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Washable art



Photo by Holly Jones

Pathways Middle College student Jessica Seymour gets temporarily inked with a flower pattern in a mix of colors by an Airbrush Tattoos employee. Hogwild Entertainment brought the event to OKCCC from Siloam Springs, Ark. Student Life hosted the free event.

Enrollment up 1% from last fall

12,201 students getting educated

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

Enrollment numbers are in and the news is good, said Marion Paden, Student Services vice president, but not as good as the administration had projected.

OKCCC has 12,201 students enrolled this semester, taking a total of 106,853 credit hours, she said.

Administrators had projected that number would be higher, at 12,778 students and 112,260 credit hours.

Still, it's a 1 percent increase in overall headcount from the fall 2004 semester, Paden said.

Breaking that down, figures show more women attend OKCCC than men. Women enrolled number 7,059, compared to 5,070 males.

However, males have a larger percentage increase in enrollment than females. Male enrollment jumped 5.4 percent while females enrolled increased 5.1 percent.

Paden said the diversity of OKCCC has increased this year.

Student ethnicity breaks down as



"It's a snapshot in time. Numbers will continue changing through the end of the semester."

—Marion Paden
Student Services
Vice President

follows: 7,454 Caucasians, 1,151 African Americans, 878 Hispanics, 744 Asians, 701 Native Americans and 50 Pacific Islanders. Another 1,223 enrolled students chose to not identify themselves with an ethnic group or checked 'other' during their enrollment process.

Ethnicity of students enrolled at the college is determined by which box the student checks during their enrollment process, said Paul

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Toys for Tots program on campus through Dec. 16

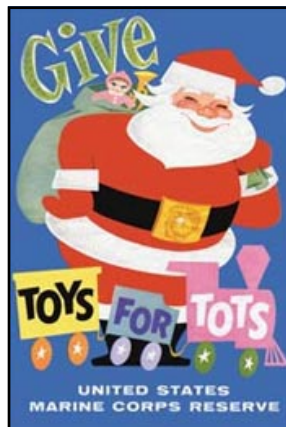
By John Savage
Staff Writer

The holidays are a time for giving and receiving but for some, it may represent a time of struggle.

This year, through a campus Toys for Tots program, OKCCC students can give a young child a gift and deliver some hope for those who may not have much.

Toys For Tots was started in 1947 by a group of U.S. Marine Reservists to collect toys for needy children.

The program has been a flagship for Christmas charitable causes, according to www.toysfortots.org.



Dr. [John] Hughes felt like we should try to get a donation box," Buchanan said.

Hughes said he initially became involved in Toys for Tots because he's a former Marine.

"It's a program developed by the Marine Reserve to help give disadvantaged children something to have of their own," said retired Sgt. David Buchanan.

A drop box has been placed in the college bookstore to allow OKCCC students and faculty to donate.

"[OKCCC Professor]

"There is a saying, 'once a Marine, always a Marine.' And [Nov. 10] being the 230th birthday of the Marine Corps, I and several other former Marines, thought it might be a good idea," Hughes said.

"So I approached them and said 'why don't we do this on our campus?' Everybody seemed to think it would be a worthwhile effort.

"We hope to be very successful. I'd like for it to be a regular thing here."

Buchanan said the Salvation Army conducts a screening to find out who qualifies to receive the toys.

Then, Marines pass out the toys to the chil-

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Mileage stickers inaccurate

Looking to buy a new, more fuel-efficient vehicle? Checking out the mileage presented on the vehicle's information sticker may not be enough.

In a recent report on ABC News 20/20, it was reported that most fuel efficiency numbers reported by the Environmental Protection Agency (the number on the sticker) vary by as much as 50 percent from the numbers reported by Consumer Reports.

Misleading consumers, whether intentionally or not, is wrong.

Most car-buyers use the fuel-efficiency figures to estimate their cost of gas. This has become an extremely important selling point for certain vehicles. Just watching television ads for car dealers proves that.

Now, instead of slinging low or no down payments at potential car buyers, the dealerships are screaming about great fuel economy.

The test used by the EPA is a 20-year-old test, which measures emissions, not fuel used, according to ABC News.

Consumer Reports uses a track, which simulates in-city driving, to determine gas mileage by measuring the amount of fuel used, not emissions.

The EPA does recognize that its fuel test is outdated and needs to be changed.

Margo Oge, EPA transportation and air quality head, told ABC News that only about 50 percent of drivers receive the estimated mileage.

Oge said the EPA is striving to find a test which will match drivers 75 percent of the time.

In the meantime, car companies are required to by law to place the misleading stickers on vehicles.

However, there is no law requiring dealerships to advertise those misleading numbers.

Dealerships need to quit advertising the mileage quotes, even as "estimated."

Car buyers beware... and do your research.

—**Christiana Kostura**
Editor

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## More on multi-divisional programs

### To the editor:

I realize the Pioneer is a learning experience for students who want to become journalists; consequently, news writing students are sent out on assignments to interview faculty and staff in order to write articles.

Early in the fall semester I was contacted by such a student who had been given the assignment to write about Multi-Divisional Programs. Since I had just become the director of Multi-Divisional Programs, I felt it was good timing to have an article written to give readers an overview of the different majors available and any updates in these programs.

I found some points in the story to be partially right but partly inaccurate or misleading. Here are the items needing clarification:

1. Multi-Divisional Programs have three different programs: Diversified Studies, Liberal Studies, and Pre-Education.

2. Diversified Studies is the most flexible and individualized for each student via a contract the student develops with assistance from a faculty or student development counselor. Plans must be signed and processed through the admissions system and filed.

3. Liberal Studies is an option which is partially prescriptive (general education) but partially not. It's a good option for students who haven't made career choices or for transferring into programs requiring a broad base of education in the liberal arts. It does require some planning but not a contract. Seeking assistance from a faculty adviser is highly recommended. It's possible to complete a degree completely online but planning is necessary to do so.

4. The Pre-Education Program prepares students to transfer to a university where they can enter a teacher education program to complete a bachelor's degree in elementary, special or early childhood education. I was misquoted in the article and did not say the program "allows a student to teach elementary, special education or early childhood development." A bachelor's degree is required. The pre-education degree is only part of the college work needed to prepare to teach.

5. For Multi-Divisional Programs, there were 189 graduates. [158 Diversified Studies, 16 Liberal Studies and 15 Pre-Education].

The final statement in

[the] article was fairly accurate — I do love my job because I do like to help students explore their options and find ways to reach their goals. I hope in the future, more accurate information will be communicated. Thank you.

—**Bertha Wise**  
Multi-Divisional  
Programs Director

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## Comments and Reviews

# Pre-fab music can be great

### To the editor:

Music brings together generations while driving them apart at the same time. A person chooses a scene or time frame, that often isn't their own, and it seems like they romanticize and deify their chosen style to the point that they alienate the style from its original creators and audience.

They pick apart this or that other style with insults that have grown to clichés. Nowhere is this more evident than with the anti-pop culture fighting Viacom. The trouble, as I see it, is a lack of perspective.

First and foremost, on the issue of extra-musical live performance antics, when did the notes themselves become the only valid artistic expression? Are we to feel that choreography, pyrotechnics, and visual effects of all sorts are churned out by a cold unfeeling machine completely devoid of creative spark?

Second, and far more in-

flammatory, when did the tide turn from accepting corporate production to hating it? The Beatles, inspiration for countless bands, were almost purely a corporate production.

When they started the members could hardly play their own instruments. As they grew and practiced songwriting their legendary producer picked and chose styles and lifestyles from less popular bands of the day.

In addition, who's to say a corporate band, with corporate song writers, is not art? Didn't the staff behind the scenes go to school to build harmony and melody to convey emotion? Aren't studio musicians some of the most talented and prolific artists on the earth? If they weren't, they wouldn't be getting paid to be a part of a corporate package.

Have you ever looked at the production credits of your favorite pop idol to hate? More often than not

you'll see the involvement of a phenomenal production crew involved in more "legitimate" work and up and coming artists from brave new scenes.

My original reaction to the editorial and its praise was to be outraged. Pink Floyd and Tool are two examples that immediately come to mind of amazing stage shows painstakingly crafted to artistic effect.

But that's not the only problem with the sentiment I'm fighting. All music, even vapid bubblegum pop, is art. Just because your favorite band makes off-key music from a basement with \$2 mics doesn't mean they're a better band.

Just because someone thinks music can be augmented with a presentation catering to all of the senses doesn't mean they're cheapening the music or making a concert necessarily just a commercial.

—**Albert John Stichka**  
OKCCC Student

# Holiday decorating theme offensive

*(Editor's note: An all-employee e-mail was sent out on Nov. 2 to let offices know the theme of the annual Christmas decorating contest. This year's theme is "Windows to Latino Holiday Traditions.")*

### To the editor:

I am offended at the idea of having a racial minority theme for Christmas Office Decorating.

What next, Poor White Trash theme?

Why would anyone in their right mind do this? Are we going to start earmarking holidays?

I could see it if it were a traditional Latino holiday. I, for one, wouldn't take part in it for fear I would offend the Latino community. What next, Native American

Christmas? Afro-American Christmas? I would be interested in knowing the feelings of the general population [at OKCCC].

Try as I may, I can't keep my mouth shut. The e-mail about the Christmas decorating contest is, or should be, an insult to every Latino and Christian at this institution. What if someone decorates in a manner offensive to either group?

I believe the event we are supposed to be celebrating took place in Jerusalem, which I don't remember as being in a Latin country. No religious-based holiday should have a racial theme, unless it also is a racial holiday.

I have a black ancestor and find it offensive on be-

half of the Latino community in which I grew up. A lot of my childhood friends are named Ramirez, Garcia, Lopez, Puente, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Gallegos, Rosales, and Cordova and still are.

I might even understand if the college was predominantly Latino, but it isn't. Does this mean that each year we will have a different racial theme? I personally think this is wrong and can only turn out by somebody being hurt and I will not have any part of it, and that seems to be the feelings of folks I've talked with. Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, period.

—**Name withheld by request**

# Counselor's Corner

*"A goal without a plan is just a wish."*

—**Antoine de Saint-Exupery**

With just a fourth of the semester left, some of you may be wondering if you will live until the end. You will, of course.

But it is a difficult time of the semester for many reasons. Some of you have been ill or have been caring for sick loved ones. Some of you have tried to take on too much. Others of you have simply played too much during the semester in the hope that college, especially a community college, would be a lot like high school.

Rest assured that whatever is the cause of your present discomfort, you will most likely limp across the finish line in December and recover in time to start the fun over again in January.

As overwhelmed as you each may feel right now, this is the time to be planning for your future. This means selecting classes for next semester, but it also means looking further ahead at subsequent semesters, transferring to a senior institution, and ultimately getting a job.

If you don't know what you want to do after college, this is the time to think about it. The counselors in Student Development can help you get started on the journey of career exploration (and yes, it is a journey).

It's much easier to sit through a class and to do what is expected if you know how that class contributes to your future success.

Giving what you are doing a real purpose increases the likelihood that you will do well in the class and learn something from the experience. It also decreases the likelihood that you will waste time and money floundering around or repeating classes.

If you have a sense of what awaits you on the other side of college, you will have an easier time planning for each semester to get there. Consider not only which classes you will take each semester, but also how you will take them.

Everybody seems to want 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, or all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but you must ask yourself if this type of schedule really works for you.

Pantyhose manufacturers learned decades ago that one size doesn't even come close to fitting all. The same is true of your education. You must plan your life each semester in the way that will best serve your needs.

Don't just wish your way through college. Set goals and create a plan of action for achieving those goals.

If you're not sure how to do this, talk with a counselor in Student Development. We're looking forward to working with you.

—**Mary Turner**  
OKCCC Student  
Development Counselor

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## Comments and Reviews

# Jedi, the Falcon join 'Battlefront II'

"Star Wars: Battlefront II" for Xbox hit the shelves and this time the game includes Jedis.

If you're tired of pulling the trigger on a blaster, use the Force and prepare for action.

Last year's "Battlefront" was the highest-grossing Star Wars game ever. With the new additions to the sequel, "Battlefront II" may break its predecessor's record.

"Battlefront II" is a team-based shooter video game that pits players against enemies in the "Star Wars" universe.

The game places players in command of various troops. Players can control everything from enemy droids to Rebel and Imperial troops.

The goal is to complete scenarios from all six of the "Star Wars" films.

The game even allows players to assume the role of a Jedi or Sith after completing specific objectives.

"Battlefront II" by Lucas Arts and Pandemic Studios has some nice touches added to character models and playability.

The graphics are crisp and have detailed backgrounds that transport players into the "Star Wars" galaxy.

The ease of play has been tweaked with new character jobs, like Imperial heavy gunners and Bothan spies.

Some weapons received slight facelifts. For instance, the Wookie Bowcaster has a longer-range scope.

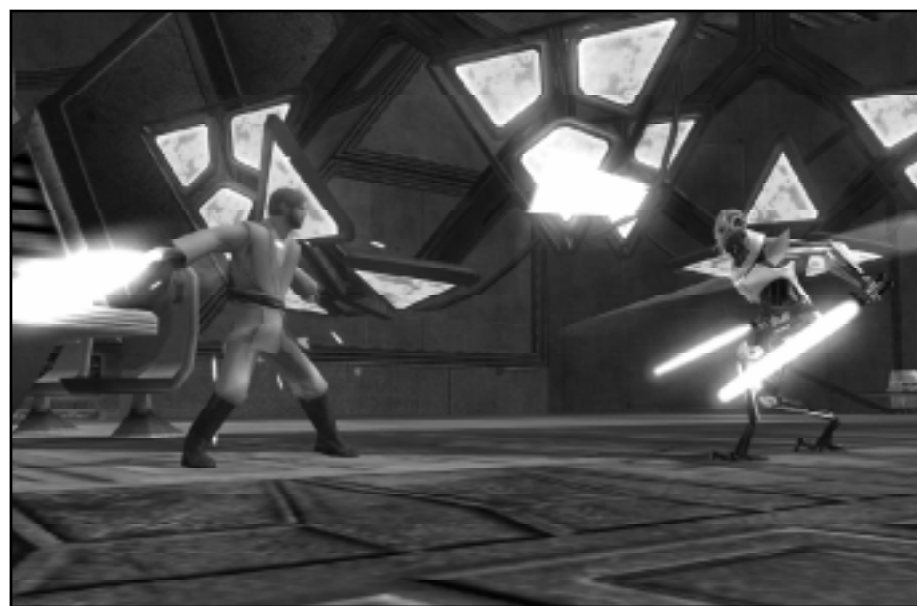
Now players can play as Boba Fett, Han Solo and the powerful Emperor Palpatine.

"Battlefront II" has new game types for online play.

Capture the flag is used in a unique way players won't find in any other game.

Instead of the boring run-and-grab-flag-and-get-blasted-in-the-backside-while-running-frantically-calling-for-help mode, players now jump into a ship, battle their way through space and enter other player's ships to grab flags.

Sounds like the same thing,



sure. But when you load up five players in a Republic Command Gunship and make your way to the enemy's flagship, an indescribable sensation of glee takes over as cannons blast and rockets fly like a swarm of hornets.

The only complaint about the game is its online play. "Battlefront

II" is subject to serious lag issues, which can severely hurt the play and leave you cursing 'game over.'

If you're a "Star Wars" junkie, then go get fixed on "Star Wars: Battlefront II" today.

**Rating:** 4/5

—John Savage  
Staff Writer

## 'Office Space' back and with more flair

If you think your job is unbearable, painful or a bit annoying, you are part of a large crowd.

In the 1999 cult-classic "Office Space," everyone despises his or her job. The film was recently re-released as "Office Space: Special Edition with Flair!"

The hilarious movie from creator Mike Judge (of "Beavis and Butthead" infamy) now comes with a handful of special features.

However enjoyable the special features are, they are icing on the cake.

The movie revolves around Peter Gibbons (Ron Livingston), a guy who has the worst day of his life everyday.

Peter works as a software engineer for a company called Initech.

He is joined at work by his friends Michael Bolton (David Herman) and Samir Nagheenanajar (Ajay Naidu).

While Peter hates his job, many of his co-workers are simply annoyed with theirs.

"Office Space" features weird characters who populate the underbelly of corporate America.

There is a guy who is paranoid

about losing his job, a boss who shows no emotion, an office creep and a guy who is only interested in the ladies and token consultants.

Another character who is sure to make viewers take notice is Peter's love interest Joanna (Jennifer Aniston).

This cast of characters makes every scene hilarious and worth watching.

The movie's value lies in its characters and their situations.

It is fun to see someone else deal with problems the rest of us have at work.

The special edition offers eight deleted scenes.

Half of them are hilarious and should have been included in the movie. However, the other deleted scenes are confusing.

Other standard special features include the original theatrical trailer and DVD-ROM content.

Fans of the movie can use the DVD-ROM feature to put audio clips and screensavers on their computers.

The best special feature is the "Out of the Office" Retrospective.

It includes interviews with Judge and most of the cast.

The interviews shed light on "Office Space" lore including the origins of the now famous red Swingline stapler.

To celebrate the special edition, Best Buy is offering a gift set that includes the DVD and assorted office supplies.

These pieces consist of stapler, pen and pencil set, coffee mug, mouse pad, TPS report notepad and a magnetic picture frame.

For the best in office related comedy, rent or buy the "Office Space: Special Edition with Flair!"

**Rating:** A+

—Matthew Caban  
Staff Writer

## Apple album is 'Extraordinary'

Delightfully quirky and unexpectedly funky, Fiona Apple's new album "Extraordinary Machine" is just as incredible as the first two Apple creations, "When the Pawn..." and "Tidal."

Apple keeps the strong defiant tone in tracks like "Get Him Back" and exudes knowledgeable experience on "Parting Gift." A frequent on all of Apple's albums is her vibrato style of singing and this also is included on "Extraordinary Machine."

The album is filled with wisdom far beyond a typical 28-year-old. Insecurities, rebellion, manipulation, anger, regret and even a want for true happiness are covered on this album.

"Machine" is a more advanced sound for Apple. Collaboration with hip-hop producer Mike Elizondo brings an unexpected funk sound. Elizondo has worked with artists 50 Cent, Eminem, and Mary J. Blige.

Although an unexpected combination, pianist-singer Apple and hip-hop mogul Elizondo blend both of their styles perfectly and effortlessly on every collaborated track.

While edgy, there is nothing mainstream about "Extraordinary Machine." It's a perfect example of coffee house rock at its finest.

**Rating:** 5/5

—Lizzie Byrd  
Staff Writer

# Workshop offers tips on final exams

By Christiana Kostura  
Editor

If finals are stressing you out, Student Life has just the right Brown Bag Lunch event for you.

Finals Prep Workshop will be held at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 29 in CU2.

Jon Horinek, Student Life Community Engagement Coordinator, said Student Development Counselor Mary Turner, is presenting the workshop.

"This will be an abbreviated version of the three workshops I conducted at the beginning of the semester," Turner said.

She said earlier in the semester, she offered lessons on study skills.

"A lot of people need a refresher, or are looking for tips or hints on how to study for tests or things of that nature," Horinek said.

Turner said students will receive more than that during the Finals Prep Workshop.

"I'll speak a little bit about studying and test-taking," she said. "Then I'll spend some time on stress management and relaxation."

Horinek said the workshop is open to all students interested in improving their study and test-taking skills.

"I always encourage students to at least brush up on study skills before they get ready for finals."

Turner agreed.

"I think that anyone who's feeling stressed or may not have performed as well as they would have like on previous tests might want to attend."

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## Keeping it clean



Photo by Matthew Caban

Sophomore Kari Glidewell collects trash near May Avenue during Adopt-A-Street volunteer work on Nov. 4. A group of 12 students picked up trash along May Avenue from Interstate 240 to S.W. 89th Street as part of the Student Life-sponsored event. Student Life Community Engagement Coordinator Jon Horinek said the next Adopt-A-Street will be in the spring.

# Students hope for more knowledge in fire exit safety

By Kasi Kennedy  
News Writing Student

What would you do in the case of a fire at the college? Turns out, not many people are sure.

Some students at OKCCC say they don't know what they should do in the event of a fire on campus.

They said appropriate exits are unclear and the construction around campus is a problem.

Student Auzzy Asgari said she has received no instructions on what to do if there is a fire.

Asgari said it would be a good idea if teachers discussed evacuation plans.

Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Bourque said

when students evacuate the building, they are supposed to stand outside, past the curbs, until it is safe for them to return.

With all of the construction going on, the alarms are being set off accidentally, Bourque said.

"Students need to treat all alarms as the real thing," he said.

Ross Kiddie, Biology Lab

assistant, said, in the event of a fire alarm, he follows the fire diagram he was provided with: check the labs to make sure no students are in them, and then go past the parking lot so that the fire trucks can maneuver.

Kiddie said it would be helpful if the campus map showed enlarged fire exits or maybe color-coded the

exits.

Science and Mathematics Dean Max Simmons said students need to know where the exits are.

"The biggest problem we have is students not knowing where to exit on the second floor," Simmons said. "Many students don't know we have four exits and most people go to the center stairwell."



# Student art show to be held Dec. 5 and 6

**By Richard Hall  
Staff Writer**

Student Life is asking students to show-off during the student art show and competition Monday, Dec. 5, and Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the Student Life office.

Student Life Director Liz Largent said this is the third year Student Life has hosted the event.

Largent said the art show, and its theme "Embrace Differences," has the Student Life office excited.

"The office is very excited to be having another art show this year," Largent said. "We're looking forward to all the submissions."

Largent said any OKCCC student is eligible to participate in the show.

"All students need to do is fill out an application and bring it by the Student Life office by Friday, Dec. 2, at 5 p.m.," Largent said.

She said, along with the

application, students must submit their artwork the same day.

As far as art pieces go, Largent said, it's much more than just watercolors and pastels.

"This year we're accepting anything that can be framed," she said. "That means poetry, short essays, photography, graphic design pieces and other forms of expression are welcome."

Largent said the art show is to promote students' talents and skills in the art field.

She said it's been good seeing students exhibit their pieces the last two years.

"The past two years were wonderful," Largent said. "We had a lot of good entries which covered a variety of mediums, and we know this year will be the same."

The art pieces will be judged by faculty and staff members who have yet to

be determined, Largent said.

The winning contestant will receive a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card and that person's piece of work framed and hung in the Student Life office.

She said runners-up will receive certificates of recognition.

Last year, student Jenni West won for a photograph she took of a young woman sitting in the breeze.

The year before, Angel M. Cruz won for his eccentric drawing titled "Changes."

Largent said she encourages students to showcase their talents.

"It will be very fun and offer a chance for students to show what they can do," she said. "Every student should at least give the art show a try."

For more information, contact Largent at (405) 682-7596.

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

## Student Life Art Show and Competition Rules and Details

1. All OKCCC students are eligible to enter. One entry per student
2. Remember the theme: "Embrace Differences"
3. Entries will be judged on if they capture the theme or not
4. Entries are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2
5. Entries must be framable, but don't have to be framed
6. The winning participant will receive a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card, and the artwork framed and hung in the Student Life office
7. Runners-up will receive a certificate of recognition
8. Student Life is not responsible for damage that may occur while artwork is displayed

# Information over Math Lab incident disputed by student

**By Richard Hall  
Staff Writer**

Details surrounding the wood timber that crashed through a Math Lab window Nov. 1 are now being disputed. Math Lab work-study student Dustin Fisher said the steel beam, which caused the incident to occur, was dropped while the construction superintendent said it shifted and fell over.

OKCCC Physical Plant Project Manager Eddie Cox said he knows for certain the 2,000 pound I-beam fell over and wasn't dropped for a couple reasons.

"First of all, there weren't any busted cables," Cox said, "which would indicate the beam was dropped."

"Second, the crane operator wasn't fired. If the I-beam had been dropped, he wouldn't be working any-

**"There needs to be a focus on safety when it seems people are more concerned about getting [the Science, Engineering and Math Center] built quickly."**

—Dustin Fisher  
Math Lab Work-Study

more."

Fisher said he saw the I-beam drop onto the wooden support slab which caused the wood timber to snap off and fly more than 15 feet through the window.

"The chain holding the beam became loose, the crane struggled to keep the beam up and then, the beam fell from about 30 feet in the air," Fisher said. "If someone were sitting by the window, they could have been seriously hurt by the glass and piece of wood."

Fisher said he believes the chain supporting the beam wasn't fastened properly and that's what caused it to fall.

A potted tree stopped the wooden beam from flying farther into the math lab.

Cox doesn't deny the tree stopped the timber and said if it weren't for it, the chance of injury would have been greater.

"The Physical Plant wishes this wouldn't have happened," Cox said. "But when it did, the safety of the students, faculty and staff was the number one issue."

Fisher isn't so sure.

"In my personal opinion, I think the person responsible for the fall should have been let go," he said. "There needs to be a focus

on safety when it seems people are more concerned about getting [the Science, Engineering and Math center] built quickly."

Shortly after the incident all construction material was removed and on Nov. 9 a new window was installed, Cox said.

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

## College fall break information

The OKCCC campus will reduce its hours Nov. 22 through 27 to observe fall vacation. Classes will be in session Monday, Nov. 21, and all offices will hold regular hours. Holiday hours for the college begin Tuesday, Nov. 22. On Tuesday and Wednesday campus offices will close at 6 p.m. The college will be closed Nov. 24 through 27. OKCCC will return to normal operating hours the following Monday, Nov. 28.

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# Campus food drive set for late November

By **Matthew Caban**  
Staff Writer

OKCCC students, staff and faculty have a chance to give back to the community just before the holiday season.

Student Life is sponsoring a food drive for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma from Monday, Nov. 28, to Friday, Dec. 9.

"All forms of non-perishable food items will be accepted," Community Engagement Coordinator Jon Horinek said.

"We will not need any sundries such as toothbrushes during the food drive," he said.

Four collection boxes will be placed around campus during the food drive, Horinek said.

"We are looking at having three of the boxes in the

main building and another one in the library," he said.

Horinek said the boxes in the main building will be located near the college union, the bookstore and the Office of Student Life near entry 11.

To help promote the food drive, a contest is being offered to the college's various clubs.

The club which donates the most non-perishable food items will win a pizza party from Student Life, Horinek said.

"During the two weeks of the food drive, clubs can bring their donations to Student Life to count toward their total," he said.

Horinek said there is no numerical goal for the food drive.

"We did well with the previous food drive last semester," he said.

"The goal is to just fill each of the boxes."

## The sound of music



Photo by LaWanda Lavarney

Korea's Ahn Trio performed Nov. 8 in the college theater. The trio is made up of three sisters: a pianist, cellist and violinist. Before the performance, the trio held a lecture for students, faculty and staff, and discussed their love for music. The Ahn Trio is one of Korea's most renowned musical groups, has toured the globe performing and appeared on MTV with Bryan Adams during his unplugged concert.

The annual food drive is important because it is an easy way to help people during the holidays, Hor-

inek said.

"It's an easy way to think of others during the holiday season and give back to the

community," he said.

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# Failure to return library books carries penalties

By **Karen Doutre**  
News Writing Student

Midterms are over and hopefully, you studied hard. But did you remember to return your library books on time?

The number of overdue books the OKCCC library sees normally depends on the time of year it is, said System Librarian Dana Tuley-Williams.

She said the library has sent out double the number of overdue notices to students in recent weeks.

"A typical number of overdue notices sent out on average would be around 50 per week," Tuley-Williams said. "The number of faculty overdue notices are

around 30."

Tuley-Williams said students should be aware of the policies for late book returns and other materials, and how they can affect enrollment for classes each semester.

If the book is not returned on time, an overdue notice is sent directly to the student and a hold is placed on their OKCCC enrollment.

Consequently, without returning an overdue book, a student will not be permitted to enroll the next semester.

Tuley-Williams said the notices are sent by mail to students, and by e-mail to faculty and staff.

Fortunately, Tuley-Williams said, OKCCC students do not have to worry about late fees, as the li-

**"A typical number of overdue notices sent out on average would be around 50 per week."**

—Dana Tuley-Williams  
Systems Librarian

brary does not issue them and never has.

However, if a student keeps, loses or damages the book, the library automatically charges a \$50 fine to the student's already sus-

pended account.

In order for students to check out materials, Circulation Librarian Linda Boatright said they must have their student ID with them.

Non-students are given a courtesy library card that allows them to check out books.

The card must be renewed each year, Boatright said.

The library's policy states students can check out books for two-week periods.

If more time is needed, materials can be renewed only two more times if the book is not already "on hold" for someone else.

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# Divisions plan split to better service

**By Ally Marie**  
**News Writing Student**

As the student population grows more rapidly each semester, deans are becoming overworked. To remedy that, two of the college's largest academic divisions may soon divide.

The Arts and Humanities and the Science and Mathematics divisions are looking into better ways to serve the growing number of students, said Jon Inglett, English professor.

"The deans are overworked. The amount of work is impossible for one dean to accomplish," he said. "One idea is to split the departments to make the population of students more manageable in these areas."

Although other ideas have been mentioned, "the majority of the faculty members agree with the split."

Max Simmons, Science and Mathematics dean said, "If [enrollment] goes up any more we really won't be able to manage things

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—Jon Inglett  
English Professor

day to day. I'd like to spend more time planning and less time managing."

Both Inglett and Simmons said little would change for the students. But, Inglett said, dividing the divisions and adding new deans to each new division would give the stu-

dents a better system in which to work with the administration and faculty.

"No decisions have been made about the split," Inglett said. "The faculty made the recommendation to the administration and the administration will give the recommendation to the

Board of Regents."

The school's administrators are planning to expand the college by adding new buildings and renovating old spaces, Simmons said.

A Science, Engineering and Math Center is being built over the existing math and science area, Simmons said. This will include a new math center, double the size of the current center, add six science labs, a greenhouse and several new faculty offices.

Inglett said plans are being made to build a new art education center.

## OBI gives an opportunity to aid the community through blood drive

**By Lizzie Byrd**  
**Staff Writer**

The Oklahoma Blood Institute will hold a blood drive 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, in CU3.

Jennifer Jones, a Blood Program consultant for the OBI, encourages all eligible students and faculty to participate in the blood drive.

Marcy Rolls, Student Life assistant, has been with OKCCC for 10 years and has donated blood through the program for nine years.

"It's a good cause and it's actually good for the body

because it then has to produce more cells," said Rolls.

Rolls remembers receiving a pen after donating her first gallon of blood to OBI.

"I donated a whole gallon finally and received the pen, and now I don't know where it is," Rolls said.

The requirements for donating blood are simple, Jones said.

"You have to be 17 years of age, weigh 105 pounds, and pass a screening process required of every participant."

The blood drive staff screens possible donors to ensure that donations are safe for the public, Jones said.

"Participants must wait 56 days between donations," Jones said. "We schedule all of the events around that time frame."

Cookies and juice will be provided for those who donate along with T-shirts.

The theme for this year's T-shirt is "Whose life can you save today?"

"It's important to come out and help supply the community with blood," Jones said.

"We appreciate every one's support at OKCCC."

For more information, visit [www.obl.org](http://www.obl.org).

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## A new greenhouse warms things up

**By Tony Williamson**  
**News Writing Student**

Last January, plans for a greenhouse at OKCCC were in the works as part of the Science, Engineering and Math Center said John McMurray, Bioinformatics professor. The project is designed for botany classes.

Since then, other ecology and biology professors have expressed an interest in the greenhouse, which is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2007.

The house's lighting, cooling and heating systems, electricity, ventilation, and water supplies have been topics of discussion in the science department, said McMurray. Many different environments are needed for the diverse plant life offered in the house.

The greenhouse will be 15-feet-wide and 30-feet-long, he said. It will be located at the southeast corner of the SEM Center.


The entrance will house between 50 and 100 plants from the desert, and contain benches for seating and shelving space for student's unnecessary supplies in the greenhouse.

"To ensure a constant humidity level, the house will be equipped with a misting system that ferns, moss and conifer plants need to thrive," McMurray said.

The greenhouse will have a unique heating and cooling system for its many rooms, to compete with Oklahoma's constant change in weather, he said. This system will ensure a constant environment year round.

Much planning is still needed to complete the greenhouse, although construction has already begun, McMurray said. OKCCC students will experience many types of plant life with the greenhouse. From the dry desert to the rainforest, the greenhouse will offer much for all to see.

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# Kids go 'gobble, gobble' over holiday

The Pioneer dares to question: What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?



**"Chocolate milk!"**  
—Connor Chambers, 5



**"I'm going to eat a cheeseburger and chicken."**  
—Anna Kobriger, 5



**"I'm going to eat turkey at my aunt's house."**  
—Braxton Murray, 4



**"I'm going to eat pizza."**  
—Joshua Matthew, 4



**"I like pumpkin pie."**  
—Crystal Emerton, 3



**"Everything!"**  
—Josh Cooper, 4



## Turkey help a phone call away

When stumped in the kitchen this Thanksgiving season, who you gonna call? Well, the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line is a start.

For the past 25 years the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line has helped distressed cooks finish up their Thanksgiving feast.

From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19; and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving day) cooks can call 1-800-BUTTERBALL (288-837-2255) to get help with their meals.

According to Butterball's website, the operators at the Turkey Talk-Line have had their share of humorous callers.

One woman from Kentucky found her Chihuahua lodged into the body cavity of the turkey.

Another outrageous tale involved a trucker who decided it'd be a good idea to cook his turkey on the engine of his truck.

He called the Turkey Talk-Line and asked, "Will it cook faster if I drive faster?" With the experience the Turkey Talk-Line has, it seems no question is a dumb question. Call them for assistance.

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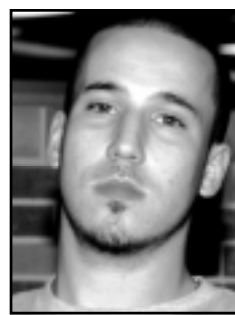
## Have a great Thanksgiving!

## Students share Thanksgiving laughs



**"The funniest Thanksgiving memory I have is when my sister bought a turkey without legs."**  
—Jonathan Tinsley  
Political Science Major

**"I once came home to a Thanksgiving with Cuban food. We had yams, rice, beans and pork."**  
—Adrian Rosado  
Psychology Major



**"My uncle once asked at the table how my grandmother was. He forgot she'd been dead for 20 years."**  
—Wendy Carder  
Pre-Pharmacy Major

**"My 26-year-old cousin sat on his food once. He had a noodle hanging on his butt, it was great."**  
—Toni Whipp  
Biology Major





Photo by Holly Jones

Kendra Draper, sonography major and Health Professions Club president, tries out the new automatic paper towel dispenser in one of the bathrooms.

## Dry your hands the auto way

**By Ashley Yaffe**  
News Writing Student

Gary Phillips, Building and Campus Services supervisor, is conducting a study on new electronic paper towel dispensers being offered on a trial basis in some restrooms on campus.

The electronic towel dispensers are black with a red square on the right front corner with the symbol of a hand by it. That is where the users wave their hands to dispense the paper towel hands-free.

"I think they are nifty," said student Stacey Meredith.

If the results of the study turn out good, Phillips said, he will put them in all of the bathrooms on campus.

The study started at the beginning of October and will continue until it is clear whether the dispensers are going to work out.

The electronic towel dispensers are designed so people do not have to touch the dispenser after they have already washed their hands.

With the old dispensers, people were required to touch a knob to get the paper towel, creating the risk of getting germs on clean hands.

"The dispensers are a lot better and more sanitary," said student Tiffany Wallace.

The study tests to see if the dispensers function properly and if they can withstand the wear and tear of campus life.

Damage might occur with people being rough and not caring about the property because it is not theirs, Phillips said. He also said it's more expensive to fix the new dispensers, unlike the old dispensers.

# Students may be able to test electronically

**By Isaac Cochran**  
News Writing Student

A resolution passed Oct. 26 at the Faculty Association general meeting endorsed the concept of allowing teachers the option of having their students take tests electronically.

OKCCC students could take their tests on the computers in the Test Center in a few years if Jim Ellis has his way.

"The college is very interested in advancing in that area," said Ellis, director of Testing and Assessment Services.

Test Center employee Ron Brooks sought the resolution.

Brooks and Ellis believe computerized tests have several advantages over taking tests with pencil and paper, such as saving space at the testing center and saving money at the print shop.

Past paper tests would be backed up onto the server and preserved.

Space is the larger concern, said Lisa Adkins, Administrative Office Technology professor, who chaired the committee that drafted the resolution.

"We're running out of space down [in the Test Center]."

"Soon, people will be tripping over everything," Adkins said.

Under the proposed system professors would e-mail the tests to the Test Center, where the students would complete them.

Students looking for an easy multiple-choice test might be disappointed, Ellis said.

Most test formats can be covered, from short answer to essay style.

But there was some concern about the security of the test scores.

Jay Malmstrom, a math professor who teaches online college algebra, was skeptical of the new concept.

"When they promise security, I'll believe it when I see it," Malmstrom said.

Malmstrom is a retired Navy mathematician who worked for the National Security Agency in Networked Information Systems, which means any kind of network, from ATMs to telephones.

Despite the assurance of a "stand-alone" server, that is, a server that is not connected to the Internet. Malmstrom claims there are other issues, like the security of the testing center, the readability of the online tests and the reliability of the computer files themselves.

Malmstrom said he also is concerned that the voluntary measure could become mandatory, with the teachers not having control of the format.

## Physics conference a success

**By Kathryn Heisten**  
News Writing Student

The Arkansas-Oklahoma-Kansas Section of American Association of Physics Teachers held its fall alliance meeting Oct. 7 and 8 in OKCCC's Keith Leftwich Memorial Library.

"The event is held in one of the home states each year and this was our year," said Astronomy Professor Tad Thurston.

Chemistry and Physics Professor Steven Shore said he was excited for his friend and fellow faculty member, Tad Thurston who gave a workshop on Friday.

"The workshop was intended to introduce other teachers to the Sloan Digital Sky Survey," Thurston said.

The survey is an astronomical website used for research and teaching, Thurston said.

Accessible to all, the site is like having your own large telescope, Thurston said. The browser site can be found at

[www.sdss.org](http://www.sdss.org).

Also, assisting the event was Debra Burris, former OKCCC physics professor, who now teaches with the department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Central Arkansas.

The meeting included workshops and presentations on Friday and a closing banquet on Saturday.

The banquet included a presentation entitled "Breaking the Bored" given by guest speaker Chuck Stone.

Thurston said he found Stone's presentation to be particularly enjoyable.

"[Stone] determined the force necessary to break a wooden board by suspending an increasing number of bricks from it until it broke," Thurston said.

Stone calculated the energy needed to break the board. But, like other scientific explanations, the audience believed the calculations only when they witnessed the breaking of the boards, Thurston said.

The feedback from the attendees was positive and the actual turnout was higher than expected, Thurston said.

# Celebrate cultures during International Week

**By Christiana Kostura  
Editor**

To celebrate the world's plentiful cultures, Student Life will host International Education Week from Nov. 14 to 18.

"Each year, schools around the country take this week out of November to focus on intercultural exchange and international education for students," said Jon Horinek, Student Life Community Engagement coordinator.

"One of the reasons we think [participating] is so important is we live in such a global society."

Horinek said events will be held every day of the week to celebrate all cultures.

"A View from Nepal" will be at noon, Nov. 14, in CU2, he said. Business Professor Gyanendra Baral will present a discussion about his native country.

On Nov. 15, three events will be held for students, Horinek said.

First, the International Student Association will host guest speaker, FBI Agent Terry Weber, to speak about identity and passport protection. The club has opened the meeting, which will be at 11:15 a.m. in room 1C8, to all interested parties.

The lecture will be followed by a lecture ifver Skih Hindu Meditation at 12:30 p.m. in CU1.

"Skih Hindu Meditation is not a religion," Horinek said. "It's a form of stress relief and relaxation."

Okii Taiko, a Japanese drum group, also will perform at 12:30 p.m. in the college union.

"They're the same group who performed at this year's Arts Festival," Horinek said.

At noon, Nov. 16, the college will host another performer in the college union: "Desert Fire: Middle East-

ern Dance" from the Aalim Dance Academy. The dance will be followed by Global Tea at 2 p.m. in CU2.

"Participants will have the opportunity to taste teas from around the world while sharing traveling experiences," Horinek said.

Events continue Nov. 17 with "Irish Arts Oklahoma." This traditional Irish dance performance will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the college union.

At 7:30 p.m., the International Student Association will present its "International Culture Show" in the college theater.

The show will feature music, dance and more.

International Education Week will conclude with the "International Flag Ceremony" at noon Nov. 18 in the main building.

For more information, contact Horinek at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7697.

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## 2005 International Education Week Event Schedule

### Monday, Nov. 14

•Lecture: "A View from Nepal" with Gyanendra Baral at noon in CU2

### Tuesday, Nov. 15

•Lecture: "Identity & Passport Protection" with FBI Agent Terry Weber 11:15 a.m. main building room 1C8

•Lecture: "Skih Hindu Meditation" with Dr. Lisa Connery & Jim Smith at 12:30 p.m. in CU1

•Performer: "Okii Taiko"

Japanese Drum Group at 12:30 p.m. college union

### Wednesday, Nov. 16

•Performer: "Desert Fire: Middle Eastern Dance" Aalim Dance Academy at noon in the college union

•Event: "Global Tea"

Sample tea from around the world and learn about cultural crafts at 2 p.m. in CU2

### Thursday, Nov. 17

•Performer: "Irish Arts Oklahoma" Traditional Irish Dance at 12:30 p.m. in the college union

•Event: "ISA's International Culture Show" Music, Dance & More at 7:30 p.m. in the theater

### Friday, Nov. 18

•Event: "International Flag Ceremony" Parade of flags at noon in the main building

# Student workers learn value of customer service

**By Lizzie Byrd  
Staff Writer**

Student workers gathered for free lunch and tips on customer service Nov. 9 during the Brown Bag Lunch lecture series held in the college union.

Mari-Ann Fenn, Employment Services director, opened the meeting with several scenarios of customer service examples.

One scenario described a student worker who arrives to work with a bad attitude, as a result of bad events that day.

When he arrives at work, his first student customer, who also has had a bad day, greets him and the two quickly clash.

Fenn described what should have been done in the situation from a customer-service standpoint and related it back to the

Golden Rule philosophy.

"It is important to remember the Golden Rule when giving customer service," Fenn said.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," she said.

Jon Horinek, Student Life Community Engagement coordinator, had students participate in three activities, all-dealing with different ways to communicate and succeed through teamwork.

The first involved all of the student workers gathering around in a circle, joining hands and passing around a hula-hoop from person to person.

The students were not allowed to unlock arms and were forced to toss the hula-hoop in the air over their heads and then step through in order to pass it on to the next person.

The second was the same with a twist; a second hula-

hoop of a different color was added and started on the opposite side heading in the same direction.

This went faster than the first because of the practice from the first round, until the second and first hula-hoops met.

Whoever became faced with both hula-hoops had to switch the colors and then continue passing them in the right direction.

"The meeting was really fun," said Natalie Bales, a student worker from Financial Aid.

"It helped relieve a lot of stress."

The third activity involved student workers arranging themselves in order of their month of birth, January on

one end and December on the other.

They were not allowed to speak or communicate orally in order to complete the task.

This went more quickly than the hula-hoop activities and only took approximately two minutes for the 25 participants to complete.

"You guys were a smart group," said Horinek.

"You went straight for the phalanges... that was for you science people... you each held up the birth month number by using your fingers."

Horinek took the activity a step further and asked the group to arrange not only by birth month but

also by birth day.

"The activities made it better than any other meeting," said Timothy Welchel, a student worker from Material Control/Shipping and Receiving.

"I would attend again. In fact I came and today was my day off," he said.

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**"It is important to remember the Golden Rule when giving customer service. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."**

—Mari-Ann Fenn

Employment Services Director



## Sports

# Sharpshooters wanted for Hot Shot contest

By Matthew Caban  
Staff Writer

The gym will be filled with the sound of swishing nets during the upcoming Women's Hot Shot contest Dec. 1 and 8.

The deadline to sign up is Friday, Nov. 18.

This contest is one of the last scheduled intramural events for fall 2005 and the first female-only event of the year, said Community Health and Education Specialist Eric Watson.

The event is only open to women students with a valid ID, he said. Watson said a similar event would be held for men in the spring.

"Currently we have nine students who have signed up," Sports Assistant Charlie Tarver said.

He said there is still space for more students who want to shoot in the contest.

Tarver said the contest would use a simple scoring system and focus on shooting from the perimeter.

The perimeter is the area of the basketball court around the three-point line.

"There will be five spots, each

worth a different amount of points," Tarver said.

"The closest spot will be worth one point and the farthest spot will be worth five points," he said.

Tarver said the purpose is to make as many shots as possible within one minute.

Each participant will have the chance to get better scores, Watson said.

He said the shooters would be allowed to go through the spots a second time. However, they must improve their score to avoid elimination, Watson said.

After all but the last two players are eliminated, a face-off will determine the winner, he said.

"The winner will be the one who scores the most points in the final round," Watson said.

The winner will receive an OKCCC intramural sports T-shirt and a place on the Wall of Fame, Tarver said.

In addition to the Hot Shot Contest, the intramural staff will offer a women's three-point contest and a women's free-throw contest.

Tarver said the scoring and format in these contests will be similar to the Hot Shot Contest.

"With the three-point contest, we will have three spots marked along the three-point line," he said.

"In the last contest, each player will get six free throws per round."

The winners of the three-point and free-throw contests also will receive T-shirts and a place on the Wall of Fame.

Sophomore Miranda Bandy said she signed up and is looking forward to competing.

"I love basketball and enjoy shooting the ball," Bandy said.

"I have played basketball for a long time. I am ready for each of the contests."

Tarver said both he and Watson want to get more women involved in the college's intramural sports.

"We're looking for more events for women and are open to suggestions," he said.

For more information or to sign up, contact Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

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Photo by Matthew Caban

Sophomore Miranda Bandy practices shooting baskets in the gym. Bandy is preparing for the Women's Hot Shot Contest Dec. 1 and 8. The contest will consist of three different basketball shooting contests including free throws, three-pointers and a Hot Shot Contest. It is open to all female students with a valid ID. For more information, contact Community Health and Education Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

## UPCOMING

### OKCCC INTRAMURALS SCHEDULE

•**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.

# Holiday hours at OKCCC

By Richard Hall  
Staff Writer

The college and Sellers' Food Services will reduce their operating hours for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 24 through 27.

Art Bode, vice president of Business and Finance, released an e-mail detailing the times the campus will operate.

Campus hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23 and closed Thursday, Nov. 24 through Sunday, Nov. 27.

There will be classes on Monday, Nov. 22.

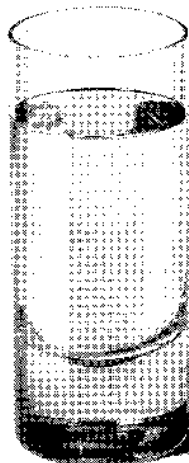
Regular building hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 28. They are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Sellers' will operate from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22 and 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. It will be closed from Nov. 24 through 27.

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# Highlights

## Environmental Club meeting and display

The club is meeting from 3 to 4 p.m. every Monday in 1C4. Free pizza and drinks will be provided. On Nov. 15 (National Recycle Day) the club will organize an environmental issue display from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the main building. For more information, contact Public Relations Officer Holly Jones at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7676.

## Learn more about OKCCC's nursing program

OKCCC Nursing Program Director Rosemary Klepper and Student Development Counselor Claire Echols will hold a meeting for prenursing students from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Nov. 15, in CU3. They will answer any questions regarding the nursing program.

## Health Professions Club's upcoming activities

A guest speaker will talk about the nursing profession from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., Nov. 15 in 1C4 of the main building. A mandatory meeting for those going on the field trip to the Children's Center will be held from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., Nov. 17, in 1C4. Mock interviews will be conducted for health professions majors to perfect their interviewing techniques from 3 to 5 p.m., Nov. 17, and noon to 3 p.m. Nov. 18, in 2M2. To participate in the interviews, sign up on the bulletin board across from the Science Center three days prior to the interview date.

## Reading Club meeting

The Reading Club welcomes and encourages students who share the joy of reading and discussion to join the club. The next meeting is at noon Nov. 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.

## Child Development Club meeting

The club will have its first meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Nov. 16, in 1H10 in the Social Sciences area. Officer elections and future event planning will take place. For more information, contact club sponsor Cecelia Pittman at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7159.

## Future Teachers Club speaker

Future Teachers Club will host Joel Drury, Transfer Coordinator for the University of Central Oklahoma, from noon to 1 p.m., Nov. 16, in 1D4 of the Main Building. It will be a great chance to receive information about UCO and the Future Teachers Club.

## Multicultural Explosion show

International Student Association presents "Multicultural Explosion 2005." The third annual edition of the event will be held from 8 to 9:30 p.m., Nov. 17, in the college theater. Tickets are available in Student Life or from ISA officers, and cost \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door and \$3 for kids 12 and under. There will be door prizes.

## Poetry and Open Mic Contest 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. 30. 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.

## Money doesn't grow on trees



Photo by Richard Hall

Environmental Club members sell baked goods to earn money to buy toys for needy children. Club Members Caroline Ting, Lizzie Byrd, along with Club Secretary Christiana Kostura and Club President Jessica Austin, helped raise about \$240, which will buy "at least 40 toys for the toy drive, Toys for Tots," Kostura said. "We appreciate all who helped make that happen."

## Song and dance can pay cash

### Poetry and Open Mic contest brings in some cool prizes

By John Savage  
Staff Writer

Poetry, skits, personal writings or other forms of creativity could land students some prizes this semester at OKCCC.

The Writing Club Poetry and Open Mic Contest will be from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 7, in the college union. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 30. All entries must be turned in to the Arts and Humanities office with the correct contact information on the form.

Along with new submissions, club sponsor Andre Love will offer some material from former contestants on a compact disc.

"We are making a CD this year and we will use that for a fund-raiser," Love said. "All the former contestants that participated last year will be on the CD this year."

Love said he hopes to get the writings from the previous year's show on a disc as well.

He said he will strive to make that happen every year.

Some entries for this year's show involve skits, dance or song. The poetry contest also will involve participants who have written poetry or short stories.

"There are actually two contests in one," Love said.

All entries are limited to 10 minutes, Love said.

He said last year's poetry and open mic contest seemed like a hit with student and faculty.

"[Last year's show] was excellent," Love said.

"The audience responded well and had people looking forward to it this year."

Other members of the group agreed that last year's contest was a success.

"Last year we had a lot of poets and some musi-

cians," said club member Jeremy Barr. "I've got major stuff this year, and I hope to take first."

Love believes that students who participate gain good skills that can help them later on in their writing careers.

He said the participants gain a true college experience and leadership.

He said the contest also demands some sincerity from the students since it's their own works.

"The month of April is poetry week and we hope to have the finalists compete for the grand champion between the winners," Love said.

All students and faculty are welcome to join the club and participate in the contest.

For more information, contact Andre Love at (405) 863-5951.

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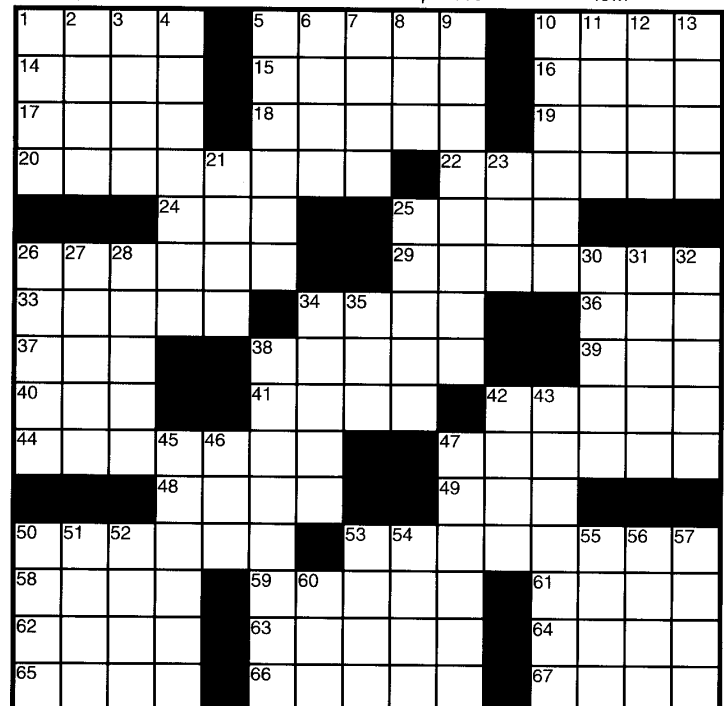
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# Numbers show more OKCCC students between 18 and 24

**"Numbers,"**  
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Sechrist, OKCCC acting president.

"I am pleased to see an increase in the diversity of our students," Paden said. "It's more reflective of our community."

The largest increase in ethnic minority enrollment is 35.1 percent by Pacific Islanders which went from 37 to 50.

Hispanics claimed the second highest growth with a 24.2 percent increase up from 707 to 878.

Sechrist said enrollment reports help the college determine the types of services to offer.

"We want to make sure we have the right kinds of services and support for the

minority students," he said. "Our [overall] minority enrollment is now approaching 30 percent."

OKCCC also has a wide range of age groups enrolled, Paden said.

This semester, 7,196 students are between the ages of 18 and 24, OKCCC's largest group, she said.

Paden said the college's smallest group by age is the 16 registered students over the age of 65.

Most of OKCCC's students — 6,807 — still live in Oklahoma City, Paden said, while 5,394 students have addresses outside Oklahoma City.

Enrollment numbers are a vital tool in helping the college determine its students' needs, Sechrist said.

He said enrollment numbers are broken down in so many ways in order to help

the administration see trends.

"We try to align the kinds of services and the way we teach, times of classes, even curriculum, based on the students we have," he said.

The more information the college has by breaking down enrollment numbers, the more OKCCC can strive to benefit its population, Sechrist said.

All numbers presented are from the Statistical Report on the Fall 2005 Credit Enrollment, and are considered preliminary.

"It's a snapshot in time," Paden said.

"Numbers will continue changing through the end of the semester."

This year, OKCCC's overall increase is less than it has been in recent history.

"Our increase this year is

smaller than it has been," she said.

Paden attributes this to many factors.

One reason for the slowdown in enrollment is the college's capacity, she said.

Sechrist said all classrooms are scheduled Monday through

Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 5:30 to 8 p.m.

"When we increase capacity, we will plan and achieve a greater increase," Paden said.

Sechrist agreed.

"We knew there would be some challenges," he said. "We know we have some capacity issues, until we get our new buildings."

Another reason for the slower growth, Sechrist said, is that the number of high school graduates in the surrounding area has decreased.

"That affects our enrollment growth."

He said the strength of the economy depresses college enrollment as well.

"Our economy is strong. There is a correlation between how strong our economy is and our enrollment, especially of our adults, aged 24 or over."

He said when people are



**"We want to make sure we have the right kinds of services and support for the minority students."**  
—Paul Sechrist  
Acting OKCCC  
President

working, whether full or part-time, they are less likely to attend college.

Both Paden and Sechrist said OKCCC can look forward to increased enrollment among high school students taking college courses for dual credit.

"Senate Bill 972 provides for six credit hours of college education for high school seniors who qualify," Paden said.

Sechrist said OKCCC has many area high school students taking advantage of the program.

There is an 81.9 percent increase, from 144 to 262 students, in the enrollment of concurrent high school students, he said.

"Perhaps the students will choose to continue their education at OKCCC after their graduation."

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## College gets toys for state's needy children

**"Toys,"**  
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dren who do.

Families also are sometimes asked to go to the disbursement area, normally at the

Oklahoma City Fairgrounds, to receive the toys.

Buchanan said those who participate in the Toys for Tots drive receive something in return — the joy of helping a child.

"There was one particular young girl that I gave a present to and she gave me a picture of herself," he said.

"It really touched me."

Buchanan said this is all the Christmas some children have to look forward to.

He said by donating and showing support, people show children they care.

"The more positive experiences we can put in their life, the better," he said.

Buchanan told of how participating in Toys for Tots transcends and sometimes influences people.


"There was a staff sergeant who received a gift from Toys for Tots as a child," Buchanan said. "He then decided he wanted to become a Marine."

Dec. 16 is the last day donations will be accepted in the college bookstore.

For more information call (405) 737-7883 or visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

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