said the proposed guidelines also would allow clubs to purchase non-perishable food from Wal-Mart for events.

"I'm glad Sellers' took the time to work with us," Stowers said. "The new guidelines will work out."

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Some students get diploma for Christmas

The following students have applied for December graduation. Diplomas will be granted after credentials are completed and degree requirements are met. Students who have fulfilled degree requirements can participate in the May 14 commencement ceremony.

Associate in Arts

Haskell Adams, Ty Adkins, Tracy Albright, Trent Anderson, Brenda Arens, Kendra Baine, Tammy Barthelmy, Melissa Bibb, Virginia Bingman, Marouane Bouabedi, Jeffrey Bradley.

Steven Brodie, Brandi Brown, Candace Brown, Zach Brown, Brandi Bruner, Jenna Bryant, Jeremy Christner, Kelly Collins, Adam Connell, Anita Cox, Michael Craig.

Denise Crane, Stacy Crawford, Kai Dameron, Michael Davidson, Cynthia Davis, Stephanie Decker, Tristina Dematra, Angela Doser, Amber Debuc, Raquel Franco, Rena Gibson, Sharitta Gipson.

Laura Girsso, Kevin Graham, Bill Grayson, Teresa Green, Edrick Harrell, Shanna Harrington, Lisa Harrison, Ashley Hill, Brent Hodges, John James, Loudonna Jefcoat, Cindy Johnson, Beau Jones, Nona Jones, Tamara Jones.

Michelle Jordon, Chisato Kajimoto, Michelle Keeton, Beth Keith, Minjung Kim, Stacey LaGrange, Brent Lamb, Carey Lang, Julie Lemmons, Tracey Lesley, Cheree Martin, Sarah McDonald, Cristina Mejia, Janie Moore, Elisha Muhammad, Roger Murphy.

Shannon Murray, Alaina Myrick, Jonathan Nimo, Chinedu Obowu, Tammy Orr, Deanna Packhorse, Ricky Palmer, Beverly Parker, Josh Pearsall, Tammie Phillips, Kimberly Pletcher, Dorsey Ramsey, Toni Reed, Jeremiah Riggins, Christina Robinson, Nancy Rogers.

Amy Rose-Young, Stacey Sandifer, Jennifer Sargent, Sarisa Shaw, Stephanie Sheid, James Smith, Alicia

Sparks, Chrysandra Staab, Juan Stanley, Kristin Stilwell, Joyce Swink, Deidre Taucer, Shelby Teasley, Kaylean Thomas, Cheryl Thompson, Dzung Truong, Brian Twiggs, Daniel Vollmer, Dustin Wheeler.

Gillain Whyback, Cherronda Williams, Edna Williams, Jennifer Williams, Jeremy Williams, Wendelle Williams, Amanda Wilson, Iva Wilson, Holly Wingfield, Tracy Wolfe, Kevin Woodruff, Laura Woodward, Meika Yates.

Associate in Science

Angie Albers, David Alcorn, Jennifer Argo, Soufaine Badaa, Kimberly Barnett, Malik Bashir, Brandon Baty, Badr Bennani, Florence Berko, Tamara Berry.

Joshua Booth, Lori Braggs, David Buchanan Jr., John Bunkhouse, Marissa Callendar, Belinda Carrasco, Jinwon Choi, Robert Church, Stephanie Clements, Melisa Coats.

Carol Collett, Randy Cooper, Tasie Dahl, Ward David, Kyle Davis, Jorge DeLaPeña, Rocio Del Rosal, David Dixon, Eric Duerr, John Dulin, Laura Dunken, Clinton Eastep, Mojinat Faro, Richard Fink.

Debora Fisher, Deborah Fitzgerald, Kimberly Frazier-Flynt, Shelby Fuhrig, Matthew Fullerton, Bonnie Garrett, Justin Genson, Ann George, Sabrina Gless, Tzvetelin Gospodinov, Christina Grant, Karen Greenlee, Bradly Griffin.

Karla Grubbs-Rankin, Samuel Guevare, Melissa Hall, Sarah Hallett, Melissa Ham, Samantha Hammon, Bryan Harper, Shelby Hart, Angie Heartsill, Michael Henson, Maria Hernandez, Kristi Hickerson, Erica Hill.

Ngoc Ho, James Hoagland, Phong Hoang, Janna Hoskins, Waheeda Hye, Cody Jacobs, Joseph James, Manuel Jaramillo, Robert Jaroszewicz, Julie Johnson, Christa Jones, Nathan Kyle, Angela Lerma, Cory Lillegaard, Ryan Lippoldt,

Christina Long, Maranda Long, Edward Luksys, DeAngelo Luper, Lisa Luu, Natalie Machalinski, Melvin Malcom, Sherrie Maloy, Tom Mathai, Amber McDonald, Tabitha McDonald, Rebecca McGarry, Kerrie McGurie, Michael McLoughlin, Heather Michelle, Julie Miller, Robert Montoya, Wade Morgan.

Timothy Moser, Carmen Munoz, Derrick Murray, Jahnavi Naik, Trang Nguyen, Brett Nichelson, Jeremy Noble, Beatrice Norteye, Candelaria Nunez, Essama Ondo, Mohamed Ouardi, Paige Orwitz, Sudha Pandey, Guy Parnell, Laura Paul, Katie Perkins, Rebeka Poindex-ter, Grant Potter.

Cynthia Price, Amber Pryor, Joshua Pugsley, Shasta Raymond, Sara Rhodes, Jessica Rice, Linda Roberts, Pamela Roberts, Roland Rojas, Amber Romo, David Ruth, Brenda Sanchez, Greg Shank, Brian Skinner, Anna Smith, Zachariah Smith, Tracy Stansbury, Arthur Starrett.

Davon Stephens, Lekeisha Stokely, Travis Stoner, Timothy Swyden, Danell Taeibi-Rahni, Sophia Tazi, Ruth Terronez, Grant Thomas, Kristie Thompson, Patty Thompson, Dustin Tooker, John Tran, Johnny Tran, Christopher Trimble.

Meng-Chi Tsai, Naho Tsuchida, Michelle Tu, Jennifer Tucker, Jeffrey Turdo, Leonor Viesca, Joanna Waller, Charles Whipple, Franklin Whitson, Meghan Williams, Donnie Winkle, Kelsey Wint, Tia Winton, Matt Wittmer, Stephanie Woods, Jacob Wooldridge, Raul Zanabria Jr.

Associate in Applied Science

John Adair, Jeremiah Adams, Christopher Anderson, Yassine Attaoi, Emily Authorlee, Benjamin Babb, Michelle Baker, Ray Beavers, Patricia Beckers, Kelly Boyd, Dustin Brewer, Jediah Chappell.

Juan Cisneros, Brian Clark, Jim Clark, Lydia

Cleator, Jacqueline DeBose, Lacie Deitz, Bryan Denham, Brian Doherty, Bret Easley, William Edgar, Jimmie Edwards, Derek Finkle, John Franklin.

Dana Fuller, Jennifer Greenlee, Timothy Haack, Alisha Halbert, David Hanky, Neill Harmer, Mendie Hartless, Joseph Haymon, Kyle Hess, John Hicks, Sandra Highfill, Heather Hinson, Chad Hoffman.

Sonya Hollcock, Hunter Hoogendoorn, Cole Jackson, Essie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Jeffrey Jones, Wanda Jones, Pamela Kinney, Patrick Kirk, Elizabeth Kniffen, Bethany Krnavek, Dawnmarie Kroft, Gayla Kugel, Bryan Lewis.

Amanda Lowe, John Machamer, DiAnn Mackey, Gary Marchant, Shana Marchant, Craig Martin, Lori Martin, Joe McCaig, Dimity McCool, Blake McKunkin, Myrna McKee, Melina Miller, Marcus Minor, Lisa Montgomery, Karen Moore, Brittanie Morris.

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Kumar Sudi Reddy.

Stacy Tac, James Taylor, Pauline Tayo, Doris Thacker, John VanDyke, Chan Vannarath, Tim Vu, Julie Webb, Amy Wells, Chadrick Wiggins, Janie Wigley, Ramona Williams, Bethany Willige, Josh Wilson, Natasha Wolski, Pamela Workman, Kimberly Young.

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English professor travels to Hungary

**By Christy Mabrey
News Writing I Student**

Professor Bertha Wise recently traveled to Budapest, Hungary to attend the "Paths to Peace: Soul and Education," an international convention which helps educators familiarize with the process of teaching poetry, and of inspiring others to write and use their creativity.

Opening ceremonies included more than 100 nations being represented in a small parade. Hungarian school children held the flags during the ceremony.

At this convention, Wise taught a workshop on using writing to find inner and outer peace. Along with teaching the workshop, Wise also was asked to submit a poem she had written to be published.

Wise also attended four workshops, panel discussions and speeches with keynote speakers of various kinds.

Wise was one of about 350 people to attend this gathering. Others attending were from Hungary, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, the United Kingdom and Sweden.

"It was a unique experience," Wise said. "It col-



Photo by Christiana Kostura
Bertha Wise

lected so many diverse people from very different cultures. Everyone was together for unity of purpose and spirit."

Each participant who did not speak Hungarian re-

ceived a guardian angel. Their guardian angels were responsible for all of the needs of their participants from taking them to places they wanted to see, to helping them find things they could not find on their own.

Entertainment included a martial arts performance by participant Clarence Harvey. Using various martial arts, Harvey taught to find meditation through non-violence. Harvey used techniques of ninja and ninja swords.

"His performance looked more like a ballet to Beethoven's 'Moonlight Sonata,'" Wise said.

There also was a perfor-

mance by a group from Budapest, who played drums and used instruments from all over the world representing different cultures.

Belly dancers, Aztec drummers, a three day Tibetan sand painting and a poem spoken in Hungarian with no translations also entertained the crowd.

This was not Wise's first time at an international convention of this sort.

In 2000 she attended a convention in Ukraine that was a two-week teacher institute, and in 2002 an international teacher and learning conference in Germany.

Spanish immersion weekend to be held at Canyon Camp

**By Chelsea Thomas
News Writing I Student**

Spanish professor Patricia Jimenez Brooks will be hosting a Spanish immersion weekend Jan. 28 through 30.

This one-credit-hour class allows students with some Spanish-speaking background to better their skills at the Canyon Camp and Retreat Center.

Orientation and preparation for the class will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, on the OKCCC campus.

"We try to provide or simulate an authentic environment," Brooks said.

Activities will be led by Brooks, other professors and the many native Spanish-speaking volunteers.

Brooks's Spanish immersion weekend will include short learning sessions which will focus on vocabulary and grammatical topics.

The agenda for the immersion includes: dancing, singing, storytelling, games, aerobics, films and nature walks.

OKCCC student E.J. Johnson said before the students arrive at the Canyon

"We try to provide or stimulate an authentic environment."

—Patricia Jimenez Brooks
Spanish professor

Camp and Retreat Center, each must promise to speak only Spanish during the length of the immersion.

Tuition is separate from lodging and activity fees. Lodging and activity fees are \$130.

Brooks said most students feel as if their Spanish speaking skills and confidence have improved from previous retreats.

Johnson agreed.

"The entire program was offered in a very relaxing, welcoming and informal kind of way that was impressively helpful."

Johnson said the weekend is like going to camp with a bunch of friends and having a bonding experience no price tag can do justice to it, she said.

For more information, contact Brooks at 682-1611, ext. 7655.



New students take additional course

**By Leslie Gill
News Writing I Student**

New students may soon be required to take an orientation course during their first full time year, said Mark Schneberger, learning skills professor and Student Retention Committee chair.

Foundations for Success, the new course, is now in its pilot stage.

It's strongly recommended for students who test into one or more developmental courses, Schneberger said.

The course is designed to be a transition into college, said Sally Edwards, Prospective Student Services director. She co-teaches one of the sections offered this semester.

While the course is just in its beginning stages, there are hopes it will be required in the future, Schneberger said.

The committee, which is made up of faculty, administrators and deans, made the recommendation for the course.

"I'm very glad that we've

made this step toward having an orientation experience for all students," Schneberger said.

The class covers several topics including test taking, stress management and educational planning, Edwards said.

Students also are encouraged to provide a journal every week to discuss how the class is going and what they're learning.

At the beginning of the course, students seemed reluctant to talk or participate during class, said Carita McDonald-Combs, Community Outreach coordinator. As the class progressed, she noticed a more willing attitude.

"I've seen growth in them," McDonald-Combs said.

There are currently 10 sections in progress right now, and four planned for next semester with a target of 100 students in attendance, Schneberger said.

OKCCC is the only community college in Oklahoma putting an orientation course into place. Almost all other colleges in the state have a similar course requirement.

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Extended EMS training offered

By Dana Hale
News Writing I Student

Soon paramedics enrolled at OKCCC will have an opportunity to expand their training into the nursing field.

"The LPN Track Nursing Program at OKCCC is changing its name to Nursing Career Ladder Pathway," said Nursing professor Susan Mann.

With this name change, the program will begin accepting paramedics as well as licensed practical nurses. The change is happening for two reasons.

"One is to increase the number of registered nurses in the community with valuable and educated medical personnel," Mann said.

"The second is to satisfy the paramedic's desire to be more well-rounded and employable."

Paramedics have to pass a national licensing exam as do registered nurses.

"We have a very challenging (Emergency Medical Technology) program at OKCCC, but a licensed paramedic usually has more education beyond a basic (Emergency Medical Technician)," Mann said.

After completing Registered Nurse's training and passing the licensing exam, paramedics may decide to stay in emergency medicine, but would also have the option of working in many of the areas registered nurses work in.

"Our dean of Health Professions, Dr. Jo Ann Cobble, is both an EMT and RN, so she has fully supported this move," said Mann.

The Nursing School plans to open up 20 spaces for paramedics starting in 2005.

Christian fraternity plans events

By Jay North
News Writing I Student

Christian fraternity Chi Alpha has a busy schedule in the coming months.

This month, Chi Alpha members will be helping needy children at the Champions Center.

They will spend time with the kids there, giving them gifts to make their Christmas happier, said Pastor Mike Dsane, sponsor for the club.

The Champions Center, located at 2600 W. Main St.

in Oklahoma City, is sponsored by Feed the Children.

Next semester, Chi Alpha is taking part in the Salt conference Jan. 7 through 10 in Dallas.

The conference will host Christians from many areas speaking on numerous topics that affect everyone.

The cost of the conference is \$139, and includes housing and two lunches. Pre-registration and a \$50 deposit is due by Dec. 10.

Chi Alpha is a national fraternity different than most in that it's co-ed and has a completely religious focus, instead of a social fo-

cus like most fraternities.

There is no charge to join.

"We don't have dues or fees," Dsane said.

"Our goal is to lift up a Christ-like lifestyle on campus."

Chi Alpha has been at OKCCC for more than 10 years, and hosts many events throughout the school year, such as ice skating nights, bowling nights and movie nights.

Chi Alpha meets at noon every Wednesday in room CU7 for worship and fellowship. For more information about Chi Alpha, call 634-1495.

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Wrong flags create gaps in Hall of Nations

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Students walking through the college's main building may notice a few flags are missing from the newly-added Hall of Nations.

Of the 60 flags representing the international student body, Bulgarian, Pakistani and Slovakian flags are missing.

Jon Horinek, Community Engagement Coordinator for Student Life, said each flag has its own story of disappearance.

"Bulgaria's flag is missing because we ordered the wrong one," he said. "We also accidentally ordered Slovenia's flag instead of Slovakia."

Horinek said the reason the Pakistani flag isn't hung is due to manufacturer error.

"There's a white bracket on the flag of Pakistan that is supposed to lie on the left side," he said.

"The flag we received had the bracket on the right side."

He said the errors weren't recognized until after the ceremony, and the company from which the flags were ordered is shipping new ones.

Horinek said each flag cost \$10, and was bought from the international flag company The Map Shop, based out of New York.

Horinek said the students whose country's flags are missing understood the problem and were happy to help identify the errors.

He said the 60 flags represent the 378 international students with student visas, or students who are studying in the United States but plan to return home.

Horinek, who organized

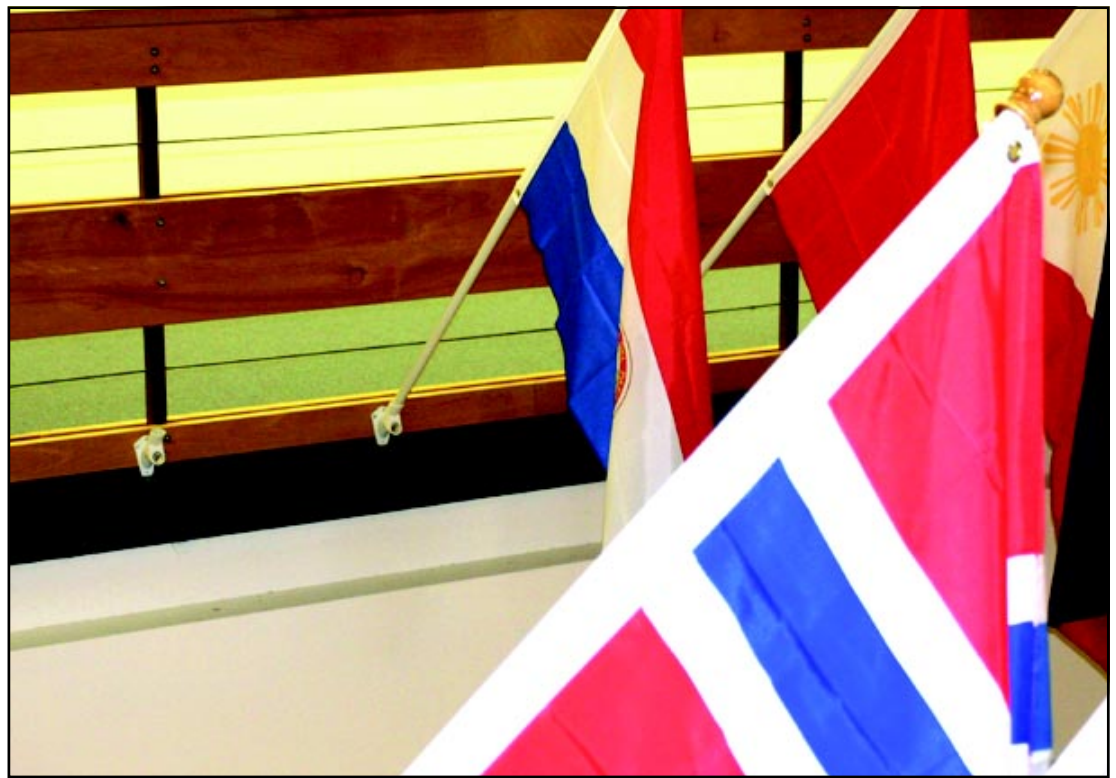


Photo by Ann Lushbough

the event, praised the college for having such a unique ceremony.

"The event was an important gesture to the

international students," he said. "It's great to see something like this happening in a college this

size."

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Students become professionals with help of OKCCC professor

By Eric Weber
News Writing I Student

Lisa Adkins, Administrative Office Technology professor, teaches her students to become medical transcriptionists, legal secretaries, hospital secretaries and administrative assistants.

Adkins said classroom tasks will vary depending on the subject. In the computer courses, Adkins said, she discusses each chapter with the students for the first hour of class. The remaining class time is used for lab work.

Adkins said this allows any students individual help if the students need it.

She said she focuses on production, accuracy, dependability, accountability, responsibility, interviewing and application processes.

She said these are valuable skills her students will use everyday in their careers, so it is essential students learn and use these skills.

In the administrative office procedures class, Adkins said, she uses lecture and discussion to teach the students. She also said the Microsoft Word and records management classes use lecture, computer exercises and hands-on practice exercises.

Adkins said the program recently purchased 20 palm pilot pocket PCs and incorporated them into the program.

In addition to computer learning, Adkins said students make an employment portfolio and a reference notebook. She said the reference notebook contains articles about job-related issues dealing with com-

munication, employment and self-development.

Adkins said there are always constant changes in the field, and more technology knowledge is always needed.

She said proper keyboarding skills also are essential for jobs in this line of work, and students must have extended software knowledge, along with proofreading, grammar skills and communication skills.

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•**Dec. 7:** Volleyball league continues. Games will be held on Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the OKCCC gymnasium.

•**Dec. 9:** 3-on-3 basketball league continues. Games will be held in the OKCCC gymnasium Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m.

YOUTH

•**Dec. 11:** Youth basketball league begins.

•**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.

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.

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Contest of Olympic proportions

**By Michael Byrne
News Writing I
Student**

Olympic athletes from the 2004 Summer Games in Athens will compete on campus Dec. 13 through 16, said Roxanna Butler, Aquatic and Facilities coordinator.

While competing in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Dana Vollmer earned a gold medal in the 800-meter free relay that broke a 17-year-old world record.

Rachel Komisarz, 2004 Olympic Swim Team member received two gold medals, for her participation on the 800-meter free relay, and the 400-meter medley relay.

Komisarz is currently a member of the 800-meter free relay that holds the American record.

About 500 swimmers from around the region will be at the newly-renovated OKCCC pool to compete in the 13th Annual Kerr McGee Elite Swim Meet, said Tom Gibson, Assistant Head Coach for the Kerr McGee Swim Club.

Other athletes scheduled to appear this year include Chad Carvin, Chris Thompson, Dana Vollmer, Rachel Komisarz and Sachiko Yamada.

Chad Carvin is the current American record holder in 400-meter freestyle and a former member of the American record-breaking 800-meter freestyle.

Carvin also is the former American record holder in 500-yard, 1,000-yard and 1650 yard free-style.

Chris Thompson won a bronze medal in the 1,500-meter freestyle at the 2,000

Games, breaking the American record.

"Thursday night should be a close race between Carvin and Thompson in the 1,000-yard freestyle," Gibson said.

Finals are scheduled to start at 6 p.m. on Dec. 13.

Sachiko Yamada of the Japanese Olympic team will compete with Komisarz for a record that Janet Evans currently holds.

Komisarz and Yamada both have entry times faster than the current record, Gibson said.

Athletes that have appeared in the past include Amanda Beard, Lenny Krayzelburg, Josh Davis, and Caroline Bruce, Butler said.

The meet is open to all U.S. athletes that have met the qualifying times.

In order to attract top

athletes, Kerr McGee Swim Club offers cash prizes to the top competitors.

Money isn't the only factor, "They love to come because our pool is fast," said Traci Wheeler, Recreation and Community Services director.

A fast pool is a pool that has optimal conditions in which allows swimmers to finish at fast times.

This meet is the only one of its kind in the U.S. that has prize money for the elite athletes, said Tom Gibson.

"The meet offers a more relaxed atmosphere and allows them to spend more time having fun," Gibson said.

Finals are scheduled to start at 6 p.m. on Dec. 13, 5 p.m. on Dec. 14 and 15, and 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 16.

Those with questions or concerns contact the Wellness Center at 682-1611, ext. 7310.



Student reactions to college sports

**By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer**

As the OKCCC intramural season comes to an end, students share their dissatisfactions and opinions for improvements.

Brion Lawrence, education major, said his experience with the flag football league was horrible.

"The rules were stupid," Lawrence said. "It was like a girls league."

Deana Perry, a journalism student, said she was glad the college offered intramural programs to students.

"I think it's cool they are free," Perry said.

She also said she felt the sports program catered more toward men.

"They need to have more sports for girls," Perry said.

Jeremiah Akers, who majors in diversified studies, said he thought the sports program was a good idea, but he was disappointed in the types of sports offered.

"The intramurals here are lame," Akers said. "They need to have contact sports."

Raquel Carranco, a premed major, said she was completely unaware of the college's intramural activi-

ties.

"There's a sports program here?" Carranco asked.

Eric Watson, Community Education and Health Specialist, said the fall intramurals didn't go over as well as he expected.

He plans to improve the program by making a few changes. Watson said he plans to add a couple of new sports for students to choose from.

Chris Bales, history major, said the program is alright considering it is still in its developmental stage.

"Eric Watson tries very

hard. There just isn't enough student participation," Bales said.

Those who have questions or concerns about the sports program please contact Watson at 682-1611, ext. 7786.

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Librarian balances two hefty jobs

By Lance Walker
News Writing I Student

Rachel Butler, member of the Norman City Council, visited OKCCC news writing students Oct. 9.

Butler, who represents district 5 in east Norman and doubles as a librarian at OKCCC, spoke at length about her duties with the council, as well as her involvement with the library.

Butler commented on

some of the issues the council has been looking at. One of the major problems facing the council is the frequency of incidents involving fraternity or "party" houses, Butler said.

The parties are not just happening on the weekends, but are occurring "multiple nights a week," Butler said. The council is in the process of drafting new ordinances with stricter penalties.

A member of the council since July 2003, Butler de-

cided to run for city council because she was frustrated with what was going on, she said. Some of the issues that concerned Butler were area growth and environmental resources.

Butler's husband Dan works as a biologist for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. Butler said her husband is one of the top experts in the state, specializing in issues such as flood plains and water pollution.

Butler said she spends 25 to 30 hours per week with her council responsibilities.

She said Norman residents are encouraged to contact their respective city council members if they care about something and want to make a change.

Butler said if citizens want to get an issue addressed, a clear and concise explanation of the issue would be better received than an elaborate, complex presentation.

"One piece of paper is like a piece of gold," Butler said.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Rachel Butler

In addition to her regular duties, Butler is the chair of a transportation subcommittee and a member of a library subcommittee.

"It's more work than I realized. I don't regret it," Butler said.

Butler received a bachelor's degree in architecture from Berkeley University. She received a master's degree in geography from the University of Oklahoma, and also has a degree in li-

brary and informational studies from OU.

An OKCCC librarian since 1989, Butler has noticed the impact the Internet has had on library usage.

"A lot of people are limiting themselves if they only use the Internet," Butler said.

Butler spoke about her experiences with the library system in Oklahoma.

"One of the strengths of Oklahoma is the libraries all work together. It's synergy," she said.

Butler acknowledges the OKCCC library is fortunate in that it is well funded and does not face some of the financial difficulties of other libraries.

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Journalism program becoming more popular

By Josh Bostic
News Writing I Student

OKCCC's journalism program has seen steady growth in the past 10 years. According to recent figures, journalism majors have increased 104 percent since fall of 1995.

Research Coordinator Joyce Morgan-Dees said journalism and broadcasting majors have risen from 158 in 1995 to 323 as of this semester. OKCCC saw its largest jump from 2001 to 2002 in which majors increased 48 percent.

Students attending journalism classes has risen 194 percent since 1996. In that time, from 1999 to 2000, student attendance spiked up 75 percent, the largest yearly growth rate at OKCCC.

Mass Media Communications professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert said with the technology so advanced, young people can't help but see the news. She believes this may be affecting class attendance and majors.

"Five years ago I had to make my students read the paper," Faulconer-Lippert said.

The journalism and broadcasting department is currently one of the top departments that graduates the most students in the Arts and Humanities division.

Faulconer-Lippert said the ever-growing popularity of the Internet is to thank for young people's interest in news.

There are currently five newswriting classes at OKCCC with two classes held in summer. Expansion looks inevitable due to the growth in the journalism department.

Children get a little Christmas HOPE

By Nancy Fraire
News Writing I Student

With Christmas right around the corner, the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education is preparing its annual Christmas party.

For the second straight year, HOPE will be hosting the party for Rockwood Elementary School, which has a large Hispanic population.

The party will take place before the Christmas vacation on Dec. 16, said Jessica Martinez-Brooks, OKCCC Media Relations coordinator and club sponsor.

This is HOPE's eighth year hosting the Christmas party. Martinez-Brooks said for six years, HOPE visited Shield's Heights

Elementary, but since the school closed down, HOPE has begun visiting Rockwood Elementary.

The club members raise money throughout the year. A nacho-burrito sale and personal donations help buy gifts and pay for other items, Martinez-Brooks said.

Members ask the students to draw a picture of what they want for Christmas. The school gives the club the students' pictures, and the group then looks for the presents.

Martinez-Brooks said last year's HOPE president dressed up as Santa Claus for the party. Since most of the children were bilingual, Santa was too.

HOPE's Public Relations Officer Sara Saenz said she is excited about the party.

"It was so funny because the kids were like 'Oh my,

it's Santa!' and they started hugging him," Saenz said.

Martinez-Brooks said along with gifts, HOPE members buy cookies, punch and piñatas.

Besides the fund-raisers and pocket money, HOPE also received donations from high school multicultural clubs.

Martinez-Brooks said Westmoore and Capitol Hill high schools donated gifts last year.

Saenz said the party is one of the biggest events for HOPE.

"To see how excited the children are makes us excited and gives us motivation," she said.

Those who would like to make a donation can contact Martinez-Brooks at 682-1611, ext. 7248.

Saenz can be reached at saramaria8984@hotmail.com.

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Meet Your State Representatives

The College Republicans are hosting representatives Kelvin Calvey, Oidilia Dank and Randy Terrill from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, in CU3. Drawings will be held for DVD players, one-month memberships to Aspen Athletic Club and gift certificates to Outback Steakhouse, Johnny Carino's Country Italian, Taco Cabana and Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler.

Photography Club print sale

The Photography Club will hold a print sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7, on the first floor of the main building. The club will sell prints of their original photographs, including color and black and white. For more information contact LaWanda LaVarnway at 682-1611, ext. 7329.

Final Brown Bag Lunch for fall semester

Have "Lunch with the VP" at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 7, in CU3. Students will have the opportunity to voice their concerns to Marion Paden, vice president of Student Services. Those who attend must provide their own lunch, but drinks will be provided. For more information contact Student Life at 682-7523.

Free doughnuts and hot chocolate

Baptist Collegiate Ministries is giving away free doughnuts and hot chocolate from 8 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, on the first floor of the main building. The club will host a Fear Factor-like game in which participants are asked questions about their fears. Those who participate in the game will receive a \$2 bill. For more information contact Phoebe Brown at 632-0198.

Xbox giveaway at Engineering Club meeting

The Engineering Club will give away an Xbox video game system at their final meeting of the fall semester. The meeting will be from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, in room 1C5 of the main building. Free pizza and drinks will be provided. For more information contact Patrick Pine at 250-0061.

Business Professionals of America officer elections

The Business Professionals of America will hold officer elections from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, in room 2R5 of the main building. For more information contact Lea Ann Hall at 682-1611, ext. 7497.

Winter Ball in college union

The Black Student Association will host its first annual Winter Ball from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10, in the college union. Dress is formal, and the BSA king and queen will be crowned. Finger food will be provided. Tickets are \$7 for couples and \$10 for singles. For more information contact Zakee King at 682-1611, ext. 7353.

Club needs donations for elementary school

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will once again host its annual Rockwood Elementary Christmas party. The club asks for donations of gifts or money by Monday, Dec. 13. The children's drawings of their desired gifts are available in the Marketing and Public Relations office on the second floor of the main building. For more information contact Jessica Martinez-Brooks at 682-1611, ext. 7248.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Reading material: English professor Richard Rouillard helps Nursing student Doreen Black shop for books at the fund-raiser for the Spring Writing Symposium. The book sale was held in the college foyer Nov. 10 and 11.

Society of Performing Artists puts heart into holiday service

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

After reforming the Drama Club with a new name, the Society of Performing Artists wanted to impact the community.

The club took part in Student Life's food drive from Nov. 15 to 30 to benefit the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.

Student Life challenged each student organization to collect non-perishable items to win a pizza party, said Jon Horinek, community engagement coordinator for Student Life. He said Student Life will give pizza parties to both SOPA and the Student Occupational Therapy Association.

"We will reward the two clubs who collected the most," Horinek said.

"I'm proud of them," said SOPA sponsor Ruth Char-nay.

"It's wonderful when you can help people and represent the school."

SOPA President Ace Burke said he was proud of his club for their hard work.

"We just wanted to do something for the community, and Thanksgiving is a good time to do it," Burke said.

Although collecting food for those in need is serious, SOPA Public Relations Officer Valerie Jobe said some interesting items were donated.

"The oddest thing donated was a box of wine crackers," Jobe said. "It looked old, but was not opened."

Burke also found humor in some of the donations.

"We asked for food and someone gave turkey bags which I found funny."

Burke said the turkey bags can be used by someone who needs to bake a turkey in their oven.

Jobe said SOPA collected non-perishable food items such as Ramen Noodles, croutons and canned foods.

The club planned to give an improvisational performance on campus if they collected 500 items.

Burke said the performance would have taken place at lunch time, but the club may put it on now. Specific time and date were not yet set.

Jobe said the performance would resemble the television show "Whose Line Is It, Anyway?"

"So far our events have been community outreach," Jobe said. "We may go to local schools and teach kids the ethics of drama."

Both officers look forward to the upcoming spring semester and the club's future activities.

"We will have a 'Shake and Bake' to celebrate William Shakespeare's birthday in April," Jobe said.

The event would include a bake sale, performances and readings of Shakespeare's works with students in period costumes.

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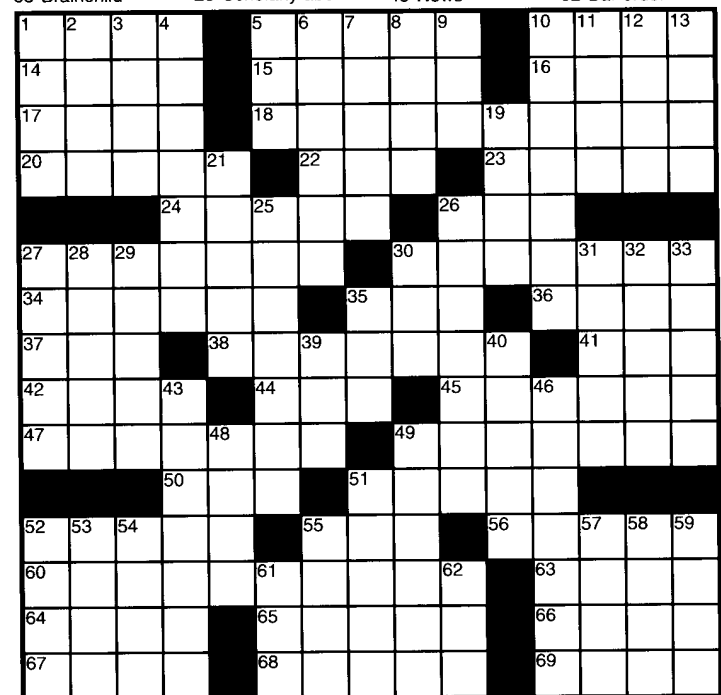
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