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A shirt of many colors



Photo by Holly Jones

Jenna Jameson, 20, film and video production major, designs a tie-dye T-shirt at a table set up by Student Life during Welcome Week at OKCCC.

President Todd back in hospital

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

OKCCC's president Bob Todd has been readmitted to Integris Baptist Medical Center with health complications doctors believe are related to his heart, said Dr. Paul Sechrist, vice president/provost for Academic Affairs.

Todd has undergone a series of surgeries and treatments this year beginning in January.

On Jan. 10, Todd had a single arterial bypass surgery

and had the mitral valve in his heart replaced.

Todd returned to the hospital due to complications on June 5. During the visit he had a pacemaker inserted June 10.

Todd had recently returned to the college on a part-time basis.

Sechrist said he would stand in Todd's place while he is once again recovering.

Sechrist said he is unsure of when Todd will



President
Bob Todd

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Some employers step up, help pay students' tuition

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

How would you like to get paid to go to school? Many employers are offering benefits such as tuition assistance programs that make it happen.

OKCCC Employment Services Coordinator Linda Fay said employee tuition reimbursement is becoming more popular among employers around the nation. She thinks it's a wonderful opportunity.

"It's exciting to see companies encourage students to improve their education," Fay said.

She said Employment Services flags employers if they offer tuition reimbursement to their employees.

"So far, there are over 50 employers currently working with the college who offer some sort of tuition assistance program," Fay said.

She said areas in which employers offer the most tuition reimbursement reflect the shortage of employees that area has.

"For example, the medical field usually suffers from shortages," Fay said.

"So far there are over 50 employers currently working with the college who offer some sort of tuition assistance program."

—Linda Fay

OKCCC Employment
Services Coordinator

"When that happens, many hospitals will offer tuition reimbursement or pay full tuition with the agreement that the employee work there after finishing college."

Many local businesses, like Academy Sports and Outdoors, Hertz, Dell, OG&E and Six Flags Frontier City and White Water Bay, offer tuition reimbursement to their student employees.

Radio Shack Manager and OKCCC Computer Science major Dustin Brewer said Radio Shack offers up to \$3,500 per year to student employees.

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Student booked on felony peeping-tom charges

By Mahogany Crowder
& Richard Hall
Staff Writers

A female student fell victim to a peeping tom when she noticed a video camera pointed up her skirt while on campus Aug. 31.

OKCCC student Kevin Durant, 26, was apprehended by campus security

officers after the female student reported the incident.

According to an OKCCC police report, the female student noticed a small digital video camera inside Durant's backpack as he sat across from her near the welcome desk in the main building.

The student then helped

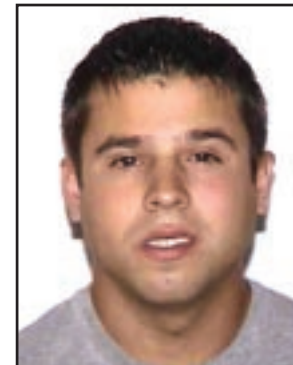


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Kevin Wayne Durant

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Televangelist gone wild

Lately Pat Robertson's absurd comments have given Christianity a bad name.

He predicted Armageddon in 1998 with meteors that would strike Florida because of sanctioned "Gay Days" at Disney World.

Then there's the memorable incident, as reported by CNN, where Pat Robertson called feminism the cause for women to kill their children, practice witchcraft and become lesbians.

We need to realize that Robertson is out of control and may need to be taken off the air.

On Aug. 22 Robertson told some 863,000 viewers on the 700 Club, it is time for the U.S. government to "take out" Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez.

"I think that we really ought to go ahead and do it. It's a whole lot cheaper than starting a war," Robertson said. "We have the ability to take him out."

Just the thought of provoking another international conflict is mind-boggling. Maybe someone should tell Robertson the U.S. is not in the terrorism business.

Assassinations of world leaders have not been allowed since 1976 under an executive order signed by then-President Gerald Ford.

The ruling came after congressional hearings in the 1970s showed several failed CIA attempts to kill Cuban leader Fidel Castro and others meddling in Latin American countries.

The Reverend Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State said, "It's absolutely chilling to hear a religious leader call for the murder of any political leader."

Lynn is right. If you're going to proclaim yourself a Christian, then you should handle yourself with more dignity than shown by Robertson in the past years.

Many people have tried to make excuses for the aging Robertson.

Marvin Olasky, senior editor of World Magazine, said Robertson is 75 years old and has had a live television show for a while. "Sometimes he blurts things out," Olasky said.

We shouldn't let an old man who has lost touch with reality blurt out extremist ideas.

In the future, I hope Robertson will try to practice the Christian behavior he preaches.

We need to preach compassion and good will. We need to pray for peace, not scare, intimidate and judge other countries for their choice of leaders.

If Robertson ever needs to speak out on any more topics, let's hope he asks the question: What would Jesus do?

—John Savage
Staff Writer

Student achieves success after recent graduation

To the editor:

May 10, 2005, was a very memorable day for me.

At the age of 53, I was awarded my Associate in Arts degree from Oklahoma City Community College.

This would not have been possible without the assistance I received from the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care program and the help and encouragement of Deidre Carpenter.

I have worked in child-care for 26 years in a number of different roles.

Currently I am the director of a child care center. My work as the director has

"I encourage everyone to set goals and continue their education."

—Donna Burruss
OKCCC Graduate

benefited from the knowledge I gained from my child development classes.

Attending OKCCC also has given me the opportunity to build a support network of other professional people who are working in the child care field.

Working full time and at-

tending college was not always easy but it has been very rewarding.

I encourage everyone to set goals and continue their education.

If I can do it, anyone can.

—Donna Burruss
OKCCC Graduate

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Comments and Reviews

Fairy tale film has a grim future

The only entertaining thing about Terry Gilliam's "The Brothers Grimm" is the premise behind the dud.

Gilliam, whose past works include the film adaptation of "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" and the classic "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," tried hard with this film, but thanks to everything from Matt Damon to sterile substance, "The Brothers Grimm" fails where it should have succeeded the most.

As the story goes, the Grimm Brothers (played by Damon and Heath Ledger) travel the towns of French-occupied Germany during the early 1800s, conning people while posing as exorcists — knights in shining armor and defenders of good.

It isn't until the two come across a genuine threat that they find strength inside themselves to be genuine as well.

"Time Bandits" meets "Van Helsing" in the visual department and, because of such, only half the atmosphere and special effects offer enough spark to ignite interest in the film.

No matter how brooding or cheery Gilliam makes the mood, "The Brothers Grimm" is plagued by eyecores, mostly in the form of cheap-looking wire stunts.

On top of it all, Ehren Kurger, whose résumé includes "Scream 3," "The Skeleton Key" and "The Ring" films, penned the script.

Hoorah for mediocrity.

And if you feed a Damon bad lines? The result is one unrewarding experience.

Damon, who hasn't had a solid performance since 1998's "Rounders," did the best he could, but it just wasn't convincing.

If anything, Damon overacted his parts and it took the theatrical nature of the

film to a whole new, frivolous level of absurdity.

However, Ledger did a pretty good job portraying the bookworm brother, Jacob, whose only interest is cataloging the tall tales and horror stories of the townsfolk so he can publish a collection of stories later in life.

It's just too bad that a single performance can't save this drowning victim.

"The Brothers Grimm" is a perfect example of doing yourself in — take a director with a peculiar style, mix with a poor screenwriter, and stir with a lot of Damon and you have yourself a failed attempt.

All I wanted was to live happily ever after. After seeing this film, the odds of accomplishing that have turned against me.

Take note, Grimm — this fairy tale flop has F written all over it.

—**Richard Hall**
Staff Writer

Doggone funny romance movie

My favorite actress has done it again. Diane Lane has brought her success to another peak with "Must Love Dogs."

The film gives the hilarious insight into the Internet dating process. Divorced for eight months, preschool teacher Sarah Nolan (Diane Lane) is still not ready to get back into the dating game yet. Her family absolutely cannot take it any longer.

Nolan's sisters Carol (Elizabeth Perkins) and Christine (Ali Hillis) decide to post Nolan's profile on Perfectmatch.com with the eye-catching message.

"Voluptuous, sensuous, alluring and fun. DWF seeks special man to share starlit nights. Must love dogs."

DWF stands for divorced white female, just in case you're not quite up to date with the lingo yet.

Meeting people online can sometimes turn out wrong, and some disastrous online dating scenes are portrayed in the film as well.

But, the movie does argue that the fortunate can find their soul mates totally by chance with some luck through a dating website.

John Cusack, who plays Nolan's prince charming, Jake Anderson, also was

pushed into the Internet dating game. Neither Nolan nor Anderson owns a dog, but they decide to meet for the first time at a dog park. They both show up with dogs borrowed from others.

Of course, "Must Love Dogs" has its share of twists and turns like any romantic comedy. The audience expects a certain format before the happy ending.

In addition to the love and soul searching between Nolan and Anderson, another character also plays a significant role in the movie. That is Nolan's father Bill (Christopher Plummer).

Bill has set a successful example for Sarah in the Internet dating world. He is constantly surrounded by women whom he has met online. Having lost his wife and only love in death, Bill is searching for a suitable companion rather than a second chance to fall in love.

"Must Love Dogs" is based on a book by Claire Cook, and written and directed by two-time Emmy Award winner Gary David Goldberg.

"Must Love Dogs" is rated PG-13 for sexual content.

—**Caroline Ting**
Staff Writer



Q: Are students allowed to purchase books with a personal check from their parents?

A: Yes, but they must have a current student ID card.

—**Brenda Reinke**
Bookstore Director

Q: When the SEM Center project begins, will classes be disrupted by demolition or construction?

A: The SEM Center work has begun. The construction will be going on for the next 18 months or so. The heavy noise work (jackhammering, etc.) will be done at night from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m.

—**Eddie Cox**
Physical Plant
Project Manager

Q: Who do I go to for directions on campus?

A: At the Welcome Center, we can give you directions to your classes or any part of the campus. If you have any questions we will answer them or find the person who knows the answer.

—**Carlos Robinson**
Welcome Center Attendant

Q: If a student has a disability, where can he or she go to get assistance?

A: The student can come to Services to Students with Disabilities, where, depending on the disability, we can offer assistance for the student.

—**Pat Stowe**
Services to Students with
Disabilities Director

Q: Do you have to be enrolled in a certain number of credit hours to join a club?

A: There are not any credit hour restrictions to join a student organization. However, to become an officer in a student group, you must be enrolled in at least six credit hours.

—**Liz Largent**
Student Life Director

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College awarded \$218,000 education grant

**By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer**

Students have 218,000 reasons to celebrate the start of the Student Services Grant Program.

Student Support Services Director Sally Edwards said the U.S. Department of Education awarded the college a grant worth \$218,000 a year for five years.

The program, which be-

gan Sept. 1, will help 150 qualified students who need academic support.

Edwards, grant director, served for eight years as Prospective Student Services director prior to her new position.

Students who qualify for the program must meet at least one of three requirements, she said.

"The student may be either a first generation college student, which means neither of their parents has a bachelor's degree, or [be]

financially disadvantaged according to federal guidelines, or have a documented disability."

She said the purpose of the grant program is to retain students and help them graduate from both OKCCC and four-year colleges.

Multiple services will be offered to assist the program's students, Edwards said.

"We will offer services like tutoring, counseling, mentoring, academic advising

and transfer assistance.

Another part of the grant is getting other students to help the participants.

"We will hire other students to help those in the grant program," Edwards said.

"The grant will create job opportunities for peer mentors and peer tutors."

Essentially, the goal of the grant is to help students get on track and stay on track to graduation, Edwards said.

"I hope students look at

this as help for school and a reason to stay in school," she said.

"I want this to level the playing field."

Applications are being taken in the Prospective Student Services office located in room 1X7 of the main building.

For more information, contact Edwards at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7620 or e-mail sedwards@okccc.edu.

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OKCCC student arrested on campus after complaint by woman

"Crime,"
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Safety and Security Officer Dustin Palmer in identifying Durant near the Financial Aid office.

The report stated Durant became extremely nervous and began physically shaking when Palmer approached him.

When questioned about the incident, Durant turned over a camera from his backpack.

Palmer then reviewed the video, which showed an up-skirt image of the female student.

The report stated after Durant was escorted to the Safety and Security office, the Oklahoma City Police Department was notified.

Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas accessed the Oklahoma Department of Corrections website and found out Durant pled no contest to second-degree rape in March 2003 and was given a five-year deferred sentence at that time.

No contest is defined as "A statement made in court by the defendant in a criminal case which is neither a denial nor an admission of guilt. Someone who pleads no contest, or in Latin, 'nolo contendere' agrees to accept punishment as if he is guilty of the crime for which he is accused," by www.thelawencyclopedia.com

College records show Durant has been a student at OKCCC since fall 2003.

Durant, who has been released from jail, was reached at his south Oklahoma City apartment Sept. 1. He declined to comment on the incident.

Sloas believes Durant will be charged with felony peeping tom and failing to register as a sex offender at OKCCC, which also is a felony. According to a court docket, Durant was required to register on all county, state and national sex offender lists, including schools he planned to attend.

OKCCC officials have now banned Durant from the campus, according to the OCPD crime report.

Sloas said this is the first incident of a peeping tom on campus since he became director in January.

Media Relations Coordinator Jessica Martinez-Brooks spoke with KFOR reporters Sept. 1 about the incident and said college officials are concerned.

"It's important to [the col-

lege] that our students feel safe," Martinez-Brooks said. "But people who do these types of things will find a way [to do them]."

Sloas said every sex offender who comes to OKCCC must register as such with the college.

"It's up to [the sex offenders] to report themselves," Sloas said. "[Safety and Security] can't solicit the information from them."

Sloas said Safety and Security has a log of all registered sex offenders currently attending or working at the college.

The list is open to the public, he said.

Sloas said students

"It's important to [the college] that our students feel safe. But people who do these types of things will find a way [to do them]."

—Jessica Martinez-Brooks
Media Relations Coordinator

should be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious behavior as soon as possible, just as the student did.

"She was a good witness, and because of it, the officers acted in a timely fashion," Sloas said.

"Just stay aware of your surroundings and be a good witness," he re-em-

phasized.

For more information about the registered sex offenders list, contact Safety and Security at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7691 or visit their office located on the first floor of the main building next to Student Life.

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New interpreter ear for students



Photo by Holly Jones

Wren Criss, Services to Students with Disabilities interpreter and captioner, is the newest member to the office's team.

**By Christiana Kostura
Editor**

OKCCC's newest bridge to link the hearing world to deaf students is Wren Criss, Services to Students with Disabilities interpreter and captioner.

An interpreter uses sign language to communicate with deaf students.

"Sign language has always amazed me," Criss said.

She said she has to visually create the message with sign language while the instructor speaks.

Criss began working for the college in August. Before joining the staff of OKCCC, she was a student here.

"I graduated with my associate's in music," Criss said. That was in 2001.

Criss continued her education at East Central Uni-

versity, in Ada, completing her bachelor's degree in 2003. She said she majored in services to the deaf and minored in interpreting.

Criss said deaf culture has always interested her. She's had deaf friends throughout her life.

Her professional interest in interpreting began in 1999, Criss said.

"There's so much to it," Criss said.

She said while attending ECU, she learned how deafness affects people, the way it impacts their education and how it affects them when getting a job.

Criss said she has always been interested in helping people.

"I love people," she said. "I'm not afraid to meet new people."

A typical day in the life of an interpreter at OKCCC involves attending two to three classes a day, being available between classes

"It's interesting to interpret subject matter that the interpreter hasn't been exposed to."

—Wren Criss
Services to Students with Disabilities
Interpreter and Captioner

to interpret in other areas of the college for students who need her service and preparing for classes by reviewing the material in advance, Criss said.

"I take it seriously," she said. "It's interesting to interpret subject matter that the interpreter hasn't been exposed to."

She is mother to two sons, ages 15 and 11, and a daughter, 13.

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Put on your dancing shoes, Zumbamba's coming

**By John Savage
Staff Writer**

One of OKCCC's finest dancers will be back to show off her success.

Shannon Calderon is an OKCCC graduate and one of the founding members of Hispanic Organization to Promote Education the Hispanic Club on campus, Calderon is now a dance instructor and owns her own dance studio.

She will be showcasing a variety of dances at 7 p.m., Tuesday Sept. 13, in the college theater.

"You are going to see around 20 men and women performing several different dances," Calderon said.

Zumbamba, a local dance

group that Calderon directs, will be displaying their dance moves. African, Caribbean and Flamenco dances will be performed.

"Music will be from the different provinces of Mexico, Africa and the Caribbean," said Scott Tigert, Cultural Programs and Community Development assistant.

This will be the first time the Zumbamba will be performed on campus.

Zumbamba also has performed at the downtown Arts Festival.

Tigert said students will be able to learn about other cultures and the history of their dances.

"They will learn about the dance moves of Mexico and the Caribbean and get exposed to the music," Tigert

said.

Calderon will be giving an educational speech about Zumbamba at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the college union.

"We will be giving an awesome presentation and will be offering spectators a chance to get up and jam with us," Calderon said.

Tigert said this is a great opportunity for students to experience the dances of international culture that they might not get to see elsewhere.

For more information on Zumbamba, contact Calderon at (405) 525-1000, Tigert at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7579 or visit www.everythinggoesdance.com.

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Two Zumbamba dancers strut their stuff in an example of a traditional dance.

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Mini Cooper caught in the gutter

**By Richard Hall
Staff Writer**

A student's new Mini Cooper decided to leave him high and dry in class — it coasted out of parking lot A, directly into a ditch.

Liberal Arts major Jeffrey Lawson, who just began his first semester at OKCCC, found his car around 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 31. The car was accompanied by Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Bourque.

Bourque said the car had gained enough momentum to jump a curb, slide completely down a hill and then partially back up another, all in reverse.

Lawson said he just recently moved to Norman from Tulsa to continue college and that the Mini Cooper was a new addition in his life.

"I just got the car a couple months ago," Lawson said.

The 2002 black Mini Cooper was left in neutral without the emergency brake applied, Bourque said.

He said the vehicle didn't have a parking decal on it, something that would have allowed Safety and Security to contact the owner promptly.

"When [security officers] found it," Bourque said, "we ran the plate and it came up in the driver's mom's name, not [Lawson's]."

Lawson said he got a parking decal the day before the incident, but hadn't yet had time to put it on his car.

Two notes were also left on the windshield of the car, one by Safety and Security and the other by an unknown person.

"We left the driver a note asking him to visit the security office when he found his car," Bourque said.

"We don't know who left the other note, but it wasn't nice."

Safety and Security Officer Rod Harden arrived at the scene to take pictures of the damage done to the curb and the car.

Bourque said Lawson didn't even inspect the car



Photo by Holly Jones

OKCCC student Jeffrey Lawson's new Mini Cooper sits in a ditch next to parking lot A. The car was found by Safety and Security officers on Aug. 31, in neutral and without the emergency brake applied, after it had coasted into the ditch, said Keith Bourque, Safety and Security coordinator.

for damage when he arrived on the scene.

"I don't want to go over there," Lawson said, "I'm too nauseous."

Bourque said a wrecker service was called to pull

the car out of the ditch.

He said this wasn't the first time an incident like it has occurred.

"This is the fourth car to wind up in a ditch since I've been here," Bourque said.

"It's the second car to end up in this same ditch since parking lot A was expanded a couple years ago."

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One for the record books; library adds 100,000th item

**By Richard Hall
Staff Writer**

The OKCCC library has reached a new milestone, thanks to the addition of the 100,000th item.

The book "In Time of War: Hitler's Attack on America" was added Aug. 10.

"I read a lot of reviews and heard a lot of good things about the book," Tuley-Williams said. "Since it came as a recommendation, the library got it."

Written by Pierce O'Donnell, the book is about German terrorist submarines that landed in America during World War II and how the U.S. government secretly dealt with

them.

System Librarian Dana Tuley-Williams said the accumulation of videos, DVDs, books, software, magazines and e-books all led up to the 100,000th item.

She said the library acquires more than 4,000 items a year, and it took all last year just to reach the 100,000 mark.

"We throw out old material that isn't useful anymore," she said, "so it took us a while to reach the 100,000th item."

Tuley-Williams said the library has been gunning for the milestone since OKCCC opened back in the 1970s.

Technical Services Assistant Bonnie Lynn cataloged



Photo by Holly Jones

System Librarian Dana Tuley-Williams poses with the 100,000th item, a book titled "In Time of War: Hitler's Attack on America," written by Pierce O'Donnell.

the book, and said it feels good to reach this kind of plateau.

"I've been here 20 years and I'm glad I was able to experience this mark in

history for the college," Lynn said.

Tuley-Williams said the office celebrated with a cake.

"We even checked the numbers several times to make sure we really did reach that mark," she said.

Tuley-Williams said the library collection includes more than 76,700 books, more than 600 magazines, more than 11,770 audio and video titles, and more than 10,930 e-books currently in the college, available for check-out.

"We were really excited about the addition," she said. "We're looking forward to new milestones to come."

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Preschoolers stay cool having fun in the sun



Keragan Bourlier, 3, totes water to a container garden her class has begun growing.

Even with the August heat bearing down, it's still spring for the kids in the Preschool B class at the Child Development Center and Lab School.

After a summer of studying water, the class decided it's a good time to begin a container garden — in a leftover plastic tub they used this summer.

"We were going to throw [the tub] away, but decided to recycle it and used it to plant some beans," Preschool Teacher Constance Pidgeon said.

She said the students are excited

about the project.

Four-year old Keylan Ketring was eager to show how he planted the beans.

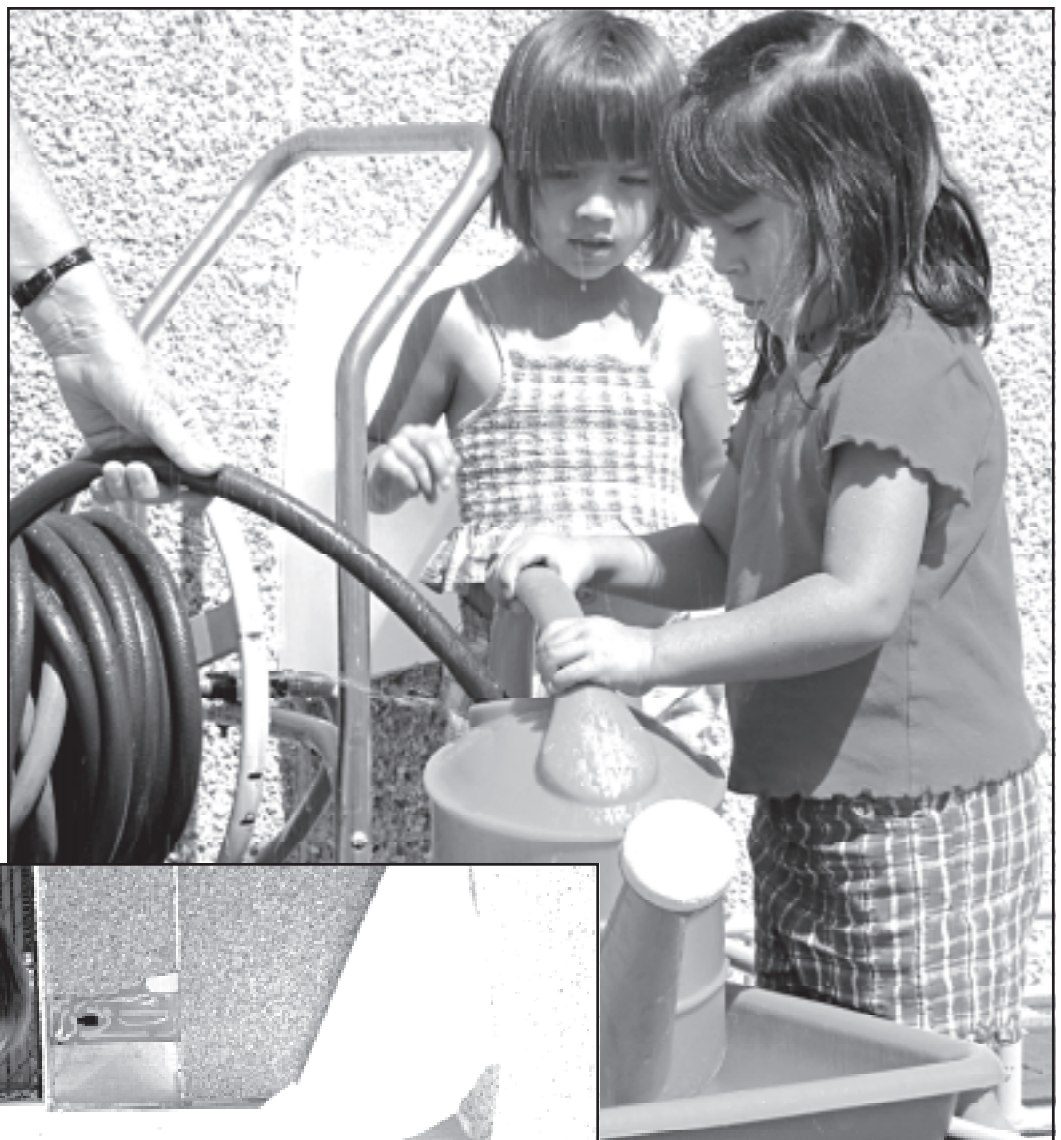
"First, we make a hole," he said.

"Then we covered them with dirt, and they grow into roots and beans."

Ketring said he has fun playing and working in the dirt.

Pidgeon said she placed the tub outside the classroom window so the class can watch the plants as they grow.

She said the class plans to water the bean seeds as a group and do their best to ensure the plants survive the heat.



Keragan Bourlier, left, and a classmate help fill a watering can. The preschoolers started a container garden with the help of their teachers. Teacher Constance Pidgeon said the children planted beans in the garden.

Keylan Ketring, 4, plants beans in a plastic tub. The Preschool B class at the Child Development Center and Lab School recycled the container from a summer water project. Teacher Constance Pidgeon said the students are using it to plant a container garden.



Text by
Matthew Caban
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Holly Jones



Sports

Soccer team begins fall season practice

By John Savage
Staff Writer

The roar of fast-moving soccer balls echoes as the OKCCC club soccer team practices.

The team will practice at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the field on the south side of campus near May Avenue, announced coach K.B. Yeboah at a meeting on Aug 26.

He encourages new players, both men and women, to join any of the practices.

“We will decide positions at practice before the first game,” he said.

Yeboah is in his third season as the OKCCC soccer coach.

During his time as coach, the team has been to the playoffs multiple times, including a state finals appearance in spring 2004.

He also returns to the squad as a player. In previous seasons Yeboah has played forward.

Other players may return this season, but the roster is still being determined, Yeboah said.

He said the roster will be finalized before the season’s start.

The cost per player is \$40 this year, up from last year’s \$30 fee. This includes league fees for the fall and spring semesters.

“The increase in price covers two team T-shirts that players can take home,” Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson said.

The OKCCC soccer club’s first game will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. OKCCC will host the University of Central Oklahoma in the season opener.

The league’s other six teams also will play games on opening day.

Rose State College and the University of Oklahoma will play at noon.

Oklahoma State University and Redlands Community College will continue the action at 2 p.m.

East Central University will play OSU-Japan to wrap up opening day at 4 p.m.

New nets may be installed on the field before opening day, Watson said. He said he recently repainted the field’s boundaries and hopes to continue upgrading it.

“I am looking into improving the athletic field,” Watson said.

“Right now we don’t have a set schedule for fertilizing the field and treating it like an athletic field.”

Despite concerns with the field, the college will still host opening day, Watson said.

He said there is no charge for admission to the games. Watson said he hopes to offer concessions at future games.

For more information on soccer sign up call Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit the schools website at www.okccc.edu/rcs.

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Know any OKCCC athletes who want to be in the Pioneer?
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Photo by Holly Jones

Running away: Roberto Hernandez runs toward the goal while being chased by defenders Uziel Rios and Bedemi Sakote. Practices began on Aug. 29 for the college soccer team. OKCCC’s soccer team practices at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the field on the south side of campus near May Avenue. The fall season begins Saturday, Sept. 10. OKCCC will host the University of Central Oklahoma at 10 a.m. Admission is free. For more information, contact Community Health and Education Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

UPCOMING

OKCCC INTRAMURALS SCHEDULE

- Sept. 9:** The deadline to sign up for flag football is Friday, Sept. 9. The captains’ meeting will be Sept. 6. The season runs from Sept. 12 to Oct. 13. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.
- Sept. 9:** Students and faculty can sign up for coed volleyball until Sept. 9. A captains’ meeting will be Sept. 8. The season runs from Sept. 13 to Oct. 11. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.
- Sept. 10:** OKCCC hosts the Oklahoma College Club Soccer League opening day. Games begin at 10 a.m. with OKCCC against UCO at the athletic field on the south side of campus. The soccer league’s complete fall season schedule is located on the right side of this page.

Fall 2005 College Club Soccer League Schedule

Week 1	OKCCC	UCO	10 a.m.
Sept. 10	OU	RSC	12 p.m.
(OKCCC hosts)	OSU	REDLANDS	2:30 p.m.
	OSU-JAPAN	ECU	4:30 p.m.
Week 2	OSU	UCO	10 a.m.
Sept. 17	OU	OSU-JAPAN	12 p.m.
(OSU hosts)	RSC	REDLANDS	2:30 p.m.
	OKCCC	ECU	4:30 p.m.
Week 3	OSU-JAPAN	UCO	10 a.m.
Sept. 24	OU	REDLANDS	12 p.m.
(UCO hosts)	OSU	OKCCC	2:30 p.m.
	RSC	ECU	4:30 p.m.
Week 4	REDLANDS	UCO	10 a.m.
Sept. 25	OU	OKCCC	12 p.m.
(REDLANDS hosts)	RSC	OSU-JAPAN	2:30 p.m.
	OSU	ECU	4:30 p.m.
Week 5	RSC	UCO	10 a.m.
Oct. 1	OKCCC	REDLANDS	12 p.m.
(RSC hosts)	OSU	OSU-JAPAN	2:30 p.m.
	OU	ECU	4:30 p.m.
Week 6	OU	UCO	10 a.m.
Oct. 8	OSU-JAPAN	OKCCC	12 p.m.
(OU hosts)	OSU	RSC	2:30 p.m.
	REDLANDS	ECU	4:30 p.m.
Week 7	ECU	UCO	10 a.m.
Oct. 15	OU	OSU	12 p.m.
(ECU hosts)	OSU-JAPAN	REDLANDS	2:30 p.m.
	OKCCC	OSU	4:30 p.m.

Business program nationally accredited

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

This summer, team effort paid off for OKCCC's business program.

The program was awarded an unconditional 10-year accreditation from the Association of College Business Schools and Programs, Accounting Professor John Boyd said.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Paul Sechrist explained what an accreditation is.

"Generally it means that a national, regional or state

recognized accrediting body has reviewed the program and determined that it meets its standards to be accredited," he said.

"This particular accreditation is important since it will help students when transferring to universities that also are accredited," Sechrist said.

He said the work included an in-depth review of the business program.

"This review process examines curriculum, faculty credentials, student satisfaction employer satisfaction, and success when students transfer," he said.

Boyd said the self-study

and on-site review boiled down to a presentation of the college's program.

"It requires the college to set forth that our program works at the highest level possible," Boyd said.

"They ask, 'can you teach your students.'"

Now the college can offer advanced level business classes that the student may transfer to a four-year institution, Boyd said.

"Because of this, students are assured of a quality education that is easily transferable," Boyd said.

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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Highlights

American Red Cross hurricane relief at OKCCC

Last year OKCCC collected nearly \$300 in change from students, faculty and staff to aid the American Red Cross during the tsunami. Now, in an effort to help answer the call for help from the Gulf states devastated by Hurricane Katrina, OKCCC is once again collecting donations for the American Red Cross. Donation jugs are available in the Student Life office, the bookstore and the college union.

Health Professions Club host meeting

A general meeting will be held for the Health Professions Club from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. on Sept. 8 in 1C4. There will be free food, open officer elections and discussion about upcoming events. Contact Professor Steven Kamm at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7268, or Club President Kendra Draper at (405) 329-3639.

Graffiti removal day

Join Student Life for Service Saturday at 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 24 to remove graffiti from buildings around the community. Last day to sign up is Sept. 21. Call Coordinator of Community Engagement Jon Horinek at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7697, for more information.

Résumés, Etc. Brown Bag Lunch Seminar

Be prepared to compete for your next job by attending the Résumés, Etc. Brown Bag Seminar at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 in CU2, followed by the Interviewing to Win Seminar at noon, Sept. 14 in CU2.

Biology/Ecology Club prepares for fall semester

The Biology/Ecology Environmental Club will have a meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9. Room to be announced. We will discuss events, activities, meeting times and officers for the fall semester. Drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information, contact Club President Christiana Kostura at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7409, or (405) 330-4227 or e-mail garageoverflow@yahoo.com.

Oklahoma Global Education Essay Contest

Oklahoma Global Education Consortium is proud to announce its sixth essay contest for students of member institutions. Three contest winners will each receive a cash reward of \$200 at the fall 2005 OGEC conference held at Northern Oklahoma College, Enid Campus. All three winners will be expected to attend the OGEC conference to read essays and receive awards. The essay must be word-processed with a 12-point font size, double spaced and approximately 500 words. A cover page must be provided with the essay's title, author's name and college. All submissions must be in by Sept. 9 and mailed to Dr. Bill Brown, Rose State College, 420 S.E. 15th St., Midwest City, 73110 or e-mailed to bbrown@rose.edu. For more information about the essay contest, contact English professor Michael Punches at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7637.

Hispanic Heritage Week

During Hispanic Heritage Week, Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will have several events. On Sept. 15, there will be a taco sale with mariachi bands. On Sept. 19 there will be a Central American showcase. Sept. 21 a folkloric showcase will be on campus. The week ends with a Hispanic community forum on Sept. 22. For more information about HOPE, contact club sponsor Jessica Martinez-Brooks at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7248, or Rocky Chavez at (405) 923-1082.

Time to sign up



Photo by Holly Jones

Carol Brogan, Pathways Middle School principal, picks up pamphlets on volunteerism at the Student Life desk where Lisa Mosley, a work study student for Student Life, helps new students find the right organizations to join. The OKCCC Organizations Fair was held in the college union Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

Baptist club gears up

By John Savage
Staff Writer

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry has been a mainstay club when it comes to the OKCCC campus and has a dependable following.

"We have had three meetings so far, and have had 30 members show up and attend," said club sponsor Darrell Steele.

The BCM is a faith-based club that spreads the message of gospel presentation, Steele said.

The BCM has a core group of members who have been involved for several semesters.

"I enjoy several things the BCM has to offer. We sometimes do volleyball and basketball tournaments," said Jeremy Barr, OKCCC sophomore and BCM member.

The BCM club enjoys one of the highest attendances on campus.

"We think that 30 is a low number and we have room to increase the number of members," Steele said.

Barr said he has partici-

pated for more than a year.

Along with OKCCC, other schools around the metro meet with the BCM and take part in activities with the group, Barr said.

The club has several activities scheduled for the upcoming semester.

The first event is "Elevate" from 6 to 11 p.m. on Sept. 23, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 24 at First Baptist Church in Moore, on Interstate 35 and 104th Street (N.W. 27th) Steele said.

"Elevate" is a conference for young adults who want to bring Jesus into their everyday world, Steele said. It is two days of modern music, guest speakers and live comedy.

The price is \$39 if students and faculty choose to purchase a pass online. The cost is \$29 if members and students sign up through the BCM.

"I enjoy several things the BCM has to offer. We sometimes do volleyball and basketball tournaments."

—Jeremy Barr
BCM Member



The BCM is still offering free lunch with its meetings. Everyone is invited.

Meetings are Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. and Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

"No matter if you're a Christian or not or perhaps you have a different denomination, we welcome you to attend," Steele said.

For more information on the BCM, contact Steele at (405) 850-0201 or e-mail occcbcm@gmail.com.

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Classifieds

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The Child Development Center & Lab School has several openings for 3- and 4-year-old children beginning August 22, 2005. Please contact the CDCLS Office at 682-7561 for more information. College students enrolling their children may be eligible for grant funding toward a portion of child care tuition.

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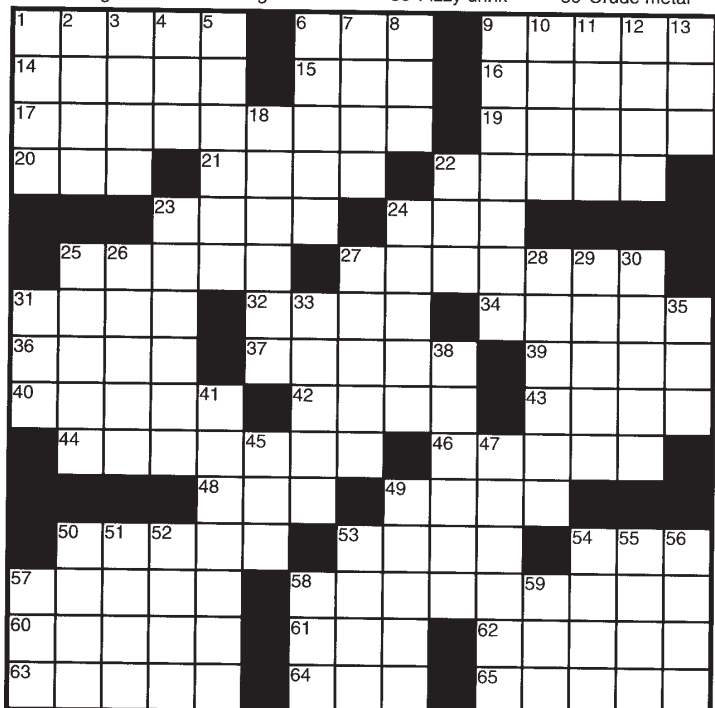
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Some employers help pay for workers' tuition and books

"Tuition,"

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He said, as long as the employee is full-time and is enrolled in classes pertaining to his position, Radio Shack will help pay for books, tuition and fees.

"Many people make use of the reimbursement," Brewer said.

MidFirst Bank also offers tuition reimbursement to full-time employees.

According to www.midfirst.com, MidFirst Bank can reimburse student employees up to 80 percent of tuition cost.

However, companies like Home Depot and Starbucks offer tuition reimbursement to all employees, regardless of major, course selection and workload.

Starbucks' benefits handbook states that employees are eligible for tuition reimbursement based

on tenure with the company and with a 2.0 GPA.

Home Depot follows the same mold, offering all employees up to 50 percent tuition reimbursement, up to \$5,000 a year.

Many employers are willing to offer up to \$5,000 to employees for tuition, books and fees, reports www.fastweb.com. That amount is determined based on workload, whether the employee's field of study relates to the job or a future position, and that person maintains a good GPA, according to the website.

Fay said the military also offers tuition assistance programs, as do federal and state government agencies.

Many branches of the military, including the Air Force and Army, offer enlisted students loan repayment programs, where the military pays off all student loans, according to www.military.com.

Tuition assistance programs, like the one given by the Navy and Marines, will pay 100 percent of tuition and fees.

Accounting major Kim Holt said she didn't know many employers offer tu-

ition assistance programs.

"I had no idea [companies] did that for their [student] employees," Holt said. "It's kind of surprising."

Freshman Walt Gimmerman said now that he knows employers offer tu-

ition assistance, he'll take advantage of it in the future.

"I'd love to get paid to go to college," he said.

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Todd resting, doing OK

"Todd,"

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be returning to the college.

It is expected Todd will stay in the hospital for several days undergoing tests and evaluations, Sechrist said.

"He is resting comfortably," Sechrist said. "I know Dr. Todd appreciates your continued thoughts and prayers."

The family has requested no phone calls or visitors at this time, he said.

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