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Honduras trip unforgettable experience

Jason Brown spends four days stranded in La Lima after Hurricane Mitch strikes

By **Melissa Guice**
Assistant Editor

OKCCC student Jason Brown took a vacation to Central America and found himself in the midst of hurricane-ravaged Honduras.



The country was the recent site of one of the worst hurricanes to hit Central America in more than two decades.

Despite their recent tragedies, Brown said, the people he visited were committed to rebuilding their homes and their lives.

Brown spent four days stranded in La Lima, a suburb of San Pedro Sula, one of Honduras's largest cities.

At the urging of a friend who was going to visit family in La Lima, Brown trav-

eled with him to the little town.

The 24-year-old zoology major expected a relaxing vacation.

Instead, Brown spent only the first two days in the home of the family he was visiting before flooding forced him into an outdoor community center for three days.

"We arrived on Monday, Oct. 26, and on Wednesday, we had to go to the center," Brown said. "By Wednesday, the water inside the house was knee deep."

On Oct. 31, Brown and his hosts returned to the house.

Upon their return, Brown said, the family of already very little means had lost even more.

"They only had five beds to begin with and after the storm, they lost three," said Brown.

During the rest of his visit, Brown was forced to stay at another of his friend's relative's house from Saturday to Friday,

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Photo courtesy of Jason Brown

Picking up the pieces: In this recent photo from hurricane-ravaged Honduras, banana fields are surrounded by waters that are finally receding. In the background, the wrecked helicopter is the result of a botched Honduran Air Force landing. Three days earlier, water covered the area where the troops are standing.

\$1.2 million in bond money OK'd

By **Robyn Lydick**
Editor

OKCCC will receive \$1.2 million from capital bond funds approved by the Legislature.

The State Regents for Higher Education allocated \$45 million in capital bond funds last week.

Gary Lombard, vice president for business and finance, said the college would apply the money to capital improvements in the facilities master plan.

He said three projects were priorities for consideration.

Projects which may have the allocation applied to them include finishing the third and fourth floors of the library in order to house the center for information technology education, and the center for learning and

teaching.

Enclosing the patio across from the mosaic wall in the central courtyard is the second priority.

The project will also include air conditioning systems and some roof work.

The master plan calls for remodeling of the second and third floors of the main building as the third priority.

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The total cost of the three projects is set at \$6.2 million.

The facilities master plan was approved by the OKCCC Board of Regents.

The plan outlines priorities for the college in regards to physical improvements and additions to the

college, Lombard said.

The college undertakes projects as money becomes available, he said.

The Oklahoma Legislature approved additional general obligation bonds for the next session, Lombard said.

"We are hopeful we will receive as much," Lombard said.

"Hopefully more."

Lombard said he expects the college will receive the funds in February or March 1999.

For comparison, Rose State College was allocated \$1.1 million.

Redlands Community College will receive \$500,000 and Tulsa Community College will receive \$2.5 million.

Other colleges receiving allocations equal to OKCCC are Cameron University and Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

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Editorial

Foul language final feminine frontier

I recently overheard a conversation between some guys while I was at a restaurant. It was about the ultimate subject — “foul” language and the females who use it.

After the 20-minute debate, the fellas concluded that women who use the language are dirty and not to be reckoned with.

What the hell!?!?

It would be different if they had made a decision that encompassed the male gender, but oh no, just girls can't do it.

How very “no-girls-allowed-in-my-club-house.”

Cursing is not a curse, it is a way of life. It is colorful language for a reason. It adds color, it adds spice, it is a must.

When I say I am so hungry ...well, then okay, I'm hungry. But, when I say I'm #@%!in' starving, I think you know what I mean.

I can curse when I am happy, “I'm so #@%!in' jovial.” It is emotional, funny, sparkling. I can curse when I am sad, “I am so #@%!in' blue.” It is the ultimate adjective. I can curse when I am angry, “I am so #@%!in' mad!” It is the best and most forward way to get your point across.

You really let people know what you think when you curse. That is what scares some men off.

Say, for instance you are seeing a beau who still doesn't understand the concept of time. A couple of dates that were to begin at 7 p.m. didn't start until, oh, 11 p.m. or didn't start at all, prompting you to kindly ask him to speed it up.

Well, even your sweetest, most convincing Scarlet O'Hara can't get him off of his sorry a#@ to pick you up on time. So, nothing like a little sailor talk to get his butt in gear.

You say, “If you don't get off of your lazy, #@%!in' a#@ and pick me up, you can consider this relationship fin-#@%!in'-ished!!!!”

This will either run him off, which is a feasible solution, or it will whip him into shape.

If you really think about it, curse words are just more adjectives. You can tell someone to have a nice day and be a good girl or you can tell someone to have a fan-#@%!in'-tastic day and be the colorful, fun-loving, carefree person you always wanted to be.

Our country was founded on curse words. Do you really think Washington said, “I cannot tell a lie.” Hell, no. He said, “Man, I cannot #@%!in' tell a lie.” They left the swear word out for lack of space.

Everyone swears. Yes, they pretend not to. I call those people “closet-cursers.” You know who you are. You curse and swear like a #@%!in' sailor inside your own house, room, car, even in your head. It's just not socially acceptable for you to let the words flow publicly.

I'm here to make a plea, sisters. Curse freely and let others do the same. Curse words are not evil. They are good and are needed for the good of the world.

Let your words flow like a stream, a stream that #@%!in' reeks and needs to flow and get out of your #@%!in' system as soon as #@%!in' possible!

—Melissa Guice
Assistant Editor

Bringing the web to your back yard

To the Editor:

I read with interest, a chuckle and a grin, Melissa Guice's article “Community, four-year college information listed on web site.”

I also noted the rather long URL I needed to type in to get there.

That is great information, but information you can get here, at home on the OKCCC library web pages. This summer the librarians looked for great sites to place on our web pages so our students could have easy access to all sorts of information that would help them be successful students and finally successful, productive citizens.

If you go to the library's home page (either from the college home page or directly to <http://sirsi.okc.cc.ok.us>) and click on college catalogs, financial aid you'll find links to most of the United States'

college and university catalogs, financial aid and scholarship information.

Lots of other information is there including searching colleges by your criteria (looking for the party colleges, the best pre-med, etc.) and critical compari-

dia, and translation dictionaries.

Oklahoma has sites from all over our great state. Take a look! Tour the site!

—John H. Rosenhamer
Technical Services
Librarian

This summer the librarians looked for great sites to place on our web pages.

sons of colleges and universities, and listings of all the university and community college web pages in the nation.

No need to run to U.S. News and World Report, the information is in your own back yard.

While you're there, take a look at the other features of our web pages.

Reference Online has great subject information along with an online dictionary, style sheets (MLA and APA), an online encyclope-

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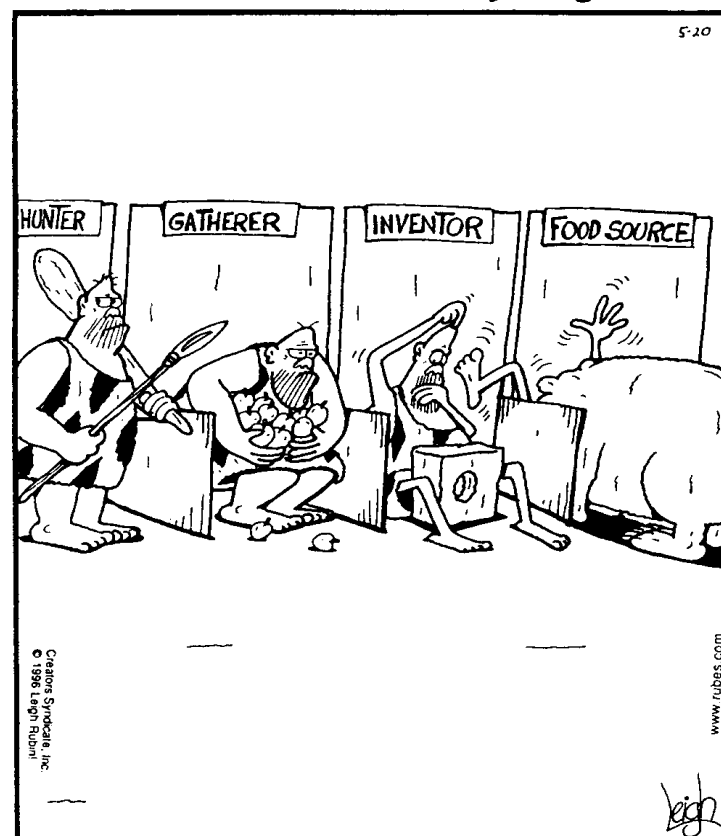
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By Leigh Rubin



Employment opportunities abound at the world's first job fair.

Comments and Reviews

Campus not fully accessible

To the Editor:

Our school has been equipped to assist students who are disabled, but there are areas that still need to be addressed.

Some students have a difficult time getting from one building to another. Some students have trouble accessing the cafeteria.

Another area of concern is access to the rest rooms. This is indeed a big problem.

The student body must be made aware of these problems.

First the cafeteria.

The problem is the counter where the silverware and condiments are located.

A person using a wheelchair cannot reach any of the items. A person must be at least five foot three inches tall to reach anything on this counter.

There is one table for students who use a wheelchair, and many times other students take it, especially in the evening.

What can be done about these problems?

See if there is some way an extra table can be set aside for students who are disabled or a sign stating the table is for the physically handicapped only.

Could a portable silverware counter be made available to these students?

One thing about these students, they will not ask for help.

Next, the rest rooms.

Some rest rooms are easy to get in and out of. The rest room in the main building near the first floor soda machines is hard for an able-bodied person to get in. Can you imagine a student in a wheelchair?

Remodeling the rest room may be one way to solve the problem.

Why not widen the door and the area where hands are washed? This may be all that is needed.

Our library has a minor problem in the rest room, too.

Even though you do not have to use your hand to turn on the water, it is difficult to reach the sensors.

The Library also has a

door opening button that some times works and other times does not work.

Add a button in the library.

The doors from the administrative annex to the services to students with disabilities area have no buttons. Students who are disabled are bound to get some nasty black and blue marks on their legs and arms. The doors are very hard to open, and you must use all your strength to open and hold the door.

In the administrative annex, the outside doors do not have handicap buttons.

These problems have been reported to the disabilities counselor. The Leadership Council should be made aware of these problems that are affecting a large group of students here at OKCCC.

The whole student body should be involved in helping disabled students make their time spent on campus easy and pleasant.

—Name withheld by request

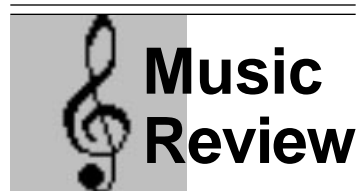
'Celebrity Skin' waste of time, money

The long-awaited "Celebrity Skin" from Hole has finally made its way to music stores everywhere.

Word to the wise, never buy a CD for just one song.

The title song "Celebrity Skin," rocks. I'm sorry to say that it is the only song that does.

Courtney Love really wails on this song in a sort of alternative lament that is supposed to be an after effect of the feelings that



stops calling.

Geez, I wonder where she got that one.

The other songs on the CD try to imitate "Celebrity Skin" but somehow, it just doesn't work.

Also, I was thinking that Hole was maybe an answer for the harder-than-Garbage-but-softer-than-Veruca Salt-fan.

Instead its like, all right, we're a little harder than Jewel but not quite Sheryl Crow.

It is truly sad when they

try to play off of "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," by the catch line, "swing low, sweet cherry," in the song "Awful." It's not smart. It's not catchy. It is pitiful.

Love wrote all of the songs on this album, which probably contributes to the monotonous quality.

One good thing came out of all of this — Billy Corgan of the Smashing Pumpkins lends his voice on back-up vocals and his talent on piano and guitar.

For those who were expecting a great album outta this band, keep waiting.

But, for now, search for the CD single or listen to the radio. "Celebrity Skin" is the only song getting air play, thank goodness.

—Melissa Guice
Assistant Editor



Michael Kang bows his Zeta during "Mauna Bowa" at a show last July. The String Cheese Incident plays more than 170 shows each year. They will be passing through Texas over the weekend.

Photo by Robyn Lydick

Spin around this 'Wheel'

A weird wind is blowing from the Rockies again and brings with it the third release by The String Cheese Incident, "Round the Wheel."

Like the band's prior releases, "Born on the Wrong Planet" and the live "A String Cheese Incident," "Wheel" blends an innovative mix of jazz, hip-hop, bluegrass, Cuban-African rhythms, classical lines and funk with straight-forward rock.

The 11-song compact disc is a journey into another dimension.

The lyrics run the gamut from celebratory to storytelling to questioning.

In "100 Year Flood" guitarist Bill Nershi describes the scene in upstate New York during the winter of 1996, "One hundred feet wide and fifty feet deep was a hole where the road used to be."

Keyboardist Kyle Hollingsworth contributes two compositions of his own, the instrumental "MLT" and "Got What He Wanted," on which he sings.

Hollingsworth also co-wrote the eerie "Galactic" with violinist and mandolin player Michael Kang.

"Galactic" questions whether we are alone in the universe, and gives the best idea yet for waiting upon extraterrestrial life: "So turn off the boob tube, put on a groovy tune and keep an extra eye out for ET."

Kang also touched upon

another meaning of alien difference, in "Come as You Are."

"We're so quick to condemn by the color of skin, before we look closely at what makes a heart beat..." Kang sings.

Sometime sound man Jon O'Leary produced the album with the band members.

Technically this album has grace and smooth transitions between songs. The sound on the disc is crisp.

The String Cheese Incident is primarily a live band. Music metamorphosizes to magic onstage.

This disc does justice to the band's diversity and flexibility. It is almost as good as live "Incident."

Guest musicians Tony Furtado, banjo; Paul McCandless, saxophones; Christian Teal, Brazilian and backing vocalists Coco and Yvonne Brown round out the arrangements.

Take a road trip this weekend. The String Cheese Incident will be playing with special guest Keller Williams at Trees in Dallas Nov. 19.

Williams will join The String Cheese Incident at Liberty Lunch in Austin Nov. 20 and 21. Bring a hula-hoop.

Visit their website at: www.stringcheeseincident.com for merchandise or venue information.

—Robyn Lydick
Editor

wanna-be actresses turned hookers and waitresses go through when Hollywood

The walk of life



Tom Trent and liver transplant recipient Ann Arthur lead the pack in a Nov. 7 Walk-A-Thon at the aquatic center. Arthur, 21, a student in the Physical Therapy Assistant program, underwent liver transplant surgery last summer. The Walk-A-Thon, sponsored by the Student PTA Organization at OKCCC, will help replenish the fund set up to help offset the cost of Arthur's medication.



Front row (l-r): Trey Whitefield, Ty Rutledge, Ann Arthur, Jeremiah Wiggington. Second row: Leslie Wagner, Trena Whitefield, Pam Rutledge, Nita Franks. Last row: James Whitefield, Miranda Pierce, Tom Trent, Terry Stanley. All participated in the Walk-A-thon.

Latest Brown Bag Luncheon features British conductor

By **Jamie Johnson**
Staff Writer

Each Thursday throughout this semester the college has offered a "Brown Bag Lunch."

Thursday, Nov. 5 was no exception.

British conductor, Gwyn Williams, shared information with his audience about the British Broadcast Corporation.

In his lecture, Williams gave a broad overview of the BBC.

Williams touched on such topics as how the BBC was formed, how it operates and the problems it faces in the future.

The BBC is an independent entity and is not by controlled by the government, Williams explained.

It is funded by a license fee paid by television owners.

The BBC also deals with many different aspects of communications, televi-



Photo by Trent Dugas

Gwyn Williams

sion, radio outputs, and enterprises.

Scott Tigert, global education and cultural planning assistant in arts and humanities, said the Brown Bag Series was created so members of the faculty and visiting faculty will have an

opportunity to formally inform others about international affairs and travel.

"This semester is all lined out as far the speakers are concerned, and we have already begun planning next semesters series," Tigert said.

Students find jobs and college do mix

By **Judi Iardella**
Newswriting I Student

Being a student is already challenging but finding a job that works around your ever-changing school hours is sometimes the most difficult task of all.

Three OKCCC students are fortunate enough to have found jobs that work for them by working around their college schedules.

Darcey Ralls, 28, spent five years as an employee of WIC before she realized promotions did not come her way because of her lack of a college degree.

She decided to change that.

Now Ralls is a full-time student. She said she hopes one day to have a

degree in journalism and work as a photo journalist.

To pay her way through school, she has chosen to be a substitute teacher at Putnum City West High School.

She earns \$40 a day and is able to choose which days she is able to work, leaving her time for classes and studying.

Sheila Penry, 19, is also able to successfully combine school and work.

She became a barber while finishing high school. She now works as senior shift manager at Supercuts at Crossroads Mall.

Like Ralls, Penry said she wanted a job with flexible hours and pay so she could pay for college and have the needed time to attend classes.

Penry is happy at Supercuts and hopes to

move to the corporate offices in Arizona when she receives her business degree.

Kevin Whiteley, 20, plans to become a screen writer. He said being a student at OKCCC gives him the chance to pursue his interest in theater and video production.

Next year, Whiteley said, he plans to transfer to the North Carolina School of Fine Arts.

To save for the move as well as pay for current expenses, Kevin delivers pizza for Papa John's Pizza in Moore.

Whiteley said not only are the hours flexible but the tips are great too.

All three students agree that, while it is a challenge, it is possible to combine work and a full college schedule.

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Aquatic center jumps on trade for diving board



Photo by Trent Dugas

The Aquatic Center's new diving board is in place, ready for use. The board was acquired in a recent trade. A new board would have cost about \$2500.

**By Jamie Johnson
Staff Writer**

The OKCCC aquatic and wellness department has more than \$16,000 in new equipment from Keifer Aquatic Specialists in Zion, Ill.

The college is the recipient of a new diving board along with two new life guard chairs and eight new starting blocks in return for OKCCC's 10-year-old OMEGA Timing System which has been in storage for the last seven years.

Chris Moler, director of recreation and community services, and Bret Wood,

aquatics coordinator, negotiated the bargain.

"The diving board was a major priority for us," Wood said. "Our old one was starting to crack, so we definitely needed a new

starting boards are a different matter.

The aquatic center was not expecting this trade to occur and, therefore, had not budgeted the money to install them, Wood said.

The job will cost around \$2500. Wood said his staff is looking for companies that would be interested

in investing and donating the funds to have the starting boards installed.

OKCCC is host to a number of aquatic events and while Wood is not sure if the new equipment will bring more events to the college, he said the new equipment will keep the current ones coming back.

The OKCCC aquatic and wellness department has more than \$16,000 in new equipment.

one."

The new lifeguard chairs have already been put in place. The old ones were about eight feet off the ground. The new ones are lower to the ground and more personable, while still providing a good view of the pool.

However, the eight new

OKCCC soccer club suffers 5-2 setback

**By Nick Spross
Staff Writer**

Members of the OKCCC Soccer Club suffered another setback Nov. 7 in their game against Oklahoma State University.

The game was played at OKCCC.

OKCCC trailed 3 - 2

at the end of the first half, but succumbed to the more experienced OSU team by a final score of 5 - 2.

OKCCC goals came from Souay Chansombat. One was scored on a penalty kick and the other on a direct free kick.

OKCCC goalie Chris Jackson faced a flurry of shots, but was unable to put a clamp on the scoring.

OKCCC had chances to score in the second half, but were unable to put one past OSU's goalie.

OKCCC's soccer coach Terry Kilpatrick said the team played a great first half but couldn't keep up the pace in the second half.

"Our guys did a great job attacking the ball in the opening half, but we

fizzled in the second half," Kilpatrick said.

He said the guys are really starting to enjoy themselves.

"The team is starting to have fun out there, even when they lose," Kilpatrick said.

OKCCC's next game is against the University of Central Oklahoma at 3 p.m. on Nov. 21 at OKCCC.



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Great American Smokeout urges participation

Trying to quit... again?

By **Jamie Johnson**
Staff Writer

In Oklahoma 24 percent of adults over the age of 18 are smokers.

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and disability.

The American Cancer Society is trying to help smokers psychologically prepare to quit smoking with the "Commit to Quit" program.

The program is designed to get smokers prepared to make an honest attempt to quit smoking during the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout Nov. 19.

There are three phases to this program — deciding to quit, preparing to quit, and committing to quit.

The deciding-to-quit phase asks the smoker why he or she wants to quit.

The preparing-to-quit phase involves the person deciding which method of quitting may work best. The choices may include quitting cold turkey, slowly decreasing the amount smoked or using nicotine replacement therapy.

The committing-to-quit phase involves a program that follows the other two steps. It is a support program that ensures a person has actually committed to quit.

Professor John Huges, MD, Department of Psychiatry, Psychology and Family Practice, University of Vermont, said, "Research demonstrates that a habitual smoker is more likely to abstain if he or she is following a treatment plan that addresses both the physical and psychological aspects of addictive behavior."

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide health organization committed to eliminating cancer and preventing it through education, research and advocacy.

For more information about The Great American Smokeout or the American Cancer Society call 1-800-ACS-2345, or the ACS through the World Wide Web at: www.cancer.org

To help in your quest to stop smoking, follow the four Ds of quitting:

- 1 •Take Deep breaths. Slowly inhale and exhale.
- 2 •Drink lots of water throughout the day.
- 3 •Do something else to get your mind off of the craving. Call a friend, go for a walk, chew on a carrot stick.
- 4 •Delay reaching for a cigarette. The urge will pass.

— American Cancer Society

What exactly are you smoking?

By **Nick Spross**
Staff Writer

Next time you reach for a cigarette, take a few moments to think about what you're really putting into your mouth and, ultimately, your entire system.

The answers you come up with may be just the boost you need to finally say, "I quit" and mean it.

Cigarettes contain some chemicals that people

aren't aware of.

- Tobacco smoke contains more than 4,000 compounds, including at least 43 different carcinogenic substances.

- Cigarette smoke con-

tains cyanide, a deadly poison and it also contains formaldehyde, a chemical used to preserve dead frogs for high school biology labs.

- The smoke also contains methanol, a wood alcohol that when taken in sufficient amounts, can cause blindness.

- It also contains acetone, a poisonous gas that is used in insecticides.

- Cigarettes contain tar, which forms a sticky brown substance that can stain your teeth and clog your lungs.



Cigar smokers face risks too

By **Jamie Johnson**
Staff Writer

In recent years cigar smoking has become a rising trend among smokers. Some 4.4 billion cigars were sold in 1996, a 45 percent increase since 1993.

The Great American Smokeout is not only for cigarette smokers, but also for those who enjoy smoking cigars.

Cigars have taken on an air of sophistication as a result of the marketing of

sophisticated magazines such as "Cigar Afficionado," cigar nights at invitation-only dinners, and by celebrity endorsements.

Once a male-dominated hobby, cigar smoking has increased among females in the United States.

Many cigar smokers are lulled by a false sense of security because cigar smoke is rarely inhaled.

In addition, Congress never included cigars in the 1984 law which requires a Surgeon General's warning be included on all cigarette packages.

The 1989 Surgeon General's warning, did however, state that most of the same carcinogens and cancer-producing chemicals found in cigarettes are also found in cigars.

The same report also found that overall cancer deaths among men who smoke cigars are 34 percent higher than among non-smokers.

Studies show that all tobacco users are 5 to 10 times more likely to get cancer of the mouth or throat than their nonsmoking counterparts.

Secondhand smoke harmful

By **Jamie Johnson**
Staff Writer

Each year, around 3,000 non-smokers die from lung cancer as a result of secondhand smoke.

In December 1992, the Environmental Protection Agency said widespread exposure to tobacco smoke presents "a serious and substantial public health risk."

Secondhand smoke contains more than 4,000 chemical compounds, including carbon monoxide,

formaldehyde, ammonia, nickel, zinc, and acetone.

Ten of the chemicals found in secondhand smoke are classified by the EPA as probable human carcinogens and can result in asthmatic conditions, impaired blood circulation, bronchitis, and pneumonia.

April Goode, American Cancer Society, said public policies to protect people from secondhand smoke can be enacted at the local and state levels. But, she said, they need to be as strong as possible to prevent the rise of cancer due to secondhand smoke,

Secondhand smoke poses additional health problems for unborn and young children. More than 10 million children under the age of six are exposed.

These children are more prone to get respiratory illnesses and infections.

Children born to women who smoke are also more likely to die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

During this year's Great American Smokeout, the American Cancer Society is dedicated to helping lower the number of cancer cases caused by secondhand smoke by educating the public on its dangers.



Above: Cloth Dress dancer Sherry Wells entertains the noontime crowd.

Left: Henry Michael Bear performs the Straight Dance, also referred to as the Gentleman's Dance.

Above right and below right: The Round Dance is performed with the help of audience members.



Native American dancers share culture, tradition

By Darcey Ralls
Newswriting I Student

Drum beats echoed down the usually quiet hallways of OKCCC Nov. 3 during an exposition dance sponsored by the Native American Cultural Awareness Organization.

Robert Sankey, a member of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma, introduced the Cheyenne-Arapaho Dance Troupe as the dancers emerged for their grand entry.

Henry Michael Bear performed the Straight Dance which is also referred to as the "gentleman's" dance. The dance celebrates grace of motion.

Dressed in green and yellow with long, white fringe, Lance Wells presented the Grass Dance.

Other dancers included Sherry Wells with the Cloth Dress; Kay Franklin, Buckskin Dress; and J.R. Jacques with the Fancy Dance.

The final dance was a Round Dance and the audience was encouraged to participate.

Alana Fixico, of Cherokee and Creek descent, and Crystal Young, Cherokee descent, joined in the dancing. Both are NCAAO members.

"Dancing gives you a really good feeling in the pit of your stomach," Fixico said.

Young added, "It's great! It's really good that people can come and watch. You really get into all of it."

The dancing coincided with the NCAAO's Indian taco sale which was a big success according to Patrick Stewart, Leadership Council Representative for the group.

"I want to thank the school for the support and Student Life for bringing in the dancers," he said.



Photos by Robyn Lydick

Art exhibit opens in library

By Derek Burleson
Newswriting I Student

Victoria Carrasco, visiting professor from Ecuador, opened her art exhibit Tuesday night in the lobby of the OKCCC library.

Carrasco displayed nine different works and showed slides of more than 75 additional works with themes ranging from Ecuadorian landscapes to interpretations of designs she found inside caves in Ecuador.

The majority of her work uses copper and enamel but Carrasco also showed examples of a variety of tapestries she has done.

Another major theme in her work is the use of circles.

This, Carrasco explained, is because of the importance the Indians of Ecuador place on the circle figure and its relativity to the sun and moon.

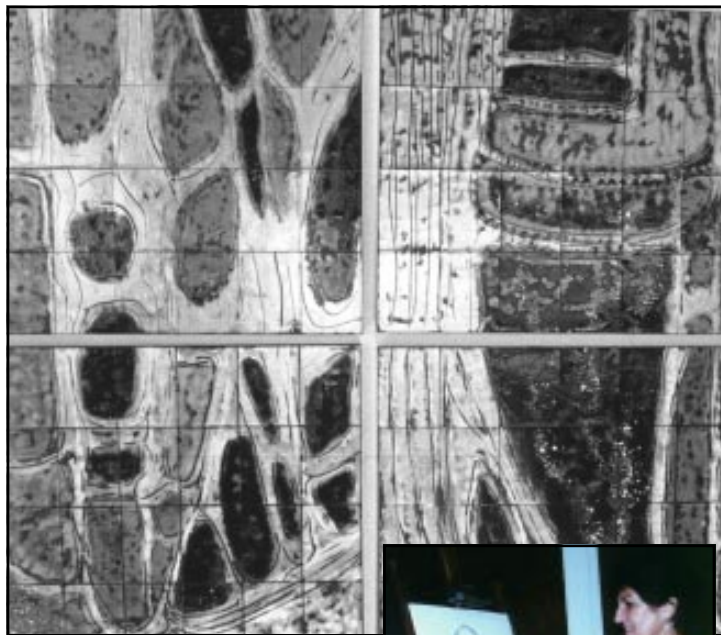


Photo by Trent Dugas

Above: Victoria Carrasco's "Nature."

Carrasco said of her art, "Today is my re-birthing period. My art expresses this reality."

"Its design, influenced by the unity of man and woman, of pain and flowers, of mountains and rivers, ocean and sand, produces a flow of sensuality, complemented by natural elements."

Carrasco's art is on display in the OKCCC library.



Teenline needs sympathetic ears

By Jamie Johnson
Staff Writer

Have you ever been complemented on your ability to listen? Do you ever feel compelled to help others? Do you have an uncanny urge to volunteer?

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services is sponsoring Teenline and they need volunteers.

Teenline is a resource for teens and young adults who need a caring listener with whom to discuss trouble issues.

The Teenline is available through a toll-free call where callers remain anonymous and can talk about any problems that

they are having.

Debbie Rector, Teenline director, said the volunteer program offers a good opportunity to help others.

"Volunteering at Teenline provides an opportunity for people to be of service and to learn new skills," she said.

"Each new volunteer re-

ceives 40 hours of free training on mental health, substance abuse, human sexuality, suicide prevention, HIV/AIDS, and other issues relevant to teens," Rector said.

Each volunteer is asked to work at least three four-

hour shifts on the line per month for one year. "The training prepares volunteers to be effective listeners and communicators and to help callers explore their options," Rector said.

There will be a training session Nov. 21 and 22, at University Hospital's Nicholson Tower, at 940 N.E. 13 Street, on the fifth floor, room 311.

Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m., and the training will conclude at 6 p.m.

The second day of training will begin at noon and will conclude at 6 p.m.

Anyone who is interested in being a volunteer is welcome to attend the training.

For more information about the Teenline call Debbie Rector at 522-3835.

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Associate's degree equals work, money

By Judi Iardella
Newswriting I Student

Will an associate's degree open employment doors for graduates?

OKCCC Student Suzie Bishop, 27, said it will.

She said she knows the value of the degree.

Fresh out of high school in 1990, she started taking computer courses at OKCCC. Because she worked to put herself through school as a waitress she wasn't always able to go full-time.

However, in the fall of 1994, Bishop was awarded a degree in Applied Science, Computer Science.

First Data Corporation snapped up the new graduate. They were impressed with her degree and dedication.

Her first position as Software Migration Ana-

lyst I was in Omaha, Neb. The company paid for her move.

In her spare time, she said, she continued her education at The Metropolitan Community College, financed by Data Corporation in Omaha.

She became a National Honor Society member.

Bishop was promoted twice before being transferred to Tulsa in 1997.

On Nov. 1, 1998 she gained yet another promotion. Bishop continues to take computer courses at Tulsa Community College.

She hopes, in the near future, to complete her bachelor's degree and start on her master's.

Bishop said computer students should take every computer class available, regardless of whether it falls within that person's field.

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Biotechnology program breakfast topic

By Robyn Lydick
Editor

"Without a labor base, companies are reluctant to relocate to Oklahoma."

Charles Seeney, vice president of operations and strategic development for ZymeTx Inc. summed up a major goal of the biotechnology program to OKCCC with these words.

Seeney was on campus Oct. 26 to attend a special breakfast with representatives from

some of the top biotechnology companies in the country and the state's two research universities.

The college hosted the meeting to introduce the industry and education representatives to the college's new biotechnology program and to find out what skills graduates of the program should have.

Using ZymeTx, a viral

disease management company, as an example, Seeney illustrated the biotech landscape.

"Everything is outsourced, much of it in Canada. That is difficult to manage."

ZymeTx uses facilities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Edmonton, Alberta and Prince Edward Island, Seeney said. However,

"Without a labor base, companies are reluctant to relocate to Oklahoma."

—Charles Seeney
Vice President of Operations
and Strategic Development for
ZymeTx Inc.

Seeney said he would like to see that change.

"I want to move the entire operation to Oklahoma City," he said. "The technology itself was developed here at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation."

Seeney said the college's commitment to the biotechnology program shows that his company will find the

trained people they need in Oklahoma City.

Paul Sechrist, vice president for academic affairs, said the program was started with the aim of attracting the biotechnology industry to Oklahoma.

Students may pursue an associate degree or a certificate. The certificate is designed for people with a bachelor's or higher degree.

"We took kind of a risk when we decided to start the program, build a lab and hire faculty," said Sechrist.

"We hope we play our role well in bringing new business to the city."

Finding qualified personnel is not easy for biotechnology companies, Seeney said.

"There is no biotechnology directory, if you will.

"Someone with a (bachelor's degree) in chemistry or biology still won't know about plant operation," Seeney said.

OKCCC Biotechnology Program Director Charlotte Mulvihill said the program is unique to the state.

"Universities teach the

basics of biotechnology, but we focus on techniques, methodology and lab experience," Mulvihill said.

"A four-year student would spend a lot of time in the classroom, with some time in the lab.

"Our students spend a lot of time in the lab."

A survey of biotechnology course and a class on media and solution preparation will be offered next spring, Mulvihill said.

Next fall, classes on recombinant DNA and proteins, immunochemistry and tissue culture will begin.

Jobs are currently available for graduates.

Todd Dunn of the University of Oklahoma's Health Science Center said he sees signs posted every

day advertising for lab technicians.

"They need the hands-on experience, a basis of understanding the techniques used in our labs," Dunn said.

"I want to move the entire [ZymeTx] operation to Oklahoma City."

—Charles Seeney
Vice President of Operations
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ZymeTx Inc.

Mulvihill said students will train on state-of-the-art equipment.

She asked the industry representatives to be open to accepting students for internships.

"The challenge will be to persuade companies a two-year student can do this," Mulvihill said.

Alternatives to 16-week semesters available to students in a hurry

By Mike Christian
Newswriting I Student

Feeling too bogged down to finish college?

There are a number of alternatives to a regular 16-week semester. Those are Fast-Track classes, the Accelerated degree program, Mid-Fall classes and intersession classes.

Fast-Track courses, for students who want fast credit, last only five weeks.

Fall Fast-Track classes began Nov. 7.

The next session begins April 10 and runs through May 8.

Fast-Track classes meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each

Saturday for five weeks.

Also offered at OKCCC is an accelerated degree program for those students who want to finish their degrees in a year and a half instead of the regular two-year program. The program just started this fall.

Mid-Fall classes were brought back to the OKCCC campus last fall.

Mid-Fall classes last eight weeks.

Intersession classes that last only two weeks are also offered at OKCCC.

Ed Williams, OKCCC student development counselor, said the classes are unique.

"Fast-Track and mid-fall classes are offered only to those students who have

the time and can fit in a class when it works with their schedule."

If none of these programs fit into the schedule, the regular 16-week semester is always available.

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Night students get food, drink choices

By Melissa Guice
Assistant Editor

During the wee late hours of the night, particularly when evening classes are being held, some students may need a little pick-me-up.

OKCCC's solutions range from coffee and soda to sensible foods and meals.

But because food service closes at night, several students are unaware that those items are still available.

Located near entry 6 is a hot beverage machine that serves coffee as well as cappuchino and tea.

Also, on the first floor of the library is another hot beverage machine with the same products.

Jim Sellers of Sellers Catering runs food service for OKCCC. He has recently placed a vending machine

outside the food service area in order to catch those who only drink Coca-Cola products.

"This machine serves Coke products and can be accessed especially when (food service is) closed," Sellers said.

Food is also of great concern and moreover, nutritious food is important. The art of avoiding junk-food-laden vending machines has been eased with the carousel located on the outer wall of food service.

The food carousel is located between food service and the health technology center on the east side of food service's wall.

Plans are in the making for the carousel to contain lowfat foods and entrees, said Bill Coffey, coordinator of risk management and service contracts.

"We are totally open to any suggestions from students or staff," he said.

Highlights

HOPE to help Hondurans

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education announces an open meeting at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 19 in room 2R7. Everyone is urged to attend and lend a hand to the survivors of Hurricane Mitch by bringing non-perishable food items, clothing and medicines to the meeting. Donations will be forwarded to the people of Honduras.

Science club to sponsor career forum

Careers in biotechnology and semiconductor manufacturing will be presented at a forum slated for 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 19 in CU8.

OKCCC Jazz Combo will blow you away

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to groove to some cool jazz when the OKCCC Jazz Combo performs from noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 19 in the college union.

Literary magazine seeking student's submissions

The editors of Absolute, OKCCC's literary and art magazine, are presently accepting short stories, poems, essays, photography and artwork. Submissions will be considered for publication in the 1999 edition of the journal. Copy, art and photography may be left in Clay Randolph's office, located in AH 3E5. Manuscripts may also be sent to crandolph@okc.cc.ok.us Deadline is Dec. 1.

Roast the turkey but leave the baking to us

Order your holiday pies now. For your convenience, OKCCC's food service announces Artie's Pies. Pumpkin and pecan pies sell for \$5.99 and deep-dish or lattice-top fruit pies (apple, blueberry, cherry or peach) are \$6.99. Sugar-free fruit pies are available for \$7.99. All pies will be ready for pick up Nov. 23 at the food service counter.

Your loose change becomes pennies from heaven

The "168 Pennies" fund drive kicked off Oct. 26 with schools across the nation collecting pennies for an outdoor children's center and interactive learning area at the bombing memorial site. Anyone wishing to contribute may drop off their loose change at Audra deCardenas' office, located at 2N4 of the main building.

Student's futures, dreams may be seen in the stars

If your major dictates you take astronomy or if you are simply a star lover, take heed: OKCCC will add a second astronomy class to the spring semester. The additional class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:05 to 9:55 p.m. Regular enrollment procedures apply.

Playwriting workshop to be held at college

Mariye Inouye, Broadway actress and author of "The Wrong Wife," will teach a playwriting workshop at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 19 in room 1F5 in the AH building. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Classes make Christmas craftier

A hand-crafted bead jewelry class will meet for four weeks from 6 to 6:50 p.m. beginning Nov. 10 at the college. A nature's gifts class will meet for two weeks from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning Dec. 1. Each class costs \$20 plus a \$15 supply fee. For more information or to enroll call 682-7560.

Popular art whets the appetite for enlightenment

The Brown Bag Lunch Series introduces Victoria Carrasco, who will speak on popular art from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 19 in CU8.



Photo courtesy of Public Relations

The OKCCC drama department presents "The Wrong Wife" Nov. 18 through 21. Cast members Reverend Ian Solo (Michael Cross) left, prays for his wife (Amy Elizabeth Ackerman) as Joe Lee (Jason Lamb), center and Linda (Sarah Hanks) look on.

World premiere play spotlights murder, mayhem and mystery

By Rica Mitchusson
Staff Writer

The OKCCC drama department presents the world premiere of "The Wrong Wife" Nov. 18 through 21 in the college theater.

Playwright Mariye Inouye, New York lawyer and actress, will be present at the opening, said Linda McDonald, OKCCC director.

"Pat Daugherty, professor of speech and drama, interned in New York last summer," McDonald said.

"Pat spoke with playwright Milan Stitt, who suggested to Inouye that instead of workshopping at schools in the East, she premiere in Oklahoma."

Inouye took the advice, and brought "The Wrong Wife" to OKCCC.

"Students are finding this a wacky comedy."

The play revolves

around Rev. Ian Solo, a minister from Tyler, Texas, played by Michael Cross, and his Chinese mail-order bride who ends up being a serial killer, Cross said.

When Rev. Solo brings his new bride to Woodward, Okla., murder, mayhem and mystery ensue.

"The whole thing is a farce. It's how a family in Oklahoma deals with a

face physical slapstick."

"And [director] Linda McDonald is simply superb."

Cross agreed, adding, "Linda has a real clear vision of where she wants to go with the play and that helps us know where to go."

"Rehearsals are going well and we are having a lot of fun," Cross said.

"I think the audience will have fun too."

Alice Onco, drama club public relations officer, said she is promoting the production with fliers, posters and word of mouth.

"I'm taking 20 [credit] hours, so everyone in every class hears about

"The Wrong Wife."

Curtain is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$4 for students with a valid ID.

Many students regretted not seeing the drama department's October production, "Tongues and Savage Love," Cross said.

"Don't make the same mistake with this one."

"It's not overly complicated. It's right-in-your-face physical slapstick."

—Tom Johnson
cast member

not-so-stable female from China."

Tom Johnson plays Fred Underwood, an inspector from Liberty Mutual Insurance.

"The play is comprised of two or three little stories. It has sub-text," Johnson said.

"It's not overly complicated. It's right-in-your-

Attention all campus clubs and organizations:

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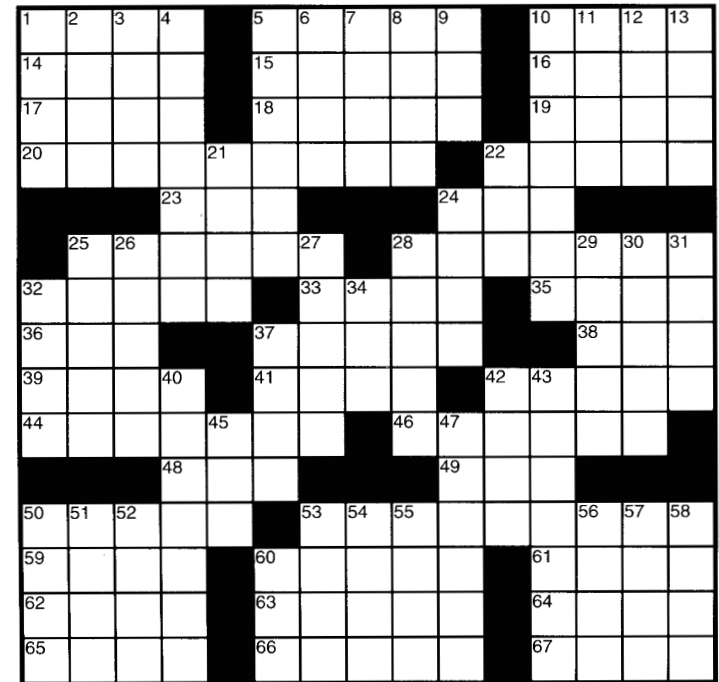
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Hurricane Mitch strands student in Honduras

"Stranded,"
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Nov. 6.

"We stayed nights at his sister-in-law's and then days at his stepmother's where we cleaned and tended to the babies mostly."

The rest of his time, he said, was spent filling sand bags and waiting for the airport to reopen.

Brown said the stay was worse when the water was down because of the mud.

"When the water was up, at least you could boat across the river," said Brown. "When it was down, you'd have to wade through chest-deep mud."

Brown said he walked away from the experience with a deeper understanding and appreciation for the human race.

"These people... were very poor in material things but were abundant in generosity and strength," he said. "I can't express it in enough words."

"They were just wonderful."

Brown left Honduras Nov. 6, but the images, he said, could never leave his mind.

One section of a major highway was closed while hundreds of people set up makeshift homes and shelters on the roadway, Brown said.

"I was at the site of the

Oklahoma City bombing right after it went off," Brown said.

"This was like miles and miles of the bombing site, over and over again."

HOW TO HELP

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education is sponsoring a drive for clothing, non-perishable food items, and over-the-counter medicines for the people of Honduras.

Donations will be taken at the HOPE meeting 12:30 p.m., Nov. 19 in room 2R7.

The Honduran government also has a web site at www.honduras.net

On the site, there are a number of links to ways people can help the people of Honduras.



Photo s courtesy of Jason Brown

This photo was taken in La Lima, Honduras, four days after the rain stopped. The mud in the street measured about three feet deep.



OKCCC Student Jason Brown found himself stranded in La Lima, Honduras, after Hurricane Mitch struck shortly after he arrived. He took the trip, he said, at the urging of a friend who was going to visit a family who lived there.



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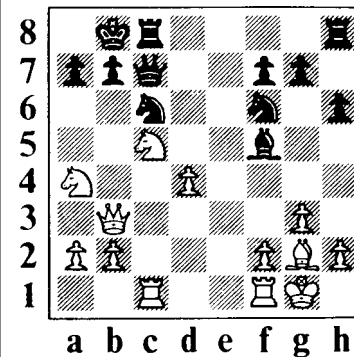
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