Broken lines, noise move science classes

By Robyn Lydick
Student Editor

A hot water line that heats the underground part of the main building ruptured Jan. 26, leaving the underground building a tad chilly.

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“We put our rubber boots and walked around in the mud (in the basement),” Knight said. “We do know the new french drain system is working, though.”

The break cut off heat to the area, which is mostly science classrooms, labs, and offices. Classes were relocated throughout the college.

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Noise complaints the week of Jan. 21 led to classes moving from the science section to the main building. One class moved to the arts and humanities building. The noise came from construction on a drainage project.

Administration has been very helpful in finding places for the classes to meet,” said Anna Wilson, dean of science and mathematics.

Physics Professor Steve Kamm became curious about the noise. He measured the sound levels in the hallway outside the main science lab.

“Directly underneath the work, the sound averages 90 decibels. That’s the lower limit of hazardous noise,” Kamm said.

The noise has disrupted classes.

“At three feet away [from the students], you have to raise your voice to be heard,” Kamm said.

“Obviously the student 20 feet away can’t hear.”

Fellow physics professor Max Simmons remained in his original classroom, but

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Senator says family ties need to be rebuilt

By Theresa M. Pitts
Staff Writer

Our lives may never again be like Leave It To Beaver, but Sen. Keith Leftwich (D-OKC) says our family values should lean that way.

Leftwich was on campus Jan. 27 to speak at a brown-bag luncheon hosted by Recreation and Community Services.

“All of us have got to do what we can to change our family culture.” Leftwich said.

Leftwich wants to see improvements made in family structure and parenting skills. He said he is looking to a younger generation to make it happen.

“I believe that generation — the ones in their 20s — are determined to change those [concepts],” he said.

Leftwich also discussed goals for the upcoming legislative season.

“The biggest challenges facing us are hogs, criminals and roads,” he said.

Leftwich links these issues with investing in Oklahoma’s future.

“I think we’ve got to continue to invest — start thinking about our next generation — not just for the moment.”

Copy card system finalized

Students at OKCCC will tap into student technology fees when they receive a $6 credit toward library computer printing on the new copy card system.

“Every semester, currently enrolled students can get a card with a $6 credit good for 60 pages of printing,” said Barbara King, director of Library Services.

Students may pick up their cards at the library’s circulation desk.

“Each page of printing will deduct 10 cents from the card’s value. If [students] want more than 60 copies, they can add value to the card at the cash-to-card machine,” she said.

Other library users, such as students from other colleges and universities, and community members must pay for their copy cards, said Dr. Paul Sechrist, vice president for academic affairs.

“It was the goal from the beginning to do something for our currently enrolled students.”

Sechrist said the problem was finding a way for the new technology to handle different methods.

“Because our students are paying a student technology fee, we wanted to do something different than what we were doing for other library users.”

King said the new system, which went into effect Jan. 26, appears to be running smoothly.
Abortion affects more than mother

To the Editor:
I am writing in response to the Jan. 19 editorial regarding abortion, a subject that never fails to spark a debate. It should be that way — if we had no feelings on the subject it would be strange indeed.

Over the past 100 years, our focus of moral self-identity has shifted to emphasize individual rights and the quality of life over the inherent value of life. This change is evident everywhere we look. It is not bad. But, in the case of abortion, this change is harmful to us. Here is some information from a legal view point. The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee conducted hearings in 1981 to discuss when biological life begins.

All of the experts stated that life begins at conception, with the zygote. However, the decision as to whether the embryo or fetus is a person is a moral one.

To me, a fetus is a person. Therefore, I respect that unborn person's right to live just as I respect anyone else's right to live.

How about a couple more "pieces of reality" that were unmentioned in the editorial?

Four years ago, a friend of mine had a second abortion. She says she could not afford to raise a child and she was too selfish to consider an alternative such as adoption. It was a simple process. Too simple. She wishes someone had tried to talk her out of it.

Today she deeply regrets her decision, as do others I know who have had abortions. They all say if given another chance, they would keep the babies. All of them have a rough time living with their choices. This piece of reality tastes quite bitter.

Biblically, there are plenty of indirect references that suggest abortion should not be considered an option. Unfortunately I am unfamiliar with other religions and cannot pinpoint other references. I will briefly mention some verses that could provoke deeper thought.

We are created in God's likeness, so to kill an innocent person is like killing God in effigy. (Gen. 1.27, Gen. 5.6) For insight as to when life begins read Job 10.8-12, Jeremiah 1.4-6, Psalms 139.13-16 and Luke 1.39-44.

The Bible does not explicitly state anything regarding abortion. However, it identifies the importance of life before birth.

I agree wholeheartedly that women have the right to do whatever they wish to their own bodies. But an abortion not only affects a woman's body, it affects her soul. It kills an unborn person.

Deformed, ill or whatever that fetus has a right to live, to struggle as we all do. We do not live in a perfect world so what would or would not occur in a perfect world is irrelevant.

We cannot delude ourselves into thinking that because something is legal in this country that it is morally OK for us. It isn't. Yes, it is emotionally painful to go through a pregnancy after a abortion or rape. It is financially difficult. But, to deny a baby life for no extreme medical reason is a tragedy.

—Name withheld

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—Robyn Lydick
Student Editor
Former adjunct professor killed in car accident

By Theresa M. Pitts
Staff Writer

Rain-slickened roads may have played a part in a fatal car accident Jan. 25 which killed former OKCCC English professor, Beverly Nan Mills.

Mills, 63, of Oklahoma City, died in the three-car accident which occurred at approximately 8:40 p.m. on the Lake Hefner Parkway in north Oklahoma City.

Mills was born in Oklahoma City and raised in southeastern Oklahoma where she attended Wilburton High School.

Once her children reached school age, she began taking college courses, receiving a bachelor's degree in English and German at Central State University in Edmond, and a master's degree in education at Oklahoma City University.

She taught English and German at area high schools, and was an adjunct professor of English composition and college writing at OKCCC between 1994 and 1996.

“She loved those students,” said Linda Dunbar, a friend and adjunct professor in the GED program at OKCCC.

“She had some very good relationships with some of her students — some of whom she still kept in touch with.”

Dunbar said Mills loved to travel to other countries and once devoted a year living and teaching English in one of the poorest communities of Slovakia.

“She loved to see the different cultures. She would always say, ‘I can’t believe a little girl from a farm [in Oklahoma] could see all this.”


Donations may be made in Mills' name to the Children's Center, 6800 N.W. 39th Expressway, Bethany, Okla. 73008.
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PTK speaker to discuss the changing family

OKCCC Arts and Humanities, Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society, Let’s Talk About It Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities invite interested parties to hear Dr. Jennifer Kedney from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 4 in library room 206. Kedney will discuss Ivan Doig’s autobiographical tale “House of Sky: Landscapes of a Western Mind.”

Non-credit basic computer, Internet classes offered

OKCCC will be offering several non-credit computer classes starting in February. Classes are designed to introduce computer basics to those with little or no computer experience. Several classes will meet for one day, while others run for two, three and four weeks. Times vary depending upon the class. Costs range from $55 to $115. For more information, contact OKCCC’s Business and Industrial Development Center at 892-7562.

Collegiate Secretaries International meeting slated

Collegiate Secretaries International invites everyone to attend a meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in CU2. Fall semester members will receive their membership pins.

Health care application workshop offered

An OTA workshop will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 3 in library room 201. A PTA workshop will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in library room 201. The nursing workshop will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in library room 201.

Win a romantic dinner for two from FTO/SOEA

OKCCC Future Teachers’ Organization and Student Oklahoma Education Association are offering a chance to win a romantic dinner for two and tickets to the OKCCC theater department’s production of “Once Upon a Mattress.” Tickets may be purchased for $1 Feb. 11, 12 and 13 at the FTO/SOEA table set up in the main building. The winning ticket will be drawn at noon Feb. 13. The $1 ticket donation will be added to the FTO/SOEA scholarship fund.

“Home Alone” workshops for parents and kids

The City-County Health Department will offer a free “Workshop for Parents” and “Workshop for School-age Children” from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Village Public Library. Other workshops being offered include “A Chance to Chill” from noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Edmond Public Library and “Raising Responsible Children” from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Edmond Public Library.

Future Teachers Organization meeting scheduled

The Future Teachers Organization will hold its monthly meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Feb. 4 in room 2R8 of the main building. A representative from Academic Support will speak concerning the Diversified Program as well as special programs for education majors.

Hispanic Organization to Promote Education meets

HOPE will hold its first meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in 2P8 of the main building.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid help offered

FAFSA application help will be offered from 8 to 11 a.m. each Thursday in February at the college union counter.

Doing your bidding...Pictured are a few of the eligible students who will be up for auction at noon Feb 10 in the college union. HOPE is sponsoring the auction.

To ensure a fun Valentine’s Day...Each couple will receive a two-for-one dinner gift certificate. HOPE invites everyone to join in on the fun.

Organizations Fair successful venture for participants, students

By Rica Mitchusson

Staff Writer

The main building foyer held a basket of opportunity last week, giving students the chance to shop their interests during the two-day Organizations Fair.

Twenty-six groups encouraged students to learn of the advantages offered by joining a campus club or organization.

The Native American Cultural Awareness Organization was seated in front of a colorful patchwork quilt.

Kimberly Codynah, club president, Michele Bointy, vice president, and Leona Loneman, secretary, agreed that cultural awareness was the central theme of NACAO.

“There are so many stereotypes,” Bointy said. “Here at this school we want to dispel them. “There is more to our group than arts and crafts. We also offer support for Native Americans in school, for them to succeed.”

Club member Tyler Fields said, “The more people know about our heritage, the more people understand.”

The Aging Studies Club is a new group on campus.

“This club will be a gateway,” said gerontology student Terry Stanley. “It will focus on helping older family members, why our bodies age, meals on wheels and senior adult ministries and charities.”

Drama club treasurer, Michael Franke said he wanted to inform students of upcoming drama productions, fund-raisers and special events his club will be offering.

“Students that aren’t involved in drama but are interested are encouraged to sell tickets, T-shirts and hats at productions and work backstage,” Franke said.

Student Nancy Reddy explained that the Christians on Campus club doesn’t drag people in, but is simply available to students.

“This club actually helps people find the Lord, not necessarily religion,” Reddy said.

Steve Misenheimer, physician’s assistant student, visited the booth.

“Christians on Campus had all kinds of good literature on the table and I wanted to read it. And I wanted a cinnamon roll.”

The Organizations Fair was a quick study in opportunities.

Involvement includes on-campus as well as community activities, leadership skills, networking, friendship and fun.
HELP WANTED: Part-time child care worker to care for 8-year-old boy in my home after school M-F 3:20-5:20 p.m. SE OKC near Tinker AFB. Need one who is neat and good MVR. Prefer non-smoker, college student. $4/hr. Refs. checked. Call Lynne: 677-6129.

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Former college trustee, 76, dies

By Robyn Lydick
Student Editor

Harold E. Stansberry, Oklahoma City businessman who helped found OKCCC, died at his home Jan. 24.

Stansberry served as trustee for then South Oklahoma City Junior College from 1971 to 1974.

The Board of Trustees was the predecessor to the Board of Regents.

It was during the late ’60s that the formation of a college for south Oklahoma City began.

“The chamber looked at the needs of south Oklahoma City,” OKCCC president Robert Todd said.

“They formed the hospital, South Community Hospital (now Integris Southwest Medical Center) and a number of members spoke to the State Regents.”

“They came to the conclusion to circulate a petition to form a technical district and community college,” Todd said.

“They used to tell stories about going from one person’s house to the other and how hot it was.” The year was 1968.

Todd remembered Stansberry as a man who focused on the accomplishments of others.

“He would want to talk about what you were doing,” Todd said. “He was always a tremendous friend to everybody.”

Stansberry also served on the board at Integris Southwest Medical Center, the Oklahoma City-County Library Commission and several other civic and charitable organizations.

Stansberry was born in Rolf, Okla. on Sept. 25, 1921.

He is survived by a son, Harold E. II, of Yukon; daughter Jo Schiff of Tampa, Fla.; a sister, Thelma Swatek of Yukon; daughter Jo son, Harold E. II, of Oklahoma City; and four grandchildren. His wife, Leona preceded him in death six months ago.

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Construction noise causes classroom interruptions

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said he was well aware of the noise.

“My classes were far enough away,” he said.

“It sounded like an old World War II movie with airplanes strafing us.”

Kamm does understand the need for the construction. He wonders about their schedule.

“I would be happier if they worked while we stopped for lunch and if they wouldn’t quit at 4 p.m.”

Work on the drainage project — the source of the noise — is expected to be completed in February.

The Board of Regents authorized the college to increase funding for the drainage construction project Jan. 19 at the regular meeting.

According to the agenda for the Regent’s meeting, the original contract for the drainage was $334,800. Previous changes to construction totaled $21,191.

The new addition to the project was $3,609 for additional excavation, weatherproofing and joint sealing. The current total for drainage improvements is $359,600, a 7.4 percent increase from the original contract with Pope Construction.

OKCCC library stocks shelves with new array of periodicals

Professors aided in creating list for updated magazine fare

By Nick Spross
Staff Writer

For those who have been waiting for the library to add new magazines to their arsenal, wait no further.

OKCCC has added several new periodicals for students and faculty to use.

The new periodicals are Automotive News for those interested in automotive technology, Federal Reserve Bulletin and Regional Economic Digest for banking and finance interest.

The Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing will aid the nursing students. Clinical Kinesiology will assist those in the Physical Therapist Assistant programs.

American Naturalist, Oceanus, Proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science and Southwestern Naturalist are for those interested in science.

Playbill and Variety have been added for those with theater interests.

The Journal of Case Management will assist those in case management.

The Oklahoma Heritage, Oceanus, Proceedings of the Oklahoma magazine and Children and Families have also been added.

Technical Services Librarian John Rosenhamer said the library adds new magazines through request.

“We ask the teachers to give us a list of magazines that might help their students in class,” he said.

“We do take requests from anybody.”

There are also thousands of full-text articles available through the online article database.