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Photo by Trent Dugas

Cruisin' along: Shianne Emmerson, 4, and classmate Summer Cole, 4, lie on the deck of their new boat, catching some rays and having a laugh. The children are enrolled at OKCCC's Child Development Center. For more about the CDC's new boat, **see related story and photos on page 7.**

OKCCC to share \$115,000 grant

By Robyn Lydick
Editor

The challenge of keeping faculty on the cutting edge of technology has been made a little easier for OKCCC and Rose State College.

The two schools will share a \$115,000 grant from the State Regents for Higher Education. The grant will fund the first year of a three-year project to enhance faculty skills in multimedia applications and developing online courses.

After the first year, funding will be contingent upon an evaluation that will occur next year.

In his report to the OKCCC Board of Regents on Sept. 14, Vice-President of Academic Affairs Paul Sechrist said the State Regents received 22 proposals from 16 institutions. Six

proposals were funded for implementation in fiscal year 1999.

"It is important that faculty be able to expertly use the teaching tools of the future," Sechrist said.

The project includes plans for three workshops and three online courses as a foundation for a certifi-

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cate in instructional technology, said Instructional Technologist Cyndy Cashman.

"We are getting faculty involved in a needs assessment: what training do they really need to teach using these technologies?" Cashman said.

Faculty from Rose State and OKCCC will teach the

classes.

After the first year, these courses will be used by faculty across the state, Sechrist said.

The project will provide training beyond the level available through the Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Technical Education.

"OKCCC, in collaboration with Rose State College, is committed to prepare our faculty to meet the technological challenges of the 21st century," Sechrist said.

"The funding of the project by the State Regents will assist [OKCCC and Rose State] and colleges throughout the state in meeting the faculty development needs in the area of instructional technology."

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Public faces roadblocks to records

By Melissa Guice
Assistant Editor

When Anita Cook wanted to send her co-worker flowers for her birthday, she tried everything to find the exact date.

After many failed attempts to contact the woman's family and friends, Cook stumbled upon what she thought would be the answer.

"I'd just call her school and get her birthday," said Cook, knowing her friend was a student at OKCCC.

Little did she know that it would not be that easy.

According to the Oklahoma Open Records Act, anything that falls under the special category of directory information — including birth dates — must be provided to anyone who requests it unless a student has stipulated otherwise on his or her record.

OKCCC, however, has an opposite, apparently illegal, policy in practice.

When Cook asked, she was denied the information. Pioneer reporters have encountered the same problem.

After asking for a date of birth for a current student, the Pioneer was told before giving the student's name to the attendant that it was a breach of the "privacy

act."

"We can't give out that information because date of birth falls under the privacy act," said Deidre Black, admissions clerk. "We have to have the student's permission first."

Referred to as the "privacy act," the Family Education and Privacy Act (FERPA) was designed to protect students' privacy but does not include directory information, said Victor Bird, chief deputy attorney general for the state of Oklahoma.

"The only time that a school cannot give out directory information is if it is stated on a student's record that the student does not want that information given out," said Bird.

"But, it is a bit premature to say 'no' when you don't even have a name to look up."

The college can designate what it considers to be directory information.

Published in the college catalog under a section entitled, "Directory Information," OKCCC names the school's designated directory information.

Included are a student's name, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized sports and activities, dates of attendance, enrollment status

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RECORDS

Part I of a
three-part series

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

We may not have the most serious editorial, but try a cinnamon roll

How many drunks does it take to make a state fair?

This year, I believe, I have heard of more arrests thus far than all of last year's fair.

And I love the fair. It is one of the very last places where one can eat, watch the inbreds walk by, and ride some of the most unsafe mechanical devices ever banned from a carnival.

That's why I vote for a new advertising concept for the fair. I have heard bits and pieces declaring the state fair one of the safest and cleanest midways in the nation.

What? Have the advertising execs ever actually walked down the midway?

Littering the midway are remnants of food — either already eaten and returned back to the earth after a few too many rides or partially eaten and dropped after enough has been had.

Included in this smorgasbord for vermin and various disease-carrying cockroaches are the abundant cigarette butts, napkins, cups and plastic forks.

I think the new slogan should include something like, "Hey, we're not the cleanest but, uh, try a cinnamon roll." Everyone loves the cinnamon rolls, they'll work.

Now, in safety, the fair is second only to a New York City subway station at two in the morning. But, who knows, with a few more stabbings and a couple more public intoxication arrests, we may bring home that blue ribbon after all.

The new slogan when pertaining to one of the "safest midways in the nation" should be something like, "Hey, we're not the safest, but, uh, try a cinnamon roll." Everyone loves a cinnamon roll, they'll work.

To expound even further on the wonderful world we civilians call the fair, we must first examine the dreaded carnies. You know those guys, everyone knows those guys. They are the ones who yell obscenities and various other creative adjectives at every moron who is dumb enough to walk by.

And for what? To make you play their games and waste your money on a stupid little toy.

Guys flock to these games in hopes of winning the big prize and their date's heart. But, hello? How many women do you really see chasing after a guy with a big stuffed purple pelican?

When it comes advertising the games, I think the new slogan should be, "Hey, we may not have the nicest carnies in the world, but, uh, try a cinnamon roll." Everyone loves a cinnamon roll, they'll work.

There is only one really, truly great thing about the fair. It's the food, all the food. It's the carnage of it all. It is the sheer ripping of flesh off of turkey legs, tearing of teeth into pork chop sandwiches, and the constant chewing that so often comes with candy apples.

One thing is certain, it's the cinnamon rolls. Everyone loves a cinnamon roll. They work.

—Melissa Guice
Assistant Editor

Thanks blood donors

To the Editor:

Everyone at OKCCC did such a great job at the blood drive and I would like you to know how grateful Oklahoma Blood Institute is.

I send my sincerest thanks to everyone for the wonderful completion of your September blood drive.

In all, 148 people attempted to donate and 117 actually did.

You should all be extremely proud of yourselves!

We at OBI value all of you at OKCCC as true heroes of the community.

Hundreds of lives have been saved dating from the

beginning of your blood drive history with OBI in 1989.

"In all, 148 people attempted to donate and 117 actually did. You should all be extremely proud of yourselves!"

—Rachel Perrin,
OBI Blood Program Consultant

When the December blood drive approaches in a few months, I know OKCCC will respond again with the dedication and giving in their hearts that you showed recently.

Again, thank you. Other people's lives would not be possible with out all of you.

—Rachel Perrin
Blood Program
Consultant, OBI

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Comments and Reviews

Website puts spin on advertising, consumer culture

Are you tired of being bombarded with the never-ending deluge of some type of person from some type of organization browbeating you for your money?

When turning on the

television, you may see beer ads depicting men as stupid, single-minded, sex fiends who do not know how to open a bottle or fix the refrigerator door.

Yet beer companies still

demand we men buy their product. Do they take us for fools?

This beer's web-site proudly asserts, "If you're not 21...it's not Miller time YET." This is the number-one selling beer in America. I guess we are fools.

Or, what about airline companies who cater to the upper class in their commercials by offering more first-class seats on their planes by moving the cheap curtains, that separate the classes, back a few seats.

Moreover, they have the nerve to raise the prices on their seats: what a flimsy way to boost profits.

Are you tired of these advertising techniques of throwing distractions for cheap products in your face while never disclosing the constant motion of price hiking to increase profits for Wall Street?

Well then, I offer you a website that offers an escape from the perpetual stream of commercial assaults.

Escape to the pleasures of the cool tropical web pages on adbusters.org and let the experience relax you.

You too can join the team at Adbusters and help

jam the mind-control efforts in advertising from big business.

Adbusters claims to be the cult jammers headquarters for a revolution against the advertising world.

The site displays procedures for skewing the efforts of advertisers with methods for making video "Uncommercials" and offering a national "Buy Nothing Day."

Adbusters also challenges the common person to boycott products and corporations, and to release themselves from the cult grip the advertising industry has on the public through the television.

The site says the revolution begins from the bottom with people like you and me.

"These monolithic entities are in the business of amassing cultural power. What do you watch? What do you want? What is beauty?

These are questions the corporations provide solu-

tions for—neat, inoffensive, numbingly bland, shrink-wrapped answers. Get your answer within thirty minutes or the next one's free."

The site goes on to say, "Overconsumption is just the most obvious symptom of a larger sickness; our culture is so empty that it needs to stuff itself to feel full.

But sneaking up behind it is the culture jammer, and she's got a pin sharp enough to pop the whole deal..."

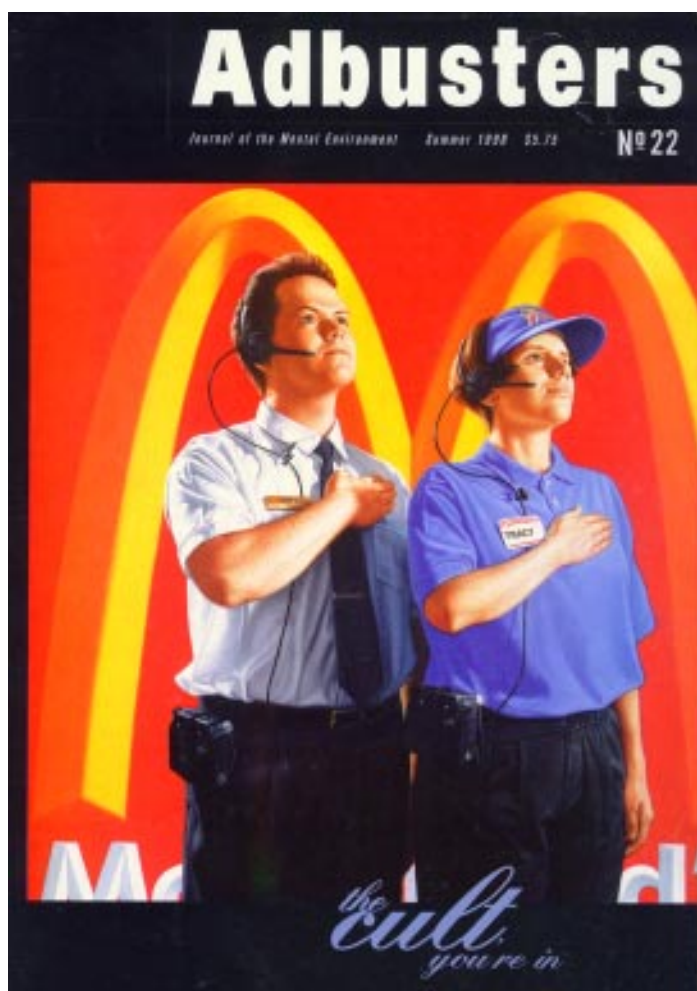
Yes, break free from chains of advertising and free your own thoughts.

Escape from the mind control and join the media activist organization counteracting those who pollute our physical and mental environments that should truly remain our own.

All this can be done simply by typing: <http://www.adbusters.org>.

Join today.

—Trent Dugas
Staff Writer



Beastie Boys take rap to new level

When I think of good CD's, the first one that comes to mind is the Beastie Boys' new album "Hello Nastië."

This CD promises to be a big seller with one song, "Intergalactic," already getting regular air play on MTV and on radio stations like KJ-103.

It is reminiscent of their days of yore when they were just entering the hip-hop scene and, at the same time, it mixes techno into the song for a combination that can't be beat.

The CD has more than

one good song though. "All Kinds of Shame" is a song that reminds me of the Beastie Boys' "old school" rap style. It emphasizes their artful use of words rather than the back-

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ground music to which they rap.

"3 MC's and One DJ" is a song they collaborated on with Mixmaster Mike, long-time friend to King Adrock, MCA, and the Beastie Boys' Mike D.

The intro to the song has a clip of Mixmaster Mike

calling Adrock to show him a mix he does with a wah pedal, showing his innovation and skill. For the remainder of the song Mixmaster and the Beastie Boys have a "duel" in which they take "old school" rap to a new level in the skill they possess.

Overall, this CD is one that you could put into your CD player and listen to on repeat for many hours and still want more the next day.

—Ryan Johnson
Contributing Writer

Misal of India spice of life

Hidden on a one-way, one-lane street is the crown jewel of Norman dining. Misal of India, at 584 Buchanan Ave. in Campus Corner is truly an exotic experience.

I have eaten Indian food in a dozen restaurants in three states and two countries. Misal is my choice for introducing the shy to this exquisite cuisine.

With a range of spices and a range of heat, Misal has something for every member of the family.

Misal offers flavorful, light fare suitable for vegetarians and those who can wax eloquent over the saffron lamb roast.

Prices range from \$5.95 for the lunch buffet to \$15.95 for the tandoori sampler.

Much of the menu is from Northern India and the Mughal culture, and therefore is familiar to aficionados of Middle Eastern fare.

Misal undoubtedly has the most attentive and unobtrusive waitstaff of any eatery in the state.

I have never seen the bottom of a water glass while dining at Misal.

The adventure continues into dessert. Try the kheer, a ylang-ylang scented pudding and a cup of chai, a cardamon and milk tea.

Go for the experience. You will return.

—Robyn Lydick
Editor

Graduate employment services help place students

OKCCC students hired through Graduate Employment Services make an average yearly income of \$20,855

**By Rica Mitchusson
Staff Writer**

When lack of money is the problem, a job is the answer.

When lack of a job is the problem, OKCCC Graduate Employment Services is the answer.

"It's a job seeker's market," said Staci McPhearson, coordinator of Graduate Employment Services.

The average wage for students hired through GES is \$8 per hour, while the average yearly income for OKCCC graduates hired through GES is \$20,855, McPhearson said.

She said any student looking for a job is encouraged to take advantage of

GES.

"They are wonderful," said Melanie Due, former student, who is employed by Caliber Learning Network. "They (GES) found my current job. I am one of two people the company hired, both from résumés Staci sent in."

In addition to job listing information, GES helps students with résumé assistance, interview skills, marketing the student to employers and conducting an active and successful job search, McPhearson said.

Student Rachel Howard said the GES staff helped her in revising her résumé, directing her as to what

questions to ask during an interview, how to ask for a raise and then helped her land the exact job and pay that she wanted.

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—Rachel Howard
OKCCC Student

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"I believe that help from GES is the main reason I got my job," Howard said.

Howard is employed by

Wynn Construction Co., Inc.

To further aid students in their job search, GES has added a new database called Gateway to Emerging Market.

Students interested in utilizing GEM must register and fill out a student profile, McPhearson said,

"It takes about 15 minutes for the initial process. After that, students will know how to use GEM and they can come to the office and access GEM at their leisure."

GEM matches a student's qualifications and talents with perspective employers, The profile will show a student which jobs they are qualified for, said McPhearson.

Employment opportunities often prove as diversified as a student's skills.

McPhearson further explained how GEM aids in the match-making process. She said new jobs come into the office on a regular basis.

"Students should check

back every few days, but if a student has a specific field in mind and can't find it on GEM, our office will find and contact companies for the student."

Up to three résumés can be stored in GEM, McPhearson said.

"Depending on what the employer requests, students may be asked to apply directly with employers or sometimes GEM can send the résumé directly to them.

"One résumé may be geared toward accounting and another toward retail."

Students are encouraged to register on GEM the semester before graduation, or as early as possible.

McPhearson said students need to make an appointment with her for the initial 15-minute student profile.

The GES office is located at 1P1 in the main building.

To set an appointment or for more information call 682-7519.

"Many students have no idea we are here," McPhearson said.

"If a student needs a job, we are a big calling card."



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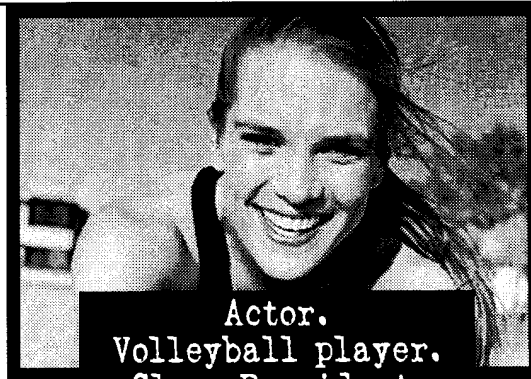
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Charles Walker takes on the character of Capt. Jim Kirk of "Star Trek" fame. Walker's wife of 15 years, Karen Wakefield, is a student of Professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert's speech class. He acted as her visual aid during a "show and tell" speech.

Grant dollars translate into needed programs

By Melissa Guice
Assistant Editor

Nearly \$16,000 in grant funding has some OKCCC faculty members singing, "I'm in the Money."

The money came from Economic Development Priority Strategic Plan, an incentive-based grant program.

Peggy Newman, program director and professor of physical therapy received \$2,612.

"I'm thrilled. There's a huge need (for this money) in order to implement the kind of workshops we want to put on," said

The money will be used to coordinate and organize workshops for continuing Physical Therapy Assistant and Occupational Therapy Assistant education, Newman said.

Also receiving grant money is Staci McPhearson, coordinator of graduate employment services, for the Fall Employer's Expo.

"It's a great opportunity

for our December graduates, especially," said McPhearson. "We have had spring job fairs before but never one in the fall."

The money, \$1,245, will go to planning of the expo and the necessary mailings and invitations to employers.

Other recipients include the team of Steven Shore,

tional effectiveness specialist, has received \$1,500 for the implementation of a graduate follow-up survey.

The team of Brenda Breeding, professor of biology, Charlotte Mulvihill, professor of biology and biotechnology, and Max Simmons, professor of physics, received a total of \$2,800 the development of partnerships for the semiconductor manufacturing technology and biotechnology programs.

Terri Hodges-Pickering, coordinator of business and profes-

sional development, will be responsible for the promotion of business and industrial training. The amount she received is \$1,946.

Activities eligible for funding had to focus on strengthening work force development, developing intellectual centers of excellence or expanding the state's research capacity.

Another request for proposals for economic development grants will be issued in October and are due on Nov. 20.

Nearly \$16,000 in grant money that has been awarded to OKCCC has some faculty members singing, "I'm in the Money."

professor of chemistry, and Billi Kaye Meacham, director of the Training Center, for a grant amount of \$2,825. The money will go to the development of a Corporate College Model.

The development of partnerships and the marketing of the Network and Microcomputer Certification Programs will be headed by Tom Ashby, Clinton Lambe and Pete Weaver, professors of computer science. Their grant amount is \$3,000.

Joyce Morgan, institu-

Vehicles, computer stolen from campus

By Nick Spross
Staff Writer

Several crimes — ranging from stolen property to vandalism — have occurred on campus recently.

One unlucky student was hit twice by crime in two days.

On Sept. 24, OKCCC student Justin House, returned to parking lot H at 10:15 a.m. and discovered his 1993 Silverado pickup was missing.

The total estimated value of the truck and its contents was listed at \$30,500.

House said he parked his vehicle about 8 a.m. An-

other driver, who was parked in the spot where House had been parked, said the stall was empty when he arrived at 9 a.m.

Just the day before, according to a report filed with OKCCC Safety and Security, House's vehicle had been broken into while parked in lot D.

Several items were stolen at that time including a CD player, several CDs, a knife and a bottle of Michael Jordan Cologne.

Entry was gained when the driver's side window was broken out. Estimated value of the stolen items is \$850.

Two crimes occurred Sept. 28.

At 2:30 p.m. OKCCC student Vu Nguyen returned to parking lot A where he had parked his car earlier.

assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, reported a Dell Dimension computer with a value of \$1917, was taken from her office in area 1A5.

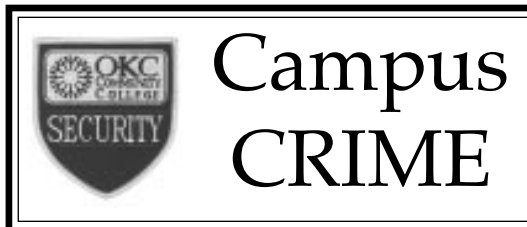
According to the report filed with campus security, the computer was not locked down.

Morrow said she had last seen the computer

when she left the college about noon Sept. 25.

That same day, a vandalism occurred on campus.

When OKCCC Student Sharen Gibson returned to her car in parking area A, she said, she didn't notice



When he arrived, his 1994 Honda Accord, valued at \$14,000, was missing.

That same day a computer was taken from an office in the arts and humanities building.

Kay Morrow, academic

Leadership finds way into piano music

Paul Sechrist said he understands the importance of leadership in a variety of ways — as a person, in relation to his job and within the music he creates.

Sechrist, OKCCC vice president for academic affairs, said he writes, composes and performs piano music in which he strives to exemplify leadership as the main theme.

He said his wisdom and leadership abilities have spilled over into his music and concerts.

“My music and concerts talk about leadership as art, leadership as passion and leadership as a creative endeavor,” Sechrist said.

“Leaders need to be dedicated and committed and enthusiastic to whatever mission they are trying to achieve.”

“You have to have a lot of passion about your job and the willingness to provide effective leadership. That is what I try to incorporate into my musical compositions.”

He said his own experience as vice president helps him blend leadership into his music.

Sechrist has been playing new age, jazz piano for



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the past 40 years.

He said it’s a wonderful hobby that started when he was just a boy. Now, he said, it has become habit.

“I enjoyed playing but I lived in the country and my piano teacher was the pastor’s wife,” Sechrist

said.

“Then they got transferred to another church and the new pastor’s wife did not play piano or give lessons but I kept playing.”

Sechrist said, after the pastor moved, he continued to play and read his sister’s piano books and, in doing so, managed to teach himself for the next 40 years.

“I have a lot of technical bad habits,” he said.

“If a piano teacher watched me play today I would probably get my wrists slapped for bad technique.”

Sechrist has played at such places as the Robert Mondavi winery in Napa Valley, Calif. and at OKCCC.

Sechrist said his music is a part of himself and his willingness to be a better person.

“It is a pretty high standard in saying that you are always

going to be enthusiastic and passionate but that is certainly the standard I have set for myself,” Sechrist said.

“In terms of leadership and being creative, you cannot take a cookie-cutter approach to solving problems.

“Every problem requires a unique set of solutions and you cannot just apply the same solution that worked last year or that worked five years ago.”

He said instead of giving boring speeches on his philosophy in leadership, he would rather entertain an audience with a piano concert that demonstrates his point.

He sits at his piano with a microphone and plays his music, talks a little and plays more music, a rather personal experience.

Sechrist’s friend and co-

worker, Vice President for Student Services Marion Paden, said, “I think there are parallels between Dr. Sechrist’s skills as a pianist and his ability to perform as a leader.

“He creatively and effectively assembles the notes in order to compose a memorable and uplifting experience.”

As much as he likes playing to a crowd, Sechrist said, he prefers playing for his family and friends.

Sechrist said he has a tradition with his neighbors every year that lets him reveal his musical talent.

“On Christmas Eve, after we have done things with our family and have returned home, I will have my whole block over before midnight and sit around the piano and sing Christmas carols to bring in the holiday,” Sechrist said.

Most of all, Sechrist said, his piano sounds soothe his own inside yearnings. He said his love of creating is what drives his music.

“I play just about every day – morning and evening.

“I will come home after a hectic day and just sit at the piano and play, think about music and create a new piece. It is a nice diversion.

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—Paul Sechrist
OKCCC Vice President of
Academic Affairs



Dr. Paul Sechrist has been playing piano for more than 40 years. Although he has played such places as the Robert Mondavi winery in Napa Valley, Calif., He said he prefers to play for family and friends. Each Christmas Eve, Sechrist invites his entire block of neighbors over for some good, old-fashioned Christmas-carol singing around the piano. He said it’s a great way to bring in the holiday.

“But sometimes I am thinking about both.

“Sometimes the emotions and stress and the challenges of work translate into creative activity at the keyboard.”

**Photos & Text by
Trent Dugas**

Row, row, row your boat



It's "Land Ahoy!" for Child Development Center kids, left to right, Aryan Young, Rebecca Newman, Corey Grabenbauer and Jimmy Hooper as the four-year-olds make a pretend splash in their boat. The boat was donated to the center by OKCCC Professor Linda Robinett and her husband Mark. It will be used to teach the children about boats and boating safety.

Recently, Charlotte Wood-Wilson, director of OKCCC's Child Development Center, sent out a campus-wide e-mail requesting a small boat for use with a unit on transportation.

"It's been real interesting. We had several people reply," Wood-Wilson said about the generous response. "And when I said small boat, different people thought different things."

Thomas Jones, professor of psychology, brought in a small wooden sailboat for the children to look at.

Linda Robinett, professor of learning skills, thought her husband, Mark, who enjoys boating, might be able to help. They brought in a small boat which is now in the classroom. Wood-Wilson said the children are really enjoying it.

Chris Towles, lab instructor for the Career Transitions Program, also responded and is checking with the Oklahoma City Boat Club about obtaining one of the many boats that were rendered unseaworthy after a tornado touched down at Lake Hefner last spring. If one is donated it will be on permanent display in the playground.

In addition to studying boats, the children also took a ride around the OKCCC campus on an Oklahoma City Metro bus.

The children will study airplanes and learn to identify the various airlines which fly over the campus. A staff member's father who drives a large transport vehicle will also bring his truck for the children to see.

Facts about the Child Development Center

Did you know...

The Child Development Center accepts enrollment from the community at large as well as from OKCCC students and staff.

There are three classes: the toddler class, for children ages 15 months to 3 years; the preschool class, for children 3 and 4 years old; and the kindergarten class, for 4, 5 and 6 year-olds.

At the current time, the center does not accept infants under 15 months. However, CDC management has applied for an early Headstart grant and, if approved, will be able to enroll infants.

The community rate for a toddler is \$110 per week and the community rate for preschool and kindergarten is \$95 per week. Full-time students

and faculty of OKCCC receive a discount of \$20 per week.

Currently 30 percent of the children attending the center belong to OKCCC



staff and students.

The teacher to student ratio is 1 teacher to 4 students in the toddler class and 1 teacher to 10 students in the preschool and kindergarten classes.

Lead teachers for the toddler and preschool classes must have a minimum of a

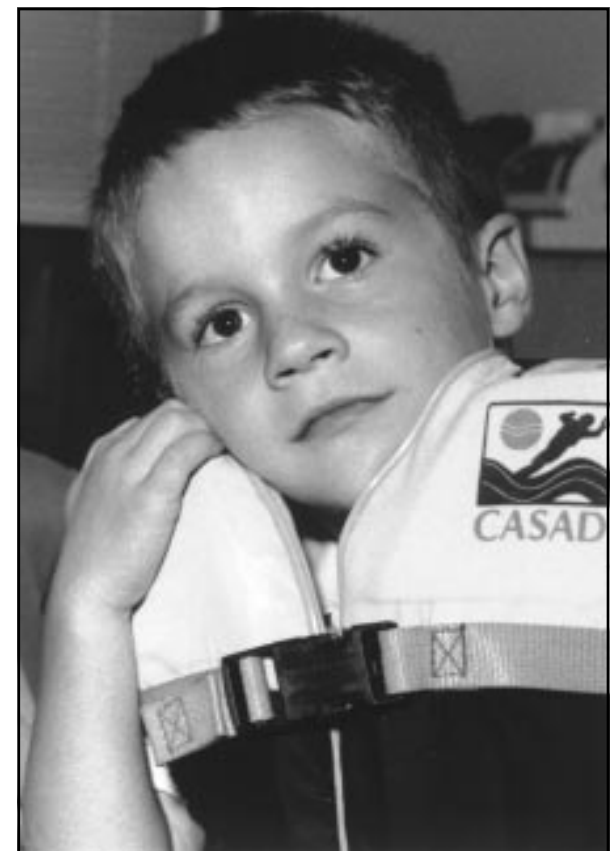
two-year associate degree in Early Childhood Education.

The lead teacher for the kindergarten class must have a bachelor's degree.

The Child Development Center is Department of Human Services licensed, accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and is a participant in the School Lunch Program.

"One of our goals is to expand — to incorporate on early Headstart programs. We are a lab school."

Wood-Wilson said about her future plans for the direction of the Child Development Center, "We hope to model what our philosophy is and in that way impact childcare in Oklahoma."



Four-year-old John-Michael Hollarn enjoys a quiet moment in the boat that was recently donated to the Child Development Center. The kids at the center are learning about types of transportation.

Text by Darcey Ralls • Photos by Trent Dugas

Students can take 'fast track' to credit

By Rica Mitchusson
Staff Writer

For the time-conscious and seriously dedicated student, Fast Track may provide the passing lane. Fast Track classes are accelerated versions of the standard 16-week classes.

Students may earn three credit hours in five weeks in such courses as biology, math, political science, humanities, management, sociology and English.

The classes will meet each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 7 through Dec. 12.

Students won't have a weekend life for five weeks, warns Bertha Wise, professor of English.

"Students will learn the same material and meet the same objectives as in a 16-week class," Wise said. "It allows students with the ability and desire, to move through material faster."

"It won't be good for students who have a heavy work schedule."

Standard enrollment procedures apply through Nov. 7.

Customer service class teaches faculty members how to be courteous

By Nick Spross
Staff Writer

Some OKCCC faculty members took part in a one-day, eight hour staff development class Sept. 18.

The Exceptional Customer Service class was designed to teach faculty members how to be courteous to students as well as how to treat their co-workers.

The class was originally requested by OKCCC's budget and management

This was the fourth semester the class has been held.

The skills taught to those attending included learning how to answer the phone properly, helping students find their way around and how to be courteous to others.

Dudley Freeman, director of staff development, said the class was a success.

"We had a nice turnout and everyone seemed excited about the class," Freeman said.

"We teach the faculty how to treat everybody like they want to be treated."

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—Dudley Freeman
OKCCC Director of Staff Development

Science center noise abating

By Jamie Johnson
Staff Writer

For the past six weeks students, faculty, and staff have had to listen to the noise coming from the science center, but that will soon come to an end.

One of the contractors said the loudest part of the project has been completed.

The two loudest parts of the projects were the jackhammering and the sawing of the foundation and they have been completed.

J. L. Walker Construction has been hired to build more laboratory facilities for OKCCC's science center.

In the past the noise and construction have caused the science center and the offices of many of the professors to be closed early.

"It's not that bad," said Micheal Simmons, biology major. "After all our school will look better after they're done. It'll be a pretty fair trade-off."

Many students have found it difficult to work around the construction.

"I'm sick of all the noise,"

said Melaine Connor, chemistry major. "It makes it impossible to concentrate and forget trying to study."

It's not just the students who are sick of all the noise.

"It is inappropriate for the students to have to

learn in this environment and it's inappropriate to force people to work in this situation," said Gary Houlette, professor of physical science.

The projects should be completed by April 1.

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Freeman said part of that success is due to the teacher

"We have Karen Havenstrike teach the class," he said.

"She gets the class involved by playing out situations that might come about.

"She's so good we keep inviting her back."

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SPORTS

College soccer club triumphs over OBU 4-1

By Joey Spross
Newswriting I Student

Members of the OKCCC Soccer Club convinced themselves they are ready for a big season after posting a 4-1 victory over visiting Oklahoma Baptist University Sept. 26.

After their opening game, a loss to Rose State 4-0, the offense really turned up the

"The midfield played a lot better. We attacked the ball more, we were not as timid as last game."

—Mike Bell
Midfielder for OKCCC's Soccer Team

heat for their second game. OKCCC's Carlos Roberto scored the first goal of the season for the team early in the first half.

Roberto went on to score two more goals in the second half, completing a hat trick.

A hat trick occurs when

one player scores three goals or more in one single game.

OKCCC's other goal was scored by Richard Krone, who received a pass from Dustin Hooker. Hooker, who also added another assist, played a very strong and physical game.

Goaltender Chris Jackson was sharp in goal, as he turned away 13 of the 14 shots on goal from OBU.

Terry Kilpatrick, OKCCC maintenance mechanic and soccer coach, said the team is on its way up.

"I'm extremely proud of the vast improvement the team made," Kilpatrick said.

"They played very aggressively.

"They are starting to come together as a team."

Mike Bell, midfielder for the OKCCC team, said the team was more into this game than the last one.

"The midfield played a lot better," Bell said. "We attacked the ball more, we were not as timid as last



Photo by Ron Coleman

Richard Krone, OKCCC soccer player, prepares to kick a goal against OBU as teammate Chris Morgan looks on. OKCCC triumphed, winning 4-1. The other three goals were made by Carlos Roberto.

game."

There was a good turnout for the first home game of the season.

Kilpatrick said he is grateful for the help he received in getting the field ready for the game.

"I really appreciate the hospitality shown toward OBU," he said.

"Michele Harris and Allison Coleman did a great

job by setting up the field and providing drinks for everyone."

OKCCC's home games are played at the field on the south side of the college. The games are played at 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Admission is free. Students and faculty are encouraged to come to the games.

OKCCC forms soccer team, joins league

By Jef Pham
Staff Writer

Heads up! Something new has come to OKCCC. This year is the inaugural season of OKCCC's first inter-collegiate soccer team.

OKCCC's team is part of the Oklahoma College Club Soccer League (OCCSL).

Students now have the opportunity to be spectators to games against such opponents as the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, University of Central Okla-

homa, Oklahoma Baptist University, and Rose State College.

The soccer program is currently the only sport in which OKCCC competes against other colleges.

"It is important for a school to have sports (in which) we can compete against other schools," said Long Le, soccer player.

"It's something to cheer for, something to have spirit for."

Mike Turegun, mathematics professor, and Terry Kilpatrick, an OKCCC staff member, have volun-

teered their time and talents to coach the OKCCC team.

There is an 18-man roster with 23 players currently involved in the program. Brent Buhheit is

team captain. Practices are Wednesday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. on the home field. Game schedules are available at the Recreation and Community Services Office.

A lot of hard work has taken place in the preparations of the home field located on the south side of the college campus. Clean

up and lining of the field is complete and plans to furnish bleachers for soccer fans have been made.

Although OKCCC lost 0-4 to Rose State, Michele Harris, intramural assistant, said she was positive OKCCC would be able to dominate the field in its first home game against Oklahoma Baptist University.

"We have hopes for a good first season.

"It would be a strong start for the program," she noted. "We want to invite everybody to show support and really get going."



OKCCC Schedule

Oct. 10: UCO @ UCO
Oct. 17: OSU @ OSU
Oct. 31: OBU @ OBU
Nov. 7: OSU @ OKCCC
Nov. 14: RSC @ OKCCC*
Nov. 21: UCO @ OKCCC
Nov. 29: OU @ OU

*4 p.m. game time. All other games begin at 3 p.m. Schedule is subject to change.

Highlights

Players sought for upcoming chess tournament

The OKCCC Chess Club announces a USCF rated chess tournament Oct. 17 in CU3. Rounds will begin at 10 and 11 a.m., on the hour from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 and 8 p.m. Entry fees are \$15 if paid by Oct. 15 and \$20 the day of the tournament. Registration is from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Oct. 17, or players may pre-register during regular Chess Club meetings, 12:30 p.m. each Thursday in CU4.

Health Professions Club welcomes students

Any person wanting to join the Health Professions Club is welcome to attend its general meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 8 in 3N2. Future events will be discussed. Club dues are \$5.

Burrito, nacho sale set to kick off fund-raiser

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will sell authentic burritos and nachos from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 8 in the area directly across from the cafeteria. HOPE says, "Don't miss it, you'll love the food."

Volunteers needed for second annual Big Band Ball

The office of Recreation and Community Services is looking for volunteers for this year's Big Band Ball, "Fantasy Forest." The ball is slated for Dec. 15 at the college. Anyone interested in helping with decorations, marketing or as host or hostess is encouraged to call Kathy at 682-1611 ext. 7442.

Scholarships available to Hispanic students

Hispanic students may pick up scholarship applications now in the Prospective Student Services office. Requirements include: Hispanic background, U.S. citizen or permanent resident, completed 15 credit hours with a 2.5 GPA, enrolled full-time (12 hours) for fall and spring 1998-99. Scholarship application deadline is Oct. 15.

Brown Bag Lunch Series full of goodies

The Brown Bag Lecture Series is in full swing. Faculty members are encouraged to bring their lunch and enjoy Gwyn Williams as he speaks on "The British View of America" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 8 in CU7.

Retirement seminar, landscaping classes offered

Jan Nelson, a professional insurance representative from home health care and an eldercare attorney, will conduct a two-hour seminar titled Retirement Planning from 7 to 9 p.m. Oct. 13 at the college. Cost is \$15. Also, a class in winter landscaping is slated to meet from 6 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday beginning Oct. 13. The cost is \$49. To enroll or for more information call the Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-7560.

Wanted: pumpkin heads

The Oklahoma City zoo is looking for a few good pumpkins. Anyone who brings a pumpkin larger than their head to the zoo between Oct. 4 and Oct. 18 will receive a free admission to the zoo on that day. The donated pumpkins will be carved into jack-o-lanterns which will be used to light the zoo's trick-or-treat trail. The zoo is located at 2101 N.E. 50. For more information on this and additional October zoo activities call the zoo office at 424-3344.

Wiley Post centennial play auditions announced

Auditions for the cast of "To Venture, To Prevail" will be held at the Omniplex, Kirkpatrick theater at 7 p.m. Oct. 8. For more information call Sacra Nicholas at 602-3690.



Photo by Jef Pham

Little helpers: Children from the Child Development Center help the Occupational Therapist Association members practice administering splints. Teachers Dawn Dalton, center and Laurel Goodman, right, get in on the fun.

Campus group kicks off fundraising with fun-filled, fiesta-type activity

By Judi Iardella
Newswriting I Student

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education began this year's fund raising in the atmosphere of a real fiesta.

HOPE raised more than \$150 at the grand opening celebration of Su Banco International, which is a part of First Bethany Bank & Trust.

Because the bank is bilingual, it is better able to assist the Hispanic community.

The bank's branch office is located in the Economy Square shopping center, situated at the corner of SW 29 and May.

Brenda Campos, acting president of HOPE, arranged for the group to make and sell traditional Mexican refreshments at the Su Banco International grand opening.

Refreshments included fresh melon drink, lemon-

HOPE will bring the fiesta atmosphere to campus this week.

ade and horchata, a sweet milk drink.

Spanish music floated in the air, children smashed pinatas and lots of ethnic food flavored the breeze.

Campos said that with so many different organizations serving Mexican foods, the feeling of being

south of the border was intoxicating.

Games were being played and the laughter of children was everywhere. It was a great way to spend an afternoon, Campos said.

HOPE will bring the fiesta atmosphere to campus this week.

OKCCC students can look forward to a Mexican feast of authentic burritos and nachos from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 8 in

the area across from the cafeteria, said Elizabeth Sanderfer, HOPE publicity officer.

The Mexican feast is a fund raiser for the group's annual trip to the Leadership Conference in Austin.

Sponsor HOPE by lunching with them on Thursday.

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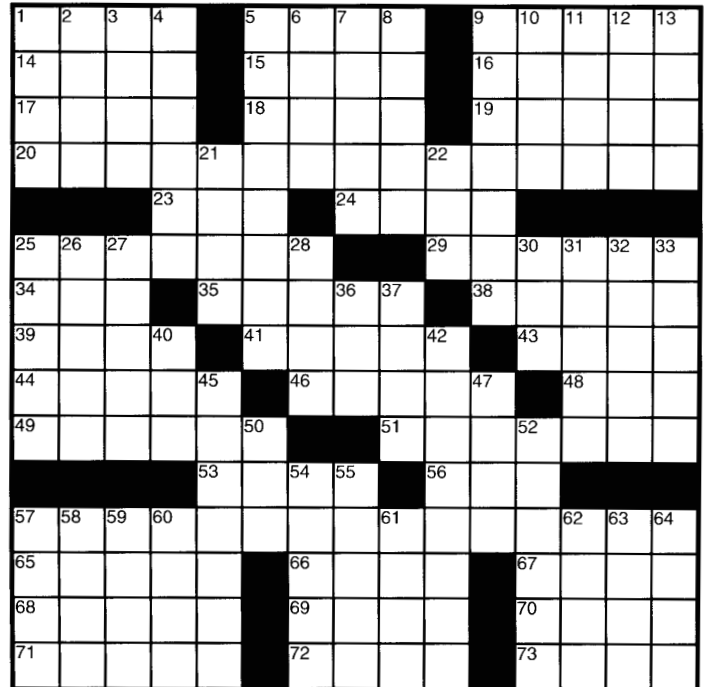
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Records hard to get for some

"Open,"

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(full-time or part-time), degrees and awards received, previous high school attended, and photograph.

The OKCCC college catalog states: "The college may disclose any of those items (pertaining to directory information) without prior written consent, unless notified in writing to the contrary by the student."

On a separate occasion, the Pioneer attempted to obtain the names of the last high school attended by a list of current students. Again, before the reporter gave out the students' names, she was told she had to obtain the students' permission.

"You'll have to bring a piece of paper stating what information you need, the students' names and Social Security numbers," said Colette Williams, records assistant.

"And you'll also need the signatures of the students giving their permission (to release the information)."

A written request is not necessary under the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

On another occasion, the Pioneer requested the date of birth of a current student and was told that a waiting period of about five hours was in store.

The reason for the extended wait was that the dean, Gloria Cardenas-Barton, was not in and was required to approve the release of the information.

According to state law, "... A public body shall designate certain persons are authorized to release records of the public body for inspection, copying or mechanical reproduction. At least one such person shall be available at all times to release records during the regular business hours of the public."

Barton said the reason for the wait was because her staff felt more comfortable going through her when it comes to open records.

Jerry Steward, OKCCC's

chief of staff and general counsel, agreed with Barton.

"I don't see anything wrong with an employee going through his or her boss to get something approved before doing it."

The law states that "...A public body must provide prompt reasonable access but may establish reasonable procedures which protect the integrity and organization of its records and to prevent excessive disruption



tions of its essential functions."

"It shouldn't take more than two hours to receive most open records information," said Bird. "Not even that long."

And it didn't take that long — when admissions employees knew they were speaking to a reporter. When Pioneer staffers remained anonymous and did not tell why they wanted information, they received no information on four out of five tries.

OKCCC's Macintosh experience instrumental in partnership

"Grant,"

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Mark Mitchell, coordinator, instructional design at Rose State, explained how online courses work.

"They can be synchronous, meaning a student has a short time frame, say, a week, to participate in activities like online discussion," Mitchell said.

"Or asynchronous, which is like an online correspondence course a student can start at any time."

Testing for online courses is either at the college, or at other testing centers, or held online, Mitchell said.

"You don't have to say who you are or why you want the public information," Bird said. "You are entitled to it just because you are the public."

Barton admits that admissions employees don't have to ask who they are speaking to and why they are requesting the information, but they feel more comfortable knowing why they are giving out that information.

"We may ask a question that doesn't necessarily have to be answered and that is, 'Can I find out who you are and why you may want it?'"

Pioneer staffers were given information every time they identified themselves as journalists.

Students who wish to withhold directory information are required to notify the Admissions Office in writing prior to the first of the semester and again prior to each semester they are enrolled.

The official document that states the college's policies on student records is titled, "Confidentiality and Release of Student Records." It is available by request through the Dean of Admissions and Registrar's office.

"Essentially, an online test is an open-book test.

"Yes, a student's younger brother who is a whiz could do the work, but pity them, they are missing out on learning," he said.

Cashman said one of the reasons Rose State approached OKCCC is because of the college's experience with Macintosh computers.

Mitchell said Rose State is heavily involved with using the Windows technology, but Macintosh technology is also useful in developing online courses.

"We are sharing the burden (of creating the workshops) but we are also sharing the product," Mitchell said.



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