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PIONEER

College, work, bills leave no time for fun

OKCCC counselors willing to listen, offer advice

By Morgan Southerland
News Writing Student

Laura Stone works 35 hours per week, takes 12 credit hours at OKCCC, struggles to pay her bills, and still tries to have a social life. And she wonders why she is stressed.

Like Stone, many full-time students work at least one job, and try to find time to relax and have fun too.

OKCCC counselor Mary Turner said, about mid-semester, around 10 to 15 percent of students come in for stress counseling.

She offers several good bits of advice to students needing ideas on how to make time for everything.

"Try and cut back on something in your life," she said. "Do not be too proud to ask for help, eat healthy and get plenty of rest," she added.

Turner said family and friends also are a good place to turn for encouragement.

Many students, like Stone, have no help from parents so they must work to pay for school.

"I have to work five days a week, around seven hours a day, so I can support myself," Stone said. "I have \$800 to \$900 in expenses every month not including



Photo by Morgan Southerland

Many students juggle classes, a job and bills, leaving little or no time for a social life.

the cost of tuition and splitting bills with my roommate."

Like many other OKCCC students, Stone also is dealing with the added stress of planning a transfer to the University of Oklahoma.

"Transferring is another very stressful part for me at

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Haunted hand

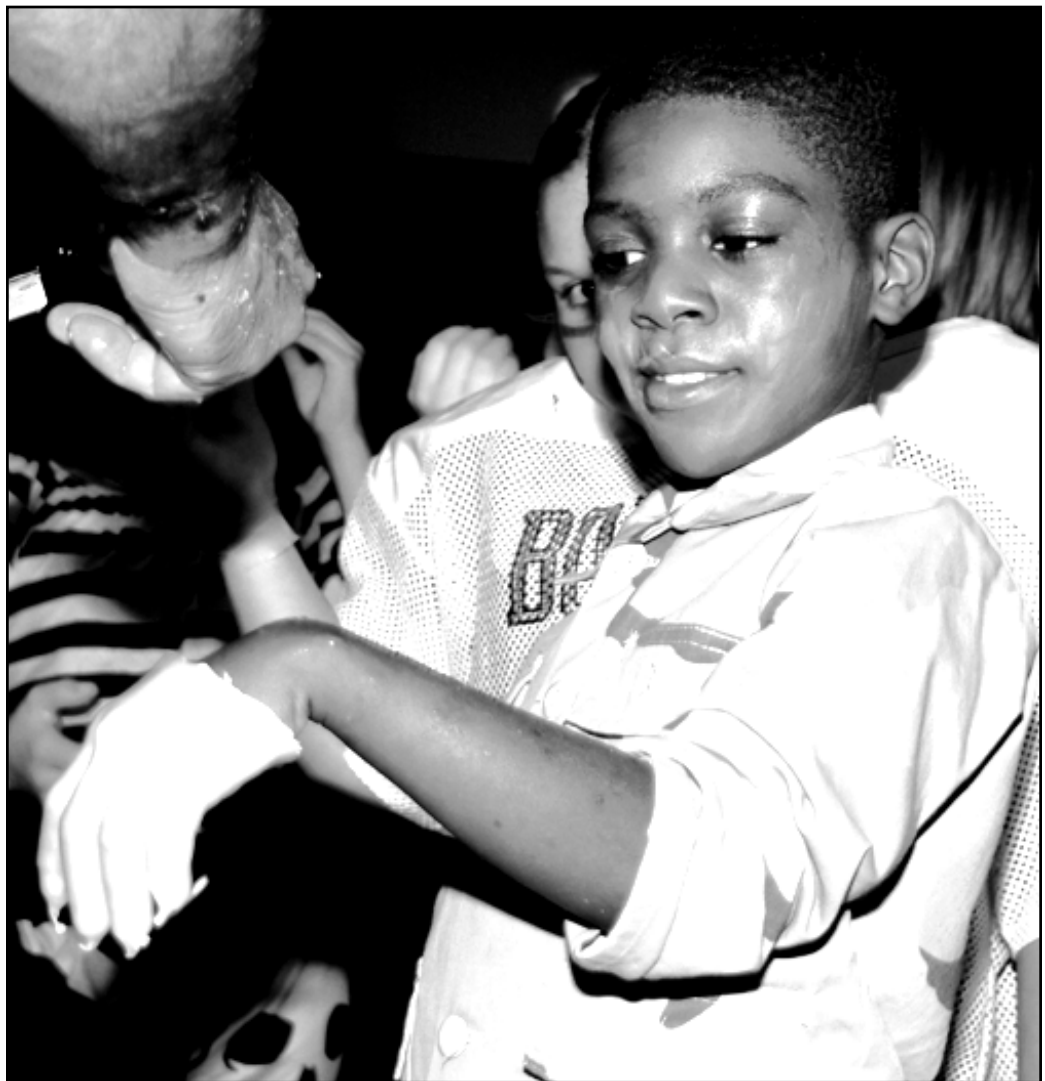


Photo by Holly Jones

Terry Adams, 9, creates his own wax hand at the OKCCC Halloween Carnival Oct. 28, in the college union. Many campus clubs had booths that offered tricks and treats for all ages. About 1,200 youngsters attended the carnival sponsored by Student Life. For the story and more pictures of the party, see page 9.

Wooden board smashes through Math Lab window

By Zach Niesman
News Writing Student

Students were startled when a 36-inch long wood timber crashed through a window in the college's math lab Nov. 1.

About 20 students were studying in the lab when the accident happened around 5:30 p.m., said Dustin Fisher, 25, a work-study student in the math

lab. Fisher was standing near the window helping a student when the projectile came through.

"I heard a loud crash and then, all of a sudden, the window was broken, a plant was knocked over, and a piece of wood was on top of the pile of glass," Fisher said.

The wood timber was knocked through the window after it snapped when a steel I-beam placed onto the wood, shifted.

Eddie Cox, OKCCC project manager, explained what happened.

"When the beam was placed on the timber, which was being used as a support, it rolled and cut the piece of timber, throwing it into the glass window of the lab," Cox said.

The weight of the large construction steel beam

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Protect yourself from ID theft

Approximately 7 million people became victims of identity theft in the last 12 months. That equals 19,178 per day, 799 per hour, 13.3 per minute, in 2003 alone, according to Gartner Research and Harris Interactive. There are a few ways a person's identity can be stolen.

Many unsuspecting people open mass e-mails called spam. These e-mails are sent out in mass quantity promising a benefit if the person responds. These e-mails are how hackers are sometimes able to get into personal e-mail systems and get detailed information on recent purchases, log-in IDs and more information thought of as private.

"Shoulder surfing" works similar to spam. An unknowing victim waits in a checkout line with credit card in hand, then is asked to type in the PIN to verify purchase. As the victim types in the digits, the person waiting next in line is jotting down the card number along with the PIN. It happens so fast, the victim doesn't even realize it until much later when a charge arrives in the mail.

Dumpster diving works the same way. Criminals dig through the trash and find bank slips, register receipts or mail thrown away with someone's basic information written on it. With this information, criminals can secure a home loan, start new credit cards, start a job and create an unbelievable amount of debt, all in someone else's name.

With 19,178 people becoming victims daily, how do we protect ourselves?

Take a good look at your credit report. Free annual reports are available under federal law at www.annualcreditreport.com. Carefully maintain records by keeping receipts and copies of account statements. See if your financial institution offers protection against credit card fraud.

Remove yourself from mailing lists of preapproved credit lists at www.optoutprescreen.com. You also can remove your name from other mailing lists at www.dmaconsumers.org. To remove phone numbers from telemarketing lists visit www.donotcall.gov.

Ask questions when someone wants personal information about you. Do not give credit card numbers, Social Security numbers, passwords, driver's license numbers or other personal information over the phone, via e-mail or over voice mail unless the receiving party is credible with the Better Business Bureau. When choosing a password, choose difficult ones and change them every 90 days.

Shred or burn personal information that comes in paper form. Old credit card statements, even on closed accounts, can be used to open new ones. Burning information is the best way to get rid of unwanted information.

Identity crime numbers are getting larger every year. Take a few minutes and protect yourself. Adjust to the above reminders and your chances of becoming an identity theft victim will start to diminish.

—Holly Jones
Staff Writer

Victim's mom thanks Pioneer

To the editor:

I would like to formally thank you for all the press you have given the incident with my daughter and Kevin Durant.

It is vitally important you keep students aware of what is happening in this case, because as I understand it from Mary Candler, he's allowed to come on campus any time and will be allowed to return as a student if the charges are dismissed or he's acquitted.

Female students must understand that if they do not react as my daughter did, much worse could happen to them. Through responsible journalism like you have shown, another incident can be avoided.

All the articles you have run in your paper have been very accurate as well as timely.

My daughter is happy her name has been withheld because she does not want to be linked with him any more than she has to be.

What I can't understand is how people like Kevin Durant continue to get away with things such as this and then go on to violate someone else, only to be let go again.

How many times does it

take? Are the charges not severe enough? Will he have to become a serial rapist to be taken seriously?

Because you are the press you should be informed he has priors in Texas as well. I have been unable to gain access to this information, but a friend in the Oklahoma County Sheriff's department informed me.

My husband and I are deeply proud of our daughter and the way she has handled all of this, especially because it happened the second week of her freshman year.

She tried as best she could to continue her classes only to realize it wouldn't be possible given the time she was away from class for court appearances and attorney appointments. Withdrawing from school was harder on her as anything else she has had to face. But, she is strong and level-headed, as well as very perceptive.

After the fiasco at the VPO hearing, all she has to rely on is her faith and the justice system to make sure this all works out the way that it should.

She is deeply grateful to have you on her side.

Thanks again for your support of her in this matter and hopefully she will some day be a part of your paper. She aspires to a career in journalism, but toward the photography side.

I look forward to reading many more editions of the OKCCC Pioneer.

—Mother of peeping tom victim

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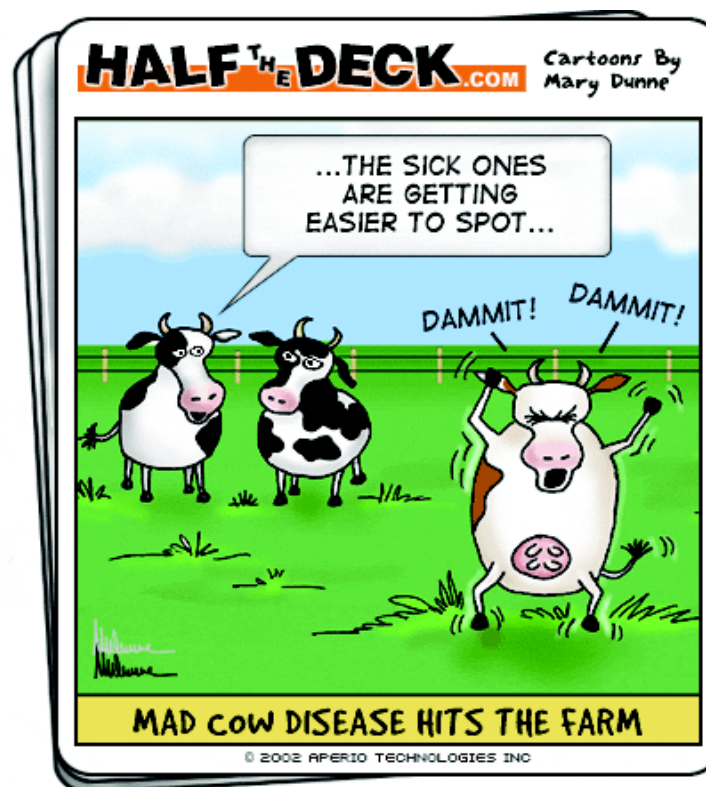
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Comments and Reviews

Reader appreciates music

To the editor:

This is in regard to the editorial, "Music artists sell out" by Lizzie Byrd.

Not only did I learn something but also realized it shows the same view I see on music today.

I am glad not everyone listens to bands/groups based on how elaborate their video or live show is, or how many times they

have appeared on TRL.

I especially enjoyed this quote at the end, "hear quality music from a quality artist and not a performer created in an image of what a recording company thinks the public will buy into."

I, too, feel more musicians need to realize a vast amount of people would rather hear something real

with sincerity rather than fakeness and over-production.

Even the fake ones could at least write their own lyrics... oh well.

I would like to thank Lizzie for voicing her opinion and I hope it has an impact on the way some view today's music.

—Jordan W.
OKCCC Music Addict

Romantic-comedy flick flops

Everyone loves a love story, most of the time.

"Prime," with Uma Thurman, Bryan Greenberg and Meryl Streep, is not a typical romantic comedy.

Director and writer Ben Younger ("Boiler Room") is a little out of his league on "Prime." Previously, only creating films leaning toward the action/drama genre, Younger had his work cut out for him.

The only success carried over from past script writing is the relationship between Dave (Greenberg, "The Perfect Score") and his religiously devout Jewish family. Dave can't seem to find a nice Jewish girl to settle down with and it puts a strain on his relationship with the family.

Thurman ("Kill Bill" Vol. 1 and 2) plays Rafi, a woman in the height of her career who is seeing a therapist named Lisa (Streep, "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events") to help with her stressful divorce.

Lisa advises Rafi to get out on the dating scene and move past her divorce. Little does Lisa know Rafi has set her eyes on Lisa's son Dave who happens to be about 14 years Rafi's junior.

"Prime" jumps right into the plot and climaxes when Rafi admits to seeing a

younger man on the dating scene during a therapy session.

Things don't get awkward until Lisa figures out, from piecing the puzzle together, she is treating a patient currently involved with her son.

Lisa's son admits to seeing an older woman, and Lisa realizes with horror her patient Rafi has been explaining intimate and even sexually explicit details between herself and Lisa's son, Dave.

Although witty, "Prime" is not laugh-out-loud funny. Dave and Rafi's friends plus the awkward therapy sessions provide most of the laughs.

Jon Abrahams plays Morris, Dave's childhood friend who has a problem getting a second date with women. As revenge, Morris has an interesting plan of action for each woman.

The script is simple and the dialogue is slow and demonstrates an "I think I can... I think I can... I think I can..." attitude so laughs are few and far between.

Most of the time is used to showcase the on-and-off

again relationship between Rafi and Dave.

The relationship turmoil gets stale early and, by the end of the movie, viewers will be too exhausted to care what the outcome is — either they stay together or they break up — just choose one.

The PG-13 film mildly entertains with a combination of romance, comedy, and a little bit of drama.

It leans to the darker side of comedy so those wanting a side-splitting fluffy romance story shouldn't expect to enjoy "Prime."

Rating: C-

—Lizzie Byrd
Staff Writer



Recently, the college initiated a new advertising campaign to help everyone in the community learn about the many opportunities at Oklahoma City Community College.

This new image was created after months of research with student, alumni and community groups. Hopefully now you have experienced the campaign from various TV and radio ads and ads in magazines and newspapers that all say "IN IT FOR ME AT O-TRIPLE-C." I'm proud to say that these ads feature real students at OKCCC.

The first purpose of this campaign is to highlight the numerous positive reasons for students to choose OKCCC: transfer degree programs, professional applied degree programs, certificates of mastery and continuing professional education. The OKCCC advantage includes small classes, affordable tuition, convenient class times, online services and online courses.

We also want current students to know how important it is to finish their associate degree "IN IT FOR THE DEGREE AT O-TRIPLE-C." Your associate degree is a two-year qualification, which can, in itself, land you a great job or become the first step to a bachelor's degree and beyond.

In order to ease your transfer to a four-year institution, OKCCC has articulation agreements set up with several Oklahoma universities such as the University of Oklahoma and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Thousands of successful OKCCC alumni made an important decision to start their education here. Many of them obtained their associate degree and went on to a university. Others decided to start working. Either way, their OKCCC education is serving them well.

We hope that you are "IN IT FOR THE DEGREE AT O-TRIPLE-C."

Are you in it?

—Paul Sechrist
OKCCC Acting President



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Comments? e-mail editor@okccc.edu.

Read the Pioneer online at www.okccc.edu/pioneer

Comments and Reviews

Big fun with 'Chicken Little'

Animation has always been Disney's forte and it shows with the latest feel-good kid flick "Chicken Little."

Voiced by Zach Braff ("Garden State"), Chicken Little is shadowed by his father's popularity and lack of fatherly skills.

All the while, Little and his group of friends are shunned at school because they float outside the "in" group.

To make matters worse, Little is haunted by an incident in which he swears a piece of the sky fell and bumped him on his head. After causing quite the stir and finding no piece of the sky, townsfolk consider it a farce for attention.

After re-establishing himself within his father's and the town's good graces, Little experiences the bump on his head again — except this time he finds the piece that hit him and it drags him into an adventure that's out of this world.

Appealing and cute, "Chicken



Little" is, literally, fun for the whole family.

Like past famed animation films such as "Shrek" and "The Incredibles," "Chicken Little" has humor for all ages.

Parents or older siblings won't sulk at the prospect of spending close to an hour and a half in a theater surrounded by children who smell like cookies and dirt.

There are quite a few humorous references to everything from "Star Wars" to Barbara Streisand in the film. There's even a small jab taken at 2004 presidential nominee John Kerry, which should prompt some chuckles from erudite political right-wingers.

The kids, like the adults, will have a great time.

There are lovable and memorable characters like Runt (voiced by Steve Zahn of "Saving Silverman"), an overweight piglet who has an infatuation with Streisand; Ugly Duckling (voiced by Joan Cusack of "Toys"), who shows beauty comes from the inside; and Fish, who doesn't really speak (only gargles and chirps), and wears a water-filled helmet when he's out of his pool plus re-enacts scenes from famous movies.

The soundtrack and voice acting are both great, and the story puts a heart-warming spin on an old conclusion.

No matter which way you look at it, the film is full of fun. If not your kids, treat yourself this weekend to "Chicken Little."

Rating: B+

—Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Illegal is illegal says reader

To the editor:

In a letter posted in the Oct. 31 issue of the Pioneer, an undocumented student asked the question: "So, what's worse? An undocumented person trying to receive education and who indeed pays taxes or a business owner who evades the IRS and abuses cheap labor?"

Unbelievable. Can the letter writer not see that a crime is a crime? Illegal is illegal? One cannot validate his law-breaking ways by pointing out that they are less severe than another person's law-breaking ways. That's not how the United States justice system is designed. If it were, a drug-user's defense may be "Well judge, if my neighbor Bob hadn't grown the marijuana, I wouldn't have bought it."

So what if some American employer wants to make a profit in an illegal way. Do you really think that entitles you to something you don't have a right to?

The bottom line is — your way of thinking has been instilled in you by your family. If your parents hadn't been law-breakers themselves, you wouldn't be here to write the letter you wrote — not illegally anyway.

If those same law-breakers didn't break the law again by using a fake

Social Security number or, worse, one that legally belongs to another person, in order to work, you wouldn't be here to write your letter — not illegally anyway. In fact, if illegal immigrants did not accept business owners' offers of illegal jobs, there would perhaps be less of a market in which the business owner could evade the IRS and abuse cheap labor.

So, if you want to lay blame, put it on the ones who started the chain of events to begin with. Your parents. Then, do something to make it right, like becoming legal.

Yes, that may mean following a set of rules and going through a mountain of paperwork but think of the respect you'd earn in the process.

It looks to me as if an entire generation of lawbreakers are raising another generation of lawbreakers. I say it's time to break the chain.

If you really want to be here and you really want an education, do it legally. That way, when you have children of your own, you can hold your head high and say you followed the law even though it was a more difficult path.

And, as an added bonus, they can be the generation who stops looking over their shoulders, waiting to be deported.

—Name withheld by request

'Jarhead' sheds light on dark situation

Welcome to the life of an ordinary guy who got lost on the way to college and wound up in the Marines.

"Jarhead" is a film based on the wartime experiences of former Marine Anthony Swofford. Although his story makes references to Vietnam and "Apocalypse Now." The movie is about those who fought in the first Gulf War.

Jake Gyllenhaal stars as Swofford, a young Marine missing his girlfriend and wanting out.

The film has a strong structure and clear plot from the get go as Swofford explains how he became a Marine. He gives a vivid, yet short, account of his life prior to his time with the Marines.

Director Sam Mendes drives the point home with a creative use of doors to see into Swofford's head.

Swofford and his fellow Marines are portrayed with great amounts of realism. Their intense, often humorous, language is consistent with real-life military personnel.

One topic coming up throughout the movie is family back home. In particular, many of the men are paranoid their lovers will cheat on them while they are away. Emotions from this sub-

plot add a dark, painful feeling to the story.

Mendes, director of "American Beauty" and "Road to Perdition" also added other fantastic visuals. This includes a startling dream sequence featuring Swofford. It is set to Nirvana's "Something in the Way" which adds to the overall eeriness. The soundtrack and original music by Thomas Newman fit the film nicely.

Later in the film, a different kind of intensity surfaces for many characters. Swofford is joined on his trip by Staff Sergeant Siek (Jaime Foxx) and Troy (Peter Sarsgaard). Both offer Swofford help and guidance. The pair, along with Chris Cooper and Dennis Haysbert, give the movie its own feeling.

Most of the acting in "Jarhead" is solid and gripping. However, some of it is too intense. Also, some of the visuals are either over the top or illogical. This combined with a running time of two hours and three minutes, makes for a long movie.

"Jarhead" is unique because it focuses on characters and rarely shifts focus to the political aspects of war.

Rating: B

—Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Oklahoman editor speaks to class

By Kristin Crane
News Writing Student

Clytie Bunyan started her career in broadcasting but soon realized she would rather write than speak her message.

"There is something about the written word," Bunyan said. "It is very powerful."

Bunyan, business editor for The Oklahoman, spoke to Journalism Professor Sue Hinton's News Writing class Nov. 1 on various topics including her life and journalism ethics.

Born in Trinidad, Bunyan graduated from OKCCC with a degree in journalism.

She began her career at the college's student newspaper, the Pioneer, as editor and later became the lab director for the Pioneer before taking a job at The Oklahoman.

Bunyan told of her experiences and gave helpful advice to students.

Bunyan said a reporter is never off the job.



Photo by Holly Jones

The Oklahoman Business Editor Clytie Bunyan shared her insight on journalism with Journalism Professor Sue Hinton's News Writing class Nov. 1. Bunyan spoke about her education in journalism, journalism ethics and writing.

"Journalists are like storm-chasers," she said. "You have to go to the story even if you are in your pajamas ready to go to sleep."

Bunyan told the story of

a journalist who worked for The Oklahoman when the space shuttle shattered over Texas on Feb. 28, 2003.

The reporter was spend-

ing a few days at home in Texas, but he never picked up his phone to cover the story because he was relaxing and sleeping, much to his editor's dismay.

Bunyan said journalists also know it's important to be ethical.

That means declining gifts and favors from sources.

"You should say no to the freebies," she said.

Bunyan said one time she was offered a new pair of shoes after hers were ruined at the source's construction site.

She realized it was unethical to accept them in her line of work so she refused.

Recently Bunyan received a phone call from one of her reporters asking her if he could keep two New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets basketball tickets one of his sources had offered him.

Bunyan said she had to reinforce the ethical requirement that he could not keep the tickets.

Bunyan said, to be a successful journalist, you have to work to be an essential person.

"There's a natural progression," she said. "You get better at writing the more you do it."

College book sale runs Nov. 9 to 10

By Magda Pavlak
News Writing Student

More than 200 books on Hollywood and the film industry were donated by Oklahoma resident Ann Johnsen and will be included in this year's book sale.

The Arts and Humanities department will hold its third annual book sale from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 9 and 10 in the main building.

English Professor Pamela Stout said the book sale has proven to be a great success in the past.

"We made \$843 last year," Stout said. "Paperbacks will sell for 50 cents and hardbacks \$1."

Stout said CDs, video-

tapes and DVDs also will be available at the book sale, ranging in prices from \$1 to \$2. She said most of the books are donated from faculty and staff.

The book sale also will offer a poetry CD recorded by faculty, staff and students. Acting President Paul Sechrist recites a poem on the CD. The CD will cost \$5.

Stout said all proceeds from the book sale and the poetry CD would go toward

funding the Spring Writing Symposium on April 7.

The symposium is a gathering of professors from in-state and out-of-state colleges who will speak about transitions to other colleges and how to prepare students for big leaps.

Items left over are typically donated to various places.

For more information, call the Arts and Humanities Department at (405) 682-7558.

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Speakin' the truth...



Photo by Holly Jones

Rick Guidotti, former fashion photographer, lectures about a program he developed called "Positive Exposure." It examines the misconceptions that people have about those with genetic differences. Guidotti travels the world speaking to groups and taking photographs of people with genetic differences.

Celebrate Veteran's Day by saying 'thanks'

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

To some, Veteran's Day is like any other day. To others, including some OKCCC faculty and staff members, Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, is one of the special days of the year.

One of them is OKCCC Physics Professor Steve Kamm, who served in the Air Force for four years.

As a bioenvironmental engineering officer, Kamm said, he spent a year in Vietnam and a little more than a year in London.

Returning from the Vietnam War wasn't the best welcome home he'd ever received, he said.

"There was no positive recognition for people who came home from Vietnam," Kamm said. "We came back from a very unpopular war and no one said 'thanks.'"

And saying thanks is what it's all about, Kamm said.

"Veteran's Days are there for people to thank those who have served for them," he said. "Many people in the military risk never coming home, and the best thing to come home to is a 'thank you.'"

Kamm said before he served in the military he didn't think twice about Veteran's Day.

Now it's a whole new ball game and Kamm said he knows how he's going to spend Nov. 11 this year.

"Now I know that Veteran's Day is my chance to say 'thank you' to others who have served."

Political Science Professor John Hughes Sr. also is a veteran.

Having served in the Marines for six years, Hughes said his view on Veteran's Day has changed due to his time served.

"When I was younger I thought Veteran's Day was for the old folk," Hughes said. "At 63, now I'm one of the old folk."

Hughes served in places like Vietnam and Japan as a corporal. At that time, many of the veterans his generation celebrated were from the first and second world wars.

Hughes said now it's a lot different with young, college-aged people enlisting and serving.

"It was once for old folks, and now, oddly enough, Veteran's Day is for the younger kids who served in Desert Storm and in Iraq," Hughes said.

He said he's proud of his Marine roots and spends Veteran's Day remembering those who have served.

"On Veteran's Day I wear a red poppy to commemorate those who have and are serving the country," Hughes said.

Hughes said his observation of the day seeps deeper

into his personal life with a moment of silence he observes at 11 a.m. on Veteran's Day.

He also said he takes time to teach his classes the importance of the day.

"I say something to my classes about the significance of the day and urge them to thank veterans for their service."

OKCCC Acting President Paul Sechrist said he was instilled with a deep respect for veterans while growing up.

"I lived in a supportive community that had pride for its veterans," Sechrist said. "I grew up with a strong respect for those who risked their lives for the country."

Sechrist said veterans should be recognized for their commitment and sacrifice.

He said he remembers during Vietnam there was a lack of a hero's welcome. Sechrist said he feels America has learned a lesson from that.

"Back then we were a very divided country," he said. "We've learned from the past and we now know it's honorable to be willing to go into service for our country."

Sechrist said he'll spend this Veteran's Day reflecting on what American has.

"Those people on the front lines fight for our valued way of life and that alone should be recognized and respected."

As for the many veterans working or attending school at OKCCC, Sechrist said, they hold a special place at the college.

"Everyone here respects them and is grateful for their service," he said. "They've earned the respect and I'm appreciative we have a day that reminds us all to be grateful."

Staff Writer Richard Hall can be reached at Senior Writer@okccc.edu.

Students wins and spends gift card

By Lizzie Byrd
Staff Writer

Theater Arts Performance major Jessica Coats won a gift certificate for participating in a three-week contest sponsored by Student Development.

Coats said she purchased groceries and a picture frame with her \$50 gift certificate and still has some to spare.

Mary Turner, Student Development counselor, said many students were entered into the drawing.

"Students came in to confirm their major and



Jessica Coats

mapped out a degree plan," Turner said.

After that, she said, students were then eligible to enter a drawing for the certificate.

The win came as a surprise to Coats.

"I just went in to change my major and, as I was leaving, Turner asked if I would like to fill out a paper for the drawing," Coats said. "I think I was the first one to put a paper in there."

Coats plans to transfer all of her credits to the University of Central Oklahoma with hopes of graduating from UCO in 2008.

Turner hopes Student Development will be able to offer drawings every semester but there are no set plans just yet.

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Rate, research OKCCC professors on website

By Kody Dollins
News Writing Student

For more than six years, www.ratemyprofessors.com has been giving students a voice and useful resources.

The website grants students a means of grading their professors, a role-switch that thousands of students across the United States and Canada are taking advantage of.

The site has a scale of one to five, grading professors on easiness, helpfulness, clarity and even sex appeal.

The site also provides students a feedback section to leave comments about their teachers.

Many students claim the tool has proven to be helpful and effective during enrollment.

The site boasts more than four million ratings from about 5,000 schools with 643,399 professors listed.

The OKCCC section lists 393 professors. The website is gaining popularity, as the OKCCC number is up from

265 professors listed in November 2004.

"I had older brothers [who] used the website, so I knew about it coming in to this school year," said OKCCC freshman Adam Baldwin.

"I actually switched professors in one of my classes because [the professor] didn't check out too well on the site."

All the feedback and ratings are user-provided and express the opinions of the individual students, according to the site's founder John Swapceinski.

There also is the possibility of a student bad-mouthing a teacher simply because the student received a bad grade in the class.

Views reflected on the site may dissuade a student from meeting a professor who may be a good teacher.

OKCCC advertising major Brett Dougherty isn't too worried about people giving bad opinions.

"It works because students are the ones rating the teachers," he said.

"Most students want the

same things out of a teacher, and I'm not just talking about an easy class. (The website) lets you know if [professors are] nice and approachable, or too demanding."

This may be true, but business major Gray Woodside has his doubts.

He said students may be able to gauge a professor's organizational skills or ability to relay the material, but they generally don't have the experience in the subject to decide whether they are learning valuable skills.

"I might be 25 or 30 years old before I can actually evaluate the job my professors are doing right now," Woodside said.

Swapceinski said all statements on the site are opinions and should be treated as such.

He also said he receives constant e-mails telling him the site is "uncannily accurate."

Swapceinski said students concerned about the truth being distorted should check the ratings of their past professors.

Profs see website in different light

By Kody Dollins
News Writing Student

Every year, professors are graded at www.ratemyprofessors.com. Whether their ratings are negative or positive is in the hands of the students.

This causes concern for some professors regarding the reliability of the ratings.

It appears most of the ratings come from those who either loved a class or hated it.

OKCCC professors who are rated on the website have different feelings about its reliability.

"I think, for the most part, students are fair," said History Professor Ray McCullar.

"Maybe the site exists partly so people can vent," McCullar said. "I don't like to hear negative things about myself, but at the same time I try not to get too threatened by it."

McCullar said if a student lies about his ability as a teacher, he doesn't pay attention to those remarks.

However, McCullar said, he does pay attention to things that may affect the whole class.

"I do pay attention if somebody says something like 'he punishes the whole class for what one person does.' That's something I may do that I might not be aware of."

McCullar has been rated 45 times on the website with an overall quality of 4.5 out of 5, a high rating.

Sociology Professor Nancy Pietroforte has doubts about the legitimacy of the reviews.

She also questions the significance of some of the rating criteria, for example, the "sex appeal" category.

"I don't know that it's really an accurate reflection, or necessarily relevant to what students should be concerned about regarding their professors," Pietroforte said.

"Whether a professor is hot or not shouldn't really be a consideration for whether or not a student takes a class," she said.

McCullar said he is not terribly fond of that category either.

"With the hot factor, I rank a minus six on the cold and that kind of hurt my feelings," he said.

"I think [the sex appeal category] probably doesn't belong on there, but maybe if I was hotter I'd feel different about it," McCullar said.

Pietroforte has been rated 10 times at the site and has a perfect overall quality score of 5.

Pietroforte said she thinks the website has been used for the wrong purpose in some instances.

"I think it's unfortunate that people have been subjected to cruelty for no reason other than maybe a student didn't get a good grade.

"I haven't had that experience," Pietroforte said, "but I think it's unfortunate when that happens, because I would like to think there isn't a professor in the world who would subjectively attack a student then post it on a website under the shield of anonymity."

Stop smoking for one day on Nov. 17

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

If the nicotine gum has lost its flavor, the patches aren't patching the problem and cold turkeys aren't your taste, maybe it's time to try a little peer pressure.

On Nov. 17 the nation will host the Great American Smokeout — the 29th year the American Cancer Society has held the event to help smokers quit for at least one day.

Some students are planning to participate Nov. 17.

Student Frances Smith said she hasn't ever participated in the Great American Smokeout before but thinks this year will be dif-

ferent.

"I might as well," Smith said. "It won't hurt anything, I don't think."

Smith said she's been smoking for more than 10 years and has thought about quitting before.

"I'll see how one day goes," she said.

Freshman Charles Weathers said he's heard about the event and has done it once.

"I don't know if I'll do it again," he said, "but if my friends do it, I probably will."

Weathers said it's easier to go through a certain length of time without smoking if those you smoke with also participate.

OKCCC Macintosh Lab Assistant Kathy Bowman

said she stopped smoking more than 10 years ago.

Bowman, who has never participated in a Great American Smokeout, said it's a good idea that people may find beneficial to themselves and others.

"Anything is worth a try (to quit smoking)," Bowman said.

She said people have to have the drive and desire to want to quit smoking rather than being forced to.

"Smokers wanting to quit need to be willing. That's the way it works," she said.

For more information about the Great American Smokeout, visit www.cancer.org.

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Students react to education lottery

By Kathryn Heisten
News Writing Student

Despite mixed feelings about the wins and losses the lottery has created, its education benefits can't be ignored.

The \$500 million bond project signed by Gov. Brad Henry will give \$15.3 million to OKCCC to construct the Center for Arts Education and the Center for Health Science Professions.

The lottery will finance most of the bond project, as reported in the April 13, 2005, issue of the Communicator, the OKCCC employee weekly newsletter.

"The citizens voted it in and, in the long run, it will generate more money for education," said Jon Horinek, Community Engagement Coordinator and lottery supporter.

Those who want to play should be able to but it is not for everyone, he said.

"It [the lottery] has definitely given people something to talk about," said Liz Largent, Student Life Director.

She said she believes the risk of gambling addictions

won't be great on campus.

Oklahoma lottery results refute the popular myth that the chance of being struck by lightning are greater than the chance of winning the lottery. The initial success of the lottery supports this.

"We're extremely pleased with our first full week of sales and very gratified to know that players are having fun and that the flow of new money for education in Oklahoma is off to a great start," said Jim Scroggins, executive director of the Oklahoma Lottery, as reported in a press release.

Others have not seen such success.

"I have bought four lottery tickets and the only thing I have won is two more lottery tickets," said Lauren Rose, a part-time OKCCC student.

Others have seen their success dwindling.

"The first day I won [more than] twenty dollars and, ever since, I haven't won a thing," said student Shannon Begnel.

Begnel said he thinks the idea behind allotting so many prizes the first couple of days is to hook people and create addictions.

Working 9 to 5



Photo by Holly Jones

Stormy Estell, an employee of W.L. McNatt and Company, drills a hole into the concrete to set columns for the new Science, Engineering and Mathematics Center. The columns will become the main structure for the center.

Construction on the frame has caused a division office and several faculty offices to relocate to the second floor of the main building. The division office for Science and Mathematics has moved to 2N1. The faculty offices that were once behind the division office are now located in 2R0.

The SEM Center will open in the fall of 2007.

OKCCC does its part to help Mother Earth

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

Paper and cardboard recycling goes on year 'round at OKCCC, said Gary Phillips, Building and Campus Services supervisor.

While OKCCC isn't doing anything special to celebrate America Recycles Day on Nov. 15, the college does recycle many items every day. "We have three main recycling programs," Phillips said.

Cardboard, paper and secure document destruction

are the three programs, he said.

"We recycle cardboard from the bookstore, and shipping and receiving," Phillips said. He said the service is only available to those two areas because they have the largest amount of cardboard needing to be disposed of.

"We contract with Waste Management," he said. "They pick it up and take it to be turned into more cardboard."

Phillips said Waste Management also is OKCCC's contractor for the destruction of secure documents.

The company picks up the papers, takes them off campus, and recycles them into new paper.

The other program, non-secure document recycling, is offered through the state of Oklahoma to the college, free of charge, Phillips said.

"Blue containers are in some offices and labs to collect the paper," he said.

In addition to OKCCC's main recycling efforts, the college also takes large batteries from college vehicles to be recycled and has a company pick up wooden pallets to be reused or turned into mulch, Phillips

said.

America Recycles Day isn't just about recycling, said Julian Hilliard, OKCCC biology professor. The day also is about promoting reducing the amount of trash a person creates and reusing items.

Hilliard has many suggestions for people to participate in America Recycles Day at home.

"People think about recycling aluminum cans as the only thing," Hilliard said.

"Think about recycling other household items."

He said people could use 2-liter bottles and milk jugs

to make bird feeders. Another thing people can do is recycle their organic (biodegradable) waste by composting it to use as fertilizer in landscaping, Hilliard said. Organic waste does not go away as fast as most people believe, he said.

"One thing I've started doing is bringing my own bags to the store," Hilliard said.

"It's very popular to think of everything as disposable. That's really not a good thing."

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Haunted house offers spooks on campus

OKCCC's annual Halloween Carnival was a monster smash. A ghoulish crowd of about 1,200 children gathered in the college union Oct. 28 for a night of eerie fun.

The festivities included face painting, balloon animals, a live deejay, temporary tattoos, wax hands, a pumpkin patch and a haunted house.

Many student clubs and organizations pulled together to make the carnival possible.

Nursing major Erin McMurry dressed as Marilyn Monroe and spent the night painting children's faces.

"I love it," McMurry said. "It's a lot of fun and even more fun when we see the kids smile."

Many children danced the night away to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and other songs that fit the theme of the event.

Eric Fonseca played a disturbing surgeon in an operating room gone wrong.

Fonseca said he enjoyed playing the role and seeing the kid's reactions as they entered.

A variety of costumes also were spotted throughout the night.

Zack Bishop, 5, dressed as Darth Vader from the famous "Star Wars" movies, while Summer Bellymule, 4, dressed as her favorite sweet treat, a cupcake.

Parents expressed their appreciation to OKCCC for the Halloween fair.

"It's great for the community," said parent Denise Williams.



The doctor, played by Eric Fonseca, exhibits sharp cutlery skills with patient Sharla Dollins. Upward Bound hosted the Haunted House with rooms of exorcisms and bloody patients.



Kari Glidewell, Health Professions Club vice president, bandages Blake Nelson, 7, at the Halloween Carnival. The club sponsored a M.A.S.H. unit, where children could get arms, faces or bodies bandaged.



Left: Summer Bellymule, 4, disguised herself as a delicious cupcake for Halloween.



Tanner Kubiak, 5, experiences chemistry at the tip of his finger. The Mad Scientist booth, sponsored by the Oklahoma Biotechnology Club, treated kids to games and hands-on science.

Text by Whitney Willis
Photos by Holly Jones

Forces join to raise funds for United Way

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

OKCCC joined forces with United Way in October to try and raise more than \$19,000. The total will not be determined until a later date.

Fund-raising activities included an Employee Pledge Program, Blue Mondays, Silent Auction, Agency Fair, Vote for a VP and Putt Around, said Paula Belcher, Enrollment Management secretary and co-chair of the 2005 United Way Campaign planning committee.

During Putt Around, an event raising \$160, people were given an opportunity to play miniature golf by donating \$5.

Liz Largent, Student Life director and co-chair for the OKCCC United Way campaign said there were seven miniature golf holes to play during the game.

Departments participated by volunteering to design a hole. The course ranged from the Oasis Hole in Enrollment Management complete with Hula girls and sand traps to the Haunted Hole in the Physical Plant with black lights, skeletons and creepy spiders.

The Physical Plant also sold soda and popcorn at their hole, raising an additional \$60.75.

Largent said, Tim Soli, Mail Services Technician in the Physical Plant, won the game with a score of 21.

"I won a \$20 gift certificate for the Olive Garden and some free bowling certificates," Soli said.

He said although he's never played regular golf before, he is an experienced mini-golfer.

The Employee Pledge Program provides all employees, whether full-time or part-time, with a pledge card.

The card gives each person the option to participate in raising money for United Way by payroll deduction — a process in which either a one-time or a set monthly donation is taken from an employee's paycheck. Belcher said, as of press time, she was still waiting to receive all the pledge cards and had no preliminary total.

Blue Mondays was another fund-raising opportunity for OKCCC employees to help the charity. The event raised \$450. People could pay \$10 for a United Way support



Photo by Ronna Austin

Lyndsie StremLOW, OKCCC sophomore and Enrollment Management worker, demonstrates how to get a hole-in-one at the Oasis Hole during the United Way Putt Around campaign. The miniature golf event raised \$160.

button, and wear blue jeans, which are not normally allowed for office workers, on Mondays during the month of October, Belcher said.

Largent said the Silent Auction in the middle of October raised \$435.50 for United Way.

She said several items were donated to the auction by faculty and staff.

"We had some photography, home-made crocheted purses, stained glass artwork and gift baskets," Largent said.

Participants in the auction included students, faculty, staff and even a community member, she said.

The vice president vote was an easy way for everyone to be involved, Belcher said.

"Donation jugs were at the Welcome Center," she said.

Anybody who wished to donate some change could drop it in the jug of his or her choice. Each container had a photo of an OKCCC vice president on it. The event

raised \$80.96, Belcher said.

The person on the bottle with the most donations was Marion Paden, Student Services vice president.

"Paden will be asked to work a shift in the Welcome Center," Belcher said. As of press time, \$1,187.21 had already been counted for the United Way campaign. Belcher said the rest of the donations will be from pledge cards.

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English prof receives Teacher of the Year Award

By Morgan Southerland
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On her birthday Oct. 21, Bertha Wise, OKCCC online professor, won the Teacher of the Year Award and the Robert Wiley Service Award at a regional English conference.

The Two-Year College English Association-Southwest's annual convention is a meeting of community college English professors from seven states. No one has ever won both awards in the same year in.

David Charlson, OKCCC English professor, nominated Wise for the Teacher of the Year Award.

"Bertha Wise is a teacher of a special new kind, the online kind," he wrote in the nomination. "She teaches many online classes each semester, with high expectations and great results."

He recommended her most highly as the kind of teacher the 21st century needs.

"She teaches another kind of student too, her fellow teachers. She really should have an honorary membership on our college's Instructional Technology staff, for she frequently is the go-to person whom her colleagues and I go to," Charlson said.

Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities Dean, said Wise is an



Bertha Wise

excellent choice for the honor.

"Bertha is not afraid of change," VanSchuyver said. "She welcomes and embraces it."

"She has been a pioneer in online learning at our institution and is still one of the most skilled online teachers we have," VanSchuyver said.

Suzie Sells, an alumni of OKCCC who now teaches at Moore High School, said Wise gave her a new perspective on online courses.

"As a skeptic of online courses and a future English teacher, I worried as I enrolled in an online Introduction to Literature course," Sells said in an e-mail message.

"My worries quickly vanished as I explored the online classroom of Professor Bertha Wise."

"As I prepared for my first day of teaching high school students, four years after her course, my role model, Bertha Wise, arrived with a large bouquet of flowers and words I needed to hear, 'I'm so proud of you!' I can only hope I can inspire my students the way Bertha Wise inspired me," Sells said.

Wise graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma and has been teaching for 20 years. Wise has worked at OKCCC for more than 14 years. Wise said she sees online classes as helpful for students.

"Online classes offer students another option in learning," Wise said in an e-mail message. "Online teaching has quite a few chal-

lenges, but I like those challenges and find it interesting to design online courses that are conducive to students learning the material independently." Wise said she was surprised by the awards.

"I listened as the nomination letter was read minus the name of the winner and kept thinking that the nominee had certainly had an effect on students as well as service to colleagues and the college. When I heard my name, I was stunned," Wise said.

The best advice Wise said she can give students and other faculty is to welcome change.

"Always be willing to change, even to the extent of welcoming change. Change can be upsetting, but it can also help one find out that life is ever changing and exciting."

Engineering Club cools off during trip

By Keri DeKinder
News Writing Student

About 10 Engineering Club members spent several minutes in below-freezing temperatures Oct. 28 as part of a field trip to a food distribution center.

"It was the coldest field trip ever," said Jason Sieber, club member.

A 100,000-square-foot freezer was one point of interest the club toured as they took a look around the construction site of the Ben E. Keith Foods Distribution Center on Memorial Road.

The giant freezer uses an ammonia refrigeration system to keep it at minus 10 degrees. It has a separate section for ice cream that stays 10 degrees colder than that.

Ben E. Keith Foods distributes to many restaurants in the area, including Chili's, Macaroni Grill and On The Border.

The branch, located in Oklahoma City, ships products as far as Nebraska, Arkansas, Kansas and Texas.

The building site sits on 80 acres. The distribution center is 340,000 square feet. Ben E. Keith Foods also is building railroad tracks outside the center that will connect to an already-existing rail network nearby.

Madison Seely, the club's president, explained that the construction site had something to offer every kind of engineer. It includes aspects of civil, architectural, structural, chemical and electrical engineering.

Construction on the distribution center began in September of last year. The building will receive its first product delivery in mid-November. It should be finished and in full use by the end of December, said Allen Seely, truck maintenance supervisor.

Jamie Moore, product engineer, studied architecture in college, said Madison Seely. She said Moore is proof that going to school for a certain subject does not confine one to that kind of job.

"Regardless of what you go to school for, if you're smart enough, you can do anything you want," Seely said.

The Engineering Club meets every other Thursday at 12:30 p.m. and is open to everybody. The club will soon begin building robots for Robot Wars.

Science, math office locations changed due to construction

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

Some offices are being temporarily located due to Science, Engineering and Mathematics Center construction, said Eddie Cox, Physical Plant Project Manager.

"The Science and Math division office is now located in 2N1 on the second floor of the main building," he said.

Several faculty offices have moved as well, he said.

The offices were behind the division office near the biotechnology area, Cox said, but can now be found in 2R0.

"All that area (where the offices were) is being demolished due to construction of the SEM Center," Cox said.

He said an elevator and staircase are being placed in the vacated areas.

For more information, call Cox at (405) 682-7554.

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Sports

UPCOMING

OKCCC INTRAMURALS SCHEDULE

•**Nov. 12:** The Jaguar High School Swimming and Diving Invitational serves as the kick-off to the high school season. The Westmoore Swim Team hosts the event. For more information, contact Aquatics and Safety Training Specialist Stephanie Scott at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7662.

•**Nov. 18:** Open registration for the fall Hot Shot Contest ends. The competition is open only to women. The contest is scheduled for Dec. 1 and 8 in the gym. A men's contest is scheduled for the spring semester. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Nov. 18-20:** The Extreme Aquatic Team of Edmond hosts the annual EAT Turkey Meet, a swim meet for all ages. A food drive also will be held. For more information, contact Aquatics and Safety Training Specialist Stephanie Scott at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7662.

Gettin' ripped



Photo by Holly Jones

David Nguyen, accounting major, tests out the skull crusher by lifting 65 pounds in the weight room. The Wellness Center, which contains the gym, cardiovascular room, aerobic room and weight room, is open from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The weight room offers a wide range of free weights and machine weights. The equipment offers weight room users a total body workout. For more information, contact the Wellness Center Cage at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7310.

Flag football team hopes to overcome the odds

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Each year, OKCCC sends a team to the state intramural flag football championship.

However, this year's trip to the Nov. 5 tournament at Oklahoma State University was put in peril by a complication.

Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson said the team that goes to the tournament is usually the winner of the college's flag football tournament.

The tournament, originally scheduled for Oct. 30, pitted teams from OKCCC against each other.

It was canceled after many players stopped showing up to games, Watson said.

Watson is the director of intramural sports at OKCCC.

Player Brian Jones said other players quit playing after his team,

The Illest Crew, dominated their opponents.

Watson and his assistant Charlie Tarver devised a new plan to get at least one OKCCC team into the tournament.

They worked with a group of players to put a new team together for the tournament, Tarver said.

He said there was a delay in putting the team together because they had to wait for the tournament information to arrive.

"Once we knew the cost was \$10 per person, we were able to put the team together," Tarver said.

"Then, we let the players know it was their responsibility to schedule practices," he said.

Once things were in order, a pair of players took the reins of the team.

Jones will serve as captain and Kyland Myles as co-captain.

"Neither of us is a selfish player and I don't plan on getting down on anybody unless it is needed,"

Jones said.

Jones said he wants to have a team-first concept.

To help accomplish this, Jones and Myles recruited players from multiple teams.

"We recruited everyone we wanted to play with from two or three teams," he said.

Myles and Jones said they were hopeful of the team's chances in the tournament.

"Our goal is to put O-Trip on the map," Myles said.

Although they sound upbeat, the team is realistic about their chances, Myles said.

"We can feed off what we see from each other on the field, but we do have some weaknesses."

Myles said the team would focus on improving its weaknesses prior to the tournament.

Jones said he sees some potential in the team.

"We looked good at practice on [Nov. 1] but not as good at prac-

tice the next day," he said.

Another issue facing the team is who will play quarterback.

"We are all athletic enough to play quarterback, but only three guys are being considered," Jones said.

Player Jackie Butler said he was not worried about everyone's positions.

"You know how athletes are we will make the play," Butler said.

Jones said he agreed with Butler about each player's versatility.

"No matter where we play. We all need to step up for the team."

Other players on the team's roster are Art Chansombat, Anthony Easterling, Carl Jefferson and Tyrone Jones.

Regardless of their circumstances, the team's goal for the tournament is clear, Myles said.

"We just want to win."

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OKC Public School Board praises prof

**By Matthew Wright
News Writing Student**

Members of the Oklahoma City Public School Board spoke highly of one OKCCC adjunct professor during their October meeting.

Adjunct Professor Wilbert Quick and two of his former students were honored at the meeting for their contributions to a collection of college writing entitled "International Journeys in Writing."

Students Bianca Bryant and Ronisha Chamberlain were both participating in the concurrent enrollment program for dual credit when they wrote their essays.



Wilbert Quick

The dual credit program enables high school students to earn college credit during their final years of high school.

Quick teaches English at Northeast Academy for Health Sciences and Engineering students. He is the

co-author of the reader.

"The essays were selected based on overall quality and the ability to discuss a global issue at the local level," Quick said.

Bryant's essay, "Rebuilding America," discusses racial and cultural tolerance around the world and comments on the United States' deficiency in this regard.

Chamberlain's essay, "You Are What You Eat," reasons that too many Americans are judged by others based on looks alone.

"Having students actively trying to change the world through their own published works makes me feel like I am getting through to them in a very important way," Quick said. "I have the power to change the

world by giving power to my students."

Quick said he is pleased to have his students' work recognized by someone other than himself as the teacher.

Both students' ability to take the dual enrollment courses at Northeast Academy was due to an agreement between the Oklahoma City Public Schools and OKCCC.

J.P. Johnson, Director of Early College Awareness at OKCCC, said Bryant and Chamberlain both transferred their OKCCC credits to the University of Central Oklahoma, where they are now roommates.

During the 2004-2005

school year, 78 other high school students were able to meet high school graduation requirements and earn college credit simultaneously.

Johnson said 114 Northeast Academy students are taking college courses this fall, enabling many of them to complete up to a full year of collegiate coursework before their high school graduation.

Quick is a UCO graduate who holds a master's degree in English. He teaches at OKCCC, UCO and OSU-OKC.

He has been teaching since 2001 and is listed in Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2005.

See what's in O-Triple-C

**By Shalana Robles
News Writing Student**

OKCCC is embracing the nickname "O-Triple-C" with its new "branding" campaign which uses posters, banners, billboards, radio spots and television commercials to attract new students as well as motivate current students of the college, said Director of Marketing and Public Relations Paula Gower.

Vivid eye catching colors, paired with rhyming catch phrases and pictures of current OKCCC students, can be seen around the college and throughout the city.

Headlines including "In it for me at O-Triple-C" and "In it for the degree at O-Triple-C" are helping to create an awareness that students can come here and get what they need, Gower said.

Finding a job without a college degree is becoming much more difficult. Because of this, Oklahoma continues to want more graduates, and OKCCC hopes to aid in this process.

Branding the name "O-Triple-C" is the college's way of embracing a nickname that students have been using for years,

**"By branding the phrase
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—Paula Gower
Marketing and Public
Relations Director

Gower said.

The marketing and public relations department did research with students and found most students referred to the college as O-Triple-C.

Using the results from this research, the department has now launched a project that they are proud of, Gower said.

"By branding the phrase "O-Triple-C" the college plans to give students a higher awareness of the college and its benefits," she said.

"Current students will be encouraged and will realize that the faculty and staff are behind them 100 percent."

Commercials for O-Triple-C began airing on channel 5 and MTV one week a month Oct. 31.

Lap-swim lessons offered at OKCCC

**By Dusty Choate
News Writing Student**

The OKCCC Aquatics Center has been offering lap-swim sessions since September.

The class was offered in the early '90s, said Stephanie Scott, Aquatics and Safety Training Specialist.

She said it hasn't been offered at OKCCC since 1999, and the plan is to have the class run continually.

Scott said the sessions will take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8 to 9:15 a.m.

The sessions cost \$30 a month or \$20 for current OKCCC students. To participate in these lap-swim sessions, one must be able to swim one lap down the pool and back, Scott said. Those who cannot do so will not be allowed to take the sessions, she said.

The sessions are a workout for people who can al-

ready swim, Scott said. The classes include swim techniques, and form and endurance sprints. Workout plans are given in class, Scott said.

She said the instructor will introduce new strokes and kicks. Scott said the class is not competitive. However, she said, the class is great for fitness.

The lifeguards are dual-certified so they can teach if the class expands, Scott said.

She said the college needs to enroll at least six students to have the class continue. At press time, the class only had three students, Scott said.

Scott said they have plenty of equipment such as kickboards, fins and pull buoys.

The first class is an instruction class on equipment and what their goals are, she said.

"It is available for disabled people who can manage in the water without help," Scott said.

Read the Pioneer online: www.okccc.edu/pioneer/

Highlights

Reading Club meeting

The Reading Club welcomes and encourages students who share the joy of reading and discussion to join the club. Meetings are at noon Nov. 7 and 16. Students are welcome to bring a book and share it with the club. For more information about the Reading Club, e-mail Club Member Jenny Bryan at 74jenny@sbcglobal.net.

Environmental Club to host bake sale

The aroma of cookies, cupcakes and muffins will fill the air from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7 as the Environmental Club hosts their first fund-raiser in the main building lobby. The club is raising money to help with Toys for Tots. Meetings are held from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays in room 1C4. For more information, contact Club Sponsor Ronna Austin at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7307.

Ahn Trio lecture and performance

The Ahn Trio will present a lecture and demonstration at 11 a.m. Nov. 8, in the college theater. They will speak about their development as artists and their works. At 7 p.m. Nov. 8, they will perform in the theater. Tickets are \$30 for general public and \$20 for students, seniors, staff and Alumni Association members. For more information, contact Cultural Programs and Community Development Assistant Scott Tigert at (405) 682-7579.

International Student Association show

The International Student Association invites students to audition for the ISA Multicultural Show from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nov. 8, in room 1C8. Students who want to participate in playing a instrument, singing, dancing and all other performances are welcome to audition. All students are welcome to attend even if not in the club. For more information, contact Club President Yu Da Kim at (405) 412-4090 or e-mail nascle_man@yahoo.com.

Poet to speak at OKCCC

Michael Czarnecki, poet, small press publisher and oral memorist, will speak at OKCCC at 2 p.m. Nov. 8, in CU3. The lecture will be followed by a workshop at 3 p.m. in CU1. For more information, call Student Life at (405) 682-7523.

Health Professions Club to host speaker

The Health Professions Club will host guest speaker Carolyn Rouillard. She will talk to students about the do's and don'ts of an interview from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Nov. 10, in room CU2. For more information, contact Club Sponsor Steve Kamm at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7268.

College Democrats meeting

The College Democrats will have a general meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 10, in room 3K3 of the main building. The club will discuss fund-raisers, information booth topics and options to increase club membership.

Poetry and Open Mic Contest submission deadline

The Writing Club will host a Poetry and Open Mic Contest. Submissions may be turned in to the Arts and Humanities office, and must include contact information. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 18. Dates for the contest will be announced. Cash prizes will be awarded for both contests. For more information about the contest or club, contact Club Sponsor Andre Love at (405) 863-5951.

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

The show must go on...



Photo by John Savage

International Student Association President Yu Da Kim discusses the international culture talent show which will showcase 10 to 13 acts including singing, dancing and magic to be held Nov. 17, in the college theater. Admission is \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door, and children 12 and under are \$3. Prizes for the performers will include international treasures.

OKCCC delivers a helping hand

BSA collects more than 19 bags of winter clothing

**By John Savage
Staff Writer**

The Black Student Association collected more than 19 bags of coats, gloves, hats and winter clothing during a recent coat drive.

The club placed collection boxes around the campus to gather the items.

Vice President Bashir Abdullah said the inspiration for the drive was the ongoing needs of disaster victims from recent hurricanes.

"The BSA believes that, with the unfortunate events that have taken place this year, it would be a good thing to start," Abdullah said. "And we look forward to doing it in the future."

The BSA hopes the number of donations also will allow them to donate to other needy organizations such as homeless shelters and women's shelters.

Abdullah said there are a lot of people who could use the winter garments.

This is the first coat drive ever held by the BSA. The generosity of the students and faculty took them by surprise, Abdullah said.

"This was a great turnout and the BSA would like to thank them for the donations," he said.

Club President Carlos Robinson also believes the drive was a success.

"It was terrific," Robinson said. "We were able to accomplish our goals."

The BSA won't hand out the coats in person. They will leave that to the Red Cross, Oklahoma City Division.

"We have already contacted the Red Cross and they have given us a couple of locations to drop them off," Abdullah said.

Although the contents of the boxes are on their way to the Red Cross, Abdullah said, there is still a need for

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—Bashir Abdullah
Black Student Association Vice President

more winter coats and other winter clothing donations.

"It's never too late to donate anything," Abdullah said. "There is always somebody that is in need."

Those who may not have any clothing articles to donate may choose to make a monetary donation instead by contacting the nearest Red Cross, Abdullah said.

For more information about donating clothing or helping in other ways, contact Student Life at (405) 682-7523.

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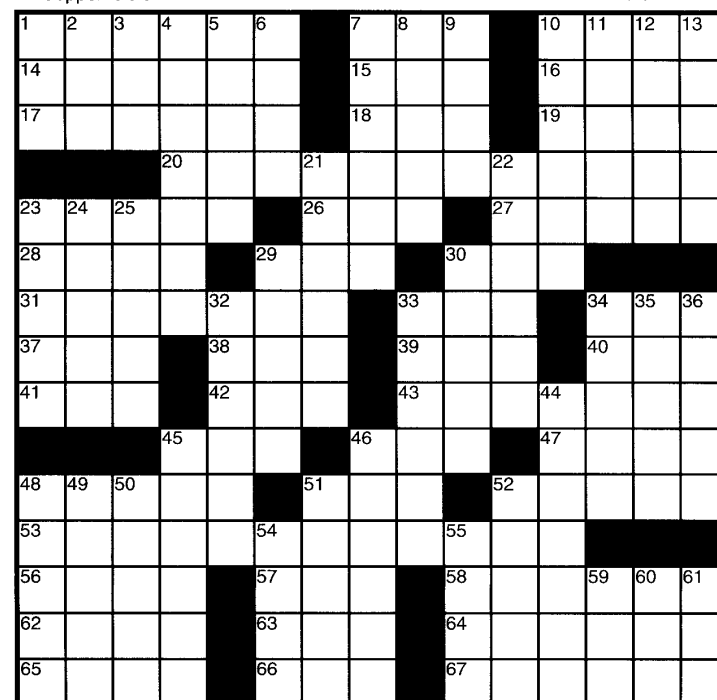
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Wood timber crashes into Math Lab window while students study

"Window,"

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was heavy enough to hurl the wooden support about 15 feet to where it struck the window, Fisher said.

"I think the beam was moving pretty fast as it came through the window and probably could have hit some of the nearby students had the plant not gotten in the way," Fisher said.

Several plants are being stored in the math lab temporarily, said Ross Kiddie, biology lab assistant.

"The lab is being used as a temporary greenhouse for the plants until the new greenhouse is completed near the botany lab."

The plants were able to stop the momentum of the wooden board which could have hurt someone had they been close to the window, Fisher said.

"Usually, there would

have been work stations next to the window but they have been moved to make room for the plants."

Luckily, no one was hurt in the incident, he said.

Cox said it was a "freak" accident. "Safety is the number-one priority of the Physical Plant and construction company."

Cox said repairs will be made soon. "The window was boarded up and should be fixed by the end of the week," Cox said.

Students may be able to find ways to relieve stress by visiting with OKCCC's counselors

"Stress,"

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this point," she said. "OU is such a large university that any questions I have take weeks to get answered.

"That puts me behind with registration and en-

rollment."

Counselors in Turner's office encourage students to take things one step at a time. Students should put their priorities in order and eliminate the least important, if at all possible, Turner said.

She said students can eliminate some of the stress

themselves. But when they can't, her office is ready to help. "Counselors are always here for you but the better you can take care of yourself, the less stress you'll have," Turner said.

For more information, call OKCCC's Student Development office at (405) 682-7535.



Photo contributed by Liton Hasan

A 36-inch-long piece of wood timber (shown) used at the construction site of the Science, Engineering and Math Center broke through a window in the math lab Nov. 1, said Eddie Cox, OKCCC project manager. A plant near the window stopped the momentum of the board. No one was injured.

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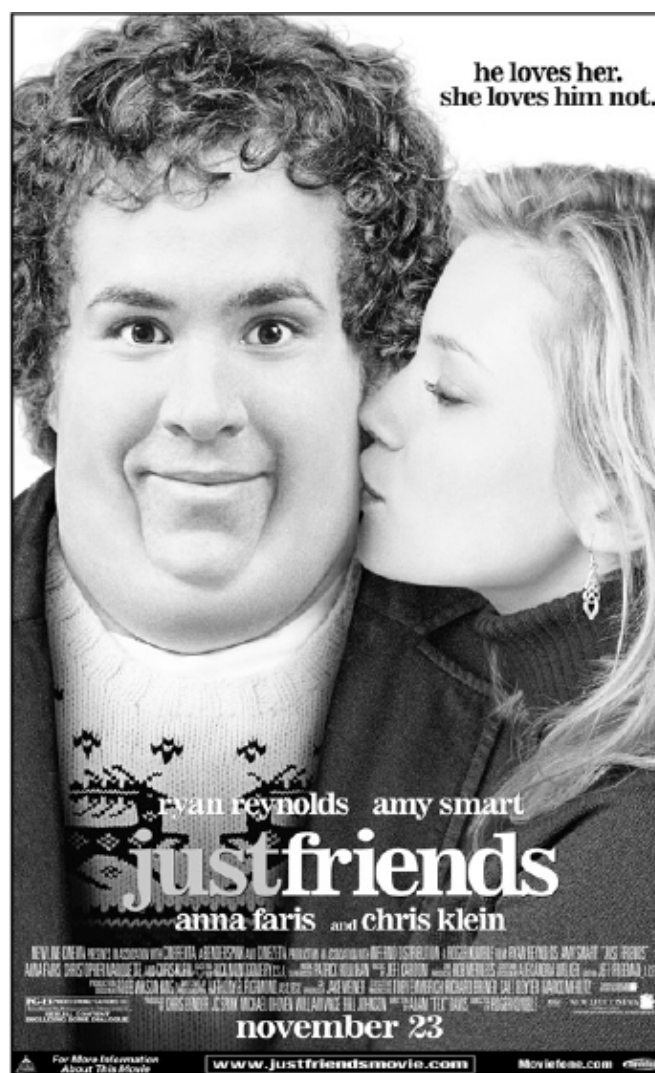
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Ways to make an appointment: Counselor Mary Turner said individual counselors make their own appointments. "We're not on an office-wide system. We see students on a walk-in basis most of the time. If a student wants or needs an appointment, he/she can call (405) 682-7535 and request to speak with a counselor in order to make an appointment," Turner said.

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