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President Bob Todd announces March retirement

Provost Paul Sechrist named acting president

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

After 10 years as OKCCC's president, Dr. Bob Todd, 65, has announced he will be retiring in March.

His decision comes after several health complications arose, resulting from heart surgery last January.

Todd issued a statement of retirement via e-mail Sept. 12 to the OKCCC faculty and staff, saying he would step down because of his health.

"It is with great sadness that I am... retiring from my employment with the college, effective March 1, 2006," Todd wrote. "I have recommended that the Board of Regents name an acting president until my



Health issues prompted President Bob Todd to retire.

employment with the college has ended."

College regents named Dr. Paul Sechrist acting president during the regents' committee of the whole meeting Sept. 12.

Sechrist, who is currently serving as provost and Academic Affairs vice presi-

dent, will stand in as the acting president until the regents select a permanent replacement.

Sechrist's relationship with Todd goes back several years.

"I am personally grateful [for] the incredible leadership opportunities [Todd] provided to me by first naming me as dean of the Division of Business and Computer Technology, then as vice president for Academic Affairs, and later as provost," Sechrist said.

"He encouraged and supported my professional growth.

"He has served as my mentor and will always be my friend."

Several regents com-

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OKCCC leader leaving behind lasting legacy

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

OKCCC's president Dr. Bob Todd may be retiring but he leaves behind a legacy of action in shaping the college.

Todd joined the college staff at its inception in 1972 as the administrator in charge of business, tech-

nology, math and science.

He took on the role of president in 1995 after Dr. Bob Gaines retired.

Todd's legacy at OKCCC includes helping create programs such as OKC-

GO, which gives Oklahoma City public school graduates a chance at success in higher education.

The program provides students with free tuition for the first year out of high

"I call him our godfather. He's always been there for us."

—Carol Brogan
Pathways Middle College Administrator

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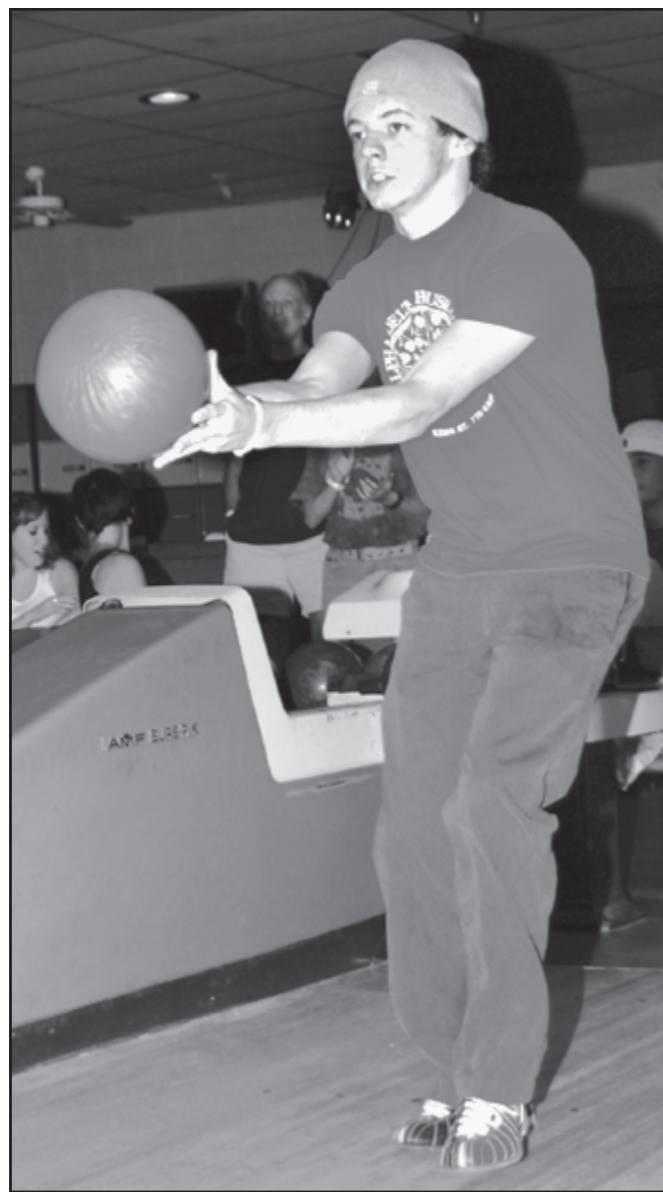


Photo by Holly Jones

Austin Tolin, Scholars League member, hopes for a strike as he takes part in bowling night for OKCCC clubs and organizations at Penn 44 Lanes. The Health Professions Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Black Student Association, Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Scholars League and the Society of Performing Artists were among the clubs participating in the event. For more information about club activities, call (405) 682-1611, ext. 7523.

school. It also helps with book and fee costs, and financial aid and scholarship planning.

Between 1999 and 2004, more than 1,300 students participated in the program, according to the college website.

Todd also paved the way for Pathways Middle College high school.

"Pathways Middle College is a college [preparatory]

school for the Oklahoma City public schools for students who are lucky enough to be on this campus," said Carol Brogan, Pathways Middle College administrator.

The school's students must meet a set of requirements to qualify for enroll-

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Don't count your hornets before they sting

The headline of a recent local sports section read, "NBA to OKC? Get to know the Hornets." Such a statement may come as a surprise because Oklahoma City is not considered a major league city.

Recent events may have changed such notions. Earlier this month the nation came together to support those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

As the country focused on helping those in need, a few people were looking for other ways to help New Orleans and those in the Gulf Coast. This included Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett.

After floodwaters washed out the homes of New Orleans's sports teams, Cornett had an idea.

On Sept. 5 he offered the Ford Center as a temporary home to the New Orleans Hornets. The offer came across in a friendly and quiet manner.

At first it looked like a charitable, if not noble, thing to do. Early comments seemed to say "we're here to help a friend in need."

Yet after the initial offer was made, a sort of competition began. It was reported by www.espn.com that a group of cities including Louisville, San Diego, Nashville, and Kansas City also were interested in hosting the Hornets.

Cornett made a bold move by leading a group of five National Basketball Association officials on a tour of the Ford Center on Sept. 9.

"The NBA is impressed with what we have to offer," Cornett said after revealing a 41-game lease had been discussed.

Yet Cornett's own words following the visit hinted at something other than being a Good Samaritan.

"That old image that we had of Oklahoma City as being a market that was only able to support minor-league events is outdated," Cornett said.

It looks like Cornett wants to capitalize on their plight. The Oklahoman jumped on Cornett's bandwagon by discussing the possible move regularly.

Their coverage became trouble when the newspaper ran a two-page spread about the Hornets in its Sept. 12 issue.

A section dubbed "Meet the Hornets" was meant for local sports fans, but sounded like a marketing tool for potential season ticket holders. It was written as if the Hornets were already here.

Regarding the April 10 game against the Cleveland Cavaliers, Oklahoman writer John Rhode said, "LeBron James, the sage superstar, will be 21 years old when he visits the Ford Center."

Getting an NBA team is not worth taking advantage of a tragedy. The mayor and the media may be the ones who get stung.

—Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Student responds to race issue

To the editor:

This is in response to Mr. Ware's letter. Is he watching the same newscasts as I am?

I saw a picture of flooded buses the black mayor of New Orleans let sit and be flooded along with the rest of the city.

I see the National Guard helping little old black ladies from their homes and people being rescued by helicopters.

The response to 9/11 was five days. Hurricane Katrina's response was three days.

Maybe the racism issue is with everyone else who isn't black.

People are a large part of the problem. I'm being mistreated because I'm whatever.

I'll agree there is and will probably always be a race problem in the United

"Maybe the racism issue is with everyone else who isn't black."

—Russ Friday
OKCCC Graduate

States, if not blacks then some other race that has stepped on the United States.

I spent one semester of my high school learning black history. That means I spent 4 1/2 months listening to Malcolm X telling me how I mistreated the blacks and how the blacks should rise up against the whites.

Now, of course, that was after two years of busing in Oklahoma City where you fought more days than not, where you watched your school literally be torn apart by people who didn't even attend class there, where

your friends were stabbed in front of you and you could not do anything but watch, where girls you knew your whole life were being raped.

Now my question is: how do you expect there to ever really be a change when the schools are doing their best to keep us enraged?

—Russ Friday
OKCCC Graduate

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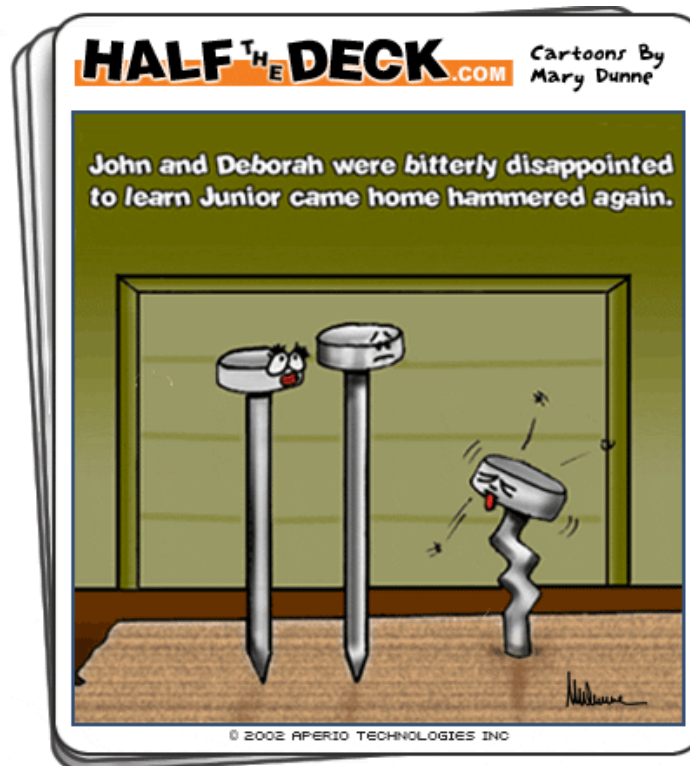
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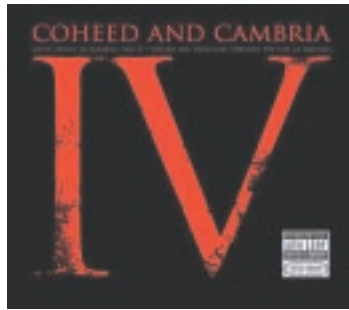
Story continues with new CD

Despite the illustriously long title, Coheed and Cambria's newest release, "Good Apollo, I'm Burning Star IV, Volume One: From Fear Through the Eyes of Madness," is a solid addition to the band's multiple album spanning story.

Much more organized than "The Second Stage Turbine Blade" and more compelling than "In Keeping Secrets of Silent Earth: 3," Coheed and Cambria has managed to one-up themselves with "IV."

Accompanying the album is the release of the second addition to vocalist/guitarist Claudio Sanchez's sci-fi graphic novel, which follows characters and events from the albums.

The idea is intriguing and provides much more listening pleasure thanks to the depth of the lyrics and mu-



sical structure, which boosts the uniqueness of the albums.

"IV" is anything but trite — Coheed and Cambria make new strides in writing and especially bold moves with the song arrangements on the album.

For example, the opening piece is orchestrated, and sets the mood for the rest of the album as surreal and fierce while the second track is an eerie acoustic song showcasing the violent nature of the album.

In total, "IV" is an intense

third mark in the story with a brash rock 'n' roll feel, reminiscent of the power rock of the late '80s.

Everything about it is delicately mastered to make it the best of Coheed and Cambria's albums to date.

The recognizable vocal hooks and poppy nature of past Coheed and Cambria albums is present, and it adds greatly to the overall presentation of the album.

From the story aspect, the album's lyrics boast turmoil and triumph among the characters, and leaves listening ears wanting more.

Although sporadic, "IV" has tons of captivating appeal and is an experience like none other.

Rating: 5/5

—**Richard Hall**
Staff Writer

Pot of gold at the end of the rainbow

Ubisoft is no slouch when it comes to producing heart pounding intense first person shooter games. That's why it's no surprise they have produced another platinum hit with the Rainbow Six series.

Rainbow Six: Lockdown, for Xbox, arrived on shelves Sept. 6.

This year, Ubisoft totally revamped the Rainbow Six series. Everything has been changed — from the campaign to the multi-player mode. Some veterans of the game may not like the way the series is going because it's so revolutionary but I think it was a much-needed move.

One of the many changes players will notice about the game is the speed. Players no longer feel like they're walking with ankle weights on. The characters now seem to walk at a decent speed. The gear also has had a facelift and Ubisoft has added better technical equipment. The maps provide dark, more realistic at-



mospheres. Boards in the floor creak and enemies pay attention to doors opening around them.

Also added to the campaign mode are sniper missions. At times, players can take control of Dieter Weber, the team's sniper. They also may provide cover for the ground team as they make their way through the levels.

The multi-player mode has had significant changes as well. This year, Ubisoft added team sharpshooters. Team survival, retrieval and total conquest are still available play op-

tions.

One of the most intriguing additions to the multi-player game is the persistent elite creation mode. Ubisoft has taken a role-playing game aspect and incorporated it with a FPS game. Now players can play online to collect experience, and money to buy and upgrade weapons, armor and stats.

This game was well worth the wait and has the series going in a positive direction.

Rating: 4.5/5

—**John Savage**
Staff Writer

Counselor's Corner

"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

—**Mark Twain**

Some things are meant to go together: Ben and Jerry's, peanut butter and jelly, rights and responsibilities. Hmm. You probably have the "rights" part of that duo down pretty well. We live in a culture in which someone's always talking about their rights.

Our rights are important, to us as individuals, and to our society as a whole. As a student, you should understand your rights as a member of OKCCC. You have a right to express yourself in appropriate ways and a right to agree or disagree with the opinions of others. You have a right to an environment that is conducive to your learning.

However, you also have responsibilities. Sometimes, that isn't a popular idea in this society. We all want our rights preserved at whatever cost because we feel entitled to them. We aren't quite as concerned with responsibility. Those are things other people are supposed to have. While we may wish someone else will always be there to take care of those things, the reality is we can't enjoy rights without also shouldering some responsibility.

The OKCCC Student Handbook outlines your rights and responsibilities as a student on this campus. Page 34 explicitly outlines your responsibility for attending class and making progress. There is an expectation you will be in class each time the class meets and you will participate in the manner required by your professors. The fact you don't think you've missed too many days to earn a passing grade doesn't mean your professor agrees.

Pages 35 through 38 outline appropriate student conduct and possible consequences for inappropriate conduct. As a student, you have a responsibility to behave in ways not interfering, either directly or indirectly, with the learning process in the classroom or lab. You have a responsibility to engage in ethical behaviors related to your assignments (don't cheat). You may not curse, threaten, or abuse another person (especially your professors).

This list goes on. Of course, the overwhelming majority of you take responsibility for yourselves and behave in a manner appropriate for an adult. You attend class, do assignments, and have the necessary tools for success. A few of you, however, have room for improvement. Whether through ignorance of the expectations we have or your lack of adjustment to the college culture, you have placed yourself on a collision course with academic difficulty. The good news is you have time to change that.

We in Student Development care about your success and want your college experience to be a good one. You have a right to solid advisement, but you have to take the responsibility to come get it.

—**Mary Turner**
Student Development Counselor

Adjunct professor dies of heart failure

By Holly Jones
Staff Writer

Adjunct biology Professor James Biggs, 61, died of heart failure Sept. 11.

Biggs had taught at OKCCC for four years.

"Students loved him because he challenged them more than any other professor," said Richard Trout, biology professor.

Many of the science professors and Biggs's students were somber at the news of his sudden death.

Trout said Biggs will be remembered for his sense of humor. He was always telling jokes or laughing at the ones others told.

"I'd find a really funny joke and he would laugh and laugh," said John Welge, adjunct chemistry professor.

"It was amazing to me how much he could store in his memory. He was an expert in several fields and he taught so many classes here. I don't know how he kept up with them all."

Biggs received a bachelor's degree from the Uni-

versity of Central Oklahoma in 1966. His doctorate in zoology was earned from the University of Oklahoma in 1976.

Max Simmons, Math and Science dean, said Biggs enjoyed teaching.

Simmons said Biggs was dedicated and wanted to teach as many classes as he could sign up for.

Biggs had taught at OSU-OKC, Seminole State College, Oklahoma City University and Southwestern Christian University, and as a graduate student for OU, according to his obitu-

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Biology Professor

ary in the Norman Transcript.

Simmons added that, right now, the department does not want to cancel any of Biggs's class meetings and that full-time faculty are filling in until a perma-

nent solution can be found.

Biggs's wife, Donna, hosted a "celebration of life" service for him Sept. 15 at the Amity Lodge in Oklahoma City.

Donna Biggs asked those who attended to share a memory, joke or story to honor her husband. The couple had been married 38 years.

Survivors include his wife Donna of Norman and sister Elaine Mitchell of El Reno.

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New English prof ventures from Arizona to OKCCC

By Jeremy Barr
News Writing Student

Over the summer, OKCCC hired English Professor Christopher Verschage as one of the new full-time professors in the Arts and Humanities department.

Verschage is teaching English Composition I and II this fall.

He said he is excited to be at OKCCC and has taught students of many different ages.

"My youngest student was 5 years old and my oldest 75," Verschage said.

Verschage was a reading specialist for ABC Phonetic Reading school in Phoenix before coming to OKCCC.

Having taught at schools such as Northern Arizona University, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College and a few community colleges around the Phoenix area, Verschage meets the qualifications.

He received an associate degree from Lansing Community College, a bachelor's from Michigan State University and a master's from Northern Arizona State.

For six years Verschage taught full-time at the Elizabethtown Community

and Technical College in Kentucky.

Verschage said he liked to write stories, which led him into writing and teaching.

"I try to bring my own experiences with writing (as well as other writers' experiences) into the classroom to encourage students with their own writing," Verschage said in an e-mail.

Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities dean, said she is excited to have Verschage on board.

"We're thrilled," she said.

Not only does Verschage teach, but he also designs websites.

VanSchuyver said Verschage's web design abilities will be beneficial to the college.

Verschage said he has created several websites and would love to help with the college's website if needed.

Verschage has taught for 16 years and said he doesn't believe he is a difficult teacher.

He said he takes the time to help each student who needs it.

"I try to explain concepts in a way that's understandable for students and at the same time, I try to make myself as accessible as possible," Verschage said.

Verschage said, when he is not teaching, he likes to read Native American non-fiction books, play guitar, camp, and spend time with his wife and four kids.

Public Speaking course gets techno upgrade

By Lizzie Byrd
News Writing Student

OKCCC will offer a new twist to one of its popular courses for the upcoming spring semester. The college's public speaking course will include a never-before-offered electronic component.

Mass Media Communications Professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert said the decision to add the electronic aspect of the class was made to better prepare students to deliver speeches that include a microphone, computer, and camera. It is also expected to assist students for future careers.

"Journalism and broadcasting students will become more competitive and add to their résumés with the polished on-camera

skills learned in this course," Faulconer-Lippert said.

Adding the electronic portion to public speaking was initially proposed by Faulconer-Lippert and was supported by the Journalism and Broadcasting faculty.

"The course will be offered to all majors and will be listed as a general education course," Arts and Humanities Dean Susan VanSchuyver said.

Only one section will be offered with the electronic component out of approximately 15 sections and only 25 seats will be available.

While all majors are welcome to enroll in the course, the electronic public speaking section is particularly aimed at journalism and broadcasting students. The course is three credits and will be held on

Mondays from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The specialized section of public speaking was created in order to assist journalism and broadcasting students, but VanSchuyver said all majors could benefit from enrolling in the course.

"Public relations majors could benefit from this course as someday they will have to create and give presentations, while theater majors would gain flexibility when applying for future jobs," VanSchuyver said.

"Our regular public speaking course provides that as well but the addition of cameras will give the students greater flexibility."

Business major Latoya Willis said she might have benefited from a speech course that included practice with video cameras and microphones.

"The course will be offered to all majors and will be listed as a general education course."

—Susan VanSchuyver
Arts and Humanities
Dean

"It depends on what sort of business you plan on going into but it would be beneficial because you do have to speak in front of a lot of people," Willis said.

She said public speaking is required for her major but she has already completed the course.

The success of this section will help the college decide whether to offer the extra electronic training in future public speaking courses.

Student Life throws party for OKCCC birthday bash

By Whitney Willis
News Writing Student

The Office of Student Life is hosting an anniversary celebration in honor of OKCCC's 33rd birthday.

The festivities will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22, at the arts festival site outside Entry 5 on the west side of campus.

Liz Largent, Student Life director, said the purpose of this celebration is to create a fun environment for students to congregate and take a load of stress off from their first round of tests.

Activities will include a bungee run, jousting, a live deejay, giveaways, free drinks and all-you-can-eat hamburgers and chips for \$1.50.

Frisbee art also will be available, Largent said.

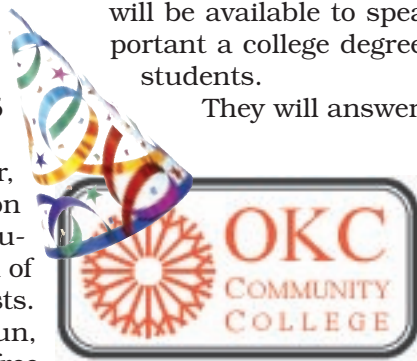
She said Frisbee art is the process of splashing multiple colors of paint on a spinning Frisbee, creating a unique and original piece of art.

Student Development counselors also will be available to speak about how important a college degree is to the lives of students.

They will answer any questions or concerns students have about graduation.

This will be the second anniversary celebration.

The first one was held last year and attracted more than 200 students, Largent said.



Science prof loves outdoors

By Sarah Atkinson
News Writing Student

Adjunct science Professor Cassandra Meek became a full-time biology and chemistry professor this semester.

Meek was an adjunct with the biotechnology department this summer and a special hire during the two-week intersession.

She also was an instructor for the department's summer academy for high school juniors and seniors in June.

Meek said her interest in biology came from living in the countryside of Oklahoma.

"I am amazed at the way the intricate details of life processes work together to give the whole big picture," Meek said. "Everything is connected in the web of life."

Meek graduated from

Broken Bow High School and attended various small colleges before earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in biology at the University of Central Oklahoma.

In 2003, Meek received her doctorate in Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences from the University of Arkansas.

Meek taught at the Delgado Community College in New Orleans, Tarrant County College in Texas and the University of North Texas in Denton before coming to OKCCC.

Charlotte Mulvihill, Biotechnology program director, said Meek came to OKCCC just when she was needed.

"She will use her chemistry and molecular background to help keep our biotech programming up to date," Mulvihill said.

Meek said she likes the goal-oriented approach OKCCC offers.

"I am amazed at the way the intricate details of life processes work together to give the whole big picture."

—Cassandra Meek
Biology and Chemistry Professor

She said OKCCC is the best fit for her and her favorite part of the college is the students.

"Most of our students have families and jobs to maintain, and this can be quite a challenge. They are here because they want to be," she said.

Meek said her primary goal is to get students to realize their full potential.

Meek lives in Oklahoma City with her 15-year-old son.

She said they both love music, spending time outdoors and traveling.

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Researcher comes from Texas

By Justin Keane
News Writing Student

After living in what many at the college would call the enemy territory of Austin, Texas, Janet Perry has migrated north and been hired as OKCCC's Institutional Effectiveness Director.

She began work July 1.

Perry was previously the Assessment Coordinator for St. Edwards University in Austin.

"After looking at the website, I was very impressed with [OKCCC's] enrollment growth and opportunity to work with so many people," Perry said.

"Everyone has a commitment to the success of the students and it is something that is contagious," Perry said.

"I plan to embrace it from my position."

Perry earned bachelor's master's degrees in economics from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

"Everyone has a commitment to the success of the students and it is something that is contagious and I plan to embrace from my position."
—Janet Perry
Institutional Effectiveness Director

She also has an Education Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

Perry has already been very active in Oklahoma City since finding a home. She has recently seen the bombing memorial and taken a canal trip in Bricktown.

She said she is enjoying the city, although as for the weather, she's surprised it isn't a bit cooler here than in Texas.

The new job is keeping her busy.

Perry described her job as



Janet Perry
OKCCC Institutional Effectiveness Director

assisting people in designing and developing better ways to serve the people on campus.

She said she is currently working with the administration on monitoring reports for the OKCCC Board of Regents.

Perry is married and has three step-children and two grandchildren.

She said she has more than 400 stuffed animals, to the delight of her grandchildren.

Poli Sci department gets new prof

By Neely Dow
News Writing Student

Randy Hopkins was named as a new full-time political science professor this fall.

"I have been waiting for this opportunity for a long time," Hopkins said.

Political Science is the study of government and government operations.

Hopkins has been an adjunct instructor at OKCCC since 2000.

"OKCCC is important to this community and Oklahoma City as a whole," Hopkins said.

Hopkins said political science is important because government touches everyone in this country every day.

He said he never plans to run for political office, but

he hopes some of his students do.

Hopkins said his favorite part about teaching is being able to focus on the subject material on a full time basis. Hopkins said he became interested in political science at an early age from watching the evening news with his father.

Hopkins is from Tulsa. He attended Tulsa Union High School.

He has bachelor's degrees in political science and history from the University of North Texas, a master's degree in science from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Texas, in Tyler.

Hopkins has been in graduate school at the University of Oklahoma for five years now and has almost completed his education.



Randy Hopkins
Political Science Professor

Social Sciences department chair Ray McCullar said students appreciate Hopkins' lectures.

"Hopkins is very highly thought of for the thoroughness of his presentations and the helpful attitude," Hopkins said he plans to teach at OKCCC for a long time.

Guitarist tells stories through songs

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Technique meets artistry when classical guitarist Brad Richter graces the stage of the OKCCC Theater at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29.

Richter is a special type of performer and composer, said Scott Tigert, Cultural Programs and Community Development assistant.

"There are those who have great technique and those who are artists who interpret pieces," he said.

Richter is both.

Tigert said the appeal of Richter's music is how he tells stories with his songs.

"Before each song he tells you what it is about and you can hear what he tells you," he said.

Richter, 36, is a native Oklahoman who was born and raised in Enid.

He taught himself how to play guitar at age 12, according to www.bradrichter-guitar.com.

Tigert said Richter is gifted.

"I bet he would be considered a prodigy," he said.

Richter was able to combine his raw talent with traditional studying during his college years in the early '90s.

He received a bachelor's degree in music from the Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University in 1993 and a master's in music from the Royal College of Music in London in 1994.

After completing his education, he performed across the United States and Europe.

He is currently a music professor at the University of Arizona, according to his website.

*Brad Richter
on Stage*

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 29

Place: College theater

Cost: \$20 for general admission, \$15 for students, faculty and staff

F.Y.I.: Richter will hold a workshop at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28 in the theater green room

Tigert said another interesting way Richter reaches students is the Canyon Country Guitar Project in Page, Ariz.

Most of the students in this project are Navajo, Tigert said. This is part of Richter's outreach and residency program.

One component of the program for students is composition workshops.

Richter will host a workshop on campus at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the green room of the theater.

The workshop is free and open to the public.

On his website Richter said he likes to teach in a relaxed atmosphere with a sense of humor.

During the workshop three to four OKCCC guitar students of Terry Isaacs will perform pieces to be critiqued by Richter, Tigert said.

"It is a great chance for guitarists to get a professional insight," he said.

Tigert said the concert is for anyone interested in hearing a wonderful guitarist and composer.

General admission for the concert is \$20, while tickets for students, staff, faculty, alumni and seniors are \$15.

For more information, contact Tigert in Cultural Programs and Community Development at (405) 682-7579.

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Thieves take three cars from parking lots

**By Christiana Kostura
Editor**

Three cars were stolen from the OKCCC campus during the first week of September, said Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director.

One vehicle was stolen from the OKCCC campus on Sept. 8, said Amanda Mills, nursing sophomore.

"I was walking to my car, in parking lot C, when I saw the [thief]," she said.

The car, a 1983 red Monte Carlo, belonged to OKCCC student Kevin McKee. The theft occurred around 11:15 a.m., Mills said.

She said she saw a large man with a darker complexion and black hair trying to get into the vehicle.

"I never would have been suspicious, since he didn't stop when he saw me,"

Mills said, "but then he started tearing up the steering console."

After getting the vehicle's license plate number, Mills reported the incident to OKCCC's Safety and Security department.

According to OKCCC's incident report, the vehicle is valued at \$8,000. The report also stated there were \$450 worth of school books in the car.

Another vehicle stolen was a 2000 Isuzu Rodeo. The SUV was taken from parking lot G on Sept. 6. Jim Ellis, director of testing services at OKCCC, reported the car stolen.

Ellis said the thief stole the keys from a college locker.

"I went jogging and had left my belongings in what I thought was a secured locker," Ellis said.

The Wellness Center locker was pried open while Ellis was outside.

A cell phone, watch, keys and \$4 in cash were stolen.

The thief then stole the SUV, which belongs to Ellis' daughter.

"They mostly stole my sense of security," he said.

Ellis said he found the vehicle on the shoulder of I-240 two days later. The vehicle has substantial damage, he said. The engine no longer starts.

"When using an allegedly secure area, know it's your risk to leave your belongings there," Ellis said.

The most recent vehicle stolen was a red Chevy Silverado worth \$4,500, according to an OKCCC incident report.

The vehicle was reported stolen by its owner, James Wells, on Sept. 9 just after 1 p.m. The truck was stolen from parking lot C.

Sloas said Safety and Security has stepped up patrols in the parking lots.

"We have assigned addi-

Tips for Keeping Your Car Safe

- Always lock your car.
- Never leave your keys in the ignition or anywhere in the car.
- Never attach a tag with identifying information to your key ring.
- Completely close your windows.
- Consider the purchase and installation of security devices, such as alarms, ignition kill switches, fuel kill switches, visible steering wheel locks and tracking devices.
- Copy your license plate number and vehicle identification numbers (VIN) on a card and keep the card with your driver's license. This will aid officers in quickly recovering your car.
- Go to an emergency call box or call (405) 682-1611, ext. 7691, if you see someone trying handles on the cars in a lot or "hanging around" the cars. Call if you hear glass breaking or other sounds which may indicate someone is trying to get into cars. Provide security with a full description of the person, including clothing and a direction of travel if she or he leaves the area.

tional officers to parking lot patrol, while maintaining patrols inside the building," Sloas said.

A total of six cars have

been stolen in 2005 so far, he said.

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Student caught in lot puffing pot

**By Richard Hall
Staff Writer**

Safety and Security Officer Rod Harden followed his nose and caught a student smoking marijuana in parking lot C on Aug. 23.

Harden said he was patrolling the parking lot in a golf cart when he smelled marijuana coming from a truck, where he found Bradford Boalt smoking a marijuana cigarette.

"Boalt was nervous when I approached him," Harden said.

Boalt was so nervous, Harden said, that he then swallowed two joints after Harden asked the student for identification.

"It was a very foolish thing to do," Harden said. "While I questioned Boalt, he kept insisting he wasn't smoking marijuana."

Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Bourque said students who smoke marijuana on campus are in vio-

lation of the law.

Harden said he scolded Boalt for his actions.

"I told him he needed counseling and that I was going to write a Student Conduct report on him," Harden said.

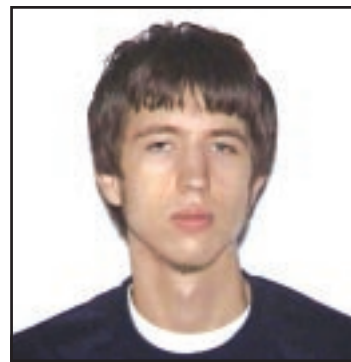
A Student Conduct Report is written when a student violates any of the policies printed in the Student Handbook, according to www.okccc.edu/policies/503.

"The Student Handbook states that violating the College Drug and Alcohol Policy is against state and federal law," Bourque said.

Boalt was suspended for the incident. Student Relations Director Mary Candler could not give the specific length of his suspension, but said it could be for a long time.

"Depending on the circumstances of the situation," Candler said, "he could be suspended for the rest of the semester up to five years."

This isn't the first time



Bradford Boalt

Harden has come across students using drugs.

"I've come across some students who say it helps them test better," he said.

He said students need to read the Student Handbook and become versed on the policies.

For more information about college policies, pick up a Student Handbook in Student Services located on the first floor of the main building, visit www.okccc.edu/policies or call Student Services at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7784.

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Association raises scholarship funds

**By Lizzie Byrd
News Writing Student**

The Faculty Association raised money during its semi-annual fund-raiser known as the Coke Wagon held at Arts Festival Oklahoma from Sept. 2 to 5.

The fund-raiser was held to raise money for Faculty Association scholarships.

"There are two fund-raisers," said math Professor Chris Oehrlein, "one in the fall and one in the spring."

Faculty and staff members sold soft drinks to festival attendees.

The Faculty Association then receives a share of the profits.

Volunteer Coordinator and English Professor Mike Franco said the amount raised is still pending.

"The college won't know for at least three more weeks," Franco said.

Students may apply for Faculty Association scholarships through faculty members willing to recommend them or the faculty may nominate the students themselves.

Each year \$250 to \$350 scholarships are awarded to four to six students attending OKCCC.

The spring fund-raiser focuses on baked goods and crafts brought in by faculty and then sold or auctioned off.

Applying for the scholarship more than one time a year is allowed.

There is no academic requirement and all majors are welcome.

Students must submit an essay with their application on how attending OKCCC has improved or influenced their lives.

**Contact the editor at
editor@okccc.edu**

Sports

Soccer team starts season on wrong foot



Photo by Holly Jones

Players from the University of Central Oklahoma fight OKCCC midfielder Uziel Rios for control over a loose ball during the first soccer match of the season Sept. 10. The game ultimately slipped away from OKCCC as UCO scored six goals in the second half. UCO won the game 7-1.

**By Quincy Robinson
News Writing Student**

The OKCCC soccer team lost its first game Sept. 10 against the University of Central Oklahoma. Despite the tough game and formidable opponent ahead, the team looked loose and optimistic.

That optimism soon turned to disappointment as OKCCC lost 7-1.

OKCCC coach K.B. Yeboah looked optimistic as well before the game. "We'll see what happens," he said. "We just need to get used to playing with each other."

OKCCC started the game with an aggressive tone. They kept UCO on their heels most of the first half by firing three shots at UCO goalie Michael Fadum.

UCO scored the first two goals, but OKCCC answered early in the second half with a goal from forward Eric Attakorah.

Later in the second half OKCCC's aggressive play turned too aggressive.

Two players, Mitchell Nelson and Ryan Lopez both received yellow cards for hard fouls.

To add to the frustration, UCO scored on a penalty kick that stemmed from a tripping foul on OKCCC goalie Roberto Hernandez.

UCO fed off OKCCC's frustration and began to pick apart their defense with precision passing.

The UCO players began to click on all cylinders, keeping OKCCC on defense for most of the second half.

"Move forward, move forward," Yeboah shouted to his team anxiously.

Uziel Rios was listening to his coach and scrambled for scoring opportunities to shoot again on Fadum.

However, the UCO defense held tight, not letting OKCCC have another opportunity to score.

"We have some players who work and can't make practice," Yeboah said.

"For the most part we just need to play as a team."

OKCCC's next game will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 against the University of Oklahoma-Columbia. The game will be hosted by UCO.

OKCCC will play against OU at noon Sunday, Sept. 25. Redlands Community College in El Reno will host the game.

For more information, contact League Coordinator Jalal Daneshfar at (405) 974-2377.

UPCOMING

OKCCC INTRAMURALS SCHEDULE

•**Sept. 19:** Flag football games will be played on Monday, Sept. 19, and Thursday, Sept. 22. All games will be played at the athletic field on the south side of campus near May Avenue. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Sept. 20:** Volleyball games on Tuesday, Sept. 20, and Thursday, Sept. 22, in the gym on the first floor of the main building. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Sept. 24:** The soccer season moves on as OKCCC faces the University of Oklahoma Columbia team at 2:30 p.m. The game is hosted by the University of Central Oklahoma. For more information, contact League Coordinator Jalal Daneshfar at (405) 947-2377.

Spinning class builds stronger, healthier hearts

**By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer**

Heart fitness training has begun at the Wellness Center with six spinning bikes.

Spinning is a form of stationary cycling, Wellness Center Attendant Chico Dambreville said.

"They are exercise bikes set up to look and feel like real bikes," he said.

Dambreville teaches one of the new spinning classes at the Wellness Center.

Spinning is designed to give participants a unique workout for their hearts, said Traci Wheeler, Recreation and Community Services director.

"In this spinning class we are training people to build their hearts into stronger and more efficient muscles," she said.

Participants are asked to purchase a heart rate monitor.

"During this, people should work out at between 60 to 85 percent of their maximum heart rate," Wheeler said.

"You have to make sure

"In this spinning class we are training people to build their hearts into stronger and more efficient muscles."

—Traci Wheeler

Recreation and Community
Services Director

someone's heart rate doesn't get too high.

"There are safety measures to prevent an overload."

Staying in a specific heart rate zone allows people to burn fat and train their hearts in a safe manner, she said.

"The workout will train the heart to pump blood faster to the rest of the body."

Although the class gives participants a good workout, they are allowed to go at their own pace, Dambreville said.

Before they could teach spinning, both Dambreville and Wheeler had to be certified through Mad Dogg, a company that trains those who teach spinning.

"I chose to work with them because their training was intense," Wheeler said.

"The training was great," she said. "We got to learn how to train

people by watching their heart rate."

Both Dambreville and Wheeler look forward to teaching students and others about spinning.

"It's a fun class so it's not supposed to be hard or gruesome," Dambreville said.

He teaches a class from 1 to 1:50 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Wheeler teaches classes from 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, and from 1 to 1:50 p.m. on Saturday.

Each class is taught in room 1C1B near the locker rooms.

The cost is \$20 per month for students and \$35 per month for non-students, Wheeler said.

For more information on spinning classes, contact Wheeler at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7280.

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Counselor moves into classroom

By Mary Lynn Fryer
News Writing Student

From student developmental counselor to psychology professor, OKCCC's Peggy Jordan is fulfilling her dream.

Jordan has just made the switch from an office to a classroom this fall.

She spent the past six years as an OKCCC Student Development counselor. Jordan also taught as a part-time psychology professor for 12 years.

She said she is confident in her career change to full-time professor. "I am very excited about being a teacher because I am seeing students in a new way," Jordan said.

Cecelia Yoder, psychology department chair, worked with Jordan for many years.

"Peggy Jordan is a great addition to the program," she said. "I feel good about her new position."

Jordan is excited about the new position. "I feel privileged to be a part of students' excitement and their new experiences."

"I hope to build longer and stronger relationships with them."

Jordan also sponsors Psy Beta, and the Psychology and Sociology student club.



Peggy Jordan

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Highlights

Hispanic Community Forum

OKCCC will host a Hispanic Community Forum at 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22 in CU2. Community leaders will discuss important topics such as immigration, housing, education and development of the Riverside community.

Time Management Workshop

At noon Monday, Sept. 26 in CU2, Student Life will present another segment of the Brown Bag Lunch Series. Learn the basics on how to manage your time and prioritize your life. Cooperative Technical Education Coordinator Alexa Marshlan will host the workshop. All students who attend any segment of the series will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an Apple iPod Shuffle.

Health Professions Club

The Health Professions Club will host guest speaker Susan Tucker from OU Health Sciences Center from noon to 12:50 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26, in CU3. The information provided is valuable to allied health majors. For more information, contact Physics Professor Steve Kamm at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7268, or club member Zarah Williams at (405) 203-8294.

OKCCC annual job fair

OKCCC will be having its annual job fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the college union. The fair is open to students, alumni and community. For more information, contact Student Employment Adviser Linda Fay at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7683.

Wal-Mart gift certificate drawing

All students who uploaded a résumé in September to our college central jobs board at www.collegecentral.com/okccc will be eligible to win a \$50 gift certificate. For more information, contact Student Employment Adviser Linda Fay at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7683.

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.

Tai Ji Chuan and Ba Gua Zhang

Come and practice the Chinese martial arts of Tai Ji Chuan and Ba Gua Zhang between classes this fall. The activity is held at noon on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information about the location and lesson times or questions about the practice, call UNIX System Administrator Trey Bishop at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7619, or e-mail cbishop@okccc.edu.

Golden Age Celebration at State Fair

Senior citizens will be celebrated with their own special day from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Carriage Hall, under the clock tower at the Oklahoma State Fair. All seniors 55 and older will be admitted free of charge on that day to enjoy all kinds of fun activities. Exhibits, prizes, health screenings, contests and Jazzercise will be a few of the events held. Registration for all events will be at 8 a.m. with free coffee and doughnuts. For more information on Senior Day, call Director of Special Attractions Melinda Parsons at (405) 948-6736.



Photo by Kasi Kennedy

Lawanda LaVarnway and Trenna Grayson, Photography Club sponsors, along with Michelle Smith, OKCCC graduate, stand behind red velvet ropes at the entrance to Bricktown's Crab Town Sept. 9. LaVarnway, Grayson and Smith took pictures of the Channel 9 news team in a paparazzi-like fashion.

Channel 9 gets royal treatment

By Kasi Kennedy
News Writing Student

Two sponsors of the OKCCC Photography Club and a graduate from the college posed as paparazzi while the employees and fans of Channel 9 television entered Crab Town in Bricktown, Sept. 9.

Photography Club sponsors LaWanda LaVarnway and Trenna Grayson along with OKCCC photography graduate Michelle Smith stood behind red velvet ropes flashing their cameras while the employees walked into the restaurant.

Mayor Mick Cornett attended the lunch and presented Mary Hart, an Entertainment Tonight anchorwoman with a key to Oklahoma City.

Hart was the honored guest because she and the Channel 9 employees were celebrating her 25 years in television.

Hart got her start in Okla-

"I enjoyed this opportunity because I probably would not have the chance to meet the Channel 9 news crew otherwise."

—Michelle Smith

OKCCC Photography Graduate

homa City while working on "Danny's Day" with Danny Williams.

Angel Jackson, marketing coordinator for Channel 9 news, contacted LaVarnway, who is also the Photography lab assistant, and asked her to gather photographers affiliated with OKCCC for the event.

LaVarnway said Channel 9 called OKCCC because Jackson is a former student and co-worker of Gwin Faulconer-Lippert, an OKCCC Mass Media Communications professor.

Grayson said the papa-

razzi role was fun.

"Dean Blevins (Channel 9 sports caster) was kind and waited for me to fix my camera so that I could get his picture," Grayson said.

Smith agreed with Grayson.

"I enjoyed this opportunity because I probably would not have had the chance to meet the Channel 9 news crew otherwise," she said.

The OKCCC group received free lunch and got autographs and pictures from many of the local celebrities.

•Club news? Call John at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7676 or e-mail staffwriter1@okccc.edu.

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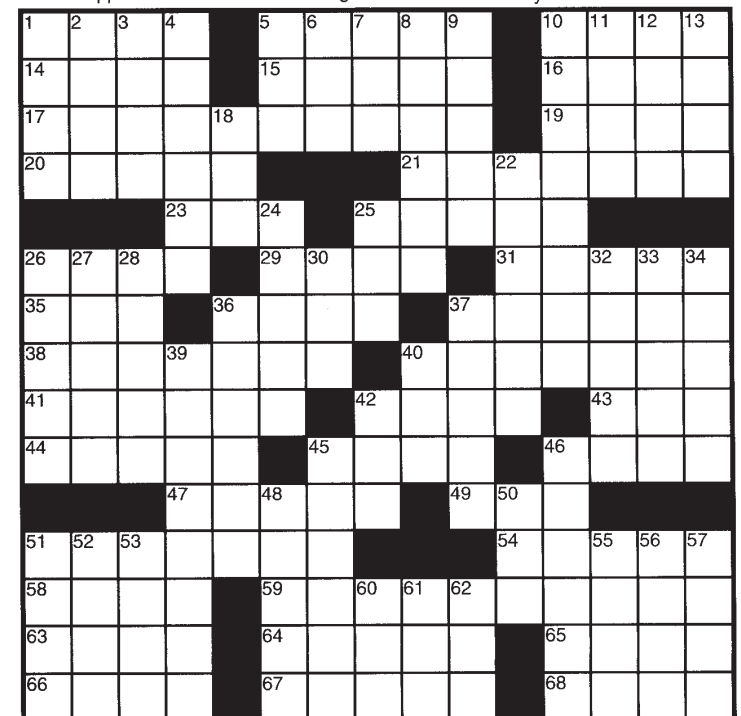
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Oklahoma City Community College
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College provost steps in as acting president

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mented on the selection.

"I think it is a great decision made at a sad time, but a good decision," said Regent Jim White.

Regent Alice Musser agreed. "We're all sad about why we have to do it but glad for the good decision," she said.

A target date for selecting a president has not yet been set. "In the upcoming months, the board will be deciding the course of action to name the next president of the college," said



Dr. Paul Sechrist

Helen Camey, chair of OKCCC's Board of Regents.

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President Bob Todd's legacy thrives at OKCCC

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ment, Brogan said.

Technology has flourished under Todd's watch as well, with the creation of the student technology fee.

The student technology fee helps provide OKCCC classrooms with computers, software and maintenance, according to the 2005 Student Handbook.

The fee originated in the fall of 1994 and was \$1 per credit hour.

It has since evolved to its current rate of \$5 per credit hour. Since fall of 1997, the fee has raised more than \$5 million to help support campus technology.

In addition to those accomplishments, Todd also served the college in several administrative positions, said Pat Berryhill, Institutional Advancement executive director.

"I think his total commitment to serving students was his total being," said Janice Phillips, executive administrative assistant to the president.

Brogan agreed. "I call him our godfather," she said. "He's always been there for us."

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Dr. Paul Sechrist, acting president of OKCCC, said one of his favorite memories of Todd as the president is him always winning the ugly Christmas tie contest at the annual employee holiday dinner.

A more serious memory is how Todd provided calm and clear leadership after the May 3, 1999, tornado devastated Westmoore High School, leaving its students without classrooms.

Todd welcomed WHS students to OKCCC's campus where they were able to resume classes.

However, Sechrist said, he believes Todd's greatest accomplishments include leading the college during a time of unprecedented enrollment growth, and transforming the look and functionality of the college through many renovation and construction projects.

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