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Photo by Alicia Price

Book Break: Ed Birdwell, theater major, takes full advantage of the comforts offered in the OKCCC library for a few minutes of personal time. Students entering the library will find it has many facets. Art, hot and cold beverages, snacks, computers and, of course, books are just a few things offered.

Todd, OKCCC Board of Regents implement college hiring freeze

By **Jamie Johnson**
Assistant Editor

OKCCC job openings may grow cold before being filled due to a hiring freeze which took effect Feb. 1.

Effective that date, all vacant positions at the college will remain vacant because of a decision by college President Bob Todd and the OKCCC Board of Regents.

Gov. Frank Keating has proposed a \$20-million increase in higher education funding.

Keating expects the money to come from an expected increase in tuition.

However, Todd said, he is skeptical.

"I am not convinced that there will be a tuition increase so I have to plan like there may not be," he said.

No jobs will be lost, Todd said, but no available posi-

tions at the college will be filled until he has time to pause and evaluate the staffing situation.

"Right now the college spends roughly 76 percent of its budget on people — faculty, staff, and lab support," he said.

"We will try to respond to

meet the students' needs.

"This freeze will enable the college to analyze the staffing trends and tendencies. It may mean that we have to re-assign people," said Todd.

The freeze will not affect the work-study program but instead will focus on

regular college employees.

"The Board of Regents wants to put the focus back into the classroom and improve the services provided to the students," Todd said.

"The freeze will help us evaluate our position and help the college become more efficient."

Hulseberg to file claim against city

By **Melissa Guice**
Editor

Diana Hulseberg is no stranger to pain. She will soon have more to go through — in the form of legal battles, that is.

Hulseberg, OKCCC test center assistant, suffered numerous injuries and endured a long hospital stay when her van was struck by a police cruiser in mid-January.

The Oklahoma City Po-

lice Department concluded that the officer involved, Sgt. Eric Thompson, was at fault.

Hulseberg's attorney, Gary Homsey, said he and the family are pursuing a claim against the city and Thompson.

"We are seeking compensatory funds from the city and the officer to pay for Mrs. Hulseberg's hospital bills and for her pain and suffering," he said.

Homsey explained that a claim must first be made against the city before any

legal action can be taken.

The city then has 90 days to accept or reject the claim.

If the city accepts the claim, agreements will be made and Hulseberg will receive a settlement. If the city rejects the claim then Homsey and the Hulsebergs will have six months to file a suit against the city.

Homsey added that, under Oklahoma law, there is a provision that puts a cap

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Enrollment on the rise

By **Melissa Guice**
Editor

OKCCC's spring student population has risen nearly 4 percent over last year's enrollment numbers.

The rise is partly due to the fact that intersession and fast track classes bring in students who would not normally attend OKCCC, said John Barker, director of research.

"We offer credit classes during January intersession that the traditional student doesn't usually take," he said. "That attracts many students who otherwise wouldn't be here."

OKCCC's enrollment numbers also have a lot to do with the rise of younger men attending the school.

OKCCC's Spring 1999 Enrollment Report to the Board of Regents reported that male enrollment has increased almost 9 percent over last year's numbers.

"We're picking up more traditionally-aged males," Barker said. "They range from ages 18 to 24."

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Legal tattoos increase safety, create revenue

On my left ankle is a permanent reminder of one of the best times of my life.

There it is, bordered in black and in the shape of one of the most famous symbols in the country.

Several people, young and old, see it and recognize it immediately, even from afar.

It's my tattoo, my Superman symbol, my accomplishment.

I remember when I picked it out from the book of designs. I remember the exact moment I got it. I even remember the first time I took off my bandage to peek at it.

I also remember the four hour drive I took to get it.

On my best friend's hip is the same accomplishment, the same symbol of independence — only in the shape of a small daisy.

She, too, remembers the drive to get it.

And we both admit it was a small price to pay for the fun and our "momentos."

But, what if we could have that same fun and those same cherished moments in our own state?

Oklahoma is only joined by one other state that still outlaws tattoos.

I remember while getting my tattoo, being utterly impressed with the surroundings. It was so clinical, it could be easily confused with a sterile doctor's office. Plastic baggies covered everything. Needles were contained in plastic, taken out, used, broken and thrown away. The ink was poured into small vials, used and thrown away. Even the spray bottle that contained alcohol to clean the area was covered with a plastic disposable bag. Every tattoo artist wore latex gloves. I was impressed and felt safe.

But, oh yeah, if you know someone, you can get a tattoo in this state — in a garage or a basement, with a dirty needle and infected ink, no doubt. Hepatitis, AIDS and other diseases fester in these settings. And where's the recourse? How can these places be monitored? Hello — concept: they can't. They're illegal here.

But, with legalization, we bring monitoring, safety and even money. Tax dollars from these businesses could go into the state treasury not to mention all of the Oklahoma dollars that would stay in Oklahoma.

Can you even imagine the number of Oklahomans who spend weekends in Dallas just to get a tattoo?

I spent more than \$200 in just two days for my room, food, gas and a tattoo.

The vote to approve the legalization of tattoos in Oklahoma has already been passed in the Senate and will soon go to the House.

I encourage you to contact your representatives and tell them to vote yes on State Bill 44.

—Melissa Guice
Editor

Cheaters never prosper

To the Editor:

With six weeks of the semester almost completed, it is probably safe to say that most students have completed their first exam, possibly even a second, not to mention a pop quiz here and there.

In one of my classes, I was witness to an appalling act of selfish and undignified behavior when I realized the instructor of this class had caught two students cheating on their exams.

Needless to say, my professor was angered and disappointed with the actions of these students and rightly so.

I was amazed at his ability to handle the situation as this is a serious offense and warrants strict action.

If you are unaware of the penalties for this type of conduct, it can include being dropped from the class

in question and receiving an "F" for your final grade, expulsion from the school and a permanent record of the offense on your transcript.

The honesty of these students has now been compromised and, in the eyes of their peers and this professor, they will probably never recover their integrity again.

I couldn't believe that this had taken place on a college campus! We are not in high school any more, boys and girls!

If you haven't studied or prepared for your exam, face the situation with dignity and take your losses. You may not always like the results; however, you can honestly say that you earned the grade.

If you aren't prepared for college, stay home and make way for the serious and dedicated student who

could be sitting in your seat.

Above all, don't jeopardize your academic career by being foolish enough to think that you will not get caught, either now or in the future.

Eventually this will catch up with you, so play it smart. Be prepared for those exams.

—Karen Wakefield
OKCCC Student

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By Leigh Rubin



When dolphin trainers become parents

Comments and Reviews

Pre-women's lib: not all it was cracked up to be

To the Editor:

Here's something for girls who want to be treated like girls from a "women's libber" who was there.

Let me say first that you must have put a lot of thought into your editorial, "Gentlemanly manners lost to lib movement." In this editorial, the lack of common courtesy was blamed on the women's movement.

Since you are obviously not old enough to remember what it was like to be treated like a "girl" before the movement, let me describe how your life might be affected today.

First, you will need to start buying all the dresses and pantyhose you can because you cannot wear slacks or shorts in the workplace or at school (not even college). Dresses are required. Be careful to measure the length because you cannot wear them too short. Rulers have been used to measure the distance between the hem and the knee.

Be careful in making your career choice. No need wasting a perfectly good education in a field where women are not accepted. There were plenty of low-paying jobs for women, though.

Typing skills are a must. If you are lucky to work in the same position as a

man, don't expect equal pay. There were no laws providing for equal opportunity or pay. Oh, and don't forget sexual harassment. There were no laws against that either. Try to make it work for you. After all, you might be trying to support your children as a single parent.

Of course, a woman's place was in the home, so you can pretty much figure you will stay there once you make that choice. After all, how can you support yourself and your children on minimum wage?

Oh, and there were no laws to protect women from physical abuse by their husbands, so be careful to act and be what he wants. It might help.

On the up side, men will always hold the door for you... I think.

I'm sorry that I spoiled all that for you, Jamie.

I would have liked for you to experience how women were revered and respected for being girls.

As for me, I think common courtesy is a behavior performed by and for any human regardless of gender. I want to be treated with the same respect any human is entitled.

You don't need a guide for that.

—**Lanette Gibson**
OKCCC Student

Opening own doors small price to pay for liberation

To the Editor:

After reading the editorial, "Gentlemanly Manners Lost to Lib Movement," published in the Pioneer on Feb. 15, I was dumbstruck. After regaining my faculties, I am compelled to offer another point of view.

First, and most important, courtesy, respect and kindness should never be ascribed exclusively to either gender. All human beings appreciate, desire, and should demonstrate those qualities. I wonder if two females had cut off the author, would she have noticed a "pattern?"

If so, what would that behavior have been called — "unladylike?" Would she subsequently have written her editorial?

I do not personally know Ms. Johnson, the author. However, I can infer that she is a young woman (she says "girl") who, for reasons based solely on her sex, has never been denied or discouraged from pursuing a career path; has never been paid less money for performing equal work equally well; or has never been patted on the fanny in the workplace and offered a promotion based on certain favors.

If all or any of the above

is true, she has those awful libbers to thank.

For those who really want to trek back to the chivalrous times of men placing coats over mud puddles, do not forget that you must also accept men's domination politically, eco-

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—**Mary Panches**
OKCCC Adjunct

nomically, and socially.

You will be governed and taxed with no input into your government. If you work outside the home, your husband, father, or brother is entitled to your wages. In cases of marital separation — whatever the cause — your children will most likely be taken from you.

You will be told how to dress and even what church to attend.

You may or may not be allowed an education, but your reading materials will most certainly be scrutinized or selected for you. Assuredly, you would never

sit wearing jeans behind the editor's desk of a college newspaper. Furthermore, I would not be writing this response without my husband's permission.

Hopefully, each of us enjoys his or her sex and sexuality. Fortunately, we need not sacrifice that enjoyment because of equal rights for women. At least I certainly have not. I do not, however, expect reverence or respect based on my gender.

Instead, I expect and demand human kindness and each of my human rights.

To say the women's movement has taken as much away from women as it has gained is ludicrous, or maybe simply naive.

Wouldn't most women rather be treated kindly by all, but revered and respected based on their intelligence, accomplishments and acts that benefit the human family, rather than whether they have vaginas? I would.

Certainly, opening my own door or even opening doors for men is a price I gladly pay to enjoy the freedoms and choices my grandmother never knew.

—**Mary Panches**
Adjunct Professor

Society's changes at fault, not bra-burners

To the Editor:

I am sure the whole campus is delighted to know that Ms. Johnson likes wearing her bra and being treated like a girl. Personally, that is a mental image that I could have done without.

While Ms. Johnson is idly waiting for doors to be opened and chairs to be pulled out, I am much too busy for such nonsense.

I much prefer being treated as an equal to be "different." I find that earning an "A" on a tough test

by studying hard is much more rewarding than some phony, outdated social convention that is based on my anatomy.

I also reject the idea that men are becoming "mindless idgits" or that they are "clueless." It is obviously rude to cut people off or to slam doors in their face whether those people are men, women, black, white, or purple with green polka dots. Those men and women who engage in this behavior are not clueless. They are just rude.

It is not "gentlemanly manners" that have declined so much as it is the general level of civility that has declined. You can blame this on a changing, fast-paced society rather than on the bra-burning libbers of the '60s.

Finally, Ms. Johnson, grow up! If you are old enough to remember the good old days so clearly, you are obviously much too old to be treated like or referred to as a girl!

—**Ellen Kazmierczak**
OKCCC Student

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Comments and Reviews

'This Fabulous Century' musical memorable show

"This Fabulous Century," a musical montage starring OKCCC college drama students, was performed over Valentine's weekend.

The students pulled the most memorable songs from the 20th-century blockbuster musicals. Skits were written, directed and performed by the drama students.

The musical was interesting and different to say the least.

There were many good skits — funny skits that received bursts of laughter from the audience.

There was dancing in some skits and the audience was pleased with performances by Rocky Rhodes, Lindsey Coffman, Jason Mayo and Ed Birdwell, actors who were portrayed in the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers skit.

The most applause came from the last number "The Jitterbug" where Jason

Mayo and Dondi Elias performed a swing routine that was more than entertaining. It was impressive.

Ricky Yanes-Kemple performed with the jazz ensemble. He wrote and performed a piece titled "Cruisin." This young performer is very talented.

The Chamber Singers, directed by Gwyn Williams, mixed it up a bit with their

wonderful sound. They performed numbers from the Broadway hits "Rent," "Chorus Line" and a great song from "Carousel" titled "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Michael Cross did a stand-up job in his solo song "Mack the Knife." I don't know which was better, his solo or his impression of Joan Crawford in the Crawford-Davis skit.

The musical montage lasted 90 minutes. I left impressed with the students.

I found "This Fabulous Century" to be fabulous with student effort.

—Traci Washington
Newswriting I Student

Play Review

Book explores life, lust, repentance in odd religion

"Tell me the story, Nanna," begs Ninah of her grandmother, Leila.

The story she wants to hear is the story of Leila's mother, the wicked woman, the whore, the murderer.

In "The Rapture of Canaan," author Sheri Reynolds takes the reader on an emotional roller coaster from pure innocence and adolescent flirting, to unbridled passion and one of the greatest losses of all — the loss of a child.

Ninah was an "unexpected gift of God," born into the Church of Fire and Brimstone and God's Almighty Baptizing Wind. Her grandfather founded the church way before she was born, even before her mamma was born.

Nobody knows how Grandpa Herman came up with his brand of Christianity. He used the Bible, of course, but only the parts he liked.

He had a habit of altering the verses to mimic his own beliefs.

The children were required to go to classes at

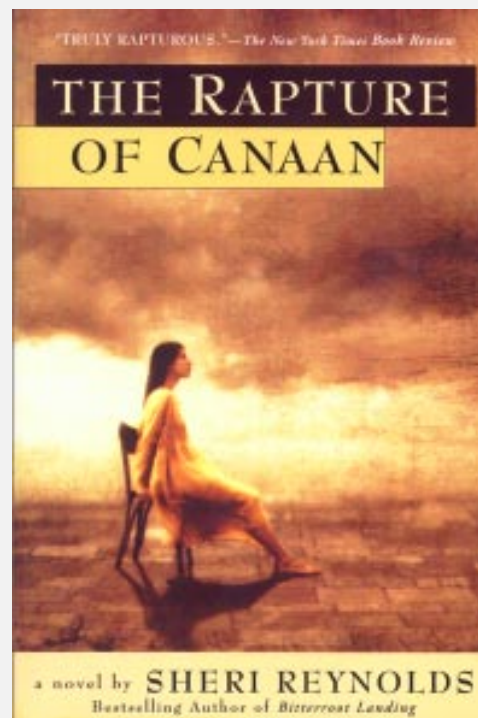
cockleburs and sandspurs. After a night of libation one member of the church had to spend the night in a grave, the entire congregation fasted during the punishment.

Ninah's prayer partner, James, took his own life after finding out that Ninah was pregnant with his child to avoid the wrath that he knew would be forthcoming when Grandpa discovered this most heinous sin.

Reynolds has included variations of medieval beliefs and vivid descriptions like, "He wore his blood pressure like the glaze on a loaf of bread," to deliver a novel that breathes life, lust and repentance into each page.

She explores the gamut of beautiful and terrible moments of life at the Church of Fire and Brimstone and God's Almighty Baptizing Wind.

— Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer



night where they memorized Grandpa Herman's laws. They didn't believe in doctors, lunch boxes or girls wearing pants. Any girl wearing trousers would go straight to hell for trying to be a man.

There were punishments assigned to each sin. For falling asleep at dinner Ninah had to sleep with

'Varsity Blues': so much more than a football movie

Down, Set, Hike!! While football maybe be the main event on screen during "Varsity Blues" it's much more than a football movie.

It stars James Van Der Beek (yeah, the one from Dawson's Creek) as a second-string quarterback turned hero. Jon Voight is his overbearing, heartless football coach.

The story is about a group of high school seniors who have played football their entire lives — not necessarily by choice, but

in West Canne, Texas, that's what you did.

OK, folks, this isn't some sports movie where you have to watch a football game played by movie stars play-by-play.

This movie questions authority from a young person's perspective.

If your high school was anything like mine, every-



thing stopped on Friday night for football games.

This movie examines why high school sports are played.

I have to admit, when I bought the ticket for this movie, I was a bit skeptical.

I figured this was another one of those teenybopper movies with just way too much hype. Trust me, I was wrong.

After I watched "Varsity Blues" one time, I was ready to see it again.

In fact, I did go back to see it a second time and it didn't get old.

If you're in the mood for a funny, yet serious look, back into your senior year, "Varsity Blues" is definitely for you.

— Jamie Johnson
Assistant Editor

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College library book bill killed

By **Jamie Johnson**
Assistant Editor

A bill that would allow any person with an Oklahoma driver's license to check out books from college and university libraries was voted down in the House Administrative Rule Review Committee.

Oklahoma State Rep Dan Webb (R-Oklahoma City), presented the bill for consideration.

If he has his way, it will pass in some form before the current session ends May 28.

Supporters of the bill said they felt it would give people other than students access to knowledge that is not always available in the public library system.

Those who oppose the bill said it would hinder the educational advancement for some students.

The group said students needing a certain book to gain class credit would suffer if the book has already been checked out by someone who doesn't need it.

Before the bill can be reconsidered, it must first be revised by Webb.

The bill is expected to go back before the House before the close of the session.

"I've taken the bill this far and I'm going to see it through," Webb said.

Club shows college a reality for all

By **Becky Gerred**
Staff Writer

Imagine a future without a college education.

Many high school and junior high school students believe that is a reality.

Due to circumstances in their lives, they believe college is not within their reach.

The College Club Program gives these at-risk students a chance to dream for the future.

J. P. Johnson, coordinator of College Club, believes these kids can be reached.

The College Club Program is a partnership between the faculty and staff of four different higher education learning institutions and public schools.

Volunteer teams go into eight area high schools to promote the idea that college can be available for everyone.

In an interview with the

South Leader, an area newspaper, Johnson said, "We're not out recruiting for a specific institution of higher learning.

"We're here to help kids stay in high school and show them what they are doing now relates to what they do after graduation.

"We help them stay interested in school and plan their future."

Many of the students have special needs that may cause them to hesitate to plan on college.

The teams address the problems and questions these kids may have such as how financial assistance can be acquired.

Many at-risk students have never had a family member attend college, so financial aid is a foreign term to them.

"What we try to teach is that anyone can go to college," Johnson told the South Leader.

"You can build on your education.

"You can get a job and work your way through college or take some classes, take a break if you need to and then go back and finish."

Johnson said the college is also developing a college awareness program.

The program sends volunteers into junior high schools to begin planting seeds of attending college in the students' minds before they get to high school.

The volunteers are in the process of talking to junior high school principals to coordinate a program at three southside Oklahoma City junior high schools.

"What we have found is a 40 percent dropout rate before these kids are entering ninth grade," Johnson said.

"We have agreed that all sixth graders need to come on a college campus at least once."

Johnson hopes, this spring, groups of these kids will be touring the campus.

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Telecourses provide classroom alternative

By Alicia Price
Newswriting I Student

Juggling school schedules and work schedules while maintaining a degree of sanity isn't an easy task.

Telecourses have proved to be a lifesaver to many who don't have time to attend regularly-scheduled classes.

Telecourses can be viewed on public television stations or on videotapes available at the college library.

Glenda Prince, distance education coordinator, said, telecourse enrollment is up from last spring by 70 enrollments.

Two new telecourses will be added in the fall.

Business communication will be available as well as Introduction to Nutrition.

Prince said telecourses may not be for everyone because they require self-discipline.

However, she said, students who choose to take telecourses usually do well.

"From the statistics I receive, telecourse students do as well as on-campus students," Prince said.

Nicole Winfrey, broadcasting major, said she likes the telecourse format and the fact that she can work at her own pace.

"You have to be pretty devoted to it," she said.

For more information about telecourse enrollment, call the Telecourse Hotline at 682-6222.

OKCCC student enrollment examined

"Students,"
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When broken down, though, female students still outnumber male students 55.5 percent to 44.5 percent.

The average age of OKCCC's students is 27 years old, Barker said.

"But that number can be a little misleading," he said.

"The median, which is the exact middle number if you take all of the ages and list them from smallest to greatest, is 23. That is a better indication of the age of most students."

The majority of students are under age 25.

Ages 18 to 22 make up about 44 percent of the student body.

About 40 percent of the students are between the ages of 23 and 37.

Those aged 38 and up make up the remainder while about .8 percent is attributed to concurrent enrollees aged 17 and under.

About 75 percent are unmarried which is another facet of the age, Barker said.

Barker said students

enrolled part-time outnumber full-timers 69.3 percent to 30.7 percent.

More students take day only classes. About 38 percent take only day classes, while about 28 percent take only night classes.

About 4 percent take

weekend classes while about 7 percent take arranged classes which include the online courses and some telecourses.

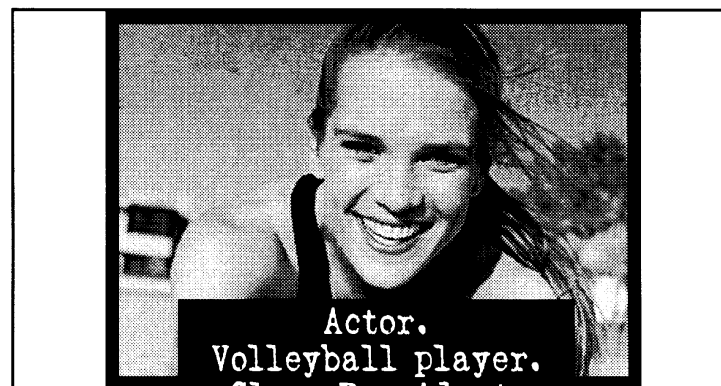
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Students get a kick out of playing soccer



Eager OKCCC students gathered on Saturday morning, Feb. 20, at the south side of the college to try out for the Intramural Soccer League. Everyone who tried out made the team.

The soccer team challenges other area colleges including Rose State, Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma State University in Stillwater and the University of Oklahoma. The team practices on Wednesday evenings and Thurs-

day evenings at 4:45 p.m. Team members must attend at least one practice each week to be eligible to play in Saturday's game.

Terry Kilpatrick, the team's sponsor, said of the team, "We have a lot of skill, we just have to get the timing down. We have a very talented bunch of guys."

The next soccer game of this semester will be played against RSC at 3 p.m. on

"We have a great deal of skill. We just have to get the timing down."

—Terry Kilpatrick
Soccer Team Sponsor

Saturday, March 6. It will be held at OKCCC on the soccer field located on the south side of the campus.

**Photos by
John Thomas
Text by
Darcey Ralls**



Right: Le Tran, a member of the OKCCC Intramural Soccer Team, enjoys the warm weather while he practices his soccer moves.



Above: OKCCC student Chris Morgan gets ready to kick the ball. "With his powerful shot, you don't want to be in front of the ball when he kicks it," said the team's sponsor, Terry Kilpatrick. Soccer is a great way for students to get exercise, meet people and compete against other area soccer teams.



Above: Dustin Hooker, a member of the OKCCC soccer team, practices his fancy footwork at a recent soccer practice.

OKCCC Soccer League Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Home</u> | <u>Away</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| March 6 | 3 p.m. | OKCCC | RSC |
| March 27 | 3 p.m. | OSU | OKCCC |
| April 3 | 3 p.m. | OKCCC | OU |
| April 10 | 3 p.m. | UCO | OKCCC |

The semifinals will be held April 17.

Right: The soccer ball doesn't stand much of a chance of getting by OKCCC student, Geoffery McClendon. The members of this semester's soccer team are very dedicated and hope to have a great season.

Left: Drew Cushion, OKCCC student, tries to score a goal at a recent practice for the soccer team. The team is preparing for their first game.



For more information about the soccer league, contact Michelle Harris at 682-1611 ext. 7363.

OKCCC Soccer Team Roster*

**Michael Bell
Dustin Hooker
Robert Haney
Drew Cushion
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**Brian Richardson
Chris Morgan
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*as provided to the PIONEER last week.

Downtown classes create adult alternatives

By Jan Gilbreath
Newswriting I Student

College isn't just for kids anymore.

Just ask one of the hundreds of working adult students who are combining classes with job and family responsibilities.

To make this juggling act a little easier for those who live or work in the downtown area, OKCCC has formed the Downtown College Consortium in cooperation with Redlands Community College, OSU-

OKC, Rose State College and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Students may enroll at the facility at 120 N. Robinson on the fifth floor, at the main OKCCC campus, by telephone or over the Internet.

Classes are held through the noon hour and evenings to accommodate work schedules.

Tuition for Downtown College Consortium classes is \$173.25 per lower-division class, slightly higher than on-campus courses.

Upper-division and graduate classes are of-

fered as well. No fees are assessed and downtown parking is included.

Financial aid is available through OKCCC.

Credit courses range from algebra to world philosophies. Non-credit classes are offered in everything from American Sign Language to yoga.

Most classes are held in a traditional classroom with an instructor from one of the partnering colleges. Others are taught through interactive television.

Administrator Jay Parmley said he would love to see more adults take advantage

of the convenience and variety of courses available.

Now entering its fourth year, the Consortium prints and distributes fliers to downtown businesses to attract students.

Currently about 200 students enrolled in credit

classes are improving their résumés while about the same number of students are improving other skills through the non-credit courses.

"This may be OKCCC's best kept secret," Parmley said.

Students asked to obey campus laws

By Carol Childress
Contributing Writer

Traffic violations on the OKCCC campus happen daily.

Keith Bourque, interim director of campus safety and security, said several issues currently plague the campus.

One is speeding.

However, he said, it is difficult for campus safety and security to enforce the posted 25 mph speed limit.

"CLEET licensing Agency prevents OKCCC security officers from stopping violators.

"Certain safety issues, such as sirens, lights and training are necessary for pulling someone over," Bourque said.

Another area of concern, Bourque said, is parking.

He said one area in particular — parking lot G on the south side of the college — has had problems regarding the handicapped parking spaces.

Parking in this area originally provided non-handicapped spaces between handicapped parking spaces.

Bourque said that posed a problem for vans needing clearance for wheelchairs.

That has recently

changed.

The area now has become a handicapped parking-only area. It is still not van accessible, but four extra spaces are now provided as a result.

Fire zones have also posed a problem for campus security.

Bourque said drivers need to remember the fire zones — the areas against the curb marked in red — are for fire trucks and not for parking cars or picking up passengers.

Bourque said parking violators will receive citations. In fact, he said, they may receive more than one citation.

He said not only could violators receive a citation from campus security but could also receive a fine from the Oklahoma City Police Department.

Capitol reporter offers aspiring writers trade tips

By Judi Iardella
Newswriting I Student

Mick Hinton, capitol reporter for the Daily Oklahoman, had Professor Clay Randolph's Magazine Feature writing class in awe as he told of his life as a legislative reporter. He told how he had interviewed freshman legislator John Sellers just a few weeks ago.

Hinton said while watching the swearing-in of a freshman group of legislators he noticed Sellers' family which includes six adopted children.

At that moment, Hinton said, he saw a profile story that would not only tell about a family but, within that story, tell about the man newly elected.

Hinton came to the class to conduct a question-and-answer session which focused on teaching fledgling writers the art of the interview.

Hinton told the class of 17 the numerous items writers should always keep in mind. He said stories should be checked for accuracy, from the correct spelling of a name to verifying facts.

The class was also reminded of their obligation as writers to let the person being interviewed know the kind of story that will be written and what type of slant or, angle, it will take.

Hinton said writers need to use common sense and write about what interests them. A good rule of thumb for writers, he said, is to write about what their husband, wife and friends would be interested in.

"Never be afraid to write too much," he said. "There is always an editor to reel it in to a manageable size."

As Hinton left the class he offered the students a little piece of advice on conclusions.

"Information is like sands through an hour glass but save some special sand for the last."



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Daily Oklahoman writer Mick Hinton shared trade secrets with Professor Clay Randolph's magazine feature writing class during a recent visit.

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Dr. Troy Hitzeman of the Oklahoma Blood Institute draws blood from Terry Stanley at the recent blood drive. Eighty units of blood were donated. Hitzeman said there is a real need for donors at this time. "We need to draw about 1000 units a week to keep up with hospital needs," he said. The next drive is scheduled for April 21 and 22 at OKCCC.

College employee may battle city in court

"Claim,"

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on damages that can be received from an entity or city. That cap is \$100,000.

The \$100,000 would not provide Hulseberg with enough even to pay her medical bills, Homsey said.

That, he said, is why Hulseberg is filing a civil rights action against the city.

"They have deprived her of her right to work, her right to live pain free, injury free," Homsey said.

"They have deprived her of her right to provide for her family."

The Hulsebergs are claiming the city was negligent in the supervision of the officers.

Homsey said he believes the city will accept their claim but will probably re-

ject the civil rights action.

He said, however, he is prepared to go through litigation over it.

As for Hulseberg, Homsey said, "She's in for a long haul."

Hulseberg is currently at home and is still undergoing physical therapy.

She suffered a broken collarbone, a broken hip, a broken shoulder and arm and several broken fingers.

Thompson was found to be at fault by the OCPD because he was driving left of center and over the speed limit when he ran a stop sign and hit Hulseberg's vehicle.

He is still employed with the police department pending an investigation by a review board.

Oklahoma City Police Capt. Charles Allen refused to comment on the legalities of the claim but did say

Political science professor to speak in Washington, D.C.

By Jamie Johnson
Assistant Editor

Political Science teacher of the year Dana Glencross is on her way to Washington, D.C.

Glencross has been selected as one of the speakers for the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute being held in March.

She will be speaking on the honors study topic, "The New Millennium: The Past as a Prologue," as it relates to her field, politics.

"This is going to push my abilities as a teacher to their limits," Glencross said.

The institute is comprised of 23 scholars who have been selected from an international field of study.

Glencross will attend a Faculty Development Conference March 4 through 7 in Jackson, Miss. to help prepare her for the institute.

"I'll absorb what I can

during the Faculty Development Conference and take it to the students during the Institute," Glencross said.

This is not the first Honors Institute Glencross has participated in.

She also spoke at a 1992 institute in Minnesota.

"I had a blast at the first institute and I expect that the second one will be even



Dana
Glencross

more fun.

"It's going to be very challenging to do the research for the discussion," she said.

Glencross said this is one of the most rewarding teaching experiences an educator can have because

the students at the institute really want to be there.

"I want to give these students something great to go home with."

Job fair scheduled

Students are encouraged to bring résumés

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

that will help them with their job search in the future."

Several companies will be attending the job fair recruiting and accepting résumés.

They include: America Online, Coors Distributing, Hertz Corporation, NationsBank, Sprint PCS and United Parcel Service.

Gary Young, UPS recruiter, said he encourages everyone to attend, even students who are only seeking part-time employment. Young said a part-time position may lead to a full-time job.

"We promote from within. You may start out as a part-time employee and move up from there."

For more information about the Spring Job Fair contact Student Life at 682-7253.

The Office of Student Life and Graduate Employment Services at OKCCC are sponsoring a Spring Job Fair to be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, in the College Union.

Staci McPhearson, coordinator of graduate employment services, said job fairs provide students with the opportunity to meet recruiters and representatives from many companies, hand out résumés and establish career contacts.

"I think it's important for students to attend the job fair even if they are not looking for a job because they can establish contacts

Thompson is responsible for the accident.

"I can say that the main contributing factor to the accident was the officer's failure to yield right of way," Allen said.

"We concluded that the day after the accident."

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Job Fair tips given

"Job fairs can be intimidating," said Bradley Richardson, author of *Jobsmarts for Twentysomethings*. He offers the following helpful suggestions:

- Be sure to talk to everyone, not just the big-name companies.
- Get a list ahead of time or circle around the perimeter and make a list of the companies that you would like to speak with.
- Walk straight up to them, look them in the eye, shake hands and take the lead.

Highlights

Native American Organization to sell tacos

The Native American Cultural Awareness Organization will hold an Indian taco sale from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3 in the College Union. The tacos will cost \$3.50 and members of the organization will deliver the tacos anywhere in the building. Popcorn, tickets for chances to win prizes and advance tickets for the tacos will be sold in the morning on Monday, March 1, and Tuesday, March 2 on the first floor of the main building. Proceeds from these events will help defray the cost of attending the Gathering of the Nations PowWow in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The next NACAO meeting will be held at 12:20 p.m. March 18 in room 3N5.

The Leadership Council to hold meeting

The Leadership Council will have a meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 1:25 p.m. on Thursday, March 4 in CU1.

Dance classes offered to help students get into step

The Office of Recreation and Community Services at OKCCC is offering 8-week adult education courses in several different types of dance, designed to suit every style. Beginning, intermediate and advanced ballroom dance classes will meet Thursday evenings beginning March 25. Participants will learn the fox trot, jitterbug, waltz, polka, cha cha, mambo and tango. Country and Western dance classes cover the two-step, waltz, jitterbug, 10-step, cotton-eyed Joe and line dances. This course meets Wednesday evenings beginning March 24. Students interested in learning the latest craze, swing dance, can jump, jive and wail on Wednesday nights beginning March 24. Other types of dance classes to be offered include Salsa, Flamenco and Mideast Belly dancing. For more information or to enroll in any of the dance courses, call 682-7560.

OKCCC focuses on family

A focus on the family is being featured during a series offered by the Office of Recreation and Community Services at OKCCC. Courses in the series are designed to help parents and children understand one another by providing information about personality differences, discipline, self-esteem and more. In "Television and Children" offered from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, learn what effect television has on kids, how to modify viewing time and how to make the most of the time delegated for viewing. Cost is \$10. For more information or to enroll, call the College's Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-7560.

Students get ready to 'Rock-N-Bowl'

The Psychology/Sociology Club, Psi Beta and Intramural Sports at OKCCC are teaming up to sponsor 'Rock-N-Bowl' from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, March 5 at Bowling Green, 104th and S. Western. 'Rock-N-Bowl' is free for all OKCCC students. For more information or to sign up, contact the Wellness Center at 682-1611 ext. 7363.

Scholarships available to Hispanic students

Information about the Oklahoma Hispanic Professional Association Scholarship is now available in the Prospective Student Services office across from the Student Organizations office on the first floor of the main building. Any student who is interested in information about available scholarships can check the scholarship rack in the Prospective Student Services office.



Photo by John Thomas

Pictured are chess players: (l to r) B. J. Baxter, Wesley Rodriguez, Cato Ellis and Aaron Mell. They carefully ponder their next moves during the Chess Club tournament which was held on Friday, Feb. 19 in the Student Union. The contest was free and entry was not limited to OKCCC students. Mell placed second in the competition.

OKCCC students compete in chess club tournament

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

OKCCC students Fred Rodriguez, Aaron Mell, Steven Howsmon, and Clay Morse placed first, second, third and fourth respectively at the campus chess club tournament on Feb. 19.

Aaron Mell has been in the chess club for two semesters,

"I thought the competition was around average. Besides, I had played most of the people at the tournament during the chess club meeting, leaving a few surprises though."

This is the first tournament Mell has participated

in. He was in 7th place going into the last round. He said winning his last game put him in second place.

The tournament was not limited to OKCCC students. Larry Lindsey, who is a high school student, also took home a first-place trophy.

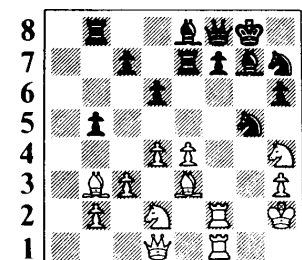
There were 20 players going after a top spot in the tournament. Five rounds were played and the winners were announced.

Other OKCCC students participating in the chess tournament included Steven Phillips, Chris Young, Johnny Harris, Dan VanSchuyer, Justin Smyth, Justin Austin, Ali Jaffery, Wesley Woodward and Mathis Brody.

The OKCCC Chess Club

meets every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union. For more information, call Dennis Anderson at 682-1611, ext. 7271.

Chess Puzzle



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Pieces with few or no flight squares can often be trapped. How can white trap a piece in this diagram.
(Answer next week)

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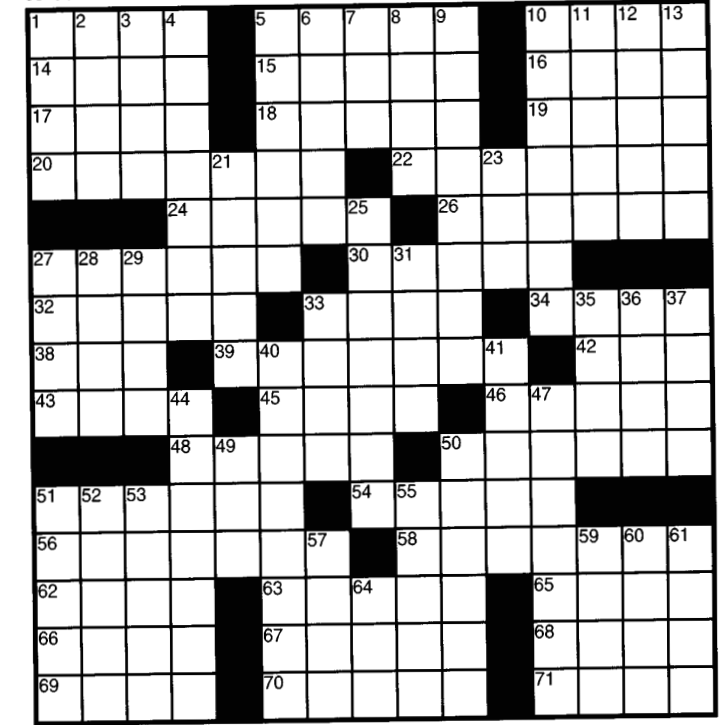
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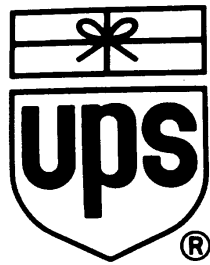
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Students analyze professors' classroom clothing

**By Stacey Bartmann
Newswriting I Student**

According to some OKCCC students, the way a professor dresses on the first day of class affects their view of the course.

OKCCC faculty can be seen wearing anything from suits and ties to jeans and T-shirts.

Sophomore business major Grant Jordan prefers that his professors take the casual approach.

"Teachers who wear jeans to class seem to be more laid back than teachers who take enough time to get all dressed up."

Some students make a comparison between what a teacher wears and the way they grade.

Sophomore Chris McGuire said there definitely is a relationship between a professor's style of dress and style of grading.

"If I had a choice between a professor wearing heels and one wearing tennis shoes, I would choose the one wearing tennis shoes," he said.

"Casual teachers seem to relate better with students and sometimes grade more leniently."

Are professors trying to make an impression with what they put on each day?

Adjunct Professor Alan

Ball said, during the first few weeks of class, he adds a tie to his wardrobe because it helps to set him apart as an authority figure.

When Ball is not teaching History 1483, he works part-time as a private investigator.

He said his cowboy boots, jeans and button-down shirt are appropriate both on the job and in the classroom.

For the most part, Ball said, he likes wearing jeans. He said it is what he feels most comfortable in.

Although jokingly he said, "I sometimes wear black after test days."

While some students

analyze what a professor wears, others say that it makes no difference at all.

That may be for the best said one OKCCC student who recalls making a false assumption about a teacher based on appearance.

"I once had a teacher who wore Birkenstocks," said dental hygiene major Lindsey Nosh. "For some reason I just assumed he would be an easy teacher."

"But after the first test I realized that I might have been a little quick to judge," he said.

Former student Ed Kleiss may have summed up the importance of what people wear when he said, "We make judgments about people on a daily basis."

"The clothes people wear are symbols that reflect both their personality and lifestyle."

Student co-chairs higher education day

**By Melissa Guice
Editor**

Biology major Demetrious Farrow will have his hands full when he helps preside over Higher Education Day at the State Capitol March 2.



Demetrious Farrow

Farrow is co-chair for the day's events. The day will focus on the role of Oklahoma's colleges in developing more intellectual capital for the state.

"This is a great honor to be chosen to participate in such a prestigious event," Farrow said. "I'm proud to represent OKCCC and my fellow students on a day that is set aside for us to focus on the advances higher education can make for the entire state."

Farrow has already earned a Certificate of Mastery in emergency medical technology from OKCCC and an Associate degree in applied science from the Community College of the Air Force.

He is concurrently enrolled at the University of Central Oklahoma as a senior biology major.

Farrow served 10 years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force and was named the 1996 Airman of the Year for Tinker Air Force Base and for the 12th Air Force Division from about 6000 enlisted personnel.

He also organized a 20-piece choir to sing at the Midwest City Festival of Lights and directed his church's drama department.

In addition, Farrow coordinated an appreciation dinner on behalf of his church for police, fire and emergency workers who were involved in the rescue efforts following the Murrah Federal Building bombing.

Registration for Higher Education Day begins at 8:30 a.m. in the fourth floor rotunda of the Capitol while the main session begins at 9:30 a.m. in the House Chamber. Visits with legislators will be scheduled after 11 a.m.

The event is co-sponsored by the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma (HEACO) and the Oklahoma Student Government Association.

For more information about Higher Education Day, contact HEACO at 848-1333.

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