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What graffiti?



Photo courtesy Jon Horinek

OKCCC students Christina Nelms and Stacy Dunn work to cover graffiti in a flood control canal in south Oklahoma City during a Student Life Service Saturday held Sept. 24. Service Saturdays are one-time group service projects open to all students. For more information, contact Student Life at (405) 682-7523.

OKCCC has plan to deal with absent professors

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

When freshman Rayn Thomas missed a psychology class twice in two weeks because her professor failed to show, she questioned whether the college had a plan in place to let students know when a professor will be a no show.

The answer is yes, said Social Sciences Acting Dean Cecelia Yoder.

She said while most cases involving an absent professor are last minute, her division does its best to give students the heads-up.

"If we have information of an absence ahead of time," Yoder said, "someone from the faculty meets the class to let the students know their professor won't be there."

Yoder said the messengers also often give assignments to the students at the professor's request.

Yoder said if no one is available to meet the class, a note is posted on the door to let students know of the absence. "We aim to let the students know," she said.

Arts and Humanities Dean Susan VanSchuyver said her division lets stu-

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Smoking law a drag to some; to others, fair

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Whether second-hand smoke affects non-smokers has been just a portion of the debate at OKCCC. The real butt of the issue involves the designated smoking areas on campus.

There was a time when OKCCC smokers could light up right in the classroom, said Densel Myers, Internet Protocol Applications specialist, who has worked at the college for 28 years.

"Fifteen years ago smoking was allowed in the classroom," he said. "Then, they made smoking sections in classrooms, and then, allowed smoking in the building but not in classrooms." Myers said several more changes resulted in the current policy.

As of 2003, signs are posted outside of nearly every entrance to the college that read "Oklahoma law requires no smoking beyond this point." Those signs mark the minimum distance — 25 feet — smokers must be from the college when smoking, according to the Oklahoma Statutes on Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces.

Many smokers question the limits set by the signs — and the law that placed them there in the first place.

Myers said he stands next to a college-placed ashtray which he feels places him "close enough."

"I stand in front of the ash tray, try to obey the rules and stay away from the doors," Myers said.

Physics Professor Steve Kamm said he prefers to smoke in the walkway between entrances 11 and 12 near the Safety and Security Office rather than follow the rules on the sign.

Kamm said he believes the law is there to protect students from second-hand smoke as they walk into the college. For that reason, he said, he smokes in the off-limits area between the entrances. It makes him illegal, he said, but also keeps him out of the paths of students.

Besides, Kamm said, the distance from the doorway to the signs is wrong. "If you were to measure from the door to the sign, that's more than 25 feet."

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—Densel Myers
Internet Protocol
Applications Specialist

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Sex offenders: stop them in their tracks

Sex offenders should be required to wear tracking devices once released from prison.

By requiring sex criminals to wear devices, such as the GPS ankle bracelets, law enforcement agencies would be better equipped to identify and watch the offenders for suspicious activity.

The recidivism rate for sex offenders, not including rape, in Oklahoma is 16.9 percent. The rate for rape is much higher, at 20.7 percent, according to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections website.

The overall recidivism rate of criminals is 26.2 percent (or, a little more than one in four).

People should not be comfortable with a more than one-in-five chance of a convicted rapist committing a similar crime again.

"Sixty-two percent of sex offenders released from prison during FY01 were discharged with no parole or probation supervision," according to a February 2004 report to the Oklahoma Legislature by the Oklahoma Sentencing Commission.

How are we, as citizens of Oklahoma, supposed to feel comfortable knowing there are so many sex offenders walking our streets unsupervised?

In August, at OKCCC, a convicted sex offender was arrested for allegedly committing another sex crime on the college's campus.

He wasn't registered with the school's Safety and Security office, as state law and college regulations require. If he had been wearing a tracking device, officers may have known more quickly he was a convicted offender when they approached him.

More than that, OKCCC's security officers may have noticed there was an unregistered offender on our campus and approached him about registering as a sex offender prior to his allegedly committing the more recent sex crime.

Perhaps knowing he was being watched would have prevented him from committing the crime.

"Many sex offenders decline parole review because they would rather serve a slightly longer sentence than risk parole supervision," according to Oklahoma Sentencing Commission's report. Why would people rather stay in jail than be released on supervised parole, unless they were planning to commit another crime and didn't want to be watched?

By tracking sex offenders, law enforcement would have an easier time with address verification. Currently, Oklahoma's sex offender registry contains information mostly provided by the offender.

"Habitual and aggravated sex offenders are required to verify their home address every 90 days, and all other sex offenders have to do so at least once a year," according to the ODOC website.

How safe do you feel knowing it's up to the criminal to tell law enforcement where he or she is?

In the event of a sexual crime or abduction, law enforcement officials would be able to close in on suspects more quickly. The tracking devices also could eliminate an offender as a suspect if the device proved he was far from the crime scene.

—Christiana Kostura
Editor

Student revisits racism issue

To the editor:

I am saddened by the response to my letter. It seems as though, as my paper implied, we do have a long way to go in the fight against America's racism.

I have no quarrel with someone who does not agree with my critique of the federal government's response to Hurricane Katrina.

I do, however, take note of someone who, in response to a letter about Katrina, indirectly implies that Black Folk (to use W.E.B. Du Bois's term) need to get over the 400 years of oppression they suffered. Not only do we need to get over it, the letter implies, but we should also turn a blind eye to the racism that still exists.

Why should we do this? Because "there will always be a race problem in America."

Further, in the response, the writer lamented his horrible experience of sit-

ting through a class in which the teachings of Malcolm X were featured: "That means I spent 4 1/2 months listening to Malcolm X telling me how I mistreated blacks and how blacks should rise up."

That must be a truly horrible experience. Not only did the writer fail to realize that in the years in which Malcolm X was saying these things, blacks, young and old, were being beaten for non-violent activism, but, also, four innocent little girls were killed on a Sunday morning in the basement of a church in Alabama.

Yet, Mr. X has no reason to be angry and call for action. Further, how does the writer think black students feel sitting in history classes in which the main characters are white and blacks are only their cooks? Don't blacks have the right to learn about their contributions to American history?

What I find most remarkable was the ending in which the author covertly implied that the integration of schools enrages students, and those who are tearing apart schools, stabbing friends and raping girls are black. Thank you for proving my point.

—Lawrence Ware
OKCCC Graduate

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Comments and Reviews

Deadly delight hits theaters

Tim Burton's latest film, "The Corpse Bride," is anything but dead.

Endless comparisons to "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (Burton's previous stop-action film) should cease right now.

"The Corpse Bride" stands on its own two feet.

In this film, two young people are nervous about their prearranged marriage.

The parents of Victor Van Dort and Victoria Everglot explain why the marriage was arranged in a song called "According to Plan."

Johnny Depp does a perfect voice-over job of the nervous groom to be, Van Dort.

His future bride Everglot (Emily Watson) is quiet, but optimistic, about the wedding.

Both sets of parents are focused on how the match will affect them rather than their children.

The pressure mounts for Van Dort when everyone meets for the wedding rehearsal.

After a hilarious scene

depicting Van Dort's anxiety, he gets the boot by Pastor Galswells (voiced splendidly by Christopher Lee).

Self-doubt fills Victor's head as he seeks solace in the woods at the edge of his town.

Watching Victor be stirred to action only to fall into the world of the Corpse Bride (Helena Bonham-Carter), is fun.

The art of the Corpse Bride's world is fresh and vivid. It goes from dark to light quickly, but naturally.

Once Van Dort is with the Corpse Bride, the movie changes gears.

Van Dort is forced to learn about himself and what he wants to do with his life.

As cliché as this could be, Burton and co-director Mike Johnson made "The Corpse Bride" different.

Don't worry; there aren't any spoilers here. However, the movie has a nice mix of action and dialog.

The best part of this movie is the characters.

They were fun to watch and lifelike.

A great example of this is when Van Dort visits the Everglot mansion. He is left alone for a while and plays the family piano.

It was amazing to see Van Dort's fingers move in time with the music, as if he were actually playing.

Also, the voice work done by supporting actors was great and enriched many of the characters.

It is sad the movie is only an hour and 16 minutes long because some parts feel too rushed and under-developed.

The music of "The Corpse Bride" also is a bit on the lackluster side.

This is disappointing because Danny Elfman, who wrote the music, has brilliantly scored many of Burton's previous films.

Due to a few small details "The Corpse Bride" doesn't win the best coffin in the cemetery, but comes close.

Rating: B

—**Matthew Caban**
Staff Writer

Shackin' up with a classic flick

When all the movies in Tinsel Town are remakes and B movies there is nothing left to do but go rent a classic.

Luckily that's not a problem.

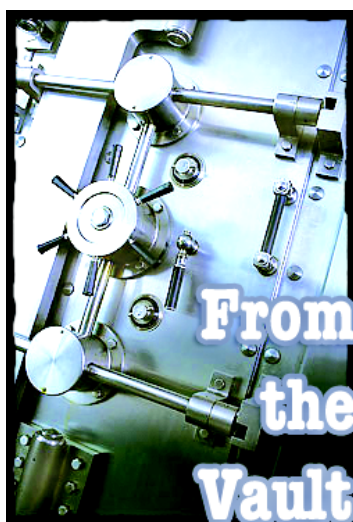
"Caddyshack," a 1980 film directed by Harold Ramis, is funny to the end. If you're a fan of comedies or like golf movies, don't miss this one.

"Caddyshack" is a movie boasting star power.

The cast includes Chevy Chase as Ty Webb, an avid Zen-like golfer; Rodney Dangerfield as Al Czervik, a big-time businessman who buys anything at will, and Billy Murray as Carl Spackler, a deranged groundskeeper who is on a mission to kill a cute, cuddly dancing gopher who terrorizes the golf course.

Although this movie was set up to make Michael O'Keefe, who plays Danny Noonan, a star, the trio of Murray, Dangerfield and Chase dominate the film.

The shenanigans going on are priceless and will have you quoting several lines



from time to time.

The songs are a perfect match and flow smoothly with the scenes.

Kenny Loggins, who wrote songs for the movie, rocked, and there is proof of it in this movie.

One scene many viewers will enjoy is when Spackler is fantasizing about being the youngest groundskeeper to become the Master's champion.

Dangerfield's comedic bits are hilarious and true to his form. They provide instant laughter.

"Caddyshack" is rated R for language, adult themes and brief nudity.

So, if this fall's movies have you feeling gloomy, go down to the local video store or go online and rent this classic today.

—**John Savage**
Staff Writer

YOU asked FOR IT

Q: Where can I file a complaint about the financial aid department?

A: Students usually e-mail me when they have a complaint. It gives them a chance to state the problem and gives me a chance to research the issue in order to respond more accurately. The e-mail is hcase@okccc.edu.

—**Harold Case**
Student Financial
Support Services Dean

Q: When will spring class schedules be available? And when will students be able to enroll?

A: Oct. 10 is when early registration begins for online and previously admitted students. Oct. 17 is when anybody can enroll.

—**Eileen Clark**
Registration Assistant

Q: Why doesn't OKCCC have a bowling team?

A: It is something students would have to start themselves as a club. Then they would have to show there is interest and stability in the club in order to have it added to our recreational program. Also, we do not have a place to host bowling games which we must take into consideration.

—**Eric Watson**
Community Education
and Health Specialist

Q: How many bike racks does the school have and where are they located?

A: The bike racks near Parking Lot A and G hold 62 bikes each. The rack near Entry 7 holds 29 bikes.

—**J.B. Messer**
Physical Plant Director

Q: How many people can the elevator hold safely?

A: The safety plate in the elevator says 16 people or 2,500 pounds. That means 16 people weighing approximately 156 pounds each can ride the elevator safely. However, if each person has 20 pounds of books too, then the elevator would be over the limits. So to be safe, I would say 12 people at a time.

—**Eddie Cox**
Physical Plant
Project Manager

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OKCCC celebrates Breast Cancer Awareness Week

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

A display in the college union foyer will be installed in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Week Oct. 3 to 7.

"The display will provide educational materials," said Liz Largent, Student Life director.

There are many types of awareness events, she said, and Student Life tries to choose topics that will be of interest to OKCCC students.

Largent said one reason

Student Life has chosen to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Week this year is because the college hasn't celebrated the event in the past.

"We try to pick topics not chosen before," she said.

Largent said she feels it is important to raise awareness about cancer.

She said there are many interesting facts about breast cancer most students probably don't know.

One example of a little known fact is men can get breast cancer, she said.

"Many people do not realize that men have breast tissue and that they can de-

velop breast cancer," according to an article at the American Cancer Society's website.

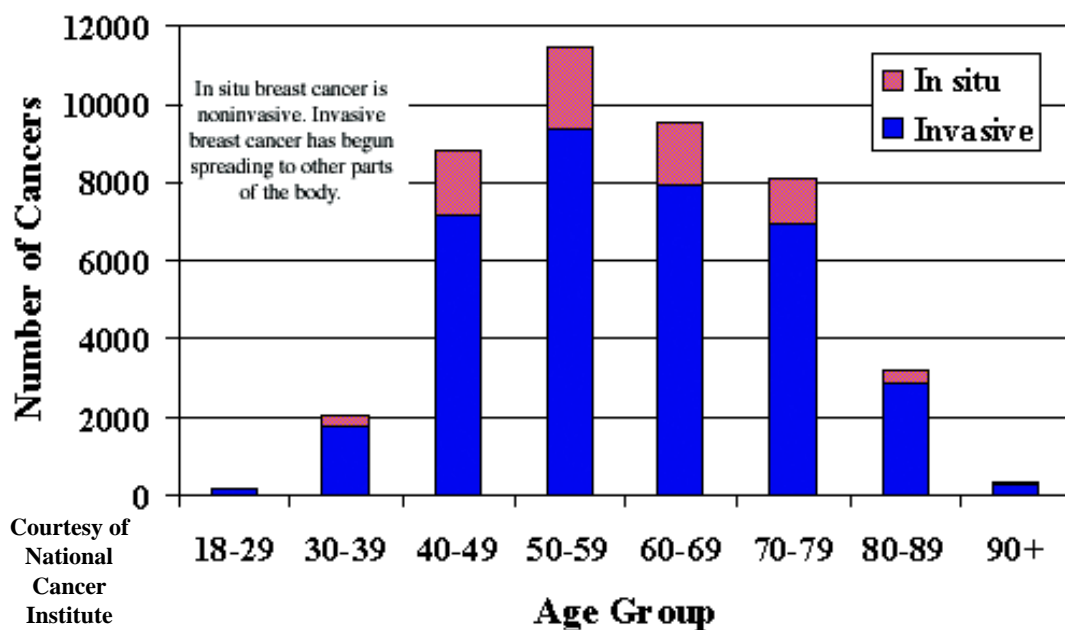
Breast cancer is about 100 times more common in women than in men, according to the website.

Largent said it is important for people to learn how to do self-exams for breast cancer.

Early detection is important for survival, she said.

For more information about breast cancer, visit the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

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Block rockin' beats



Photo by Holly Jones

William Fannon of Contractors Demolition, clears out debris from existing dividers to make room for new columns to be put in. He is preparing the area above the current underground building for construction of the Science, Engineering and Mathematics Center.

OKCCC pool meets state's disabilities laws

By Dusty Choate
News Writing Student

OKCCC's pool complies with Oklahoma state laws for people with disabilities, said Traci Wheeler, Recreation and Community Services director.

Aquatics Coordinator Stephanie Scott said OKCCC has two push wheelchairs on campus.

"It is a good idea to have someone trusted accom-

pany people with disabilities to the pool because the lifeguards aren't licensed physical therapists."

Scott said she encourages people with disabilities to use the pool at OKCCC.

The college hosts several events for people with disabilities. One of them is the Sea Lions group, a Special Olympics team that trains on campus.

Coordinator of Aquatics and Safety Training Roxanna Butler said the group has amputees who compete in swim meets.

OKCCC also hosts many

groups of people such as a physical therapy group that has people with walkers. Butler said they come in and do water aerobics.

OKCCC has an area of the pool deck where there is less traffic.

This area is used for disabled person's seating during swim meets, and other events held at the pool.

The deck is sloped, so when there is standing water on it, it drains into the gutter, Butler said.

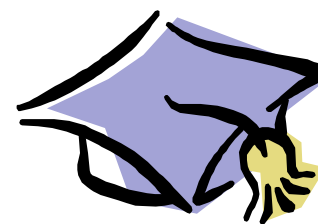
To her knowledge, Butler said, there haven't been

any accidents poolside.

Wheeler said she doesn't have any immediate plans to better the pool's acces-

sibility. However, she said, she will propose more plans in 2007, which are unknown at this point.

Hey, You! What's Your Plan?



- October 3-October 21
- Go to the Center for Student Development
 - * Confirm your degree plan
 - * Request or confirm your faculty advisor
 - * Request a degree check
 - * Be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Wal-Mart gift certificate

Music, jousting and tons of fun for all

OKCCC celebrated its 33rd birthday with students and faculty at the Arts Festival site Sept. 22.

Party goers enjoyed a \$1.50 lunch, which included a burger with all the toppings and a bag of chips. Drinks were free.

Hog Wild Entertainment from Siloam Springs, Ark., supplied the Gladiator Joust, Bungee Run and the Frisbee Spin Art.

"We visit colleges in Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri and offer a wide variety of fun things to participate in," said Jesse Kerrigan of Hog Wild Entertainment.

Kerrigan said his company also offers Wax Hands, Velcro Wall, Sumo Wrestling and Bouncing Boxing.

Brian Smith, a deejay from Chameleon Entertainment, said he had fun putting together mixes of songs.

He said his goal was to make a mix everyone, young and old, would have a good time listening to.

More than 250 students and faculty enjoyed the festivities of the birthday bash, said Student Life Director Liz Largent.

Student Life hosted the event.



Brian Green and Aaron Dixon, Pathways Middle College seniors, compete to see who can travel the farthest when attached to a bungee cord.



Patrick Williams, elementary education major, is so good at jousting, he does it with his eyes closed.



Jesse Kerrigan, from Hog Wild Entertainment, creates Frisbee Spin Art by releasing drops of paint onto a spinning Frisbee disc.



Deejay Brian Smith, from Chameleon Entertainment, adds just the right music to get the party started.



OKCCC Counselors George Maxwell and Mary Turner hand out brochures and other information to students looking to graduate.

**Photos and text
by Holly Jones**

Profs show brotherly love by donating

By Isaac Cochran
News Writing Student

Adjunct Biological Science Professors Wayne and Greg Glasco have always helped out the college.

On Sept. 23, the brothers presented the Science and Math Department Dean Max Simmons with a new centrifuge, a device used to divide solutions and mixtures into different components, like separating plasma from blood.

The two professors said the new centrifuge is a welcome addition.

Wayne said their motivation for giving the centrifuge to the college came from the heart.

"We're just giving back to the community," Wayne said.

The brothers speak on health-related subjects for churches and other organizations, and had a radio show called "Back to Ba-

sics" on KTLR-AM 890 two years ago.

The show offered health tips, medical advice and aired for more than a year.

"We plan to pick it up again," Greg said.

The brothers also have been active at OKCCC.

They said they attended classes here during the 1980s.

After they received their associate degrees, they went on to the Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Miss. They said they attribute their success to their training at OKCCC.

"We had people at Logan who graduated from Purdue and we did as well or better because of the smaller class size [at OKCCC]," Greg said.

The brothers said they have taught for more than 11 years each at OKCCC.

They said they practice holistic care, chiropractics and sports medicine at a health and wellness clinic in south Oklahoma City.



Photo by John Savage

Wayne (left) and Greg (right) Glasco present Science and Math Division Dean Max Simmons (center) with a centrifuge. The centrifuge was donated for laboratory use at OKCCC. The brothers operate a health and wellness clinic in south Oklahoma City, and instruct courses in biological sciences at OKCCC.

New EMS director comes on full-time

By Mahogany Crowder
Staff Writer

OKCCC has a new director of Emergency Medical Sciences.

Leaugeay Barnes joined OKCCC's full-time faculty as the new Emergency Medical Sciences director.

Barnes said, she has a strong background as a pre-hospital care provider and as an EMS educator.

She said, she has accepted the challenges of the program director and has already made a difference by getting an ambulance donated to the college.

Jo Ann Cobble, Health Professions dean, believes Barnes has great potential.

"Barnes will have a positive impact on the success of future students," Cobble said.

Barnes came to the college from Rogers State Uni-



Leaugeay Barnes

versity. While there she taught in the paramedic program for four years.

Living in Tulsa, Barnes said she commutes almost an hour and a half to Oklahoma City for work and business every day. Although it's a long drive, she said, it's worth it.

"The people here at OKCCC are very helpful," Barnes said.

"They give a tremendous amount of help and everyone is so nice."

Barnes said she chose

OKCCC because the college has the same vision as she does when it comes to the paramedic program and its students.

"I am really interested in

promoting the profession and the professionalism and increasing education," she said.

In her spare time, Barnes said, she enjoys spending

time with her children. Her hobbies include horses and kickboxing.

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Math made easy with new prof

By Grant Berning
News Writing Student

Ask any incoming college freshman what course they are most worried about and you won't have to wait long for an answer.

Math courses are daunting first-year classes. Professor Tamera Carter wants to change that.

As the newest member to the OKCCC math faculty, Carter said she hopes to alter this misconception.

"I hope to help students learn that math isn't all that scary," Carter said.



Tamera Carter

She has had previous experience at many different universities and community colleges, including the University of North Texas and Montana Community College.

"I hope to help students learn that math isn't all that scary."

—Tamera Carter
Math Professor

She received a bachelor's and master's degrees at Rice University, and another master's and doctorate at Texas A&M.

After leaving Texas, Carter and her husband moved to Oklahoma.

Carter lives with her husband and their two dogs in Oklahoma City.

First play of semester opens in October

By Valerie A. Carter
News Writing Student

OKCCC's fall theater season will begin with "Agnes Of God."

Richard Nelson, Theater Arts professor and director of the play, said rehearsals began Sept. 19.

He said "Agnes of God" is

the first of four plays to be presented on stage this semester.

The play, by John Pielmeier, is a mystery involving a nun named Agnes who lives in a convent.

Although Agnes claims never to have had sexual relations, she is being investigated in the death of her newborn child, and a psychiatrist is hired to help

solve the mystery.

Agnes is being played by Crystal Eckert, 24-year-old physical therapist.

Jean Windham, 19-year-old sophomore, is cast as the part of Dr. Martha Livingston, the psychiatrist.

Windham said the play offers food for thought.

"It's a play that will make you think a lot," Windham

said. "Everyone should come out and see it."

The third and final character in the play is Mother Miriam Ruth, played by Valerie Jobe, 26.

Jobe is Society of Performing Arts student club president.

The show runs Oct. 20 to 22. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the OKCCC theater.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, OKCCC students get in free with valid ID. Tickets are \$4 for students and children, \$5 for adults.

PLAYBILL

OKCCC Theater
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AGNES OF GOD

Date: Thursday, Oct. 20 through Saturday, Oct. 22

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Where: College Theater

Admission: Free for students with valid ID on Thursday. General admission is \$4 for students and children, and \$5 for adults.

About: OKCCC students perform the first play of the semester about a nun who claims chastity while being investigated for her newborn's death.

Aviation prof uses life and experience as teaching tool

By Morgan Southerland
News Writing Student

OKCCC Aviation Professor Luther Trent is bringing 25 years of experience into the classroom.

Trent recently retired from Will Rogers International Airport where he worked for the Department of Airports.

He said he plans to devote himself to teaching his three adjunct classes at OKCCC.

He said his goal is to get more students interested in the field of aviation.

"I've seen many advances with Will Rogers during my time there," Trent said.

He said he has seen the complete reconstruction of the terminal and the added non-stop air flights out of Oklahoma City to Minneapolis, Detroit and Las Ve-

gas to name a few.

Trent said safety is in everyone's thoughts when flying since Sept. 11, 2001. He said he believes the safety of airports is better than ever.

"Airport security began screening not only passengers but their luggage as well," he said.

Trent said airports have tightened their regulations on what is allowed on planes now.

"I had a great career that was enjoyable. Now I just want to take time to look at other opportunities in life," Trent said.

He said he now wants to share his knowledge in aviation with students.

Trent received his bachelor's degree in accounting at Oklahoma State University and master's in divinity at Phillips University.

Trent said he delved into aviation while he was in the

Air Force and obtained a private pilot's license.

Trent has taught aviation for three years at OKCCC. He currently teaches Introduction to Aviation, Aviation History and Aviation Management.

OKCCC prez recovering at home

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

Recovering from a stroke is the focus of Dr. Bob Todd, OKCCC president.

Todd announced in mid-September he would retire in March.

The decision comes after Todd suffered several health complications resulting from several heart surgeries.

During a visit with Todd at his home on Sept. 23, Acting President Paul Sechrist said Todd continues to express a great interest in OKCCC students.

"The college has been Dr. Todd's life for more than 30 years," Sechrist said.

Sechrist said Todd will continue to influence the

college, even if he's not on campus.

Sechrist said there are several things the president has said to him in the past that have stuck with him through the years he's known Todd.

Sechrist described Todd as being wholly committed to the betterment of the students.

"[Todd] said never forget the most important thing that we do at the college is helping students succeed," Sechrist said.

Todd is continuing to heal from his heart surgeries and stroke, which caused him to lose his ability to speak, Sechrist said.

"He is continuing his various rehabilitation programs for both his heart and speech.

"He mainly communi-

"[Todd] said never forget the most important thing that we do at the college is helping students succeed."

—Paul Sechrist
Acting President

cates with hand gestures, facial expressions and he can write," Sechrist said. "I think everyone is still optimistic his speech can, will and is coming back."

Sechrist said Todd is resting comfortably at his home and appreciates all the support from his OKCCC friends.

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From earthen basements to pigeon traps...

From the deep, dark depths of OKCCC's earthen basement to smoke doors sliding out of the walls, the college has a few hidden features.

Because OKCCC was built on a water table, its original "underground" building had to be built above a 64,000 square-foot earthen basement.

"So, they built the building up above existing ground," said Eddie Cox, Physical Plant project manager. He said the ceiling of the basement is about five feet above the ground at its tallest point.

Above the college, the secrets continue, with pigeon cages and a musical clock tower.

OKCCC has traps on its roofs for pigeons. The college contracted with the Wildlife Service of Oklahoma Agricultural department in June 2003 to remove the birds from campus and euthanize them. J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director, said when he began working for the college in 1995, the birds were a major problem. He said the college removed about two tons of pigeon excrement from the roofs of the buildings prior to receiving the cages.

Another little-known fact about OKCCC is that the clock tower on top of the library is capable of playing about 75 songs, said Dan Gurka, Physical Plant HVAC maintenance mechanic. That includes Christmas music, he said.

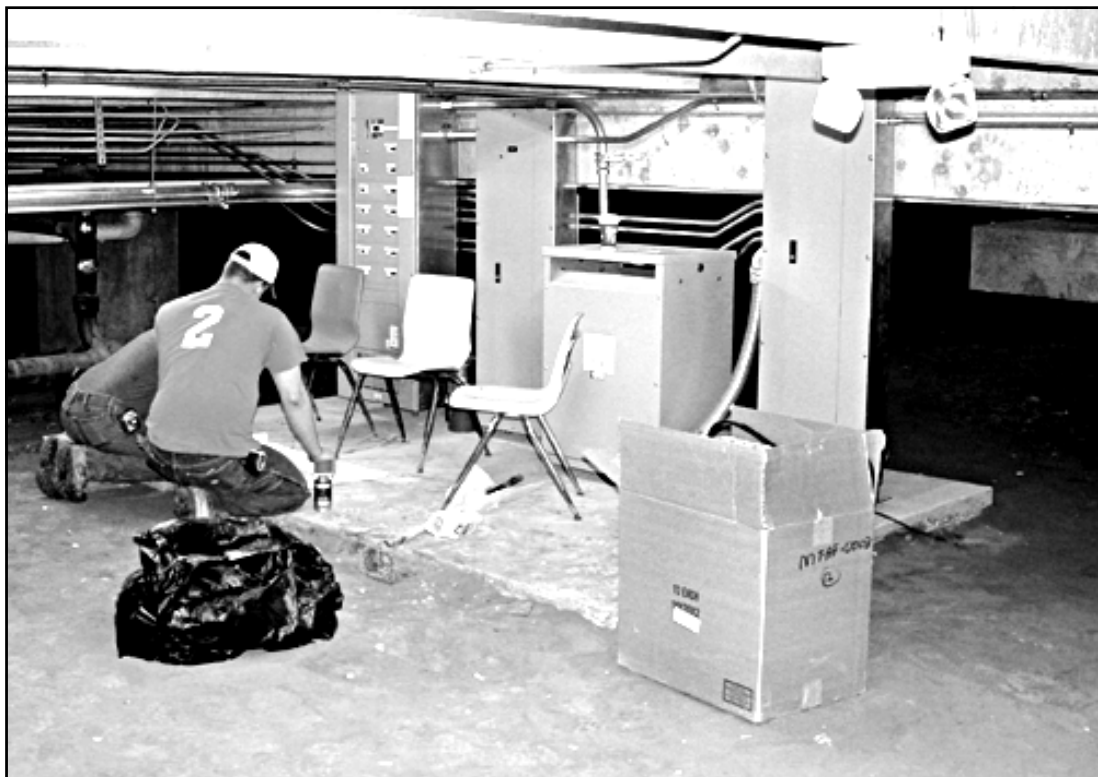
Messer said the college decided to set the tower to play only one song after receiving numerous complaints from the community.

Also on the roof of the library, near the clock tower, Oklahoma's News Channel 4 houses a camera. "It's a good location to see the airport traffic," said Chuck Musgrove, KFOR managing editor.

A mystery lies behind the door of the anatomy lab in room 1A4 of the main building. The lab uses cadavers to instruct students about the human body, Biology Professor Julian Hilliard said.

"It is open to students in certain health science majors," he said. Hilliard said students in the human anatomy class dissect human cadavers.

"They have to dissect the entire body because they will need to know about it in their career."



W.L. McNatt workers measure an area in OKCCC's earthen basement where a hole will be cut in the basement's ceiling to make room for elevator cables for the new Science, Engineering and Mathematics Center being built above the underground building. OKCCC's basement is about 64,000 square feet in area, said Eddie Cox, Physical Plant project manager. The building was built with a basement to help with leaking, since the college sits on a water table, he said.



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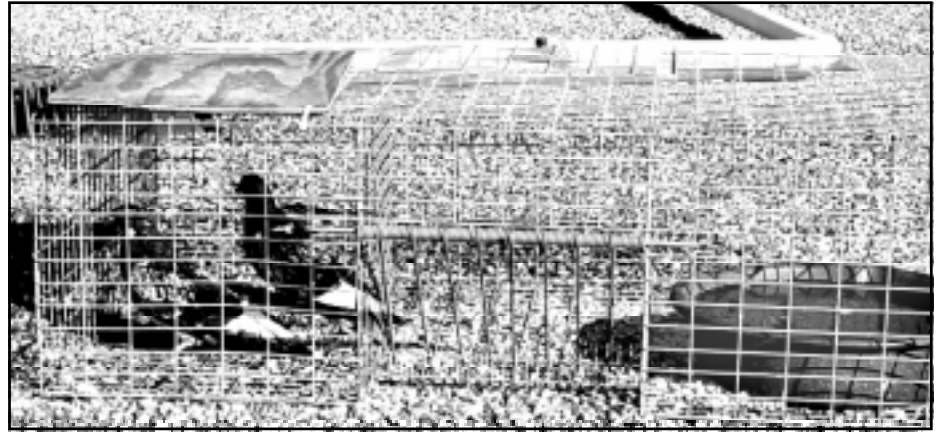
One campus feature security officers hope students never see is the sliding fire doors that seal sections of the building during a fire alarm. "It separates different parts of the building so it takes longer for the fire to reach other parts of the building," said Ike Sloas, campus Safety and Security director. When not in use, the doors retract into the wall.

**Photos and text
by Pioneer staff**

...little known facts about OKCCC emerge



Carlos Robinson, business major, said he uses a set of little-known fire stairs almost every day because the stairs are not so congested during the busy hours. The fire and emergency stairwells can be found in every corner of the main building and several other places. All are marked on campus maps found throughout the college. "In the main building, they are near entries 1, 2, 11 and 14," said Rod Harden, safety and security officer. "Fire stairwells are near entries 4 and 5 in the Arts and Humanities building. Students should know where they are and know where the exits lead."



Pigeons eat their last meals on the roof of OKCCC's main building roof. They are trapped by Wildlife Services, a division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Service. Pigeons can cause many problems, such as building damage and health problems for the public, said J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director.



OKCCC's clock tower can play about 75 songs, said Dan Gurka, Physical Plant maintenance mechanic. J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director, said the clock is programmed to play only one song after receiving numerous complaints from the community.



Oklahoma television news station KFOR houses one of its cameras atop OKCCC's library. "It's a good location to see the airport traffic," said Chuck Musgrove, KFOR managing editor. The news channel uses the camera for pictures only, he said.

Student questioned for assault and battery on campus

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

OKCCC student Dafe Ekokotu was questioned for assault and battery on campus Sept. 21.

According to an Oklahoma City Police Department crime report, Ekokotu grabbed his ex-girlfriend, current OKCCC student Crystal Willis, by the arm during a confrontation.

Willis told Oklahoma City Police Officer Kenn Stepien that she wanted to press charges but didn't want Ekokotu arrested.

Earlier that morning Willis alerted OKCCC's Safety and Security Office that Ekokotu had threatened her. She asked security officers to keep a close watch on her vehicle to be on the safe side.

Oklahoma Department of Corrections Team Supervisor Melinda Guilfoyle said Ekokotu should have stayed clear of trouble since he is currently on probation for a second-degree burglary charge in 2004.

"Depending on the specifics of the crime, he may be put into counseling," Guilfoyle said.

OCPD Sgt. Richard Armstrong said it's up to Ekokotu's parole officer if his parole will be extended.

"Because this isn't a related offense to his burglary charge," Armstrong said, "it most likely will be done on a case-by-case basis."

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New prof jumps aboard bio train

By Justin Walker
News Writing Student

Former Adjunct Biology Professor Stephen Kash became a full-time professor at OKCCC this fall.

Kash, who is the recipient of the OKCCC 2002/2003 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member of Science and Math Division Award, received a master's of science in biology from Eastern New Mexico University.

He also earned the Outstanding Graduate Student award while attending there.

Before coming to OKCCC,



Stephen Kash

Kash was a Life Sciences professor at Eastern New Mexico University. He then moved to OSU-OKC and became an adjunct biology professor.

Kash said he is happy to be here at OKCCC.

Kash said he believes of all the colleges he has been, OKCCC takes the cake.

"OKCCC places the highest priority on student success and teaching excellence.

"In my opinion, OKCCC is the most progressive college in the state, and provides the perfect working environment for its faculty members and students," he said.

Kash said he enjoys reading, jogging, healthy cooking and auto repair.

He lives in Norman with his two daughters and their dog.

Policy set to avoid cheating

By Traci Reiserer
News Writing Student

Due to cheating problem with cell phones, calculators and other electronic devices, the Test Center is implementing a new rule to ban all electronic devices while taking exams, unless authorized by a faculty member, said Jim Ellis, Testing and Assessment Services director.

Electronic devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, handheld computers, video or audio recorders and personal digital assistants, Ellis said.

Ellis said if a student is caught using any type of electronic device that is not authorized by the student's professor, the testing session is automatically terminated.

Ellis said the consequence then rests in the hands of the faculty member administering

the test.

Kim Wharton, a human relations major, had not yet heard of the new policy and is not completely comfortable with the rules.

"I like having my cell phone with me at all times," Wharton said. "It's a habit to have it with me in case of an emergency."

Eventually, Ellis said, he hopes the Test Center will offer individual lockers for students' belongings.

But for now, Ellis said, all electronic devices must be stored in the back of the testing room, even if they are turned off or on silent.

Ellis said, he hopes the new policy will eliminate a number of cheating problems that have occurred in the past.

Last year, Ellis said, everything from taking pictures of tests with camera phones to writing formulas and answers on the lids of calculators, were used to cheat. The new rules of the Test Center should reduce the availability of resources to cheat, he said.

International business major Ayram Graham supports the new policy.

"[The new policy] gives all students an equal opportunity to take the test," he said, "and it helps to eliminate the student's temptation to cheat."

Lizzy Hill, Test Center assistant, said when a student comes in to take a test, a test file for the specific class and instructor is pulled. In the file, it is stated what type of electronic device, if any, is permitted while taking the test.

If the student's professor authorizes a certain electronic device, it is carefully checked and inspected for signs of cheating or unfair test taking by an assistant of the Test Center, Ellis said.

To avoid complication and confusion, Ellis recommends students "leave all electronic devices at home, in the car, or with a friend."

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Student club hosts Hispanic forum

By Shalana Robles
News Writing Student

Hispanics are the largest immigrant group in the United States, yet they have the lowest college graduation rate.

This led several panelists to address a group of about 40 people on the importance of Hispanic students attending college.

It was one of several topics addressed at the Hispanic Community Forum held at OKCCC Sept. 22.

The forum was hosted by the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education (HOPE), an OKCCC student club.

A law passed in Oklahoma in 2003 allows students without lawful immigration status to enroll in college, pay resident tuition and be eligible for state financial aid, said Armando Peña, Oklahoma GEAR UP state coordinator.

"This reflects the openness of Oklahoma to provide opportunities to young people," Peña said.

Oklahoma is one of eight states in the country to have such a law.

Oklahoma also has created several methods to monitor the implementation of the law.

The Latino National Council has created a task force and conducts forums to inform college age students of collegiate opportunities available to them, Peña said.

OKCCC ranks number one in the state by having

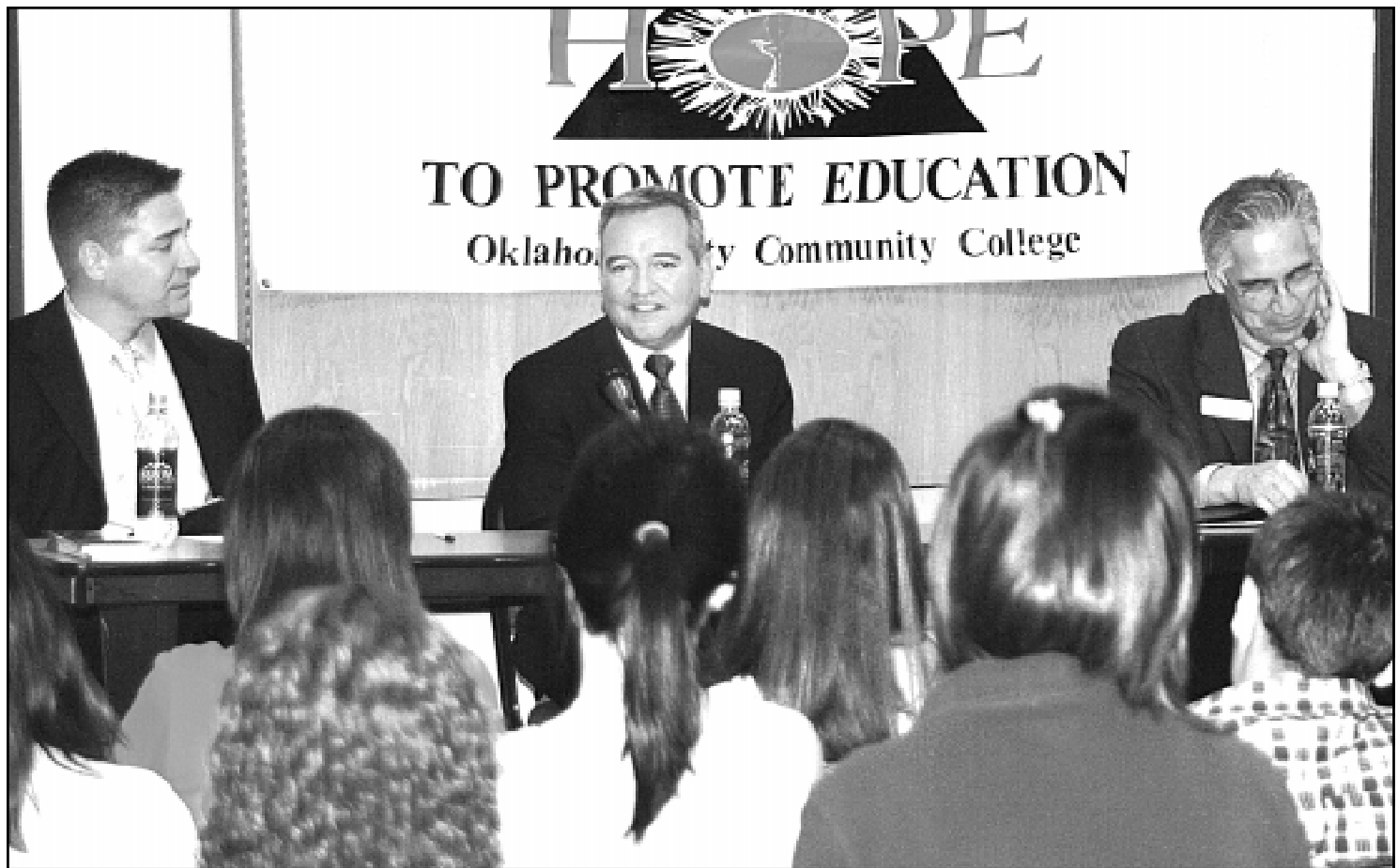


Photo by Holly Jones

Michael Brooks-Jimenez, attorney, Dave Lopez, president of Downtown OKC Inc and Armando Peña, Oklahoma GEAR UP state coordinator, make up part of the panel that participated in the Hispanic Community forum on Sept. 22 in the college union. The panelists discussed a number of issues facing Hispanics in education today, including financial aid and language barriers.

the most students taking advantage of the law, he said.

Condor Development Executive President Ernie Gomez agreed with Peña.

"The staff here at Oklahoma City Community College is really interested in how we can serve our Latino students," he said.

Condor Development provides homes for Hispanic families in downtown Oklahoma City.

"OKCCC really builds a foundation for [Hispanic students'] education," Gomez said.

In speaking about education the panel discussed the importance of learning to speak Spanish.

In the 2000 census, 14 percent of the U.S. population was Hispanic, and that number continues to steadily increase.

Michael Brooks-Jimenez, an attorney on the panel who previously attended OKCCC, said he uses the fact that he speaks Spanish to attract clients.

"If they feel like you're reaching out to them, they're going to respect you," he said.

"They are patient and they are going to work with you."

Spanish is important even if a person does not speak it fluently, Brooks-Jimenez said.

Other panelists agreed. "It pays to be bilingual," said Dave Lopez, Downtown OKC Incorporated president.

The ability to speak a second language has proven to be beneficial in the workplace as well as in everyday life, Lopez said.

"It's all about communication," said HOPE mem-

ber Monica Perez.

She said the forum was a successful project of the Hispanic club, one she hopes will be repeated.

"It feels good how HOPE has worked throughout the years, and we hope that we are able to bring other important people to the college," Perez said.

HOPE plans to make this an annual event by bringing new people and topics to the forefront each year.

For more information, contact club sponsor Jessica Martinez-Brooks at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7248.

Late comers still have time to turn in graduation applications

By Morgan Byram
News Writing Student

The graduation application deadline was Sept. 9, but there is still time to get an application in, said Barbara Gowdy, Admissions

director.

Students may fill out an application anytime before graduation.

"If you are unsure if you have met the graduation requirements you should apply the semester before to make sure you graduate on time," Gowdy said.

Gowdy encourages students to do degree checks on the OKCCC website.

"This will help students be organized and know that they have all of the requirements to graduate," she said.

OKCCC student Jason Kirby who plans to gradu-

ate in May, said he agrees students should fill out their graduation application soon.

"If you wait, there will always be a form to fill out and you might be at risk to not graduate," he said.

Students may print an application online or pick

one up in the graduation office on the first floor of the main building.

However, the form itself must be turned in at the graduation office.

For more information, call Gowdy at (405) 682-7528 or e-mail bgowdy@okccc.edu.

Sports

Raiders' win comes at cost of excitement

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

The Raiders' 19-6 victory over the Bulldogs in intramural flag football was an example of execution at its blandest.

At least that is what one player said after the game.

Raiders player Carlton Jefferson said the game was slower than others he has played in.

"We went out and executed our game plan," he said.

"We took a couple of timeouts to huddle and discuss what we were going to do."

Jefferson said the players did what they needed to do.

What they did was wear down the Bulldogs with three touchdowns, plus defensive pressure.

Jefferson said his team had a

consistent passing game with Art Chansombat playing quarterback.

Jefferson had a touchdown catch in the game.

The Bulldogs fought to stay in the game after falling behind the Raiders.

With seven minutes to go in the second half, Jefferson took a handoff from Chansombat and ran for a 35-yard gain.

The Bulldogs stepped up the pressure after the run.

On the following play, a Raiders player was penalized for pushing away his defender.

The Bulldogs capitalized on the penalty by intercepting a pass by Chansombat on the next play.

Bulldogs player Chico Dambreville was credited with the interception.

After the interception, the Bulldogs were not able to score more points.

A number of incomplete and dropped passes cost the Bulldogs the chance to charge back and win the game.

In their final possession, a deep pass gave the Bulldogs some hope but their hope was dashed when Chansombat intercepted the ball.

As the final seconds of the game ticked away, some of the Bulldogs left the field in defeat.

After the game some of the Bulldogs were upset. A group of players declined to be interviewed except for Dambreville who was filling in for another player.

"We didn't have much communication and a lot of guys who play don't have a plan," he said.

Dambreville said even though flag football is recreational, teams should still have a plan.

"Some people were free-styling it and they couldn't get anything done."

The Bulldogs' next chance for a victory will come at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, when they face the Chiefs. The Raiders also will be in action with a game at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, against the Illest Crew.

Both games will be played at the intramural flag football field located north of parking lot C.

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UPCOMING

OKCCC INTRAMURALS SCHEDULE

•**Oct. 7:** In a special Friday night intramural flag football match-up, the Bulldogs face the Vindictive Squirrels at 6 p.m. The game will be played on the athletic field north of parking lot C. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Oct. 8:** The OKCCC soccer team plays Redlands Community College at noon. The game will be hosted by Rose State College in Midwest City. For more information, contact League Coordinator Jalal Daneshfar at (405) 974-2377.

•**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.

Full speed ahead



Photo by Holly Jones

Recreation and Community Services Director Traci Wheeler instructs a spinning class held on Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. Spinning is a form of exercise using a stationary bicycle. For more information, contact Wheeler at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7280.

Oklahoma Club Soccer League Standings

	WIN	TIE	LOSS	GA	GF	POINTS
Oklahoma State	3	0	0	1	18	29
Oklahoma	3	0	0	2	21	28
OU-COLSA	2	1	0	1	19	24
OSU-Japan	2	0	2	8	11	22
Central Oklahoma	2	0	1	7	11	19
OKCCC	0	1	1	8	2	5
Rose State	0	0	4	23	2	2
East Central	0	0	2	9	0	0
Redlands	0	0	2	25	0	0

GA= Goals Allowed
GF= Goals For
Tie= 3 points

Win= 6 points
Loss= 0 points

Shut Out= 1 point
One point per goal up to 3 goals

Online 'books for sale' bulletin board needs name

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

Student Life is hosting a contest for OKCCC students to name a new online service for selling textbooks.

"We have decided to move the book board online," said Erik Hedges, Student Life technician. "Everything's almost ready, but we need a name."

The decision came after a Student Life personnel meeting. Liz Largent, Student Life director said she feels the change will simplify the process for students.

Now, students will be able to look online for textbooks for sale, she said.

Students who wish to list books for sale will be able to submit an online form.

In addition to books, Hedges said, students also can post listings for school supplies. He said anything from a scientific calculator for a math class to a camera for a photography class could be listed.

Every submission must be checked prior to being listed, he said, so the posts will not be instantaneous. "We hope to post listings within a business day of receiving the form," Hedges said.

Largent said the Student Life office will give students who have items posted on the current board plenty of notice to move their listings online.

She had one word of advice. "I still encourage students to trade their supplies in a safe area."

Editor Christiana Kostura can be reached at editor@okccc.edu.

Attention Students!

Student Life needs your help!

We are in the process of creating a new online system for students to buy/sell/trade their used textbooks and other school-related supplies. We would like you to submit your ideas to name the new system. Your ideas also will determine the theme and look of the web interface. One winner will be selected and will receive an OKCCC T-shirt as a prize.

Fill out the form below and return it to Erik Hedges in the Office of Student Life.

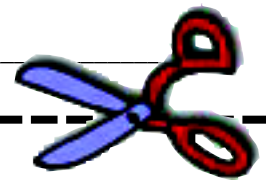
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T-Shirt Size: _____

Your Idea: _____



Student trying to trust again after peeping tom incident

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

The female student who became a peeping tom's target said she continues to be haunted by the incident.

The 18-year-old woman was sitting in a study area in the main building when she noticed then-student Kevin Durant filming up her skirt Aug. 31.

The female student said she was in total shock and disbelief that someone would do such a thing.

"The fact that it was the second week of school and something like this was happening was absolutely unbelievable," she said.

The female student said, prior to the incident, she had never seen Durant. She said, that day, he just happened to look suspicious.

She said, at first, she didn't know what to do, but then regained her bearings.

"I kind of just had to stand there and think to myself, 'Are you serious?' But then I immediately

thought, 'OK, I need to remember what he looks like and I need to figure out who I'm going to tell about this.'"

She went to the campus security office and reported the incident. Officers confronted Durant who then provided them with the video he had taken of the student.

Since the incident, the student said, she's having trouble feeling secure.

"I've always been aware of my surroundings and the people around me," she said.

"But having something like that happen — whether it's to someone you know or it happens to you — it just messes with your whole sense of security."

She said knowing Durant has a past conviction of second-degree rape doesn't help matters.

"[Knowing of his past conviction] makes me feel like I need that victim's protection order," she said. "It makes me feel even more unsafe."

The woman said shortly after the incident, she filed an emergency VPO against

Durant, which is similar to a restraining order.

On Sept. 23, the student said, she was denied an extension on that VPO because she had no previous relationship with Durant and this was the first time an incident between the two had occurred.

She said the only way the judge would have ruled in her favor is if Durant had been charged with stalking.

The student said the Sept. 23 court date was excruciating. She said, during her testimony, she began to tear up.

"The judge allowed Durant to stand next to me in the courtroom," she said. "It was heart-wrenching."

April Doshier, executive director of the womens' crisis center Project Safe, Inc., said the student's feelings are natural.

"That type of sexual assault affects victims in the same way as being raped or penetrated," Doshier said.

"Victims go into shock, suffer from denial, lose trust in other people, and tend to withdraw from ac-

tivities and loved ones."

Durant, who was banned from campus after the incident, was arraigned Sept. 26 on the charges of taking clandestine photographs. He has a preliminary hearing on the matter Nov. 17.

The female student said her parents were in complete shock when they found out what happened.

"You hear about things like that that happen to people," she said.

"Until it happens to someone you know or even yourself, you can't really say what you're going to do or how you're going to react."

The female student said other women should keep a clear head if they ever deal with something like this. "If you really think someone looks suspicious, then tell someone."

The female student said the thought of Durant possibly knowing her personal information is unsettling.

"I kind of catch myself looking around things and I will admit I do still have a fear of him following me," she said.

"If you really think someone looks suspicious, then tell someone."

—OKCCC female student who became peeping tom target

"He could've known what I drive, where I live and who my friends are. There's just no telling."

However, the student said, despite feeling invaded, neither the incident nor Durant would keep her from living her life.

"I feel a little paranoid sometimes but not afraid."

Doshier said victims can turn to the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for help.

"Oklahoma has over 30 victim's services that all provide confidential assistance to sexual assault and domestic violence victims."

A complete listing can be found at www.ocadvsa.org

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Highlights

Health Professions Club

The Health Professions Club will be hosting guest speaker Heath Burgess from Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center, College of Pharmacy 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Oct. 11 in room 1C4 across from the Science Lab. This meeting is for pre-pharmacy students or anyone who is interested. For more information, contact Physics Professor Steve Kamm at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7268.

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 club member Christiana Kostura at (405) 330-4227 or e-mail garageoverflow@yahoo.com.

Habitat for Humanity Build a Day

Students will work with Habitat for Humanity of Central Oklahoma and Cleveland County to build, paint or finish housing for low-income families Saturday, Oct. 15. For more information, contact Community Engagement Coordinator Jon Horinek at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7697.

A Historical Display: "Still the Golden Door"

Oklahoma is a mix of people from many cultures and nations. Through October, the Hall of Nations will showcase an exhibit examining the interplay between the continuation of traditions and adapting to a new culture. The exhibit is one component of a three-part series focusing on people who have lived in Oklahoma from pre-Columbian centuries to the present. For more information, visit www.okhumanitiescouncil.org/tracks.html.

Absolute Annual Publication

Absolute is accepting fiction, non-fiction, poetry, artwork and photography. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 1. Submission forms are available in the Arts and Humanities office by entry 5. For more information, contact English Professor Clay Randolph at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7238, or sponsor Ana Rodriguez at (405) 640-5152.

PASS with CLASS

The Parenting as Single Students with Critical Learning Activities for Student Success is in need of one part-time and one full-time faculty or staff sponsor. The group serves as a support system for single parents and plans activities that contribute to their success. For more information, contact Student Clubs and Organizations Assistant Karlen Grayson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7185.

Fall Concert

OKCCC Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Symphonic Choir will perform at the fall concert at 7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 6 at Graceway Baptist Church located at 1100 S.W. 104th Street. For more information, contact Music Professor Ron Staton at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7249.

Employee Pledge Program

October 3 through the 31st, each OKCCC employee will receive a pledge card with the option of automatic payroll deduction or a one-time donation, as well as the option of designating a specific agency to receive funding. For more information, contact Secretary to the Executive Director of Enrollment Management Paula Belcher at (405) 682-7584.

More than 40 flavors



Photo by Holly Jones

Michelle Laurent receives hiring guidelines from Braum's area recruiter Ramona Patton. More than 40 employers participated in the OKCCC Job Fair held Sept. 28 in the college union.

Learn martial arts during lunch

**By John Savage
Staff Writer**

Students can now attain total enlightenment while practicing the Chinese martial arts of Tai Ji Chuan Ba Gua Zhang at OKCCC.

UNIX System Administrator Trey Bishop started the martial arts club this semester.

Several different variations to each move can be performed in the Tai Chi art, Bishop said.

"Originally, there were only eight moves and five stances, and they were called the 13 postures," Bishop said.

"Various people over the past thousand years have made hundreds of variations."

When Bishop isn't practicing his move sets on campus, he practices at a gym in northwest Oklahoma City.

"Six or seven of us get together to practice our forms

and practice our fighting techniques," he said.

The technique Bishop teaches is a blend of grappling and striking.

"I have been wrestling for quite some time and when I found this martial art I knew I wanted to practice it," he said.

The activities involves some sweat and some contact but will be safe and injury free for beginners, he said.

"I think beginners will love this class," Bishop said. "If they enjoy it and want to go to the next level, then I can help them join a group."

The class is taught from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Bishop's club members meet outside near the southeast corner of the library located near parking lot A.

"Our club is free for all who are interested," Bishop said.

Bishop has been practicing this martial art for more than 10 years.

"I enjoy this club because

I am able to enjoy practicing the moves I like to practice," Bishop said. "When you go to practice at somebody else's club, you practice moves they like to practice."

Other students and faculty have enjoyed the club even though it's new to them.

"It's a new skill I'm learning..." Maintenance Mechanic Jason Beam said. "It gives me a chance to exercise on my lunch break."

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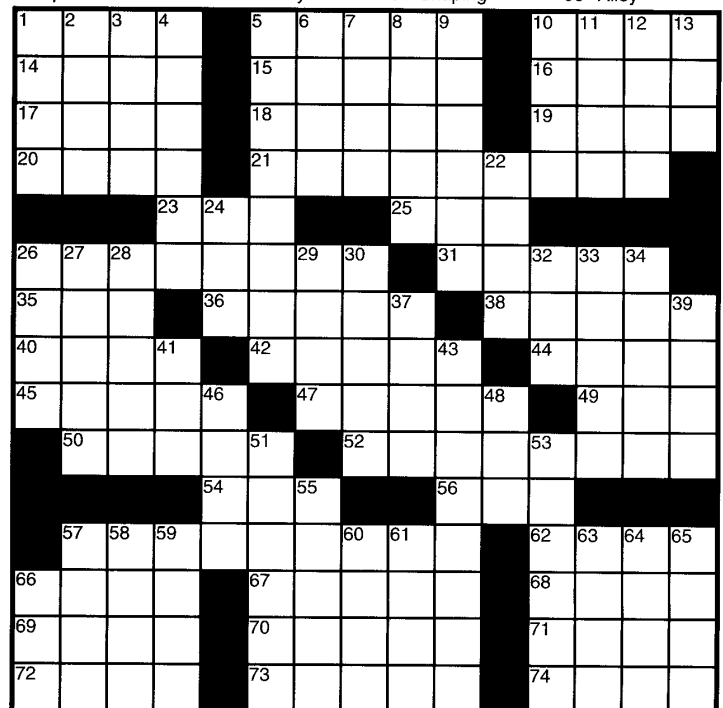
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Health department official says college is 'stretching' smoking rules

"Smoking,"
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Students Mitzi Hulsey and Chris Rice both said they smoke close to the building because that's where the shade is.

"I also smoke next to the entrances if it's raining," Hulsey said.

Some smokers say they are willing to follow the rules.

Sophomore Gerry Fueller said he doesn't mind walking to the designated area to smoke. "It's the law," Fueller said.

Business major Janice Oltorf said she feels people need to obey the law.

"It's not hard to follow it," she said. "It's there for a reason."

Bob Miner, Oklahoma State Health Department Clean Indoor Air coordinator, goes even further, arguing that the OKCCC

campus should be entirely tobacco free.

Miner said the Educational Facility Rule in the Oklahoma State Statute regarding the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act is a strict law OKCCC should follow.

The law states any facility that educates students from grades kindergarten to 12 should not allow smoking, or any other tobacco-related activities, on campus grounds from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

With a high school operating on the third floor of the main building, OKCCC is such a place, said Miner. However, he said, the college fails to follow that law.

Instead, Miner said, OKCCC chooses to view itself as a state-operated institution only.

State-operated buildings are allowed to have designated smoking areas located 25-feet from entrances, he said.

"The college is stretching things," Miner said. "They should really be following the Educational Facility Rule since it is much stricter and [more aptly] applies to the institution."

OKCCC attorney Nancy Gerrity said she can't comment on why the college interprets the law the way it does, citing attorney-client privilege.

Some students said they also aren't buying into having designated areas.

Freshman Matthew Austin said smoking should be banned from campus entirely. "It's a nasty habit and hurts more than just the smoker," Austin said.

"If it's not allowed in certain restaurants, it shouldn't be allowed on school grounds."

Sophomore Brooke Cochran said the only designated areas should be the smoker's vehicle.

"I think smokers should be allowed to smoke, but in their own cars," Cochran said.

"But, if they're breaking the law now by standing by the entrance doors, why would they follow the law then?"

Miner said the Oklahoma State Health Department takes complaints on institutions who fail to comply with state law.

He said for every complaint, a letter is sent out

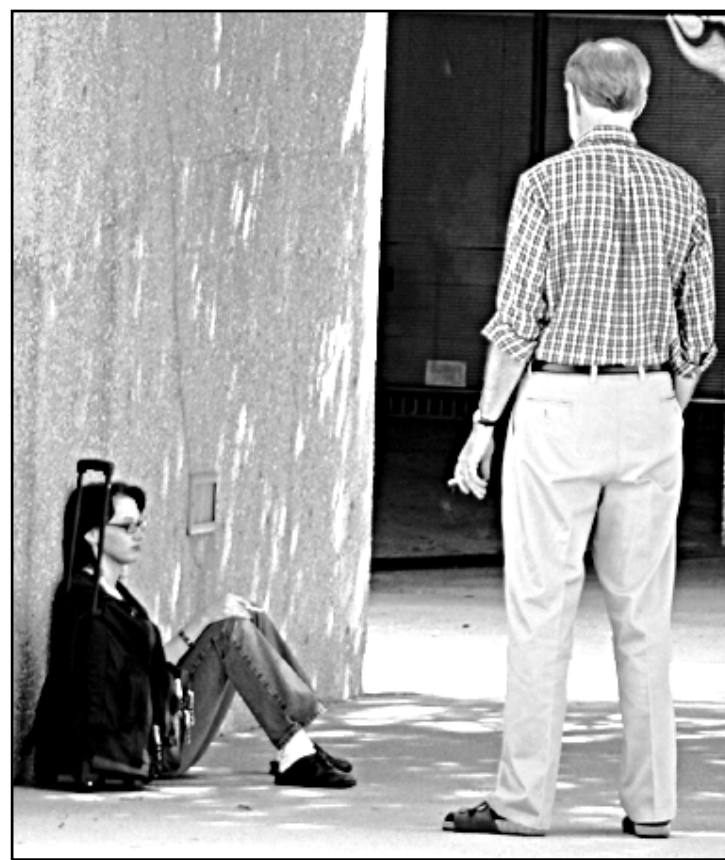


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Some smokers opt to light up near the building, inside the restricted smoking area around the college. Signs posted at every entrance, warn of the state law that requires smokers keep their lit cigarettes at least 25 feet away from the building.

Profs encouraged to tell students of absence

"Profs,"
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dents know of absences by posting notes on the classroom door. She said the division doesn't call students because there isn't enough staff to do so.

She said more professors also are using the Internet to let students know about absences.

"We encourage professors to gather student e-mails so they can let the students know if they won't make it to class," VanSchuyver said. "Many professors are adopting this and are being successful with it."

Yoder said students are mostly understanding when a professor is gone.

"People get sick, have emergencies and so on," Yoder said. "Students understand that."

Yet, she said, sometimes,

despite best intentions, information relayed from the professor to the college isn't successfully passed on to the students.

"Sometimes we don't get to the classes in time or don't get word from the professor before classes start."

Thomas said that apparently was the case both times with her class.

"No one from the college came to let the class know what was going on," she said. "We found out later there was a severe lack of communication."

Thomas said the professor later told the students he had notified the college he would be gone but college employees failed to let the students know.

She said she took it with a grain of salt. "Mess-ups happen, miscommunication happens."

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to the institution asking them to follow the law.

"After about three or four letters, someone is sent out to knock on doors," he said.

State Statute Title 21, Section 1247, Sub-section M, shows that if a fine for non-compliance is issued to a person, it would be no less than \$10 and would not exceed \$100.

Miner said complaints

can be made by calling the Oklahoma State Health Department Tobacco Use Prevention Service at (405) 271-3619.

For more information on tobacco laws and how they affect college campuses, visit www.breatheeasyok.com.

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