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The little sting: Quentin Hastings, liberal studies freshman, winces as Yolanda Hardimon, phlebotomist for the Oklahoma Blood Institute, draws blood during a blood drive on April 20 in the college union. "I'm in the Army and one day I may need it," Hastings said. More than 50 people gave blood and received T-shirts for donating.

Online enrollment explodes

By Brittney Young
News Writing Student

Online course enrollment at OKCCC has skyrocketed since 1999, the first year the courses became available, said Brenda Harrison, associate vice president for Academic Affairs.

Online enrollment has increased approximately 1,000 students per year for the past four years, she said.

Harrison said in the first year online courses were available, a total of 12 sections were offered and 232 students enrolled.

This year, online courses total 444 courses through the summer, with an estimated total enrollment of 8,500 students.

"The faculty tend to have a lot of positive comments," Harrison said. "One thing I hear faculty say is that they have a lot of communication with students in their online courses."

Some students may prefer online courses to on-campus courses, she said.

Marty Ludlum, business professor, teaches a Legal Environment of Business course online. He believes online courses will continue to be popular in the future.

"Having more courses online opens the door to people who would otherwise have no chance at earning a degree," Ludlum said.

"If we expect people to go to college, we are going to have to make things more convenient for them."

Harrison said the faculty reacts positively to online teaching because it caters to the students' needs.

"They like the online grade book because it allows students access to their grades anytime they need them," Harrison said.

Students are expected to learn just as much in an online course as they would in a class on campus, Harrison said.

David Charlson OKCCC English professor, teaches an English Composition II course online.

"It's a very helpful way for students who are serious about college to get ahead," Charlson said.

Course completion rates and grades received by students are about the same for online courses and on-campus courses, Harrison said.

"The faculty feels that the students who take online courses do just as well as students who take courses only on the OKCCC campus," she said.

Students, prepare to dig deeper

Tuition, fee increase a certainty

By Richard Hall
Editor

Students can expect to pay between 2 and 11 percent more in tuition and fees next semester, said Art Bode, vice president for Business and Finance.

There will definitely be an increase next fall, Bode said, but added the college will do its best to keep it at a minimum. The amount depends on the State Legislature, he said.

The Legislature decides how much in state appropriations for higher education each college receives, Bode said. He said he anticipates the appropriations to include about \$72 million in new money for colleges in the state, enough to help keep OKCCC's tuition and fee increase under 10 percent.

"I don't believe the increase will reach double digits," Bode said.

He said the Legislature will give its final word May 27 and, by June 10, OKCCC will submit its budget to the State Regents regarding the increase.

Graphic design major Bryan Edmonds said he doesn't care about the tuition hike.

"The increase isn't too bad," Edmonds said. "My parents pay for my classes anyway."

Some students don't see it that way.

Nina Jackson, medical transcriptionist major, said the hike is bad news for many.

"I think an increase in tuition will be hard on a lot of people," Jackson said.

Bode said the college has seen tuition increases for the past two years. He said the college reviews the need for increases in terms of the limit set by the State Regents.

Bode said many factors determine if there's a tuition increase during a given year.

The college looks at its mandatory costs and other things like enrollment increases and staff salary increases, he said.

"The college is anticipating another 4 percent increase in enrollment like it's been the past semesters," Bode said. "If the college has more students enrolled then the college needs more faculty for the

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Immigration invasion

Illegal immigration is increasing, and with it comes a crippling epidemic on our nation's institutions.

More than 10.3 million illegal aliens are living in the United States, according to Fox News. That's more than the population of Oregon, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Arkansas and Rhode Island combined.

More than 43 million people are without health insurance, 25 percent of whom are illegal aliens.

Illegal immigration brings a greater risk of diseases and forces closures of hospitals — 84 hospitals in California are closing due to unpaid bills of illegal aliens, according to the spring 2005 issue of the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons.

But it's not the hospital's fault — under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act of 1985, hospitals must treat the uninsured without reimbursement.

It's ironic that the government is aiding in the downfall of the health care system, something politicians continuously vow to better.

Yet the health care system isn't the only thing to be worried about.

Illegal aliens also bring more violent crime into the country. With 485,000 new illegal aliens arriving each year, crime and the debt it brings continues to rise.

According to the December 2004 issue of the City Journal, 95 percent of all homicide warrants in Los Angeles were for illegal aliens.

The lack of sufficient border control also is detrimental to security.

Just last month more than two dozen illegal aliens were arrested while working as maintenance workers on commercial jetliners, according to CNN. Four of the men were from countries of interest to national security and had suspected terrorist links.

These men passed through background checks, Social Security screenings and mechanical clarification training in order to get their jobs.

Another September 11 may have occurred because of lax security, something that needs to be increased if the country is to continue fighting its war on terror.

Illegal aliens also are causing an uproar in the world of higher education — North Carolina, California and Michigan want to provide illegal aliens with in-state tuition, according to the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

Since in-state tuition plans are state subsidized, taxpayers will be the ones paying for illegal aliens to attend college.

This also will cause college enrollment lists to fill up much more quickly, fouling out legal residents and forcing them to find other colleges to attend.

The government has a severe problem with harnessing the troubles illegal aliens cause and the ample numbers of new aliens arriving every day.

Until the problem is solved, this nation and her people will continue to pay.

—Richard Hall
Editor

Age change not the answer

To the editor:

I feel the proposed bill mentioned in the April 18 editorial is only limiting parent control on their children.

It seems to be another version of curfew.

If the government really cared about young driver fatalities, driver's education would be required in high school.

If the legal driving age is changed to 18, the statistical age death rate also will increase, as the inexperienced

"There should be adjustments to keep Oklahoma teenage drivers more safe."

—Jennifer Campbell
OKCCC Student

young drivers will be just as inexperienced as older drivers. The only thing this bill will change would be the number of the charges filed as the result of car accidents in the state.

New age limits also would

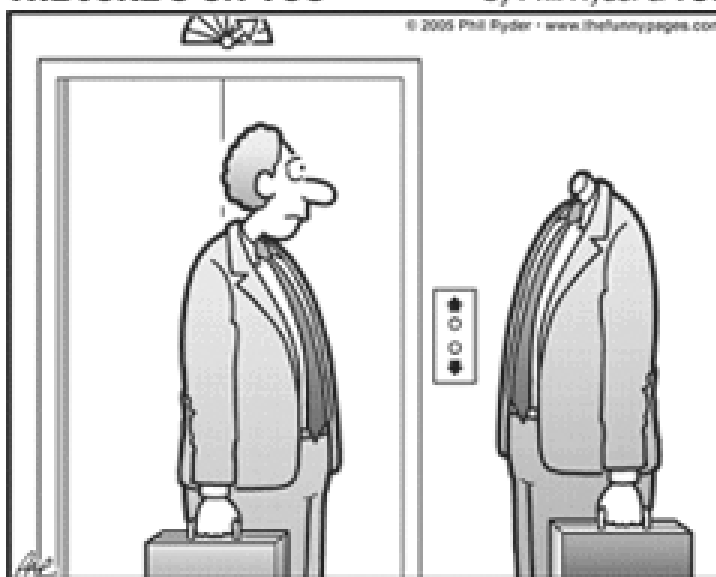
have an impact on car insurance and liability. Public transportation also isn't a convenient mode of travel in Oklahoma.

There should be adjustments to keep Oklahoma teenage drivers more safe. I feel this lies in education, not restriction.

—Jennifer Campbell
OKCCC Student

THE JOKE'S ON YOU

by Phil Ryder & YOU



"I use a cellular phone all the time; I didn't have any adverse effects."

- Phil Rogers • The Woodlands, TX

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## Comments and Reviews

# Femmes still rocking out

Hippies, punks and preps invaded Hamilton Field House at the University of Central Oklahoma on April 20 to give a loud welcome to the Violent Femmes.

The show was sold out, leaving many people milling around out front of the gymnasium in desperate search of tickets.

A \$10 ticket quickly turned into a \$30 prize. But hardcore fans were willing to pay the price for the chance to groove live with the Femmes.

More than two hours of tunes brought down the house for the lively crowd.

Heads bobbed, arms waved and everyone sang along with classics such as "Blister in the Sun" and "Please Do Not Go."

The Femmes are a group of three eccentric middle-aged men creating music that can be considered anything from pop to gospel.

Violent Femmes drummer, Victor De Lorenzo, was center stage encouraging the crowd to come to life



with his crazy antics.

De Lorenzo used only a snare drum, floor tom and cymbal while he played standing up. People could tell he was into the music by the way he moved, running around his drum set like a crazy man, and jumping up and down, slamming out the beats.

The sounds of the Femmes' music could be felt as much as it could be heard.

The beats made the floor vibrate in time with the songs.

Bassist Brian Ritchie played an acoustic bass along with a variety of other interesting contraptions.

Ritchie played the conch

shell, a stick with a string attached and the xylophone among other instruments. Ritchie seemed willing to make anything into an instrument to achieve the

sound he seeks.

Gordan Gano, main vocalist and guitarist, belted out the lyrics to the ecstatic group of attendees.

The Violent Femmes have been around since 1980. They have 10 albums, and according to [www.vfemmes.com](http://www.vfemmes.com), thanks to their first album, they have the distinction of being the first band to have an album achieve platinum status through Billboard without ever appearing in the Top 200.

If you have the chance to catch a Violent Femmes show, grab it. The event will be unforgettable.

—**Christiana Kostura**  
Staff Writer

## Beware of changes in deregistration

### To the editor:

Attention all ye who procrastinate! Several letters and articles have appeared in the Pioneer over the last few weeks announcing something that may significantly impact your academic lives.

OKCCC will no longer be dropping students who have not paid their tuition and fees by a certain date before the start of each semester.

What that means for those of you who like to wait until the last possible moment to enroll is that moment might happen sooner than you think.

**"Now there will be no drop and there will be no Monday-after mad scramble."**

—**Mary Turner**  
Student Development Counselor

Historically, you have bided your time and waited for classes to fill up. Then you've come in early on the Monday after the drop and managed to get a schedule of classes that fit your needs.

Now there will be no drop and there will be no Mon-

day-after mad scramble.

Student Development encourages you to enroll early for your classes so that you can get what you need when you need it.

If certain classes fill up early, this will give the academic deans time to decide whether they need more sections.

The closer it gets to the start of the new semester, the more difficult it will be to add sections.

This means that some of you may wait too long to get what you need.

—**Mary Turner**  
Student Development Counselor

## Counselor's Corner

*"There are only two tragedies in life: one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it."*

—**Oscar Wilde**

People come to college and to the Student Development Center filled with myths about how college works.

Please indulge me for a brief time while I attempt to dispel some of these for you.

Myth #1 - Attendance in college classes is optional.

If OKCCC held classes containing several hundred people, this myth might hold some truth. However, our classes are small for several reasons, and your absences can be easily noted.

Over the last few weeks, I've sent dozens of letters to students who don't show up to class, encouraging them to show up or withdraw.

Maybe you received one of those letters. Maybe your academic history is marred by the scars of non-attendance.

If you have a job, but you never show up for it, you'll get fired. If you take a class here, but you don't attend, you'll fail.

Myth #2 - If I'm a nice person, my professor will pass me.

I wouldn't bet the farm on it.

Being nice can go a long way in life. It may even give you opportunities that being mean won't.

But unless your professor has a provision in his or her syllabus for nice points, I would show up and do the work.

Myth #3 - I never studied in high school, so I shouldn't have to at a community college.

All of the programs at OKCCC have to pass some type of accreditation process.

In order for that to happen, the courses have to maintain a certain academic rigor. This is especially true of courses that are designed to transfer.

Even though this is a community college, the courses will require more of your time and attention than high school courses did.

Myth #4 - Some classes and programs are easy.

People have different strengths and weaknesses, and what might seem more challenging to one person may seem less so to another one.

Rather than think in terms of ease, it is important to think about commitment involved in the class.

For example, you might consider a photography class or an art class easy compared with a chemistry or calculus class.

However, those classes require a tremendous amount of time, and people often underestimate how much they will have to do in order to pass.

While it is smart to balance out classes you will take in any semester, it is important to understand what will be required in each class before signing up for it. If you aren't sure what will be required, ask.

—**Mary Turner**  
Student Development Counselor

### Quote of the Week:

*"Love takes up where knowledge leaves off."*

—**Saint Thomas Aquinas**

## Comments and Reviews

# And they say not to pick up 'Hitchhikers'

Laughs and science fiction merge onscreen in "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," based on the Douglas Adams books of the same name.

This movie has all you need for a zany night.

From the opening song about the real dominant species on Earth to a revealing ending, "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" is all fun.

It starts off as the normal tale of boy meets girl, girl leaves boy for more interesting boy and second boy kidnaps himself.

Okay, maybe that is not so normal after all.

The boy is Arthur Dent (Martin Freeman) and the girl is Trillian (Zooey Deschanel.)

Then, there is the second boy — the half hippie, half rock star president of the Galaxy, Zaphod Beeblebrox



(Sam Rockwell.)

Beeblebrox is so out of this world he uses the worst pick-up line ever: "You want to see my spaceship?"

Rockwell's performance as Beeblebrox is scene stealing. The character is both stupid and outrageous at the same time.

Who wouldn't want a rock star hippie for a president?

Another side-splitting

character is Marvin the Paranoid Android (voiced by Alan Rickman and played by Warwick Davis).

Marvin claims to have been programmed with an experimental real people personality.

However, Marvin's personality is of the woe-is-me kind. If "Star Wars" R2-D2 was permanently depressed and spoke in an English

accent, Mar-vin would be it.

Other characters in the movie trek across the stars including some dimwitted alien construction workers, a religious leader gone mean (John Malkovich), a lazy supercomputer (Helen Mirren) and an alien named after a car (Mos Def).

Don't let the long list of characters scare you away. Remember the galaxy is a

big, big place.

Though this funny film may not tell you the meaning of life, it will answer other questions.

If you want to know the importance of knowing where your towel is or of having a fish in your ear, don't get lost in space, go see "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."

—**Matthew Caban**  
Staff Writer

## Bewildering 'Ballad'

"The Ballad of Jack and Rose," written and directed by Rebecca Miller, is a highly peculiar, but moving drama.

The story concerns a dying man (Daniel Day-Lewis) and his daughter (Camilla Belle) who both live in a deserted commune.

The two of them have very little contact with the outside world.

As Jack's (Day-Lewis) health begins to deteriorate he moves his girlfriend and her two sons into the commune.

All of the characters in this film can best be describe by one word... weird.

We have an engineer who despises residential houses living with a confused little girl who is borderline suicidal.

Then a money-hungry mother moves in with her two sons, one of which is a sex fiend while the other aspires to be a female hairdresser.

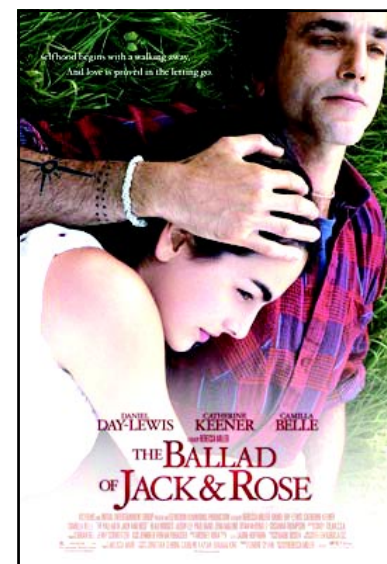
Miller's directing differs from the norm and is odd sometimes, which may make this film difficult to follow during some scenes.

She uses many extreme close-up shots when characters interact and some scenes are shot out of focus.

The acting is the champion of this film. "The Ballad of Jack and Rose" only has nine actors with speaking roles, but they each play their parts well. Their performances drive this movie along, despite the strange story and unorthodox directing.

However, this film is too unusual to recommend, yet too rare to completely condemn. Those who are interested will be forced to form their own opinion.

—**Shawn Bryant**  
Staff Writer



## 'Horror' is better than original

A series plagued with sequel after sequel, seven in all, plus a two-part documentary has struck again.

Dimension Films has remade "The Amityville Horror" and this time they got it right.

We all gave up long ago believing that killers can be the puppets of demons. But since the demons in this movie are so convincing, I'm reconsidering.

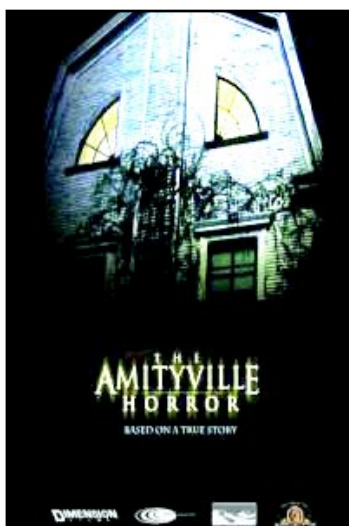
The remake puts the 1979 version to shame, which is only excusable because of the poor quality of visual effects in the '70s.

Directed by Andrew Douglas, 2005's "The Amityville Horror" uses all of the scary movie tricks and the film does not disappoint.

The visual effects are gory and gross, just as they should be.

Fans of the original Amityville can expect to see plenty of new effects with a few revised old ones.

The sound, however, follows the trend of every



other scary movie in the past 10 years — too much, too often and too loud.

I may sound like an old lady, but allow me to rant about movies that rely on loud noises to deliver fear that a storyline could not.

I am talking about "The Ring" and "The Ring Two." Luckily "The Amityville Horror" could back it up with a great story and visuals.

The cast was well-chosen, including Ryan Reynolds,

of "Blade: Trinity" and "National Lampoon's Van Wilder," as George Lutz.

His transition from mild-mannered stepfather to haunted psycho is very believable.

Even the children in the "The Amityville Horror" are believable. Daughter Chelsea (Chloe Moretz) draws the audience into her relationship with the ghost in her room.

Changes abound in this remake, but I cannot say that is a bad thing.

For one thing, the plot actually explains why the house is so evil, even if it does sound a little trite.

Still, I would say that this is one of the best horror films I have seen in a long time.

It has the cinematography, music and even the t-and-a they all require, blended with drama, suspense and even humor to achieve a truly eerie film.

—**Shanna Larson**  
Staff Writer

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# 2005 Student Awards Ceremony

## Students honored for outstanding achievements

OKCCC honored nearly 100 outstanding students on April 22 during the college's 29th annual Student Awards Ceremony. Awards were presented to the following recipients:

### President's Award for Excellence

**Arts and Humanities:** Malaka Elyazgi, Liberal Studies; Brandi Paschal, Humanities, Literature Emphasis; Ana Rodriguez, Journalism.

**Business:** Annette Cavener, Accounting; Linda Crank, Administrative Office Technology.

**Health Professions:** Steven Bowers, Nursing Sciences; Skip Kreymborg, Emergency Medical Sciences; Trina Whipkey, Physical Therapy Assistant.

**Information Technology:** Michael Keller, Computer Aided Design/Multimedia.

**Science and Mathematics:** Phoebe Brown, Physical Sciences; Chau Diep, Pre-Engineering.

**Social Sciences:** John Dell, Psychology.

### Certificates of Achievement

**Arts and Humanities:** Dru Baker, Music; Michael Cline, Graphic Communications; Kai Dameron, Broadcasting.

Richard Hall, Journalism; Charity Hamblin, Humanities; Leeann Hauser, Literature.

Alicia Howard, Broadcasting; Yousef Kazemi, Theater Arts; Jennifer Mardis, Broadcasting.

Christina Schmidt, Graphic Communications; Justin Witte, Philosophy.

**Business:** Stephanie Bradley, Legal Secretary; Susan Bryan, Medical Transcriptionist; Karen Janbaz, Administrative Office Technology; Dana Rico, Business Accounting Option.

Tiara Solomon, Business Finance; Lisa Sunday, Gen-

eral Office Support; Micaela Williams, Business; Anita Wood, Legal Office Procedures.

**Health Professions:** Megan Bell, Nursing; Kendra Nelson, Emergency Medical Sciences; Arthur Trinkle, Physical Therapist Assistant; Lori Wyssman, Occupational Therapist Assistant.

**Information Technology:** Jedidiah Chappell, Computer Aided Design; Multimedia; John Van Dyke, Computer Science; Computer Programming; Anthony Kitsmiller, Computer Aided Design; Manufacturing/Architecture.

Chris Morrow, Computer Science; Computer Science; Matt Murnan, Computer Aided Design; Multimedia.

Toan Nguyen, Computer Science; Computer Information Systems; Patrisha Perry, Computer Aided Design; Manufacturing/Architecture.

Janine Smith, Computer Science; Microcomputer Specialist.

**Science and Mathematics:** Rahi Bigdely, Pre-pharmacy; Ali Fahham, Pre-Engineering; Patricia Parrish, Biotechnology.

Natalie Pham, Chemistry; Starling Rhymes, Pre-Baccalaureate Nursing; Tousseint Towa, Physics.

Ashlea Turpin, Pre-dentistry; Jency Varghese, Pre-medicine.

**Social Sciences:** Rene Deloria, History; Mitch Janik, Political Science; Teresa Lewis, Child Development; Conrad Mueller, Psychology.

### Academic Awards Recognition of Honors Graduates

Rene Deloria, Allison Foster, LouDonna Jefcoat, Brandy Wood and Nicholas Zanger.

### 2004-2005 Scholarships

**Jack Cain Memorial**

**Scholarship Award:** Madison Seely.

**Susan Clowers Memorial Scholarship Award:** Michelle Breeden.

**Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarship Award:** Travis Ginton, Yousef Kazemi, Cindy McCord and Porsha Webb.

**Faculty Association Scholarship Award:** Rene Deloria, Phong Hoang, Jonathan Nimo, Zuzana Novakova, Patricia Parrish and Brandi Whitney.

**Bobby D. Gaines Scholarship Award:** Allison Foster.

**Larry D. Golden Memorial Scholarship Award:** Dorothy Ackon-Mensah.

**Mary Ann Merz Memorial Scholarship Award:** Abraham Tavarez.

**Dr. Bruce B. Owen Memorial Scholarship Award:** Phoebe Brown.

**Peter Wright Memorial Scholarship Award:** Kimberly Noyes.

**Sharon Robinson Memorial Scholarship Award:** Tony Oliver.

**Matt Skvarla Journalism Memorial Scholarship**

**Award:** Shawn Bryant and Christiana Kostura.

**Linda Thornton Memorial Scholarship Award:** Porsha Webb.

**Oklahoma City Community College Alumni Association Scholarships:** Jennifer Rhoads, Jarred Smith, Porsha Webb.

### Student English Essay Awards

Long Dinh, Composition I; and Rose Harris, Composition II.

### Student Organization Awards

**Abilities Galore:** Tamara Griffin.

**Baptist Collegiate Ministry:** Daniel Dumbleton.

**Black Student Association:** Carlos Robinson.

**Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship:** Jessica Jones.

**Computer-Aided Design Society of Oklahoma:** Michael Keller.

**Gay and Lesbian Alliance:** Robert Mays.

**Hispanic Organization**

**to Promote Education:** Rocky Chavez.

**International Student Association:** Edward Johnson.

**Native American Student Association:** Toby Billy.

**Oklahoma Biotechnology Association:** Harve Ed Strokes.

**Phi Theta Kappa:** Travis Meadows.

**Photography Club:** Steven Birkes.

**Psychology/Sociology Club:** LouDonna Jefcoat.

**Scholar's League:** Kris Stowers.

**Student Oklahoma Education Association:** Karen Boyd.

**Student Occupational Therapy Assistant Organization:** Lori Wyssman.

**Student Physical Therapist Assistant Organization:** Shadera Perkins.

**College Democrats:** James Williamson.

### Certificates of Appreciation

**Pioneer Award:** Matthew Caban.

## Students present unique art show

### By Meg McCurdy News Writing Student

Six graduating OKCCC art students will show their portfolios to the public at OKCCC May 3 to 7. The show will reflect their two years of work at the college.

The students are Josh McRae, Sean Ferguson, Aaron McGraw, Julie Wright, Moe Wise and Krista Dugan.

Wise is in charge of leading the group for the student exhibition.

"It is quite an experience working on this," Wise said. "There are so many different personalities and different opinions that go into an art show."

The show's theme is "Deus Ex Machina," Wise said. The students said they hope to add mystery to the theme by not revealing its meaning until the show.

"This show is about our final presentation of our art work and what we have evolved into as artists," Wise said.

"This is an opportunity to display our art and experience what the public thinks of it, whether it's praise or criticism."

The mixed media presentation will include everything from classical art to modern art.

This group also will be the first to intertwine ani-

mation with their art pieces for a public show, Wise said.

"Each student will be showing 10 pieces [including] black and white, pencil, print, and oil paintings," she said.

The difference between this art show and others is this group will display 10 pieces each, whereas other art shows would show only one single piece from several different artists, Wise said.

"This is a great way to show how different artists have different looks and personalities when it comes to drawing an oil painting or sketching a black-and-white picture."

**Questions? Answers at 682-1611 ext. 7409**

# Kids college equals summer full of fun

**By Joseph Thomas  
News Writing Student**

OKCCC's College for Kids program will hold its annual summer session beginning June 6.

"College for Kids is an enrichment program through OKCCC, committed to academic and creative educational enhancement for ages 3 through 14 years," Program Director Jack Perkins said.

Parents can rest assured in the capability of the faculty. One instructor, Troy Cheatwood, will be teaching martial arts this summer.

"It gives kids something to do with their summer," he said. "[Classes] also teach them discipline for when they go back to school."

Cheatwood commented

on parents' reactions to the program.

"[Parents] love that their children aren't just sitting at home in front of the television," he said.

Instead of vegging out on the couch, children ages 3 to 5 may choose from swimming lessons and various Tiny Tots classes, such as Reading, Art and Drama.

Youngsters, ages 6 to 8, also can learn to swim or take classes in things like ballet, sign language and even Cheatwood's martial arts classes.

For 9- to 11-year-olds, classes such as Puppetry, CPR and First Aid, or even Mythology are available.

Twelve- to 14-year-olds can learn Spanish, calligraphy, or even get a head start on geometry.

Summer session dates will run June 6 to 10, June 13 to 17, June 20 to 24, June 27 to July 1, July 11

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**—Jack Perkins  
College for Kids  
Director**

to 15. July 18 to 22, and July 25 to 29.

All classes are \$30, with some courses, such as art and musical instrument instruction, requiring a \$5 supply fee. Enrollment in three classes a session is only \$75.

Registration already has begun, and space is limited.

For more information, call the College for Kids program at 682-1611, ext. 7205 or visit [www.okccc.edu/rcs](http://www.okccc.edu/rcs) and click "Community Education."

## Regent retires with honor

**By Stephanie Young  
News Writing Student**



**Dr. David Casper**

On April 18, Dr. David Casper, chairman of the OKCCC Board of Regents, attended his last meeting after completing his seven-year term.

Casper was appointed by past Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating in 1998.

During the meeting Casper was given a gift of special recognition from the board, presented by Regent Helen Camey.

Camey read a personalized certificate aloud and presented Casper with another gift, also from the board.

Camey's speech was emotional and appeared to be heart-felt.

She said from this day forward, April 18 will be a day of recognition and honor of Casper for his service to the college.

"David Casper has shown valuable and con-

sistent leadership on behalf of the Board of Regents," she said.

Casper's gift included two collared shirts with OKCCC embroidered on them and a Waterford crystal picture frame.

Casper gave a short speech thanking the faculty and staff, with a special thanks to the students at OKCCC.

Casper said he is proud to have served as a board member and also is proud of previous and current OKCCC students.

## Club sells pics for trip

**By Lindsey Oswalt  
News Writing Student**

The Photography Club will host its last print sale on May 3 in the main building by the bookstore to help raise money for their upcoming trip to San Antonio.

The club has decided to take a trip to photograph a quaint and picturesque city said Steven Birkes, photography major and club president.

They have been raising money to pay for their travel.

The estimated cost of the trip is \$1,300 for all of club members who can attend. This will include a two-night stay at a bed-and-breakfast as well as one meal.

The Photography Club has raised more than \$1,000 by holding previous print sales as well as bake

sales, Birkes said, leaving \$300 to reach its goal.

From May 20 to 22, nine Photography Club members and three club sponsors will head to San Antonio.

Sponsors include Photography Lab Assistant LaWanda LaVarnway, Alumni Sponsor Trenna Grayson, and Arts and Humanities Secretary Sheri Hobbs.

Birkes said the club will travel to San Antonio "to take beautiful pictures and to just have fun."

"We plan to spend a good part of one day downtown at the Riverwalk area just taking pictures of buildings and interesting things that we find," Birkes said.

"Also we want to visit the San Antonio Zoo and, if time allows, experience the night life."

The group will caravan to Texas in a van rented from OKCCC as well as an SUV provided by a club member.



**Ever Get Somebody Totally Wasted?**

# OKCCC to present Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'

**By Stephanie Young**  
News Writing Student

A play some people call the greatest comedy of all time will be performed on campus in May.

OKCCC's drama department is presenting a production of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" at 7:30 p.m. on May 5, 6 and 7 in the college theater.

Richard Nelson, Oklahoma City Theatre Company Artistic Director and OKCCC adjunct faculty member, will direct the play.

"I chose it because it is considered the greatest of the Shakespeare comedies and, according to many, perhaps the greatest comedy of all time," Nelson said.

This rendition of "Twelfth Night" is set in the 1920s

and is about a young girl, Viola, who survives a shipwreck and finds herself upon a shore on the coast of an unknown island.

Theater major Jean Windham said she's looking forward to the play.

"I am excited about it being set in the 1920s. The costumes are fun and cute.

"Rick is a great director, he brings out the best in all of us," Windham said. She is Viola in the play.

Theater major Marek Bagajewicz is acting in the play as Sir Andrew. Bagajewicz agreed Nelson is fun to work with.

All but one member of the cast is an OKCCC student, with more than half being theater majors. The only guest actor is Doug Van Liew, (Sir Toby). Windham said the play is full of humor.

"The humor is very witty,"



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Jean Windham, theater arts freshman, Travis Meadows, music sophomore, and James Sturgill, theater arts sophomore, rehearse a scene for "The Twelfth Night." The play will be at 7:30 p.m. May 5 to 7 in the OKCCC theater. Admission is free for students with a college ID on May 5 and \$4 for students after the first performance. Adult tickets are \$5.

she said. "My goal is to help people understand it."

Bagajewicz said he's pleased with the play so far.

"There is a great variety

of actors, a good mix up," he said. "It has been a great learning experience."

Admission will be free on Thursday with a valid stu-

dent ID. On Friday and Saturday the admission will be \$4 with an ID or \$5 without an ID. The doors open at 7 p.m. each night.

## Workforce Oklahoma job fair coming to OKCCC

**By Richard Hall**  
Editor

Student Life Employment Services is teaming up with Workforce Oklahoma for a job fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 20 in the college union.

Linda Fay, Employment Services coordinator, said about 80 employers will be at the job fair including Tinker Air Force Base Civilian Group, United States Postal Service, FOX News and Dell.

Fay said this is the first time OKCCC has paired with Workforce Oklahoma to host a job fair.

According to [www.workforceok.org](http://www.workforceok.org), Workforce Oklahoma is a development system devoted to achieve job growth, employee productivity and employer satisfaction.

Fay said Workforce Oklahoma hosts the largest job fairs in the state. Because they're a non-profit organization, they focus on help-

ing companies fill jobs and college students find jobs, she said.

Many Oklahoma banks, health agencies and insurance groups also will have booths at the fair, Fay said.

A complete list of employers participating in the job fair will be available from Student Life Employment Services on May 11.

Fay said the most popular booths at a job fair are those of federal employers, which means the Tinker Air Force Base booth will likely be the most popular.

"A federal job means better pay and job security," Fay said. "Federal jobs aren't open for very long, so it's exciting to see Tinker participating in this job fair."

Fay said this is a great opportunity for students who are looking for employment.

She also said students should come prepared — dress nice, bring a résumé and questions for employers.

"This is a great chance for

students to make contacts," Fay said.

She said students should make sure to know who to follow up with in case they fill out an application on the spot.

"It's important to know who your contact person

is," she said. "That way you can check the development of your application."

Fay said the fair is being held on May 20 to allow parking for attendees.

She said hosting the fair during the semester would have been tough due to

tight parking conditions.

A drawing for a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card also will be held, Fay said, and students are encouraged to enter.

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## Children set butterflies free

**By Ashley Wilkerson**  
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Bright colors fluttered in the sky as OKCCC's Child Development Center and Lab School's Preschool B class released their butterflies on April 22, Earth Day.

Constance Pidgeon, Preschool B teacher, Jessica Hesseltine and Amanda Kelm, assistant teachers, introduced the Butterfly Project to their class during the week of April 11.

"The project is designed for the children to experience a variety activities related to butterflies," Pidgeon said.

The children were intro-

duced to the butterflies through hands-on learning activities.

Art activities relating to butterflies also were done.

The children drew pictures, painted and identified colors and patterns.

They also recorded journal entries in their butterfly journals.

The children learned about the life cycle of the butterfly, as well as how to appreciate butterflies in nature.

The project was divided into three phases, Pidgeon said.

Phase one was the introduction of the project, she said. This determined what the children already knew about butterflies and what

they wanted to learn about them.

Phase two dealt with observing caterpillars, chrysalis and butterflies in the classroom, Pidgeon said. The children watched the insects emerge into butterflies.

Phase three was a culminating activity. To complete the project the children released their butterflies into the sky, Pidgeon said.

All three phases of the Butterfly Project were recorded into the children's journals.

The journals, artwork and other Butterfly Project activities will be displayed in the foyer of the Child Development Center and Lab School.



# Faculty Association bakes in the cash

**By Stacy Becker**  
News Writing Student

OKCCC Faculty Association raised an estimated \$1,500 at its annual craft and bake sale April 13.

The Make It, Bake It sale offered cookies, cakes, bread, brownies, jelly and even cookbooks.

There also was a silent auction for artwork from former students. Some professors made jewelry and crafts.

This annual event, held every April, is used to raise money for the Faculty Association scholarship fund.

Anyone from the faculty and staff may donate items to be sold at this traditional event.

"Some years, we even had students who have earned [the] scholarship feel like they want[ed] to give back," said Chris Oehrlein, head of the Scholarship Commit-



Photo by Stacy Becker

Tiffany Harris, sophomore theater arts major, purchases some treats from Faculty Association member and math professor Chris Oehrlein.

tee and OKCCC math professor.

"They even bring stuff in."

The bake sale is the Faculty Association's main fund-raiser every year.

"This tends to be our big money maker," Oehrlein said.

Another idea the committee used was to sell coupon vouchers redeemable at the bake sale.

Some professors gave the coupons to their students during class. This encouraged students to come to the bake sale to redeem their prizes.

"I'm really proud of the faculty here at Oklahoma City Community College," said Carlotta Hill, learning skills professor.

"I don't know too many faculties that actually raise money for student scholarships.

"But we do have such a strong belief in students that we wanted to be able to give to students," she said.

Along with the bake sale, the Faculty Association runs a beverage booth during OKCCC's annual Arts Festival each fall. All proceeds go toward the Faculty Association scholarship fund.

## Documents will protect in sickness and death

**By Nick Bolton**  
News Writing Student

People need to learn their rights to determine their manner of death and the limits to these rights, said Jane Carney, member of the Attorney General's Task Force For Life and OKCCC sociology professor.

Carney spoke April 19 at OKCCC about medical and legal issues concerning the end of life.

"The Terri Schiavo case has brought many issues concerning the end of life to our attention," Carney said.

In Schiavo's case, her body was working while her brain was showing little signs of activity. Her body was being kept alive by life support, Carney said.

Schiavo's husband was in a legal battle against her parents to have the feeding tube removed.

"Verbal communication is the first step to make your wishes known," Carney said.

"You have to go a step beyond to ensure that your wishes will be fulfilled."

Under Oklahoma law there are three documents that can make a person's wishes known toward the end of life.

Advanced directive, durable power of attorney, and DNR (do not resuscitate) forms should be filled out, Carney said.

The advanced directive form acts as a living will, Carney said. The form sets up a proxy or someone to legally act out another person's will.

The form may protect those who have six months to live, or are persistently unconscious.

The durable power of attorney form allows a person to delegate his or her rights to a chosen attorney.

The document autho-

rizes the chosen agent to make medical and other health-care decisions pertinent to the signer, she said.

The DNR form gives health care providers the

legal protection to withhold or withdraw the administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Carney said.

Dana Glencross, political science professor, attended the meeting.

"I believe that people should be exposed to the material, even if personal or religious preferences mean that they would not choose this option for their lives," Glencross said.

## Nursing graduates get pinned

**By Chelsea Scott**  
News Writing Student

Seventy-five nursing graduates will take a symbolic step into their professional lives at the traditional pinning ceremony May 12, said Rosemary Klepper, School of Nursing director.

The ceremony for the nursing graduates of the traditional two-year registered nurse program will be at 6:30 p.m. in the college union.

Another ceremony will be at 7:30 p.m. in the college

theater and will honor nursing graduates of the career ladder program. This program is for a licensed practical nurse becoming a registered nurse.

Separate receptions will follow each ceremony.

OKCCC faculty members are encouraged to come and support their nursing graduates, Klepper said.

Speaker will be either President Bob Todd or Vice President/Provost of Academic Affairs Paul Sechrist.

"The nursing pinning ceremony is a time-honored tradition which bridges the transition from nursing student to nursing program

graduate," Klepper said.

At the ceremony, each student is allowed to choose a faculty member to "pin" them on stage.

The graduate also is allowed to say a few words of thanks to those who have helped them along the way.

The pin each graduate receives is special because it identifies them with the OKCCC nursing program, Klepper said.

Awards also are given to outstanding graduates.

A film showing memorable moments and events the nursing graduates have had while in the nursing school will be shown.



# Graduation day nears, plans being made

**By Christiana Kostura  
Staff Writer**

Graduates, take note.

This year's graduation ceremony is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 13 at the Cox Business Services Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City.

The center is located at 100 W. Sheridan.

Upon arrival, graduates need to go to the east hallway of the building with their gowns and caps on or ready to be put on, said Barbara Gowdy, Admissions and Graduation director.

She said there would be signs to direct students.

"Arrive early," Gowdy said. She said students and their guests should try to be at the center by at least 6:30 p.m. because a concert scheduled at the same

time in the nearby Ford Center might create traffic and parking difficulties. Parking is usually around \$6 per car in downtown Oklahoma City, she said.

Graduates are welcome to bring as many guests as they want, she said.

Gowdy said the ceremony usually lasts about two hours at the most.

Graduates will receive their diploma covers during the event, she said. Diplomas will not be available until July 15. After that date, the certificates may be picked up in the OKCCC graduation office.

Letters have been sent to graduates detailing the ceremony, Gowdy said.

If students need further information, they may contact the graduation office at 682-7528.

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## Pinning ceremony set for May 9 in union

**By Richard Hall  
Editor**

Graduating OKCCC students will be honored at the first-ever Graduate Pinning Ceremony at 4 p.m. May 9 in the college union, said Liz Largent, Student Life director.

Largent said she hopes to make the ceremony an annual event.

She said Student Life employees believe the ceremony could become a tradition in which the college recognizes the successes of its graduating students.

While Student Life is hosting the event, Largent said, the ceremony is supported by the President's Cabinet and faculty and staff members.

The event will last about one hour, Largent said, and will include the pinning of every graduate who at-

tends.

Largent said the event will celebrate the accomplishments of not only the graduating spring class, but the graduates of summer and fall 2004.

Students will receive a pin with the OKCCC logo with "graduate" written underneath it, Largent said.

About 1,200 invitations were recently sent out to students, Largent said.

She said the students must RSVP and are allowed to bring one guest.

Guest speakers for the pinning ceremony include Academic Affairs Vice President/Provost Paul Sechrist and Student Services Vice President Marion Paden.

Largent said a photo of all attending graduates will be taken and put on display in the college.

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OKCCC's graduation ceremony at the Cox Services Business Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City, begins at 7:30 p.m. May 13. Admissions and Graduation Director Barbara Gowdy said graduating students and their guests should plan to arrive by at least 6:30 p.m. Most nearby parking will cost \$6 per car. Call the Graduation Office at 682-7528 for more information.

## Mayor to speak to grads

**By Joanna Rus  
News Writing Student**

Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett is the scheduled keynote speaker for the college's 33rd Annual Commencement Ceremony.

The event will be at 7:30 p.m., May 13, at the Cox Business Services Convention Center.

Cornett became mayor in March 2004.

Elected at age 45, he is Oklahoma City's youngest mayor since 1959.

Born and raised in Oklahoma City, Cornett is a graduate of Putnam City High School. He earned a journalism de-

gree in television news from the University of Oklahoma.

Jessica Martinez-Brooks, Media Relations coordinator, scheduled Cornett to speak at the graduation.

"The vision he has for the great metropolis of Oklahoma City is very inspiring," she said.

OKCCC President Bob Todd said Cornett is a good choice.

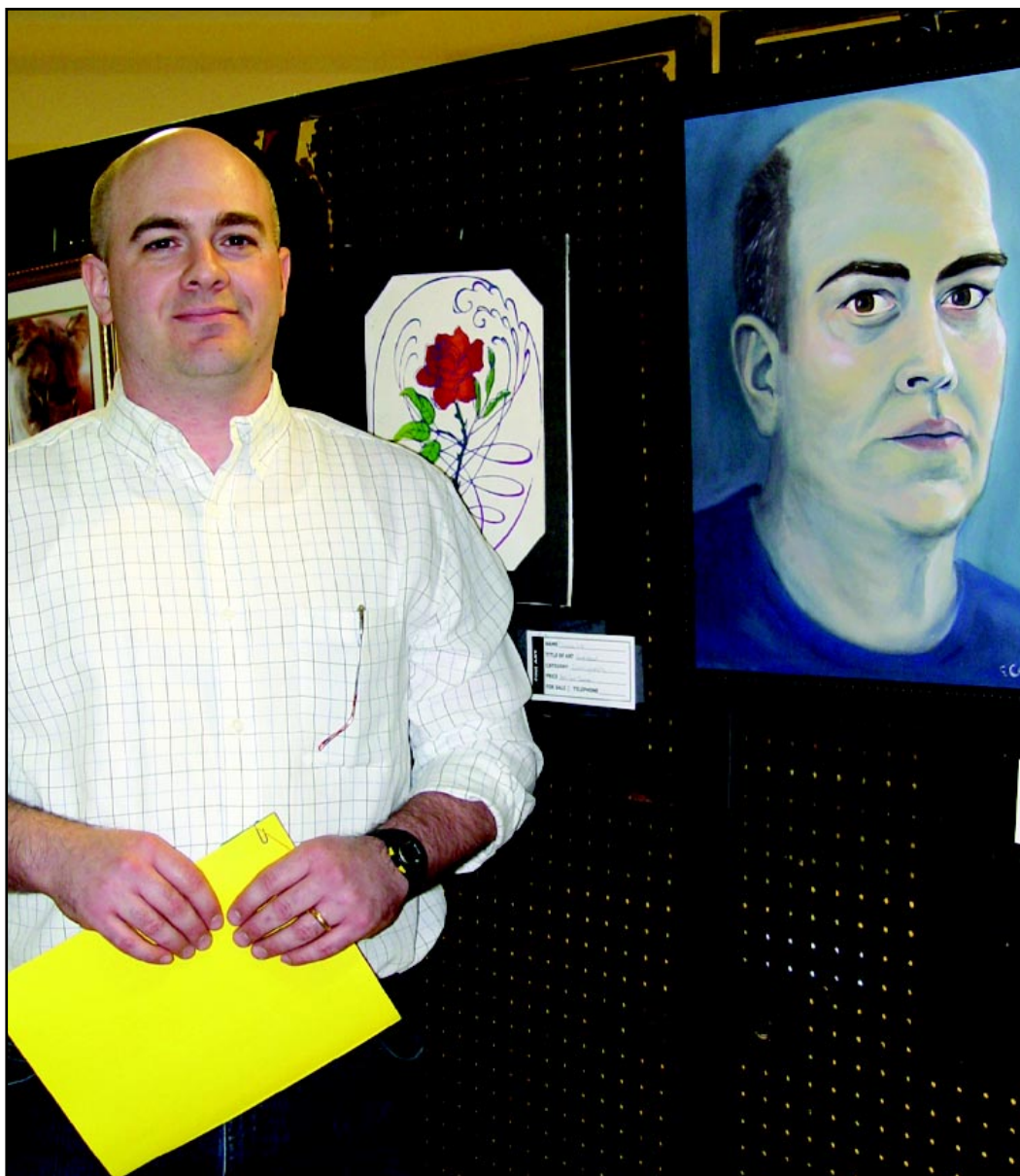
"Oklahoma City Community College is very honored to have Mayor Mick Cornett as our commencement speaker," Todd said.

"He will provide a unique perspective on the substantial growth Oklahoma City is experiencing and how higher education is playing an important role in the city's economic development."



**Oklahoma City Mayor  
Mick Cornett**





Steven Cargill, Fine Arts Best of Show winner, stands with his winning painting titled "Self Portrait in Blue."



Carolyn Farris, visual art professor, stands in front of baskets of gifts presented to her after the awards ceremony by her art students.

**Photos by  
Ana Rodriguez**



Staci Pinkerton, elementary education sophomore, and Jessica Jones, diversified studies sophomore, admire a mixed-media painting by Samantha Olsen, showcased in a large display in the main building April 25.

# Students compete in art competition

**By Christiana Kostura  
Staff Writer**

Paint, clay, chalk and film collided at the annual Student Art and Design Show. The art show and competition was held in the main building from April 25 to 29.

Winners were chosen for two main categories and 20 sub-categories. Steven Birkes and Steven Cargill won Best of Show in Commercial Design and Fine Arts categories, respectively.

"I learned a lot about painting and color," Cargill said. "From the beginning, it was a lot of fun."

More than 125 works were entered in the show. On April 26 awards were presented to the winning students in the college union.

Guest speaker John Brandenburg, an abstract artist from Norman, spoke to the audience about his art style.

Brandenburg said he was impressed with the students' work and gave some advice to them.

"When you leave your classes, keep working," he said. "Keep trying to learn and work. When you work on your paintings, the whole world goes away."

After the lecture, Carolyn Farris and Mary Ann Moore, visual art professors, led the awards ceremony.

After the ceremony, Farris' students surprised her with gifts and speeches to celebrate her retirement.

"Genuine support like hers is rarely found," said Krista Duggan, art student.

"I never saw color until Carolyn showed me," said Melania St. Onge, art student. Wesley Crone, a student in the Senior Painting Class, crowned Farris the "Mother of Color."

The evening ended with a standing ovation by the audience to honor Farris, who is retiring from teaching visual arts at the college.

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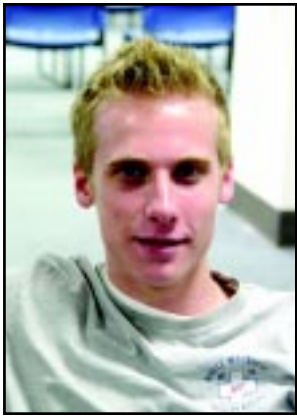


Jong Mabe's acrylic painting titled "Lady in Red" won an honorable mention in the student art show.



# Students share Mother's Day gift ideas

Remember moms on May 8



**"Flowers and I'll take her out to dinner."**  
—Daniel Brodmerkel  
Psychology Freshman



**"Nothing in particular."**  
—Kelly Lawson  
Computer Science  
Sophomore



**"That's a good question. I'll send a bouquet of flowers to her work."**  
—Kari Glidewell  
Pharmacy Freshman



**"A ring with her birthstone, flowers, a card..."**  
—Jimmie Diaz  
Psychology Freshman



**"Flowers and I'll give my dad some money to take her out."**  
—José Solis  
Engineering  
Sophomore

## Computer thieves abscond with electronics

**By Richard Hall  
Editor**

A thief claimed three laptop computers as his own April 19 from the Arts and Humanities building.

According to an incident report, three Micron laptops, each valued at \$1,685, were stolen from room 3E5 between noon and 1 p.m.

The laptops belonged to English professors David Charlson and Michael Punches, and Learning Skills professor Linda Robinett.

The report stated the burglar broke into the professors' offices by removing the metal vents on the bottom of the office doors.

Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director, said the burglar appeared to have used a screwdriver to remove the screws of the vent, which allowed entry into the offices.

Sloas said campus security is working with the Physical Plant in obtaining security screws for the future.

These screws, Sloas said, can only be unscrewed with a special screwdriver that can't be found in tool or supply stores.

Sloas also said this incident is considered second-degree burglary because it was forced entry.

While the professors' doors were locked, the exterior door leading to the offices wasn't.

Sloas said faculty and staff could take better precautions by locking all doors in the area.

Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities dean, said faculty should start unplugging their laptops and putting them away even if just for short meetings.

She also said faculty should start backing up their computer files in the event that another theft occurs.

Robinett said the whole ordeal has been an inconvenience and she's angry that it happened.

She said she doesn't remember if she had personal information on the computer, such as credit card or phone numbers, but the thought of it frightens her.

"I don't feel secure anymore," Robinett said. "I'm suspicious as to how the burglar knew the offices would be empty."

Robinett and VanSchuyver both agree the burglar must have been watching the offices and planned the burglary.

Charlson, who first discovered the offices were broken into, said he's sad his laptop was stolen.

"I lost a lot of personal writings," Charlson said. "Laptops are replaceable, writings aren't."

Charlson also said the laptop contained a lot of teaching materials but no personal information.

"This is just a reminder that anything of value in my office needs to be protected," he said.

When he came across the disrupted offices, Charlson said the first thing he thought was, "They finally got me."

He said he's always been careful and also is wondering how the thief knew the perfect time to pull off the burglary. Charlson said there were two ways the burglar could have known about the times when offices are empty.

He said either the burglar knew about the monthly faculty meetings the college has or went by the office hours posted on the doors.

Either way, Charlson said he learned a valuable lesson from all of this.

"You need to back up your files, then back up your files and then back up your files," he said.

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## Irrigation improvements begin

**By Shawn Bryant  
Staff Writer**

On April 19, the OKCCC Board of Regents authorized the administration to award contracts for the purchase and installation of an underground irrigation system.

Chris Snow, Physical Plant assistant director, said the irrigation system is going to be located around the pond, on the corner of 74th and May.

Snow said the project has been broken up into two contracts.

"[It was broken up] so we don't have to pay [the in-

stallers] mark-up value for the parts," Snow said.

The \$15,915.69 contract for the parts has been awarded to Irrigation Station, Snow said.

The contract for installation has been awarded to Chamber Golf Construction in the amount of \$52,540, he said.

The project is funded by Educational and General Operating Funds, according to the Board of Regents meeting agenda.

State appropriations, student fees, technical education reimbursement, public service, auxiliary transfer and other income fund the E and G budget.

Snow said the vendors

are in the process of procuring the necessary materials, so the project should start any time.

"The project must be completed and invoiced by June 30," Snow said.

He said the project should not affect the current parking situation at all.

Snow said the system's primary function is going to be irrigating turf areas, which will keep the grass green.

"[The system] will definitely add to the aesthetics of the entire pond area," Snow said.

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# Sports

## UPCOMING

### INTRAMURALS

•**May 6:** For aspiring weightlifters, the Wellness Center is offering a squat contest at 2 p.m. in the gym. Each participant must weigh in prior to the event. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at 682-1611, ext. 7786, or e-mail at [ewatson@okccc.edu](mailto:ewatson@okccc.edu).

### SUMMER SPORTS

•**May 7:** For the first time, Recreation and Community Services will offer 10 percent off all summer programs, including sports camps, swim lessons and lifeguard training. The discount will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as a part of Signing Day in the gym.

Food, refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Payment must accompany each enrollment. Accepted payment methods are cash, check or credit card. Parents will need child's Social Security number.

For more information, contact Recreation and Community Services at 682-7860.

### AQUATIC CENTER

•**Employment:** Recreation and Community Services is now hiring lifeguards and water safety instructors for the spring and summer.

Recreation and Community Services works with college schedules and has several different shifts available. Lifeguard training also is available.

For more information, contact Aquatic and Safety Training Specialist Stephanie Scott at 682-1611, ext. 7662.

## Falling short, club soccer team loses

Players fail to overcome scoring troubles against Oklahoma State University

By Kari Manchev  
News Writing Student

April 26 was a frustrating day for the OKCCC club soccer team. Their quest for a championship was lost when Oklahoma State University defeated them 3-1.

"We were going to play our best," said OKCCC goalie, Cesar Rodriguez.

After OSU scored the first goal, OKCCC was determined to come back and go to the championships.

"We're pretty good and we were looking forward to taking first," Rodriguez said.

"The University of Oklahoma took it from us last year and we wanted it this year."

OKCCC was on the right track after beating OU 2-1 on April 9. It was the first time OKCCC had beaten OU in seven years.

Unfortunately, the game with OSU did not follow a similar route. It was more of a rout on the part of the OSU club soccer team.

During the first half, OSU scored all three of its goals.

"In the first half we played OK," said OSU player Brian



Photo by Matthew Caban

Oklahoma State University defender Kent Hutchinson makes his move against OKCCC's Bidemi Sakote (left) and Mummy Randolph (far right) as OSU goalie Adam Scherm looks on during a game on April 24. OSU won by a score of 3-1.

Chace. He scored two of OSU's goals and assisted on another goal.

Meanwhile, OKCCC had a few corner kicks, but none resulted in a goal.

"I can't believe, three to zero, we knocked ourselves

out of the tournament," said OKCCC player Bidemi Sakote at halftime.

"Everybody is frustrated." There were many close calls in the first half, including a diving save by OSU goalie Adam Scherm.

After a disappointing kick, OKCCC player Javier Carreon's shoe flew off when he kicked the ball toward the goal.

When the second half came, OKCCC was ready to kick it into gear.

Early in the second half, coach and player K.B. Yeboah kicked the ball past OSU's goalie for a goal.

"OKCCC scored a good goal which fired them up," Scherm said. "They kept the pressure on."

But it wasn't enough.

"During the first half of the game we were scrambling, but in the second half we got it together, but just seemed to miss the opportunities that were given to us," assistant coach Mummy Randolph said.

OKCCC's season may be over, but it is not void of hope for next year.

"OKCCC had a good team and played well," Chace said.

"I'm sure we will see them [OKCCC] again."

OSU played OU in Norman for the College Club League championship on April 30.

Results for the championship were not available at press time.

## Signing Day offers discount for summer programs

By Matthew Caban  
Staff Writer

Summer fun just got a little less expensive at OKCCC.

Recreation and Community Services is offering a 10 percent off "signing bonus" on all summer classes as a part of Signing Day.

Signing Day is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7, in the gym.

Coordinator of Community Health and Education Jack Perkins said this year marks OKCCC's first Sign-

ing Day.

Perkins said the event offers something for students, parents and children alike.

"We'll have some refreshments and some big inflatable [toys,]" he said.

Signing Day is designed to make enrolling in summer classes easier.

"It will be easy and convenient so they can sign up and finish in 30 minutes or less," Perkins said.

Another reason the discount is being offered is to get more people on campus, he said.

"By giving them a dis-

count, they can do more activities," Perkins said.

He said Recreation and Community Services is offering the most summer activities ever.

Activities include College For Kids, sports camps, aquatic programs, fitness programs, teen academies and adult education programs.

For a list of activities, visit the Recreation and Community Services office near the Aquatic Center or visit the Recreation and Community Services website at [www.okccc.edu/rcs](http://www.okccc.edu/rcs).

Perkins said people must

pay for the programs at the time of enrollment. He said parents will need the Social Security number of each child they enroll.

For more information, contact Perkins at 682-1611, ext. 7205, or via e-mail at [jperkins@okccc.edu](mailto:jperkins@okccc.edu).

Perkins is optimistic about Signing Day.

"We hope to have several hundred parents and kids attend," he said.

"I think it's going to go well."

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# ESL students take trip to mountains

**By Holly Jones**  
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The Wichita Mountains and the Medicine Bluffs of Fort Sill in Lawton provided a beautiful backdrop for the cultural trip for international students in Abra Glen-Allen Figueroa's class.

Figueroa is director of the English-as-a-Second Language program.

Each semester her classes enjoy a history lesson on native Oklahoma and its beginnings.

The journey through the Wichita Mountains allowed the students to see Oklahoma wildlife.

Since it is spring, many of the baby bison were out basking in the sun.

Bison and elk are what draw thousands of people to the area each year.

President Theodore Roosevelt set aside 60 acres in the Wichita Mountains in

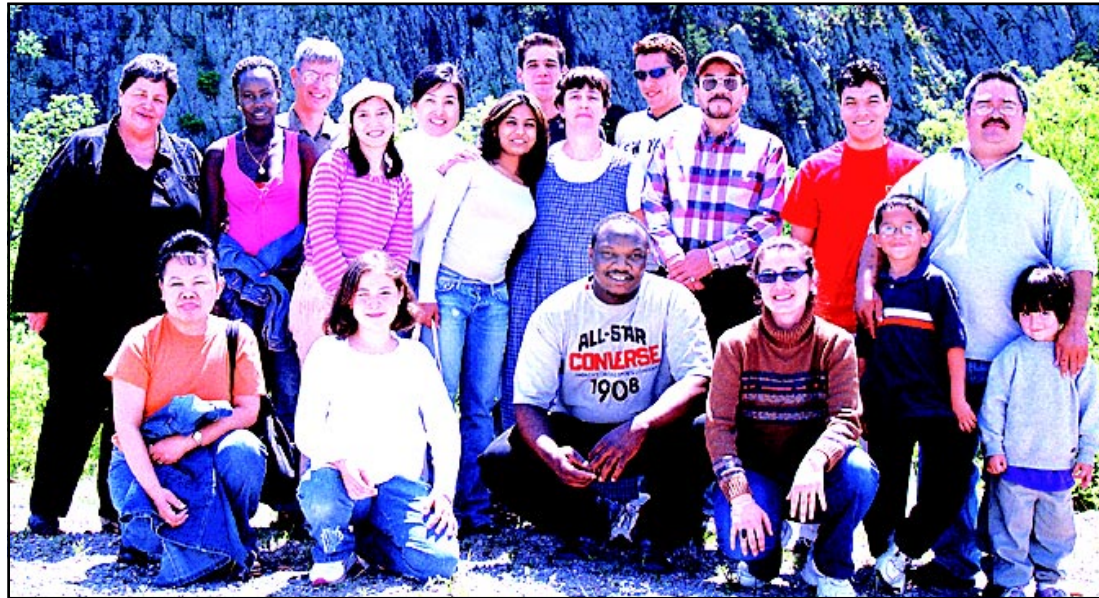


Photo by Holly Jones

Patricia Jimenez Brooks, Modern Languages/English-as-a-Second-Language professor, and Abra Figueroa, ESL professor, escorted a group of ESL students on a cultural field trip to the Medicine Bluffs near Lawton.

1869 for the preservation of many animals native to North America who might have gone extinct.

The preserve also is a vast prairie, which proudly displays wild flowers native to Oklahoma such as the Indian Paintbrush.

The Medicine Bluffs of Fort Sill provided a sweeping view as the guide, Mark McGeehee of Fort Sill, told historic tales of Native Americans. McGeehee was able to explain the title of Medicine Bluffs.

He said the medicine men

and women would collect the herbs, which would be used as healing extracts, at the top of the bluffs.

The students also were able to view the Apache Cemetery at Fort Sill.

The cemetery holds the burial site of Geronimo. A

medicine man and Apache chief, Geronimo fought in Apache resistance until surrendering for the last time in 1886.

Geronimo died of pneumonia in 1909.

"I would like to come back and share the beauty of the Medicine Bluffs with my family," said Catalina Jaquet, an OKCCC student originally from the Philippines.

"It is very peaceful, very green here," she said.

Twelve students from Figueroa's class attended. Each was from a different country.

Countries represented were Taiwan, Bangladesh, Iraq and Brazil.

A student from Turkey brought along her 9-year-old daughter.

Student Ruby Hsiu-Yu Lai said her favorite part of the trip was getting close enough to see the family of bison grazing on the prairie and the scenery of the Medicine Bluffs.

## Test center extends hours during final exams

**By Liz Sommerville**  
News Writing Student

Test center hours will be extended May 9 through 13 for final exams, said Jim Ellis, Testing and Assessment director.

Normal test center hours are 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Saturday.

Test center hours during finals week will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Test center hours also were extended during the week of mid-term exams.

One hundred thirty-four students took exams during the extended hours, Ellis said.

Student Jeremy Mickols was one of them.

"The longer hours really helped," he said. "I hope

**"I noticed the lines were way shorter than last semester."**

—Stephanie Taylor  
OKCCC Freshmen

[the longer hours] will help take advantage of the longer hours. The shorter lines were noticed, how-

Some students did not

ever.

"I didn't go to the test center late at night," said student Stephanie Taylor.

"I noticed the lines were way shorter than last semester."

The test center will extend the hours for mid-terms and final exams in the fall semester as well,

Ellis said.

Students are reminded to arrive at least one hour before closing in order to take an exam, Ellis said.

They also should remember to bring a photo ID, he said.

For more information, contact the test center at 682-1611, ext. 7321.

## Soar to new heights with aviation seminar

**By Sam Scovill**  
News Writing Student

The aviation department will host a career opportunity seminar at noon, May 2 in room CU1. All students are invited.

Automotive Department Director Larry Grummer will speak along with director of Oklahoma City Airports Luther Trent and others.

Topics include OKCCC's aviation curriculum and opportunities which are available in aviation.

"It's basically a look at career opportunities for people interested in aviation," Grummer said.

"There's a huge demand [for employees] in the Oklahoma City aviation industry."

A previous seminar was scheduled for April 11, but was canceled due to low attendance.

**"There's a huge demand [for employees] in the Oklahoma City aviation industry."**

—Larry Grummer  
Automotive Department Director

Grummer said he hopes to see more people show up to see all the opportunities awaiting someone in the

field of aviation.

For more information, contact Grummer at 682-1611, ext. 7581.

**Have a story idea?**  
Call Richard at 682-1611, ext. 7409.

# Highlights

## Career opportunity for Aviation students

The Aviation department will host a career opportunity seminar at noon, Monday May 2, in CU1. Automotive Technology professor Larry Grummer will speak along with Oklahoma City airports director Luther Trent and others. Topics will include OKCCC's aviation curriculum and opportunities that are available in aviation. For more information contact Larry Grummer at 682-1611, ext.7581, or by e-mail at Lgrummer@okccc.edu.

## Cinco de Mayo celebration

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday May 5 in the college union, Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will host a Cinco de Mayo celebration. HOPE will be selling nachos and have folkloric dancers plus piñatas stuffed with prizes. For more information, contact Julieta Davila at 921-2924 or Jessica Martinez-Brooks at 682-1611, ext. 7248.

## Digital music class

The Training Center at OKCCC is offering a digital music course from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday May 5, in the college's northside training center at 11919 North Penn. This will show participants how to turn a common computer into an active music studio. Activities scheduled for the class will include the transfer and burning of CDs, MP3 files and players, legal downloading and transferring vinyl records and cassettes to digital media. The cost for the seminar will be \$30. For more information, or to enroll, call the Training Center at 682-7562.

## Recreation and Community Services Community Fair

OKCCC will host a community fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 in the gymnasium. Representatives from Recreation and Community Services will be on hand to provide information on summer programs available at the college including College for Kids, Learn to Swim, sports camps and lifeguard training. Parents who sign up for summer classes that day will receive a 10 percent discount. For more information, call Recreation and Community Services at 682-7860.

## Graduate Pinning Ceremony

This year OKCCC will host the first Graduate Pinning Ceremony at 4 p.m. Monday, May 9, in the college union. Graduates will receive a graduate pins and have their picture taken as class of 2005. Faculty and staff are encouraged to join in recognizing and celebrating the success of our students as they begin a new chapter in their lives. For more information contact, Liz Largent, Student Life Director at 682-1611, ext. 7596.

## Workforce Oklahoma Job Fair at OKCCC

Student Life Employment Services presents a job fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 20, in the college union. Workforce Oklahoma is partnering with Student Life Employment Services to host their semi-annual job fair. Students and alumni, bring your college ID numbers to sign up for a chance to win a \$50 Wal-Mart gift certificate. For more information, contact Linda Fay, Employment Services coordinator at 682-1611, ext. 7683.

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Photo by Ana Rodriguez

**Talent pays:** Rachel Willard, freshman psychology student, relaxes with Weston Mize, freshman English student and Writing Club president. Willard won the first-place prize of \$50 for the Writing Club's Open Mic on April 27 for her original songs titled "Be Inside My Head" and "Stop Pretending."

# OKCCC paintball club win awards

**By Heather Caliendo**  
News Writing Student

A group of OKCCC students have something in common with George Clooney and William Shatner.

They all have joined the paintball craze, said sophomore nursing major Justin Warnock.

OKCCC has its own paintball club that has been active for two years, Warnock said.

Warnock started the club and has been president since the beginning.

Warnock and John Hubbard, vice president of the club, said they have been active paintball competitors for many years.

Warnock said playing paintball in competitions is "fast paced and exciting."

"In paintball you can never predict who will win," Warnock said.

Hubbard owns Spider Paint in Moore, a business that sells paintball equipment.

**"We're trying to get our school to host a tournament next school year."**

—Justin Warnock  
Nursing Major

He said members of OKCCC's paintball club get their equipment from his store.

In March, the OKCCC paintball club made a trip to Kansas State University where they competed against 15 other colleges.

They placed fifth and sixth.

Warnock said he feels next year they will rank higher. He said one of the biggest obstacles was the wind.

The wind at the tournament was blowing so hard it kept the paintball capsules from bursting properly when someone was hit,

Warnock said.

"The wind was 40 miles and we had some bad calls."

In July, the club will compete at a tournament at Iowa State University.

"We're trying to get our school to host a tournament next school year," Warnock said.

"That tournament would raise money for the school and club."

The club currently has 14 members. Students interested in joining the paintball club or would like more information can e-mail Warnock at okcccpaintball@yahoo.com.

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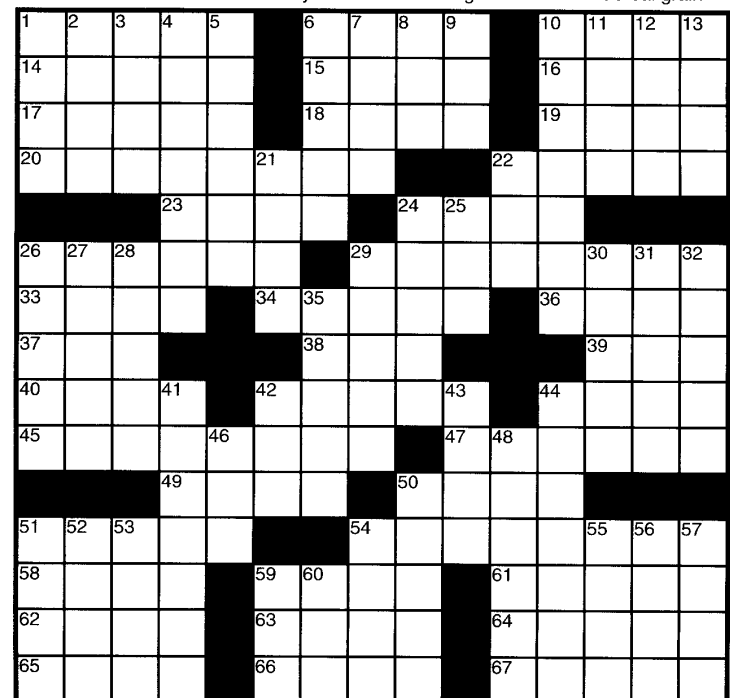
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# Child center about to expand play area

**By Stephanie Llopis**  
News Writing Student

With warmer weather fast approaching, children at the Child Development Center and Lab School can look forward to spending a lot of time outside in their enlarged play yard.

The school is building a new playground fence that will extend past the trees to encompass a larger area than the playground they now have.

"The existing fence is wooden and 19 years old," said center Director Mary McCoy.

She thinks a new fence will be a better solution

than repairing the old fence.

"The fence will be a chain link fence, vinyl coated, with privacy slats. This should be a tremendous help in the upkeep of the fence.

"Wooden fences have to be replaced every few years depending on weather conditions."

The posts for the new fence were put in place April 21.

In the future, McCoy hopes to include hills with the trees and an expanded lawn for a "natural playground."

Connie Pidgeon, center preschool teacher, also is excited about the benefits the children will enjoy. The

school received a grant for 152 flower bulbs that the children are helping to plant now.

"The children are seeing the entire plant life cycle. They plant and water the plants, then watch them grow."

Some of the bulbs have already bloomed, so Pidgeon said the children are talking about colors.

The center has a garden already, but with the addition of more space, trees, and bulbs, Pidgeon said everyone is excited about starting new gardens.

She said they would eventually like to have an outdoor classroom where the kids can interact with nature.

**"The fence will be a chain link fence, vinyl coated, with privacy slats. This should be a tremendous help in the upkeep of the fence."**

—Mary McCoy

Child Development Center  
and Lab School Director

An outdoor classroom would incorporate ideas the kids learn inside the school with outdoor activities.

The fence does not have a completion date as of yet because of factors, such as outdoor condition and the safe room construction, McCoy said.

The \$300,000 fence contract was awarded to Masterbilt Fence Company by the Board of Regents in

February.

The new fence will be financed by the center's funds.

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## Students react to proposed tuition increase

**"Increase,"**

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students."

Bode said another factor driving the tuition increase is the need for more staff in student support offices like Student Life and Financial Aid. He said more employees equal an increase in money spent on insurance plans and salary increases.

"The college looks at how much the cost of living is and determines what employees need and deserve," Bode said.

Another mandatory cost the college faces, Bode said, is maintenance for campus vehicles including gas costs. He said the surge in gas prices will influence

whether there's a tuition hike.

Premed major Patti Breedlove said she understands the need for a yearly tuition increase but thinks 11 percent is too much. "The cost of living has gone up," Breedlove said, "so I'd expect tuition to.

"But 11 percent will make it difficult for students."

Breedlove said two-year colleges are where most people start their college careers, but an increase in tuition in addition to the already high cost of books will hurt students.

Bode said, although a tuition increase is inevitable, he asks students to bear in mind that OKCCC does its best to keep student costs at a minimum.

He said students can rest assured that the college is doing all it can to remain affordable for everyone.

Kim Nguyen, advertising major, said she isn't bothered by the increase since OKCCC is still one of the cheapest colleges in Oklahoma.

"The price of tuition is low here already," Nguyen said. "So I don't mind a little increase."

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