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## College within financial reach of most students

'College is Possible' campaign kicked off

By **Melissa Guice**  
Assistant Editor

More than \$60 billion is available to students nationwide for college costs.

And while 70 percent of students qualify for financial aid, said Stanley Ikenberry, president of the

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OKCCC President

American Council on Education, few realize it and even fewer take advantage of it.

Many parents and students overestimate school costs by about 200 percent and underestimate the

wealth of resources available to help students pay for college, Ikenberry said.

OKCCC is doing its part to spread awareness by proclaiming "College is Possible" for everyone, regardless of financial standing.

OKCCC has joined with nearly 1200 other higher educational institutions, and the Coalition of America's Colleges and Universities to spread the news that college can be affordable.

"College is Possible" is a campaign to make people aware of college opportunities through pamphlets and handbooks as well

as the promotion's web site. OKCCC President Bob Todd said he is aware of parent and student concern over college costs but thinks that information about school costs is the answer.

"No deserving student should be deprived of a college degree because he or she doesn't have the right information," Todd said. "We think this nationwide campaign will help close the information gap and hopefully change the public perception of inflated educational costs."

Harold Case, OKCCC dean of student financial aid services, said about 4000 OKCCC students currently receive some type of financial aid.

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Photo by John Thomas

**Christmas is in the Air:** Boyd Fulton, Student Activities Assistant, puts the final touches on the Christmas tree in the student union. For a complete list of college hours during the Christmas break, see page 9.

## Todd joins community college group

By **Melissa Guice**  
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OKCCC President Bob Todd was recently invited to join RC-2000, a group of international community college leaders.

RC-2000, which stands for renewal and change in the new millennium, meets twice a year to form partnerships and exchange ideas in the interest of education.

The group is made up of presidents from across the United States, Canada, and England who discuss issues facing community colleges.

"Several educators from the American Association of Community Colleges put together this organization to focus on the unique challenges, problems and op-

portunities faced by community colleges in large, metropolitan areas," Todd said.

The membership with RC-2000 will give OKCCC a chance to work on mutual projects and programs with other member schools

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he said.

"By forming partnerships, the member colleges have more influence and can gain more exposure for grant approval. The more we're involved, the better chance we stand to share in the cost of very high-quality programs," Todd said.

"The students at the col-

lege can benefit greatly from this and that's what we're all about."

Todd recently met with the member presidents, chancellors and CEOs from colleges in Boston, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Phoenix, Toronto and elsewhere to

discuss topics of special and common interest.

Included in the meeting were the topics of race and equity within the student body and faculty, and enhancing student programs and technology.

The leaders also met with several congressmen about their concerns.

Todd said he will be able to build personal relationships and share ideas and solutions with his new-found colleagues.

"The more relationships we have beyond our walls, the better job we can do educating the students within our walls."

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## Editorial and Opinion

### Editorial

# Lessons learned from college; hopes remain

Ahhh. The semester winds to a close. The final newspaper of 1998 is upon us, and it is my final issue as a Pioneer staffer.

God rest ye merry Conservatives.

Leaving this job is somewhat like ending a long-standing love-affair.

With apologies to Robert Hunter, what a long, strange trip it's been.

A friend of mine once said, "If somebody has their blood pressure up over something you said, you're doing something right."

This same friend peddled flowers on street corners across this fine country. Lots of folks had elevated blood pressure over him.

The shorter days and (finally) cooler nights are conducive to reviewing what you have done since last year.

I have tried to bring issues into debate on this campus. I have tried to illustrate how every act a person does impacts other people. From where you buy gasoline to how you dispose of paper towels, everything is connected somehow.

Hopefully a few people listened.

Some weeks, only fluffy editorials dashed off minutes before deadline made the paper. Those editorials brought the most input. I leave it to you to deduce why.

Some readers chose to write long and choppy missives, but were too cowardly to have their views known, even if their name was withheld.

Others would come up to me, check to see if anyone was looking, and whisper in a conspiratorial tone, "I liked what you had to say."

Great. Write a letter to the editor. The paper is financed through the college's yearly budget. Some of that money comes from student fees. You paid for the forum. Use it!

Expect to see my opinions in the letters to the editor next semester. I have a semester left here, and I can bother to add to a public forum. Heck, I will even sign my name.

I would like to see some changes around the college.

I really hope the next software company actually has a product.

I hope students quit running over each other on the elevators.

I want to see a student body that cares about what is going on in the world around them.

I want to see the trees Regent Dan Hardage suggested to screen off the vents above the new science labs. I might even hug them. (Just to see if you are paying attention).

Good luck with your finals, be you student or instructor. Enjoy the break and come back safely.

Whether you celebrate the return of the sun, the birth of a son, the miracle of light or anything else this season means to you, have a good one.

—Robyn Lydick  
Editor

# Simple path for students, citizens

### To the editor:

I'm sure I'm not the only driver who has shared the road with pedestrians walking around campus in search of exercise.

Wouldn't it be great if OKCCC had a gravel or concrete walking path paralleling Faculty Circle? Such an addition would benefit our campus, our students, our city and our neighbors.

Having recently moved to within a half mile of the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman, I've learned to appreciate the pleasure and convenience of a college campus as a place to exercise. OU is honeycombed with broad, lighted sidewalks. They weave through groves of trees and manicured gardens.

My husband and I can walk the campus at 6:30 a.m. or 9:30 p.m. and still enjoy a beautiful, well-lit, park-like atmosphere.

We watch the progression of flowers from petunias to chrysanthemums to pansies.

OKCCC has gradually added some of the landscaping that makes OU's cam-

pus so appealing. The courtyard between OKCCC's library and the main building is lovely year round. Trees, shrubs, flowers and fountain blend harmoniously.

Seasonal flowers are a part of our campus gardens. Such loveliness attracts pedestrians charmed by a people-friendly environment. Late night students sometimes enjoy campus wildlife, a frolicking bunny or a cricket-chasing skunk.

Our campus offers an ideal location for a walking trail of some length. Walkers could enjoy the convenience of a dedicated path, along with the lighting and safety patrol of our college campus.

Furthermore, the college would benefit from many more observers looking over campus parking lots and keeping an eye out for suspicious behavior.

In addition, we would be promoting healthy activity for the numerous homeowners and apartment-dwellers who share our neighborhood.

Perhaps the cost of building a walking trail could be shared by the college and

the city of Oklahoma City. After all, city and county governments helped pay the bill for our excellent swimming pool.

It's just a thought.

—Sue Hinton  
Professor of English  
and Journalism

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By Leigh Rubin



Bigfoot Christmas decor



## Comments and Reviews

# Rich, saucy, The Grill wonderful way to spend evening

### Step away from yuppie fast food, into culinary experience worth time, cost

I do it late at night and I do it with very special people.

I advocate investing in the time it takes, approximately three hours, to do it correctly, and I invite one or two friends to join in the fun.

When I compare the priceless warmth which is created when friends share intimate conversation brimming with concern, spiked with controversy, laughter or tears, then topped off with a great bottle of wine, price becomes secondary to me.

Dining is an experience I have grown to savor and appreciate.

Dining is not simply eating. When done correctly, it becomes a culinary event.

Dining at The Grill is always an event.

Located at 2824 W. Country Club Drive, The Grill is much more than the name indicates.

You won't find a burger on the menu, nor will you

encounter any of its semi-fast-food cousins.

Patrons visit The Grill to dine.

Last week I had a glass of house wine with my polenta for an appetizer. I recommend the Sterling Cabernet.

It is liquid luxury.

Polenta is not usually on the menu, so if you hit The Grill on the right night, don't pass it up.

Another must is the Caesar salad. I cannot count

specials, which usually contain a fish dish. You will commonly find salmon and tuna on the menu, but again, on occasion they will have a "special" special.

If you hear the names tilapia or trout, immediately order. The flaky white-meat fish is grilled, and served with a delicate rosemary and dill sauce.

Other tempting entrees include the lamb or veal chops, cut no less than one and one-half inches thick and pork tenderloins, steaks and pasta.

My favorite pasta dish is called Stuffed Pasta Shells Diablo.

I don't know why Michael chose that name. Maybe it's

one of those rhetorical things; if you have to ask the origin of the name, your palate won't appreciate the flavor. I just know the pasta is fabulous. The dish consists of pasta shells stuffed with ricotta and parmesan

cheeses under a blanket of rich white sauce, and then generously sprinkled with shrimp. Delicious.

A fresh soup-of-the-day is always on the menu. If available, I suggest the

pecially Thursday through Saturday nights. I recommend you call ahead and be monetarily prepared.

For appetizers, dinner for two, a bottle of wine, dessert and tip, I suggest you bring (at least) a one hundred dollar bill.

And although some may consider The Grill expensive, I remind you that an event is a very special occasion.

This is why I choose restaurants, like my friends and my wine — with care, and why I cling tightly to a few select favorites. The Grill has made my list of favorites.

Go, dine well tonight and savor the event.

**Dining is not simply eating. When done correctly, it becomes a culinary event.**

—Rica Mitchusson  
Staff Writer

**If you have to ask the origin of the name, your palate won't appreciate the flavor.**

the number of people who agree with me that Michael, one of the owners, works divine magic with the Caesar. It is the best you'll find outside Mexico City. Guaranteed.

The Grill is famous for its

## Put some rivets in your stocking, dude

### Metal madness repackaged for Yuletide cheer

Ever wish the 1970s and 80s metal was still around?

It is — in the form of compact discs. There are two in particular that any metalhead would love to find in a Christmas stocking.

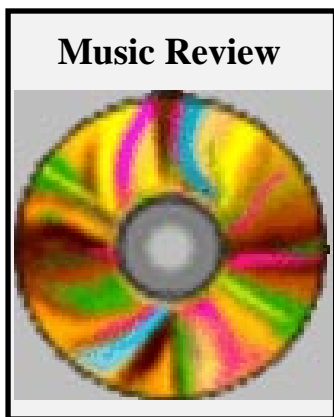
Iron Maiden's "The Best of the Beast" and Judas Priest's "Metal Works 73-93" are both double-CD sets featuring each band's greatest hits.

Maiden's "The Best of the Beast" offers a variety of Maiden music from the past 20 years and includes 27 songs.

Over the years, Maiden has had three different vocalists. Each one of them gets a crack at singing on this CD.

Paul Dianno, original vocalist, gives his rendition on "Wrathchild," "Phantom of the Opera" and "Sanctuary."

Bruce Dickinson, the



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band's best known vocalist, belts out such hits as "Hallowed be thy Name," "Number of the Beast," "Run to the Hills," "The Trooper" and "Wasted Years."

Blayne Bailey, the latest vocalist, sings some of the band's newer hits, "Man on the Edge," "Sign of the Cross" and "Virus."

Next on the list is Judas Priest's "Metal Works 73-93."

There are 32 songs on this double-CD set which includes some of their more famous hits such as "You've Got Another Thing Comin'," "Breaking the Law," "Living After Midnight" and "Painkiller."

There are also some songs that weren't as well publicized such as "Blood Red Skies," "Electric Eye," "Hellion" and "Nightcrawler."

—Nick Spross  
Staff Writer

## Reading between the lines

*In the name of the holiday spirit, the remaining Pioneer staffers and other people who did not run fast enough were quizzed about the one book they would recommend.*

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**"Talisman,"** by Stephen King. —Ronna Johnson, Pioneer lab director and den mother.

**"The Catcher in the Rye,"** by J.D. Salinger —Melissa Guice, assistant editor and resident Elvis-sighter.

**"Angela's Ashes,"** by Frank McCourt — Sue Hinton, faculty adviser and fearless leader.

**"Of Mice and Men,"** by John Steinbeck — LaWanda LaVarnway, photo lab assistant and effervescent personality.

**"The Cancer Ward,"** by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn — Rica Mitchusson, staff writer and resident gourmand.

**"Gone With the Wind,"** by Margaret Mitchell — Jamie Johnson, staff writer and believer in true love.

**"A Christmas Memory,"** by Truman Capote — Phil Corbett, mascot and patron of kiwi birds.

**"The Politics of Ecstasy,"** by Timothy Leary — Robyn Lydick, editor and psychedelia resource.

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# Poli-sci professors proof that third time's a charm

**By Jamie Johnson  
Staff Writer**

Another year has come and gone. In this year another Political Science Professor of the Year was named by the Executive Committee of Oklahoma Political Science Association.

OKCCC's own Dana Glencross received the honor this year.

"This is the first time for me to be recognized in my discipline," Glencross said. "That means a lot to me that people in my field would recognize me and my knowledge."

The Political Science Professor of the Year award is given annually to one professor from a two-year college and one professor from a four-year university in Oklahoma.

Nominations are made by other political science professors and by college administration. The nominations must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from a fellow instructor and from a student, either current or

former.

Jim Johnsen and Rick Vollmer, both full-time OKCCC political science professors, have received this award in the past.

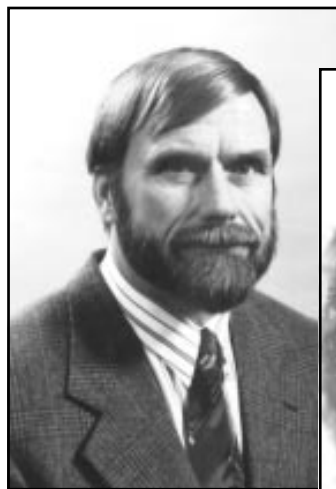
Johnsen said he believes he received the award because of his use of multi-media in the classroom.

"It's hard to keep students interested when they have to take a required class like government," Johnsen said. "By incorporating the multi-media, I think that aids them tremendously."

Vollmer received the award in 1997. He said the triple-win makes OKCCC the only program in the state so honored.

"In fact, no other two-year school has had more than one person selected to receive this award."

This makes OKCCC the only two-year college in the state in which all of the full-time political science professors have received the award.



Jim Johnsen



Dana Glencross



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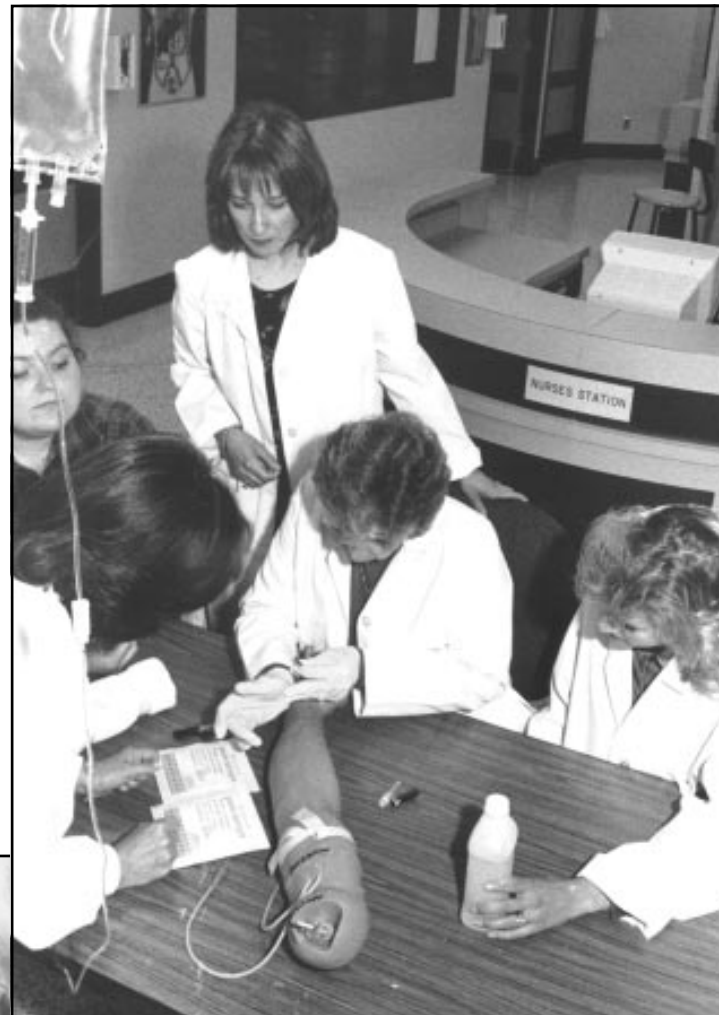
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# Students given a dose of real life

OKCCC nursing students use mini-hospital to learn tools of trade



Above: Professor of Nursing Vicki Pettis explains the computer system to (standing, l-r) Angie Studebaker, Jill Alberter, Shelli Gibson and (sitting) Judy Vorheis at OKCCC's mini-hospital. The hospital, right down to the nurses' station, is set up like a real hospital.



Above: Professor of Nursing Vicki Pettis shows her students how to insert intravenous tubes using an artificial, rubber arm. The arm has surface tubes inside that simulate veins. The veins can be seen when a handle attached to the arm is pumped. The arm is also used to teach students about blood transfusions.



Above: A simulated baby room, complete with cribs and an incubator, awaits OKCCC nursing students. The students are taught crib safety for children and infants as well as the proper handling techniques of the young patients.

Below: The General care section of the mini-hospital has beds and mannequins. These enable the students to learn about hospital care. The nursing majors learn to work with catheters, change dressings, give bed baths and how to properly transfer a patient.



**Photos by Trent Dugas**

# Christmas excitement is in the air

## Christmas light displays offer free fun for young and old

By Nick Spross  
Staff Writer

For those in search of something inexpensive to do from now until the New Year, look no further.

There are several different light displays across Oklahoma that offer an evening's worth of delight for no admission price.

In Oklahoma City, travel downtown to the Crystal Bridge, 100 Myriad Gardens, to view a light display that runs through Dec. 27.

The theme this year is "Christmas in the Caribbean."

Also downtown, the Myriad Botanical Gardens will feature more than 300 trees decorated with lights. The trees will be on display through New Year's.

In Midwest City, a mile-long driving tour features more than one million lights. The exhibit features a 118-foot tall lighted Christmas tree and fully-animated figures throughout Regional Park located on S.E. 15, between Douglas Blvd. and Midwest Blvd. The public can view the display from 6 to 10 p.m., 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, until the New Year.

For those up to a little travel, Chickasha offers its "Chickasha Festival of Light," on display in Shannon Springs Park through Dec. 31.

## All I want for Christmas...

By Jamie Johnson  
Staff Writer

You've been there — wandering around the malls for hours, wondering what that special someone wants for Christmas.

Maybe you should just ask. Some students at OKCCC have their Christmas lists down pat.

Michael Williams said he wants something that is very simple, yet so hard to come by.

"All I want is peace. That's it, just peace and quiet."

Then there are those students who would rather have just the opposite.

Leann Brooks said she wants to be around all her friends for Christmas.

"I just moved to Oklahoma with my husband and it would be great to go back home and be around all my friends again."

Then there are some students



who would rather be given the gift that only money can buy.

Lori Aims wants something with a little more glitz and glimmer than normal.

"This Christmas, all I want is for my boyfriend to buy me diamonds," she said. "That's it. I'd even settle for pearls or emeralds."

Other students, who are finding out what it's like to live on their own, would like the basic things to help get them through everyday life. Niki Willis is one such student.

"It may not be what I want, but I need a washer and dryer," she said.

"I think I'd rather have clean

## Holiday tree trimming time honored tradition

By Rica Mitchusson  
Staff Writer

Fresh or artificial, flocked or a la natural, the Christmas tree is a very personal, as well as a very public, part of the holiday celebration.

More than 30 million Americans will decorate a tree this season.

Draping garland and stringing lights onto branches and dangling years of accumulated ornamentation becomes an individual's means of private expression.

Once the tree is tarted up in all its glory and glitter, sashes and shutters are flung open wide for all the world to see. The private living room then becomes public domain.

The most visual expression of our holiday spirit, the Christmas tree, has a past, present and a future. No "Bah Humbug, Jacob Marley" here. Americans are in love with their trees.

Before it took center stage in our large bay windows, the Christmas tree wore red apples in celebration of the feast of Adam and Eve. During the middle ages, Europeans celebrated the feast and the tree on Dec. 24.

In the 16th century, German Christians were the first to

bring trees into their homes, decorating the evergreens with candy, fruits and nuts.

In 1841, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert decorated the first Christmas tree at Windsor castle with gingerbread, candles and candy.

By the 1850s, toys, jewelry and musical instruments began appearing on the trees of wealthy English families.

Hessian mercenaries introduced the Christmas tree to America in the early 1800s.

At the turn of the century, American Christmas trees were decorated with popcorn, nuts, berries and homemade ornaments.

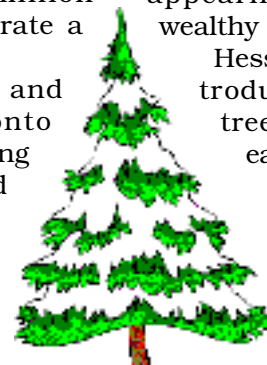
A traditionally decorated tree made it to the White House for the first time under President Franklin Pierce and, in 1923, President Calvin Coolidge brought the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to the American public.

Tradition hangs on every American family's Christmas tree.

Tradition always makes room for additional treasures as Americans add to the branches.

This year, remember the stories behind the ornaments. Tell them to your children or write them in a journal.

This year's newest accumulation might become next year's remembrance.



clothes over new earrings."

Speaking of necessities, there was one student who would just like to get out of debt for Christmas.

"It would be nice if my parents would not get me anything for Christmas," said Norman Deeds. "All I need is for them to pay off

my three credit card bills and then my Christmas would be perfect."

These are just some of the things that students around campus wanted.

It's almost certain that the person you're shopping for has his or her own agenda in mind. Good luck and happy shopping.

# Holiday spirit warms heart, home



## Deck the halls with sounds of music

Christmas is a great time for listening to music — it's everywhere!

And everyone has his or her favorite music that is brought out and dusted off each year at this time. In addition, music is given as presents under the tree or in the stocking.

What is the best music to listen to while trimming the tree, entertaining holiday guests or for gift giving? Read on for suggestions.

### Blockbusters Top Five

1. Various Artists- "Ultimate Christmas"
2. Various Artists — "Billboard 1955"
3. Jim Brickman — "The Gift"
4. Celine Dione — "These Are Special Times"
5. Chicago — "25"

### Wal-Mart Top Three

1. 'N Sync — "Home For Christmas"
2. Celine Dione — "These Are Special Times"
3. Hanson — "Snowed In"

### Pioneer Staff Favorites

1. Garth Brooks — "Beyond The Season" — Rica Mitchusson
2. Elvis Presley — "Christmas In Hawaii" — Melissa Guice
3. Bing Crosby — "White Christmas" — Trent Dugas
4. David Lanz — "Christmas Eve" — Ronna Johnson
5. 2 Live Jews — "As Kosher As They Wanna Be" — Robyn Lydick

### OKCCC Students' Top Christmas CD picks

1. Nat King Cole — "The Christmas Song" — Rhonda Hill
2. Dolly Parton — "Hard Candy Christmas" — Robin Taylor
3. Bing Crosby — "White Christmas" — Vanessa Fletcher



## Meaning of Christmas varies

**By Melissa Guice  
Assistant Editor**

OKCCC students and staff members have differing ideas of what Christmas means.

Riki Lawson, OKCCC student, said the holidays are for the gathering of family.

"We celebrate five Christmases altogether," she said.

Melissa Pape, word processor and receptionist for OKCCC's business division, said Christmas is a time to share with others.

"Christmas is a great time to volunteer. This year I'm involved with the Christmas Connection and our office has adopted two families from one of the battered women's shelter."

John Huggins, student, spreads a bit of humor during the holidays. "It's that special time of the year

that makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside."

Bill Coffey, OKCCC coordinator of risk management and service contracts, said the holidays bring about ingenuity in his family.

"Last Christmas, my wife and I went to Seattle for vacation and didn't want to deal with the decoration mess so she bought a three-foot Christmas tree with lights already attached," he said. "It was like switching Christmas on and flicking it off."

Jennifer French, OKCCC student, said Christmas is a time to take a breather from hectic school life.

"It's time to relax after school finals and to spend time with family and to focus on the true meaning of Christmas."

Student Shawn Anderson agrees.

"It is a time to get together with family and celebrate the birth of Christ."

## Santa Claus is real

### Timeless Christmas editorial confirms existence

Francis P. Church's editorial, "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" was an immediate sensation and became one of the most famous editorials ever written. It first appeared in the *The New York Sun* in 1897, more than one hundred years ago. It was reprinted annually until 1949 when the paper went out of business.



Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

—Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

**Merry Christmas from The PIONEER staff**

# College to receive share of grant

Oklahoma State Regents split \$115,000 between OKCCC and Rose State College

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 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

After the first year, funding will be contingent upon

Faculty from Rose State and OKCCC will teach the classes.

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

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

"The funding of this 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," Sechrist said.

Cashman said one of the reasons Rose State

approached OKCCC is because of the college's experience with Macintosh computers.

Mark Mitchell, coordinator of instructional design at Rose State, 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.

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.

According to an Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education press release, those proposals totaled \$6.65 million.

The State Regents awarded \$500,000.

The OKCCC - Rose State project includes plans for three workshops and three online courses as a foundation for a certificate in instructional technology, said Instructional Technologist Cyndy Cashman.

"We are still in the planning stages — organizing faculty and meetings.

"I'm waiting on Rose State to identify their faculty who want to participate," Cashman said.

The grant will fund the first year of a three-year project to enhance faculty skills in multimedia applications and developing online courses.

## Model Community



Professor of Learning Skills Carlotta Hill recently gave her college reading class an assignment — construct a project relating to "The Giver," a book the students had read in class. Erica Shipley designed the pictured community model based on her interpretation of the book. Hill said she is impressed with the students' work. "I'm not a spatial person," she said, "so I could not build the communities but the students who are kinetic just loved building the projects. Some of the students chose to write poetry, present a play or give a speech.

## Former student follows the music

By Erin Christy  
Newswriting I Student

Former OKCCC student Jeremy Driggers is reaching goals he set for himself in the seventh grade.

Driggers is the producer for Z104 FM's "Rocket and Theresa and the Z Morning Zoo" radio show in Norfolk, Va.

"I lived two doors down from Mike, this deejay, when I was in the seventh

grade," Driggers said.

"He worked for the cool radio station that all the kids listened to. I always wanted to be like Mike."

At the age of 20, Driggers has already worked as a producer for two radio stations.

Driggers started out as an intern at KJ103 in Oklahoma City.

"I just applied for the internship and kept bothering them until they gave it to me," he said.

Driggers said he worked

as an intern for four months until they hired him to produce the "Rocket and Theresa" morning show.

After working at KJ103 for a year, he was hired by Z104 FM in Norfolk, Va.

On Sept. 14, Driggers, along with Ronnie Rocket and Theresa Maxwell, moved to Virginia.

While Driggers attended OKCCC he also worked for Gwin Faulconer-Lippert's audio production class as the lab assistant.

## Parting is such sweet sorrow...



Susan VanSchuyver, interim dean of arts and humanities, left, presents visiting Fulbright Scholar Victoria Carrasco with a proclamation honoring Carrasco.

Carrasco, who hails from Ecuador, has taught art at OKCCC for the past semester.

She will now return to her position as associate dean of the Central University School of the Arts in Quito, Ecuador.

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# Ecology class for the ecotistical

By Robyn Lydick  
Editor

Looking for a biology lab course without scalpels or formaldehyde?

Students can sign up for Ecology and Environmental Issues.

Ecology and Environmental Issues is more than sitting in a classroom and talking about trash.

The tentative syllabus for the course lists field trips as a part of the course.

"We will be taking two overnight trips," said course instructor Tony Stancampiano.

"One trip will be to eastern Oklahoma to see a wetlands or a riparian (river) ecosystem.

"The other trip will be to somewhere in western Oklahoma to compare the extremes of the state."

Stancampiano said he plans some day trips as well.

Students also will see the inside of a classroom and lab, not just the inside of a college vehicle.

Stancampiano said the labs will consist of working with geographic information systems, computer programs that capture, store, manipulate and analyze spatial data.

"Most people think [these programs] are glorified map makers," Stancampiano said.

That would be an incorrect assumption, he said.

"Take a stream for example. Not only will the program have location coordinates and a name, but also maximum flow rates, flora and fauna — things like that.

"The program will give students enough tools to start putting together envi-

**"I want students to understand the reality of the environment, not just what you hear from the media."**

—Tony Stancampiano  
OKCCC Instructor

ronmental models."

The particular GIS the college has, Arcview, is a version of the program used by petroleum companies, Stancampiano said.

"I want students to understand the reality of the environment, not just what you hear from the media.

"You know, [stories that say] '100,000 gallons of crude oil were spilled, but there was no environmental damage.'"

Protecting and restoring ecosystems is a passion for Stancampiano and his family.

"We recently restored a wetland on the family prop-

erty [in eastern Oklahoma]."

Stancampiano said he hopes to finish his doctorate in zoology from the University of Oklahoma in May.

He holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in general biology, both from the University of Central Oklahoma.

"My specialty is mammalian ecology," Stancampiano said.

Ecology and Environmental issues is not a new class, although Stancampiano has changed the lab component.

Anna Wilson, dean of science and mathematics said

the college has offered ecology for at least 15 years.

"As with all courses, a department updates the course to current trends in the field," she said.

The course applies as a lab science for an associate's degree from OKCCC, said Rodger Robinson, student adviser.

"Any biology class with a lab component counts as a lab science for this college," Robinson said.

"If a student transfers without an associate's degree, that student needs to check with the [other] school [to see if the class will transfer]."

# Campus driving accidents increase

By Nick Spross  
Staff Writer

The end of the semester is usually a hectic time for everyone and it seems drivers are no exception.

Three wrecks occurred during the first week of December.

On Dec. 1 Romeo Opichka, program director for emergency medical technology, and student R.G. Willis were involved in a fender bender.

Opichka backed out of a parking spot in lot G. At that time, he turned left. As he was turning left, Willis began backing his car out of another spot and the two vehicles collided.

Damages to both cars were minimal. No one was injured.

The second accident occurred Dec. 3.

As OKCCC student Melanie Cummings traveled east on J. Lee Keels Boulevard, student Steven Self was traveling south at the east end of parking lot

A. Their vehicles collided.

There were no injuries and each vehicle suffered approximately \$1,000 in damages.

The third accident involved a hit and run.

Lila Taylor was sitting in her vehicle in parking lot C when another vehicle struck the rear end of her vehicle.

The impact didn't cause any damage to either vehicle, and there were no injuries involved. The driver of the second vehicle fled the scene.

# College holiday hours scheduled

The following is a schedule of building hours during the holidays:

Dec. 21 - 23:	7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Dec. 24:	7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec. 25 - Jan 3:	College closed
Jan. 4 - 8:	7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Jan. 9:	7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Jan 10 & 17:	Noon to 6 p.m.
Jan 11 - 15:	7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Jan. 16:	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Jan. 18 - 22:	7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Jan. 23:	7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Jan. 24:	Noon to 8 p.m.

Regular hours resume Jan. 25 when the college will be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mon. through Fri., 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat., and noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday.



The following is a schedule of library hours during the holidays:

Dec. 21 :	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Dec. 22 - 24:	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Dec. 25 - Jan 3:	College closed
Jan. 4 - 7:	7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Jan. 8:	7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Jan 9:	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jan 10:	Library closed
Jan. 11 - 15:	7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan. 16:	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jan. 17:	1 to 6 p.m.

Regular hours resume Jan. 18.



The following is a schedule of testing center hours during the holidays:

Dec 1 - 20:	Regular hours
Dec 21:	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Dec 22 - 24:	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Dec 25 to Jan 3:	College closed
Jan 4 - 7:	8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Jan 8:	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Jan 9:	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Jan 10:	1 to 4 p.m.
Jan 11 - 14:	8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Jan 15*:	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan 16*:	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Jan 17:	1 to 4 p.m.
Jan 18:	8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Jan 19 - 21:	8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Jan 22*:	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan 23-31:	Regular hours.

\*indicates extended hours for enrollment

## Highlights

### Grades won't be calculated until calculators are in

Students who leased graphing calculators for the fall semester are reminded that the lease is almost up. The signed contract stipulates that the calculators must be returned to the math lab within three days of the last math test. Please return the calculator to avoid a hold being placed on grades.

### Spring enrollment in full swing

Get a jump-start on the new year by enrolling early for spring classes. Students may take advantage of the long holiday by taking January intersession classes, held Jan. 4 to 17. The regular 16-week spring semester begins Jan. 18. On-campus enrollment hours until Dec. 23 are: Mondays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Previously admitted students may choose to enroll over the Internet through the college's Web page at [www.okc.cc.ok.us](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us). Students may also register over the telephone by calling 682-7580.

### Women's Career Development Program under way

The Women's Career Development Program is now enrolling students for classes which begin Jan. 19. Orientation for enrolled and interested students will be at 7 p.m. Jan 18 in CU1. The program helps women set career goals and identify steps needed to achieve them. For more information call Dr. Cecelia Yoder at 682-1611 ext. 7231 or Larry Golden at ext. 7667.

### Freshman essay contest entries still accepted

Attention faculty: If you have ENGL 1113 or 1213 students who have written outstanding essays, please encourage them to enter the Freshman Essay Contest. Entry forms are available through Clay Randolph at ext. 7238 or by e-mail at [crandolph@okc.cc.ok.us](mailto:crandolph@okc.cc.ok.us). Faculty members may also visit the English department website or click on <http://www.okc.cc.ok.us/~wneal/contest/index.htm>. Prentice Hall and Mayfield publishers have promised prizes. Deadline is Feb. 1. Winners will be announced in the spring.

### OKCCC offers physical education for homeschoolers

The office of Recreation and Community Services at OKCCC offers a homeschool physical education program for students in kindergarten through high school. The program consists of 30 minutes of open swim exercise and 30 minutes of supervised gym sports and activities. Classes meet from noon to 1:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The winter session will begin in January. Cost is \$20 per family for a four-week session. For more information or to enroll call Jonie Welle, community education coordinator, at 682-1611 ext. 7205.

### PASS with Class shares the spirit of caring

Parents As Single Students (PASS) with Class is sponsoring an activity to help parents who may not have much of a Christmas. Members of the student organization will assemble 28 baskets of personal items for parents from outside the metro area who are staying at Ronald McDonald House while their children are in the hospital. Donations placed in marked boxes near the Transitions Planning and Institutional Effectiveness and Prospective Student Services offices will be greatly appreciated. Appropriate items include: books, movie tickets, candles, soap, playing cards, candy, travel-size shampoo and razors. Deadline for donations is noon Dec. 16.



Band leader Al Good will lead his famous orchestra as they entertain and delight party-goers at the second annual Fantasy Forest Christmas Ball from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Dec 15 at the college.

As sounds of the Big Band and Swing eras shake the rafters, guests will "cut the rug" on a giant 15,000 square foot dance floor.

Other highlights for the evening include a buffet dinner served at 6:30 p.m. and a silent auction from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 per person, available through the office of Recreation and Community Services, or \$23 at the door.

Photo courtesy of Al Good

## Fantasy Forest Christmas Ball — the hot place to be on a cold night

By Rica Mitchusson  
Staff Writer

Fill the season with good food, gifts and music at the second annual Fantasy Forest Christmas Ball to be held Dec. 15 at OKCCC.

The evening begins with dinner, served at 6:30 p.m.

Banquet tables laden with scrumptious favorites, guaranteed to satisfy every appetite will be presented by Chili's Bar and Grill, "The Follies" at Four Points Sheraton, Harrigan's, The Olive Garden, On the Border, Outback Steak House and Pearl's Oyster Bar.

A silent auction from 6:30 to 9 p.m. may put Santa's bag of goodies to shame.

The last-minute discriminate shopper may prove that waiting to purchase that perfect gift is a wise venture.

Some of the many gifts

up for auction include original artwork, Beanie Babies, gift baskets, Blazer hockey tickets, Philharmonic concert tickets, Oklahoma State University football and basketball coach and

**Swing into the season with Al Good and his Orchestra. The second annual Fantasy Forest Christmas Ball will be held from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Dec. 15 at the college.**

staff autographs, Santa Claus display, Texanna Red's and Shorty Small's gift certificates, five-gallon Bradford pear tree, 25-pounds of bird seed and feeder, golf kit, Cal Ripkin, Jr. autographed baseball, golf for four, scuba classes, White Water Bay and Frontier City passes, car alarm system installed, Christmas tree, cake, slippers, OKCCC computer training class and OKCCC family and individual recreation and fitness memberships.

Proceeds from the auc-

tion will benefit the gymnasium renovation fund.

Al Good and his Orchestra are scheduled to entertain the young at heart and light on their feet with sounds of the big band and swing era.

Party-goers will sway, bop and Lindy-hop the night away, dancing under twinkling Christmas garlands from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

The festive evening, full of celebration and holiday cheer, begins even before guests arrive, with limousine service delivering guests from parking lot D to entry 6.

Semi-formal attire is suggested: ladies in after-five dress and gentlemen in suit and tie.

Cost for the ball is \$18 per person or \$23 at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets call the office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-7560.

# Classifieds

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- 9 Florence's river
- 13 Venice "street"
- 14 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
- 15 Smell terrible
- 16 Wide open
- 17 TV rooms
- 18 Blemish
- 19 Put back
- 21 Electrical unit
- 23 "Are you a man — mouse?"
- 24 Blood vessel
- 25 Ache
- 27 Church council
- 30 Piles
- 33 Actor's prompt
- 36 Nebraska's neighbor
- 38 Writer Zola
- 39 Ice hockey great
- 40 Plotted
- 42 Meadow
- 43 Fen
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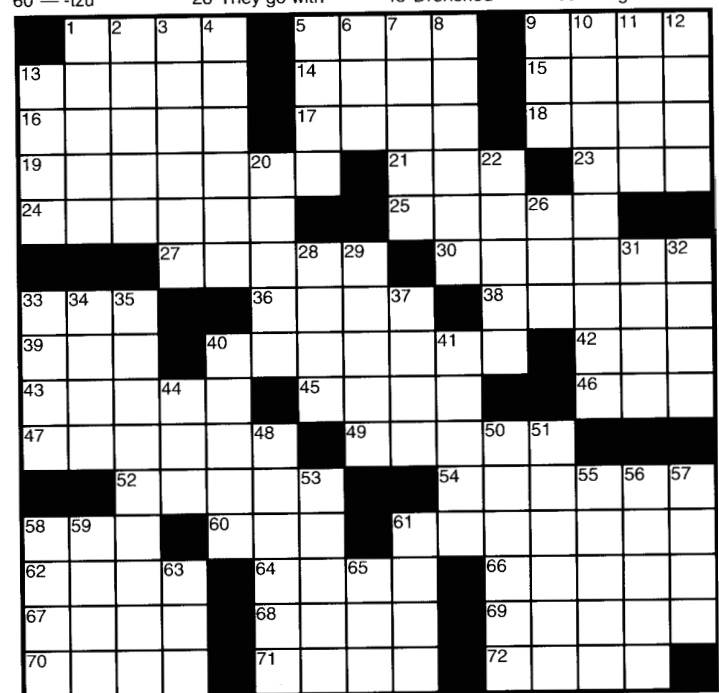
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- 5 Secret language
- 6 Tend the garden
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- 8 Short runs
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- 10 Get back together
- 11 Close
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## The Gift that keeps on giving...



Photo by Trent Dugas

Angela Diatrack, of the Oklahoma Blood Institute, goes through the procedure of drawing blood from OKCCC Graphic Communications major Kasie Montgomery. The latest blood drive netted 113 units of blood. OKCCC hosts five blood drives each year. The next blood drive will be held Feb. 17 and 18. Mike Jones, student life coordinator, said of the latest blood drive donors, "I thank everyone for being willing to save lives."

## State Capitol tour informative for international students

**Media Pizzini  
Newswriting I Student**

On Nov. 20 a group of OKCCC international students had the opportunity to see Oklahoma history,

**"In Vietnam, students are not allowed into the capitol of Hanoi."**

—Hoa Nguyen  
OKCCC Student

culture and government up close and personal when they toured the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Paintings of many famous and noteworthy individuals such as Sequoyah, creator of the Cherokee alphabet; Roscoe Dunjee, founder of the nationally noted Oklahoma City Black Dispatch; Robert S. Kerr, former U.S. Senator and president of Kerr-McGee Oil Industries, greeted the students upon their en-

trance into the Capitol.

"It's better than just reading about it," said student Son Cha Robinson.

"What I remember most is the paintings of Native American and African-American history in the Capitol building.

"Visiting the capitol has made the history of Oklahoma more real," said the native of Seoul, Korea.

Hoa Nguyen, a native of Vietnam, said he was most impressed by the history, architectural design and the governmental authority that resides within the Oklahoma Capitol.

However, Nguyen expressed disbelief in the lack

of security there.

"It's unbelievable the ease with which anyone can enter and exit the Capitol," Nguyen said.

"In Vietnam, students are not allowed into the capitol of Hanoi. All governmental buildings are secured," he said.

Nguyen said no one has access to the Capitol in Hanoi but governmental officials

Professors Abby Glenn-Allen Figueroa and Patricia Brooks accompanied the students on the tour.

Figueroa said the tour served several purposes.

"We wanted the students to learn about Oklahoma history, government, have fun and appreciate the beauty of the building," she said.

## Numerous financial aid sources exist for students

"Money,"

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"Every year, our office distributes about \$10 million in financial aid to students," he said. "Approximately \$7 million to \$8 million is from federal grants or loans.

"The college also aids students through tuition fee waivers, scholarships and work-study jobs."

Students can receive funds through the Regent's, President's, Freshman, Faculty Association and Workforce Development scholarships.

Special departmental and memorial scholarships are given out as well.

Sally Edwards, OKCCC director of prospective student services, said private organizations and businesses are also sources of help.

"There are scholarships out there for just about everything," Edwards said. "There is one scholarship given exclusively to owners of Harley Davidson motorcycles. Some organizations give scholarships to people

if they are of a certain race or gender."

A list of local groups and clubs that give out scholarships is kept in the prospective student services office on the first floor of the main building. Edwards said students can drop by anytime to pick up a copy of the list and apply.

For more information about financial aid, students can contact the office of prospective student services at 682-7580, the student financial aid center at 682-7525, the school's home page at: [www.okc.cc.ok.us](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us) or the coalition's campaign site at: [www.CollegeIsPossible.org](http://www.CollegeIsPossible.org).

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## Chess Puzzle

Answer to last week's puzzle:

Answer Nf5 attacks the black Queen. If the Queen moves or the Knight is taken then white will checkmate with Qh8.