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Arts festival site to undergo improvements

By Richard Hall
Editor

The college site that plays host to the annual Arts Festival Oklahoma each year is about to see some improvements in the way of safer and better sidewalks, improved handicap access and more reliable storm drains.

The entire reconstruction project will cost \$82,316 and will be completed July 1, said Art Bode, vice president of Business and Finance.

The reconstruction will make the area safer, Bode said. "The sidewalks have deteriorated over time and now they need to be replaced to improve safety and appearance."

Bode said 11,000 square feet of sidewalk will be removed and replaced with 13,000 square feet.

"We're adding a couple thousand square feet to provide additional access to the tent areas [of the Arts Festival site]."

He said the area also needs better handicap access. Bode said the current ramps aren't adequate, noting they are not at appropriate grades and slopes for handicap access.

"Part of the project will be to cut into the sidewalks [for handicap access] the way it should be done appropriately," Bode said.

Bode said the project also will involve the installation of drainage boxes to help carry off water from the grassy areas around the site.

Chris Snow, Physical Plant assistant director, said the project will begin once the paperwork surrounding it is done.

"The contract is in process," Snow said. "Once it's done with, we'll decide a timeline."

OKCCC hired A-Tech Paving of Oklahoma City to make the improvements.

Bode said the cost of the project will be covered by Section 13 Offset Funds — money used for capital improvements for the school — and the auxiliary budget. The auxiliary budget is part of the school's regular budget, Bode said, and a part of it specifically pertains to the Arts Festival.

According to the Feb. 21 Board of Regents meeting agenda, Section 13 Offset Funds will pay \$36,316 and the auxiliary budget will provide \$46,000 for the project.

Bode said the Arts Festival is an annual Labor Day event and normally generates \$100,000 each year.

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Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Artistic freedom: Jon Phillips, sophomore visual arts major, creates a colorful masterpiece during Painting II class, taught by Carolyn Farris, visual art professor.

College president doin' fine

By Richard Hall
Editor

President Dr. Bob Todd continues to recover after having heart surgery Jan. 10, said Paul Sechrist, provost/vice president of Academic Affairs.

"As far as I know, he's doing great," Sechrist said. "I'm not a doctor but it looks like he's making good progress."

In an e-mail to the Pioneer, Todd said his doctors indicated he is recovering well. He said he is grateful for all the well wishes he's receiving.

"I want to thank the students, faculty and staff for their thoughts and prayers," Todd said. "I look forward to being back with them as soon as possible."

Sechrist is assuming leadership duties while Todd is out but said Todd meets regularly with members of the President's Cabinet at his home to discuss school business.

In an e-mail sent to college employees Feb. 23, Sechrist said he met with Todd as recently as Feb. 21. He said no specific time frame for Todd's return to work on campus has yet been determined.

Janice Phillips, executive administrative assistant to Todd, said the office has been lonely without him.

"Dr. Todd has been... greatly missed," Phillips said.

"However, the work of the college continues."

Phillips said she visits with Todd at his home at least once a week and talks with him daily.

She said she is looking forward to his return to the college.

"I'm so thankful Dr. Todd is continuing to improve," she said.

Todd underwent a single arterial bypass surgery and had a mitral valve in his heart replaced. The surgery allowed better blood flow and circulation to and from his heart.

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—Bob Todd
OKCCC
President

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Bush mean to Mother Earth

George W. Bush is contributing to the decline of the environment — nationally and worldwide.

First, Bush cut spending on environmental projects by \$1.9 billion in his FY2005 budget compared to the FY2004 budget.

Bush's long-term budget plan drops another \$700 million off environmental programs in 2006. The projected cuts continue to increase yearly through his prospective budgets.

Then, Bush straight up refused to sign the Kyoto Treaty that would help reduce global warming. The United States is one of only two nations (Australia being the other) that refused the treaty.

Bush said the Kyoto plans, which the United States helped form, are a bad idea and will harm the economy. Bush administration officials also said the treaty is ineffective and discriminatory because large, industrializing countries escape the limits.

The Kyoto Treaty focuses on controlling and reducing carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases.

If this treaty will help even some countries control their emission pollution, then the treaty is worth supporting.

Yet, Bush said, "And when America gives its word, America keeps its word."

The United States promised its participation in the Kyoto Treaty. Bush pulled the United States from the treaty as soon as he took office, according to an Associated Press article.

Bush's new budget also cuts spending on land conservation efforts, environmental research projects and funds for making the nation's water supply safe.

The Environmental Protection Agency identified \$450 billion in needs for water infrastructure investments, according to their website.

So, what did Bush do?

He cut funding by \$822 million.

Bush's administration also has decided to allow drilling in Alaska. This action will be detrimental to the wildlife and environment there.

Bush seems to be fond of destroying what other presidents have accomplished.

Take a look at his administration's proposed National Forest Management Act. Under the new rules, the wildlife protections that were established years ago under President Ronald Reagan would no longer exist.

Thank President Bush. With him leading the nation, the environment will continue to suffer needlessly.

Without funding for important environmental programs, the nation and world will face devastating consequences — a world without clean drinking water and wildlife, and a world of filth and pollution.

—**Christiana Kostura**
Staff Writer

Calling all photographers

Red Bull Tunnel Vision is looking for 25 student photographers to participate in a unique photography competition.

Students will meet at midnight on April 8 at the Miller Jackson Warehouse in the Bricktown Art District to compete for a chance to have their work published in Rangefinder Magazine, a national photography publication.

Each student will have 12 hours, two rolls of film and a list of categories which will encourage them to think outside the lens of standard photography using the unconventional Holga camera.

George Varanakakis, photo editor of Rangefinder Magazine; Shannon Cornman, chief photographer of The Oklahoma City Gazette; and Ron Jackson, a well-known photographer in the Oklahoma City area, will be judging.

The winners for each category and a special "Best in Show" selection will be announced at The Untitled ArtSpace on April 14. All the winning photos will be rotated around the following locations:

- Galileo's, a local art café in Oklahoma City — month of May

- Victoria's, a local art café in Norman — month of June

- Thyme Restaurant, an art bistro in Tulsa — month of July

In addition, the winners' entries will be published in Rangefinder Magazine this summer.

For more details how to apply, visit www.redbullusa.com

—**Red Bull Tunnel Vision**

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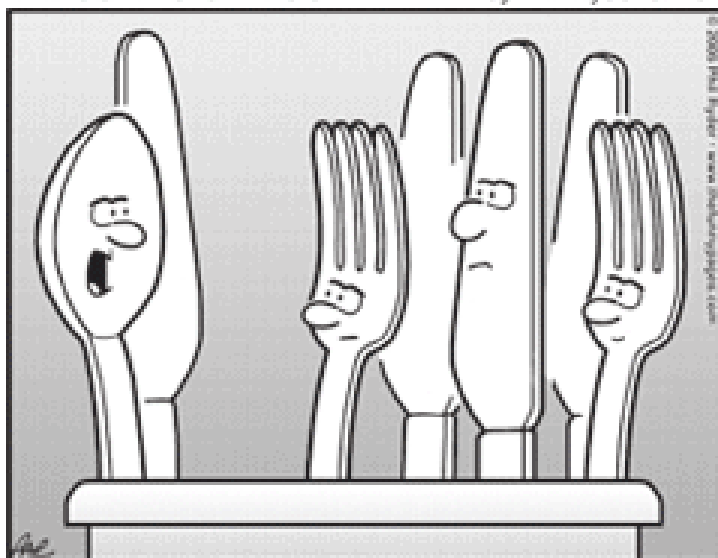
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"You guys wait here, while we go scrape up some food."

- Merle • Columbia, SC

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Comments and Reviews

Border-hop for good art

A world of beauty can be found at the Dallas Museum of Art. From European paintings to African tribal ceremonial goods, to Asian sculptures and more, your eyes will be treated to remarkable delights.

The delightful palace of art is home to many permanent collections including African Art, American Painting and Sculpture, Ancient American Art, Ancient Mediterranean Art, Asian Art, Contemporary Art, Decorative Arts, European Painting and Sculpture and Pacific Islands Art.

Many temporary exhibits are being housed in the museum as well.

The most interesting temporary displays are Robert Smithson (being presented through April 3) and Splendors of China's Forbidden City: The Glorious Reign of Emperor Qianlong (avail-



able through May 29).

The Smithsonian display shows artwork including sketches, paintings and floor structures. The floor structures use mirrors and shells, sand or gravel to create an image.

Be sure to make time for this stop on your way to Dallas.

They even give student discounts on tickets.

Being located in downtown Dallas makes the museum easily accessible from many highways.

Dallas Museum of Art is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday the museum's hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are closed on Mondays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for students with school ID. Children under 12 are free. Thursday evenings are free from 5 to 9 p.m. and the first Tuesday of each month is free.

Parking is available in the museum's garage for \$5.

Some temporary exhibits such as the Splendors of China exhibit cost extra.

For more information, visit www.dallasmuseumofart.org.

—**Christiana Kostura**
Staff Writer

Less is more with Comeback Kid

Comeback Kid's "Wake the Dead" does exactly that — it serves as the defibrillator to the hardcore genre, something that has slowly been going the way of the buffalo.

Gone are the predictable breakdowns found in their 2002 release "Turn It Around" and found again are the band's embedded roots of New York hardcore and punk.

While the technicality of "Turn It Around" will be missed, the intensity and straight-forwardness of "Wake the Dead" does more than make up for the absence.

As guitars crunch and drums pummel, vocalist Scott Wade reaches beyond



the speaker and grabs listeners, pulls them in and acquaints them with the world known as Comeback Kid.

The band lends a helping hand with group shouts thrown about, something that shows the unity Comeback Kid embodies. Aggression and sincerity make this record, and every

single one of the album's 11 songs proves it.

Even the more modest and tranquil songs retain the honesty Comeback Kid has been conveying since they formed in 2002, originally as a side project from hardcore act Figure Four.

Alongside hardcore veterans like Stretch Armstrong, Comeback Kid lends a strong arm to hardcore revivalism, blending a melodic finish with their sheen musicianship and beefy attack.

Comeback Kid hit the nail on the head with "Wake the Dead," and wake the dead they did.

Rating: 4.5/5

—**Richard Hall**
Editor

Quote of the Week:

"A book should serve as the ax for the frozen sea within us."

—**Franz Kafka**



Q: Can you take drinks into the library?

A: Yes, you can have food, like candy bars, chips and drinks in the library anywhere on the first and second floors.

—**Kyron Smoot**
Circulation Assistant

Q: How often do the elevators in the main lobby get checked?

A: It is an annual service and inspection via contractor in conjunction with Oklahoma City. They are inspected at the beginning of the fiscal year, just before classes start.

—**Chris Snow**
Physical Plant Assisant Director

Q: Why don't I ever see security guards on campus on Saturdays?

A: The college schedules two guards for duty on Saturdays.

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

Q: Who was J. Lee Keels Blvd. named after?

A: [J. Lee Keels] was a state senator for this part of Oklahoma City before OKCCC was built. He was instrumental in procuring the land for the college.

—**Richard Rouillard**
English Professor

Q: Why is tipping the cashier in the union cafeteria allowed but you can't tip the cooks?

A: [People] are not supposed to be tipping our [Seller's] cashiers, but there is no way to monitor it. Tipping the cooks is allowed but not encouraged.

—**Nils Ekstrom**
Catering Coordinator

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Comments and Reviews

Baseball game worse than being beaned

Sometimes, even the big boys drop the ball.

EA Sports has set high standards for themselves with classic series like "Madden Football."

However, their new Major League Baseball offering, "MVP Baseball 2005," on Playstation 2, does a dance called "the whiff."

The game falls short of what an EA Sports game usually is, despite its tagline, "see it all in the hitter's eye."

The tagline and features

give it the feel of a slugfest. However, it is difficult to even hit a home run during regular game play.

And, an in-game option called "Swing-Pitch Analysis," allows the player to see how the swing relates to even the location of the pitch falls short.

This feature is designed to level the playing field for hitters. The analysis shows different types of pitches and is designed to help batters determine the trajectory of the pitch.



Although this new addition is intriguing and even helpful, it did not affect how I played the game.

The good news is, the game play was smooth and the controls were logical.

"MVP Baseball 2005" was one of the fastest loading games I have ever played.

Yet this even became a problem in one aspect of the game, brawls.

Who doesn't want to con-

tinue the time-honored tradition of bench-clearing brawls?

I was delighted to find that when a pitch hits a batter they have the option of charging the mound.

When that happened, the game then cut to an animation of my second baseman charging forward.

In anticipation, I saw both benches clear, a fight start and end abruptly.

The excitement was lost when both the pitcher and batter were ejected from the game.

For some reason, I was not given the option to decide who would replace my ejected player, but my opponent was able to do so.

Not being able to control my team was frustrating.

An integral part of sports video games is controlling your team and winning on your own terms.

It is fun to start a brawl or argue with the umpire [which you can do in the game], although it is not the reason I play sports games.

When you can't pick your players, change things around or hit a homerun, some of the joy is lost.

The only joyful noise I heard was the sound of the game being taken out of the Playstation 2.

—**Matthew Caban**
Staff Writer

Eastwood's boxing movie a knockout

"Million Dollar Baby," directed by and starring Clint Eastwood, delivers a perfect one-two punch with its Oscar-worthy acting and directing.

This masterpiece was adapted for the screen by Paul Haggis and is based on stories from "Rope Burns," written by F.X. Toole.

The story centers around a white-trash woman who waits tables and dreams of becoming a boxer. She is paired with a washed-up boxer turned trainer who decides to take her under his wing.

This film knocked out the rest of the competition at the Academy Awards, taking home a total of four Oscars.

Eastwood's performance onscreen is almost as noteworthy as his directing, which received an Oscar for Best Director.

Hillary Swank, from "Boys Don't Cry," is absolutely amazing in the lead role and meshes well with the other stars, especially Eastwood.

Swank received her second Oscar for Best Actress at the Academy Awards.

Morgan Freeman, from "Seven" and "Driving Miss Daisy," is marvelous anytime he and Eastwood share the screen together, as they did in "Unforgiven." This film isn't any different.

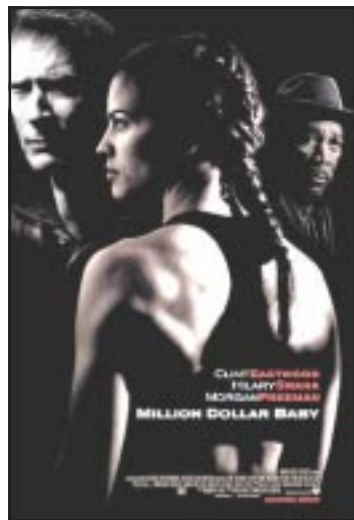
This, no doubt, assisted Freeman in taking home an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor.

The Academy also awarded the film an Oscar for Best Picture.

This film is a very deep and gripping drama that is as close to perfect as Hollywood has come in a while.

You don't want to miss this one.

—**Shawn Bryant**
Staff Writer



Still waiting for something better

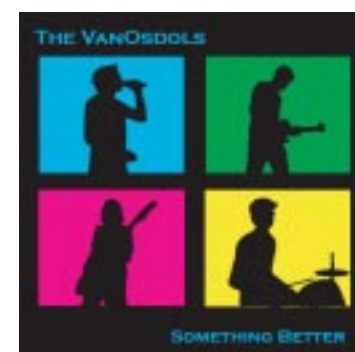
Take a little Third Eye Blind, The Strokes, Maroon 5 and Red Hot Chili Peppers, all on their worst day, and you've got The VanOsdols, the four-piece rock band from Edmond, whose recent release "Something Better" would be better named "Meh."

Two years young and paving their own road, The VanOsdols seem to have a genuine affection for what they're doing. But maybe it's those two years that play against them.

"Something Better" is a nicely engineered and produced album, with most thanks being given to Kevin Lively whose fame reaches far back to his days working with Rage Against the Machine.

Yet, audio quality is nothing if the music itself belly flops into a pool of monotony.

Mediocrity is all the rage with the repetitive bass



lines, so-so lyrics and a voice that's lacking a serious umph.

The first two tracks, "Good Enough" and "We'll All Be Fine," are practically the same song — the colorless and droning walking bass lines lurk in the background as a likable vocal melody rides its wave, only to be licked by predictable structure, drum effects and sterile guitar solos.

The third song, "Fashion Show," sounds like a bad rip off of a bad Red Hot Chili Peppers song.

It starts off fine but once

vocalist Warren Yates tries his hand at emulating Chili Pepper vocalist Anthony Kiedis, it stops the song dead in its tracks.

Put a stunt like that in any song and it's liable to stop even the strongest listening locomotive.

"Once Again," the fourth and final track of the album, provides the most listening pleasure.

The redundancy in structure is still ever-present, but thanks to an accompanying organ, the song climbs above the rest.

At the very least, applause is due to The VanOsdols for doing what they like. I just wish the music were a better match for the production.

Pass on "Something Better" until something much better makes an appearance.

Rating: 2/5

—**Richard Hall**
Editor

Civil rights pioneer speaks to next generation

By Kari Manchev
News Writing Student

Clara Luper said she followed a dream of freedom, as she confidently approached the podium. The famous Oklahoman spoke on campus Feb. 24.

Luper, born in Ofuskee County, Okla., in 1923, has been an inspiration to all ages for many years, according to www.kansasheritagecenter.com.

An audience of about 100, witnessed just how inspiring she is.

The civil rights pioneer led the first nationally-recognized sit-in protest in Oklahoma City at a local lunch counter in 1958.

As she began to describe some of her childhood stories, the audience could see the pride and joy in her eyes.

"These are happy moments for me," Luper said.

Luper graduated from Grayson High School in Oklahoma.

"Although there [were]

only five students in my class, it still made my parents the proudest they could be," she said.

When Luper was growing up, her dad taught her one of the greatest lessons ever to be learned — to love.

Luper said her father was very strict and demanding when it came to her school-work.

She could remember all throughout grade school, her father telling her she was going to make something of her life and that she would succeed in life.

"Black history is white history and white history is black history," she said.

"You must understand one to understand another," she said with a stern voice, while twirling her hand in the air as if she had just thrown up a baton.

Luper was responsible for leading NAACP youth in the lunch counter sit-ins that took place in Downtown Oklahoma City between the years of 1958 and 1964. Luper said that six-year span was a short time, in regards to freedom.

The National Association for Colored People was instrumental in the desegregation of Oklahoma.

Luper said she can remember a typical week during this time, as going to bed late and getting up early, because of the many hours she spent marching and protesting.

During this time she also received many threatening phone calls during which people would harass her. Luper can remember being spit on and kicked as she protested and marched; nevertheless, she still kept strong.

Luper believed freedom is a reality.

"America is just a dream and dreams can be understood by all," she said.

According to www.kansasheritagecenter.com she is most proud of the work she has done with NAACP youth.



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Clara Luper, civil rights pioneer and activist, gives a motivational speech Feb. 24 in the college union.

Testing hours extended

By Liz Sommerville
News Writing Student

Test center hours will be extended March 7 through 12 for students taking mid-term exams, said Jim Ellis, Career and Assessment Center director.

Ellis said the test center has had long lines and long wait times during past semesters.

He said he is hoping to avoid any problems by extending the hours of operation by one and a half hours on Monday through Thursday. Friday hours will be extended six hours.

The test center hours during this busy time will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5

p.m.

Student Marvin Tharasina, premed major, appreciates the extra hours.

"That will definitely help out," Tharasina said. "The lines get so long that student's can't schedule [taking their test] with their classes."

Students need to arrive at least one hour before closing in order to take an exam, Ellis said. They should also remember to bring a photo ID.

Ellis said test center hours also will be extended from May 9 through 16 for students taking final exams.

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Students spend day at capitol

By Dylan Cox
News Writing Student

High school and college students from the Upward Bound program spent Valentine's Day at the State Capitol watching the House and Senate in action.

This program's purpose is to help students acquire the skills and motivation needed to succeed in high school and in higher education, an Upward Bound pamphlet stated. Upward Bound is part of the Federal Trio Programs.

It is one of seven assistance programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

During the House and Senate discussions, the students were able to observe Tom Cole, U.S. Congressman from Oklahoma, and Dr. George Henderson, director of Human Relations at the University of Oklahoma. Both spoke on the floor of the House of

Representatives.

"Cole is a huge supporter of all the Trio programs and stated that he would do all he could to save Upward Bound," said Carmela Pyle, Upward Bound director.

This is a hot topic in the State Capitol because President George W. Bush has proposed putting an end to federal funding for this program and programs like this one, said Pyle.

"Twenty-four thousand students in Oklahoma will be affected by Bush's federal funding cuts," Pyle said.

Richard Silva, a senior at Classen School of Advanced Studies, has been in the Upward Bound program for four years. He said he is afraid federal funding cuts will put an end to Upward Bound, a program he sees as important to his future.

Silva is urging everyone involved to write one paragraph to State Rep. Mike Reynolds, District 91, expressing their concerns on

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—Carmela Pyle
Upward Bound Director

keeping this program running.

Reynolds is a representative from the southwest Oklahoma City area.

When the students were at the State Capitol they spoke to Reynolds, asking him to send his support to Washington D.C., said Pyle.

"Any support you can get from the state, whether it be a state representative or just a community member, will be helpful."

Pyle said Upward Bound gives underprivileged students the opportunity to get an education.

"Without this program they may not get the chance to go to school."

Volunteers help hungry Oklahomans

**By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer**

In less than four hours, 16 OKCCC students, along with Jon Horinek, Student Life Community Engagement coordinator, packed 4,337 pounds of products at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.

The students gathered on Feb. 26 to volunteer for the OKCCC Cares event. Steve Musch, food bank volunteer coordinator, said volunteers are necessary to accomplish the food bank's mission.

"Our mission is to feed hungry Oklahomans," he said. "We couldn't do what we do without the volunteers."

Volunteers sort and pack products to be sent out to many agencies including churches and homeless shelters, Musch said.

OKCCC volunteers packed snacks, packaged meals, baking goods, personal hygiene products, diapers and paper goods during their trip to the food bank.

"I just want to give back to my community," said Tashalita Lewis of the

Black Student Association.

The students said they enjoyed their volunteer experiences.

"I had a good time," said TaNeshia Jones of the BSA. "I got to meet people I never met before."

The food bank takes in and sends out about 100,000 pounds of food daily, Musch said. He said 94 percent of the items are donations.

Donations come from food drives, individual donations, corporations and damaged loads, he said.

Damaged loads result when a truck loses its load due to a wreck or other unforeseen circumstances. The company whose product it is usually writes the products off as damaged and donates them to the food bank, Musch said. He said volunteers then go through the product to determine which items are salvageable.

Other students who participated in the event included Carlos Robinson, Alecia Taylor, Sharonda Shephard, Larita Blanbon, Honey Vidal, Christiana Kostura, Steven Birkes, Jessica Jones, Bashir Abdullah, Tiffani Dilworth, Al-



Photo courtesy of Jon Horinek

Students volunteered their time to help out hungry Oklahomans at the Regional Food Bank. The volunteers packed more than 4,000 pounds of products which will be sent to homeless shelters and food closets throughout the state.

bert Stichka, Ulises Martinez, Dixie Paredes and Kevin Hall.

Clubs represented included BSA, Photography Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Computer-Aided Design Society and Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship.

Horinek said he was

pleased with the turnout for the event and hopes to plan another food bank event soon.

The next OKCCC Cares volunteer opportunity is March 5. Student volunteers will participate in campus clean up by picking up trash on campus

and area roads.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact Student Life at 682-1611, ext. 7523 or visit www.okccc.edu/studentlife.

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High school-college enrollment receives an A

**By Laura Prince
News Writing Student**

College credit is the goal for most students at OKCCC, but for some the goal is college credit and high school credit — at the same time.

OKCCC currently has 140 high school students enrolled in the dual concurrent program, said Lisa Kobriger, admissions officer at OKCCC.

Charlie Southerland and Michael Beam are two high school students who also attend college. Beam and Southerland are both 17.

Both also are enrolled in

a math class and a physics class. Both students are in their second semester of their junior year of high school and have jumped at the chance to start college. This is their first semester to take a college class.

This pair of friends are attending Astec High School, a six-year-old Oklahoma City charter school. Beam and Southerland will be part of the first class to graduate from Astec High School.

They are eligible to take college classes at OKCCC because of their ACT scores and their high GPAs.

Southerland admits college physics has its challenges, but he desires the

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—Michael Beam
Astec High School
Concurrent Student

challenge of the class. That's why he is here — to learn.

Beam said the chance to earn college credit while still in high school has been a plus for him.

"High school was not going in the direction I was

interested in," Beam said. "I thought if I came here (OKCCC), there would be more opportunity for learning and advancement."

Professors see the benefits of the concurrent enrollment program.

"I think it is a great opportunity for both the students and faculty," said Debra Burris, OKCCC

physics professor.

Beam said there are benefits — for some students.

He said he believes some high school students aren't ready for college.

Both Beam and Southerland said they believe an important question a high school student must ask is: Do I have the desire to be here and do I want to learn?

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Storytelling performer drums rhythm of life

**By Madison Chadwick
News Writing Student**

To celebrate Black History Month, African-American folklorist Al Bostick came to OKCCC Feb. 23.

"There's a story in everything," Bostick said.

"My history is intertwined with everyone else's history."

Bostick, a griot, or storyteller, told tales that he gathered from all over the world, as well as from his own family elders of wisdom, superstition and family.

The topics ranged from a greedy spider trying to reserve the world's knowledge for himself, to a story of how he was tricked by his grandfather into mowing the lawn for an entire summer.

People learn to think as

a result of the lessons their elders teach them, Bostick said.

Extra seats were added as more than 70 people crowded into the college union.

Bostick greeted guests by playing a kalimba, which he described as a thumb piano.

His other props included the African bongo and a gourd that he played in accompaniment to his story telling.

Bostick opened by singing the powerful poem "The Negro Speaks of Rivers" by Langston Hughes, accompanied by a religious African chant used by slaves when they bury their dead.

He followed his musical performance with several humorous stories.

"Common sense is not so common anymore," he said in a story that contrasted today's youth with previous generations.

The event was one of several hosted by Student Life and was cosponsored by the Black Student Association, BSA member Whitney Wright said.

Bostick stressed the importance of knowing where one comes from.

He believes story telling is a good means of sharing information.

"Look to your past so you will know your future," he said.

"What you didn't know is going to make history."

Bostick gave other tips on how to gather better information on family history.

His suggestions included talking to older family members, going to cemeteries, researching old newspapers and keeping a journal.

"You got to be able to sit and have some patience," he said.

"Not to know is bad, not to wish to know is worse."



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Al Bostick tells the audience stories about his past through music. Bostick performed in the college union on Feb. 23.

Advisory board says test center needs to be relocated

**By Liz Sommerville
News Writing Student**

The Test Center Advisory Board made a recommendation to relocate the test center during the construction of the Science, Engineering and Math Center during a meeting on Feb. 10.

The SEM center construction will consist of building a second story above the current science center, said Jim Ellis, Career and Assessment Center director. The construction is scheduled to begin between now and July. Construction could last 18 to 24 months.

Ellis said the cause of the possible test center relocation is the construction noise.

Ellis said some students have a difficult time concentrating on a test when there is even a little noise.

The noise from the SEM center construction could be considerable although

part of the work is scheduled to be done at night.

"It would be really cost prohibitive to do all the [construction] work at night," Ellis said.

The advisory board, which is made up of staff and students, believe relocating the test center to the library may be a good solution.

The library already has the quiet environment and necessary computer lines

needed for the 140 test stations that would need to be moved, Ellis said.

Ellis believes the move would be temporary. "I anticipate coming back [to this location] until somebody tells me different."

Marvin Tharasina, a premed major, doesn't want the center to move.

"I like it here in the main building because it's centralized. It's good where it is," Tharasina said.

He also said the location of the test center is convenient for those taking placement tests during enrollment.

Nothing definite has been determined.

All decisions are really "suggestions" right now, Ellis said.

All suggestions made by the TCAB must be approved by Student Development Dean John Hockett and by the OKCCC Pres-

ident's Cabinet.

There is no word as to when the final decision could be made.

Students interested in becoming a member of the TCAB are asked to speak with Ellis at 682-1611, ext. 7368.

All students also are encouraged to attend the next meeting of the TCAB 12:30 p.m., March 10 in the Student Services Conference Room.

Nominate profs for excellence in teaching

**By John Harlas
News Writing Student**

The March 11 deadline for nominating a professor for the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching is drawing near.

The award has been given out since 1991 and is awarded to a full-time faculty member who exemplifies teaching excellence.

"Oklahoma City Community College is a teaching

and learning college," Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Sechrist, said.

"This award seeks to promote a high level of excellence in teaching and serve as incentive to all faculty who aspire to be exemplary teachers."

Faculty members may be nominated by a current or former student or by a staff member.

Nomination criteria are as follows:

- a high degree of pro-

fessional competence exhibited by knowledge and expertise that is extensive and current

- effective teaching methods that demonstrate quality, creativity, and resourcefulness, as well as clear, accurate and effective communication

- enthusiasm and a strong commitment to teaching in a general and a genuine concern, commitment, and fairness to students

- contribution to the

teaching profession at the institutional, state, or national level.

The nomination form can be turned into the office of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs. The form can be found at www.okccc.edu/president.

Mass Media Communications professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert won the award in 2003.

"Receiving the award is the greatest compliment in a professor's career," she said.

Sports

UPCOMING

CLUB SOCCER

•**March 26:** Club soccer starts back up after spring break. At 11 a.m. the University of Central Oklahoma faces Rose State College. Oklahoma State University plays OKCCC at 1 p.m. UCO hosts both games and the University of Oklahoma has a bye this week.

•**April 2:** In the early game at 11 a.m. the University of Oklahoma plays the University of Central Oklahoma. At 1 p.m. Oklahoma State University takes on Rose State College. Both games are hosted by the OU and OKCCC has a bye.

•**April 9:** In the 11 a.m. game OKCCC plays the University of Oklahoma. The 1 p.m. game features Oklahoma State University and OU in a northside dual. Both games are hosted by OKCCC and Rose State College has a bye.

OTHER SPORTS

•**April 30:** The American Heart Walk is April 30. By walking, you can help save lives, including your loved ones.

The OKCCC chairperson is Becky Graves. She is looking for walkers and money to support this worthy cause. Please contact her at 682-1611, ext. 7734, or e-mail at bgraves@okccc.edu.

INTRAMURALS

Should OKCCC have playoffs for intramural basketball?

Contact Matthew at StaffWriter2@okccc.edu with your thoughts.

History is made as University of Nevada, Las Vegas, wins twin titles

By Justen Brown and
Heather Caliendo
News Writing Students

Previous champions were upset and records were shattered at the Mountain West Swim and Diving Conference Championships Feb. 23 to 26 at the OKCCC Aquatic Center.

For the first time in Mountain West Conference history, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, took home the men's and women's championships, said Roxanna Butler, coordinator of Aquatics and Safety Training.

"This is the first time Brigham Young University has not won," Butler said.

UNLV men's and women's coach, Jim Reitz, was happy about the way his teams performed.

"We have not just a great group of swimmers, but a great group of individuals that supported each other all weekend," Reitz said.

UNLV set a team record with a men's score of 839, edging out BYU, who came in second place with a score of 745.5.

Wyoming placed third with 592.

The University of Utah and the Air Force Academy also competed in the men's competition.

On the women's side of

the competition, UNLV scored 701.5.

They delivered a major upset over defending champion BYU who scored 670 points.

The University of Utah finished third by scoring 607 points.

The other women's teams were Colorado State University, University of Wyoming, the University of New Mexico, Air Force Academy and San Diego State University.

"It's been a while since we've won a conference championship," Reitz said.

"It was well worth the wait, and is a great reward for our seniors who really turned in outstanding performances this week.

"This should be a good sign of things to come for UNLV swimmers."

At the competition this year, nine Mountain West Conference records were set by competing schools, Reitz said.

This marks the most records ever broken at the competition, he said.

On Feb. 26, Air Force sophomore Chris Knaute broke the conference record in the Men's 1650-yard Freestyle with a time of 15:09.15.

"The goal since I came here is to beat the school record," Knaute said.

Knaute said he set the conference record in the



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Kelsey Patterson, sophomore at the University of Utah, performs a dive at the Mountain West Diving competition at the aquatic center on Feb. 23 during the diving preliminaries.

1,650-yard Freestyle as a freshman in 2004 with a time of 15:28.21.

This is the sixth year the competition has been held at the OKCCC Aquatics Center, said Mountain West Conference Assistant Director of Marketing Lorin Maurer.

Maurer said the people, pool and location are rea-

sons why the Mountain West Conference keeps coming back to OKCCC.

"Almost all the schools are located at a high altitude," Maurer said.

"When you swim at sea level hopefully it's an advantage."

Maurer said the competition runs well each year.

"We love coming here."

Divers jump into title race from 30 feet up

By Jason C. Lindberg
News Writing Student

A group of courageous souls strode to the edge of the 10-meter diving platform at the Mountain West Conference Swimming and Diving Championship on Feb. 26.

"It is really high and really terrifying, but it is all good when the dive is over," said University of Utah sophomore Andy Jones.

The platform competition consisted of dives from the 5-, 8- and 10-meter platforms.

Ron Morris, Brigham Young University freshman, won the men's plat-

form diving crown.

BYU sophomore Scott Randall took second in the event and Wyoming's John Lynch finished third.

The women's champion was Becca Barras of New Mexico University.

Other women's medalists were Utah sophomore Kelsey Patterson and Wyoming freshman Ginn van

Katwijk.

Jones summed up the diving experience best.

"It was cool," he said.

Other Mountain West Conference members who participated in the competition were: Air Force Academy, Colorado State University, San Diego State University and University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

College featured on OETA

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

OKCCC will be featured twice on two upcoming editions of Candid Campus on OETA.

The weekly show, airing Mondays at 10:30 p.m., presents a different theme each week showcasing Oklahoma's higher education institutions.

On March 28, the show will feature health-related institutional programs.

Romeo Opichka, Emergency Medical Services program director, will be interviewed about OKCCC's Human Patient Simulator.

On April 4, Candid Campus will focus on biotechnology programs.

Biotechnology/Bioinformatics project coordinator Don Bell will discuss OKCCC's growing program.

Gwin Faulconer-Lippert, mass media communications professor and host of the show, said she traveled all last summer and fall doing interviews on 31 campuses throughout the state.

"When you watch Candid Campus you can see first-hand what an important catalyst higher ed is to Oklahoma and its citizens," Faulconer-Lippert said.

Staff Writer Christiana Kostura can be reached at StaffWriter3@okccc.edu.

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Highlights

Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarship available

Applications are now being accepted for the Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded annually to a student taking one or more learning skills courses and a student who is involved in theater. Students must be recommended by an instructor. Application forms are available in the Arts and Humanities Office and will be accepted until 5 p.m. on March 23.

Writing Club Meetings

Writing Club meetings will be Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and Fridays at 11:15 a.m. in the arts and humanities building in the lounge beneath the staircase. Students may bring their writings to share with other student authors.

OU and OCU transfer days

Enrollment Management will sponsor two seminars about transferring to a four-year college. The two events are free to OKCCC students. Sign up is required. Preference will be given to students with more than 30 credit hours. The visit to University of Oklahoma will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 8. The trip to Oklahoma City University will be from 1:30 to 10 p.m. on March 10. For more information or to sign up contact Enrollment Management at 682-1611, ext. 7616.

Volunteers needed for theater event

Society of Performing Artists will perform a play about fairy tale characters at 7 p.m. on March 11 at the Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children Recreation Center. Volunteers needed for tech crew, clean up, catering and more. Contact Gil Lopez at gillopezone@yahoo.com to participate.

Photography Club Print Sale

The Photography Club will host a print sale March 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the main building atrium. The money raised will help pay for the club's San Antonio photography trip.

Jane Cox to perform the life of Barbara McClintock

OKCCC is hosting the performer Jane Cox March 9 at 2 p.m. in CU1, CU2 and CU3. She will be performing a one-woman play called "A Celebration of Women" about the life of 1983 Nobel Prize winner Barbara McClintock.

Psychology/Sociology Club meeting

A general meeting will be from noon to 1 p.m. on March 9 in room 2P7 of the main building. The Psychology/Sociology Club needs active members, so students interested in either psychology or sociology should attend.

Volunteers needed for Literacy Classes

Free training for individuals wishing to help fellow students. The Oklahoma City Literacy Council is providing the training at 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 5 and 12 in room 3K2 of the main building. For more information call 232-3780 or e-mail literacycouncil@metrolibrary.org.

Indian Health Careers now accepting applications

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is now accepting applications for its 2005 Headlands Indian Health Careers Program. Native American Indian high school seniors and first-year college students have until March 15 to apply. For more info contact Oklahoma Native Export Center 721-3090 or www.headlands.ouhsc.edu.



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Have Hope: Motivational speaker Dr. Richard Mansfield lectures on the importance of higher education to OKCCC's Hispanic club HOPE on Feb. 21.

Performers seek writing talent

Students are welcome to submit scripts for the festival

By John Savage
Staff Writer

"For someone that likes to write this is your chance to turn in a script to see if it gets performed."

—Ace Burke
SPA President

The Society of Performing Artists will host a One-Act Festival from 7 to 9 p.m. April 28 and 29.

The group is asking that students submit scripts to be performed.

After the scripts are chosen, students will be picked to act out these plays.

This event allows students to showcase their talents in writing, directing and acting.

The festival will be in the OKCCC courtyard, weather permitting.

The courtyard is located between the main building and the arts and humanities building.

If the weather is bad, the festival will be held in the lobby of the library.

SPA will perform four scripts.

Ace Burke, SPA president, will write one of the scripts to be submitted.

Burke is looking for students interested in writing scripts.

"We will select four one-

acts to perform," Burke said. "There will be two comedic and two dramatic works."

Students wanting to submit a script may drop off submissions in the arts and humanities building. A labeled drop box is available in the office.

Students must include their names and contact information, such as e-mail and telephone numbers, with their scripts.

"We ask that the scripts are done tastefully," Burke said.

The deadline for submissions is March 24.

"For someone that likes to write, this is your chance to turn in a script to see if it gets performed," Burke said.

All scripts should be around 20 to 30 minutes in length, he said.

"We're trying to get stu-

dents to write, direct and act."

All students are encouraged to participate, Burke said.

After all submissions have been reviewed, SPA will pick cast members.

Students interested in performing will go through a series of interviews and auditions.

"You don't have to be in the club or any club to participate," Burke said, "but you must be a student."

The sets for all four one-acts will be universal and will be kept very basic.

"We are on a limited budget," Burke said. "This is put on by us."

For more information, contact Burke at 826-0512 or by e-mail at iaicie@aol.com.

Staff Writer John Savage can be reached at StaffWriter1@okccc.edu.

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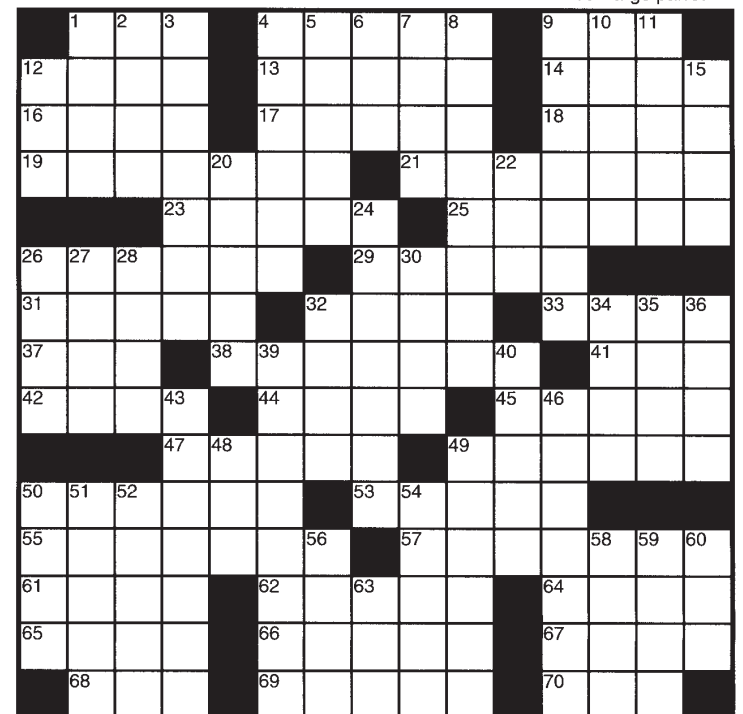
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Truvy, played by Anne-Marie Cusson, and Shelby, played by Kendra Mylnechuk, gossip just before Shelby's wedding in "Steel Magnolias," performed in the OKCCC theater March 1. OKCCC was the group's latest stop on a five-month national tour.

'Steel Magnolias' comes alive in college theater

By Jocinda Buettner
News Writing Student

An audience of 250 applauded six women of the University of Montana's Repertory Theatre with a standing ovation during an all-female cast presentation of "Steel Magnolias" March 1 in the college theater.

"'Steel Magnolias' celebrates the healing power of laughter, and the strength and grace of women," said Greg Johnson, theater company artistic director.

The play uses humor and raw emotion to follow the journey of six Southern women, bound together by friendship, circumstance and hope through the unanticipated turns in life.

Unlike the popular 1989 Hollywood movie, this performance took place entirely on one set — the beauty shop owned by Truvy, played by Anne-Marie Cusson.

Student Jose Cervantes saw the movie before at-

tending the play.

He said he found it curious that many scenes which take place outdoors in the movie were portrayed in the beauty shop on stage.

"They did a really good job filling in the extras," he said. Cervantes said he came to the play in an effort to get more involved in campus activities.

The performance was taken from the original script written by Robert Harling that debuted in

1987. It's based on the true story of Harling's sister and her early death from diabetes.

Kendra Mylnechuk plays the role of Harling's sister Shelby in the play.

The theater company will be on tour with the production until May 15, performing a total of 78 shows, said Rebecca Koon, who plays the character Clairee.

The group is a professional company, and four of the six actors belong to the Actors' Equity Association.

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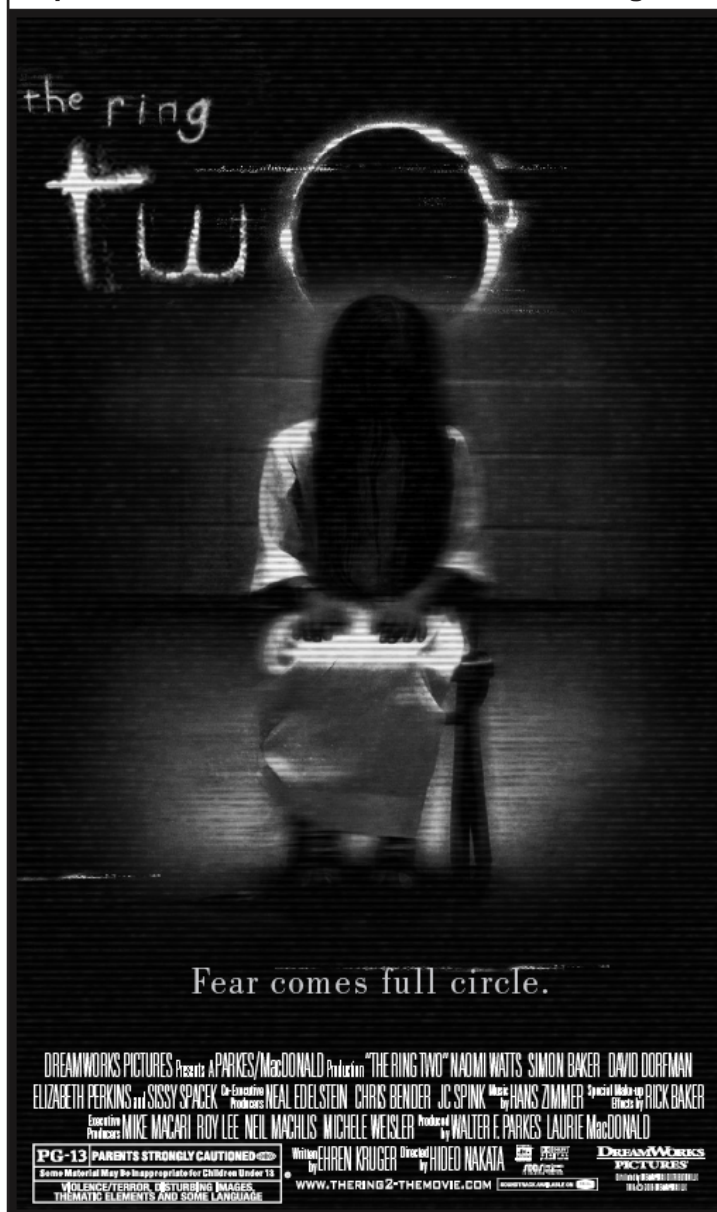
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