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Balancing act: Ballet student Natalie Frensley, 4, walks the balance beam during a class. Ballet classes are part of OKCCC's College For Kids Program. They are held Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information contact Kathy Plummer at 681-7860.

OKCCC enters into alliance

By Richard Hall
Editor

A new agreement between OKCCC and Francis Tuttle Technology Center — the Cooperative Alliance Agreement — will soon give concurrent high school students an avenue by which they could more easily earn an associate in applied science degree.

The agreement is set to take effect in fall 2005 and will replace the exist-

ing agreement.

As it is now, high schoolers who are concurrently enrolled in technical courses at Francis Tuttle do not receive credit for those hours after graduating high school and enrolling at OKCCC until they ask for advance standing — meaning they're starting the first semester of college with college credits already accrued.

Dr. Paul Sechrist, provost/vice

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Grad transfer surveys shine light on issues

By Mark McDevitt
News Writing Student

There was good news and bad news when a number of OKCCC graduates returned their graduate surveys this year.

The percentage of graduates having a problem transferring to another college is down, but the number who said OKCCC adequately prepared them to transfer also is down.

The annual report on transfer preparation was presented to OKCCC Regents Feb 21.

According to the returned surveys, 94 percent of the students indicated they had no problems transferring to a four-year college, while 6 percent said they had some problems transferring.

Eighty-one percent said the preparation to transfer was excellent or satisfactory, down from 86 percent in 2002.

OKCCC students are surveyed one year after completing their degrees. About 1,100 surveys were mailed.

Of the 77 students who responded, 54 percent said all of their credits transferred to their choice of four-year colleges. In 2002, 68 percent of students surveyed said all their credits transferred.

Dr. Paul Sechrist, provost/vice president for Academic Affairs, said the college is analyzing the numbers.

"We are always actively involved in the assessment of our programs from a quality issue," he said.

Sechrist said zero-level classes, or pre-college level classes, may be a factor.

They cannot be counted toward college graduation at OKCCC or elsewhere, he said.

Because more students are taking zero-level courses, more classes won't transfer to other schools. That could have led to the high numbers, Sechrist said.

Another reason students could lose credits when transferring could be changing majors, he said.

As for these numbers, Sechrist said he's not alarmed.

"If these numbers are repeated next year, I will be more concerned by it," he said.

There are a number of initiatives in place to help improve the

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Provost/Vice

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Academic Affairs

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

America the rich?

Despite the hype, America is not the world's foremost economic power. With a deficit of more than \$7 trillion and a heavy reliance on foreign oil, someone else holds America's power.

With the war on terror and rising gas prices, Americans feel a pinch in their pocketbooks.

There is a way to pay for our defense and take control of gas prices. The solution is scaling back expense programs from the federal budget.

Sept. 11 only furthered the trend of America's debt and budget problems.

Our government has three major entitlement programs (Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security) that cost billions of dollars annually.

Because we are operating in debt, the government owes its own programs money.

Official projections say our future Social Security promises exceed projected revenues by \$10.4 trillion and commitments for Medicare exceed revenues by \$62 trillion, economist Gerald J. Swanson said in a March 7 Tucson Citizen article.

"These gigantic unfunded liabilities increase by \$1.5 trillion during each year our leaders fail to address them," Swanson said.

Add on top of that, interest payments for the budget deficit. Interest on our debt was \$317 billion in 2003, Swanson said.

After Sept. 11 and other terrorist attacks, we know this enemy is for real. If we want to protect ourselves, we have to spend money.

What is more important, giving minimal retirement and health care benefits to a minority or protecting our entire country?

It is time to say goodbye to the entitlement programs or raise taxes significantly to pay for them. After you pick up your jaw consider this: the government is here to protect you and your rights, not take care of your every need.

The other way America can help itself become stronger is by developing its energy sources.

America produces 9.4 percent of the world's crude oil, according to the International Energy Agency.

However, this amount is not sufficient to meet America's energy needs. This is evident by the IEA's figure that America imports 25 percent of the world's crude oil.

It is obvious other countries control our energy needs.

If we take the time and money to search for oil in sites throughout the Gulf of Mexico and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, we could find up to 140 billion barrels of oil, or triple our national reserve.

Other energy sources like nuclear and hydroelectricity can help America stop relying on foreign oil.

If Americans want to fix this problem they can. Or we can leave the mess for the next generation.

—**Matt Caban**
Staff Writer

Date for China trip changed

To the editor:

The departure date for the Business Division's trip to China has changed.

We will now leave in the second half of July.

Leaving later will give students more time to arrange for the trip as well as nearly two months (May 15 to July 15) during the summer to save money for the trip.

During the 13-day trip we will travel to Beijing, Tianjin, the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City.

You can enroll in Macroeconomics, Microeconom-

ics, International Marketing, Business in China, International Studies and International Studies Capstone. You do not have to be a student to take the trip.

During the trip, we stay in premier hotels and eat the finest cuisine. We also will have translators to travel with us.

The cost of the trip, including airfare, hotel, travel within China and most meals is \$2,300 per person.

This trip will change your life. If you are interested in the trip, contact professors Marty Ludlum or Vijayan

Ramachandran in room 2R3 of the main building.

Find more information about the trip at www.okccc.edu/mludlum.

I encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity.

—**Marty Ludlum**
Business and Economics
Professor

Effort always adds up

To the editor:

I believe one who criticizes should also be able to praise.

After having written a letter a few weeks ago criticizing the Pioneer for printing fluff articles on the front page, I want to follow up with praise for your recent efforts.

The past couple of front pages have contained fac-

tual news stories relevant to the college; I thank you for maintaining a high news standard.

The Pioneer has always upheld a professional level of journalistic excellence as is evidenced by the many awards it has received over the years. Keep up the good work.

—**Rick Allen Lippert**
Adjunct Professor

THE JOKE'S ON YOU

by Phil Ryder & YOU



"Even your virtual life is boring."

- Jim D. • Indianapolis, IN

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Comments and Reviews

Reader differs on Bush

To the editor:

After reading the "Bush Mean to Mother Earth" editorial, I was flabbergasted to learn President Bush has taken it upon himself to personally destroy the environment.

However, after doing some research, I was surprised to learn Bush was elected by the majority of Americans.

Does this mean those people who voted for Bush, all 62,040,606, want to destroy the environment? I don't believe so.

The author of the editorial cites the Kyoto Treaty many times and said "Bush said the Kyoto plans, which the United States helped form, are a bad idea and will harm the economy."

Bush is absolutely correct.

According to the Christian Science Monitor, "Findings suggest that critics of the treaty, including the Bush administration, may be correct when they claim the treaty is hopelessly flawed because it doesn't limit emissions from the developing world."

The treaty would force the United States to reduce its carbon dioxide emissions to 5.2 percent below our levels in 1990.

This would mean shutting down scores of coal plants in the United States, resulting in the loss of thousands of jobs, while countries like China and India go unchecked.

The author also quotes Bush as saying "And when America gives its word, America keeps its word."

Are you sure Bush was

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—Chris Allen
Journalism Major

not referring to the war on terror? Last I checked, Bill Clinton was president when the treaty was written in 1997, not Bush.

It isn't Bush's job to follow in the footsteps of a former president. If Americans wanted another Clinton, we would have elected John Kerry.

—Chris Allen
Journalism Major

'Be Cool' is one sequel too many

The sequel to "Get Shorty," "Be Cool," starring John Travolta, was anything but.

Sequels are hardly worth watching lately and if they continue to be this bad, they should be outlawed complete.

Travolta returns as Chile Palmer, a former shylock-turned-movie-producer who wants to get into the music business.

The script jumps from place to place without even setting up the next shot.

The audience can become lost as they try to form sense out of an hour and 14 minutes of confusion.

Cedric the Entertainer's character keeps switching between a Harvard grad and a gangbanger.

Vince Vaughn, from "Old



School" and "Swingers," is a pimp who thinks he is black and the Rock is his gay bodyguard.

Of course, we can't forget Andre 3000, whose character runs around shooting everything.

Uma Thurman, from "Pulp Fiction," is in there somewhere, but with all the

chaos, it doesn't matter.

There are music videos with better storylines than "Be Cool."

This movie was a terrible idea and it would be an even worse idea to see it.

If you want to be cool, go see something else.

—Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

Quote of the Week:

"A cynic is a man who, when he smells flowers, looks around for a coffin."

—H.L. Mencken

Counselor's Corner

"It's choice — not chance — that determines your destiny."

—Jean Nidetch

It's March 28, just past midnight and somewhere in the metro an OKCCC student has logged onto the college's website to look at the summer and fall schedules. Within minutes, the student has chosen classes and enrolled.

Across town, a small group of students wanting to get into a competitive allied health program enroll during an enrollment watch party. They are able to enroll in hard-to-get classes before most students realize it's Monday.

These are just two more success stories for students who use MineOnline to take care of their school business.

Using MineOnline is the most efficient way of scheduling classes and conducting business related to your academic career.

Once you know your major, you can plot out which courses to take and will be able to get those courses before other students.

Returning students who are in good academic standing are able to enroll online a week before other students are able to enroll on campus. This gives you a competitive edge when trying to get certain courses or specific times that work for you.

Imagine sitting at your computer in your pajamas, eating your favorite cereal and enrolling in classes.

No need to shower, dress, or drive across town only to deal with parking hassles and long lines.

Student Development understands there are students who need assistance with their enrollment. If you have any type of hold (academic, library, international, etc.), then you must enroll on campus and often with a counselor's signature.

If you want an overload of semester hours, then you must enroll on campus with an appropriate signature.

We encourage you to own as much of your educational process as you can.

Counselors are always here, but relying on us to do things for you means subjecting yourself to lines and, sometimes, missing out on classes you need.

Now is the time to think about your future enrollments. If you have a degree plan, look at it and decide what you want to take next. If you don't have a plan, visit Student Development so we can help you get one.

Plan now and you can be one of those lucky individuals who gets up on March 28 and enrolls for classes for all of the upcoming entries.

And if you can't enroll online, remember to come by and see us beginning April 4. When it comes to planning and enrolling, early is better than late.

—Mary Turner
Student Development Counselor

OKCCC graduate shakes the world in film

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

A T-shirt and a hair cut transformed former OKCCC student Kirk Suttles into one of America's most infamous terrorists.

The 2003 broadcasting graduate, appeared as Timothy McVeigh in the documentary "Days that Shook the World" on the History Channel Feb. 19.

The documentary showed how McVeigh carried out the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, Suttles said.

He said the documentary also showed

how John Wilkes Booth assassinated President Abraham Lincoln.

The documentary showed a link between the two men, he said.

"When McVeigh was arrested," Suttles said, "he had a T-shirt with a picture of Lincoln and 'Sic Semper Tyrannus [so always to tyrants].'"

Suttles said the quote on McVeigh's T-shirt was spoken by Booth when he shot Lincoln.

"[For the movie] they made a shirt exactly like McVeigh's shirt," Suttles said.

"It was a very distinct shirt to wear if you were doing something and you didn't



Kirk Suttles

want to get caught."

Something more distinct were the looks Suttles received from employees of the Oklahoma County Jail.

"We were doing a scene at the Oklahoma County Jail and there were a lot of police officers who said I looked like [McVeigh]."

One of Suttles's former professors, Gwin Faulconer-Lippert, failed to see a similarity between McVeigh and Suttles.

Faulconer-Lippert said Suttles never looked like McVeigh to her.

"Kirk Suttles was so outstanding as a student," she said. "And he was kind."

Faulconer-Lippert said Suttles portrayed McVeigh's military posture extremely

well. She said Suttles did a great acting job.

"The irony is he has a great voice, but they did not give him any lines."

Suttles said after graduating with an associate's in Journalism and Broadcasting, he took a break from college.

He said he might return to school at either The University of Oklahoma or the University of Central Oklahoma in the future.

Faulconer-Lippert said she remembers Suttles as a nice, kind person and good father.

Suttles is married and has two children.

He said he does commercial acting as a side job although it is his passion.

"It's never work, it's fun," he said. "I get paid to have fun."

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Journalists get in the know with job and internship fair

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

Journalists gathered at the Society of Professional Journalists' Twelfth Annual Journalism Job and Internship Fair on Feb. 25 at the University of Oklahoma to give advice to journalism students about the realities of the workplace.

Panelists offered advice to students such as to read more, have a good attitude and find training opportunities.

Students also heard from speaker Omar Gallaga, editor of *jahora si!*, a Spanish newspaper based in Austin, Texas.

Gallaga is an OU graduate who helped create *jahora si!* while working for the Austin



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Omar Gallaga, editor for Austin, Texas' *jahora si!* newspaper, was the keynote speaker for this year's Society of Professional Journalists job fair held at the University of Oklahoma on Feb. 25.

American-Statesman.

He spoke about the importance of journalists bringing their outside interests into their jobs.

The audience also was given the chance to network with editors from various papers.

The Oklahoman, Tulsa World, Oklahoma Gazette and As-

sociated Press were some of the media outlets who spoke with student journalists.

The OU chapter of SPJ, the Gaylord College of Journalism and the Oklahoma SPJ pro chapter sponsored the job fair.

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Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Freshman Physical Therapy Assistant students Ted Owen and Kory Baker visit with Allison Wolfe and Jan Sullivan of Career Staff Unlimited at the OKCCC job fair on March 2.

College job fair takes flight

By Matthew Hogan
News Writing Student

Students and members of the community filled the college union at what was called a great turnout by Employment Services.

Employment Services hosted the Spring Job Fair on March 2.

Forty-seven employers used the union and 19 health care companies used the dining area.

A variety of companies, such as America Online, Fenton Financial and many others, came looking for future employees.

The employment fair

began at 10 a.m. and shortly after, walkways through the union were crowded.

"This is a good experience for students to find jobs easily with great exposure and immediate access to employers," said Sheila Aldridge, Employment Services assistant.

Company representatives brought presentations, fliers and applications.

Jeremy Brown, an America Online representative, stressed the importance of AOL's participation in the fair.

"We're local and it's important to our company to give jobs to local employees," he said.

The focus of the fair was the students, Aldridge said.

Students also enjoyed the fair.

"This is great," said Aaron Domfort. "The (companies) are everywhere. I'm going to apply today."

Marcie Stickney, a Norman High School and Norman North High School teacher, brought a group of students to the job fair.

"This is very helpful to me," said Norman High School student Nikki Curtis. "This gives me an idea of what to expect when I graduate."

For more information, contact Employment Services at 682-7519.

Prof picked for outstanding performance

By Jared McDuffey
News Writing Student

Business professor Vijay Ramachandran was chosen by his department to be the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Award recipient at OKCCC.

Ramachandran will attend the NISOD Awards conference in Austin, May 29 to June 1.

The NISOD Excellence Award program recognizes more than 1,000 Excellence Awards recipients each year at the annual conference, according to the NISOD official website.

Recipients are rewarded for being the most out-



Photo By Ana Rodriguez

Vijay Ramachandran

standing faculty or staff at their college.

Joe Ramsey, business and technology professor, commended Ramachandran.

"It's awesome. He's a quality instructor," Ramsey

said. "We're blessed to have him. [His] caliber of teaching is top notch. He believes in pushing students to learn and most are successful."

Marty Ludlum, business professor, said he believes Ramachandran deserves the recognition and that's why he was chosen to attend the conference.

"The conference itself is described as motivational for faculty," Ludlum said. "It's not just about research."

"It's about bringing new energy to the job... a way of restarting the fire."

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—Joe Ramsey

Business and Technology Professor

Ramachandran said he is happy about receiving the award.

"It makes me feel good, your own peers selecting you for the award," he said. "[It] gives [me] a little bit of honor."

Despite the awards and the compliments, Rama-

chandran is modest. His previous awards and certificates are stowed in his desk, not hanging on the walls of his office.

"I like what I'm doing," he said. "It doesn't bother me if I don't get [awards]. The reason I'm here is because of good teachers."

Consortium to offer assisted living training

By Whitney Reading
News Writing Student

Beginning March 7, the Downtown Consortium will offer a Residential Care Program.

"This program is for people involved in nursing care," Director of the Consortium Gary Davidson said. "It's a certification program for administrators."

In order to be re-certified, 35 hours of classroom instruction are required, along with 15 hours of medication administration.

The program is designed to teach people the rules and regulations regarding assisted living homes and nursing homes.

"We provide classes to educate them about how to communicate with the elderly, and how to brainstorm marketing ideas and business strategies," Davidson

said.

The program is offered three times each year. Last year, the Consortium had 300 students enrolled in the program, and they are expecting as many or more students to enroll this year.

The Consortium also will offer a Forensic Sciences class and a Fundamental Information Security class starting March 21.

Davidson attributes the increase in interest to the new location of the Consortium.

Faculty and staff at the consortium recently moved into their new home on the fourth floor of the downtown library.

"It's exciting moving to the downtown library," Davidson said. "Traffic flow is great, and we are pleased to partner with the library to get the word out. We can already see the results."

For more information concerning these classes, call Davidson at 232-3382.

Comedy used to fight racism

By Ivo Lupov
Contributing Writer

A comedic approach to the topic of racism will be taken when Bryan "Preacher" Moss comes to the college union at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 29.

Moss will make the stop at OKCCC as part of his "End of Racism" comedy and lecture tour.

Moss talks to his audiences about racism and how society deals with it, said Jon Horinek, Student Life community engagement coordinator.

His style of approaching problems attracts audi-



Bryan "Preacher" Moss

ences, Horinek said.

Diane Wright of The Seattle Times said Moss has a style that reminds her of 1960s comedian Dick Gregory.

"For the past four years,

Moss has been touring the country, turning America's racial divide into material, much the way comedian Gregory did in the 1960s," she said.

Moss will throw out several views for open discussion, Horinek said.

Moss's website at www.comedycontact.com/moss describes him as being "Armed with a rare comedic ability... Moss plays to the hearts and minds of college students all over the country."

"With his insight on 'racial understanding vs. racial interaction' he has quickly become the funniest social commentator on the college scene today."

Moss is being brought in as part of Student Life's Educational Series, Horinek said.

The goal is to bring dynamic speakers with interesting topics that can be discussed outside of classes, he said.



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Special effects guru enlightens students

**By Chase Carabajal
News Writing Student
and Ana Rodriguez
Staff Writer**

About 50 students welcomed one of Hollywood's most experienced special effects directors to the college on Tuesday, March 1.

John Hartigan visited with OKCCC's film students on campus during the day and followed up on the visit to the college with a special screening of "Catch Me If You Can," a film he worked on.

The film was shown at Dickinson Theater at Penn Square Mall that evening.

Hartigan was the special effects coordinator for the movie.

The movie was followed by a question-and-answer session with Hartigan.

The movie included famous actors such as Tom Hanks, Leonardo DiCaprio and Christopher Walken.



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Special effects coordinator John Hartigan fields questions after a special screening of "Catch Me If You Can" on Tuesday, March 1.

The 2002 film was nominated for two Oscars, Walken for Best Actor in a Supporting Role and John Williams for Best Music, Original Score.

After the movie played, a raffle was held. Prizes included an autographed

DVD copy of the movie.

Hartigan has more than 100 movie credits including "50 First Dates" (2004) and "American Beauty" (1999).

Hartigan shared advice and stories with the audience. He also spoke of the fine details of his job.

"There's a lot more that goes into it than people see," Hartigan said.

A special effects man's job is to work invisibly to create reality on film, he said.

Hartigan discussed in great detail the work that goes into creating rain and snow scenes in a movie.

He said for some scenes in "Catch Me if You Can," workers had to prep the neighborhood where the film was shot for days.

"Hartigan is a modern magician," said Fritz Kiersch, OKCCC film professor.

Hartigan returned to the west coast to resume work on a major motion picture after the event.

Aviation classes soar in popularity

**By Sam Scovill
News Writing Student**

OKCCC first offered aviation management classes last semester.

"Aviation is Oklahoma's number one industry," said Larry Grummer, aviation director.

The program, started by Grummer and other associates, works with Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant to offer two-, four- and six-year programs at OKCCC.

A two-year degree can be earned at OKCCC.

"It is basically a specialized business degree," Grummer said. "You can still get a job anywhere in the field of aviation with a two-year degree."

Aviation students also have the opportunity to continue their education beyond the two-year program.

Students wanting to earn a bachelor's or master's degree in aviation may do so through the SOSU's program after completing classes at OKCCC.

The program currently has about 15 students officially enrolled at OKCCC. Attendance is expected to at least double for the 16-week fall 2005 semester. Even with increased enrollment, Grummer said there is still plenty of room for interested students.

The curriculum includes basic classes like English and mathematics. There is only one class devoted to Aviation Management per semester.

Professionals in the field of aviation teach the classes.

Luther Trent, the director of several Oklahoma City airports, including Will Rogers World Airport, teaches the class this semester.

Students and those interested in the aviation program will have a chance to network with others.

An aviation luncheon will be held the week after spring break.

Major employers of the aviation industry will attend. The event is open to anyone interested in aviation.

As of press time, no official date had been set.

For more information, visit OKCCC online at www.okccc.edu or SOSU at www.sosu.edu.

Using mind, body, spirit at school

**By Jennifer Dragg
News Writing Student**

Stressed out students who have an hour to decompress can find relief through fitness classes offered by Recreation and Community Services.

Pilates classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 12:55 p.m. during the spring semester. Each of the sessions lasts four weeks.

"Pilates is similar to yoga in that it is almost like a form of meditation," said student Leigh Ellen Prucha. "At the same time Pilates is similar to weight training because it helps shape your muscle. Pilates balances body and mind."

Prucha said she devotes her spare time to teaching Pilates outside of the college at a health facility.

"I feel like I have more energy, and at the same time I feel relaxed and balanced," Prucha said.

When not teaching Pilates, she also enjoys being one of the many students in the Pilates class on campus.

Brittany Devero is another student who commits her time to Pilates.

"I have back problems and Pilates has really helped correct it. My chiropractor recommended taking classes and I have seen a great improvement," Devero said.

There is a lot of stretching and focus involved with Pilates, Prucha said. There also are different levels of classes for beginners, intermediate, and advanced learners, she said.

The cost of the classes is \$20 for students with a valid ID and \$30 for non-students, for a four-week session of Pilates.

For more information contact Jack Perkins, coordinator of Community Education and Health, at 682-1611, ext. 7205.

Attention all previously admitted students:

The beginning of early registration for May Intercession, Summer, August Intercession and Fall semesters is March 28 and is ONLINE registration ONLY.

For more information, contact Admissions and Records at 682-1611, ext. 7512

Lil' Ninjas karate class kicks into gear



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Troy Cheatwood instructs Colton Howard, 4, in the Lil' Ninjas program March 8 at Cheatwood's Family Martial Arts Center in Moore.

By Joseph Thomas
News Writing Student

Many little boys dream of being ninjas, and Troy Cheatwood's Lil' Ninjas class teaches them how.

As a part of OKCCC's College for Kids program, Lil' Ninjas teaches 3- and 4-year-olds what Cheatwood calls "the missing link in the education system."

Historically, the word "ninja" is used to describe a person who is trained in Japanese martial arts.

Lil' Ninjas takes this one step further by using a special technique called "edutainment," which coordinates the excitement of martial arts with key life lessons any parent would want their child to know.

And parents are pleased with the results.

"There's a lot more listening to Mommy and Daddy," said Nakisha Howard, mother of 4-year-old Braden. "[Braden] just got his self-control stripe this week."

Braden has five of the eight life skill stripes needed to move up to his next belt. He has been in Lil' Ninjas for three weeks and is one of four boys in the class.

"Braden is definitely more outgoing [since being in the class]," said Cheatwood, owner of Troy Cheatwood's Family Martial Arts Center.

"[Braden's learning] how to be

"The education system doesn't teach goals. Each belt is something for [the kids] to work towards."

—Troy Cheatwood

Martial Arts Instructor

aware," he said.

In 1996, Cheatwood was second in the world in the National Black Belt League for sparring, but he decided to start teaching kids when he noticed a need that wasn't being met.

"The education system doesn't teach goals," he said. "Each belt is something for [the kids] to work towards."

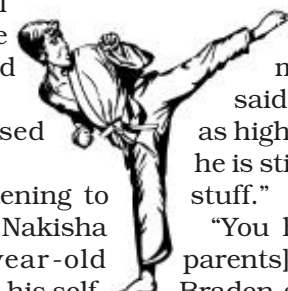
And Braden is almost there, Cheatwood said. "His kicks may not be as high as they need to be, but he is still learning the valuable stuff."

"You have to do what [your parents] say when they say it," Braden said. Even ninjas have to answer to someone, Cheatwood said.

Lil' Ninjas martial arts class is only one of the many programs offered by OKCCC'S College for Kids.

All sessions cost \$65 each with Session II beginning March 26 and going through April 30.

Anyone interested in enrolling in classes can contact the Recreation and Community Services office at 682-7860, ext. 7205.



Scholarship to honor professor's memory

By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

In order to honor former math professor, Jack Cain's memory, a \$300 memorial scholarship will be awarded in his name during this spring semester.

Cain was fatally injured during a climbing accident on Mount Shasta in Northern California on May 28, 1996.

Student eligibility for the scholarship requires:

- Current enrollment
- Completion of a minimum of 12 credit hours at OKCCC
- Previous completion or

current enrollment in Math 2103, Calculus and Analytic Geometry I

- A minimum GPA of 3.25
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Steve Kamm, physics

professor, was a colleague and close friend of Cain's.

"He taught me how to rock climb," Kamm said.

Kamm said Cain had a genuine concern for his students and would be proud of the scholarship in

his honor.

"[Cain] was very, very student centered, so anything that has to do with students, he would be pleased about," he said.

Students interested in applying for this scholar-

ship can pick up an application in the math lab.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. March 21.

Senior Writer Shawn Bryant can be reached at SeniorWriter@okccc.edu.

'Passion of the Christ' to air on campus

By Tyler Wood
News Writing Student

In honor of Easter, the Baptist Collegiate Ministries will show the movie "The Passion of the Christ" at 12:30 and 3 p.m. March 24 in the college theater.

"Admission is free and there will be a question-

and-answer session following each viewing," said Mike Barnett, BCM director.

Directed and co-written by Mel Gibson, the film follows the life of Christ in the final 12 hours leading up to his death, according to www.imdb.com.

"We want to show this movie to increase awareness of what Easter is re-

ally about," Barnett said.

One BCM member said the movie gave her a better grasp of the death of Christ.

"You hear about it all the time but seeing it [on film] made it more real," said Staci Pinkerton, BCM member.

Barnett added, "This movie is the most historically accurate portrayal of the crucifixion I have seen."

Some feel the movie is both religious and historical.

"It's not just a religious thing," student Allison Foster said. "There are historical documents that support what happened."

The movie is two hours and seven minutes long.

For more information, contact Mike Barnett at 323-0583.

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. The University of Oklahoma has a bye.

•**April 2:** 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 OU. OKCCC has a bye this week.

•**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. 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. Contact her at 682-1611, ext. 7734, or e-mail at bgraves@okccc.edu.

BASKETBALL

Season Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Bulls	7	0
B.A.	6	1
Suns	5	2
Vultures	3	4
Bulldogs	1	6
Spurs	0	7

Soccer team fights back, ties UCO

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Before spring break, the OKCCC club soccer team was able to begin their quest for a championship.

For their first game Feb. 26, OKCCC was pitted against the University of Central Oklahoma.

Despite a 2-1 deficit late in the game, a rookie goalie and some controversial calls, OKCCC went home with a 2-2 tie.

The tying goal by sophomore Beeken Lopez came after player/coach K.B. Yeboah beat a pair of defenders to make a pass.

"I was just happy to help in the last minute," Lopez said.

Eric Atakorah scored OKCCC's other goal.

Atakorah said he enjoyed the game.

"It was a way to come back, looking at what the referees [did]," he said.

The most upsetting call for the OKCCC team came after an apparent goal by freshman Javier Carreon.

Carreon was making an indirect kick toward the goal when the ball went di-

rectly into the net without first being touched by another player on his team as the rules call for.

"I thought one of my teammates would have touched it," Carreon said.

Despite the tie, the OKCCC team did receive praise from their opponent.

UCO captain Scott Hastings said the game could have gone either way.

"We were fortunate to come out with a tie."

OKCCC's game against Rose State College, scheduled for March 5, was canceled, said League Coordinator Jalal Daneshfar.

In an e-mail to the Pioneer, Daneshfar said, "RSC requested the cancellation of the game due to [the] fact some of their players had a conflict with the schedule."

Daneshfar said the league accepted Rose State's request to reschedule the game since it was done with prior notice.

Rose State captain Kooroush Azartash said several players were unavailable due to previously scheduled military training and injuries.

Staff Writer Matthew Caban can be reached at StaffWriter2@okccc.edu.

Ping pong master



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Nick Bolton, junior visual communications student, eyes the ball as he participates in the intramural table tennis tournament on Feb. 21, in the gym. Bolton won the Feb. 21 tournament to appear in the championship. He defeated Chris Bales, the Feb. 25 winner, for the overall championship on Feb. 28.

Real story is in the people, not the score

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

A basketball season full of action, joy, disappointment and drama came to an end March 4.

The spring intramural basketball regular season was full of stories of triumph and defeat, but two tales stuck out.

The stories of Jason Fish and Kiante Smith intersected during a game between their respective teams on March 4.

Fish was the high scoring guard for the undefeated Bulls and Smith was the last man standing for the winless Spurs.

The Bulls 63-41 victory does not tell the whole story.

For Fish, a sophomore nutritional science major, it was preparation for a possible championship and hopefully, a roster spot on a college basketball team.

"I'm trying out for JUCOs [junior colleges] this spring," he said.

Fish said he joined the team because they needed

another point guard.

"I just tried to push it and keep a faster pace," he said.

Smith, on the other hand, played for fun and to finish out a season.

"I'm doing it for fun," Smith said. "I'm not a basketball player." Smith said he played football in high school.

Despite Smith's carefree attitude, the Spurs suffered a setback during the season.

Midway through the season, the Spurs lost leading scorer Will Keller.

Smith said Keller stopped

playing sometime during the season.

He said the situation worsened when other players did not show up.

"We're just playing with who [came]," Smith said.

Although one man went home winless and the other undefeated, for one game they were the same. They were basketball players.

Staff Writer Matthew Caban can be reached at StaffWriter2@okccc.edu.

Got sports?
Call Matt at 682-1611,
ext. 7440, with the 411

Spring carnival on campus

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

OKCCC will host its annual Spring Family Carnival from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, in the college union.

Campus clubs will sponsor activity booths for children, said Student Life Director Liz Largent. Booths will include carnival games like ring toss and coloring activities.

The Photography Club will take free keepsake photos of kids with the Easter Bunny, said club vice president Ann Lushbough.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance will hand out free cotton candy, said Mark Schneberger, club sponsor.

Largent said the event is open to students, faculty and the community.

There will be a live deejay playing music for everyone to dance to.

Student Life will sponsor an egg hunt for the children.

Entry is free to everyone.

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.

Tuition Fee Waiver application available

Tuition Fee Waiver applications are available. Deadlines for each semester are as listed: Summer 2005 deadline April 15 by 5 p.m. Fall/Spring 2005-06 deadline April 15 by 5 p.m. Fall semester only deadline April 15 by 5 p.m. Spring semester 2006 only deadline November 15 by 5 p.m. Students can turn applications in at the Financial Aid office. To contact Financial Aid call 682-1611 ext. 7525.

Photography Club to have print sale

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

Student production of "Henry's Proposal"

At 7:30 p.m., March 24 in the OKCCC theater. The Theater Department will be performing "Henry's Proposal" an Oklahoma adaption of "A Marriage Proposal" by Anton Chekov. Admission is free.

"Passion of the Christ" screening and discussion

Free showings of the movie "The Passion of Christ" at 12:30 and 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 24, in college theater. There will be a discussion following the movie. For more information contact Allison Foster at 306-8420.

Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship

To honor Jack Cain, a memorial scholarship of \$300 will be awarded in his name during the spring semester at 6 p.m., April 22, in the main dining area in the cafeteria. Students must meet the following eligibility criteria: students must have completed 12 hours at OKCCC, be enrolled or completed Math 2103 Calculus and or Analytic Geometry I, have a 3.5 GPA and must complete their associate degree at OKCCC. For more information contact Mike Turegun at 682-1611 ext.7340 or e-mail at mturegun@okccc.edu.

Admissions for College or Nursing

OKCCC will have a guest representative from OU Health Science Center college of Nursing program 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., March 24 in room 1C4. Speaker will be available for questioning and will have insight to pass onto students about the four year Nursing Programs. For more information contact Sawmon Davani at 414-5913.

Preacher Moss and the End of Racism

OKCCC will be hosting Preacher Moss at 2 p.m., March 29 in CU3. Preacher Moss has been a fixture on the college comedy and lecture circuit for many years. His critically acclaimed "End of Racism" Comedy and Lecture tour has been hosted throughout the United States. For more information contact Jon Horinek, Coordinator of Community Engagement at 682-1611, ext.7697, or visit www.preachermoss.com.



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

One bag or two: Paintball club's Jake Birdwell, sophomore business student, and Derek Mason, sophomore automotive technician major, serve cotton candy to raise money for the Kansas State University paintball tournament on March 12.

Baptist Club hits the wood

By Tyler Wood
News Writing Student

Fellowship and a trick play highlighted the weekend for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry's Golden Monkeys Basketball teams.

University of Central Oklahoma hosted an annual basketball tournament for the state's Baptist student organizations on March 4 and 5.

The OKCCC chapter of the BCM sponsored men's and women's teams that competed in the double elimination tournament.

The highlight of the tournament came during the Carl Albert State College game, when OKCCC's Robert Cantu placed the ball between his legs and faked a shot, sending the opposing team in the air.

Cantu then passed the ball to an open team member who shot and scored.

"I was just trying to change things up a bit," Cantu said.

The women's team lost their first game to the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha 22-18.

"Since we never had a practice, we did pretty well," said Allison Foster, OKCCC BCM player.

The women's elimination came at the hands of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Down 19-4 at the half, the Golden Monkeys fought back to end the game with a score of 33-12.

"We didn't come out to be super competitive," Foster said.

"We came out to have fun and we did that."

The men's team won their first game against Western Oklahoma State College in Altus with 22-18.

The win put the team against Northeastern Oklahoma Agriculture and Mechanical College in Miami, Okla.

The Golden Monkeys trailed by 10 at the half but battled back to lose 38-33.

"We started off really slow but got it together and did well," said Cantu.

The men then played CASC and lost, sending them home early.

As in the previous game, the OKCCC men started slow, being down by 16 at the break, but the team fought back only to lose by 12.

Both teams cited lack of practice as an area that could have been improved.

"A couple more practices, a few plays and more organization [would have helped]," said David Gray, member OKCCC's men's team.

"We did pretty well considering we just came together," said Shasta Raymond, current UCO student who played for OKCCC.

Mike Barnett, director of BCM, was still pleased with his teams efforts.

"We had a goal to have some good fellowship and compete with the other schools and we did that," Barnett said.

Does your club or organization have news to share with students?
If so, call John at 682-1611, ext. 7675, or e-mail him at StaffWriter1@okccc.edu

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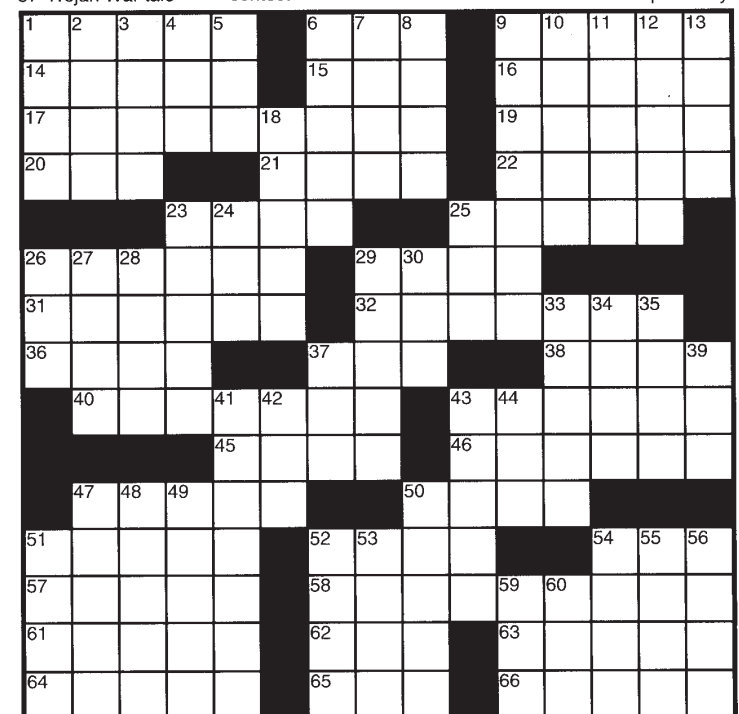
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Student artist to cover all genres at show

By Molly McMurry
News Writing Student

An artist in sight and sound, Josh Heilaman will display two sides of the world of art at an upcoming show.

Heilaman, Visual Arts sophomore, will hold an art show at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 26 at Book Beat, 9136 S. Walker Ave., Oklahoma City.

Featured at the show will be a number of art works Heilaman has created over the past few months.

His artwork is a combination of paintings, drawings and mixed media. Heilaman combines mediums to create textures within his work.

Art professor Carolyn Farris describes Heilaman's work as "autobiographical in a way."

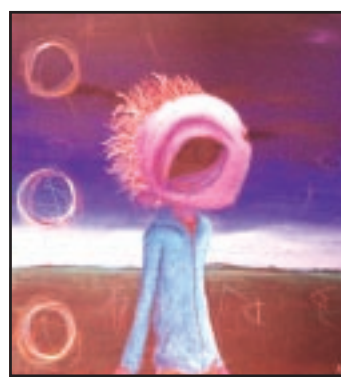
"He offers a great sense of humility to mankind,"

Farris said.

She said Heilaman's work is whimsical and childlike. He uses "visual elements as pure expression of feeling and meaning."

"The college should definitely be proud to have Josh as a student," Farris said.

Heilaman's band Esthing, also will perform throughout the evening, playing instrumental music with an electronic twist, Heilaman said.



Shown are two pieces by art student Josh Heilaman: "Eastern Star," (above) and "Untitled," (right).



Graduates return transfer surveys for college evaluation

"Survey,"

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transfer experience, including the course equivalency project, the 2+2 transfer articulation project and

enhanced transfer student support.

The course equivalency project is aimed at making sure classes students take transfer to a four-year college.

The 2+2 transfer articulation project deals more

with ensuring that students' degree programs will transfer to a four-year college.

The enhanced transfer student support is an OKCCC program that it is still in the development stages.

Its purpose would be to try and take a group of OKCCC students to a four-year college and give them an "orientation experience," Sechrist said.

OKCCC collects graduate survey information every year.

Graduating students can expect to receive a survey in the mail 12 months after graduation.

They are asked to return the survey in order for the college to improve its programs for future students, Sechrist said.

OKCCC, Francis Tuttle Technology Center enter into cooperative agreement

"Alliance,"

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president for Academic Affairs, said for students participating under the new alliance, those college credits would be counted immediately upon acceptance into OKCCC, without first asking for advance standing.

He said the agreement will allow OKCCC to track those concurrent high school students participating in the alliance by including them in OKCCC records, even before they attend here.

"This allows [the college] to provide proper advisement and other student services as these students [begin and] complete a degree program at OKCCC."

Sechrist said the new agreement also will raise the quality of technical education the students receive by giving them a head start on that education.

In turn, he said, students will be better prepared to

succeed when they graduate college and enter a technical profession.

"The associate in applied science degree is considered a technical degree," Sechrist said. "It is a degree that is considered as preparation for an entry-level position in a technical profession."

Sechrist said such professions include registered nurse, automotive service technician, micro-com-

puter technician, physical therapist technician, respiratory care technician, graphics communication specialist and many others.

"Technical degrees are often in demand and result in employment in professional areas that command

high salaries," he said.

"This alliance will serve not only students, but also the employers in central

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