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Students meet, even exceed, skills challenge

By **Christiana Kostura**
Editor

OKCCC students are doing as well as other community college students across the country in demonstrating academic competency, according to results of the Academic Profile test given this past year.

Brenda Harrison, Academic Affairs associate vice president, said the Academic Profile test is one of several measures the college uses to see how well student are performing.

Paul Sechrist, provost/vice president of Academic Affairs, explained the results of the test to OKCCC Regents at their June 20 meeting.

"The Academic Profile test is a national standardized exam used to assess overall general education at the college level," he said.

Reading, writing, critical thinking, American federal government, American history, speaking, global awareness, mathematics, inquiry and science are the 10 areas tested, Sechrist said.

OKCCC students met or exceeded the national average on general competencies in all 10 areas, according to the Academic Profile test results.

Compared to the previous year, Sechrist said, OKCCC scores either did not change at all, or went up slightly, in all areas.

"We are close enough to the group norm to indicate that our students are doing equally as well as other community college students who take this exam," Sechrist said. "There is no significant difference in any one area."

Sechrist said if there were a significant difference in any of the areas, the administration and faculty would have taken a closer look at the results to determine which areas needed more attention.

In addition to the Academic Profile results, college faculty members provide an in-depth analysis of two of the areas being tested, Sechrist said.

"The two areas of focus this year were writing and scientific methods of inquiry," Sechrist said.

More than 97 percent of students tested in the area of scientific method met or exceeded the competencies established by the science faculty. In writing, 88 percent met or exceeded the requirements.

Students who take the Academic Profile test are generally close to their last semester at the college, Harrison said. This past year 105 students took the test, com-

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Water safety



Photo by Holly Jones

Gary Belcher, Building Maintenance and Operations supervisor, and Chris Plumlee, Aquatics Maintenance mechanic, seal leaks around the water fountain located outside the library. Electric lines running through the fountain had to be plugged to stop the leaks, Belcher said.

Family restroom planned

By **Chandra Chantland**
News Writing Student

A new family restroom will be built near Entry 4, located between the main building, and the Science and Math division.

The restroom will cost \$4,620, said Art Bode, Business and Finance vice president.

This restroom will allow members of opposite sexes to be in the same facility in certain situations such as a mother taking a male child to the restroom, Bode said.

Hunter Mechanical and

"As you look around in the community, airports and malls, these restrooms are available."

—Pat Stowe

Services to Students with Disabilities

Controls Inc. was awarded the contract during the June 20 OKCCC Board of Regents meeting.

Funding for the project will come from Section 13 Offset funds, Bode said. These funds are designated for capital projects.

Construction company owner Randy Hunter said the company is processing the paperwork.

"We will probably be doing the bathroom in the next couple of months," Hunter said.

Measurements have already been taken, Physical Plant Director J.B. Messer said. The family restroom will measure around 10 feet

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

When good dogs go bad

The media knows fear sells and politicians know they can grab headlines when they pander to this knee-jerk media reaction.

The latest sad story involves a 3-year-old child who lost his arm after being viciously attacked by a pit bull terrier.

State Rep. Paul Wesselhoft (Moore) wants to get rid of the pit bull, not just the animal that mutilated this child but the whole breed.

Wesselhoft has introduced a bill that would amend an existing state law, which outlines regulations for any "potentially dangerous dogs," meaning any dog that has inflicted damage to any person, animal, or property when unprovoked.

As people hear the words pit bull, they imagine a savage dog ready to attack at the snap of the fingers. Let's not just pick on the pit bulls. Dangerous dogs come in many breeds.

In October 2000, the Los Angeles Times reported a six-week-old baby died after being mauled by the family's dog — a Pomeranian. The uncle watching the baby at the time said he left her unattended on a bed.

In 2002, an Omaha newspaper reported a German shepherd police dog in the final stages of training mauled a 4-year-old boy to death near Lincoln, Neb. The dog escaped from his kennel after someone failed to latch the gate securely.

"The department was in negotiation to acquire the dog which had been imported from Germany. Those negotiations are probably over," said Police Capt. David Beggs of the Lincoln Police Department.

Also in 2002, the Washington Post reported a six-week-old St. Mary's County boy was in critical condition after being dragged from his playpen by the family's dachshund. His uncle had gone to warm a bottle for the infant.

In 2003 in South Wales, the British Broadcasting Corp. reported a Dalmatian mauled a toddler.

The bottom line is, parents need to be more vigilant when their children are near pets. They should not leave young children alone around animals.

Children over the age of 5 should be taught certain warnings. Never go into anybody else's yard. Don't touch dogs that are strangers. Never put your hands through the fence of a yard.

Wesselhoft should make dog owners comply with a new rule to increase childrens' safety.

The rule would be for dog owners to get rid of chain link fences. Wesselhoft should make a law saying all dog owners would have to purchase six foot tall stockade fencing.

If Wesselhoft wants us to be safer, then let's get the facts straight: all dogs, regardless of how big, scary-looking or cuddly, can be dangerous.

—John Savage
Staff Writer

Special equipment needed for pool

To the editor:

Having worked in rehabilitation for many years with people who are paralyzed or overweight, I have learned what a wonderful thing water therapy is.

Having suffered a stroke some years back, I think the one thing that helped me most was my daily trip to the pool, where I could do things I couldn't otherwise do because of the buoyancy.

The last year or so [there has been] a situation where a member of our faculty family has tried to access the pool.

Due to the lack of an adequate pool chair or lift, [this person] isn't able to use this facility.

Even though the pool has a ramp, people with paralysis, paresis or who are obese cannot access the pool.

It's simply too hard or dangerous to get in and out.

Recently, one of the

Health Professions Department [heads] requested a lift and pool/bath chair in a grant proposal. The proposal was questioned as to whether it was realistic or needed.

[Having an office] next to the pool and entering through there each morning and exiting through there each evening, I have noticed several people struggling up the ramp to exit the pool.

Speaking from experience, when I would finish a session of water-aerobics, it would take me quite some time to get out of the pool due to fatigue and muscle weakness.

An adequate pool chair and pool lift would enable anyone to utilize the pool with minimal help.

These also would be wonderful teaching tools for our Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant and Emergency Medical Services programs, who all

work with the disabled in the water.

I wonder if the Pioneer would be willing to do an ongoing poll to see if the pool would be better used if we had this equipment.

Overall the college is very accessible, except for the pool. Thank you.

—Lloyd Kingsbury
Health Lab Coordinator

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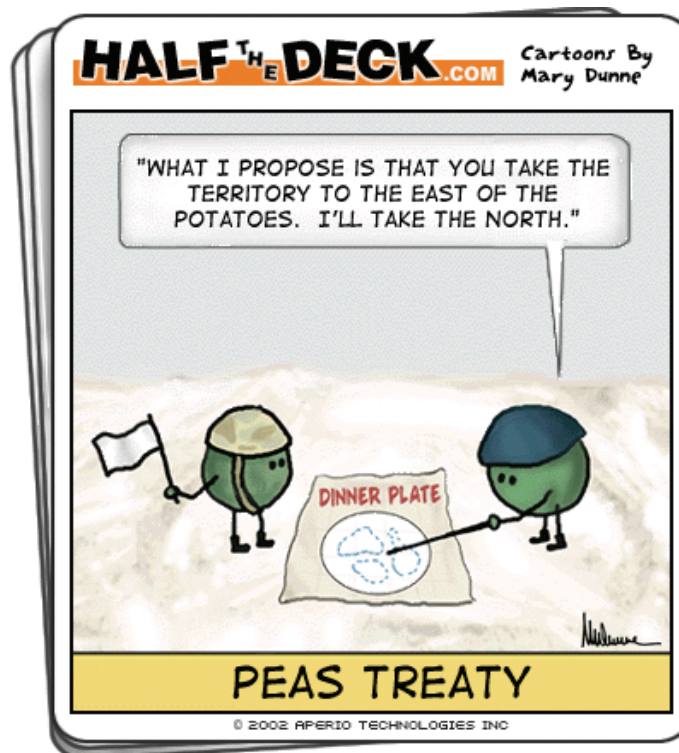
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Comments and Reviews

'Bewitched' boring flop

It is truly depressing to watch one of your favorite comedian's talents be squandered on a film that has no script.

That is exactly what happens during "Bewitched," starring Will Ferrell.

The script for this movie tries far too hard to be clever and ends up coming across as lame.

Ferrell plays Jack Wyatt, an actor who has experienced some tough times at the box office.

Wyatt makes the change to television when he is offered the role of Darren in the remake of "Bewitched."

Nicole Kidman's character Isabel Bigelow is a real witch who decides to live a normal life, as an actress who casts spells and dates movie stars.

The film never really explains where Bigelow comes

from or how she gets here. It seems like she just falls from the sky.

Bigelow's character traits share no resemblance to the original Samantha, who was headstrong and in charge.

Kidman portrays Bigelow as extremely naïve and clueless.

Kidman does a poor job on this film. She is outshined and utterly incapable of commanding an audience as she has in past films.

Another problem is the fact that Michael Caine (Nigel Bigelow, Isabel's father) has an almost insignificant part.

The biggest disappointment would have to be the fact that Caine and Ferrell never share the screen, which would have been hilarious to watch.

Ferrell does manage to create minimal laughs without any help from the rest of the cast or the writers, for that matter.

Of course, one cannot help but laugh at Ferrell, if you enjoy his comedic style.

If you don't like his style, this film has absolutely nothing to offer you.

Die-hard Ferrell fans may enjoy a few scenes, but will most likely find the film as a whole, unsatisfactory.

Thanks to drastically under-developed characters, a script full of holes and terrible performances, this film is a flop.

If this movie were playing on television, I wouldn't change the channel but I definitely can't recommend spending any money to see it. Sorry, Will.

—Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

Vaporize humans in video game

Anybody who enjoyed the 1996 movie "Mars Attacks" will feel right at home with this game by Pandemic Studios.

In "Destroy All Humans" you play as Crypto, an alien warrior sent to Earth to collect DNA from humans.

The setting for the game, the 1950s, is perfect.

For years, Crypto and his superiors have been cloning their civilization. Now, they're in danger of producing less intelligent clones.

Crypto has plenty of alien weaponry to use to get the humans to donate stem cells.

The comedy in this game is hilarious but is definitely intended for teens and above.

Some of the funniest parts of the game are when you scan humans' brains. The thoughts are ludicrous and deliver some off-the-wall humor.

Crypto uses his ray gun at first, which soon can be upgraded.

At times, Crypto hops into his saucer to abduct animals, cars and cause large-scale destruction.

Overall, I enjoyed this game's theme but I felt like the controls could have been better.

Sometimes, it felt like I was running Crypto through a bowl of butter. At other times, the saucer performed like a cracked Frisbee disc.

The graphics in "Destroy

All Humans" are up to par with most games today.

The game is rated Teen for violence and language.

The sound was incredible; your skin will crawl as you hear weird, tweaky sounds that can only be influenced by the old UFO B-rated movies of the 1950s.

So if you enjoy the sight of seeing a human vaporized and watching him disappear right in front of your eyes, then this game is "out of this world."

Load up your Quantum Deconstructor and prepare to "Destroy All Humans" today. I rate this game a 7 out of 10.

—John Savage
Staff Writer

Quote of the Week

"The thing that impresses me the most about America is the way the parents obey their children."

—King Edward VIII



Q: Why do I have to come to OKCCC to see a counselor? Why can't I be advised over the phone?

A: Part of that has to do with federal privacy laws. When someone calls, we cannot verify if it is actually the student wanting to request those records. We have to verify who we are talking to.

—Mary Turner
Student Development Counselor

Q: When does the fall semester start?

A: Fall semester starts Monday, Aug. 22, for the 16-week semester.

—Laurie Rosenbaum
Admissions Clerk

Q: Is smoking allowed in the courtyard?

A: Yes, as long as it is 25 feet from the building.

—Larry Lundy
Campus Armed Security Officer

Q: How much does it cost for an OKCCC student to use the aquatics facilities?

A: There is no cost to our students. All they need to gain access is a validated student ID.

—Traci Wheeler
Recreation and Community Services Director

Q: When will all striping in the parking lot be completed?

A: We're hoping to have the striping completed by June 30.

—Eddie Cox
Physical Plant Project Manager

Q: What are they doing in the courtyard?

A: Landscapes, Etc. is contracted to plant two areas of the courtyard and put in walkways.

—Gary Phillips
Building and Campus Services Supervisor

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Cheap Trick puts on excellent show

Although the words, “four middle-aged musicians sweating onstage in front of thousands of fans” may sound like a punch line gone wrong, Cheap Trick disproves this notion.

The Illinois natives have a slogan, “on tour since 1974” and it definitely fits.

Cheap Trick continued its never-ending tour with a stop at Frontier City June 25.

Despite the band members’ ages, this is a group that has made its name with excellent concerts for more than three decades.

For example, the album that brought Cheap Trick into the spotlight was 1979’s “At Budokan,” a concert from the Budokan, a hall in Tokyo, Japan.

More than 30 years of time has hardly diminished the band’s live prowess.

The show began with two classic Cheap Trick live songs, “Hello There” and “Big Eyes.”

“Hello There” is a long-running, warm-up song for the band, according to their website. In their early days, Cheap Trick played many concerts without a proper



sound check and used this song to fix any sound troubles.

The band dived straight through “Hello There” and landed in the intro to “Big Eyes.”

“Big Eyes” is a full-fledged rocker. Lyrically, it is similar to The Cars’ “Just What I Needed.”

The lyric, “I keep fallin’ for those big eyes,” is simple, but just right.

Cheap Trick followed “Big Eyes”

with a mix of old and new songs.

“That 70’s Song,” the theme to “That 70’s Show,” and “Special One” were two newer songs that joined past Cheap Trick classics.

Both were full of the pop rock fun making Cheap Trick so special.

Some fans were quiet during these songs, but they weren’t silent for long. The band followed up their newer material with a string

of past hits.

These included “Southern Girls,” “I Know What I Want” and “If You Want My Love.”

Cheap Trick didn’t stop there. The band played classic rock staples such as “I Want You To Want Me,” “Surrender” and “The Flame.”

The real treat for fans was the antics of lead guitarist Rick Nielsen.

Nielsen is known for his crazy guitar and crazier onstage persona. During the night, he played a guitar with five necks and another shaped like him.

His interaction with the audience hit its peak during the finale, “Surrender.”

This hilarious song describes an unfortunate teenage memory.

During the lyrics “When I woke up, mom and dad were rolling on the couch/rolling numbers, rock and rolling, got my Kiss records out,” Nielsen pulled out an LP and threw it into the crowd.

Cheap Trick still rocks with the best of them.

—**Matthew Caban**
Staff Writer

‘Night of the Living Dead’ classic to honor

Over the past few years, zombies have made a comeback in movie theaters.

Thanks to 2002’s “28 Days Later” and even last year’s far-less-than-perfect remake of “Dawn of the Dead,” zombies are reclaiming their place in American culture.

Yet, few people know how the genre came about, and tons more would be surprised to learn it all started in 1968 with the original “Night of the Living Dead,” by George A. Romero — the film that set the standard for zombie movies.

In the vibrancy of black and white, the film scared audiences senseless.

Romero single-handedly started a craze worthy of a handful of sequels and even dull remakes.

Even in its colorless state, the film is still frightening

beyond comprehension.

Romero crushes social taboos. He shows everything from a small girl attacking her mother to a black man as the star.

As a matter of fact, “Night of the Living Dead” is the first horror film to have an African-American play a lead role.

Like most of Romero’s films, “Night of the Living Dead” examined society and Romero commented on it through his films. This one was no exception.

As everyone already knows, the ‘60s weren’t entirely nice to African-Americans, but this film shows actor Duane Jones as Ben — now a cult figure amongst the horror fanatics — in an acting job demanding of recognition.

The good acting makes “Night of the Living Dead”

what it is and perhaps that’s why later reincarnations fail so horribly.

The zombies jitter and strut the walk of the dead as the helpless victims shriek with fright and display looks of horror.

It’s all believable and that’s what makes a horror movie scary.

The soundtrack adds worlds to the atmosphere. Even in complete silence with just the groaning of zombies, “Night of the Living Dead” manages to scare even more.

To take something as simple as dead people and turn them into flesh-eating killers is quite a novel idea and has played well since then — thanks to Romero.

Without him, we wouldn’t have zombies to fear and we would be missing a cornerstone of the horror genre.



Even as old as it is, the film can be found on DVD format almost anywhere. Wal-Mart sells copies for \$1 — yes, \$1.

But if a buck is too much, visit www.archive.org/details/night_of_the_living_dead to download the film.

It’s entirely legal since the film was added to the Na-

tional Film Registry of the Library of Congress, which stripped the film of copyright protection and put it in the public domain.

So, tip your hats to Romero and the genre he stands for and go back to where it all began with “Night of the Living Dead.”

—**Richard Hall**
Staff Writer

Inglett named new English department chair

Professor plans to continue work of predecessor and help students

**By Matt Stafford
News Writing Student**

OKCCC has named Jon Inglett the new chairman of the English Department.

The change took place in early June after Professor Warren Neal finished his fifth year as chairman.

According to the college's administrative procedure 4032, a faculty member may serve as department chair for three years.

Department chairs teach

nine credit hours per semester and spend the other six leading the department.

Inglett was selected based on his enthusiasm and attention to detail, said Arts and Humanities Dean Susan VanSchuyver.

Inglett is a native of Tulsa where he graduated from Union High School.

In an interview via e-mail Inglett said that early interest in literature led him to a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Arkansas.

Then, he pursued a Mas-



Jon Inglett

ter of Arts from Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

Inglett said during Neal's stint as chair, he helped start the Writing Symposium, a conference for writing faculty from across the state of Oklahoma.

Neal also worked hard to increase majors in Literature, Humanities, and Philosophy, which also is a goal of Inglett's.

Another concern Inglett hopes to address is students transferring to another institution without the courses needed to graduate.

"Many students do not

know the importance of receiving a degree from OKCCC," Inglett said.

"By completing the degree before transferring, students have a better opportunity to transfer their college-credit hours and they are more prepared," Inglett said.

Outside of the classroom, music is one of Inglett's passions. He plays the guitar and avidly listens to music. He listens to a wide range of music such as Elliot Smith, Coldplay and Snow Patrol.

College grant to benefit students planning to teach

**By Catherine Tullos
News Writing Student**

If you are a future teacher of science or mathematics, a new grant given to OKCCC will enhance your learning experience beginning in the fall.

OKCCC received \$300,000, from the National Science Foundation, said Biotech/Bio-informatics Discovery Project Coordinator Don Bell.

It will benefit future teachers in their lower division (pre-service) classes, he said.

It will provide future science and math teachers in beginning classes with a background in their fields of interest, Bell said.

"This grant is exciting because it represents OKCCC going forward to identify and support our students who want to be science or math teachers," said Charlotte Mulvihill, Biotechnology program director.

Mulvihill wrote the grant and will be in charge of the program.

The grant will fund the training of pre-service teachers in many aspects of biotechnology, Bell said.

The pre-service teachers can then use their knowledge to educate students in local schools while doing their mandatory classroom visits.

Pre-service teachers will gain hours toward their degree, experience in teaching, and will receive compensations for their classroom visits.

Currently, these teachers visit local classrooms for free.

OKCCC has partnered with the University of Oklahoma and Saint Gregory's University in Shawnee on this project.

This partnership will

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Biotechnology Program Director

bring students from OU and St. Gregory's to OKCCC and will allow them to be trained in biotechnology as well.

Bell anticipates this program will help OKCCC continue serving many schools in the greater Oklahoma City Area and continue to foster thousands of lab ex-

periences for high school students in the area.

"We are very excited at having the opportunity to work with pre-service teachers at Oklahoma City Community College.

"The students are most likely to go to work at the underserved Oklahoma City schools," Bell said.

Housekeepers report harassment during June 21 shift

**By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer**

In the early hours of June 21, an employee's car was discovered to have a slashed tire.

Maria Lare, a housekeeper for TruService, reported one of her tires had been slashed on June 21 during her shift.

Lare told campus security staff she believed a dis-

gruntled co-worker may be responsible.

OKCCC has a contract with TruService for housekeeping services, said Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas.

A knife was found at the scene and later obtained by TruService Owner Cam Somresmy, according to the report.

The knife was not turned in to school officials, said Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Bourque.

Sloas said Lare told officers harassing phone calls also were made to her and a supervisor recently.

Somresmy said only one phone call was made.

"It was a little prank call," he said. "It was blown out of proportion."

Somresmy said a former employee was suspected in the incident.

"We don't have any proof it was him," Somresmy said.

Sloas said Safety and Se-

curity has offered their escort services for TruService employees.

He said officers are available to escort employees, students and staff members.

Sloas said no further investigation will be con-

ducted unless new information surfaces.

For escort service information, contact Safety and Security at 682-1611, ext. 7691.

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Upward Bound may shut down

By Linh Nejtek
News Writing Student

Upward Bound is at risk of having funding being taken away which would result in the program being shut down said Upward Bound Director Carmela Pyle.

Despite this risk, Pyle is still preparing for the program to still be around next year.

Pyle has been with the program for a little more than five years now. "I could lose my job if we do not receive the funding that we need and the students will not receive any further assistance from us," she said.

Concern over the program's future comes on the heels of President George W. Bush's proposed budget.

Pyle explained that in Bush's proposed budget, he zeroed the program out which means that there would be no funding for Upward Bound in his upcoming budget plans.

If Bush's budget passes congress, all Upward Bound programs in the country would be eliminated and the students involved would have no further services.

"I am very angry that someone would cut a program that is very successful and needed in our public schools."

—Carmela Pyle
Upward Bound Director

According to a program brochure, Upward Bound is an education assistance program that is funded through the U.S. Department of Education, which provides students with the correct tools to succeed in high school and beyond.

It serves high school students from the 9th through 11th grades, ages 13 to 19.

In Oklahoma alone, there are 14,000 students enrolled in this program.

"There are signs the program may continue," Pyle said. "As of right now, there has been unofficial word that the funding will be restored and we will plan for it, but like I said, the word is unofficial."

There are 48 students currently enrolled in the program at OKCCC.

"I am very angry that someone would cut a program that is very successful and needed in our public schools," Pyle said. "Upward Bound has been around since 1965, so it's successful."

Instructors also are concerned with Bush's proposed budget.

Bill Smiley, an instructor for Upward Bound, has been with the program for four years. He teaches several classes including Art Appreciation and Creative Writing.

Smiley said it would be a tragedy if funding is taken away from the program. He said it's a necessity for OKCCC.

"We try to build self-esteem and integrity into the students and teach them commitment," Smiley said. "[We] let [students] know that they are worth something."

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Friendly stripes



Photo by Holly Jones

Jason Webb and Steve Webb of Advanced Warnings prepare the driveway next to parking lot G for striping. The paint used was water based and environmentally friendly. Steve Webb threw glass beads onto the wet paint for reflective purposes. The total cost of the parking lot expansion project is \$203,997.

Adjunct profs talk about raises

By Andee L. Sills
News Writing Student

OKCCC Board of Regents approved a pay increase for all adjunct faculty members June 20.

Adjunct instructors will receive an increase of \$10 per credit hour. Adjunct pay will be \$540 per credit hour beginning 2005.

"It's an opportunity for us to reward the faculty," said Gary Lombard, vice president for Human Resources and Support Services. "We are attempting to remain competitive with other institutions in the Oklahoma City area."

OKCCC's pay rates are higher than OSU-OKC and about the same as Rose State College, Lombard said.

Adjunct English Professor Betty Dobry said, unfortunately, part-time faculty members sometimes have to teach at several different campuses to pay for the necessities of life.

"[A pay raise] is a good thing because it helps the college to retain adjunct faculty that are really good at teaching within their chosen disciplines," Dobry said. She also teaches at another two-year college.

There are more part-time than full-time professors at OKCCC, and the college

has the best orientation program for instructors, said Judy Gailey, adjunct math professor and math lab assistant.

Gailey said the pay is not her main concern.

"I'm delighted (about the raise)," Gailey said. "[The raise] may help to pay for the gasoline to get [to OKCCC] everyday."

Adjunct faculty received a \$15 per credit hour raise last year and the rate is constantly evaluated so that the college can continue to attract strong faculty, Lombard said.

"Our faculty is great and we try to stay competitive so we can keep up the quality."

Campus courtyard gets makeover

By Erin Sanchez
News Writing Student

Two landscaping projects are being added in the northeast and northwest corners of the courtyard this summer.

The projects will be located in the main building between the main entrance and entry 3.

Landscapes Etc. is the company developing the new areas.

Gary Phillips, OKCCC Building and Campus Services supervisor, is overseeing the projects.

The new scenery will consist of a variety of plants, Phillips said.

Several shrubs are being planted and brick side-walks installed.

Phillips said the Royal Princess Nandina is an excellent ground covering plant.

It produces red berries through the fall and winter, which will give the landscaping great color.

Garden Junipers, an evergreen that will last all year long, and hostas, a ground-covering perennial also will be added, he said.



Photo by Holly Jones

Cesar Santana of Landscapes Etc. prepares bricks to be cut and then laid out for a path in the northeast and northwest corners of the courtyard. The makeover consists of a variety of flowers, groundcover and a new brick pathway. The total for the project is \$8,864, said Gary Phillips, OKCCC Building and Campus Services.

The cost of the landscaping combined is \$8,864.

"[The money] comes out of my budget," Phillips said.

"It's end-of-the-year money."

OKCCC sociology student Blair Spear said, "[The

landscaping] will give students a place to go relax and clear their minds. It'll give the school a warm feel-

ing."

The landscaping projects are scheduled for completion June 30, Phillips said.

Students pathway leads to graduation

By Patrick Kitchen
News Writing Student

Pathways Middle College held their first-ever graduation on the OKCCC campus June 1.

Pathways is an on-campus program that gives students an extraordinary opportunity to get a head start in college courses and preparation, Carol Brogan, Pathways Middle College Principal, said.

Brogan said the graduation was a success.

One hundred twenty-five people came to campus library rooms 407 A and B

to show their support for the seven students who graduated.

"I put out enough chairs for 125 people and it was a good thing because 125 people showed up," Brogan said.

The graduation, lasting an hour and 10 minutes, showcased the graduates dressed in their caps and gowns.

It featured speakers from both the graduating class as well as Pathways faculty.

It ended with the moment of graduation, signified by the students' walk across the stage where they received their diplomas.

Starting in their junior

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—Carol Brogan
Pathways Middle College Principal

year at Pathways, the seven graduates were able to complete a combined 80 hours of concurrent college enrollment, giving them a start on their college careers.

"Very few schools have the opportunity to do this," Brogan said.

The graduates, three men and four women, are enrolled in college courses this summer and fall.

Between them, \$169,000 in scholarships was awarded to the students for their hard work.

This scholarship money was made available by Oklahoma Higher Learning

Access Program.

This provides \$2,000 a semester to any student who applies to college by the 10th grade and with a household income under a certain level.

Pathways began with 15 eighth graders in January of 2001.

Brogan said the Pathways program is successful in its mission to offer college preparation for high school students.

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SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS

•**July 11 - 15:** OKCCC will offer coed golf from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, July 11 to 15, for ages 12 to 14.

The campers will meet at entry 7 before moving to the OSU-OKC campus. The cost for this camp is \$60.

For more information, contact Community Education and Health Coordinator Jack Perkins at 682-1611, ext. 7205, or visit www.okccc.edu/rcs or e-mail jperkins@okccc.edu.

•**July 18 - 22:** OKCCC will have coed basketball from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, July 18 to 22.

Campers will meet in the gymnasium near entry 7. Ages for this camp are 6 to 8. The cost is \$60.

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•**July 18 - 22:** OKCCC will teach coed golf from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, June 20 to 24.

Ages for this camp are 9 to 11. Campers will meet by entry 7.

The cost for this camp is \$60. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Coordinator Jack Perkins at 682-1611, ext. 7205, or e-mail jperkins@okccc.edu.

•**July 18 - 22:** OKCCC will offer coed tennis from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, July 18 to 22, for ages 9 to 11 and 12 to 14. The cost for this camp is \$60.

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Soccer camps showcase skills

Campers dribble, pass, and shoot with success in OKCCC summer camp

By John Savage
Staff Writer

Shin guards clashed like Katana blades as campers dribbled soccer balls through the lane.

There was no battle taking place in the gymnasium but there was a heavy amount of soccer drills being performed.

The camp started outside and then moved inside as the summer heat warmed up the field.

Coach Mike Queri was in charge of campers age 9 to 11 and soon had them split into groups so they could scrimmage against each other.

The soccer camp had the highest number turnout of all the camps thus far, Queri said. More than 50 boys and girls practiced everything from one-on-one drills to shooting.

Campers, age 9 to 11, were the lowest in attendance, so Queri was needed to make an even 7-on-7 team for practicing drills.

"We are going over passing, dribbling, some heading and some technical stuff this week," Queri said.

The campers displayed crisp movements as they passed and moved without



Photo by Holly Jones

Sidney Master, Deshawn Watson, Jacob Mason, Troy Thomas, Elizabeth Atchley and Logan Hill learn to move the ball and how to work as a team." I wanted to learn how to score, run faster and keep a better eye on the ball," Mason said.

the ball. The teams scored at will due to the small setting in the gymnasium.

Minutes later the campers took a few minutes to rest and get some water.

As teams continued to rest, bandages were applied to skinned knees then action resumed.

Many of the younger campers worked on skills on the third court in the gymnasium. As the campers, ages 4 to 5 and 6 to 8, practiced their shooting skills, assistant Larry

Thompson was there to fetch stray balls.

After several minutes of break the campers, age 9 to 11, walked back on the court.

One of the things Queri insists on when playing indoors is to keep the ball on the ground. So no camper will take a high kick or a header to the face.

"Number one, it keeps them, skill-wise, with passing. The ball being in the air doesn't do them any good in a small setting like

this," Queri said.

A few timeouts were needed when a ball struck a defender in the stomach and knocked the breath out of him momentarily. Seconds later he was on his feet.

For more information contact Community Education and Health Coordinator Jack Perkins at 682-1611, ext. 7205, or visit www.okccc.edu/rcs.

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Camp counselor enjoys teaching kids

By John Savage
Staff Writer

Christina Foraker is an experienced softball player starting her senior year at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. She is pursuing a degree in Athletic Training. This summer, she is coaching youngsters in several sports at OKCCC camps.

"I have played softball since I was eight years old," Foraker said.

Foraker trained at OKCCC for a short period of time and had positive things to say about the facilities.

"Last year, I had knee surgery when I worked here," Foraker said. "I used their bikes to rehab my knee when I got off work. The facilities are really nice and there is a lot of variety."

"At SWOSU it can take hours to get on a treadmill; here it's not a problem," Foraker said.

Foraker has been helping with all the camps this

summer but said she has enjoyed some more than others.

"So far, this summer, the basketball went really well, the baseball was good and the soccer is challenging because of the high numbers that attended," Foraker said.

Foraker is about two semesters away from graduating and becoming more involved with athletic training.

"I will probably be an athletic trainer at a clinical setting or at the high school or college level," Foraker

said.

The kids at the sports camps are what make this job fun, she said.

"If I am not working as an intern as an athletic trainer then I would like to come back [as a camp counselor]," Foraker said.

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Additional faculty offices to be built

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

Two college union rooms, CU 7 and 8, will be transformed into faculty offices over the next month, said Art Bode, vice president for Business and Finance.

Demolition of two rooms begins on July 5, said Eddie Cox, Physical Plant project manager.

The cost will be \$38,243.10, Cox said.

Section 13 Offset funds, money for projects, will fund the project.

"There will be 10 new

[faculty] offices in those areas," Cox said.

Most of the professors are being moved from behind the pool, out of 1C1 A and B, Bode said.

"You have to kind of walk past the locker rooms, turn to the right, and then their offices are back there," Bode said.

"They are very difficult to find."

Economic and Community Development and Recreation Community Services will use those areas for their purposes, Bode said.

Cox said while Physical Plant employees will be do-

"Interchange with students will be much easier."

—Art Bode

Vice President for Business and Finance

ing most of the work, and three other companies will have a part in the construction.

Jerry's Contracting will do the drywall work, Cox said. Don's Flooring will lay the carpeting. Control Fire Systems will install a sprinkler system to provide fire protection.

Bode said having the professors in the new location will make finding the teachers easier for students.

"Interchange with students will be much easier," Bode said.

Cox said the project would be done before fall semester to give the professors time to move in.

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Online courses make lives easier

By JaNiece Cranmer
News Writing Student

With technological advances today, students might be hearing all the talk about Distance Education. OKCCC offers numerous Distance Education options, such as WebCT and online courses.

Mary Turner, Student Development counselor, said the popularity of these online courses is rising extremely fast.

These courses have a very good success rate at OKCCC, she said, and involve more than just an education.

Turner said online courses give better interaction between the student and professor, and these types of settings allow for a relaxed atmosphere for the more shy personality.

There are even some majors in which a degree may be obtained by taking only online courses, she said.

Areas such as liberal studies and business both turned to online education to offer a degree.

Turner said it is feasible that one day in the near future, all courses will be offered online.

There are warning signs that follow these types of courses, Turner said.

"Students who are interested in taking an online course need to make sure they have enough time to commit to it," Turner said.

"Just because a course is available at 2 a.m. for you to do your work, doesn't make the course itself any easier."

With one of the best success rates for online learning in the state, Turner said OKCCC looks towards the future and hopes to add more than their already 53-plus online courses offered to students in any semester.

Turner said textbook companies are starting to catch onto the rave and are now making CD learning packets available.

For information on online courses, contact call Student Development at 682-1611, ext. 7535 or visit www.okccc.edu.

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—Mary Turner
Student Development Counselor

Music program shows growth

By Ross Smith
News Writing Student

There are many different music classes offered at OKCCC.

"The music program has had rapid growth in the past three years," Dave Archer, music professor, said.

He said there are 45 declared music majors, which are expected to rise by 15 students in the 2005 fall semester.

"We are in a strong growth period right now," Archer said.

He also said he has worked very hard, along with the other professors, to make this program excel.

There are 12 adjuncts in the department teaching

piano, voice, guitar, music appreciation, music theory and jazz ensemble, he said.

"We have a wonderful group of adjuncts who work very hard for the students,"

Archer said

the number of adjunct professors has also risen because of the increase in student enrollment.

Chamber choir, open

choir and symphonic choir are some of the vocal classes offered, he said.

Clay Smith, OKCCC summer student, said the music class he attended helped him out a lot.

"[The] choir class that I took at OKCCC was a lot of

fun and really helped with my confidence when singing in front of others," Smith said.

Compared to the other music offerings, the choir program has the

strongest enrollment and performance schedule, Archer said.

Many of the music classes are detailed on the OKCCC website or in the

course catalog. Private lessons for beginning and advanced music students are available upon request.

For more information about the music program, contact Archer at darcher@okccc.edu or call 682-1611, ext. 7245.



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Highlights

Calm Waters seek volunteers

Calm Waters Center for Children and Families is seeking volunteers to help co-lead support groups that help children deal with death or divorce. Upon completion of a training program that teaches children's responses to grief, the healing process, communication, healthy coping skills and group leadership skills, volunteers will co-facilitate groups on Monday or Thursday evenings for eight-week sessions or lead groups in elementary schools. The next volunteer training begins Aug. 5 and enrollment is under way. For more information or to become a volunteer, call 946-2264.

College Democrats seek members

The College Democrats are looking for members to revitalize the club. Anyone interested should contact club sponsor David Charlson at djcharlson@okccc.edu or club sponsor Rick Vollmer at 682-1611, ext. 7302, or e-mail rvollmer@okccc.edu.

Writing Club to hold summer meetings

The Writing Club is holding meetings at 12:15 p.m. on Thursdays and 11:15 a.m. on Fridays in the Arts and Humanities building's lounge area, near the staircase. Meetings will include discussion of a school-wide writing anthology and offer a chance for club members to display their original pieces. For more information, contact Publicity Officer Weston Mize at 204-6392.

Native American Student Association meetings

Officers for the Native American Student Association will meet during the summer to plan events for the upcoming semesters. For times and dates of meetings, contact club sponsor Kristi Fields at 682-1611, ext. 7550.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries active this summer

Baptist Collegiate Ministries will hold meetings at noon every Wednesday in room 3N0, located in the main building. All students are welcome and free lunch is provided. For more information, contact club sponsor Mike Barnett at 323-0583.

Cultural Arts Series tickets on sale

Pre-season tickets for the upcoming school year's Cultural Arts Series are now on sale. Prices are \$65 for students, seniors, alumni, faculty and staff, and \$85 for general admission. Eight program concerts are currently scheduled. On Sept. 13, Flamenco dance troupe Zumbamba; Sept. 29, guitarist Brad Richter; Oct. 25, four-man vocal band Fourth Avenue; Nov. 8, Korean band Ahn Trio; Jan. 31, Tom Tiratto and His Big Band; Feb. 21, four-man percussion ensemble So Percussion; March 7, pianist and Van Cliburn silver medalist winner Valery Kuleshov; and April 4, San Francisco's Sonos Hand Bell Ensemble. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 682-7579 or visit www.okccc.edu/ca.

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Donating was never so much fun



Photo by Holly Jones

"Giving blood is a good thing to do," Jay Malmstrom, math professor, said. "It is also an easy way to get a pulse, blood pressure and cholesterol check. Plus it's a chance for me to lay down for 15 minutes." Malmstrom was one of many who donated blood during the June 29 blood drive sponsored by Student Life.

Save the planet with a club

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

The Earth is a precious thing to waste — just ask two OKCCC students hoping to promote environmental awareness by reviving the Ecology/Biology Club.

Christiana Kostura, journalism major and Pioneer editor, and biology major Jessica Austin are looking for other students and sponsors to help establish the club.

"We need people to help come up with ideas so the club could get more people involved [with the environment]," Austin said.

Austin, 20, said she's always had a love for nature and has always been a nature person.

"I love camping and it's interesting to learn about life and how it works," she said.

Kostura also said she's been environmentally aware since she was a child.

"Since I was a kid I was taught how to recycle and told not to litter," Kostura said.

"It's something I'm teach-

ing my kids."

Kostura and Austin both said it's important for everyone to be aware of the changes the environment is going through.

"People should know what's going on," Kostura said.

"They should know about the damage pollution can cause and how to prevent it from happening."

Kostura said the club is for anyone interested in helping the environment and willing to help start programs in which students could be active.

She said the club needs 10 members before it becomes official and is considered to be active by the college.

Once members have joined, Kostura said, positions and jobs will be determined.

OKCCC Biology professor Julian Hilliard said he would be the club's sponsor if the club ever lifted off the ground. He said it's good to see people fighting the good fight.

If the club does become active, Kostura said, she hopes to see the club participate in different events the school holds during the

year.

"I'd like to see more can drives," Kostura said. "It'd also be neat to have booths [during college fairs] that teach children how to recycle and give information on how recycling works."

Kostura also said she'd like to have guest speakers from the State Environmental Office and conservation organizations come and speak at the college about environmental awareness and what people can do to help out their community and planet.

Most of all, Kostura said, she'd like to raise money to help promote recycling and energy conservation on campus.

"It'd be good to earn money for recycle bins and place them around campus," she said.

"My biggest wish is to establish a car pooling group. But that's big and in the future."

For more information about the club, or to join or to become a sponsor, call Kostura at 682-1611, ext. 7409 or e-mail editor @okccc.edu.

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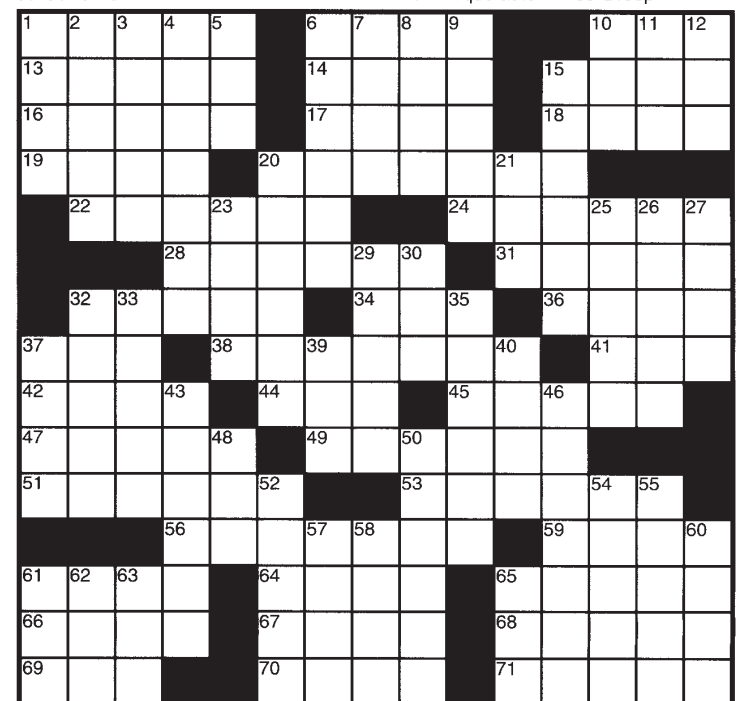
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College takes part in assessment testing

"Students,"
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pared to 108 the year before.

"We give the test to students who have completed 45 credit hours or more," Sechrist said.

"We try to get it so most of the general education has been completed at that time."

Students qualifying for the test are contacted in September of each year, Harrison said. She said it is up to students whether they participate or not.

"As an incentive for their participation and to ensure

they will do their best on the exam, students are told that if their total score is 475 or above (approximately two standard deviation points above the mean), they will be given a three-hour tuition fee waiver for their use in the spring semester," Harrison said in an e-mail interview.

Four students received the reward this spring, Harrison said.

A third measure used to determine whether general competency levels are being met by students is successful completion of specific courses, Harrison said.

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Students' feelings are mixed about restroom

"Family,"
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by 7.5 feet, Messer said.

Bode said a need does exist for the restroom.

"We maybe don't have as much of a family type need, but we do have caregivers for some of our students or some visitors who may need assistance where there is an opposite sex issue," he said.

The idea for the family restroom was initiated through Student Services, said Pat Stowe, Services for Students with Disabilities director.

"As you look around in the community, airports and malls, these restrooms are available," Stowe said.

She said family restrooms like this are needed to serve the community.

The administration felt the restroom was needed for caretakers of some OKCCC students.

Messer said it is designed as a handicap-accessible restroom, with one toilet and a diaper-changing sta-

tion.

Students have different views on the new restroom.

"If there [are] a lot of people with kids, it may be beneficial," said Shekina Roberson, marketing and speech communications major.

Business management major, Tyler Warcup agreed. "Due to the summer program and the day care, that would really benefit the parents," Warcup said.

Johnny Chou, finance and economic major, disagrees. "[The college] shouldn't be spending money on a restroom," he said. "The \$4,620 should be used for [other things]."

"The overhead cost of the restroom will contribute to tuition increases in the future."

Messer said he does not have an exact date for the end of construction.

"I just follow the process and go from there," Messer said. "This is a project continuing to move along."

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