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Enrollment procedure changes

Students now responsible for dropping classes

By Mark McDevitt
News Writing Student

As of March 28, students are no longer automatically dropped from classes for non-payment.

The change came about after an enrollment task force was assigned to revamp the enrollment process in August 2004, said Marion Paden, vice president for Student Services.

Under the new process only students can drop a class they have signed up for, she said. "Students will be responsible for their own enrollment. They will owe tuition and fees for classes they are enrolled in on the fee due date."

Paden said the former payment process no longer meets the needs of the students. In past enrollments, she said, "students really made no financial commitment to the institution."

Paden said she believes the new process is "very consistent with the other universities in Oklahoma."

"It will teach our students to be responsible for their own schedules," she said.

Carl Evens, video and sound editing major, said he heard about the change in one of his classes.

Evens said he welcomes the change. He thinks it may force students to be responsible for withdrawing themselves from their classes.

Ashley Vassilakos, biology major, wasn't aware of the change. However, she's not sure she agrees with it. "The college should be able to drop students for non-payment," she said.

The fee due dates will be the Friday one week before the start of each semester. Students who

"It will teach our students to be responsible for their own schedules."

—Marion Paden
Student Services
Vice President



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Practice is key: Katie Moore, music therapy sophomore, plays "Amazing Grace" during a piano practice session in one of the college practice rooms. She, along with other students, will participate in a recital at 7 p.m. April 14 in the OKCCC theater, which will feature piano and voice students of Leon and Lavonna Whitesell, adjunct music professors.

April 15 tax filing deadline looming

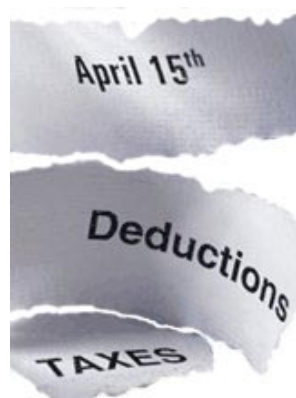
By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

With April 15 approaching, taxpayers are scrambling to finalize all details with the Internal Revenue Service.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance service has been on campus since Jan. 24 to help those who need assistance with their taxes, said Marcy Wiggins, Student Life assistant.

Don Wigley, VITA volunteer, said the free service will be available through April 14.

"We are open Monday through Thursday



from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.," Wigley said.

VITA will file both state and federal income tax returns.

Wigley said the service is not just for students.

"Members of the community are welcome too," he said.

The service is generally for those with low

income and senior citizens, Wigley said. He said the volunteers prefer helping those whose income limit is \$35,000 [a year].

Wigley said VITA has been visiting the college for more than 15 years.

"We have one member who has been coming to the school for 16 years, so we've been coming for at least that long," he said.

Those wanting their taxes filed will need:

- Valid Social Security cards of everyone who will be on the return.
- Valid driver's license.
- Previous tax re-

turn.

Once taxes are completed, folks can call the toll-free number provided by the United States Postal Service, 1-800-275-8777, to find out where the nearest post office location is and its hours on April 15.

Those who can't meet the midnight, April 15 deadline for filing taxes, and don't file for an extension will be penalized, Wigley said.

"If there was no penalty, no one would ever file their taxes on time," he said.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

So much for playing fair

The Bricktown ballpark hosted two teams in the major league last week in Oklahoma City.

The crowd of 11,516 fans enjoyed seeing the likes of Albert Pujols, Sammy Sosa, Jim Edmonds, Rafael Palmerio and Miguel Tehada.

But the real story here is steroids in baseball and the effects on younger athletes.

One of the ways that Major League Baseball can show they are serious about getting the league clean is by making a tougher policy.

Before spring training even started, stories were flying around about the use of steroids in baseball. Each team has members who are involved in these allegations. Two of them were at the Brick last week and received many cheers.

Two of the player's names who visited the Brick were brought up in José Canseco's new book, "Juiced: Wild times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits and How Baseball Got Big." Rafael Palmerio and Sammy Sosa were mentioned and they are now feeling the heat.

On March 17, CNN reported that lawmakers said they are concerned about the steroid use in baseball because of the perception it creates among college and high school athletes, pointing to studies showing increased steroid use in youths.

This is the issue that should be brought up amongst the congressional panel.

The regular season started April 3 and many fans were surprised to hear that Devil Rays' Alex Sanchez was suspended for 10 days for violating policy on performance-enhancing drugs.

Suspending the player for 10 games is not a strict policy, Sanchez now has 152 more games left before the season ends.

If the MLB wants to make a statement, then suspend the players for 90 games the first time and ban them for a year for the second offense.

This would send a message to the other players and to younger athletes that if they use drugs they're not going to be able to play.

Otherwise we will have Edmonds signing baseballs for the fans and Sosa running out to centerfield getting a standing ovation for cheating. Some fans need to educate themselves.

"I don't think Sammy uses," said Glen Covell, 26, of Broken Arrow. "He may cork his bat, but he doesn't poke himself with needles. He doesn't have to."

Obviously Sosa will use any trick in the book to make sure he comes out on top, even if that means cheating. Why wouldn't we want to test him to make sure he is not using any other crutches to aid his game?

Until the MLB gets serious about its drug testing policy, it will be sending this message to the youth "winners use drugs."

—John Savage
Staff Writer

Student asks for changes

To the editor:

The experiences I've had at OKCCC have been very rewarding. However, a complaint of mine has to do with the financial aid department. This department is very unorganized, not student orientated and lack common understanding.

This complaint is not only based on my opinion or experience but that of numerous other fellow classmates.

The issues we seem to be consistently experiencing are in total disregard to our time, energy, as well as our emotional and financial stability.

I always contend with a long line and rude staff, which gets me frustrated because all I want, is to get my application filed in a timely manner.

The staff doesn't understand they push their obligations from person to person, leaving students with a no-solution answer to problems.

Their favorite excuses are "they" didn't file that, "they" didn't receive that form, "they" still need this. All these "they" statements are excuses of passing the buck.

I also was told the students were not allowed to have a federal document — a graph that shows the students what approximate value a grant will be, based on expected family contribution.

A suggestion I have is to have the commonly-used forms readily available so students aren't forced to stand in numerous lines.

Another is for the staff to show more empathy and understanding to the frustration students deal with. We want to better our lives — the staff doesn't need to be hateful nor have a higher-than-thou attitude.

Also, the Bursar's Office has the same type of outlook and attitude.

The Bursar's Office doesn't allow me to pay fees or tuition on site with my parents' credit card number. I have been given permission to use my parents' credit card number to pay fees, tuition, books and supplies as needed, but I don't physically have the card. I know for a fact the bookstore allows this to be done and if one department allows this another should,

too.

I hope my letter doesn't go unnoticed and that changes will eventually be seen. I don't think students want to make things hard for anyone, but rather just want some type of break from our already stressful lives.

—Christian Curtin
Nursing Student

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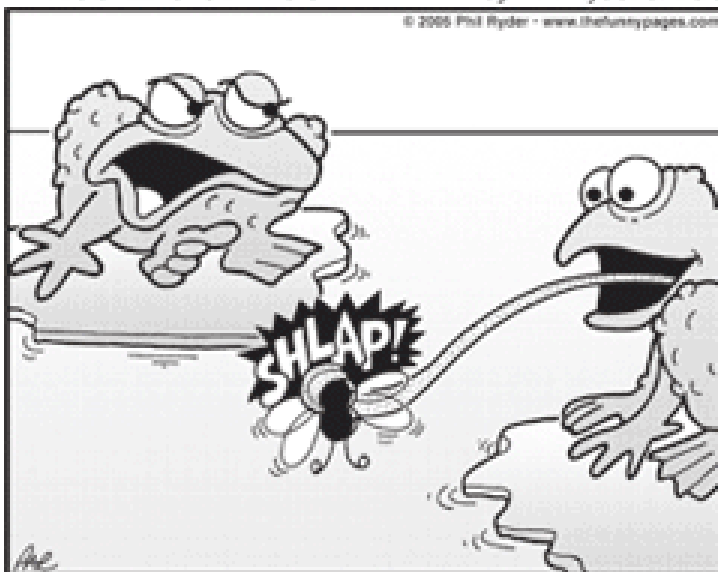
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THE JOKE'S ON YOU

by Phil Ryder & YOU



"Take my dinner one more time, and I'm having frog legs tonight!"

- chazzer • MO

Comments and Reviews

The Kutch gets punk'd

"Guess Who," starring Ashton Kutcher and Bernie Mac, is nothing more than a cheap rip-off of "Meet the Parents," with a tiny racial twist.

Kutcher, from "Just Married," plays a stockbroker who is involved in an interracial relationship.

Things get interesting as Kutcher goes to meet the parents.

Mac, from "Head of State," is not at all pleased that his daughter is dating a white boy.

This film tries to deal with some of the problems that interracial couples must endure, but it does so in a mild way.

There were points where this movie attempted to become a film of its own, but the story seems too strikingly similar to previous films.

Mac and Kutcher do work



well together and bring a natural chemistry to the screen.

However, the duos comedic talents, while highly respected, were still unable to keep this film from flopping.

It is in no way as good as films that came before it. Since it copies them so closely, it is borderline plagiarism. There is really no

point in watching this movie.

"Guess Who" might have been funny if "Meet the Parents" hadn't come along and used all of these same jokes five years ago.

Don't waste time or money going to see this movie. It is nothing more than a recast rerun.

—Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

Costner film made for menopause

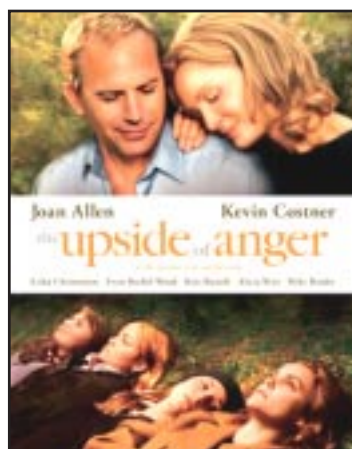
Although the premiere ended with a round of applause, "Upside of Anger" does not rank high in entertainment value.

The film was designed to amuse older women, not girls in their twenties.

Don't get me wrong, the movie was good, but I'd only go if I needed to score some points with a middle-aged woman, like my mother-in-law.

The fact that the film is designed for a more mature audience isn't surprising.

The two biggest stars in the flick are Joan Allen as Terry Wolfmeyer, an angry, lonely, single mom and Kevin Costner as Denny Davies, an angry, lonely,



ex-baseball star. Both are middle-aged actors.

The storyline stumbles about showing a story of a typical, "Oh, my husband left me, what am I going to do?" woman.

So she does what most

women would do — hook up with a new guy.

Wolfmeyer and Davies drunkenly hobble through the beginnings of a relationship while Wolfmeyer alienates her daughters.

The big climax at the end of the movie is almost unexpected, but the wait is not worth the time.

Allen and Costner do a fine job, but the story's just too weak.

Ultimately, "Upside of Anger" is a sad rip-off of television's "Desperate Housewives."

Don't bother wasting your time on this excuse for a comedic drama.

—Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

Counselor's Corner

"Thinking always ahead, thinking always of trying to do more, brings a state of mind in which nothing seems impossible."

—Henry Ford

They're everywhere — deadlines and time constraints. With forces rushing us every day, it's easy to filter out timelines. After all, is life that urgent?

It is if you're a student planning to graduate and transfer to another institution.

Colleges have set their deadlines farther back, so you hardly have a chance to get through spring break before thinking about moving on.

Just when you think there is some relief, life turns into a fast train that will run over you if you don't plan well.

First, you must make sure you apply to graduate. You may get the necessary paperwork in the graduation office or from the college website.

Submitting this form initiates a process in the graduation office for auditing your records to make sure everything you need is in place. Do this early and you still have options if you find you're lacking a course.

The second thing is to contact the school to which you plan to transfer — you will want to make connections early and make sure you know the right steps to take.

If you are completing an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree here, transferring should be relatively simple.

These degrees are designed to transfer as a package to the receiving institution.

Why do some students complain that all of their courses didn't transfer?

One possibility is the student changed majors frequently, or couldn't decide on a major until the very end. When this happens, there are some classes which don't fit the plan the student chooses.

Another possibility is the student doesn't want to take the courses required for the degree, so he or she decides to major in diversified studies to get around those requirements.

But that usually won't work. If you're going to be a business major, you will take accounting, economics, college algebra, etc. You can postpone the inevitable, but you can't escape it.

Something else students forget to do is to get a final transcript that has the degree listed on it. If you have to submit paperwork and pre-enroll while you're still in the middle of your last semester, you don't yet have a degree.

To the senior institution, you're a transfer student, not an associate's degree student.

Remember to take the final transcript to them so they can change your status on their system. That can save a lot of grief when they try to sell you that extra semester at their campus.

—Student Development

Quote of the Week:

*"I have a sweet tooth for song and music.
This is my Polish sin."*

—Pope John Paul II
1920-2005

Comments and Reviews

Hitler movie conveys conviction, passion

War movies are easy to find, good war movies are few and far between, and since "Schindler's List," no movie showing the casualties of war has truly caught my eye.

Then I saw Oliver Hirschbiegel's "Der Untergang."

Based on the memoirs of Adolf Hitler's secretary Traudl Junge (played by Alexandra Maria Lara), the German film follows the final 10 days of Hitler's life as he and his last handful of followers bury themselves in a bunker in Berlin.

Plainly put, "Der Untergang" is a cinematic and story-telling masterpiece.

The dialogue, acting and sensuous direction reveals the marrow that bottled up Hitler's passion and showed how it became his burden.

Actor Bruno Ganz offers a believable and beautiful portrayal of the Nazi leader, showing that Hitler was human and had doubts, concerns and convictions just like everyone else.

From Ganz's facial expression and body language to the frightful harangues he emits like spit-fire, his acting made me question and sympathize

with what his character brought upon himself.

As "Der Untergang" reminds us of the horrible history encircling the Holocaust, it also asks us to remember that even the mad feel the pressures of constraint and failure.

In the film, Hitler trudges through betrayals and mistakes to reach the end of the barrel that ended his life as the cities and people he claimed to love were utterly demolished.

Families are torn apart by the war as young children take up arms and vow allegiance to Hitler, even if it means they'll never see home again.

The elderly are denied food and medicine because the Nazi army comes first as they fight the Russians who are closing in on Berlin.

So many shocking, yet sincere, scenes are presented, painting a clear and gut-wrenching picture of what losses the German people endured during the last days of Hitler's life, somewhat echoing the trials some nations are currently going through.

The ambiance the film breathes is astounding. It seems all too real and hits



close to home at times.

"Der Untergang" also reveals the sense of fear Hitler's top-tier men felt — secretly wishing to flee for their lives but afraid to say anything to the Fuhrer, which, in the end, concluded with more suicides

than escapes.

Following historical documents to the T, the most pensive scene centers around the tragedy of the Goebbels family.

Joseph Goebbels (played by Ulrich Matthes), Hitler's propaganda minister, and

his wife Magda (played by Corinna Harfouch) poison their six children and kill themselves upon realization that national socialism died with Hitler.

The scene demonstrates with intense lucidity the wealth of power Hitler had over people, even after his death.

Most importantly, "Der Untergang" serves as a moving, ironic and historically-accurate depiction of one of the world's most infamous events.

It also acts as a social commentary — being human is about convictions, good or bad, what you do with them and where they ultimately lead you.

Hitler's led to his and Germany's downfall, partly due to his egotism, ignorance and stubbornness.

It's amazing what can be learned from "Der Untergang" — the very cruel truth about compassion and honesty, and that every soul shares even the most negative qualities Hitler possessed, but it's what's done with those qualities that sets us all apart.

A+.

—Richard Hall
Editor

New Chinese restaurant offers great food for a good price

P.F. Chang's China Bistro opened their new location at 13700 N. Pennsylvania Dec. 13.

"Some people have misconceptions when it comes to Chinese food," said Troy Scoggins, operating partner of the restaurant. Some of the "mom and pop" restaurants prepare their food in big batches, he said.

When people think about Chinese food, a three-letter acronym comes into mind, "MSG."

P.F. Chang's offers a fresh, new way of preparing appetizing treats from the East.

"We prepare every meal a

dish at a time, except for the soups that are made fresh every morning," Scoggins said.

The number of current locations will remain at one for a while, he said.

"This is going to fit the niche for our market for a couple of years," he said.

Other locations being considered include the Bricktown area and south Oklahoma City.

The look of the P.F. Chang's restaurants is modern with some authentic-looking Chinese statues surrounding the entrance.

Be prepared for your



taste buds to be blown away with the different spices and sauces they use.

I started my dining experience by asking the waiter his favorite menu items.

He said I should try one of the more popular dishes, so I ordered the Orange Peel Beef. This item is beef tossed with chili peppers and fresh orange peels. The peels give the beef a spicy, citrus combination that is not too hot and is very flavorful. The beef, peppers

and peels are served in a tangy sauce.

I also ordered a Tsingtao beer and water for my dining enjoyment.

Some time shortly after my beer was brought to the table, my waiter came by and made table side hot sauce to go with my meal.

The waiter can prepare it three ways: mild, medium or hot.

My dish appeared shortly after with a large plate of Orange Peel Beef. The serving was large enough to be shared with a special person.

A large bowl of white or

fried rice also is served with the meal. I chose to pour the medium hot sauce on my Orange Peel Beef and rice.

The whole experience is worth checking out if you enjoy fresh, tasty, Chinese food.

P.F. Chang's is constantly busy and reservations are a must on the weekend due to the two-hour waiting times.

My dinner came to \$16.75 before tip and they even wrapped the leftovers for me. I rate this restaurant a perfect 5/5.

—John Savage
Staff Writer

Preacher Moss imparts knowledge

By Ivo Lupov
Contributing Writer

"The End of Racism," a comedy-style lecture, was held by Preacher Bryant Moss in the college union on March 29.

The 38-year-old teacher, originally from Washington D.C., disarmed his audience with laughs and jokes. He pointed out at the beginning of his speech, there would be no Power Point presentation, diagrams or statistics.

The room was filled to capacity with students who were there to meet Moss. More than 100 chairs were filled.

Moss, who was born in the 1960s, said he was inspired by America's great



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Preacher Moss, aka Bryant Moss, entertained OKCCC students on March 29 in the college union on his nationwide comedy lecture tour. The appearance by Preacher Moss was sponsored by Student Life.

Civil Rights leaders of the past century.

At the time, too young to be part of those movements, he said he grew up

with expectations for the future.

Moss said he believes in "what America is supposed to be." He said the promise

of his greatest inspiration, Martin Luther King Jr., has not been fulfilled.

Lack of education is one of the main reasons for racism today in the United States, Moss said.

"We have a generation that does not know what a civil rights movement was," he said.

Moss said for him, racism is structural. The way the political machine works in the United States helps racism prosper.

"There is no dialog," Moss said. "People are too emotional and afterwards they get tired of arguments."

Every black leader was assassinated at the time of transition from emotion to enlightenment and dialog, Moss said.

Racism works when people think their values

are different from the rest of society, he said.

Moss called for education to make a difference.

He considers his work "edutainment," something between education and entertainment, Moss said.

His lecture was active. Most of the students appeared to be interested in what he had to say and the way he said it. No one left the lecture until Moss was finished speaking.

With more than 500 colleges around the United States, Preacher Moss continues his educational mission among the young people of America.

Moss explained how he has made himself known.

"If somebody does not have your image correct, you have to [make] it yourself."

Students tutored on building more effective résumés

By Regan Baker
News Writing Student

Students were given an opportunity to learn how to impress future employers with a résumé-writing workshop recently. About 20 students attended Résumé 101, which was given as a part of the Brown Bag Series hosted by Student Life.

Sheila Lawrence, director of Recruitment and Contract Staffing for Express Professional Staffing, explained that having a wonderful résumé is key to being hired.

"A professional résumé will get you an interview, which will hopefully get you a job," Lawrence said.

Lawrence gave tips about what should and should not appear on a résumé. One of the most important things is to put your contact information at the top of the résumé, Lawrence said. This includes name, phone number, address and e-mail.

Another must-have on a résumé is one's educational background, Lawrence said.

"With my 30 years of experience in recruiting, I find that educational background is very important," Lawrence said.

Employers also want to know certain qualifications and skills that a person might have, like the ability to use Microsoft Office, Lawrence said.

Any kind of ability or skill should be placed on a résumé, she said. That could give an upper hand when applying for a job.

Employment history is another element that is important when making a résumé, Lawrence said.

"If someone is 40 years old and has had 10 different jobs, that is going to be a red flag for employers," Lawrence said.

Some college students are just starting to look for long-term employment, which means they may not have too many previous employers.

If this were the case, past

internships and volunteer work would be helpful to put on a résumé.

Lawrence also told students that providing good references is important for a prospective employee.

"Not burning bridges with people will help you get a job," Lawrence said.

She said the worst thing a person could have on their résumé is misspelled words.

"Misspelled words will get a résumé thrown in the trash," Lawrence said. "Make sure you also grammar check as well."

Other things that should not appear on a résumé are age, picture, race or social security number.

Résumés should never be more than two pages long.

Another thing Lawrence suggests is writing down questions to ask the poten-

tial employer during the interview.

"You are interviewing them as much as they are you," Lawrence said.

History major Jennifer Campbell said she learned a lot from the lecture and believes everyone should come to this seminar.

"I'm now going to go back and tweak my résumé," she said. "This was an absolute must-do seminar."

Learn to give better service

By Pamela Jaronek
News Writing Student

One way to boost commitment to customer satisfaction is to offer a class on it.

That is why OKCCC is offering the Foundation of Customer Service class.

This course is an Associate Customer Service class being taught at Farmers Insurance in Shepherd Mall, at N.W. 23rd Street and Villa Avenue in Oklahoma City.

Joe Czapla, OKCCC insurance professor, will teach the course on customer service. The class will begin in the fall semester.

"The course will mainly focus on training in customer service," said Anita Williams, OKCCC business professor.

The class is worth three transferable credits toward an Associate in Applied Science in Business Finance.

"Students who elect to take the certification exam could apply this course to a professional certification

program in Customer Service with the Insurance Institute of America," Williams said.

Anyone is able to attend the class and many of the students also are employees of Farmers Insurance.

LOMA, an international association that provides education for improving insurance companies and its employees, will be setting up this course.

The ACS program helps develop professional skills and customer relationships.

EMS lab floods again, soon to be fixed

**By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer**

Buckets hanging from ceilings and students wading through shallow puddles in the Health Technologies building is an issue that soon may be resolved.

"Over the past 13 years we've had leaks all over this building," said Lloyd Kingsbury, Health Lab coordinator.

Building Maintenance and Operations Supervisor Gary Belcher agreed with Kingsbury.

"It's been an ongoing problem for [the Physical Plant], over in the health tech area," Belcher said.

"We have taken several positive steps to get the problem under control."

Kingsbury said the main problem is in the Emergency Medical Services Lab.

"Just this semester, we've had 10 or 15 days we couldn't use the room," Kingsbury said. "That's two weeks."

He said the EMS lab is one of the main classrooms used for emergency technician students. Kingsbury said he is concerned students may get behind in their studies due to the cancellation of classes.

"The Physical Plant has

investigated the problems and is working to resolve them," Belcher said. "We have been fixing problems. We are addressing problems as they arise."

Kingsbury disagrees with Belcher's assessment and said he is upset that Physical Plant workers don't seem to take his complaints seriously.

"They think that we're just a bunch of old fogies gettin' mad over a little water," Kingsbury said.

Belcher said the Physical Plant has now identified two problems causing the flooding in the EMS lab.

He said rain is leaking through worn guttering onto the pool deck.

Part of the floor is above the lab, Belcher said. Water is going through the floor and leaking into the EMS lab.

"The deck has some hairline cracks in it," Belcher said. "We are planning to use a sealant on it."

On April 4, Belcher said, the chemicals necessary to seal the cracks had arrived and Physical Plant workers would be applying them as soon as possible.

"This won't affect operations of the Aquatic Center at all," Belcher said.

He said the guttering problems will be taken care of as well.

Belcher said the college

has contracted with Campbell's Roofing to fix the faulty guttering. He said the company would be out to fix the guttering soon, but didn't give a definite date.

"They plan to start on the side over the EMS lab," Belcher said.

Kingsbury said he is concerned for students' safety due to some of the methods used to catch water.

He said Physical Plant employees recently hung a bucket from the ceiling overnight to catch water.

"We have had 2,000 or 3,000 students walk below it," Kingsbury said.

He said he was worried the bucket may fall after filling up, causing an injury.

"The tape and the ropes are not going to hold it," he said.

Belcher said buckets are hung only in emergencies.

"That is not normal procedure," Belcher said. "It is emergency procedure."

"You have a water leak that's coming in," he said. "You don't know the source of the [water] and you try to catch the leak while you're investigating the source."

Ultimately, Kingsbury and Belcher both agree the problems need to be fixed.

"It needs to be fixed permanently," Kingsbury said. "It's an ongoing situation,



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Trashcans catch water in the Emergency Medical Services lab on March 22. Lloyd Kingsbury, Health Lab coordinator, posted a warning sign for students to prevent slips. Damages are visible in the discoloration of the ceiling tiles.

not just a rare occasion."

Belcher said the issue will be resolved.

"We are on top of the problem," Belcher said. "I am going to assure that this problem is resolved."

"First and foremost, the

safety of the students and faculty is our concern," he said. "We don't need anyone falling and slipping on the water puddles."

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Russian string ensemble to visit college theater April 14

**By Richard Hall
Editor**

The renowned Moscow String Quartet has traveled the world — from France to Canada, and soon to Oklahoma City.

The four-woman group from Moscow will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, in the college theater.

The event is one of the Cultural Arts Series events planned this semester.

Scott Tigert, Cultural Programs and Community

Development assistant, said those who attend could expect a lengthy show. The event will be an hour and half long with a brief intermission.

"It's going to be a good time," Tigert said. "[The college] is highly honored to have [the Moscow String Quartet] here."

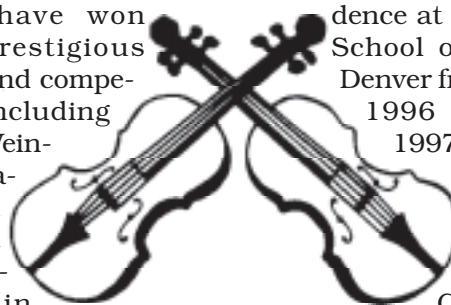
The quartet's sound is composed of two violins, a viola and a cello. The women have been performing together since 1975.

The group is considered one of the most distinguished groups of this era.

They have won many prestigious awards and competitions including the Leo Weiner International Quartet Competition in Budapest, Hungary, according to www.shuppartists.com.

All four members are graduates of the Moscow Conservatory and Gnessin Musical Institute in Moscow.

The quartet was in resi-



dence at the Lamont School of Music in Denver from 1991 to 1996 and, since 1997, have been in residence at the University of Colorado Denver, according to www.shuppartists.com.

Tigert said the college is lucky to have the quartet perform.

"These ladies are of world stature," Tigert said. "Anyone who comes to the event is in for an exquisite

evening."

Admission is \$15 for students, faculty, staff, senior citizens and Alumni Association members. General admission is \$20.

For more information about the Moscow String Quartet, visit www.moscowquartet.com.

For more information about OKCCC's Cultural Arts Series, contact Cultural Programs and Community Development at 682-7579.

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Fish tank's a swimming success

By Jennifer Dragg
News Writing Student

The Science Center brings a bit of the ocean to campus with a saltwater aquarium.

Last January, Don Bell, biotechnology director, began teaching at OKCCC. Along with him, he brought his love for saltwater fish tanks.

"I wanted students to take an interest in science," Bell said. "You see these things in jars in the lab, but I wanted students to see them in their environment."

Bell believes ocean reefs are important to the world's ecosystem.

Biology and zoology classes also are taking part in the tanks, observing, as part of lab.

New fish are added periodically to keep the tank interesting. Three percula fish, a couple of peppermint shrimp, three long-tentacle condy, two starfish, sea urchins and a huge crab currently occupy the tank.

Students are allowed to

take part in what goes in the tank, Bell said.

Ray Tate, a student who has a saltwater tank of his own, enjoys adding new coral to the tank in the Science center. He also assists in the water changes that are part of its maintenance.

Bell is pleased to see passersby stopping to take an interest in his project.

In addition to the saltwater tank, there are other tanks, Bell said. One is designed to represent a river environment with many tree frogs as well as other organisms. A tropical tank houses a few waterdogs.

"The purpose of the (tropical) tank is to show metamorphosis," Bell said.

The tropical tank was donated by a student.

"Almost every time I look out of the lab I see people looking at the tanks," Bell said.

"I want the tanks to stimulate interest."

Bell said another way he uses his hobby is through his weekend job at The Reef Shop Warehouse in Oklahoma City. Bell said he has been working there for



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

The saltwater fish tank located in the hallway near the science lab is one of four aquatic ecosystem aquariums.

about 14 years.

Cathy West, owner of the Reef Shop, donated the tank, live rock and some of the coral to OKCCC.

"The saltwater aquarium is valued at close to

\$1,000," Bell said.

Other coral has been donated by students who "frag" their coral in their own tanks. That is when a piece of coral is broken off and placed on another piece of live rock, which is ocean rock with living organisms in it, to start a new

growth.

Bell said he hopes more people will come by and enjoy his great passion.

He also hopes it may spark an interest in students wanting to learn more about saltwater life and maybe start tanks of their own.

Students debate budget

By Dylan Cox
News Writing Student

Students from high schools in the Upward Bound Program held a debate about President George W. Bush's proposed budget cuts that would eliminate the program.

On April 2, the debate was held at OKCCC. It focused on the pros and cons of the budget issue.

The debate started when Eric Fonseca, a junior at Pathways High School and team captain of the team supporting Bush's budget cuts, asked the other team, "What is the importance of keeping the program?"

Jenny Alam, a junior at Moore High School and captain of the team against Bush's budget cuts, replied

that the program supports high school students, and gives them the motivation to be better students and get a higher education.

Fonseca is one of many students who attend Pathways Middle College, an on-campus high school at OKCCC made of eighth through 12th grades.

Fonseca justified the elimination of Upward Bound.

"If the test scores are low, why not cut this program and give the money to some other programs that may be able to put the money to better use?"

Alam said the test score data is misleading.

"The test scores are not just [indicative of] the Upward Bound students but all the schools' students put together," Alam said.

"Why don't you just look

at the Upward Bound students' test scores?" he said.

Maritza Caballero, a junior at Moore High School, organized the debate.

She said she does not want to see the program cut because it has helped her focus on her education.

She did feel the debate shed more light on the issue.

"This debate helped us understand what Bush is doing and let everyone know how important this program is," Caballero said.

Upward Bound aims to help students get the skills and motivation to succeed in high school and in higher education, according to an Upward Bound flier.

Upward Bound is part of the Federal Trio Programs, one of seven assistance programs funded by U.S. Department of Education.

Out with old carpet

By Sabrina Morrow
News Writing Student

Two recarpeting projects will commence within the next month, said Chris Snow, Physical Plant assistant director.

The Carpet Store will begin replacing the carpet in the library, and on the second and third floors of the Arts and Humanities building May 16.

"[The contractors] will have three weeks to complete the carpet project in these two areas before the beginning of the summer semester," Snow said.

The library will still be accessible during the carpet replacement. However, classes on the second and third floors of the Arts and Humanities Building will be

canceled or relocated.

Carpet in the Arts and Humanities Building is being replaced due to age.

"In the library, the carpet system failed due to poor installation and environmental conditions," Snow said. "The new carpet that will be installed is of commercial grade, which is a tougher grade. If installed correctly and maintained properly, it should have a lifetime warranty."

Carpet already has been replaced in the hallway of the Health Technology Center and the theater.

"These two projects are already 99 percent complete," said J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director. The approximate cost of the entire project is \$145,000. The total amount of carpet being replaced totals about 50,000 square feet.

Sports

UPCOMING

CLUB SOCCER

•**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 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:** Laser tag competition at 2 p.m. at LazerXtreme at 700 City Ave. in Moore. Cost is \$5. For more information, call LazerXtreme at 799-0700.

•**April 25:** The intramural swimming competition will be held at 2 p.m. in the Aquatic Center.

•**April 29:** Bench press contest from 2 to 5 p.m. OKCCC students may sign up in the Wellness Center.

•**May 6:** Squat contest from 2 to 5 p.m. OKCCC students may sign up in the Wellness Center.

SOFTBALL

•**April 17:** Eric Watson, Community Education and Health specialist, is putting together a women's softball team to compete in a tournament at University of Central Oklahoma. For more information, contact Watson at 682-1611, ext. 7786.

OKCCC students and game of the future

Laser tag to join legion of spring intramural activities

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Heart-pounding adrenaline, a backbreaking backbeat and blind competition have one thing in common — they are the basis of laser tag.

OKCCC students will have an opportunity to gun into this exciting sport at 2 p.m. Friday, April 22, at LazerXtreme, located at 700 City Ave. in Moore.

People may visit their website at www.moorelazerxtreme.com.

LazerXtreme staff member and OKCCC freshman Jeremy Queen said the object of the game is to tag lights on opponents' vests with an infrared gun.

Queen said laser tag is designed for young people

and people still young at heart. The game moves at a fast pace with loud dance music playing in the background, Queen said.

"You run around in a two-story maze with 29 other people shooting at you. It is a workout."

Queen said he has seen parents and grandparents join in the game's fun.

Laser Tag is still relatively young, debuting in 1984 in Dallas, according to www.lasertag.org. The site stated there are now more than 630 laser tag facilities in North America.

For more information about the event, contact Eric Watson, Community Education and Health specialist, at 682-1611, ext. 7786.

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Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Bring your 'A' game: Freshman Jeremy Queen demonstrates the fundamentals of laser tag at LazerXtreme in Moore. OKCCC students can play a special pair of games at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 22, at LazerXtreme. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 682-1611, ext. 7786.

Club soccer game ends in loss, heartache

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Defeat is a painful pill to swallow. It is worse when victory is so close.

The Oklahoma State University club soccer team defeated OKCCC's club soccer team 2-0 on March 26 at the Edmond Soccer Club location.

OKCCC could not capitalize on its many scoring opportunities.

"We had 50 chances [to score] in like five minutes," said OKCCC player Bidemi Sakote.

"About the last 15 minutes [of the game] OKCCC put the pressure on us," said OSU goalie Adam Scherm.

The grind of the loss could be seen on players' faces following each missed shot.

Player/coach K.B. Ye-

boah said the team needed to play harder on offense.

"We could create [our own shots], but not finish," he said.

While meeting following the game, players looked disappointed, but tried to retain some humor.

"We need bigger goals," said OKCCC player Javier Carreon as he joked about the size of the nets.

On a more serious note, Carreon said the strong wind made playing more difficult.

"[Our] offense just couldn't score," he said.

OSU had better luck shooting the ball according to Scherm.

"[Senior] Mark [Nanari] took a shot most people wouldn't have taken from the far right side of the goal," he said.

"He kicked it from a tough angle and the wind carried it into the goal."

Scherm said OSU sopho-

more Todd Robichaux scored the team's second goal.

Robichaux scored by beating OKCCC's defenders down the field and sliding the ball past the goalie, Scherm said.

Carreon said another reason OSU won was their passing and overall performance.

Always the optimist, Yeboah took something positive from the loss and the team's tie with the University of Central Oklahoma on Feb. 26.

"This same squad lost 8-0 to UCO and 5-1 to OSU last fall.

"We have improved and will get better," he said. "I

want to push them [to play harder]."

At least one opponent agrees with Yeboah's assessment.

OKCCC was a tougher team this year than many of his teammates expected, Scherm said.

"The last few years didn't have as good of a team as they do this year," he said.

"They seemed to improve and play with a lot of heart."

OKCCC hosted the University of Oklahoma's club soccer team on April 9, at the soccer field on the south side of the campus.

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Check the latest OKCCC sports news online at www.okccc.edu/pioneer

St. Louis Brass Quintet stops at OKCCC

By Jocinda Buettner
News Writing Student

Horn player Thomas Bacon of the Saint Louis Brass Quintet stole the show with his skillful demonstration of the "Jgarden Hosea" April 5 at the college theater.

The "Jgarden Hosea," a length of garden hose fitted with a mouthpiece at one end and a funnel at the other, was part of a comical "history of brass instruments" portion of the quintet's performance.

The members took turns playing a wide selection of restored brass instruments like the bugle which was demonstrated by trumpet player Ray Sasaki.

"A number of our instruments actually come from Mother Nature," said Allan Dean, trumpet player, after Daniel Perantoni substituted a cow horn for his tuba. The group later performed "Happy Birthday" using six sizes of conch



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Allan Dean, music professor at Yale University, and Ray Sasaki, music professor at the University of Texas, perform April 5 in the college union as a warm up to the evening performance in the OKCCC Theater. The St. Louis Brass Quintet performed as part of Student Life's Brown Bag Lunch Series. For more information about the St. Louis Brass Quintet or to purchase their music, visit www.hornplanet.com.

shells.

The audience of approximately 200 applauded the quintet, who mostly pre-

formed works from the late Renaissance to early Baroque, with two standing ovations.

"I enjoyed it," said Katie Moore, a sophomore music major at OKCCC. "Every concert they do here is

good."

Moore said her favorite part of the performance was the definitely the garden hose.

The brass quintet is comprised of five professional musicians with many years of experience.

Skillfully, through the music, they portrayed their personality, sense of humor and love for the instruments.

Melvyn Jernigan, the trombone player from St. Louis, is the only remaining founding member and has been with the quintet for more than 40 years.

The group began their visit Tuesday at OKCCC, with an hour-long lunch lecture for students and faculty as part of Student Life's Brown Bag Lunch Series.

The quintet will finish their two-week tour April 13 with a final concert in Houston.

For more information on the Saint Louis Brass Quintet, visit www.hornplanet.com.

Low-income residents get assistance finding new jobs

By Laura Prince
News Writing Student

The OKCCC Capitol Hill Center and SBC Foundation has created a program to make job searching a little easier for Capitol Hill community members.

The partnership was established to create bilingual computer literacy and a job skills training program for low-income residents in the Capitol Hill area.

Fourteen Hispanic women recently signed up for the program.

The OKCCC Capitol Hill Center received a \$25,000 grant from the SBC Foundation in January to fund three of the six-week programs, "From Technology to Work."

Along with improving their English skills, the 14

individuals gained knowledge in basic computer skills, computer keyboarding, English as a Second Language, introduction to Internet, résumé writing, customer service, and interview skills, said Alejandro Rendon Sanchez, Capitol Hill Center director.

"I have learned a lot in this program," said student Adela Reyes. "It has helped me improve my skills and given me the desire to learn more."

Many of the students who completed the program have gone on to better jobs, or have continued their education, Sanchez said.

"The most satisfying thing to see is our students going on to succeed," he said.

"Helping our students and seeing the fruits of our labor has been very encouraging."

The next "From Information Technology to Work" program begins April 25.

For more information, contact the OKCCC Capitol Hill Center at 277-5140.

The OKCCC Capitol Hill Center is housed inside the Capitol Hill Elementary

School, located at 2727 S. Robinson.

For an individual to enroll in the program, individuals must turn in an application and complete two interviews.

Sanchez said the two interviews are required in or-

der to make sure the student really wants to be in the program, and is committed to showing up.

Each student who completes the program is awarded a certificate of completion and given a \$200 stipend.

Advice on how to travel for less

By Joanna Rus
News Writing Student

The travel industry has been forever changed by the expansion of the Internet, said Rhonda Cantrell, OKCCC's training specialist.

The Training Center at OKCCC has scheduled classes to alert people, ranging from amateurs to worldwide travelers, to the travel bargains the Internet

has to offer.

"The point to the upcoming classes is to offer different things people are interested in, while getting the Training Center involved," Cantrell said.

Bud Elder, workforce development consultant, encourages people to get involved with the new travel program.

"The small price people pay will definitely be returned to them," Elder said. "The instructor has perfected every aspect of the

class and it's amazing."

Participating in this program can aid one in finding great travel deals.

On May 5, there will be workshops from 1 to 5 p.m. and again from 6 to 10 p.m. in room 403 of the college Library.

On May 12, a session will be offered from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Training Center's north facility, at 11919 North Penn.

For more information, call the Training Center at 682-7562.

Highlights

Last meeting for College Democrats

The College Democrats will have their last meeting for the semester at 12:30 p.m. on April 13 in room 3K2 of the main building. They will serve pizza and drinks, and show a movie. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Kyle Sonner at 794-2104.

OKCCC hosts piano and vocal recital

At 7 p.m., Thursday, April 14 in the college theater, OKCCC piano and voice students of varying experience will present a demonstration of their skills. Admission is free to all. For more information, contact Leon Whitesell, adjunct music professor, at 715-1536.

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 2006 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.

Magic Show

OKCCC Business professor Marty Ludlum will perform for The Oklahoma City Magic Club. Two performances will be 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 information, call Ludlum at 682-1611, ext. 7412.

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 University of Oklahoma Student Union/Presidents room. For information contact Linda Fay, Student Employment adviser, at 682-1611, ext. 7683.

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.

Aluminum Can Drive

Abilities Galore will host a can drive through April 22. Three drop boxes have been 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.

Writing Club to host poetry, open mic contests

The Writing Club will give a \$50 prize for one poetry and two talent contests. The open mic contests will be from noon to 1 p.m. April 27 in the college union and are open to any OKCCC students or faculty members. A drop box for poetry entries will be in the Arts and Humanities office. For more information, contact André Love at 863-5951 or 685-3776, ext. 3534, or by e-mail at A1love@po.okccc.edu.



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Dragon tales: Yu Da Kim, sophomore elementary education major, and Phong Hoang, sophomore premed and prepharmacy double major, circle the college as a Chinese dragon inviting students to attend International Student Association's multicultural dance held April 1.

Celebration of native culture

**By Deanna Packhorse
News Writing Student
and John Savage
Staff Writer**

The first American Indian Week hosted by the Native American Student Association will begin at OKCCC on Monday, April 11.

"Right now we are getting ready for American Indian week," said Kristi Fields, Business Division secretary and club sponsor.

"We have events planned all week. This will be the first American Indian week," Jon Horinek, Coordinator of Community Engagement said.

At noon, Monday, April 12, State Representative Lisa Billy (R-Purcell) will speak to students in the college union. She also has worked for the Chickasaw Nation legislature.

"Students have asked me to explain some of the political processes and how important it is to be involved," Billy said.

After her speech, Billy said, she will take time to answer any questions from the audience.

"One of my favorite things is to answer questions and explain what propelled me to do this," she said.

"My main goal is to encourage, motivate and take questions."

Next, comes food.

"April 12, we will be selling Indian tacos in the college union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.," Fields said.

"The earlier people get there, the better their chance of getting [an Indian taco] before we run out."

"The last fund-raiser we had was a success, and we are hoping this one is too," she said.

At noon on Wednesday, April 13, the American Indian Cultural Celebration will be held in the college union.

"This will be a performance of dancers and drummers," Fields said. "We have one performance scheduled."

The members of the club

will not be performing. Professional dancers will entertain the audience.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 14, OKCCC will set up booths for the Craft and Art Expo in the Main Building.

"We're hoping for 15 to 20 different booths to be set up," Fields said.

Outside sources will be allowed to bring crafts for the expo.

Booths will have various drawings, paintings and tribal regalia.

"Also, we will have some booths set up for diabetes awareness and scholarship information for Native American students," Fields said.

Students interested in joining the Native American Student Association may contact Fields at 682-1611, ext. 7550, or e-mail her at kfields@okccc.edu.

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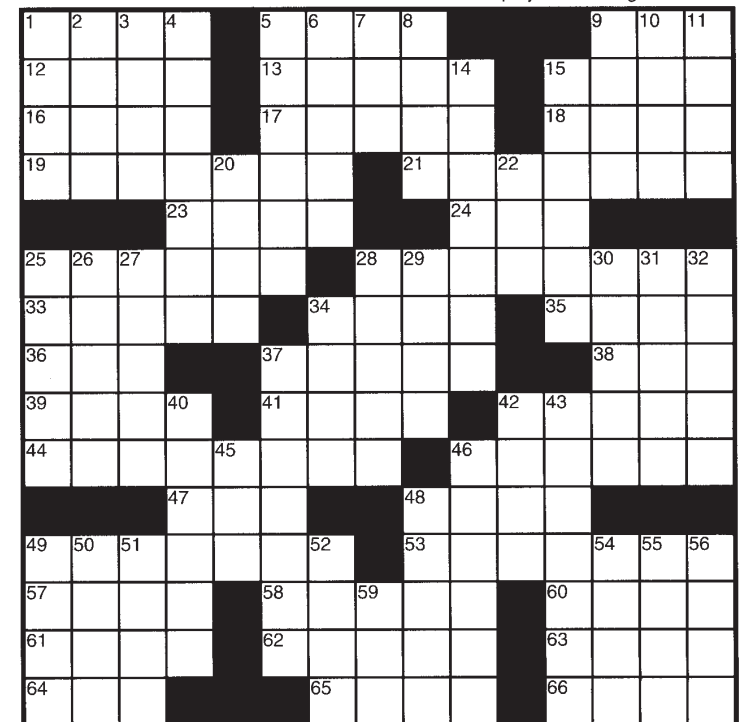
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OKCCC Regents OK parking lot expansion

By Sabrina Morrow
News Writing Student

The OKCCC Board of Regents is in the process of approving the expansion of parking lot C, located northwest of the main building, said J.B. Messer,

Physical Plant director.

Chris Snow, Physical Plant assistant director, said the expansion will add about 195 parking spaces.

"We plan on expanding parking lot C out to the loop road, which is the road that encircles the campus," Snow said.

He said the process be-

gan when a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held March 23.

Messer said this is a meeting in which five contractors, who would have the potential to complete the extensive project, will submit their bids to see who could do the job for the lowest price.

"The contractors had until April 1 to submit these bids," said Messer.

Recommendations for awarding a contract to begin the expansion to parking lot C will be sent to the Board of Regents for final approval on April 18.

The contractor chosen will then proceed to begin

the project April 19. The deadline for this project is June 30.

The expansion project for parking lot C will increase the size of the already extensive lot.

Parking lot C is being expanded to accommodate a growing number of students at OKCCC.

Scholarship money available for fall, spring

By Stacy Becker
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OKCCC's Faculty Association awards five to seven scholarships each fall and spring semester.

The deadline for the next round of applications is April 15.

"Typically, students are nominated by a professor, though we have had students nominated by library or lab staff if that student worked for them," said Pro-

fessor Christopher Oehrlein, head of OKCCC's Faculty Association Scholarship Committee.

"Students may self-nominate, but they would need to find a faculty member to complete that portion of the nomination," he said.

Applicants are required to write an essay. The final decision is based on three criteria: academic record, evidence of leadership, and the quality of the essay.

He said applicants should speak to their professors about sponsoring

them.

Oehrlein said scholarship amounts have increased. "We raised the amount in the fall from \$300 to \$350."

For more information, call Oehrlein at 682-1611, ext. 7438 or e-mail coehrlein@okccc.edu.

Students are now responsible for dropping their classes

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haven't paid by that day will not be dropped from their classes, Paden said. Instead, they will be able to pay their fees in install-

ments throughout the semester.

"However, there will be consequences" for non-payment, Paden warns.

All fees will be due by the 5th of each month. Students who fail to pay by that time or who submit a payment late, will be as-

sessed a \$20 late fee.

Instead of the current \$25 fee the school charges to enter into a payment plan, a 2 percent finance charge will be assessed on the student's existing balance each month.

According to the new policy, if a student falls be-

hind in payments by the mid-point of the semester, the college will place a hold on the student's records and will prohibit that student from enrolling in any additional classes.

In the event a student still owes money after the last due day of the semester, the college will place a financial hold that will prohibit en-

rollment and cancel any existing enrollments.

The student will receive a new and easy-to-read billing statement on a monthly basis from the bursar's office, Paden said.

Students who don't want to wait for the mailed statement to arrive can pay their bills online or in person at the bursar's office.



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