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# PIONEER

## Oklahoma native seeks shelter in his home state

By Matthew Caban  
Staff Writer

One OKCCC graduate found himself longing for his home on the plains after riding out Hurricane Katrina in the heart of New Orleans.

Film and Video graduate Shaun Earley was visiting friends when he was caught in a New Orleans apartment during the storm despite a mandatory evacuation.

Earley said evacuation was almost impossible for many people within New Orleans.

"Beginning Saturday there was a horrible traffic jam leading out of the city," he said.

"On the news they were saying there was no gas in New Orleans, and I couldn't find a taxi or a rental car."

Earley said residents of New Orleans and visitors were not able to leave the city because public transportation

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## Helping save lives...



Photo by Holly Jones

Oklahoma Blood Institute Phlebotomist Shaneeka Barber wraps the arm of Daniel Kemp after he donates blood. When asked why he donated Kemp said, "Why not? I can stand to lose a little bit of blood." OBI collected 95 units of blood in two days at OKCCC.

## Evacu-Trac gives lift to disabled

By Richard Hall  
Staff Writer

Being caught in a fire is a scary experience, especially for those who rely on wheelchairs for mobility and stairwells for escape. Hopefully, that will never be the scenario at OKCCC.

The college uses a stair-climbing device specifically designed to aid walking-disabled people down stairs during emergencies.

Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Bourque said the college acquired three Evacu-Tracs in 1999. They can be found on the top floor of every multi-level building on campus.

"There's one on the third floor of the main building,

the fourth floor of the library and third floor of the Arts and Humanities building," Bourque said.

He said once the Science, Engineering and Math Center is completed, another Evacu-Trac will be purchased for the building.

Bourque said, during an alarm, campus elevators remain stationary on the first floor until the alarm shuts off, then they're re-activated.

This escape requires a trip down stairs for those on upper floors of campus buildings.

The Evacu-Trac moves down stairs by gripping the edge of each step with a rubber track. Bourque said it can move down a flight of stairs just as fast as the operator can push it.

Student Dusty Choate

relies on his motorized chair to get from one place to another.

During a false fire alarm in late August, Choate said, he became nervous because he didn't know how he was going to get down stairs.

"I was on a top floor and had no way to get down stairs," Choate said. "My professor said he would carry me down if he had to."

Choate said he's relieved to know the school has three Evacu-Tracs.

"I didn't know the college had them," he said. "Next time there's an alarm I'll feel safer knowing they're here."

Safety and Security Officer Kevin Tipton said the Evacu-Trac is relatively easy to operate because it's on a reverse fail-safe brake

system.

"If you're on a staircase and not squeezing the brake, the thing isn't moving," Tipton said. "You have to release the brake to go down stairs."

Bourque said the device weighs only 35 pounds and folds up to fit in small areas. When someone requires its assistance,

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Security Officer Kevin Tipton and Pathways student Jonathon Lopez demonstrate how the Evacu-Trac helps disabled people get down the stairs in case there's an emergency and the elevators are not operable.

Photo by Lee Boyd





## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

## Clones: wrong way to make babies

Suppose one day a person could go into a lab and make the perfect human being. Suppose a person could take his or her own genes and make a copy of them. Think about the possibilities: a chance for childless couples to raise a family, a chance for a grieving family to replace their lost child with another just like that child.

Sounds amazing, doesn't it? The fact is, since Dolly — the world's most famous sheep — was cloned, the possibility has become real. We must be careful with this. This is real science. It involves real human beings. There are risks people take when they start to play God.

Ask yourself this: to what extremes will people go to with this new technology? If we don't take care, we are going to end up making babies in ways so wrong future generations could be in peril.

Cast aside for one moment the possibility that cloning won't work. Let's assume it can. Cast aside for one moment the deep religious issues cloning raises. Even if we put aside those significant aspects, we're still confronted with issues that make a compelling case against cloning for reproductive purposes. Let's consider some of them.

First, there are things that will happen as the process is perfected. Dolly was cloned after 276 tries, according to the New Scientist magazine. People may accept a one in 276 possibility of a normal sheep as a result of cloning technique in sheep, but will people accept 12 deformed human fetuses and 200 failed eggs with an unknown outcome in human beings?

Then, there's the issue of interfering with the process of evolution. Diversity is good in a species. It contributes to the vitality and survivability of a species. Uniformity actually weakens a species. The winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine, Eric Wieschaus, reminds us that "Possibly our survival as a species depends on population diversity." What about the unique identity of the clone? A cloned baby would be tailor-made by another human being. Someone would decide in advance exactly what the baby would be like.

The cloned baby is different from other babies who are born in the natural lottery of birth. How would the baby feel about itself, knowing it had been created with particular expectations? Suppose a parent clones a baby to replace a child who died. The parent may love the new child especially dearly. How would the new child feel? Can we expect the child to be happy about the reason it was born?

Cloning is dangerous and wrong. For most of this century, our world has believed in scientific progress no matter what. Anything goes if it's scientific progress. Just because we can do something, that does not mean we should. With issues as enormous as this, we must think carefully indeed. Human cloning may well be possible, but let's be clear: that doesn't automatically make it right.

—Mahogany Crowder  
Staff Writer

## Student inspired by poem

### To the editor:

Every time I need a little inspiration I read this. Maybe you can share this with other students at the college.

*If you think you can:*

If you think you are beaten, you are.

If you think you dare not, you don't.

If you like to win, and don't think you can,

It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you're last, you're last.

For out in the world we find,

Success begins with a fellow's will.

It's all in the state of mind. Full many a race is lost Ere even a step is run, And many a coward fails, Ere even his work is begun.

Think big and your deeds will grow,

Think small and you'll fall behind,

Think that you can and you will —

It's all in a state of mind.

If you think you are out-classed, you are,

You've got to think high and rise,

You've got to be sure of yourself before

You can even win a prize. Life's battles don't always

go,

To the stronger or faster man:

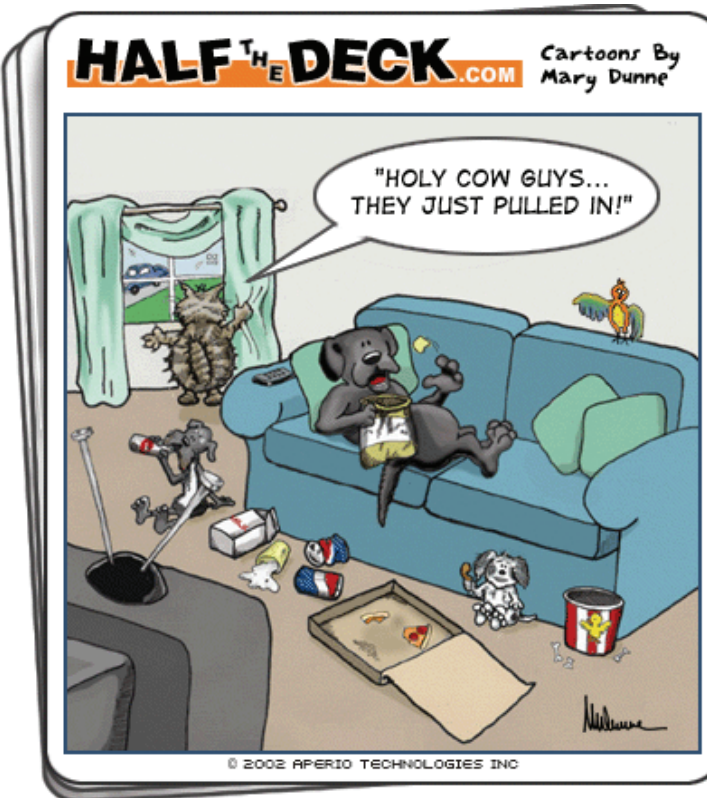
But sooner or later, the man who wins

Is the fellow who thinks he can!

Passed along to me by Mrs. Abernathy, my sixth grade teacher.

—Michael Levy  
OKCCC Student

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## Comments and Reviews

### 'Flightplan' cleared for take-off

At first I thought "Flightplan" was going to be "Panic Room" at 30,000 feet.

Needless to say, I was wrong and was actually entertained by the movie.

What starts as a flight across the Atlantic turns into a struggle for Kyle (Jodie Foster) as she searches for her daughter Julia (Marlene Lawston), who just happens to go missing on a behemoth of an airplane.

As "Flightplan" progresses, we're made to believe Kyle is delusional — that she never brought her daughter onto the plane.

But that's just where the story begins.

The best thing about this movie is that the plot is bloated with suspense. The film becomes somewhat of a who-done-it, along the

same lines as "Identity" but without the split personality.

The acting, overall, is pretty darn good. Foster does a great job acting like a worried mother and Peter Sarsgaard of "The Skeleton Key" plays a convincing air marshal with a suspicious streak.

Sean Bean, from "Troy" and "GoldenEye," dwarfs Foster, however. He has some big shoes to fill as Captain Rich, the pilot who cares for all 425 passengers' safety and he pulls it off really, really well.

The music, on the other hand, might as well be omitted from the film altogether.

There isn't one thing fresh about it and it didn't get me built up for anything in the film, which let

me down.

"Flightplan," in a way, also acts like a real flight — it's slow at first, but picks up gradually, and then next thing you know you're at your destination.

Maybe this was Director Robert Schwentke's intent, along with the subtle yet effective political undertones. Either way, it makes this 90-minute movie seem like two hours.

Yet, with a gripe so small, I can't knock "Flightplan" out of the air.

The story is something fresh coming from a long line of tart ideas. All the elements of a good watch came together nicely.

"Flightplan" is a go in my book.

**Rating: B**

—**Richard Hall**  
Staff Writer

### 'Raiders' still has raving fans

Summer is finally over and the big blockbusters are no longer in theaters.

With the holidays still months away, there is an empty space at the movies.

Only one thing can fill the time: classic movies.

About a quarter century ago, two well-known filmmakers teamed up to make something different.

"Raiders of the Lost Ark" was different from the films that made Steven Spielberg and George Lucas famous.

It comes as no surprise that "Raiders" was written to be a low-budget movie when the hero is named Indiana Jones.

He is an archaeology professor during the week and a treasure hunter on the weekends.

The role is played to its fullest by Harrison Ford at his peak.

Indiana Jones is both scholar and adventurer.

Indy, as he is known, is ready to take on nature (even snakes) or villains such as sneaky guides.

The movie opens with a

classic chase that has yet to be topped.

Later on, Indy faces a group of Nazis led by a French archaeologist, Belloq (Paul Freeman).

Belloq leads the Nazis on a quest across parts of Asia and the Middle East to find the Ark of the Covenant.

The American government learns of the Nazis' plan and search out Indy for help.

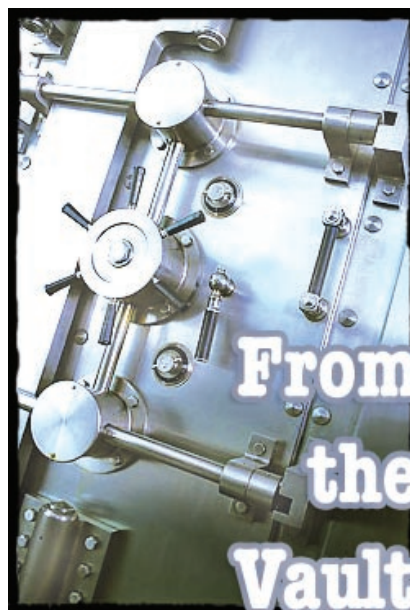
They are scared the Nazis will use the Ark as a weapon in the during World War II.

Indy and Belloq engage in a battle of wits while searching for the Ark.

Things are interesting when the history and significance of the Ark are revealed because a special depth is added to the story.

Other than the plot, one of the best things is the development of Indiana Jones as a character.

At first he takes his mission to find the Ark lightly, but toward the end of the



movie he is all business.

Indy finds his way with the help of an old flame Marion (Karen Allen) and Sallah (John Rhys-Davies).

In "Raiders" the action is nonstop, but it is held together with a wonderful and intelligent story.

Going to the theater is fun, but sometimes the best movies can be seen in your own living room.

—**Matthew Caban**  
Staff Writer

## F.Y.I. For Your Information

Do you have a strong desire to tell your boss to "confirm my status as the latest rodent to vacate your increasingly leaky vessel?" According to the Society of Human Resource Management, over half of people currently employed share that desire.

Why do so many people want a different job? According to Fortune magazine, 43 percent want to change jobs to earn more money followed by dissatisfaction with current jobs.

What causes burnout? One big cause is company downsizing for the purpose of increasing profits by having each employee do two jobs and forcing workers to put in continual overtime to accomplish unreasonable goals. Career Builder Website reports 68 percent of workers feel burnout at work, and 45 percent said their workloads are too heavy. Supervisors, working conditions, co-workers, and subordinates all contribute to job dissatisfaction.

Keep in mind nearly every company of any size will have a few workers who irritate you. There's always the Potty Mouth who thinks dirty jokes and lewd suggestions are cute. Then there's the Shirker who arrives late, leaves early and tries to dump her work on everyone else. Include the Office Thief who steals your ideas and sometimes your money, the Gossiper, the Continual Whiner, etc. When you have to work closely with a really obnoxious person or the majority of your co-workers have dysfunctional personalities, it's probably time to look elsewhere.

Of course, your supervisor has the most influence on job satisfaction vs. burnout. An inept supervisor who micromanages or passes the buck to avoid blame for poor decisions can make life miserable. Ditto for the manager who embarrasses employees in public, lacks respect for self and/or others, shows obvious favoritism, lies, manipulates, and fails to appreciate or stand up for subordinates.

To view 1,200 articles on solving problems with difficult bosses, check out [www.badbossology.com](http://www.badbossology.com).

Sometimes burnout is simply a case of performing a repetitious job with limited upward mobility for too long. In a tight job market, change may not be possible without a pay cut or more education.

Often students take boring or less desirable jobs to allow them the time to attend school. Usually, students can endure with the knowledge that it will soon end, and they can move on to something more interesting. Plus, a no-brainer job allows more time and talent for classes, which will ultimately lead to more and better choices in the job market.

Unrealistic expectations also play a part. The perfect job, like the perfect person, doesn't exist. There will always be a few tasks in any job you don't enjoy doing.

The bottom line is there are many causes of job dissatisfaction. When you consider the number of hours in your life spent working, you should have a job you look forward to going to as well as a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. Don't settle for long in a job that you hate.

—**Linda Fay**  
Coordinator of Employment Services

# Language skills test gets upgrade

**By Karissa Nall**  
News Writing Student

There is a lot of talk these days about the Test of English as a Foreign Language — a test international students must take in order to attend college in the United States.

The TOEFL test is changing from a grammar-based paper-and-pencil test, to a

computer test of listening and speaking abilities, said Professor of English as a Second Language Abra Figueroa.

"The student will hear a conversation between two people or a classroom-style lecture," Figueroa said.

"The student then will have to verbally respond with a conversational answer or a reply."

She said the change was prompted by a need to en-

sure that international students would be successful in a classroom setting.

"Colleges from all over the world have complained for years that the TOEFL test was not realistic for an international student learning in a college classroom," Figueroa said.

She said the impetus for changing the test came from colleges worldwide.

Colleges have argued students were tested too heavily on grammar and writing skills, but not enough on conversational skills, she said.

"Colleges want students to be able to respond verbally and follow along in an actual college classroom," Figueroa said.

**"Colleges from all over the world have complained for years that the TOEFL test was not realistic for an international student learning in a college classroom."**

—Abra Figueroa  
English as a Second Language Professor

"I am in the process of investigating the new TOEFL test to see if the new testing method will measure students' skills more accurately."

Figueroa said it's important that students know

about the changes made to the test.

"Many students are still not aware of the new TOEFL test changes," Figueroa said.

Figueroa will be teaching a January intersession TOEFL preparatory class from Jan. 3 to 13 to help students get ready to take the new test.

Testing and Assessment Services offers the test on various dates throughout the semester. The cost is \$50.

For more information, contact Testing and Assessment Services at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7531, or visit [www.okccc.edu/studentdevelopment/toefl.html](http://www.okccc.edu/studentdevelopment/toefl.html).

## Economics prof added to roster

**By Lisa Kaspar**  
News Writing Student

Business Economics Professor Guyanendra Baral began teaching economic courses at OKCCC this fall and loves it already.

"This is a passion," Baral said. "I love teaching, I just love it."

Baral has nearly completed his doctorate in Economics from the University of Memphis, noting he only has the dissertation to complete.

He's earned two master's degrees, one in economic development studies from the Institute of Social Studies in the Netherlands, and the other is for economics from the Tribhuvan University in Nepal.

Baral was an adjunct professor at the University of Memphis for the past six years and also has taught in Nepal.

Baral said he encourages students to come see him, if they are having any problems.

Baral learned through experience the value of meeting with a professor for help.

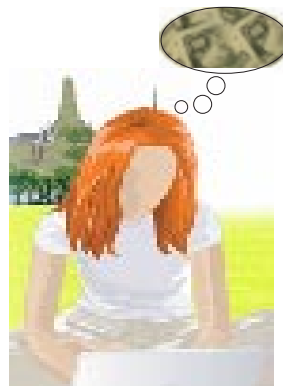
"I don't believe in learning under stress," Baral said. Baral said he likes the diversity of students at OKCCC.

"You can find all kinds of people in one class," he said. "[At OKCCC] you get the feeling of a large university, but also as a community college where the focus is on teaching."

When he is not teaching, Baral said he likes to walk, meditate and enjoys listening to music with his wife and 15-year-old son.



**Guyanendra Baral**



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# English prof Nina Smith calls OKCCC new home

By Jeremy Barr  
News Writing Student

English Professor Nina Smith joined OKCCC's full-time faculty this semester.

Arts and Humanities Dean Susan VanSchuyver said she's thrilled to have Smith aboard.

Smith taught at Mount St. Mary's Catholic High School for more than 10 years.

"She has a lot of experience and we're all glad to have her in our company," VanSchuyver said.

Smith said she is excited to fill one of the vacant faculty positions.

"OKCCC has a nationwide reputation, so to be selected to be a full-time professor at OKCCC is special indeed," Smith said.

VanSchuyver said she believes Smith will make a wonderful full-time faculty member.

Smith began teaching



Nina Smith

part-time at OKCCC a year ago because she said she wanted to be a part of a learning institution that values students as much as the academic programs in which those students were involved.

Smith taught English Composition I last summer.

One of Smith's students, Jennifer Wright, said Smith is full of energy.

"She is talkative, compassionate, hands-on and always walking around," Wright said.

Wright said Smith doesn't go easy on her students.

"OKCCC has a nationwide reputation, so to be selected to be a full-time professor at OKCCC is special indeed."

—Nina Smith  
English Professor

"She gives enough [home-work] to teach you what you need to know to get through the next four years of college," she said.

Students can't complain when given an A.

"To get an A in my class, a student has to attend class and do quality assignments," Smith said.

Smith said she believes hard work pays off.

She said life requires good English skills. She said knowing how to write can get one ahead in school and the work world.

Smith said her favorite color is blue, and her favorite movies are "Citizen Kane" and "The Day the Earth Stood Still."

In her spare time, she said, she spends time with her family and works at her family's bookshop.

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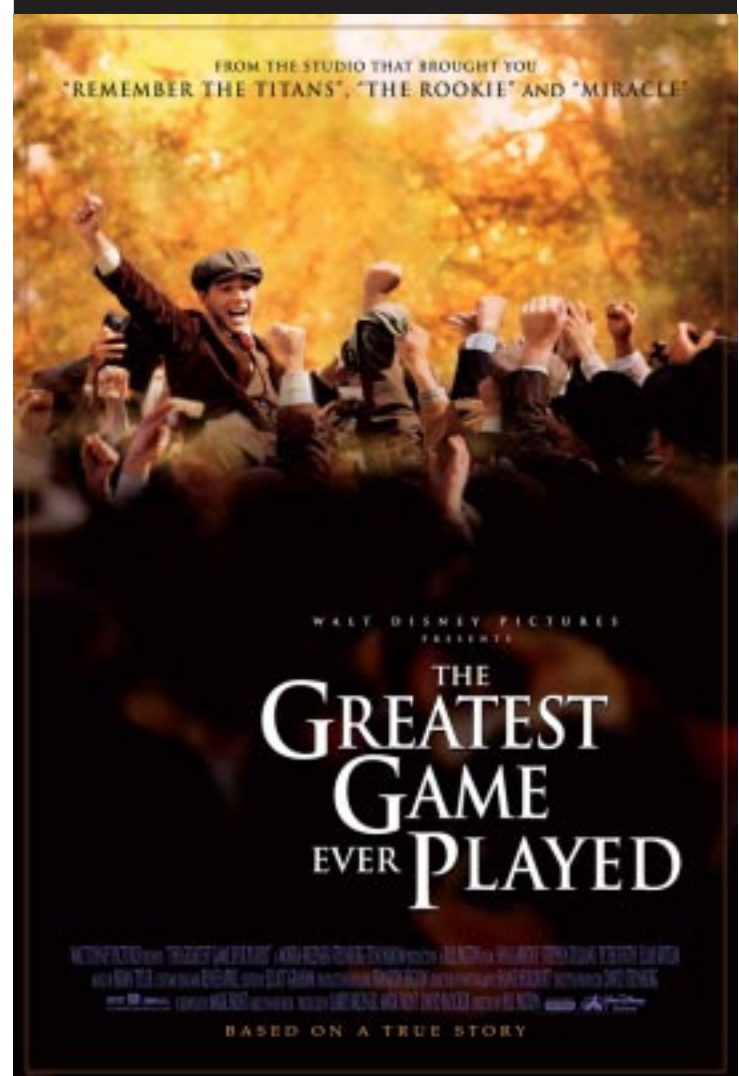
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# Abortion in the spotlight

**By Tina Morlock**  
News Writing Student

Examining modern pro-life and pro-choice arguments, Alexander Sanger, chair of the International Planned Parenthood Council, lectured Sept. 15 on reproductive freedom to a crowded room of faculty, staff and students.

"Why should there be reproductive freedom?" Sanger asked the audience.

He told the group he believes the religious and feminist arguments presented today about abortion and birth control are not enough for society to move forward on these issues.

"I'm suggesting it's time to take a whole new look at this issue," Sanger said.

He recommended throwing out the old religious and feminist arguments commonly used in debates because they no longer have relevance.

"Human reproduction is the most important thing we do," Sanger said.

He said his book, "Beyond Choice: Reproductive Freedom in the 21st Century," provides a new perspective on the battle over reproduction rights, and attempts to push the debate toward biology and the reality regarding the dangers of pregnancy.

Sanger cited a 2004 Exit Poll found on [www.CNN.com](http://www.CNN.com). In this poll, 21 percent of Americans feel abortion should always be illegal, 34 percent would like it made mostly legal, 26 percent would like to make it mostly illegal and 16 percent want abortion always illegal.

He said the numbers haven't changed in 30 years because the arguments haven't changed.

"All the arguing has been to absolutely no effect," Sanger said.

Sanger's grandmother, Margaret Sanger, is famous for having started a movement for reproductive freedom during a time when the only birth control available to women was abstinence.

Sanger said his book provides a new perspective on

one of the most controversial issues society faces today.

"We need to understand men and women as biological beings," he said.

Another one of the issues Sanger discussed was the mortality rate of pregnant women today. He said half a million women die each year from pregnancy, and nearly 40 percent of pregnant women suffer from serious complications.

"Natural selection favors women who control their child bearing," he said.

Sanger also factored paternity into his arguments.

Sanger claimed that men have historically restricted women's sexual freedom because they couldn't be certain they were the fathers of the children they were raising.

In order to increase the chances that men will act like fathers, Sanger said, society needs to work with men to assure them that they are raising their own children.

For more information on reproductive freedom, visit Sanger's website at [www.alexandersanger.com](http://www.alexandersanger.com).

## Speaker offers diversity of thought

**By Amanda Jones**  
News Writing Student

OKCCC students had the opportunity to hear beliefs on abortion from the chair of the International Planned Parenthood Council Sept. 15.

Lecturer Alexander Sanger addressed the importance of legal abortion to about 100 audience members.

Director of Student Life Liz Largent explained the importance of Sanger's visit.

She said the more people know, the more strength their arguments will have, no matter what side they take.

"It is important for students to hear diverse opinions," Largent said.

Sociology Professor Nancy Pietroforte said she had hopes that people attending the lecture would more clearly understand abortion, because it is a contemporary issue.

She also said she hoped the audience would receive new insights on how they view this issue.

In Sanger's speech, he raised issues such as the views for and against reproductive freedom, legalization and criminalizing of abortion and

birth control methods, life and reproduction as a core value, and what roles the government should have in the lives of individuals.

Sanger said if abortion were made illegal, about half of the population would "feel good" because they think it is immoral and wrong, but it wouldn't stop abortion from happening.

Sanger said abortion would never go away. He then explained there are two abortion choices — safe and unsafe.

Sanger previously served as president of Planned Parenthood of New York City.

Pietroforte serves on a local committee at Planned Parenthood and attended the Sanger lecture as an audience member.

Largent set up the event in conjunction with the Sociology Department.

Pietroforte said she thought the lecture helped to develop an understanding of the issues addressed.

"The more you read and the more you hear, the more help you have in making better decisions," she said.

To know more about Sanger and his views, visit [www.alexandersanger.com](http://www.alexandersanger.com).

## Pic chosen as boardroom art

**By Magen Long**  
News Writing Student

Texas photographer Clark Crenshaw won first place in the photography category and a prestigious purchase award at Arts Festival Oklahoma this month held at OKCCC.

Every year, OKCCC selects three administrators to pick out a piece from the festival to purchase for the college.

"We wanted some nature scenes for the boardroom," said Pat Berryhill, Institutional Advancement executive director. Berryhill was one of the administrators

chosen this year to help select the piece.

The photograph by Crenshaw, purchased for the college's boardroom, next to the President's office, is a digitally-transferred picture of the Grand Tetons on a canvas stretched over a wood frame.

The Grand Teton Range is a mountain range located in northwestern Wyoming, protected by The Grand Teton National Park.

Crenshaw said all his work is completed in this style to give it that "painted picture look." Crenshaw is well known for his unique technique and nature scenes.

A resident of Dallas, Crenshaw is an "avid outdoorsman" according to his website, [www.clarkcrenshawphotography.com](http://www.clarkcrenshawphotography.com).

Crenshaw has won numerous local and international awards for his work.

There were nine total categories to compete in at the 27th annual Arts Festival Oklahoma. The judges picked places first through third for each category.

There also was a Best of Show chosen, 10 Best Displays picked out and five Equal Merits recognized. First through third place in each category along with the Best in Show were given cash prizes topping out at \$300.

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# OKCCC raises almost \$3,000 for Katrina victims

**By Richard Hall**  
Staff Writer

OKCCC students and faculty have something to smile about — the final total shows they raised \$2,851 to help Hurricane Katrina victims.

Student Life Community Engagement Coordinator Jon Horinek helped organize the relief effort.

"The American Red Cross will appreciate the money we collected," he said.

"I'm pleased with the amount of money that was raised."

Horinek said it was a worthwhile effort. "This just shows that people care a lot about their community and neighbors."

A small competition between several campus departments seemed to bring out the best in people.

The Social Sciences department raised more than \$700, the highest amount of money raised by a single department.

Acting Social Sciences Dean Cecelia Yoder said she was proud of the effort. "I had no idea or expectation of what we'd be able to collect," she said.

Yoder said many professors asked their students to donate, and that contributed a lot to the money that was earned.

The Pioneer office came in second, collecting more than \$300.

Journalism Professor Sue Hinton said the amount raised shows that the stories of suffering hit home with the college. "It touched the hearts of those who feel lucky to be on dry ground," she said. "It was a great gesture by the students and faculty."

Hinton said she feels money is something many people can give. "It allows us to do something from where we are," she said.

The Child Development Center and Lab School came in third with \$196.

Lab school Receptionist Anita Carson said she's pleased with the outcome of the relief effort.

"We didn't expect to earn this much."

Some students were surprised to learn of the

relief effort outcome.

"It's great to see people giving," said freshman Tracy Gray.

Sophomore David Franks said he gave all he could every time he passed a donation jug, which sat in the college union, bookstore and in front of the Office of Student Life.

"I did what I could and I'm glad others did, too."

Hinton said students' efforts speak well of them.

"Students dug deep in their pockets to offer what they could despite struggling with high gas and textbook costs," she said.

Hinton said she thinks people felt more encouraged to donate because the tragedy hit close to home.

"Emotions are more engaged when you feel like it's going on in your backyard," she said.

Along with the other departments, the Arts and Humanities department collected \$171.55, the Business department collected \$70 and the Math department collected \$40.

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## Cancer claims employee

**By Christiana Kostura**  
Editor

Paul Chapman, 66, former OKCCC Physical Plant building maintenance and operations supervisor, died at his Oklahoma City home Sept. 17. He was fighting a battle with lung cancer.

Chapman had been employed at the college for 11 years when he retired in 2001. He returned to work part-time in 2002, then left again early this year due to health problems.

Gary Phillips, Physical Plant building and campus Services supervisor, said Chapman was a good man who brought out the good in people.

He also brought many years of experience to the college.

"He worked in the physical plant at several prisons," Phillips said.

Steve Duncan, Physical



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Paul Chapman, inset, and far right, dressed in '70s garb at the college's 25th anniversary party, died Sept. 17 at his home. Chapman, who worked in the college's physical plant for about 14 years, is remembered as having a "gentle disposition."

Plant material control supervisor, agreed with Phillips. "I recall what a gentle disposition he had."

Duncan said Chapman enjoyed bluegrass music and driving a Model A Ford he had restored.

"[Chapman] was just a good, calm, kind guy," Duncan said. "He never lost

his cool."

Survivors include Chapman's wife, Phyllis, his son Steven and daughter Paula.

His funeral was held Sept. 21 at Wesley United Methodist Church in El Reno.

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## Former student faces charges

**By Richard Hall**  
Staff Writer

Former OKCCC student Kevin Durant will be arraigned Sept. 28 on felony charges for taking clandestine photos of a female student on campus.

Durant, 26, was banned from campus after the Aug. 31 incident where he used a small digital camera to take pictures up a female student's skirt.

He also had failed to register as a sex offender with the college, stemming from a 2003 conviction of second degree rape.

Durant had prior misdemeanor charges brought against him in 2001 when he peered under a door to watch a woman change clothes at a retail store in Penn Square Mall. Those charges were later dismissed.

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**Kevin Durant**



# Sports

## Little things count in flag football opener

By Matthew Caban  
Staff Writer

The little things determined a lot in the Raiders' 8-6 victory against the Chiefs. It was the season opener for both OKCCC intramural flag football teams.

Speed was the name of the game as both teams tried to out run and out gun each other.

Both teams started slow on offense as many players slipped on the field.

Raiders' player Chico Dambreville said players were stumbling because they were not wearing cleats.

After the initial gridlock, momentum moved in favor of the Raiders.

While in possession of the ball, a Chiefs' player threw into a crowd only to see the Raiders intercept

the pass.

Play stopped after an interception and the defense took possession of the ball from where they caught it, said Eric Watson, community health and education specialist.

The Raiders wasted little time taking advantage of the opportunity to score.

Quickly after getting the ball, the team handed the reins to Art Chansombat.

Chansombat found a teammate running toward the end zone and passed the ball to him.

Following the touchdown, Chansombat took a handoff and sprinted past a pair of defenders for a two-point conversion.

This gave the Raiders an 8-0 lead over the Chiefs.

Chansombat was a constant hindrance to the Chiefs' defense throughout the game.

At one point in the game Chiefs' player Andrew Salous instructed his teammates not to test Chansombat's running.

"Don't rush that dude," Salous said. "He's juking [dodging] every one of you."

In flag football it is common for a quarterback to hand off the ball to another player, Dambreville said. This gives the second player the option of passing the ball or running with the ball, which is called scrambling.

Shortly after the Raiders made the first score, the Chiefs pumped out a little offense of their own.

Salous took up the role of quarterback and helped the team roar back into the game.

He threw a long pass over the middle to Michael Urrutia who caught the ball in stride and outran his defenders for a touchdown.

The Chiefs were not able to add to their score after a pass fell short during their two-point conversion.

The score was Raiders, 8, Chiefs, 6 after the failed conversion.

The rest of the game was defined by defensive stops and missed opportunities.

For the Raiders, a missed opportunity came when Dambreville beat his defender but Chansombat overthrew the ball.

Midway through the second half,

## Sport of another kind



Photo by Holly Jones

Douglas Kelly learns the Tai Ji Chaun and Ba Gua Zhang techniques from Trey Bishop. Bishop's class is taught at noon every Monday and Wednesday outside of the library between parking lots A and B at no charge. For more information, contact Bishop at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7619.

## UPCOMING

### OKCCC INTRAMURALS SCHEDULE

•**Sept. 27:** Volleyball continues with a game between Dynasty and the Boomers at 6 p.m. in the gym on the first floor of the main building. The second game pits the Untouchables against Dynasty at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Oct. 1:** The OKCCC soccer team plays the Oklahoma State University Japan team at noon. OKCCC plays OSU at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2. Both games will be hosted by the University of Oklahoma.

•**Nov. 4:** Deadline for registration for 2006 youth basketball leagues. Free basketball development clinics will be held Oct. 21 to 22. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

Chansombat tried to take advantage of his scrambling ability as he was rushed and then scrambled into the end zone.

As he crossed the line, a Chiefs player grabbed one of Chansombat's flags.

Initially, the play was called a touchdown but was quickly overruled. Then, the ball was given to the Chiefs.

Tempers flared on both sides after the play.

Chansombat later said he was glad the incident was resolved and no fights took place.

After the stop the Chiefs continued to fight back to no avail.

The team came close to scoring as they entered Raiders territory with a minute left in the game.

The Chiefs tried a variety of passes including a long strike to

Mitchell Nelson on the left sideline.

Although Nelson caught the ball within a few yards of the end zone, he fell out of bounds prior to the catch, making the pass incomplete.

Urrutia said this play and others were an example of his team's need for better communication.

On the next play Salous threw an interception to Chansombat, which all but ended the game.

The Raiders held onto the ball for the final 15 seconds to seal the win.

Flag football games are played at 6 and 7 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays at the field used for overflow parking near parking lot C on the north side of campus. For more information, contact Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

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## Custom-made chairs provide help, security

"Stairs,"  
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Bourque said, a Safety and Security officer unfolds it, has the person sit in the sling and straps the person in at the legs and chest.

He said the device is then pushed down stairs by the operator to an area of refuge. "If someone needs help getting down stairs," Bourque said, "they wait at the stairwell and contact Safety and Security with the call box."

"We then send someone up and help them down."

Despite the Evacu-Trac's helpfulness, Bourque said it does have its limits.

"Its weight limit is 360 pounds," he said.

Tipton and Bourque both said they've never had to use the device during an emergency.

"We train on it," Bourque said, "but there's no special certification to operate it."

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# Highlights

## Time Management Workshop

At noon on 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 an iPod Shuffle.

## Biology/Ecology club to offer free lunch

The Biology/Ecology club's next meeting will be from 3 to 4 p.m. Oct. 3, in room 1C4 (across from the Science Lab). The meeting will include free drinks and pizza, and officers will be elected. Come join a fun group. For more information contact Christiana Kostura at (405) 330-4227 or e-mail [garageoverflow@yahoo.com](mailto:garageoverflow@yahoo.com).

## Wal-Mart gift certificate drawing

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

## Annual Job Fair

Student Life welcomes students, alumni and community to a job fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the college union. For more information, contact Coordinator of Employment Services Linda Fay at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7683.

## 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](mailto:cbishop@okccc.edu).

## College Democrats

The College Democrats club will be electing officers during their next meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Sept. 29, in room 3K3. For more information, contact Club President Royce Liston at (405) 631-8604.

## Shana Banana Children's Concert

Shana Smith, a.k.a. Shana Banana, will perform songs and dances for children at 7 p.m., Sept. 30, in room CU3. All children must have an adult present. Tickets for the show are \$1 and can be purchased at the Student Life office. Only 350 seats are available for this presentation. For more information, contact Student Life Director Liz Largent at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7596.

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**Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for inclusion in the next issue.**

## It's not delivery...



Photo by Holly Jones

Zarah Williams, officer-at-large for the Health Professions Club, hands out pizza at the club's first meeting. The club voted on new officers, future speakers and services the club can perform for the community. The club will host guest speaker Susan Tucker from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center at 12:50 p.m., Sept. 26.

## Performing artists join forces, act up with Pathways students

**By John Savage  
Staff Writer**

The Society of Performing Arts will be taking a new pathway in their club this semester.

The club has joined with the Pathways Middle College High School students to perform a one-act play.

"A lot of the Pathways students came up to me and asked if they could be involved," said Club President Valerie Jobe.

The school doesn't provide art classes or drama classes for the Pathways students, she said.

This will be the first time the Pathways students will be involved with the SPA.

"I think it will be great," said Theater Professor Ruth Charnay.

"We know the Pathways students will want to be involved with us."

SPA members are glad

about the collaboration.

"I look forward to becoming more involved and I'm excited about helping the Pathways students," said Jessica Ball, club member.

Pathways students have not been involved with a drama club before, and SPA members said they can help them learn some acting techniques.

"We want to teach them how to walk across the stage, how to put on a costume and portray someone else," Jobe said.

The SPA plans to set up three workshops to teach the Pathways students some theater basics such as costumes, make-up and blocking.

Jobe said workshops will be set up at a later date in the semester.

Students are welcome to help with the one-act play even if they are not involved with the club directly.

"If you're good at drawing, then come draw the public

relations posters for us," Jobe said. "All help will be appreciated."

The cast is scheduled to include 10 parts the Pathways students can audition for.

Pathway students also will be involved in selecting the play they will perform.

"I don't want to just give them anything. I want them to have choices and voice their concerns," Jobe said.

The one-act play will be held at OKCCC in the theater in December. The actual date will be announced at a later time.

For more information, contact Charnay at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7596, or contact Jobe at (405) 229-9641.

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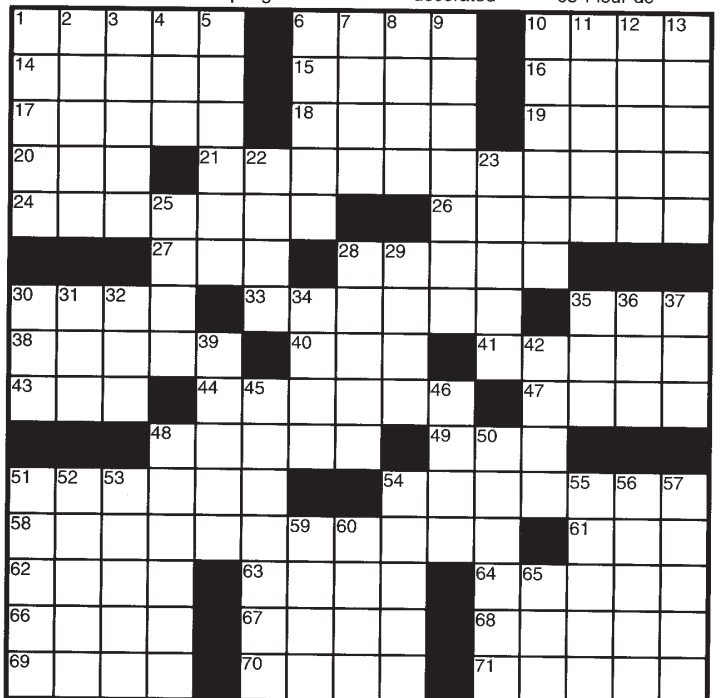
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# Louisiana resident finds Oklahoma home

**By Christiana Kostura  
Editor**

Ross Montalbano, a 24-year-old premed major, moved to Norman after losing most of his belongings during Hurricane Katrina.

Montalbano lived in McComb, La., a town about 100 miles from New Orleans. "I left there with my girlfriend, my 8-month-old son and a few clothes," Montalbano said.

One week after the hurricane hit Louisiana, Montalbano returned to his home. The roof of his rent house suffered great damage and many of his family's belongings were destroyed by rainwater.

He said he was lucky that both his and his girlfriend's cars were still in running condition. "We couldn't stay there," he said.

So, Montalbano said, he sought out help on the Internet. There, he found an advertisement from an

Oklahoma family.

The Clinton family of Norman was looking to help a family displaced by the hurricane, he said.

After receiving gas money to get to Oklahoma, Montalbano packed what he could and left Louisiana.

"The leaving part was really scary," he said. "I didn't know what to expect."

"The Clintons are allowing us to stay in their guest house as long as we need to," he said.

"They also gave us some money to help open a checking account."

Montalbano said he was eager to enroll in school and continue his education. He had attended Delgado Community College in New Orleans before transferring to Southeastern University in Hammond, La.

Montalbano said he thought of enrolling at the University of Oklahoma as a freshman, but decided to attend Fast Track courses at OKCCC instead.

Counselors at OKCCC suggested he would have an easier time with Fast Track courses, rather than trying to catch up in a 16-week class.

Montalbano is an Army veteran so his tuition is paid through the government, he said. He also played soccer for the U.S. team until a knee injury prevented him from playing anymore.

He said many organizations are providing assistance to his family.

Montalbano said the Salvation Army has provided his family with clothing.

"I was surprised at the selection," he said.

"You could tell a lot of college students donated [clothes]."

Many of the clothes were styles he would buy himself, Montalbano said. He said his girlfriend is still looking for some clothes.

"She wears a size three."

The American Red Cross also provided Montalbano with a \$900 gift card to

Wal-Mart, he said.

"That's helped with diapers and formula," he said.

Montalbano said he is grateful for everybody's generosity. "We have been able to find a lot of help in Oklahoma."

The one thing he has had no luck with is locating his father. Montalbano said he has had no contact with his father since the hurricane.

"He lives in Mississippi," he said. "The eye passed right over where his house is." He said his father was unable to leave due to a city gas shortage created by folks preparing to evacuate.

"He got stranded because all the gas stations ran out of gas," Montalbano said.

He said he has been able to contact several other family members, but no friends.

While he waits for word, he is trying to get his life back on track.

He said he plans to move into an apartment in Norman within the week with his 19-year-old girlfriend,



**Ross Montalbano**

Amy O'Flynn and their son Logan Montalbano.

He needs just one thing so he can support that plan. "I need a job more than anything," the carpenter and truck driver said. "It's what I've needed since day one."

He said he has no plans to return to Louisiana. "I plan on staying in Oklahoma," he said. "It's a beautiful, clean state."

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## Hurricane experience leaves Okie ready to return home

**"Katrina,"**  
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had ceased.

"Everything was shut down Saturday and Sunday, before the hurricane hit," he said.

Earley said he was one of those who could not leave.

"It angers me when people ask me why I didn't leave," he said.

"People died trying to leave."

The storm itself was unique, Earley said.

He said Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast as it made landfall along the Louisiana coast in the early hours of Aug. 29. "It hit around 2 a.m. and lasted until about 2 p.m.," Earley said.

"There were extremely high winds and all of the car alarms went off.

"Even the toilet water was spinning."

Earley said he was affected by the storm when the wind changed into a vacuum of sorts.

"Two times, the wind became a vacuum and it pulled at my lungs."

Following the storm, people began to come outside to find the streets covered in glass, Earley said.

"When people walked on it, it sounded like popcorn."

Earley said the broken glass played a role later in the week after the levees broke and flooding began.

He said the glass cut those who waded through floodwaters, including him. Eventually, he had to use high proof vodka to clean



**Shaun Earley**

his wounds, Earley said.

Although food and other necessities were in short supply, Earley said he did not see much looting.

"People took wet T-shirts and shoes that were ruined so they would have

something to wear.

"I call that foraging."

Earley said he was upset to see how the situation in New Orleans was being portrayed in the media.

"Although it was said people would be shot for looting, no one was shot for it downtown."

Earley said he decided to leave the city on Aug. 31.

The worst part of the trip came when his group reached Interstate 10, he said.

**"I saw a mother lying down on the highway with her kids and I don't know if she was alive. There was no life to a lot of people there."**

—Shaun Earley  
Oklahoma resident  
who was caught in Hurricane Katrina

"We got there at 4 p.m. to find that the bridge had collapsed and there were thousands of people."

"I saw a mother lying down on the highway with her kids and I don't know if she was alive."

Earley said he saw many people lying lifeless near the highway and at the Superdome.

"There was no life to a lot of people there," he said.

Earley said the hurricane and its aftermath affected the entire city of New Orleans.

"This catastrophe affected all races and all genders."

Earley said the only emergency response he saw was from the people of New Orleans, some National Guardsmen he met and an Army Ranger who picked up his group.

"Slow isn't the word to use for the response," he said.

"I would call the response minimal."

Earley said he did not meet anyone who wanted to be in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina hit.

"It was hell and no one wanted to be there."

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