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Photo by Jon Horinek

'Tis the season: Mitch Hubbard and David Gray encourage passersby to ring the bell for the Salvation Army on Dec. 4 at Crossroads Mall. OKCCC sponsored the kettle and faculty and students rang the bell from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

VP has brain tumor surgery

Brenda Harrison says she feels positive about her future

**By Caroline Ting
Editor**

Brenda Harrison, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, underwent brain tumor surgery Nov. 16.

The surgery lasted for about an hour and a half.

"It couldn't have gone better," she said.

Harrison, 51, said she found out she had a tumor on the front lobe of her brain on Nov. 10.

She said she "panicked" when the surgeon told her she needed surgery — just a few days before the operation took place.

But, Harrison said, she "knew it had to be done."

From the time Harrison learned she had a brain tumor until after the surgery, she said she never felt negative about her illness.

"I think I was most concerned about telling my family," she said.

Harrison said her family was very supportive and all the adults in the family, including her father, two sisters and brother, were at the hospital when she had the surgery.

Before knowing she had a brain tumor, Harrison said, she had been experiencing symptoms of dizziness, nausea and headache since last year.

She said she consulted different doctors and finally found out what she had.

"It was so bad that when I went to the movies, if [the movie] was fast moving, I would get sick and have to leave," she said.

Although Harrison said she had a positive attitude about her illness, her biggest concern was that she didn't want to live like a "vegetable" after the surgery.

"I didn't want [the doctors] to do something to my brain that would cause me not to be able to live just

Illegal parking will cost more come spring

Fines to increase by \$75 in some cases

**By Richard Hall
Staff Writer**

New traffic and parking policies at OKCCC will be in place at the beginning of the spring 2005 semester, said Art Bode, vice president for Business and Finance.

Bode said the President's Cabinet has approved an increase in fines for illegal parking in fire lanes, handicap spaces, and faculty and staff spaces.

Beginning at the start of the spring semester, the fine for parking in fire lanes will rise to \$100, as opposed to the current \$25 fine.

Parking illegally in a handicap space will carry a fine of \$100, up from the current fine of \$50, and the fine for parking in a faculty or staff space will rise to \$15, a rise from the current \$5 fine.

Bode said there aren't enough staff and faculty parking spots.

By raising the fine for parking illegally in faculty and staff spaces, Bode said, he hopes it will make people consider what they're doing.

"There are faculty and staff parking for a reason," Bode said. "Just like handicap parking spaces, there are valid reasons why people use them."

Freshman business major Jonathan Inglis, 19, agrees with the bigger fines.

"Students shouldn't park in those spaces," Inglis said. "I think the punishment is justified."

Alyssa Lindsay, 19-year-old nursing major, also agrees. "It's not right to park in those spaces," she said. "People need those spaces for various reasons."

"I think \$100 is a little expensive, but it's become necessary."

Mechanical engineering major James Etuk thinks the increase is outrageous.

"There already aren't enough parking spaces," Etuk

"[The President's Cabinet] listened to everyone and took everything into consideration. [They] then decided what would be the best solution for students and faculty."

—Art Bode
Business and
Finance Vice
President

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Read and care about your college

Paying attention to what happens on your college campus is important to all students. At OKCCC, the easiest and the quickest way to find out why tuition increased, where the loud noises of construction are coming from or why that big pond is located on campus, is simply to read the student newspaper — the Pioneer.

This editorial is not intended to be a promotion for the newspaper, but rather a reminder to every student on this campus.

By reading what's reported on policies and issues on the OKCCC campus, you as a student can be better equipped than those who perhaps don't care enough to read or be informed. If you don't have enough understanding about something, how can you voice an informed opinion?

We are a student newspaper and we care about the students at this college. Everyone on the staff here is an OKCCC student just like you, so we are concerned about the issues you are concerned with.

Occasionally, obtaining open records information through the college administration takes longer than we, reporters, expect. But, if we don't fight to get the information and present it to the students and other readers, the truth may be lost and many questions will be left unanswered.

We bear the responsibility to bring you the news you want to know and the information everyone is entitled to have.

OKCCC is not a private college. As long as the law requires that certain information is an open record, it must be, without any question.

It is sad to see some employees at this college scared to speak their minds, because they are afraid of being let go.

As students of OKCCC, anytime the college administration would rather not release an open record, it means part of your freedom is taken away without you realizing it.

Voicing your opinions about your college in a student newspaper is a vital way to get your point across. Sometimes, what you say may also be an issue that the school overlooked and should pay more attention to.

People go to college to get their degrees and learn how to think like intellectual adults. An open college environment would make that learning process even more worthwhile.

Next time you read the Pioneer, try to look closer at the issues we report on. Who knows? You may have a question that we didn't ask.

—**Caroline Ting**
Editor

Help student find lost passport

To the editor:

On Thursday, Dec. 2, my bag got misplaced. It was kept on the couch near entry 14, close to the science lab. It is medium sized, single strapped, black in color and has a label in the front that says "American Eagle."

My passport was in the bag. The passport is green in color and issued by the government of Pakistan. The passport number is KA 346486.

If someone finds my passport or my bag, please generously return it to the OKCCC information desk, the security office, or send my passport to my home address: 1600 Ann Branden Apartment No. 522, Norman, OK.

My phone number is (405) 850-3579. Leave a

message in case I am not available. My e-mail address is mohammad.atif.zafar@gmail.com.

I had planned to make a trip back home this Christmas. I have to spend time with my parents, my mom especially. I wanted to meet with my friends back home and see my best friend get married. This is the time when she needs my support the most.

Everything was well planned out for the coming winter break. But, without my passport I can't go home. Moreover, it will take one to three months for my new passport and the new visa to be issued. To get the visa I have to go to Canada. If it takes more than a month for the visa to be issued, I will miss a lot of 2005 spring semester

coursework. And if it takes more than two months, I won't be able even to attend the spring semester.

So, if somebody finds my bag or my passport, please generously return it to me. May God bless all of us.

—**Mohammad Atif Zafar**

OKCCC international student

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THE JOKE'S ON YOU

by Phil Ryder & YOU



"Folks are breathing a sigh of relief tonight, as city officials say the crack house 'will be torn down.'"

- Peggy S. Simoni • Nolensville, TN

The Pioneer staff wishes you a safe and wonderful Christmas holiday. We will see you again on Jan. 17, 2005!

Comments and Reviews

Pioneer missed the mark

To the editor:

Usually, on my way in to the office each Friday, I pick up a copy of the Pioneer. I'd like to say that I do believe that the staff does a great job 98 percent of the time. However, in your Dec. 6 issue, you may have missed the mark.

Your story covering Mr. Ron Morehouse was utterly tacky and should not have been published seeing as it had so many unfounded

facts and hearsay throughout it.

Had Mr. Morehouse been terminated for something like sexual misconduct, murder, or something in that heinous nature, the story may have been a need-to-know matter but it seems as if the article was more of a gossip column meant to violate this man's privacy.

I say all this to say that I am a little disappointed.

Other than the fact that Mr. Morehouse was terminated, there seemed to be no hard facts, which makes the story weak.

I don't know Mr. Morehouse and neither can I speak for him. From my point of view, this story should either not have run at all or at least run with a sufficient amount of factual information.

—Ivy Butler
Admissions clerk

'Neverland' most moving drama

The movie "Finding Neverland" is the most moving drama of 2004.

Johnny Depp, who starred in "Pirates of the Caribbean," is cast as Sir James Matthew Barrie.

Barrie is the playwright responsible for the timeless classic "Peter Pan."

This film gives insight as to how Barrie found the inspiration to create such a masterpiece. Marc Foster, who directed "Monster's Ball," keeps everything in perfect form from start to finish.

The costumes and set design are absolutely gorgeous which gives a beautiful overall look to the film. Depp, as always, is amazing and gives another Oscar-worthy performance. The audience can easily feel every single emotion Depp is attempting to portray.

The onscreen connection between Depp and Kate Winslett, who starred in "Titanic," seems genuine.

Winslett and Depp project the perfect image together onscreen.

Depp's relationship with his cold and distant wife comes across the screen as if you were a member of the family.

Rahha Mitchell, from "Phone Booth" plays Barrie's wife and seems to identify personally with the character. And, some of the scenes that involve Depp and the children are so touching even the manliest of men may be moved to tears.

Dustin Hoffman, from "Tootsie," has only a small role, but his presence in the film is a necessity. He man-

ages to lighten the mood of the picture a little. Hoffman's impeccable timing and hallmark voice provide much of the comedy in this film.

With the combination of an intriguing story, a superb supporting cast and, of course, Johnny Depp, this movie should be seen by all. Even though the Academy Award is infamous for overlooking Depp, there may very well be an Oscar nomination in it for him next year.

—Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

Spikers beat Blue

To the editor:

The Men in Blue finally showed up Dec. 7 for the much-awaited volleyball competition against the Social Science Spikers to "settle on court" who gets all the bragging rights.

Ahem.

It appears that the Spikers get all the bragging rights since we once again

won two out of the three games. Tricky Thomas Jones, Dancin' Dana Glencross, Joltin' Jeff Carlisle, Clever Chuck Carselowey, Sly Stephanie Hayes and Mirthful Martha George simply proved to be the better (not to say luckier) players.

—Mirthful Martha
George for the Spikers



Q: What is the distance of the walking trail around the new retention pond on campus?

A: The upper level walkway is 4,420 feet (or 0.837 mile). The lower level walkway is 3,200 feet (or 0.606 mile).

—J.B. Messer
Physical Plant Director

Q: There have been U.S. Army recruiters on campus recently, but I've heard of a law that would ban military recruiters from college campuses. How will this affect OKCCC?

A: The law states colleges that ban military recruiters cannot lose federal funding. I have not given any consideration to changing our procedures for allowing military recruitment on campus. However, students are welcome to voice their concerns.

—Marion Paden
Vice President for Student Services

Q: Why is the Bursar's office so slow?

A: It depends on what time of year it is. Some times are busier than others.

—Barbara Hunt
Student account assistant

Q: Why can't you take pictures during Cultural Awareness Series events in the college theater? What if you didn't use a flash?

A: The photographer should get the permission of the artist(s) and the venue before photographing a performance. Sometimes there may be restrictions to photographing a performer or a venue.

Flash photography is not allowed because it disturbs both the artist(s) and the audience, breaking the momentum and/or ambience of a performance.

In some cases a flash can endanger a performer. If permission has been granted by the artist(s) and the venue, photographs should be taken without a flash and as discretely as possible so as not to disturb the performer or the audience.

—Scott Tigert
Cultural Programs and Community
Development Assistant

Quote of the Week:

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

—Thomas A. Edison

Questions For Us?

E-mail them to
editor@okccc.edu

Comments and Reviews

Still time to apply for financial aid

To the editor:

There's still time to apply for current year financial aid and begin planning for 2005-2006 financial aid.

Students who are considering applying for student financial assistance for the current academic year may still file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) 2004-2005 version. You are encouraged to apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. In addition, you are encouraged to obtain a PIN which will enable you to use it as your electronic signature for filing the FAFSA online. Those who are required to file as dependent students should have at least one parent obtain a PIN since at least one parent must sign the FAFSA. You must file the FAFSA for each academic year.

To receive assistance after filing the FAFSA, you will be asked to submit information in support of your FAFSA for review by Financial Aid staff. You will be contacted by letter requesting documentation specific to your application.

Important information will be mailed with your initial award letter for each year. Information sheets provided address certain key policies and procedures that affect your continuing eligibility for assistance,

based on federal regulations. Please become familiar with this information.

Students may begin filing the FAFSA for the 2005-2006 academic year beginning in January. You are encouraged to file as early as possible, after you file your federal tax return for 2004. Having accurate tax information will help avoid errors on the FAFSA and delays in processing by the Financial Aid Office if your FAFSA must be reprocessed to correct errors.

Financial Aid will start downloading 2005-2006 FAFSA results in late January and will be awarding financial assistance for next year beginning in February.

The Financial Aid Office will continue reviewing and awarding for the current year. Financial Aid recipients registered for summer will be reviewed for remaining eligibility for the current year. Eligible students will receive a summer award letter.

If you have questions, stop by the Financial Aid Office, call 682-7525, or visit the College Homepage. Click on current or prospective students and select Financial Aid/Veterans Services.

—**Harold Case**
Dean of Student
Financial Support
Services

Let us hear your
comments, opinions
and story ideas!
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Call us at 682-1611,
ext. 7409, or e-mail
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This 'Blade' is very dull

Being a great admirer of the first two "Blade" films, I admit I was excited when "Blade: Trinity" was announced. Trying my hardest to forget about the supporting cast, I thought this movie was going to be great. Key word: thought.

In the third installment of the "Blade" films, Blade (Wesley Snipes) teams up with vampire hunters Abigail Whistler (Jessica Biel) and Hannibal King (Ryan Reynolds) to battle Dracula (Dominic Purcell) and his nocturnal buddies.

The plot is as straight forward as any other action film, but the letdown of "Blade: Trinity" is... well, everything.

The characters are laughable, even Blade. He acts too much like a thug and often attempts to have serious moments that end up embarrassing.

Whistler is nothing special and she proves her

worth by fighting like a catatonic patient on wet linoleum. And, the film could've done without King, who was just a buff Van Wilder, continuously making smart remarks about everything, which transformed "Blade: Trinity" into a comedy.

The action is no shock and awe, with most of the best sequences being taken from the previous "Blade" films. As a matter of fact, the film spent more time showing Blade preparing for battle than it did showing the battles.

The final scene with Dracula and Blade had me yawning, and it was one of the few times Blade actually used his sword.

Worst of all, there was no climatic build up to Blade's meeting with Dracula, nor was Dracula a formidable foe. Dracula, who is reputed to be the most powerful vampire ever, fled

from Blade on their first meeting and died in a very cheap manner.

"Blade: Trinity" is by far one of the worst vampire-action movies I have ever seen.

Two words can effortlessly describe its worthlessness: vampire dogs. Yes, there are vampire dogs in this movie, as if casting wrestling star Triple H as a vampire wasn't enough.

I can understand this film is meant to have a comic book feel to it, but with the weak cast and apparently rushed production, "Blade: Trinity" ends up being a burden to watch.

Good job, New Line Cinema, on releasing one of the most cheesy and tawdry films of all time. People don't like failures, and that's exactly what "Blade: Trinity" is — a bloodsucking F.

—**Richard Hall**
Staff Writer

'The Kranks' a worthy Christmas film

You may have asked yourself, "What would happen if I skipped Christmas?" The movie, "Christmas with the Kranks," based on John Grisham's novel, "Skipping Christmas" answers the question and more.

Luther and Nora Krank (Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis) decide to skip out on their holiday traditions when their daughter, Blair (Julie Gonzalo) joins the Peace Corps.

Not only are the Kranks neglecting to send Christmas cards, put up decorations or give gifts, they plan to leave for a cruise on Christmas day.

While some would ask them why they are skipping Christmas and then leave the Kranks alone, their neighbors are offended.

The movie shows the entire town getting up in arms over the whole thing.

Underneath the comedy are themes of gossip and respect for the wishes of others.

What should draw the common moviegoer to this film is its comedic elements.

The craziness of the townspeople is a perfect combination with Tim Allen's signature sarcasm and cynicism.

Dan Akyroyd turns a common supporting role into a worthwhile performance, as the neighborhood boos.

However, he is not the funniest or most interesting neighbor.

Erik Per Sullivan plays a great nuisance and his character screams brat.

Another element that is sure to cause laughter is the physical comedy of holiday decorations.

If putting up lights wasn't bad enough, imagine put-

ting a 5-foot-tall glass snowman on the roof of a two-story home.

Although the snowman scene is very funny, it is even funnier in Grisham's novel.

Also, the movie does have some over-the-top scenes, which hurt its flow.

There are hilarious parts in the movie that will not be spoiled here. I will say one scene involves an angry mob and a snowman, while another involves trespassing carolers.

One mishap after another leads to an exciting and surprising end.

Whoever said Grisham needs to stick to courtroom drama is wrong. With more laughs than Christmas lights, some action and even a little heart, "Christmas with the Kranks" gets a B+.

—**Matthew Caban**
Staff Writer

Study abroad opportunities available

By Candice Jones
News Writing I
Student

A study-abroad meeting was held Nov. 18 in the college union for students with interests in international study.

Jon Horinek, Community Engagement coordinator for Student Life, presented information to several interested students.

Since OKCCC is still working on an official study-abroad program, students presently interested will be helped on an individual basis, Horinek said.

Students should expect to pay anywhere between \$2,000 to \$6,000 for most study-abroad trips, Horinek said.

The first step is filing for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

FAFSA must be filed a semester before the student wishes to depart to the country of his or her choice, Horinek said.

Students who are eligible for federal aid or Pell Grants can receive scholarships to help them fund their trip.

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship is open to undergraduate students who are receiving a Federal Pell Grant.

Preference will be given to

applicants outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. For more information about this scholarship, visit www.iie.org/gilman.

The Freeman-Asia program is open to undergraduate students who wish to study in Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Laos, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam. For more information on this program, students may visit www.iie.org/programs/Freeman-Asia.

The National Security Education Program is open to U.S. citizen undergraduates who wish to study outside of Western Europe,

Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Students interested may visit www.iie.org/nsep.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is open to recent bachelor's, master's and doctoral candidates, and young professionals or artists. For more information on this program visit www.iie.org/fulbright/us.

Most major universities such as the University of Oklahoma have existing study-abroad programs, Horinek said.

Hollie Raglin, a junior ar-

chitect major at OU, studied abroad in Europe last summer.

"I am so glad I got the chance to travel to Europe," Raglin said. "I would encourage more students to study abroad, it's a great experience."

"Not only did I meet many students interested in my field of study," he said, "but I learned a lot about architecture."

For more information, contact John Hughes, Political Science professor, at 682-1611, ext. 7760.

Young Democrats have high hopes

By Jennifer Mardis
News Writing I Student

Despite devastating losses by the Democratic Party on the Nov. 2 elections, the Young Democrats forge ahead with meetings, events and activities.

Although members said they were speechless and devastated by the overwhelming Republican sweep, they said they were not defeated.

"I'm not one of these Democrats that wanted to quit my job and move to Canada," said James Williamson, club president.

He said he had a glimpse of hope on election night.

"When I found out it was coming down to Ohio, I thought for sure Kerry would win, because (Ohio's) economy is so bad and they have record job losses," Williamson said.

Jonathan Nimo, club member, said the Democrats should have run a southerner for President.

"Southern Democrats have that down home feeling, whereas John Kerry

was a sophisticated, East-coast playboy with an heirless wife," Nimo said.

Nimo and Williamson said they did not mope too long. They have held two meetings since the election featuring a guest speaker from Americans United for Separation of Church and State. The day after the election, the club had a pizza party.

"Granted, it was supposed to be a victory party, but we went ahead anyway," Williamson said.

Nimo said he feels more motivated now that the election is over.

"We've been demonized, especially when you hear the word 'liberal.' But, that motivates me," Nimo said.

Williamson and Nimo are currently organizing a showing of the controversial documentary "Outfoxed."

The documentary is about the allegedly right-leaning bias by Fox News and is scheduled to debut Dec. 8 at OKCCC.

Wasting no time, OKCCC's Democrats will hold their next campus meeting at 4 p.m. on Dec. 14.

Go to the beach and earn college credit

By Brittanie Wilfong
News Writing I Student

Go on a spring break trip exploring the Gulf Coast of Texas, get four hours of college credit in science and never even have to take a test. It may sound too good to be true but it isn't.

Every year a special topic biology class (Bio 2004) goes on a trip to a different location around the United States.

This year's trip will be headquartered in Goose Island State Park in Texas.

Dr. Tony Stancampiano, biology department chair, is the professor in charge of the trips.

He has been offering these types of courses for the last eight years.

"This course is very fun and interesting," Stancampiano said.

"The class meets once a week for just five weeks and there are no tests."

The class can fulfill a biological science with a lab requirement, Stancampiano said.

This trip is popular among students and takes place the week of spring break.

Students camp out in tents and study the ecosystem of the Texas Gulf

"This course is very fun and interesting. The class meets once a week for just five weeks, and there are no tests."

—Tony Stancampiano
Biology Department Chair

Coast, which has an abundant life. It is an excellent place to study water birds, crabs, fish, jellyfish and other wildlife.

Students are required to keep a journal of the wildlife they study, Stancampiano said.

The trip takes about 10 or 12 hours, with students and faculty traveling in large vans, Stancampiano said.

Participants will leave for the trip on March 12 and get back on March 18 or 19.

The course has a special fee of \$250 plus the cost of tuition.

With all the traveling and working together, students form long-lasting friendships from the experience, Stancampiano said.

"It's going to be a really fun trip," Stancampiano said.

Students with a variety of majors, backgrounds and interests are encouraged to enroll in the course.



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www.okccc.edu/pioneer

Sen. Debbe Leftwich supports education funds

By Sara Masters
News Writing I Student

State Senator Debbe Leftwich spoke to OKCCC students on Nov. 30 about what the state is trying to accomplish involving its education system.

Leftwich said, for the past few years, Oklahoma has been in a major budgetary crisis.

In the 2005 fiscal year, \$802 million is currently allotted for the higher education system but Leftwich said it is not enough.

Across Oklahoma, enrollment at college campuses is up.

While buildings are overcrowded and in disrepair. A \$500 million capital bond project has been proposed to fix some of the problems.

There is a project in this bond proposal for each of the 25 colleges and universities in Oklahoma, Chancellor Paul Risser said.

This includes OKCCC.

According to the State Regents for Higher Education, OKCCC would receive a new Arts Education Center and an expansion of the Health Professions Education Center.

The Arts Education Center would be a new 75,000 square foot stand-alone facility, according to the State Regents. The center



Photo by Ann Lushbough
Debbe Leftwich

would provide instructional facilities to meet projected enrollment demand.

The Health Professions Education Center would provide an additional 30,000 square feet of needed space for the pro-

grams OKCCC offers.

Gov. Brad Henry is strongly supporting the capital bond project, Leftwich said.

Henry said it is a major priority for the 2005 legislative session.

Leftwich said the higher education system isn't the only thing that should expect to gain something from the bond project.

Leftwich said the benefits to the Oklahoma economy would be tremendous. In fact, she said, it is expected to have a \$737 million economic impact in the state.

According to a State Regents handout, with 141 projects in 36 communities across the state, a \$500 million capital construction project would provide a huge economic boost.

Surprisingly, the \$500 million represents only 14 percent of the total construction needs on campus, Leftwich said.

The last time a bill was passed that even compared to the impact this would have was in 1967.

"Education is always funded first in Oklahoma," Leftwich said.

Park illegally and pay up

By Jennifer Olian
News Writing I Student

People illegally parking in spots reserved for handicapped individuals is a large problem at the college, said campus security staff.

Students often disregard the handicapped symbols painted in parking spots located all over campus parking lots.

Students who are caught parking illegally in handicapped reserved parking spaces are now being fined \$50 according to OKCCC's Traffic and Parking procedures website.

Some think the fine is too low.

In an earlier article published by the Pioneer, Tammy Earl, lead interpreter in OKCCC's Services to Students with Disabilities Department, said, "An increase in fines may cause people to take it more seriously."

Some students admit they sometimes ignore the handicapped parking signs.

"I've done it a few times," said one OKCCC student. "It's easier than looking for a spot far away."

This type of attitude is common around campus.

While driving around and looking at

"(Students parking in handicapped parking) is a big problem."

—Shane Palmer
OKCCC security officer

the vehicles parked in the handicapped reserved parking spots, a person can see quite a few of the parked cars don't display the correct permits.

"(Students parking in handicapped parking) is a big problem," said OKCCC security officer Shane Palmer.

Of the estimated 2,600 parking spaces on campus about 90 are reserved for those with disabilities.

Something students may not realize is in addition to the college's security officers, Oklahoma City Police Officers have the authority to ticket or tow vehicles parked illegally.

Officers with OKCCC's Security Department were not able to say how many tickets are given for illegally parking in handicap spaces. They were, however, able to confirm that illegal parking in those spots reserved for handicapped does contribute to the citations given.

For more information about tickets or fines on campus, visit the Safety and Security office located in the main building on the first floor for a free brochure.



Enroll from home with MineOnline

By Jennifer Garner
News Writing I Student

Most students enrolling for spring semester at OKCCC don't have to wait in lines to enroll.

MineOnline is a program that has been available for the past few years at OKCCC. The program enables students to enroll on the Internet.

Students may view education plans, apply for financial aid, enroll in the upcoming semester and even pay their tuition.

To enroll in classes using the MineOnline website, students should start at the OKCCC home page, www.okccc.edu.

From the homepage, people may click on Current Students, then scroll down to Enroll and then click on Spring 2005. If students already know the classes they would like to enroll in, they can click on Enroll in Classes then click Express Registration and enter in the course name and section, then submit.

If help is needed deciding on the courses students need to take, they can go to MineOnline and click on My Educational Plan, and the classes they need to take for their major will pop up on the screen.

Mary Turner, student development counselor said MineOnline is easy.

"Students don't even have to get out of their jammies to get enrolled," Turner said.

"I don't want anyone to think we don't want (him or her) to come in [but we] don't want them to wait unnecessarily."

Students needing to speak with a counselor before enrolling or wanting a more personal enrolling experience may visit Student Development from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays; and Wednesdays; 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. Student Development is located on the ground floor of the main building. Turner suggests coming in the early morning or in the middle of the afternoon for shorter lines.

Attorney advises international students

By Ivo Lupov
News Writing I Student

Attorney Timothy Cook helped international students learn how to protect themselves legally when he was invited to answer questions at the regular International Student Association meeting in November.

Cook told those who attended that most legal questions can be resolved without attorneys.

Then, he took questions from the international stu-

dents.

He said international students are in a very delicate position because there are many rules and laws that don't allow international students to do what American residents can do.

The meeting started with a short lecture about the entire process of maintaining legal status.

After the lecture, many students asked questions that mainly concerned their status, such as establishing a legal residency.

The biggest issue was about the legal change of the current F-1 student visa status, a document giving international students permission to enter and study in the United States.

Every international student, who is not a resident in the United States, has an F-1 visa. To keep legal status, Cook said, each student has to follow particular rules.

Cook said false employment is the most common violation incurred by international students.

"To work off campus without a work permit would be a serious violation of international students' status and they could be directly deported," he said.

Cook also discussed ways marriage can affect visa status. In those cases, he said, international students may need additional legal help.

He explained that even green card holders need to protect themselves from deportation.

A law violation, like driving under the influence of alcohol, could severely compromise a student's legal status.

Students found the lecture, and question and answer portion of the meeting helpful.

Most of the international students were satisfied with the answers," said Yu

Da Kim from South Korea.

Hispanic and Asian students were the most eager for information Cook said.

"Some of the students stayed after the meeting was over," he said.

Originally from Illinois, Cook graduated from Okla-

homa City University Law School in 1999.

Because of the high interest, there will be a second meeting with the attorney next semester, said E.J. Johnson, president elect of the International Students Association.

"To work off campus without a work permit would be a serious violation of international students' status and they could be directly deported."

—Timothy Cook
Immigration Attorney

By Graham Rennels
News Writing I Student

College offers help finding job

For college students in search of some extra cash, OKCCC has many resources on how to find a part-time job that can help put money in their pockets.

The best way to seek work is to go to the Employment Services office located in the Student Life area in the main building of OKCCC's campus, or online students may access their website at www.okccc.edu/es.

What can Employment Services do to help students find the job they want?

Employment Services offers to help students find a job that best fits their needs.

Some tools offered include helping students write cover letters, post résumés,

and assist in finding a job that relates to one's major.

Employment Services also has teamed up with two companies that allow students to find a job.

Collegecentral.com and Oklahoma Career Information provide students with information on where to find a job close to where they live, how to get a job, and even jobs that would work best with their personality and interests.

One student who had success in finding a job through Employment Services is Jeff Moody, elementary education major at OKCCC.

"I found a job working as an umpire for T-Ball which gives me experience with kids since I'll eventually be working with them permanently," Moody said.

If students are unable to find the answers they need through the Internet, then Linda Fay, coordinator of Employment Services, will most likely have a solution.

Employment Services is not a job placement agency but gives students the resources they need to help find a job.

Employment Services "Helps you help yourself," said Jessica Jones who assists Fay in the Employment Services office.

For further questions and upcoming events, Employment Services can be contacted by phone at (405) 682-7519 or by email at employmentservices@okccc.edu.

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—Jeff Moody
Elementary Education major

Lecture prepares students for success during finals week

By Kristie Paliotta
News Writing I Student

OKCCC's Brown Bag Lunch lecture, "Get Ready for Finals," covered study skills, reading and test taking strategies on Dec. 2.

"While not advisable, we realize that some students do put off studying for finals until the week before.

"This lecture was designed as a refresher of study skills for them," said Jon Horinek, OKCCC Community Engagement coordinator.

The program was hosted by Student Life, which sponsors different lectures on various dates. The lectures all start at noon or 12:30 p.m.

A person can eat and learn something interesting

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—Jon Horinek
Coordinator of
Community Engagement

at the same time.

"This semester, there have been 14 different Brown Bag Lunch lectures and next semester there will be 10 lectures," said Horinek.

"Each lecture is about 45 minutes."

If a student attends five lectures, he or she is entered to win a \$100 book scholarship, Horinek said.

Student Life also offers many other activities for OKCCC students, such as volunteer hours for anyone interested.

The volunteer work consists of different service projects around town like Habitat for Humanity.

In the future, OKCCC will implement volunteering into the classrooms, either as extra credit opportunities or as a replacement for a final exam, Horinek said.

Students who have questions about the Brown Bag Lunches or about volunteer hours can visit Horinek in the Office of Student Life Center located on the first floor of the main building.

All I want for Christmas is...

Students from the Child Development Center and Lab School's preschool B class recently shared with the Pioneer what they wanted this Christmas.

"I want a baseball bat and a baseball."
—Miles King, 5.

"I want a GameBoy Advance."
—Andy Hall, 4.

"I want Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."
—Cristian Linn, 4.

"I want a lot of stuff."
—Denae Smith, 4.

"I want a horsey for Christmas."
—Cara Drummond, 4.

"I want a Princess and Pauper house."
—Kylah Nelson, 3.

"I want a Christmas tree."
—Vy Nguyen, 4.

"I'm going to get Batman and Power Rangers."
—Christian Hinojosa, 4.

"I want presents."
—Masheid Alimoradi, 4.



Photo by Richard Hall

Students from preschool B class pose in front of a Christmas tree at the Child Development Center and Lab School. Each student has his or her own Christmas list made and ready to go, just in time for Dec. 25.

Students spill chestnuts about most unusual Christmas gift

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

Gift receiving can be interesting when the items being given are not expected. Just ask some OKCCC students.

Music major Jessica Serrano said her sister once gave her rocks for Christmas.

"[There were] two or three [rocks] in three boxes stuffed with cotton," Serrano said.

Melissa Buchanan could have used the rocks for her Christmas gift. The psychology major received a bearded dragon.

"My fiancé loves reptiles, so he got me one for Christmas this year," Buchanan said.

Kris Scott, a freshman undecided in his major, has a father with a sense of humor.

"I received novelty condoms from my dad," Scott said.

Psychology major Brian Twiggs said his most unusual gift sort of let him down.

"A couple of friends gave me stolen keys and an alarm control to some car," Twiggs said. "I can't get the



Melissa Buchanan



Kris Scott



Sheena Murray

car but it's OK."

Sophomore literature major Sheena Murray also received a reptilian present.

"When I was 10 years old," Murray said, "my grandparents gave me a pet snake."

"I always thought that was kind of unusual."

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Photos by Richard Hall

Lights on for the holidays

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Christmas is near, and throughout Oklahoma are a ton of Christmas lighting displays to visit. Here are a handful of locations to check out this season.

Visit the Holiday Lights Spectacular, from 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at Joe B. Barnes Regional Park in Midwest City. The festival lasts through Dec. 31. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

Next, stop at the OG&E Garden of Lights in Oklahoma City at the Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory until Jan. 1. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children and \$3.50 for seniors.

Plan a trip to Yukon for Christmas in the Park drive-through light display in Yukon City Park, open through Jan. 1, 6 to 11 p.m. nightly. Sleigh rides are available for \$5 and there are no admission costs.

Don't forget about Chickasha's Festival of Light, from 6 to 11 p.m. nightly through Dec. 31. Festive holiday music will be played. The event is located at South 9th and Grand Street in Chickasha. Admission is free.

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Affordable gift ideas for him and her

By Nicole Lutz
News Writing I Student

The holidays are a time for giving. It also is a time for finding that perfect gift.

The perfect gift isn't always easy to find.

Most of the time people don't know what to get for others, and feel overwhelmed.

Many students on a budget need ideas for holiday gifts. The following are some great his and her gift ideas for the holidays.

For \$30 and under:

Her: Personalized Photo Coasters, \$30. Each Coaster holds a 2x2 photo. They are available in assorted colors and come in round or square shapes.

www.surprise.com.

Woman's Swell Robe, \$24.99 and up. Flannel and velour robes in assorted colors and patterns available at Target or www.target.com.

Him: Oklahoma University/Oklahoma State University picture frame pillows, \$18. Each holds a 3x5 picture. They are available at Dillard's or www.dillards.com.

Laser Baseball, \$29.95. Baseball displays the speed of each pitch in mph. They are available at The Sharper Image or www.sharperimage.com.

For \$50 and under:

Her: Microdermabrasion System for professional skin rejuvenation, \$49.95. Deep clean skin at home with this professional sys-

tem. They are available at the Sharper Image or www.sharperimage.com.

Godinger Shannon Crystal 6-piece Dublin Martini Set, \$49.99. Four 7-ounce. Martini glasses, one shaker, and one 16-inch silver-plated tray. They are available at Bed Bath and Beyond or www.bedbathandbeyond.com.

Him: Personalized Pint Glasses and pitcher. Set of four pint glasses, \$19.95 and one pitcher, \$29.95. Features up to 14 characters in personalization. They are available at www.target.com.

"Halo 2" game for Microsoft Xbox, \$50. Website TeamXbox called it the most anticipated game of all time. It is available wherever video games are

sold.

For \$100 and under:

Her: Sound Soother Neck Massager, \$69.95. It comes with heat and vibrating massage to ease pain and stiffness. It also features relaxing sounds. It is available at the Sharper Image or www.sharperimage.com.

Origins Calming Nature Gift Set, \$55. The set includes lavender and vanilla cleanser, body smoother, body soufflé, bath oil and sleep mask. Sets are avail-

able at Dillard's.

Him: Remote Controlled Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren, \$79.95. It is an authentic 1:18-scale die-cast metal car driven by remote control. They are available at the Sharper Image or www.sharperimage.com.

OU/OSU University Fossil Watches, \$75. The Dial changes from silver to the university logo and are water-resistant. They are available at Dillard's or www.dillards.com.

Seasonal grub can add to tub

By Kevin R. Hicks
News Writing I Student

'Tis the season of expanding waistlines.

With parties, Christmas dinners and those inevitable leftovers, many students will gain an estimated 7 to 10 pounds, the "Seasonal Seven," according to the National Institute of Health website.

Some students find it difficult to maintain their weight during the holidays because food is so central to these occasions.

"In our culture, food is associated with social gatherings," said Mary Turner, Student Development counselor.

Parents may add to the problem when welcoming college students home by preparing all their favorite dishes.

"First, there's Thanksgiving dinner, then Christmas dinner, and we even have a dinner for New Year's," said Allison Skrehart, education major.

"Plus, there's all the leftovers your parents expect you to eat, too."

The Institute of Health

said choosing foods lower in calories and eating smaller portions can help to ease the effects of the "Seasonal Seven."

Turner warns against the temptation to fill up your plate.

"When you have a full plate in front of you," she said, "you get a sense that you have to eat it all."

The Institute of Health also attributes weight gain to lack of activity.

"After we've eaten our Thanksgiving dinner and let our tummies settle, my family goes for a long walk around our neighborhood," said Judy Nelson, communications major.

Nelson said a long walk is a good way to feel less full so there is room for dessert when they get home.

When doing holiday shopping, Turner suggests picking the first parking spot you see and walking up to store, rather than waiting for a spot up close.

Turner said beating yourself up over indulging in holiday eating isn't necessary.

"Tomorrow is a new day. You can be better tomorrow."



International students share how they spend the holidays



"I put up a Christmas tree, a big nativity scene and sing carols from Dec. 1 until Christmas."

—Linada Keene
Psychology major from Columbia



"I have dinner and then go to church for midnight mass on Dec. 24."

—Diwakar Thiru
Psychology major from India

"Boys and girls go out on a date, go drinking and exchange gifts."

—Amy Aita
Biology major from Japan



"My sister-in-law is American so we cook a turkey but don't exchange presents."

—Khusroo Iqbal
Graphics Communications major from Pakistan



"I get together with friends, watch movies, have lunch, exchange gifts and put up a Christmas tree."

—Azfar Gul
Medical Assistant major from Pakistan



OKCCC educates students about HIV/AIDS

**By Nicole Bryce
News Writing I Student**

OKCCC's Office of Student Life participated in AIDS and HIV Awareness Week Dec. 1 to 3, as part of a national campaign to educate the world about the dangers and potential death caused by contracting the AIDS virus.

HIV/AIDS is now the third leading cause of death among women age 25 to 44, and there are approximately 40,000 new infections each year, according to the websites www.cdc.gov and www.nih.gov.

Lack of knowledge about HIV/AIDS is a major factor.

"People tend to get complacent about the subject, and others just forget about it," said Jon Horinek, Coordinator of Community Engagement.

The HIV/AIDS epidemic has been plaguing the country for more than two decades according to the websites.

In that time, more than 60 million people worldwide have become infected and 20 million of those already have died.

The sites go on to report the following:

- The majority of those infected, both in this country and abroad, are under the age of 25.

- This disease is the leading cause of death among African-American women in this age group.

- As of September 2003, there are 6,903 reported cases of HIV/AIDS in Oklahoma.

- If this current trend persists, by 2020, AIDS could claim up to 100 million lives worldwide, making this one of the world's worst epidemics in history.

Horinek said his office wants to help lower those numbers.

"We want to encourage students to make informed and smart choices about their sex lives,"

OKCCC has been participating in AIDS and HIV Awareness Week for several years.

Throughout the week students were able to view a HIV/AIDS display of facts, were provided with an information booth, and were also given free on-campus confidential HIV testing in the college union. CarePoint of Oklahoma did the HIV/AIDS testing.

"We need to raise aware-

ness and remind people that AIDS and HIV are still out there," Horinek said.

Students can stop by the Office of Student Life for further information, or visit www.know-hivaid.org.

For an HIV/AIDS test contact Care-Point at 232-2473 or visit www.carepoint.org.

Phones for emergencies

**By Natalie Reynolds
News Writing I Student**

Emergencies can occur quickly and without warning — anywhere.

When they occur at OKCCC, campus emergency phones allow students and faculty to connect directly to the security office just by pushing a button.

"I think emergency phones are a great idea," said freshman David Jackson. "I just wish they were better advertised so the students know they are there."

There are 35 emergency phones located inside the building, mostly on the second and third floors in the main building.

"The phones are used about six to eight times a week, but mostly for locked

classrooms," said Keith Bourque, coordinator of campus safety and security services.

"We want students to know they are there for their use," Bourque said.

The emergency phones are marked by a red sign that reads, "College Emergency Phone," and can be accessed by pushing the button on the call box located below the sign.

The phone will then ring the security office, where the dispatcher will assess the problem and respond accordingly, Bourque said.

The phones are connected to a computer database that will reveal the location of the phone call, in case the person using the emergency phone is unable to speak.

Emergency phones also are located outside the building.

The outside phones are

located throughout the OKCCC parking lot and work similarly to the inside emergency phones.

Bourque said the 10 outside emergency phones are used more frequently than the inside phones, Bourque said.

"[The outside phones are] used mostly for jump starts and people locking their keys in their cars."

All emergency phones are available for use 24 hours a day. From 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., the phones are answered in the security office. However, from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m., the phones are answered off-campus on radio phones and the location of the caller cannot be identified.

"Emergencies can happen anytime," said sophomore Brandon Yohn. "The school is well prepared in case one of these situations does arise."

Consortium gets new home

**By John Savage
News Writing I Student**

OKCCC and four other colleges — Rose State College, Redlands Community College, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City, and the University of Central Oklahoma — now have a branch campus in the new Ronald J. Norrick Downtown Library.

Gary Davidson, Director of the Downtown College Consortium, also teaches

as an adjunct professor at OKCCC.

"The [spring] enrollment is open," Davidson said.

More than 65 classes will be available, he said.

Most of the courses are 2000-level classes, which means they count towards a student's academic degree.

Students can enroll one of three ways: online, downtown and at the OKCCC campus.

"We are trying something new this spring," Davidson said. "We will have three so-

ciology classes that will be held on Saturdays."

There will be five-week Fast-Track, and eight-week and 16-week formats, said Davidson.

"Students working downtown would be able to attend class at noon or after work," Davidson said.

"The library has only been opened for a few months so we need to get the word out that we're here," Davidson said. For a complete listing of classes and schedules visit www.downtowncollege.com.

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Preschool students bake bread for class

**By Dana Fisher
News Writing I Student**

Today's new diets have given bread a bad connotation. But if you entered the preschool classroom at the Child Development Center and Lab School, one would never guess that was so.

The children at the center began a bread project about five weeks ago and have baked a different type of bread each week since.

"We made aprons and now the children are always wearing them," said Jessica Hesselstine, teacher and lab assistant.

Child Development teacher Constance Pidgeon explained that before Thanksgiving, the children went from classroom to classroom and took bread orders.

"They ended up baking 72 rolls," Pidgeon said. "It was so cute when they delivered them, the children



Photo by Ann Lushbough

Genesis Thompson and Vy Nguyen, both 4, demonstrate the art of breadmaking. The children at the Child Development Center and Lab School have been learning about different kinds of breads from around the world, and have been experimenting with recipes.

walked around saying 'bread delivery.'"

The children's families have been participating by bringing in different types of breads for the children to taste.

Aryana Hooshiernejad, 4, and her dad baked fallajah, an Indian bread.

Four-year-old Christian Hinojosa's mother came to school and made corn tortillas for the class.

The children have had the opportunity to taste breads from Asia, India and Vietnam. They have tried cornbread, gingerbread, corn pudding and tortillas,

Pidgeon said.

"We made wheat rolls and they got to see the yeast rise," Hesselstine said.

The children have been able to look at bread from a scientific perspective by watching the breads bake. They also have watched sugar and yeast react with one another.

Other classroom activities have ranged from singing songs about bread to measuring, weighing and counting ingredients.

The children will end the unit with a reenactment of "The Little Red Hen."

"The children got to pick

who they wanted to be and now they are making masks for their parts," Pidgeon said.

The children will memorize lines, make masks, paint the backdrop and write invitations for the performance on Dec. 14.

At the end of the play, when the little red hen finally gets to bake her bread, the children will serve homemade bread to their audience.

Darien Hicks-Matheny, 5, said, "I didn't get to actually bake it but I got to taste it and it was yummy for my tummy-tummy."

New classrooms latest addition to college

**By Amanda Murray
News Writing I Student**

Two new classrooms and four new offices were added to the second floor of the Arts and Humanities building this semester in the area that was formerly the Communications Lab.

Chris Snow, Physical Plant assistant director, said the renovations added slightly more than 2,000 square feet of classroom and office space for faculty and students.

With an addition in staff, along with student enrollment increasing by 5.2 percent, the rooms are being occupied to the maximum efficiency.

"With this increase in enrollment, there was the need for more classroom space," Snow said.

Some students were delightfully surprised to see new classrooms, yet say they can be hard to find.

"The new classrooms are OK, but the numbering (of the rooms) is still kind of confusing," said Rico Rivera, biology major.

Students said they're enjoying the pastel blue color scheme, carpet and openness the rooms provide, which add to their immaculate appearance.

"It's nice and clean," said Rebekah Bell, film and video major who has a class in one of the new classrooms.

Students said the rooms are larger than most rooms, and the tables and chairs are comfortable.

Students also said having windows adds to the openness of the classrooms, making them a well-lit and peaceful learning environment.



English professors release new CD

**By Michael Byrne
News Writing I Student**

OKCCC English professors recently recorded a CD of poetry, fiction and religious mantras in the Instructional Video Services Department.

The CDs are being sold for \$5 each, said Jon Inglett, English professor, director and author featured on the CD.

The proceeds from the sale of the CD, titled "Points of Contact," go to funding the third annually Spring Symposium to be held at the college in April.

OKCCC holds symposiums annual in the spring for college and high school

writing teachers throughout Oklahoma, said professor Pam Stout, director and author on the CD.

The CD includes contributions from 10 authors, Stout said.

Stout recommends the CD to anyone interested in writing or wishing to be amused by original stories and poetry.

"It's good for [the English professors] to get our work out there," said Dave Charlson, English professor and one author featured on the CD.

After creating 100 copies of the recording, about 40 remain, Inglett said. Plans to create more copies are in the works, he said.

Stout said the new CD would be available as long

as there is a demand.

Last year, Stout said, close to 100 people purchased the previous Arts and Humanities CD, "A Taste of Love."

"A Taste of Love" was sold to raise money for last year's symposium, Charlson said.

Inglett said "Points of Contact" is much more personal than the previous CD.

The new CD is all about the connection people make, Stout said.

"It's about the connections with strangers, family and those in love," she said.

CDs may be purchased from any English professor, Stout said, or contact Stout at PStout@okccc.edu.

Have any questions? Comments? Concerns? Story ideas?

Contact the Editor! Call 682-1611, ext. 7409

or e-mail at editor@okccc.edu

Sports

UPCOMING

INTRAMURALS

•**Dec. 14:** Volleyball league continues. Games will be held on Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the OKCCC gymnasium.

•**Dec. 16:** 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.

**Do you
know any
OKCCC
athletes?**

**Call
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Students fall for fitness program

**By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer**

For the past semester students wanting to stay in shape have been participating in the Fall into Fitness program.

Eric Watson, Community Education and Health specialist, said the program started in August and ended Dec. 1.

"The program was designed to kick-start workouts [for students]," Watson said.

Renna Brantley, education major, said she really enjoyed the program and thought it was organized well.

"It encouraged me to get out there and do something," she said. "And I lost weight."

Watson, the program sponsor, said the workouts focused mainly on strength training and cardiovascular



Photo by Christiana Kotura

Tami Griffin and Renna Brantley are all smiles after being presented with their T-shirts and waterbottles. The pair earned the prizes by earning the most points during the program.

exercises.

The program was based on a point system in which students would earn points for the amount of exercise accomplished, Watson said.

As an incentive to further

participation, T-shirts and water bottles were given as prizes based on the number of points earned, Watson said.

Brantley had nothing but good things to say about Watson.

"Eric's my bud," Brantley said. "He is always so friendly."

She said Watson always encouraged her to stay in the program and helped make sure students were doing the exercises correctly.

Tami Griffin, a nursing major who participated in the program, said she earned 1200 of the 1400 points that were available.

Brantley said she earned 800 points.

"I'm proud of the students who actually stuck with it and finished the program," Watson said.

Watson also said Spring into Fitness, a similar program, will be offered at no charge to students in the spring.

For more information contact Watson at 682-1611, ext. 7786.

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College divers have Olympic hopes

**By Sicily Shannon
News Writing I Student**

Trampolines, nets and balloon-like structures serve as tools for training Olympic divers. These tools are used by U.S. diving coach Alik Sarkisian.

Sarkisian trains young people who are striving to become the best divers in the world. Most of the children involved with the diving program are determined to be able to compete at the Olympics.

As with any sport, many of these young individuals are pros at diving by the time they are 12-years-old.

Anyone who watches Sarkisian's tactics for teaching the youngsters would be impressed. He uses confidence, motiva-

"OKCCC has several goals for its newly renovated diving center, such as having students participate in the Olympics. I believe we can fulfill these goals with our divers."

**—Alik Sarkisian
U.S. Diving Coach**

tion and persistence to promote the talented kids to do their best and not to be afraid of failure, which is something they don't deal with very often.

"My goal is to use my knowledge, skills and experience as a diving coach to train coaches as well as divers," said Sarkisian.

Sarkisian said he would like to see the U.S. Diving team, as well as the sport of diving, develop into a unique and great pro-

gram.

"OKCCC has several goals for its newly renovated diving center, such as having students participate in the Olympics. I believe we can fulfill these goals with our divers," Sarkisian said.

Trampolines and gym equipment are used to teach the children basic techniques and confidence before moving on to the diving board.

After the basics have been taught, the divers



move up to the platform high above the water.

The students use a simulated diving board, where they are taught to dive on land before water.

Their fall is broken by a soft surface, which represents the water below the simulated diving platform.

OKCCC has become well known for its aquatic center, which was recently renovated.

Students between the ages of 7 and 12 can attend a free test to participate in U. S. Diving Future Champions.

For more information contact coach Alik Sarkisian at 326-6940.

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Students talk over concerns with the VP

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Students had the opportunity to ask questions of an OKCCC vice president when Dr. Marion Paden, vice president for Student Services, hosted the final Brown Bag Lunch of the fall semester, "Lunch with the VP," on Dec. 7.

Paden welcomed a dozen students and administrators to the lunch.

She said the informal event was open to any questions or concerns students had.

The first topic discussed was the college union, built in 1987. A student wanted to know why it doesn't offer fast-food alternatives such as Sonic.

"In the beginning, we liked the concept of [a] food court," Paden said.

However, she said, the decision to add an actual fast-food location would have to be made by Sellers' Catering, the company who contracts with OKCCC for food service.

Paden pointed out that

Sellers' does currently offer limited Pizza Hut and Subway menus.

Paden then took her train of thought into another area of the college — the bookstore. She said, unlike food service, the college actually owns and operates its bookstore.

Because of that, Paden said, the prices are lower than that of other campus bookstores, many of which are contracted out.

Paden then turned the tables by asking the students questions, such as their thoughts on financial aid. The majority of the students in attendance said they receive financial aid or know someone who does.

Paden said a recent proposal would improve the area by notifying students of talent-based tuition fee waivers earlier.

The topic of financial aid then led to online enrollment. Paden asked if any of the students had difficulty using MineOnline, the online enrollment system.

"Some people have trouble remembering their passwords but enrolling online is easy," sophomore

Kellye Kronbeck said.

Sophomore Micah Alcorn said enrolling online has improved lately.

Paden said the college is looking at further improvements to MineOnline.

It was pointed out that it would be an improvement to the system if students could know in every instance who would be teaching a particular class. Paden said that will not change.

She said in order to assign a part-time professor, to a certain class, full-time professors must first have a full workload.

Better communication

between students and professors also was a concern for some.

In response, Paden said the college should have e-mail accounts for each student so there is a consistent means of communication between the two groups.

Paden said another issue the college is looking into is adding new signs to help people find their way around campus better.

In closing, Paden said she appreciated the time students took to "comment and help improve the college."

Staff Writer/Club Re-

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Fire clears OKCCC classrooms

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer
and Ivo Lupov
News Writing I Student

A fire in the ceiling of a first-floor classroom caused the college to be evacuated the evening of Dec. 7.

A student reported the fire to the security department. Fire alarms also sounded throughout the main building.

Ron Harden, OKCCC safety and security officer, reported the fire started in a light fixture.

"I observed the light fixture in room 1D5 was indeed on fire and put the fire out," Harden said in his report.

Oklahoma City Fireman Rick Yarbrough said a light ballast in the classroom ceiling caught on fire. He said it was an unusual occurrence, unlikely to happen again.

Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Bourque said the Oklahoma City Fire Department is automatically notified of a problem when the college's fire alarms sound.

"ADT, our alarm monitoring company, notifies the fire department," he said.

During its initial investigation, the fire department requested the entire college, not just the portion affected, be evacuated, Bourque said.

A fire report noted the fire was limited to the light fixture and was contained in a small area of the ceiling.

The fire department declared the building safe and allowed classes to resume, Bourque said.

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Indoor temps may drop during break

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

Enrolling students, faculty and employees may experience a few cold days inside the college during winter break.

Four large air-handling units attached to the roof of the main building will be jacked up during a roofing project to allow roofers access to replace the roof.

The air-handling units control the temperature for the college, said J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director.

Since power to the units must be turned off to jack them up, there will be no heat pushed into some sections of the main building during some points of the break.

Starting Dec. 20, Messer said, some units will be off.

He said units handling the front half of the main building will be first to turn off and will be back on after 10 to 12 days.

The two units controlling the air in the back half of the main building will be off from around the beginning of the new year to Jan. 14, Messer said.

Also being replaced during the roofing project are 21 skylights.

Messer said the area will be covered to protect the inside of the college from the elements and the lights will be replaced one by one.

The inside of the building will not have a lot of dust or debris from the project, said Chris Snow, Physical Plant assistant director.

Winter break is the time of year when the least number of people are in the building for extended periods of time, Messer said. The winter break also is the longest break in classes, and buildings retain heat better than cold, he said.

"Our intention is to affect the least amount of people possible," Messer said.

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Highlights

Free coffee for night students

Chi Alpha, a Christian fellowship organization, will be giving away free coffee, hot chocolate and other hot drinks from 5 to 10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, in the first floor atrium of the main building. The drinks are free to students, faculty, staff and others on campus.

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.

University representative on campus

A representative from the University of Central Oklahoma will be on campus Monday, Dec. 13, to assist students with transferring to UCO to complete their bachelor's degrees. The UCO table will be set up in the first floor of the main building near Admissions and Records. Transfer applications will be available. For more information contact Joel Drury at 974-2248.

Finals week bake sale

If the stress of finals week gets to you, relax with a tasty treat from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance bake sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, in the first floor atrium of the main building. For more information contact Mark Schneberger at 682-1611, ext. 7624.

Applications being accepted for Fleming scholarship

The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2005 Sir Alexander Fleming summer scholarship. This program lets students hone their research skills by working alongside scientists in OMRF's state-of-the-art laboratories. The application deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 15. OMRF will select 12 outstanding Oklahoma science students to participate. Each will receive room, board and a \$2,500 stipend. For more information contact Shari Hawkins at 271-8537.



Photo by Ann Lushbough

The breakfast club: Sophomores Rachel Graham, Katie Moore, Phoebe Brown and David Daniluk of Baptist Collegiate Ministries sang Christmas carols in the college atrium on Dec. 6. The club also gave away free doughnuts, coffee and hot chocolate.

'Tis the season to give to the Ronald McDonald House

By Kyle Sonner
News Writing I Student

While people are out Christmas shopping for Play Stations, iPods or toys, Phi Theta Kappa will be busy preparing a holiday party on Saturday, Dec. 18, for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Oklahoma City.

This year marks the second year that Phi Theta Kappa, an academic honor society, will be holding a holiday party for the families.

"When I called them up to ask if we could hold a holiday party for them again this year, they were like, 'yes!'" said Dorothy Ackon-Mensah, vice president of service.

Phi Theta Kappa members understand the importance of helping other people.

"I'm excited that there are people who recognize the importance of serving others, because that is what it is all about," club sponsor Richard Rouillard said.

"That's what life should

be about."

Not only do club members want to help the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, but they also want to bring a little holiday spirit to them.

"We want to cheer them up and bring joy to their lives," Ackon-Mensah said.

Jeremy Williams, vice president of fellowship, echoed those sentiments.

"It gives the families a sense that everything will be OK," he said.

The Ronald McDonald House's purpose is to provide a home away from home for families of seriously ill or injured children who have to stay in a hospital for long periods of time.

They provide lodging, food and support for the families at a minimal cost, according to a brochure for the Ronald McDonald House.

The brochure also said the Ronald McDonald House in Oklahoma City, 1301 NE 14th St., opened in 1984.

It has served more than 12,000 families from every county in Oklahoma, 41 other states and eight foreign countries.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the holiday party or give donations, they would be welcomed, Ackon-Mensah said.

Two very important donations they hope they will receive are gasoline cards and phone cards, Rouillard said.

"If they don't get anything else, those would be excellent Christmas presents," Rouillard said.

Phi Theta Kappa members said they also need donations of toys, food, money, DVDs and toiletries.

Donations can be dropped off at Rouillard's office, on the first floor of the Arts and Humanities building, or at Student Life, on the first floor of the main building.

Donations that are dropped off at Student Life should be marked for Phi Theta Kappa, Ackon-Mensah said.

Those interested in volunteering, donations, cooking food, helping set up or have any questions, contact Ackon-Mensah at 210-8638.

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bed, 2 bath apartment. Situated on NW 47 & Penn (near Penn Square Mall); \$250/monthly plus bills. Call David at 924-8542.

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FURNITURE

FOR SALE: Baby swing, plays music. Purchased brand new. Used approximately 5 hours. \$35. Call 818-0083.

MISCELLANEOUS

MISSING: American Eagle backpack was misplaced Thurs., Dec. 2. The bag was sitting on a couch near entry 14 (close to the science lab). My PASSPORT was inside the bag (passport #: KA346486). If anyone has found or finds my bag or passport, please turn it in at the college information desk or the security office. Call Atif with any additional information at 850-3579.

FOR SALE: White Kenmore refrigerator, \$150. Tricycle, \$15. Toddler's bike with training wheels, \$20. Train table with all train track parts, buildings and train cars, \$40. All items are in excellent condition. Call 895-6542 and leave a clear message with name and phone number.

FOR SALE: Wood framed water bed with all accessories necessary, \$350 OBO. Contact Lesley at 826-9705 or e-mail at Lesley2003h@hotmail.com.

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- 26 Neighbor of Ga.
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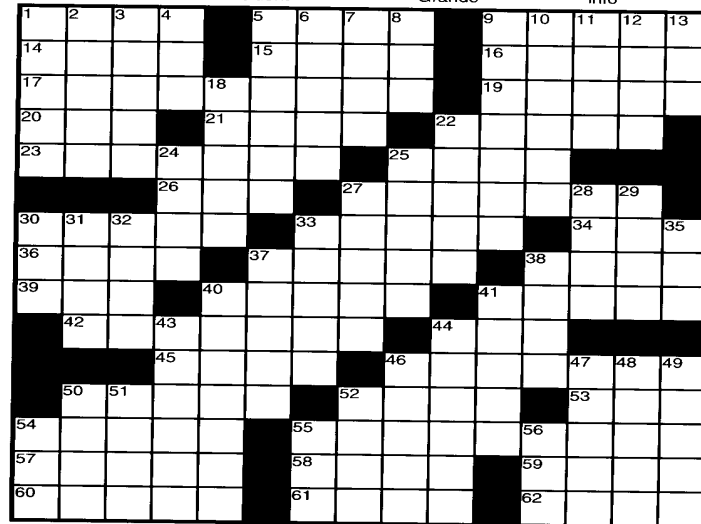
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- 11 — Major constellation
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- 24 Type of shark
- 25 Fairy-tale giants
- 27 Des Moines resident

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37 Tied (shoes)	52 Not there
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40 Relents	55 Football coach
41 Tough question	56 Speedometer info
43 City on the Rio Grande	



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Big Brothers, Sisters need volunteers

By Christy Mabrey
News Writing I Student

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Oklahoma City, Inc. is in need of volunteers. About 140 boys and 15 girls, ages 7 to 13, are waiting to be matched with a mentor.

Children need help with things such as school-work, social problems and self-esteem said Case Worker Leah Duke.

Having a mentor visit with them an hour a week, they feel like there is someone who really cares about them and their improvements, Duke said.

BBBS offers two different programs — one through the school and one through the community.

The school-based program requires volunteers to visit with the child one hour a week during the school year at a designated time.

The community program requires a volunteer to spend at least one hour a week with a child within the community, where the time is more flexible.

Those who would like to help make a difference in a child's life can contact BBBS at 943-8075 or visit their website at www.BBBSOKC.org.

OKCCC parking fines likely to increase in the spring semester

"Parking,"

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said. "Students should be allowed to park in any free space."

Etuk said students just want as close a parking space as they can get, and students shouldn't be punished so harshly.

"Students who park in those spaces already know there's a fine for doing so," he said. "A raise is all right, but \$100 is way too much for students."

Bode said the decision to change the parking policies came about due to parking concerns voiced by students and faculty.

"[The President's Cabinet] listened to everyone and took everything into consideration," he said. "[They] then decided what would be

the best solution for students and faculty."

Bode said the parking policies are in effect every day, all day long.

"These rules aren't just for Monday through Friday, 8 to 5," he said. "They're effective around the clock."

Bode said students should remember that of the 300 parking spaces added to the OKCCC campus this past year,

none were for faculty or staff.

"[The President's Cabinet] is looking into repainting the parking lots, or even doing another expansion," he said.

"Until then, students should be aware of the raise in fines and respect those who need the spaces."

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Employee has positive outlook after surgery

"VP,"

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"If the radiation gets everything, then being cancer free in five years is a goal."

Harrison said she is "fortunate" to have family, friends and co-workers to offer her support.

"I'm so thankful, (and) so blessed, that everybody here (OKCCC) is just wonderful to me."

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like I am living now," she said.

Harrison said the doctors told her they removed every bit of the tumor they could possibly get, but they still want her to follow up with radiation and maybe chemotherapy later on.

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