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# **Oklahoma City Community College**



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

**Down time:** K. G. Gates, sophomore education major, practices his bass guitar in the main lobby between classes. Students congregate in the different lounge areas to visit, play dominoes, study and read.

## President returns part-time

### **Bob Todd still mending from heart surgery**

**By Richard Hall Editor** 

KCCC President Bob Todd returned to work on March 21 after two and a half months.

Todd has been home, recovering after heart bypass surgery on Jan. 10.

Paul Sechrist, vice president/provost for Academic Affairs, said it's good to see Todd back at work, even if it is for just half days.

"I'm happy he's returned," Sechrist said. "He looks to be in great health and seems to be doing fine."

Sechrist, who assumed a leadership role during Todd's absence, said Todd is meeting regularly with the President's Cabinet to



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Dr. Paul Sechrist and Dr. Bob Todd

discuss college business. Faculty members have expressed their happiness about Todd's return.

Todd underwent single arterial bypass surgery and had his mitral valve replaced at Baptist Medical Center. The mitral valve helps blood flow freely for healthy blood circulation through the heart's left chambers.

Janice Phillips, Todd's executive administrative assistant, said she is happy that Todd is returning to the office.

"It's great to see him back," she said.

Pat Berryhill, executive director of Institutional Ad-

vancement, said Todd is doing a great job at the school since he returned.

"I think it's great he is able to return to the college," she said. "I'm happy to see he wants to [return to work] and is deeply involved with the college.

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## \$15 million approved for projects

1,000-seat theater, classrooms, labs and more to be built

#### By Richard Hall **Editor**

tudents and faculty have something to smile about — new learning facilities, including a center for arts education and a health professions expansion, are in the works.

Oklahoma's Statewide Higher Education Bond will allow OKCCC more than \$15 million to spend on school projects and expansions, said Art Bode, vice president for Business and Finance.

Bode said, although the bond still awaits the governor's signature, the college is planning to move forward as quickly as possible with the development of the center for arts education and the expansion of the Health Professions building.

He said the college's Board of Regents is hoping to start discussion regarding the

This opens up new possibilities and advantages for the college..." —Susan

"I'm just thrilled.

VanSchuyver Arts and **Humanities Dean** 

project concepts as early as this month. Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities dean, said she is excited a new arts education center, priced at \$10.1 million, is being planned for the college.

"I'm just thrilled," VanSchuyver said.

"This opens up new possibilities and advantages for the college..."

VanSchuyver said the center for arts education plan calls for new classrooms, labs and other resources for art, music and film students, and is planned to be located west of the pond, in the grassy area where students park when parking lots are full.

The new building, which Bode said will be approximately 75,000 square feet, will house classrooms for film and video editing, photography, music, art and graphic communications. A new 1,000- to 1,200-seat theater also is being planned for the center, VanSchuyver said.

"The new theater will feature all the bells and whistles," VanSchuyver said. "It also will be for touring companies

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### Editorial and Opinion

**Editorial** 

## Law called for traveling

Even though money won't buy happiness, in today's world it will certainly keep you out of jail.

A sporting event turned into complete pandemonium Nov. 19 as a brawl erupted during a Detroit Pistons and Indiana Pacers basketball game.

Thirteen players and fans were involved in one of the worst brawls in professional sports history.

Fans were caught on film throwing various objects at athletes after Detroit player Ben Wallace shoved Ron Artest, of the Indiana Pacers, following a hard foul.

After the two players were separated, Artest was drenched as a beverage came flying from the crowd.

Artest then took it upon himself to enter the stands for some old-fashioned vigilante justice.

Only one of the 13 violators has been charged with a felony, according to www.usatoday.com.

Bryant Jackson, a fan, has pleaded no contest to one count of felony assault and one count of misdemeanor assault and battery.

Jackson is accused of dislodging his chair and throwing it over his head before throwing a soda at members of the Pacers as they left the court, the

While three of the other fans received probation for their actions, Jackson may be facing a 90-day iail sentence.

Jackson, who has a criminal record, did more damage than other fans when he threw a chair, so it's understandable he received a heftier punish-

But throwing a chair in someone's general direction doesn't seem nearly as malicious as punching someone who isn't looking in the face.

Artest is on camera blindsiding a fan so hard the fan fell to the ground.

Artest's only punishment is a season-long suspension. While he does stand to lose a small fortune, it still seems a little unfair he wasn't sentenced to any jail time.

A person who has millions of dollars, like Artest, isn't likely going to be affected by taking away some of his money as a punishment.

It sends the message that athletes are untouchable just because they are rich.

The court systems don't seem to care about justice near as much as they care about money.

Because athletes make millions of dollars and can afford the best attorneys, it is very rare one ever sees the inside of a cell, and that isn't right.

It doesn't seem fair your average Joe is held to higher standards than a person who happens to have a huge bank account because he is able to throw a ball through a hoop.

All Americans should be held to the same legal standards regardless of how much money they make.

> —Shawn Bryant **Staff Writer**

### Changes made to MineOnline, fees

Some changes have taken place for the upcoming summer and fall entries that I'd like to spend a moment addressing.

The first is the new way schedules appear on Mine-

In order to lessen the financial burden of payment plan costs on students, all smaller sessions (fast track, intersession and 8-week) are now collapsed into the larger semester (summer, fall or spring).

Students can still search for specific entries, however, rather than weed through all of the courses lumped together.

First, indicate the semester you want. List the subject and course number in the regular place.

The next space asks for section number. It is not necessary to put anything in this space.

Below that is a drop-down box called number of weeks. This will allow you to indicate whether you want an 8-week course, a 16-week course or an intersession course.

May intersession courses are grouped with summer, August intersession courses with fall and January intersession courses with spring.

These hours you take during an intersession count toward your total enrollment for the larger entry period. This is why the computer might tell you that you are in an overload situation even though one course may be done before you start the others.

The other change you must be aware of for the new entry periods is that you will not be dropped for nonpayment of fees.

Unless you withdraw from classes yourself, you will be held in those classes and will owe for them. This can present a convenience for those of you have typically wait until the last minute to

But this also can be problematic for those who just assume someone else will take care of your business

As you come to Student Development for advisement, be sure to ask for clarification on any change that you may have questions about.

If you enroll online and have questions, contact us at 682-1611, ext. 7535. We want to help make your adjustments to these changes as smooth as possible.

-Mary Turner **Student Development** Counselor

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by Phil Ryder & YOU



"I'd like to start off the discussion with, 'I'm rubber, and you're glue...'"

Amy Sherman • Glen Ellyn, IL

### Comments and Reviews

## Prof urges action today

To the editor:

The sad case of Terri Schiavo in Florida has consumed our attention for several weeks now, and caused a great deal of controversy.

If anything good can come out of this situation, it may be that many families will engage in serious conversation about their wishes if or when members become unable to direct their own health care.

Many times students consider such planning and conversations as irrelevant, because they are young and unlikely to be in such positions for many years.

But Terri Schiavo was a young woman who, no doubt, thought the same.

In addition, college students and faculty may find themselves as the surrogate decision-makers for parents or grandparents.

The only way to be sure our wishes for ourselves are followed is to take advan-

tage of the legal documents that Oklahoma has provided for us.

The Oklahoma Advance Directive is a form allowing you to state your wishes about health care if you are terminally ill or are persistently unconscious (Oklahoma terminology for the permanent vegetative state of Ms. Schiavo).

It also allows you to designate a proxy — a person you want to make your decisions and carry out your wishes.

It does not have to be notarized and can be printed off the Oklahoma Attorney General's website at www.oag.state.ok.us.

Since it's possible to be incompetent for a long time and not be persistently unconscious or terminal (e.g. Alzheimer's disease), it also is a good idea to fill out a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.

Usually this is done by an attorney, but the Depart-

ment of Human Services Aging Services Division has a form that can be used.

These are personal decisions that can best be made by each individual for him or herself.

It is important to discuss the medical implications with qualified medical providers and the legal issues with a qualified legal counsel.

But it is critical to have these conversations with your family and loved ones.

In the past, these decisions were usually made by the family and physician at the bedside, but we can no longer assume that will be the case.

Each of us should availourselves of the tools available to protect our future.

As a member of the Oklahoma Attorney General's Task Force to Improve Care at the End of Life, I urge you to act today.

—Jane Carney Sociology Professor



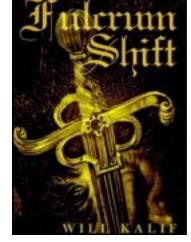
E-books, books published in electronic or digital form, are for those who enjoy reading but detest paying \$20 for a book.

While searching the web I stumbled upon an e-book titled "The Fulcrum Shift," by Will Kalif, at www.storm thecastle.com.

I personally had never before read an e-book, but was convinced to because this book happened to be a free download.

After a click of the mouse and a few minutes of download time, I was thoroughly submersed in the world created by Kalif.

"The Fulcrum Shift" is a fantasy novel that follows a mysterious hero as he leads a band of associates who



are trying to stop a maniac from becoming all-powerful and taking over the world.

The story was intriguing and well told.

I was pleased with the writing. However, "The Fulcrum Shift" is in desperate

need of editing.

The countless misspellings and incorrect grammar make the reading laborsome at times, but anyone who finishes will be pleased, although the ending isn't as fulfilling as the rest of the story.

While this fantasy novel may not possess the power of "Lord of the Rings" or "Harry Potter," it's still an enjoyable experience.

I prefer the feel of a book in my hands, but the free download urged me to give it a chance.

If you find pleasure in reading, but not in being broke, you may want to try it out yourself.

—Shawn Bryant Staff Writer

### **Quote of the Week:**

"I have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him."

—Galileo Galilei

## F.Y.I.

For Your Information

This is the first of a periodic column regarding world-of-work topics, news and tidbits we hope will be interesting and informative to the Pioneer readers.

Today, let's talk about one of our favorite topics...money.

Yes, college pays off.

A University of California Los Angeles Higher Education survey asked the 2003 freshmen why they enrolled in college. The most frequently checked answers were:

- -to learn about things that interest me (76.9%)
- -to be able to get a better job (70.1%)
- -to get training for a specific career (70.0% )
- -to be able to make more money (69.4%)

Better jobs, career training and more money are the usual results of a college education.

Of the top 50 fastest growing high-paying occupations to year 2012 listed in The Monthly Labor Review, only eight do not require a college degree.

Generally, the higher the education, the higher the pay and the lower the unemployment rate.

Today's graduate with a bachelor's degree earns a weekly median salary of \$900 compared to the high school graduate's \$554.

The unemployment rate in 2003 for college graduates was 3.3 percent compared to 5.5 percent for the high school graduate.

According to the Oklahoman Parade Magazine, the 2004 graduating class did a little better than 2003, and employers plan to increase hiring by 13 percent for the 2005 graduates.

National computer engineering majors received average starting salaries of \$51,572, economics majors \$40,906, business majors of \$38,188, English majors \$31,169 and psychology majors \$27,791.

For all workers in 2004, the median weekly salary was \$638. Adjusted for inflation, the average hourly pay of \$15.68 shrank by 0.7 percent with the average white-collar pay raises (3.5 percent in 2004) the lowest in 30 years.

A growing trend is to give performance bonuses instead of pay raises.

-Student Life Employment Services

If you have a topic idea for the F.Y.I. column, or questions about employment, Student Life Employment Services would like to hear from you.

Contact Employment Services at 682-1611, ext. 7519.

### Comments and Reviews

## 'The Everglow' doesn't shine bright enough

After two years of touring following their debut release for Tooth and Nail Records, Mae is back with "The Everglow."

The album starts with a voice-over reminiscent of a children's television show. The voice instructs listeners to follow along with the enclosed booklet.

At first this reeks of cheesiness, but it works. The booklet follows suit with illustrations by Ryan Clark of Asterik Studio.

Although the artwork looks like a children's book, it is clever. The animated people are done in black and white, while everything else is in full color.

Mae's music has evolved since their debut album. "The Everglow" shows a new side to the band with its piano-driven opening tracks "Prologue" and "We're So Far Away."

One of the best songs from this album is "Some-



one Else's Arms.'

At first listen, the lyrics seem average and repetitive, but such is not the case.

Hidden in a song speaking of relationships is one

memorable lyric, "Six days and I can see the same brown eyes in this reflection/Is this the man you say I'll be (become)?"

Unfortunately, many other songs on the album

were not as special.

I had always viewed Mae as an indie rock band, but after hearing numerous piano melodies on this album, my tune changed.

"The Ocean" and "Breakdown" are prime examples of this. They sound more like Train than the Mae of the past.

If that wasn't enough, the lyrics became mediocre.

"The Ocean" contained the following lyric, "I need you here tonight/Just like this/It needs the rain."

Is it too much to ask for a more interesting way to say, "I miss you"? I am glad the band was able to keep a running theme and story of sorts with "The Everglow." However, the music does not stand on its own to merit multiple spins.

I will give Mae kudos for its visual effects.

The album's cover and case have matching green paper like a book. Also, the CD itself is black with grooves mimicking a classic 45 LP.

Sorry, but "The Everglow" by Mae is all glow and no fire.

-Matt Caban Staff Writer

## Three cheers for punk rock's Smoke or Fire

Smoke or Fire is the latest addition to the Fat Wreck Chords family and one of the best bands the label has picked up in a long time.

One part Hot Water Music and one part Alkaline Trio, Smoke or Fire enlightens listeners on punk's manifesto with their Fat Wreck debut "Above the City."

No album since Trial By Fire's "Ringing In the Dawn" has captured punk's sensable essence, but we can all be grateful Smoke or Fire has come to fill the vacancy.

"Above the City" is 12 songs strong, steered by everything from politics to culture, driving the band's emotional faucet.

With songs like "California is Burning" and "Culture as

Given," it's easy to see how the band feels about war, poverty and politics.

Lyrics like "Are you the person they sent to save me/Cause I don't want to be saved/Killing is easy when you don't see faces/And you don't have to dig graves" and "Above the city/Above my grave/From a rooftop looking down/I've



been asleep for four years/But I'm waking up" provides a clear indication of what the band believes and, through awing and veracious lyrics, communicates.

Musically, Smoke or Fire is at the top of their class — they blend abrasive punk with catchy pop overtones flawlessly, which makes their music welcoming to people who may be hesitant toward the punk genre.

"Above the City" is the best punk album to come out this year and a surprise from the Fat Wreck camp.

Smoke or Fire is the genre's pioneers this time around — and "Above the City" is a great first step of their march. **Rating:** 5/5

New ATV game is right on track

The newest game from Rainbow Studios and THQ will make you feel so dirty you'll need to take a shower after each round.

No, I'm not talking about softcore hits like Dead or Alive Xtreme Beach Volleyball, I'm talking about MX vs. ATV Unleashed for the Xbox and Playstation 2.

The vehicles in this new take on racing send the dirt flying.

Motocross bikes and allterrain vehicles are no longer segregated.

MX vs. ATV Unleashed puts them head to head in everything from stadium races to hill climbs to free rides in any of several different locations, indoors and outdoors.

The vehicles are the main selling point to this game, though. Monster trucks, golf carts, and helicopters are just a few of the vehicles to beat and collect.

The game handles very



well. The ATVs really do respond to the rider's leaning. The artificial intelligence level is high, as other riders will try to take you out during championship races

Careful attention is paid to the graphics and sound effects. The motocross bike's throttle lets off as the rider leaves the ground. Also, a night track running along the Alaskan pipeline features the Aurora Borealis in the background.

Black Eyed Peas, Nickelback and Shinedown are just a few of the artists featured on the soundtrack. Players can even incorporate their own music into the soundtrack on the Xbox version.

Limited clothing and vehicle choices make the profile customization seem lacking. However, more choices are added as items are unlocked through the races.

Multiplayer online and offline options make the replay value of this game very high.

I found the short track races pretty challenging and enjoyed the variety of vehicles. It definitely kept my attention. For more information, visit to www.thq.com.

—Shanna Larson Staff Writer —Richard Hall Editor

## Focus group gives students a voice

### By Ana Rodriguez Staff Writer

OKCCC graduating students made their voices heard during a focus group meeting March 25 in the library.

After a free lunch, students were given the opportunity to share comments on their college experiences and ideas on how to make the college better for future students.

Topics included enrollment services, orientation, counselors and advisers.

The students were chosen by graduation applications and invited via e-mail by John Hockett, Student Development dean. Only 25 students responded out of more than 500 e-mails, Hockett said.

Tim Culver, national consultant for Noel Lovitz, an

educational consulting firm, posed questions to the students.

"We are trying to develop a retention management plan for the college," Culver said.

One student involved in the discussion said she has enjoyed her college experience.

"[OKCCC] has such a clean campus and you are exposed to such a diverse culture," said Angie Asher, psychology sophomore.

Another student said the community aspect of her education has been a highlight.

"I have been here for over five years and all my teachers know me," said Patricia Perry, sophomore journalism student. "It's so small and is kind of like a family."

Marion Paden, vice president of student services, offered congratulations to the

"I have been here for over five years and all my teachers know me. It's so small and is kind of like a family."

—Patricia Perry Sophomore Journalism Student

graduating students.

"This focus group was critical to the future of the college," Paden said.

The students' names were entered in a drawing to win \$50. Donna Burruss won the drawing.

Focus groups for new students and faculty were held March 24.

A Retention Planning workshop is scheduled for April 28 and 29.

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Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Bashir Abdullah, sophomore psychology student, listens as fellow graduating students share their college experiences during a focus group meeting March 25.

# Faculty members breeze through safety session

By Christiana Kostura Staff Writer

Faculty members were invited to attend the WOW session College Emergency Procedures March 24. Shane Palmer, OKCCC security officer, presented information for those attending

During the presentation Palmer reviewed all of the college's emergency procedures from emergency medical care to severe weather and armed people on campus.

Tornadoes are just one form of a college emergency, Palmer said.

During a tornado, safety and security officers go to each area of the college to alert building occupants to take cover, Palmer said.

Evacuation maps are located in every classroom to inform people of escape routes to be used during emergencies, he said.

Security officers may only alert people of a tornado or severe weather, Palmer said. The officers may not stop a person from leaving.

"They are adults," Palmer said. "If they want to go outside and take their chances with the storm, we let them."

"We encourage them not to, but I cannot force them to stay here."

Palmer said students and faculty have emergency procedures available to them.

"Read your student handbook," Palmer said. "Get on the college's website." Palmer said.

"There's nothing that I spoke about (at the workshop) that's not available to students and or employees if they just choose to read it," he said.

Emergency procedures are available online at www.okccc.edu.

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## Club to sponsor special athletes

### By Christiana Kostura Staff Writer

Abilities Galore will sponsor an aluminum can, ink cartridge and cell phone drive at OKCCC from April 4 to 22.

The can drive proceeds will benefit Chickasha High School special-needs stu-

Several Abilities Galore club members saw a story on the local news about the Chickasha students, said Robert Smith, the club's public relations officer.

According to the news story, Smith said, the children wouldn't be able to make it to this year's Special Olympics because the cans they had been collecting to fund the trip were stolen.

Rose Harris, Abilities Galore club member, said since she had seen a question posted in the Pioneer's "You Asked For It" column. she had been thinking

about a way the club could become involved in the Special Olympics.

"A student asked if Abilities Galore was involved with the Special Olympics," Harris said. "Now we can say, 'Yes, we are."

Smith said the story especially hit home for him. His son was a participant in the Special Olympics.

He said the event brought out the best in his son.

In addition to the can drive, envelopes will be placed next to the can collecting areas for ink cartridges, Harris said.

The envelopes are preaddressed, postage paid and have a sticker-like

"All people need to do is pick one up to put their ink cartridge in," Harris said.

She said the envelopes go to a recycling plant that sends the money raised to the Special Olympics.

Along with the can box and envelopes, boxes also will be set out to collect cell phones. A company will pick up the phones from Abilities Galore and send the money raised to the Special Olympics.

Smith encourages people to bring cans from home as well as donating cans they use on campus.

He said anybody wishing to donate a large number of cans may contact him to set up a time to give him the cans.

Smith may be reached at 681-7981 or by e-mail at the gardner@po.okccc.edu.

Club President Tami Griffin said she hopes to make this event permanent.

"I feel that we should try to do this every semester," Griffin said.

She said the club also would be sponsoring a Special Olympics team from Crooked Oak Elementary School indefinitely.

Smith said he's glad the club is becoming so involved with a wonderful cause.

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## Physical therapy professor writes textbook

By Lindsay Fournier **News Writing Student** 

A book co-authored by OKCCC's Physical Therapy Assistant Program Director Peggy Newman will become a requirement for some physical therapy classes in the fall of 2005.

Newman said until now, there wasn't a book available containing all of the information she felt her students needed.

"I had to give so many handouts to my students," Newman said.

She said she began working on her book, "The PTA Handbook," about three years ago. The book was published last December.

Newman said she worked late many nights and spent much of her summer at the college writing.

"I got to know campus security officers very well,"

Newman said.

"The PTA Handbook" is designed for OKCCC's Physical Therapy Assistant Program, but also is a good resource for any student considering a career in physical therapy, Newman said.

The new book may be used for physical therapy programs at colleges and universities across the nation, she said.

Newman said she recently attended a conference where directors from other physical therapy programs said they are planning to require her book in upcoming semesters.

The book has a variety of information about physical therapy, Newman said.

She said the book covers everything from the cost of physical therapy to the cost of physical therapy school.

Newman also offers study tips and stress relievers for physical therapy students

The book only took about a year and a half to write, Newman said, but getting it published took three vears.

She said she received many letters from editors suggesting what changes should be made.

After reviewing their suggestions, she then had to decide whether to make those changes.

Newman said it also took a lot of time to get permission from the sources she used in her book.

Writing this book has been "a long term goal," Newman said. She said she is thrilled about the book and is looking forward to using it in her upcoming classes.

Newman said she is relieved to be finished with the book because it consumed so much of her time.

Many of Newman's coworkers encouraged her to write the book, she said, and added that everyone at OKCCC has been supportive of her book.

The book will be for sale in the college bookstore

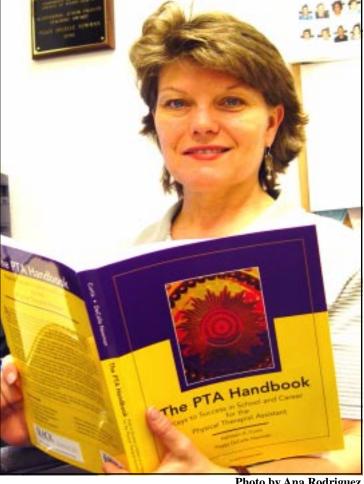


Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Peggy Newman, physical therapist assistant program director and professor, shows off a copy of "The PTA Handbook" which she co-authored. Newman said she spent many late nights and a summer writing the book, and then waited three years to finally see it published. "The PTA Handbook" will become a requirement for many physical therapy students in the fall.

## New professor tapped for security program

By Ashley Armstrong **News Writing Student** 

OKCCC has a new professor for a new program.

Brett Weber, a 2000 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, was hired in December to teach the Cyber Security program.

Weber said he graduated with a bachelor's degree in computer science and a minor in mathematics. He will begin teaching within the program in the spring of 2006 upon completion of his master's degree in cyber security from the University of Tulsa.

He said he will start teaching this summer and at least one of his classes will be in the cyber security field.

Weber is going into this opportunity with a great rity program.

appreciation and strong feelings for the program.

"I saw an opening at OKCCC for a Cyber Security professor," Weber said. "I had some teaching experience in undergraduate work, and I really enjoyed

Weber has previously worked with the federal government in downtown Oklahoma City and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma as a systems analyst and programmer. His duties included system administration, information technology property management, computer-related assistance to courthouse employees, and implementing and managing hardware and software pack-

Weber said he is looking forward to starting at OKCCC in the Cyber Secu-

### many new jobs to students By Ashley Armstrong

OKCCC's Cyber Security degree program will cover policies, tools, programs and techniques to track computer criminals.

**News Writing Student** 

Cyber Security Program Director and Computer Science professor Al Heitkamper will complete his master's degree in cyber security at the University of Tulsa in May. He will begin teaching the cyber security classes at OKCCC in the

Steven Barslou, Information Technology Department dean, and Heitkamper have recently hired a new professor Brett Weber to teach classes as well.

Cyber security field offers

The Cyber Security field is still new to the nation and is an important asset after the terrorist attacks, Heitkamper said. He said the growing number of ID and credit theft and viruses has made the field important as well.

Heitkamper said the field would open up opportunities for future graduates of the program because of the vast need in this area.

The need for people with Cyber Security expertise is high right now, Heitkamper said. The government is in need of specialists and people generally need to be aware of dangers in order to protect themselves.

OKCCC currently offers some cyber security-related classes but they are limited and taught by adjunct professors, Heitkamper said. By spring of 2006, OKCCC will have two of their own professors in this field, Heitkamper and Weber.

E-mail questions to Richard at editor@okccc.edu.

## Secretarial science program renames, remodels

By Regan Baker News Writing Student

With changing technology comes changing job requirements, which is one reason why secretarial science has been relabeled Administrative Office Technology. The on-campus program is helping students with these changes so they will be one step ahead when looking for jobs.

Jenean Jones, Administrative Office
Technology professor, said
legal advisers and
paralegals
are finding
out that

dated and intense computer training really does give students the upper hand when applying for a job.

Jones believes OKCCC has a great program with beneficial results.

"We give students an education that will give them confidence to be hired by a quality employer."

One step Jones is taking to encompass new technology is researching new voice-activated software so that she can incorporate that into her classes.

By doing this, Jones will be able to give students the upper hand when office work becomes hands-free.

Voice-operated commands will soon replace the typical typing programs.

'Voice activation is defi-

"The program courses
I took tremendously
enhanced my skills
and abilities and
enabled me to perform
my job
responsibilities even

—Janice Phillips Executive Administrative Assistant

better."

nitely the wave of the future," Jones said.

"Medical transcriptionists will be able to use the software to record medications and physicals, while legal secretaries will be able to use it for law transcription."

More and more employees are having to take classes in advanced word processing and take intense skilled typing training to keep up with the demands of technology, Jones said. OKCCC teaches these classes, along with others so that one can obtain an associate's degree in Applied Science, Medical Transcription, or a Legal Office Procedures certificate.

The Legal Office Procedures certificate is designed to flow into a legal secretarial degree.

These programs address the need to hire qualified workers, Jones said.

Many people who go through the program have already held jobs before, Jones said. Most of them have been out of school for a while, she said, or just do not like the hours that they are working at their current job.

One OKCCC staff mem-

ber was already employed as an Administrative Assistant when she graduated from the program.

"The program courses I took tremendously enhanced my skills and abilities and enabled me to perform my job responsibilities even better," said Janice Phillips, Executive Administrative Assistant to the President.

With advances in technology, the program is always striving for new developments, Jones said.

"Our goal is to be able to obtain a degree online. There is fierce competition and extra skill involved when people want to receive an online degree," Jones said.

"We have to broaden our bases to reach out to more students."

## Pathways turns 5, has birthday party

having up-

By Ashleigh Branch News Writing Student

Pathways School of Choice celebrated five years of education with a reception for the faculty and students in March.

The reception was complete with balloons, cake and punch. There were parents, faculty, staff and students in attendance. Kim Herbert, Pathways' first principal, also attended the reception.

"One of the main luxuries we have is to get to know the students," said Carol Brogan, Pathways' current principal.

Pathways is a public high school located on the OKCCC campus, which allows students to attend high school, but also gives these students the opportunity to enroll and take college courses. The college courses can count as high school and college credits.

The students must apply and be accepted to attend Pathways.

Students must reapply every year.

"I like attending Pathways because it has a more mature feeling than a regular high school, while introducing students to a college environment," said sophomore Da'Shai Ables.

There are five teachers who teach at Pathways.

"We have a very dedicated staff and that is what makes Pathways a successful program," said Brogan. The high school faculty consists of five teachers. These teachers teach four classes each.

Pathways enrolls 67 students in grades 8 through 12. The teachers and staff are close to the students who attend Pathways.

### **Celebration of Simulation**



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Justin Lorenzen, sophomore paramedic student, attempts to save "Dan," a human patient simulator, during the Celebration of Simulation event March 29 in the Health Professions Department. The open house celebration was hosted by OKCCC. The goal of the event was to inform people about the simulator. Visitors included Lou Oberndorf, CEO of Medical Education Technologies Incorporated, the company from Sarasota, Fla. that makes the simulator, as well as Integris officials. Students, faculty and staff also attended the event. Medical Education Technologies Incorporated also presented a \$1,000 scholarship to OKCCC for health profession students.

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## Seminar corrects mispronunciation

By John Savage **Staff Writer** 

Many students' names pose pronunciation problems for teachers. Although names like Hugo and Juan may look simple to say, they may sound different when pronounced correctly.

Juan, Spanish for John, is pronounced "Wan." The H is silent in Hugo, so it is pronounced "oo-go."

Abra Figueroa, English as a second language professor, conducted a seminar explaining where some surnames come from and demonstrated how they are different from English names.

Figeuroa talked about six

seminar: Spanish, Japanese, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, and Arabic.

"Many teachers have trouble not botching the students' name when they see unfamiliar spellings or unfamiliar pronunciations," she said. "The Hispanic name Jesus is pronounced "Hey-Soos."

The Vietnamese name Nguyen is pronounced "Win" Figueroa said.

"The students are very tolerant [of errors of pronunciation].'

Some languages are easier to translate into American-English, Figueroa said.

"Japanese students are taught the Roman alphabet at an early age," she said.

This is why Tokyo [toh-

Japan, she said.

Every Japanese name can be translated and spelled correctly in English. Usually the pronunciation is phonetic, Figueroa said.

Most other languages such as Arabic and Korean do not have a standardized way of translating from their language to English.

"This is why you will see so many different spellings on Mohamed," she said .

"Some students end up having completely different pronunciation than some of the Americanized names, although they end up being the same name," she said. An example would be the Hispanic pronunciation of Elvira; it is pronounced "El-vee-rah."

in America as it appears in American names have one surname while Spanish names sometimes have three surnames. This can be confusing for Hispanic students when enrolling for class, she said.

> The college admission forms have only one space for a last name.

"It is not uncommon for a student to use one name then switch back to a different surname at some point," Figueroa said.

This can be confusing for the teachers. It sometimes poses problems with teachers assuming someone else has completed their work, she said.

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### different languages in the ky-ohl is spelled the same Figueroa explained that Brand new ways to waste time

By Nikki Inderlied **News Writing Student** 

Mobile gaming is taking OKCCC students away from campus and into a fantasy world with the click of a button.

Most OKCCC students have mobile phones with games on them.

MoGaLiME, an internet resource for gaming statistics, estimates that mobile ga-ming will increase to

59.1 million people participating in the U.S. in 2008.

How does this affect OKCCC? MoGaLiME shows the majority of mobile gamers are students between ages 17 and 25.

Between classes, students all around campus can be found talking on their phones or gaming.

Two such students are OKCCC sophomores Tommy Nett and Amanda Payne. During their break from morning to afternoon classes, they can be found

on a couch with their cell but I agree with [Nett]. You phones and books.

"I will study or do homework for a little while then play 'Bowling' or 'Skydiving' on my phone after that,' Nett said. "Truthfully, I would rather spend my lunch break playing games than studying. I know we are at school to learn but you have to relax, too."

Payne had the same idea as Nett when she pulled a Nintendo DS from her purse.

A Nintendo DS is the latest handheld system made by Nintendo. It is

a small, silver colored system with two LCD (liquid crystal display) screens. The bottom screen is touch sensitive.

The player uses a stylus to control characters or option menus, much like a Palm Pilot.

"I always carry this with me," Payne said. "Between classes I can catch a few minutes of play before I have to focus on school.

"If I have homework to do I will spend time on it too,

have to relax while at school or you will get overwhelmed and stressed."

There is a time for homework and tests and a time for relaxing and doing mind-numbing activities that you don't have to crunch your brain on, Payne said.

According to JavaWorld, mobile games are so popular because they are easy to learn, can be interrupted and appeal to all ages.

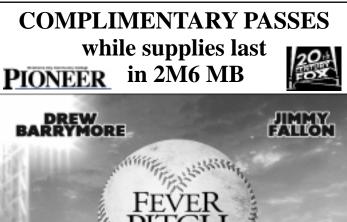
"I enjoy them because they are easy and there aren't a ton of levels you have to beat," Nett said.

"[Mobile games] are also good for starting conversations too.

"If you see someone playing a game on their phone you can ask them what they are playing, their high score and such.'

Like many gamers, Payne looks forword to the next new thing.

"As long as they are coming out with new stuff, I will buy it. I am always excited to see what new things companies can invent to take up even more of my



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# Spring Carnival brings smiles

An estimated 1,200 people attended the 2005 Spring Family Carnival held March 26, in the student union. The event was hosted by the Campus Activities Board and Student Life.

"The turnout was extremely successful," said Liz Largent, Student Life director.

"We usually don't have this many people," said Jon Horinek, Community Engagement coordinator.

Largent said the yearly indoor carnival is a family event on campus and a service to the community.

The event took more than a month and a half to plan and cost Student Life an estimated \$800, said Largent.

"It was a lot of fun," said Laura Willis who brought her family to the carnival. "The music was great and [the deejay] was very entertaining,"

Campus Activities Board members filled more than 1,000 eggs for the egg hunts held throughout the day.

A large dance floor was centered in the college union. Music for the event was provided by Chameleon Entertainment.

More than 25 student club members contributed to the carnival's success.

The Native American Student Association showed children how to make God's eyes, a craft made with Popsicle sticks and multi-colored yarn.

The Computer-Aided Design Society of Oklahoma sponsored the art station filled with crayons and spring coloring pages.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance gave away free cotton candy and the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship operated a ring toss. The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education club was in charge of a bunny mini golf station.

The Photography Club gave away free Polaroid pictures with the Easter bunny.

### **Text and Photos by Ana Rodriguez**



Avery Smith, 10 months, checks out this year's Easter bunny played by special education freshman Jani Vidal.



Natalie Puckett, 8, shows off her smile and prize after the egg hunt.

More than 1,000 eggs were filled for the event.



Children make a dash with their baskets at the start of one of the three egg hunts that took place throughout the carnival.

## Regional rep clears up transfer confusion

By Regan Baker **News Writing Student** 

Some students graduate from OKCCC and take a job in the workforce, but some have a goal of attending a four-year college.

For those who are university-bound, the big question is: How does someone go about transferring?

Joel Drury, regional representative for transfer students at the University of Central Oklahoma, gave some answers to about 15 students on March 22 as a part of the Brown Bag Lectures hosted by Student

Drury spoke to students about the importance of understanding what will and will not transfer when looking at four-year insti-

"I always get asked the Drury said. question about if their credits will transfer and the answer is yes, they will," Drury said.

"But the real question is: Will they apply for the degree that they want?"

Drury explained that OKCCC offers three degrees when graduating.

There is the associate in arts, associate in science and associate in applied science degree.

If students graduate with either an associate in arts or associate in science degree, then they will have all of their general education classes taken care of when they transfer.

All of the classes will transfer to any state-supported college in Okla-

"My advice is to focus on general education courses while at a two-year college,"

"Then, when you transfer, you start focusing on the specific program requirements that are designed for your particular bachelor's degree."

Child Development major Donna Burruss owns a child care center and will transfer to UCO in the fall.

"The state of Oklahoma wants childcare providers to have more education in their field," Burruss said. "With my degree, I want to continue with child care and teach as well.

"This seminar showed me that I am on the right path and that all the classes that I am taking will transfer."

Drury also encouraged students to visit career services and testing centers at the colleges they hope to attend so they can get more information on certain ma"My advice is to focus on general education courses while at a two-year college."

—Joel Drury

Regional Representative for Transfer Students at University of Central Oklahoma

"Students need to use the reverse-planning method," Drury said. "It will save time and money."

'They need to research institutions, look at a degree plan, and then take classes that will earn the degree.

Don't take classes and then see if they will work for that major."

Drury said another important factor in transferring is for students to make sure they are comfortable on the campus.

He recommends taking a campus tour during the day when there are stu-

dents going to class.

"Don't spend thousands of dollars on a place that you aren't going to like and then not earn the degree that you went there to get," Drury said.

Freshman Porsha Webb plans to transfer once she obtains her associate of science degree.

"I am a single parent and go to school full time," Webb said. "Once I get my degree then it will be easier for me to transfer.

"I thought this lecture was really beneficial and it made me realize how easy it can be," Webb said.

### Informational marquis may sign on soon at OKCCC

By Jarred McLaughlin **News Writing Student** 

Two informational marquis boards may be placed on campus.

One will have room for promotional advertisements that various companies can rent, said J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director.

Messer said he will be responsible for overseeing the project through its current stage.

Since the the project is still in the proposal stage by the Physical Plant, it still needs approval by the administration.

One board would be placed at the corner of S.W. 74th and May.

This board would feature the college logo among the bright scrolling letters.

Placement for the other board is planned on the southwest corner of the college property.

This sign would be par-

"There are several things that need to be cleared before construction could begin."

> -J.B. Messer **Physical Plant Director**

allel the Interstate 44.

Both signs would display information regarding upcoming campus events and enrollment information.

Messer said this type of information could benefit current as well as prospective students.

He said all electronic information put on the boards would be controlled from a central control unit somewhere on campus.

The board on the southwest corner of campus would not be used solely for

informational purposes concerning campus activities, he said.

Messer said the board also would house various paid advertisements which would cover the costs of both boards.

If the school had to pay for the boards without advertisements, it would cost about \$45,000, Messer said.

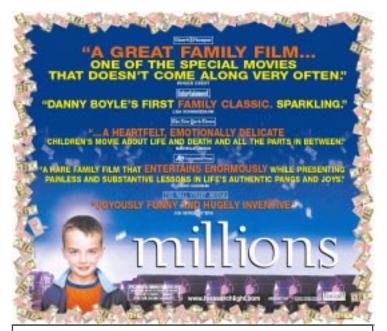
"For us, it's quite a deal," Messer said.

The only cost to the college would be electricity,

and communication between the boards and the control unit on campus.

Codes from the city have been cleared for the project.

"There are several things that need to be cleared before construction could begin," he said.



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## Students to help homeless

By Chris Allen News Writing Student

Everyone's a carpenter when student volunteers set out to help with the upkeep of low-income housing in the metro area. OKCCC students will team up with the Neighborhood Services Organization from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9, for Community Build Day.

The purpose of the oneday event is to help renovate transitional housing used by homeless women and children in the metro area, said Jon Horinek, Student Life community engagement coordinator.

"The volunteers will be doing some light construction to the homes, really just trying to spruce the place up for the next residents," Horinek said.

Volunteers will be under-

taking some simple maintenance to the homes such as repainting rooms, hanging doors, building shelves and gardening.

One home can house anywhere from one to 10 residents per year, making routine maintenance necessary, Horinek said.

Horinek wanted students to know that volunteering for this kind of "hands on" project can be very rewarding.

"Unlike giving blood or donating money, working on these homes is a way to see your hard work produce visible results," Horinek said. "When you know that someone will honestly appreciate the work you have done, it's a great thing."

Event volunteer and OKCCC student Jessica Jones echoed that thought.

"Being able to put a smile on the faces of those who are less fortunate makes "Unlike giving blood or donating money, working on these homes is a way to see your hard work produce visible results."

> —Jon Horinek Community Engagement Coordinator

me smile and that's all the incentive I need to go," she said.

Horinek was pleased that 15 students had signed up as of March 28. Though the deadline to sign up for the build day was April 1, students can still go. However, they must provide their own transportation, he said.

For more information about Build Day, contact Horinek at 682-1611, ext. 7697.

## anguage workshops offered

By Korie Peacock News Writing Student

Many students find they fumble the rules of grammar or misspell frequentlyused words when writing papers for college. One resource to help students with their language needs is the OKCCC Communications Lab.

A little extra help with these problems could make the difference between a B and a C, said Alice Tillinghast, Communications Lab director.

The tutors in the lab use all kinds of tools to increase language skills including several different handouts for writing, reading materials to help with vocabulary and spelling, and grammar tests with immediate feedback.

"We have a lot of resources here in the lab and we recently started a number of workshops that are accessible to students as an additional resource," Tillinghast said. "The work-

## Spring drop deadline April 15

By Robert Long News Writing Student

Although most students are generally on track and have a good idea of what grades will come at the end of another term at OKCCC, the fact remains that some students will be forced to drop classes due to low grades or excessive absences.

The last day students can drop from their 16-week

classes to avoid possibly damaging their grade is by 5 p.m., April 15.

Mary Turner, Student Development counselor, said students can drop through MineOnline or at the school.

Turner also said if a student has any holds or is on academic probation, they must have the signature of a counselor to drop a class.

If students are not sure where they stand in their classes, they should speak with their professors, Turner said. "It helps to know how you are doing."

Turner said she believes that students often go through academic stress.

She said school is not a race among students. It is a better idea to take time and be thorough with schoolwork.

She believes it can be better to cut one's losses than to struggle in school. There is always next term.

Dropping classes can be much better than settling for a D or an F.

## **Engineering Club helps the disabled**

By Samanthe Hillman News Writing Student

OKCCC's Engineering Club plans to design, build and install a handrail for a disabled person's home in the metro area of Oklahoma City as a community service project.

When the Neighborhood Service Organization gave Student Life a list of the projects they could use assistance with, one was for a disabled NSO client, who required a handrail leading from her kitchen to her garage steps, said Jon Horinek, Student Life coordinator of community engagement.

"This project required planning and supplies, prompting us to approach the Engineering Club," said Horinek.

Debra Burris, Engineering Club sponsor,

confirmed that her group had accepted the project.

"We are building a hand railing for a disabled person for Student Life's Build Day."

Horinek said the rail is expected to be complete by the end of April.

"It is an elaborate project that required a lot of work."

Horinek sent over dimensions that he took of the space to Burris on March 28. Currently they have rough sketches of their plans. The project entails designing the rail, coming up with the materials, assembling and installing.

"They are in charge from the beginning to the end of the project," Horinek said.

The rail that the Engineering Club is constructing will be installed as soon as the students have completed this project.

shops are used as another tool to help students with a more one-on-one level of practice and are very hands-on."

Charlotte Roller helped develop the workshops and has received a lot of positive feedback since they started.

"We take things one at a time here in the workshops and let the students take the lead," Roller said. "We allow the workshops to become theirs and are very flexible and open to the students' needs."

A focus of the workshops is for students to feel like they are in a relaxed environment and to allow them to talk about what they don't understand.

"The workshops are not here to take place of the classroom, but rather to enhance certain areas of classroom work," Roller said. Roller added that she likes to begin and end with a good quote to expand the minds of the students and to let them know that they can succeed.

"We use several strategies and make the workshops a lot of fun," she said.

Students who want to attend one of the workshops should sign up in advance at the front desk of the Communications Lab.

## Communications Lab Language Skills Workshops

- Research Paper Part I: April 4, 2 to 3 p.m and April 7, TBA
- Research Paper Part II: April 11, 2 to 3 p.m. and April 14, TBA
- Research Paper Part III: April 18, 2 to 3 p.m. and April 21, TBA

### Sports\_\_\_\_

### **UPCOMING**

### **CLUB SOCCER**

- •April 9: At 11 a.m. OKCCC plays the University of Oklahoma. The 1 p.m. game features Oklahoma State University and the University of Central Oklahoma in a northside dual. Both games are hosted by OKCCC. Rose State College has a bye.
- •April 23: Club soccer playoffs will begin. OKCCC's opponent and game time will be determined by the final standings. The first place team will host games at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

### **INTRAMURALS**

- April: New intramurals start in April. For more information call Eric Watson or Charlie Tarver at 682-1611, ext. 7786.
- •April 5: Basketball golf competition will be held at 2 p.m. in the gym.
- •April 12: Badminton games start at 2 p.m. in the gym. Games will be played each Tuesday and Thursday until the end of April.
- •April 22: Lazer Tag competition at 2 p.m. at LazerXtreme at 700 City Ave. in Moore. Cost is \$5. For more information, call Lazer Xtreme at 799-0700.
- •April 25: The intramural swimming competition will be held at 2 p.m. in the Aquatic Center.

### SOFTBALL

•April 17: Eric Watson is putting together a women's softball team to compete in a tournament at UCO. For more information, contact Watson at 682-1611, ext. 7786.

## Something for everyone in April and May

### New intramural activities and sports announced for end of semester

By Matthew Caban Staff Writer

With spring break in the rearview mirror, Eric Watson has prepared a healthy variety of intramural activities to finish the semester.

Watson, Community Education and Health specialist, directs the intramural sports program at OKCCC.

He said most intramural activities take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The first intramural activity in April is basketball golf, Watson said.

Basketball golf competitions will take place on Tuesday, April 5, and Friday, April 8, in the gym.

"It is a different type of shooting contest," Watson said. He said players get six attempts to make a basket from a spot on the court.

"Each spot is called a hole and it will be scored like golf. The person with the lowest score wins."

Watson said Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in April will feature badminton games in the gym.

He said a tournament will likely take place, but details are not yet finalized.

Watson said he is currently looking for students to form an intramural softball team.

He said the team will play a few games with a Rose State College team and compete in a tournament on Sunday, April 17, at the University of Central Oklahoma.

A different type of activity on the intramural lineup is Lazer Tag.

It will take place on Friday, April 22, at Lazer-Xtreme, 700 City Ave. in Moore, Watson said.

He said "Lazer Tag" will cost \$5 per student.

LazerXtreme staff member Jeremy Queen said la-

ser tag involves tagging other players' vests with infrared guns.

Another activity slated for the end of April is a swimming competition in the Aquatic Center.

Students can compete in the 50-yard freestyle, 50yard breaststroke, 50-yard backstroke or the 100-yard any stroke, Watson said.

He said students can compete in as many events as they want, but must first complete a swimming test.

"It will be set up by the lifeguards to make sure folks can swim," he said.

Intramural competition will branch out into the Wellness Center for the two final events of the semester.

Watson said bench press and squat contests have been planned.

The bench press contest is set for Friday, April 29, and the squat contest will be on Friday, May 6.

"Anyone who registers for this event must weigh in at the time they register," Watson said.

He said this is done for safety reasons so students are not given too much weight to lift.

This prevents anyone from straining or tearing muscles. Watson said.

Competitors will be judged by form, mechanics and whether they can perform the lift, Watson said.

"We'll do a progression of 50 pounds on each lift."

To register for any of these intramural activities, visit the Wellness Center.

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

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



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

**Young at heart:** Frank Fergason, Lee Roy Willouwby and Melba Gildone relax in the Aquatic Center before the Deep Water Aerobics class on March 30. Deep Water Aerobics classes for April are scheduled from 10 to 10:55 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 4:30 to 5:25 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, including a list of other fitness classes, contact Jack Perkins in the Recreation and Community Services office at 682-7860 or e-mail jperkins@okccc.edu.

# Financial aid scam warnings

According to eMediaWire. com, the Federal Trade Commission reports that con artists are eager to prey on a student's need for financial assistance.

The FTC said the following are 10 warning signs to look for that can help students avoid a scam:

- 1. You shouldn't have to pay to search for or apply for scholarships. You can find scholarships for free online by using reputable websites like Fast Web's search at www.FastWeb.com.
- 2. You should never have to give credit card or bank account information to award providers.
- 3. No one can guarantee that you'll win a scholar-ship because no one can control scholarship judges' decisions. Also, be wary of "high success rates" they usually do not refer to actual award winners.
- 4. You can't avoid putting in time to fill out a scholar-ship application.
- 5. Legitimate sponsors should provide contact information upon request. If a sponsor does not supply a valid e-mail address, phone number and mailing address (not a P.O. box), it could be a sign of a scam.
- 6. If you are called to receive an award for which you never applied, be alert it's most likely a scam.
- 7. Don't allow yourself to be pressured into applying for a scholarship, especially if the sponsor is asking for money up front.
- 8. Sponsors don't make their scholarships available through only one service.
- 9. Scammers sometimes use official-sounding words like "national," "education" or "federal" or they display an official-looking seal to fool you into thinking they are legit. Check with your school if you question a scholarship provider's legitimacy.
- 10. If you can't get a straight answer from a sponsor regarding their application, what will be done with your information or other questions, proceed with caution.



## **Highlights**

#### **Christian Club Talent Show**

Alpha Omega Christian club will host a talent show at 4:30 p.m., April 6 in CU2 and CU3. They will sell popcorn, cotton candy, cookies and soda. Students wanting to participate should be involved in one of the four Christian Clubs on campus. Entry forms are located on the club bulletin board. For more information contact Mark Fuller at 229-9011.

#### **Aluminum Can Drive**

Abilities Galore will host an aluminum can drive from April 4 to 22. Three drop boxes will be placed throughout the campus. Proceeds from selling the cans will help Chickasha High School special needs students attend the Special Olympics. For more information contact Robert Smith by calling 681-7981, or e-mail thegardner@po.okccc.edu.

### **Tuition Fee Waiver application available**

Tuition Fee Waiver applications for summer, fall and spring are available. Deadlines for each semester are: Summer 2005 deadline by 5.p.m. April 15 fall/spring 2005-06 deadline by 5 p.m. April 15, Fall semester only deadline by 5 p.m. April 15; spring semester 2006 only deadline by 5 p.m. Nov. 15. Students can turn in applications at the Financial Aid office. To contact Financial Aid call 682-1611, ext. 7525.

### **Community Building Day**

Student Life will host a Community Building Day at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 9. Get ready to paint, plant and polish as students work to improve temporary housing for homeless and needy families. For information contact Jon Horinek in Student Life or call 682-1611, ext. 7523, or e-mail jhorinek@okccc.edu.

### **Magic Show**

OKCCC Business Professor Marty Ludlum will perform for The Oklahoma City Magic Club. Two performances will be shown at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 16 at the Omniplex auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and are available from Ludlum, and at the door. For more details call Ludlum at 682-1611, ext. 7412.

### **Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship**

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

### **Disney World College Program**

All OKCCC students interested in spending a semester in Florida working for Disney World are invited to an informational presentation. At 1 p.m. Tuesday April 19 in the OU student Union/Presidents room. For more information contact Linda Fay Student Employment advisor at 682-1611, ext. 7683 or contact Student Life Employment services at 682-1611, ext. 7523.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer.

Forms are available in the Pioneer office, located in 2M6 of the main building or Highlights may be e-mailed to editor@okccc.edu using the word Highlights in the subject line.



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

**Snack Time:** Native American Student Association club members sell cotton candy and popcorn on March 30 in the main lobby. The club also was selling tickets for a chance to win several prizes. B.J. SpottedCorn, freshman business student, Angel Reed, freshman nursing student, Sheri SpottedCorn, sophomore chemistry student, and Mary Billy, sophomore business student participated in the fund-raiser.

### Psi Beta members inducted

By John Savage Staff Writer

Psychology club will be inducting their new Psi Beta members this semester. This club inducts new members every spring.

This spring Brian L. Twiggs, Conrad Thomas Mueller, Bashir R. Abd ullah, Monica Elizabeth Morreno, Tiana N. Samuel and LouDonna P. Jefcoat will be inducted at 6:30 p.m. on April 8, in the college union.

Psi Beta is the national honor society in psychology for community and junior colleges, said Peggy Jordan, Student Development counselor.

Jordan said the number of members in the club usually varies from semester to semester.

All students interested in becoming a Psi Beta member must meet club requirements.

"Members need to have 3.0 GPA, 12 hours of col-

lege credit hours and one intro-level course in psychology," Jordan said.

The club allows students who are serious about psychology to meet together and discuss psychology issues, she said.

"One year we had an FBI profiler come and speak to the students," Jordan said. "He talked about the nature of serial murderers.

"Other times we have had dog trainers come and talk about the developmental model for training dogs."

Psi Beta has a lifetime membership of \$50.

Psi Beta inductees receive a membership certificate and card, and a Psi Beta pin from the national office during the induction ceremony.

"Being a part of Psi Beta club is something that students can put on their résume and use to apply for scholarships," Jordan said. "Also being active or an officer helps résumes as well."

The Psi Beta club is currently looking for new offic-

ers for next semester.

Students who are not sure if they want to join can attend the meetings with no commitments.

The next meeting for the Psychology Club is noon Wednesday, April 6 in 2P7.

"This allows members to speak with students and to give them information...s tudents don't have to join that day," Jordan said.

Meetings allow future members to attend with no pressure on joining the club.

"Many of the members last year were married and had kids, and we were still able to work with their schedules," Jordan said.

Students wanting more information can attend the psychology club meeting or contact Jordan at 682-1611, ext. 7362, or e-mail pjordan@okccc.edu, or contact Richard Anglin at 682-1611, ext.7241 or e-mail him at ranglin@okccc.edu.

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### **Arts and Humanities plans move**

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as well as OKCCC events.

"It's an exciting idea to have a theater with all you want."

VanSchuyver said an art gallery also is in the works. The pottery classroom, which is located in the Arts and Humanities building, also may be moved to the center for arts education.

She said the Pioneer newspaper and lab may fill the void if the pottery classroom moves.

The empty space left by the move of the art classrooms will be filled by journalism and broadcasting classrooms and labs.

VanSchuyver said the new facilities would be much appreciated due to more space and bigger classrooms.

"Art and music [divisions] are excited to have their own center," she said.

The new music classrooms are planned to be equipped with tiers and able to seat 100 people along with a new recital hall, she said.

The expansion of the health professions building will provide new class-



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rooms, labs, offices and practice spaces for students, Bode said.

He said the area would measure roughly 30,000 square feet.

Bode said that expansion will cost about \$5.2 million. He said the expansion for health facilities is necessary and will be specifically

tailored for students.

"These projects will better student education," he said.

"[The college] plans to work [on] and discuss the concepts as quickly as possible."

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