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Spring break plans revealed

By Becky Gerred
Newswriting I Student

With spring break just around the corner, plans are being made to make every minute count.

Even working people are planning some extra fun during their off hours.

Believe it or not, some students and staff plan to find enjoyment doing nothing.

Beverly Glass, OKCCC employee, might be shopping for a new home.

"I am thinking about selling my home and I will probably be out looking for a new one," she said.

Erin Jazzar of the collections department has different plans.

"Not be here," she said. "If I have the money I will try to make it to Dallas or Tulsa or somewhere."

Accounting student Sarah Branecky works full time so she is unable to hit the slopes or just hang out.

But, she said, she does have a few plans.

"It's my brother's birthday so we are going to spend time with family and just relax."

Nursing student Christina Sanders said she is going to take her child to the park and relax at home.

Aubrey Lovelady, nursing student, may also take advantage of the free time to move.

Sociology major Kevin Jaworsky is headed to Padre Island.

While there, Kevin said, he plans to "party all night and just stay at the beach all day."

Kathryn Young, criminology major, said she will, "work hard at the mall and

in the evening go with my friends and have as much fun as we can since we are still in Oklahoma."

Criminal Justice major, Vanessa Mendoza plans to visit Cancun with friends.

Upon arriving, she said, they plan to "go to the clubs have fun and drink."

Student Lisa Woods plans to visit Colorado where her aunt owns a bed and breakfast.

When asked if she will work or enjoy herself, she said, "I probably will enjoy myself is more like it."

OKCCC's spring break is March 15 through the 21.

For more on spring break fun, see p. 6

Tech Fling '99 promises fun look at current computer technology

By Becky Gerred
Newswriting I Student

Be prepared to enjoy lots of laughs at the upcoming Techfling '99 being held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 25 on the OKCCC campus.

Psychology Professor Martha George said the event will be worth attending.

She said Techfling '99 will include both whimsical and serious activities in hopes of educating the members of the college community about the technology that is available on campus.

"The whimsical events will include a virtual computer fling and a computer pinata bash," George said.

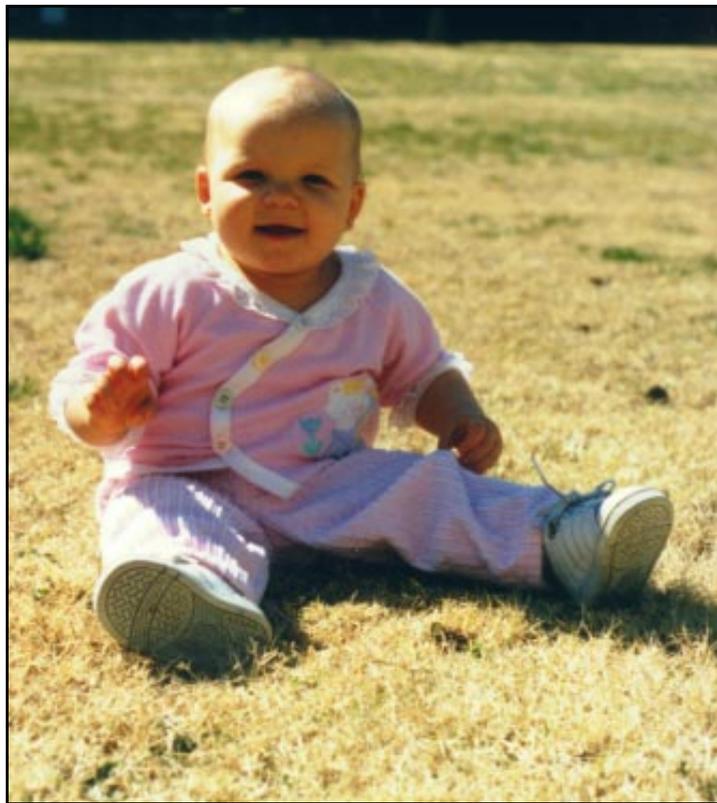


Photo by Darcey Ralls

Baby, baby: Alexandra Davis, 11 months, romps in the sunshine under her mother Shaun's watchful eyes while she waits for her dad — also named Shaun — to take a test inside the college.

"In addition, there will be booths where one may play for prizes such as free software, that will have punny names such as Boot the Disk, Spam Shuffle and Discus Throw.

"Most of the exhibits and booths will be in CU 1, 2, and 3 with at least one event outdoors, which will be the computer fling," George said.

"A primitive, homemade catapult will be used to fling a computer-in-effigy."

There will be a charge at some of the booths but there will also be free activities.

Proceeds will go to the Faculty Association's Student Scholarship Fund.

George said there will be food and drink to replenish the hard-core game player.

"At the refreshment

booths, one may purchase such things as java, hot links, chips, apples, and cybercorn (popcorn)."

Techfling '99 is designed to help lighten a little bit of the technology stress people experience every day, George said.

Those attending will also have an opportunity to sign up for web mail, go on a virtual tour with the library staff on the library's homepage, tour other homepages and watch demonstrations of online courses the college offers, George said.

"Techfling '99 is coordinated by the Future Technology Team but involves the participation of a wide variety of campus groups ranging from student organizations to faculty and staff," she said.

Computer proficiency required

By Casey Felty
Newswriting I Student

OKCCC requires that all associate degree graduates demonstrate competency with the use of computers. This requirement is called computer proficiency.

Computer proficiency consists of using a computer to perform one or more of the following functions: word processing, spreadsheet use, database management, multimedia and graphic design, and computer programming.

Counselor and Retention Specialist Ed Williams instructs new students on how to meet the computer proficiency requirement.

"Students can satisfy the proficiency requirements in a number of different ways," he said.

Williams said a student may have his or her employer write a signed letter listing the computer programs or software the student has worked with.

Computer proficiency can also be met with the successful completion of a computer-proficiency assessment.

This is a test where students demonstrate basic computer skills.

The admissions office directs all students inquiring about the test to the correct professor in the computer science area. A satisfactory grade is required to pass the test.

Williams said the easiest way to meet computer pro-

See "Students," page 12

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Just asking for a call back, not an organ donation

I know, at some time in your life, you've left 50 messages for someone to call you back but they never do.

You send them e-mails to remind them to check their messages and still, no response. All you want is a simple answer to a simple question, yet even though you elected this person, he won't give you the time of day now.

I made several hundred phone calls in the past two weeks to several of our elected state officials, simply wanting to ask a question about two pieces of legislation, but you'd have thought I had asked for a kidney or heart.

Yes, I made some of those calls as a journalism student, but still I vote, and they are my representatives. I'd accept at least a phone call to brush me off.

I made more than 10 calls to a representative simply to ask if he was going to try to push for the legislation of a bill that he wrote.

In all honesty, I never expected a call from the man himself, but I did expect one of his groupies to call me back and tell me what I needed to know.

Then I called another state senator to ask him if he was still opposed to legislation that may or may not be going back through the Senate, depending on what I found out from the representative. Confused yet? Well, by this time, so was I.

It was not until I took myself in person to the State Capitol and went to their offices that I got an answer to my question. The funny thing about the whole situation is that the answer took less than five minutes to explain.

Now, that may not seem like a big deal. I mean, a 15-minute drive downtown — that's no big deal, right?

Wrong! What about the poor farmer who lives in far southeast Oklahoma who can't afford to take off work to drive four hours across Oklahoma to talk to his representative? That's not acceptable.

I know these guys and gals are very busy people but are they so busy that they have forgotten how they got into that office? We need to help them remember who put them in office and why they are there.

"But I'm only one person" is the major excuse I hear to this argument.

That may be true, but together we are a group of people who elected these government representatives and we're the ones who should tell them what to do and how to do it.

If you want your representative to represent you, then tell them. Call them, write them, e-mail them, visit them. Do something. After all, you're their boss. Make them work for you.

— **Jamie Johnson**
Assistant Editor

Stupid and childish make for amusing antics in the world

To the Editor:

This is in response to the multiple letters I've seen bashing Jamie Johnson's editorial "Gentlemanly manners lost to lib movement."

Let us please get over this. I cannot believe the students of this institution are so capable of so much unwarranted emotion towards a clearly bad joke.

Ms. Johnson, I am sure, is a wonderful person. It is easily seen throughout her editorial that she was writing in jest.

It is the fault of the readers who can not comprehend the humor in her words.

Had her words been spoken rather than read, it is possible the group of angry writers would get a good chuckle rather than let out

a bellow of distress.

It was funny to me for one reason and one reason alone, it was funny.

Yes, it was perhaps stupid and a bit childish, but stupid and childish things are funny to the majority of people in the world.

I am not saying that I support or even agree with Ms. Johnson's position on men and women and their relationships.

Frankly I could say I am a bit disturbed by it. And I also think disturbing thoughts and jokes are also funny to the majority of the world.

Look at some of the comedians in today's entertainment business.

When's the last time one of them spoke about a nice, safe subject and got some laughs?

Here's a personal note to Ms. Johnson: it was funny, I thought so and I will continue to think so, especially if all the bra burners in the world attempt to burn you — even at the stake, that is.

— **Name withheld by request**

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RUBES® By Leigh Rubin



"Really brightens up the place, eh?"



Comments and Reviews

Good intentions not always good idea

To the Editor:

This is in response to the letter to the editor, "Elevator riders should use common sense."

I am a student at OKCCC and I have some limitations which make it a challenge to get around the school campus.

I have received assistance from the school because I have been provided with a special chair and table. This gives me an equal chance to learn.

I am grateful for this help. I have found the staff and students more than willing to help me if I ask.

The problem comes with people who go well beyond in their attempts to help. Sometimes there can be too much of a good thing even with all the good intentions in place.

As a person with special needs I can say that if we need help, we will ask.

There is a point where we want to be treated the same. We are outcast enough with our conditions. Waiting for an elevator which only takes a few

'Bleach': It's not just for laundry

In 1991, Nirvana changed the face of music. Their hit single "Smells Like Teen Spirit," sent both the band and their album "Nervemind," to the top. A new age was born, an age of grunge.

To some it was about drugs. To others it was about freedom. While to many it was merely about good, hard music that came from the soul. Whatever it was about, it was most definitely grunge.

Like all good things, even grunge would see its end. Its end would come in early April 1994 with the shocking suicide of Nirvana's lead singer and guitarist Kurt Cobain.

Let us now take a trip back into the past.

Back before suicide notes and media hype.

minutes would not be as inconveniencing as it would be embarrassing for someone with good intentions to hold an elevator open and force people to leave.

I am not wheelchair-bound but I can relate to how one who is feels.

—**Mary Hunt**
OKCCC Student

Paper should avoid putting words in other's mouths

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to a sentence that had been added to my letter: "Black history can be taught to all races by all races at OKCCC," in the Feb. 22 issue of the Pioneer. I would like to clarify that: "He is not hindered by his Caucasian birthright," are not my words.

I purposely avoided placing the focus of racial identity on any one person. I would never do this. I do not see Professor Hochritt as anything other than an excellent teacher.

When I write, I choose my words carefully in or-

der to convey a particular idea. This added sentence changed the structure of what I wrote. I am not opposed to having my letters grammatically corrected, if necessary, or edited, when needed. However, I resent the liberty with which you saw fit to add words that I would never use.

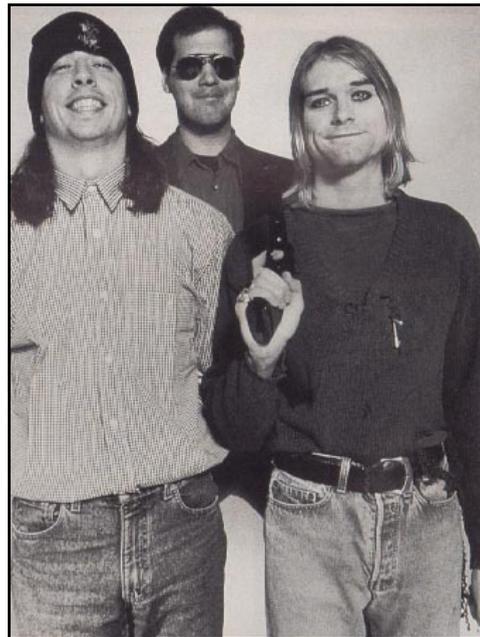
"He is not hindered by his Caucasian birthright" is a ridiculous notion. Please, next time, let me know when you begin to feel frivolous with words. I'll let you know if they belong under my name.

—**Melody Joyce**
OKCCC Student

Back to a time without "Teen Spirit," or the "alternative movement." Let's take a trip back to 1989 when the then-unknown

Nirvana released their first album entitled "Bleach."

"Bleach" may not have had the same commercial success as Nirvana's later releases, but it in no way lacked the high intensity that made Nirvana great.



Nirvana blends metal guitar riffs, punk rage and childlike insecurity to form this unique collection of sounds entitled "Bleach."

From the temperamental "Floyd the Barber," to the anti-social "Negative Creep," this al-

bum screams grunge.

Lyrically, Cobain examines the mind of youth by touching on such subjects as parents and neglect in "Paper Cuts," entrapment in "Blew," and taking on authority figures in "Shifting."

"Bleach" contains 13 great songs by one of the best bands of our generation and is a must for any true "grunge head."

If you have never heard "Bleach," then, for God's sake, it's about time.

And for those of you who have heard "Bleach," it's time to break it back out and pump up the volume.

For grunge is not dead, it's only forgotten.

—**John Thomas**
Staff Writer

Take a little trip to music heaven with some of the oldest old stuff

"A long, long time ago, I can still remember how the music used to make me smile." —Don McLean, "American Pie."

Ah, the good old days when some great albums — yes, albums (You know, those big vinyl round things you can find in any decent flea market today) — were recorded by some great artists.

Anyway, the wonderful tunes that made their way onto those discs eventually fell by the wayside as the artists involved rolled with the changes of the years and moved on to disco and easy listening on cassette tapes and, eventually, whatever on CD.

Fortunately, the majority of those albums have been transferred to CD.

They don't quite have the same magic without the slight crackling sound only an overplayed album generates.

But, nevertheless, the music is still the same — excellent.

And a lot of the music may surprise those of you who are only familiar with the artist(s) from a later time period. (You know, the Bee Gees weren't always into

disco and Eric Clapton once used a pseudonym, after he left Cream).

So, without further fanfare, I submit to you some, and I do mean SOME, 1960s and 70s-era CD's (albums) that are worth any amount of money you possess.

•Bette Midler, "The Divine Miss M" (1972)

•REO Speedwagon, "R.E.O./T.W.O." (1972)

•Elton John, "Tumbleweed Connection" (1970)

•The Marshall Tucker Band, self-titled (1973)

•Bee Gees, "1st" (1967)

•Derek and the Dominos, "Layla and Other Assorted Love Songs" (1970)

•Todd Rundgren, "Todd" (1974)

•Poco, "Crazy Eyes" (1972)

•Cream, "Best of Cream" (1969)

Enjoy! And, by the way, if you own a turntable, do yourself a favor. Find these on vinyl, dig out the headphones and take a trip to music heaven — crackling included. Ahhh...

—**The Pioneer in-house relic**

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College, vo-tech team up for degree

**By Melissa Guice
Editor**

OKCCC and Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech have created a win-win situation for taxpayers and students alike.

The two schools have written another chapter to their Cooperative Agreement which lets Francis Tuttle child care students earn an Associate in Applied Science degree in child development at OKCCC.

Gary Rankin, vice president for external educational programs, said the agreement is a good thing for taxpayers, OKCCC and Francis Tuttle.

"This [agreement] gives us an opportunity to re-

duce institutional costs, help out Francis Tuttle students and hopefully, attract more students," Rankin said.

The students involved will be jointly enrolled at both schools while physically attending Francis Tuttle. They will be taught by faculty from both institutions through closed-circuit television and through other arrangements.

Ideally, Francis Tuttle students could possibly graduate from OKCCC with a degree without ever having to step foot on the campus, Rankin said.

The agreement also has a retroactive clause that allows current Francis Tuttle students to graduate with the same degree.

Intimacy, communication keys to healthy relationships

**By Nicole Winfrey
Newswriting I Student**

Intimacy and communication were the main focus when Dr. Ed Beckham, private practitioner, spoke Feb. 25, on the topic "Relationship Issues."

His visit was sponsored by the Psychology Sociology Club and the college's chapter of Psi Beta.

"Intimacy in a relationship is very important because it provides positive feelings towards another," Beckham said. "When intimacy is absent, affairs tend to occur."

Beckham said intimacy is not just sexual but physical and emotional as well. The latter is something women tend to want more of, a concept often hard for men to understand.

Support and communication are major components of keeping a relationship strong, he said.

"Without communication your relationship can be damaging."

He said people often carry communication skills from childhood that break down a relationship. By improving those skills, people can build stronger relationships.

Beckham, also an associate professor of psychology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, suggests people set aside time for talking with their partner.

"We all need to feel we are being listened to."

He said being in a quiet environment and taking time for your partner is needed.

Some of those attending agreed wholeheartedly with

Beckham's viewpoints.

"I think Dr. Beckham's suggestions on setting aside time for you and your partner is greatly needed," commented Tara Cossey, OKCCC nursing student. "We live in such a busy society that simple praise is forgotten."

Beckham said often it is too easy to stress the bad things about your partner which puts that person on the defensive. So compromise, he said.

"Let your partner know what you like and don't like."

Find opportunities to nurture your partner — and not just when things are going bad, Beckham said.

For additional information contact Dr. Ed Beckham at the Mental Health Association of Oklahoma County at 843-9900.

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GED graduation honors hard work, dedication

OKCCC President Bob Todd tells 97 grads to 'embrace change'

By Jamie Johnson
Assistant Editor

"Is change something that happens to you or do you make it happen?" Bob Todd, OKCCC president, asked 97 graduates at GED graduation ceremonies Feb. 26.

"Is change something you mistrust or something you embrace? Is it a problem or an opportunity?" he asked.

Todd told the grads that each one of them had already proven they embrace change.

Their attendance and completion of the GED program had proven that, he said.

More than 300 people attended the graduation, including friends, family and relatives who had all shown up in support of the graduates.

Willie Washington, OKCCC director of educational support services, urged the graduates to be proud of their accomplishments and to continue to set and achieve goals for themselves.

1999 GED graduates:

Steven Paul Amend, Akande Abidemi Babat, Brandi L. Baxter, Patricia Ann Bearpaw, Michael Lee Beckham, Jamie R. Bleeker, Kelly A. Blunt.

Kathy Marie Coleman Bowling, Teresa Ann Brents, Lorenzo DeWayne Briggs, Brian K. Bristow, Jessica Bryant, Ashleigh Yevonne Burdine.

Aaron J. Bush, David Victor Caldwell, Jennifer Ann Caldwell, Lena Childress, Terri Michele Clason, Isai Clements, April Charlene Copley, Amy S. Crago, Cornelius L. Dade, Alisa G. Davis.

Kimberly Dawn Davis, Rhonda Diann Dickenson, Mary S. Dixon, Paul Royce Dye, Amber L. Ezekiel, Talisha Fogel, Jacob Forbes, Amanda Garner, Tracy Lynn Goldman, Lu v'etta Marie Greb.

Daniel Haggard, David Michael Haggerty, Ethan Hale, Nancy Harris, Kenneth Hayes Jr., Destiny Hedrick, Paul Heikes, Scott Helton, Jena Lea Hix.

John Hyden, Leah Jennings, Kimberly Dawn Jones, Twila Kelley, Amy Dawn Krause, Kacie L. Malchose, Nicole Charise McAlpin, Linda L. Miller, Amy Suzanne Monasco, Autumn Shea Morris, Samantha Murry-Points.

Charles Jack Nell, Larry Dee Nix, Regina Sue Onarsee, Chris Chad Pool, Leslie Renee Pool, William Porter, Justin Portfield, Charity Price, Candace Prieto, Eric Raffler, Charles Ramirez.

Lablaunt Reeves, Christina Riley, Jennifer Robinson, Pamela Rupert, Ramon Sanchez, Charles Lee Schlotter, Macarena Sell, Misty Jo Ann Sharp, Joan Shortt, Diania Smith.

Michael Stewart, Robert Stuart, Nicole Stupka, Florentina Terrazas, Beatrice Thedford, Patrisha Thompson, Melissa Trosclair, Isaiah Turk, Lauren Vincent.

Kenny Violette, Stephanie Waggoner, Alisha Walker, Jason Ward, Eric Lee Warren, Marcia All Watson, Ryan Weekes, Travis Welcher, Jerry Lee West, Rhonda Wheeler, Thea Mary Whited.

Congratulations!



Above: OKCCC President Bob Todd congratulates Kenneth D. Hays Jr. as he receives his diploma. Director of Educational Support Services Willie Washington urged the grads to continue to set goals for themselves.



GRADUATION



Left: OKCCC President Bob Todd speaks to the 97 graduates of the GED graduation. He told them their attendance and completion of the program had proven each of them embraces change. More than 300 family members and friends of the grads attended the Feb. 26 ceremonies in the student union.

Photos by John Thomas

Spring Break or bust!

Places to go, people to see, fun time to be had

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

Spring break is a time for college students to let go, lose their inhibitions, and go a little crazy.

The most popular places to go in the spring of '99 are Cancun and Padre Island according to Jon Tallet, owner of Sooner Travel.

"All of those trips are already sold out," Tallet said.

An American Airlines representative added additional hot spots for spring break. Mazatlan, Aruba and Jamaica were among the top travel destinations throughout the month of March.

Travelers looking for cold weather and snow skiing favor Aspen, Breckenridge and Vail this spring break season.

Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring a ski trip to Breckenridge over spring break. Fourteen students will be leaving on March 15 and returning on March 20.

For many students, spring break means extra time to spend with their family.

Southwest Airlines is offering a "Kids Fly Free to Disneyland" vacation pack-

age which spans the spring break period.

Often, students lack the monetary resources necessary to fly to their destination.

Greyhound bus lines offers vacations at affordable prices.

With seven days advance purchase a person can ride the bus anywhere it goes for \$158 round trip.

With 14 days advance notice the price drops to \$118 round trip.

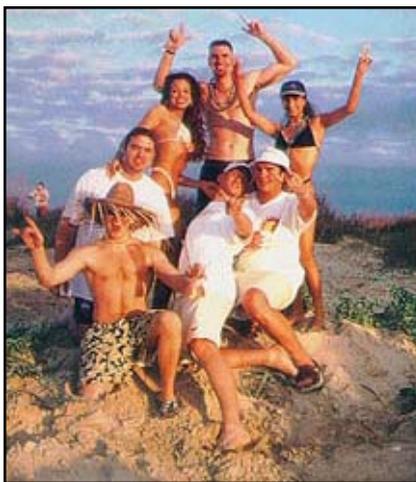
Many students chose to remain in Oklahoma City over their vacation and enjoy the many activities that the Metro has to offer.

The Omniplex will have an exhibit entitled, "The Brain Thing" which explores everything about the human brain including how it works and diseases that affect it like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

The Omniplex is located at 2100 N.E. 52. Admission cost is \$7.60 for adults ages 13 to 64, \$6.80 for senior citizens, \$6 for children ages 4 to 12 and children under three get in free.

For more information about the Omniplex call 427-5461.

The Oklahoma City Zoo will introduce their newest



residents on March 15 with a presentation entitled, "Wildest Things You've Never Seen."

Everyone wearing green to the zoo on March 17 will receive \$1 off the admission price.

The zoo is located at 2101 N.E. 50. Admission price is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 3 to 11 and children under 3 get in free.

For more information about the zoo call 424-3344.

St. Patrick's Day falls during OKCCC's spring break. Bricktown in Oklahoma City is having a St. Patrick's Day Celebration March 17.

The activities will take place on the corner of Sheridan and Oklahoma Ave. KJ103 radio personalities T. J. and Tooker will be there from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

There will be free green eggs and ham for everyone attending.

That evening local bands will take the stage for continuous live music.

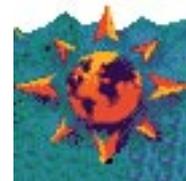
Act Casual, The Martini Kings and Jive Talkin' will be performing.



Packing for fun

Spring break travel tips

By Stacey Bartmann
Newswriting I Student



Whether traveling overseas, or just a few miles out of town, there are a few packing tips that could make your spring break more enjoyable.

Helena of Helena's Adventures and Travel, 7404 S. Walker, said the four most important things to remember to take with you on spring break are proper clothing, toiletries and medications, proper ID, and a safe form of currency.

First, she tells her clients, "lay out what you intend on packing a few nights before you leave, and then put 50 percent of it back."

She said that most people tend to over pack. In order to save space and avoid lugging around more than you can handle, Sorenson suggests rolling your clothing and packing items that will mix and match. She suggests dressing for comfort rather than fashion.

However, OKCCC junior Ashley Barnett said that you can be comfortable and cute. During her spring break cruise to the Bahamas she is planning to pack a black skirt, a pair of black pants and some interchangeable tops.

Aside from clothing, toiletries can take up a lot of space in a suitcase and sometimes mean another bag.

Rather than taking your bathroom with you on your vacation, travel size items are both handy and inexpensive. Cindy Lewis of the Hampton Inn said travelers often forget items such as razors and shaving creme.

Wal-Mart's travel section offers a range of products such as deodorant, toothpaste, shaving cream, hair spray, sunscreen, and lotions. These items are priced anywhere from 50 to 97 cents.

Less space consuming, but more importantly, travelers should always carry valid identification. According to Sorenson, if you are traveling overseas during the break, she recommends a passport over a birth certificate. She said a passport is internationally accepted and that travelers may avoid certain hassles.

According to a website posted by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Consumer Affairs, travelers are cautioned to never take large sums of cash, or anything of sentimental value on a trip.

As an alternative Sorenson said that she recommends using a credit card for all trip expenses.

**Enjoy Spring Break!!!
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Several records broken at competition

OKCCC's aquatic center plays host to swimmers, divers from 14 universities

By Craig Moore
Newswriting I Student

Several records were broken when the Western Athletic Conference held its Women's Swimming and Diving Championship at OKCCC's aquatic center Feb. 25 through 27.

Southern Methodist University's star senior Martina Maravcova was chosen conference swimmer of the year after breaking three records.

Maravcova set a record in the 100-yard freestyle at 47.87 sec., breaking a record of 48.30 set in 1994 by Angel Martino of the USA team.

She also set a WAC record in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:56.43 which broke her WAC record of 1:57.16, set in 1998.

A third record was set by Maravcova in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 51.89.

Other record-setters are:

Katie McClelland, SMU, 200-yard breast-

stroke with a time of 1:01.60; Rania Elwanl, SMU, 22.66 in the 500-yard freestyle; Lia Oberstar, SMU, 1:57.72, 200-yard backstroke.

SMU relay team, 200-yard relay medley, 1:40.67; SMU relay team, 200-yard freestyle 1:30.21; SMU, 400-yard medley relay, 3:38.66; SMU, 400-yard freestyle relay, 3:20.93; SMU, 800-yard relay, 7:16.99.

Diving records were also set by the following:

In one-meter diving, Jenny Lingamfelter (diver of the year), SMU, 463.75; Rachelle Smith, Brigham Young University, 438.30; Laurel Bisk Eldredge, BYU, 384.80; Kristin Link, SMU, 382.05.

In platform diving, Kristin Link, SMU, 693.50; Jenny Rogers Dahl, BYU, 513.75; Crystal Gregory, University of Utah, 500.35;

Rachelle Smith, BYU, 487.80; Laurel Bisk Eldredge, BYU, 478.00; Jessica Nye, BYU, 462.05; Jamie Palmer, University of Hawaii, 444.80.

The wins qualify all of the record-setters for the NCAA Championship.

Several head coaches commented on how well they liked the facilities in the aquatic center and the performance of their teams.

Rice University Head Coach and WAC Swimming Coach of the Year Doug Boyd said he is

proud that his team, with only 14 girls, fared so well in his first year of coaching them.

John Mattos, head coach of CSU, remarked that he was pleased with his team's performance as well.

The SMU team made Head Coach Steve Collins proud by finishing within the top four spots for the seventh straight year.

Bret Wood, coordinator of aquatics and wellness, was pleased to host the event.

"It was great having the Western Athletic conference at OKCCC's aquatic center."

The WAC is made up of 16 universities located in the western half of the nation. Fourteen of those schools have swimming and diving teams. All 14 participated in the OKCCC event.

Of those schools, each placed overall as follows:

First place and WAC Team of the Year 1998-99, SMU with 907.50 points;

Second place, BYU, 490.50 points.

Third, Rice University with points totalling 401.

Fourth, Colorado State University, 397 points.

Fifth place, University of Nevada Las Vegas, 304 points.

Sixth, University of Utah, 290 points.

Seventh place, Fresno State University with 261.50 points.

Eighth place, University of Hawaii, 238.50.

Ninth, Texas Christian University, 205 points.

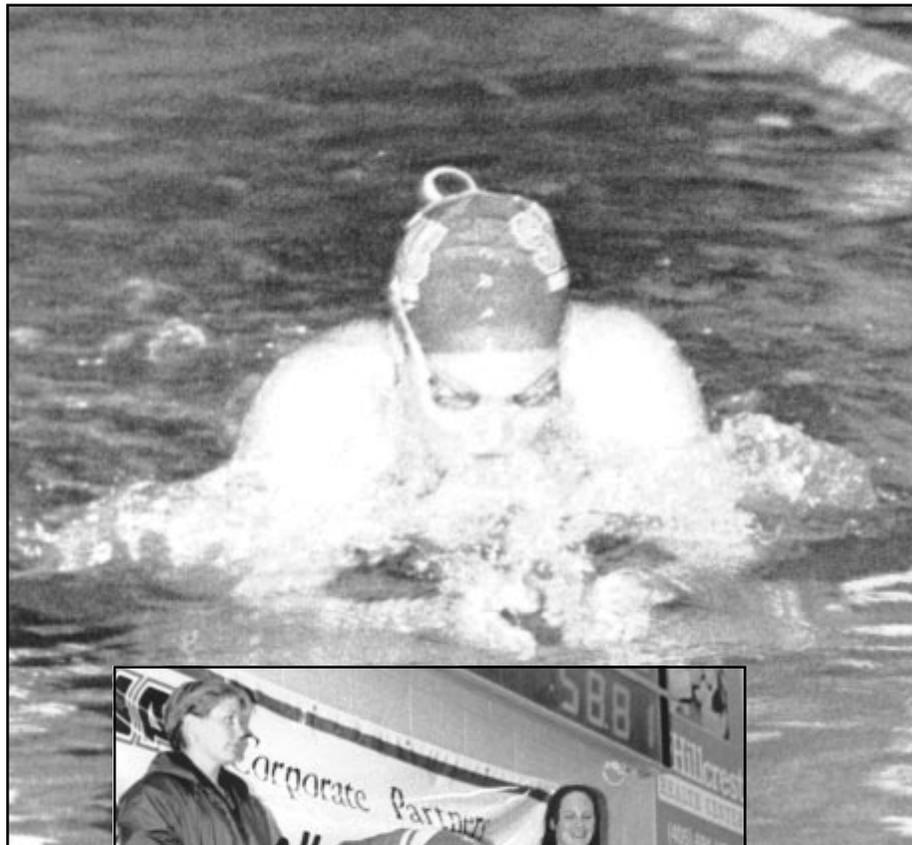
Tenth, San José University, 168 points.

Eleventh place went to the University of Wyoming with 108 points.

San Diego State University and the University of New Mexico tied for twelfth place with 78 points, followed by the Air Force Academy, placing 14th with 67 points.



Above: Left to right, Sarah McKeeves, BYU; Elizabeth Knoll, CSU; Patty Nash, CSU; and Martina Moravcova, SMU, prepare to compete for a first place win in the recent Women's Swimming and Diving Championship at the OKCCC aquatic center.



Above left: Katie McClelland of the Southern Methodist University team swims in the 100-yard breaststroke. She set a record with a time of 1:01.60 which qualifies her for the NCAA Championship.

Left: Katie McClelland, Holly Gravatt, Molly Luabes and Jennifer Taskes take their positions on the winner's platform as Margie McDonald awards first place.

Photos by
John Thomas

St. Patrick's Day not traditionally green

By **Jamie Johnson**
Assistant Editor

The day is coming upon us quickly — the day you had better make sure you're wearing green, or else.

Ever wonder how all this superstition came to be?

There really is no tradition in wearing green.

There are many superstitions that accompany St. Patrick's Day but no one knows why people insist on wearing green.

"One guess made by Celtic historians is that people used to insist on wearing the Shamrock, since it is representative of the Holy Trinity.

Those who didn't on the day of St. Patrick's death had to be 'punished', so to speak," said David Miller, professor of religion at Oklahoma State University.

St. Patrick was a real man, who lived in Wales at the beginning of the fifth century.

He was captured and sold to the Irish as a slave where he became fluent in the language and where he also become very familiar with the Druid customs.

After his escape, six years after his capture, he became ordained and was sent by Pope Celestine back to Ireland to help convert the Druids and Pagans.

Because of all the good he did in Ireland, he was deemed a Saint by Catholics and loved by the people of Ireland.

After his death in 493 A.D., a monument was built in his honor, where the Irish people still make pilgrimage to worship St. Patrick.

So that's how St. Patrick's Day came to be.

It's a celebration of one man's work to help convert the Irish people.

But we, especially in America, celebrate this holiday like no other.

It's not uncommon to see people walking around with green hair, especially in the larger cities, drinking green beer and watching a huge parade.

While the festivities in Oklahoma are not always as lavish, we have our own kind of fun on St. Patty's Day.

This year a large parade is planned for Saturday, March 13 at 1 p.m.

The parade will begin at the corner of Walker and Sheridan and will continue down Oklahoma Avenue. It is free to the public.

On Wednesday, March 17, in Bricktown from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. there will be a breakfast of green eggs and ham.

From 5 p.m. until midnight numerous bands will be playing in the parking lot by Chelino's.

The celebration will include a character artist, green beer, T-shirts and tons of fun.

Don't forget to wear green.



The hip bone's connected to the...

Rhonda Simmons, elementary education major, takes a pop quiz for human development and learning using the OneNet system in the library. Her class is broadcast from Chickasha.

Photo by
Alicia Price



Mid-spring enrollment under way

By **Melissa Guice**
Editor

Mid-spring enrollment seats are going faster than hotcakes.

The class enrollments are already 30 percent over last year's enrollment numbers for the same time period.

Only a few are completely full, though, said Charlotte French, executive director of enrollment management.

"There are still quite a few classes open for mid-spring enrollment and for the fast track sessions left," she said.

Classes start March 22 but students can register as late as March 23.

The classes are ideal for students with a part-time class load who need another class to graduate, French said.

"Then there are those students who like eight

week classes.

"And some are students who are just taking two classes and realize that they could handle another course."

French recommends that students enroll before spring break to avoid missing out on classes and other delays.

"Also, what a lot of students forget is that the school is closed during

spring break, so the earlier they can enroll, the better."

Cost for enrollment in mid-spring classes is about \$45 per credit hour, the same as regular class enrollment.

Students can enroll on campus or via phone registration at 682-6222.

Internet enrollment can be accessed through the school's homepage at: www.okc.cc.ok.us

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OKCCC financial aid offices merge

By Sara Munn
Newswriting I Student

Financial aid is a mess.

Construction work, which will expand the Student Financial Aid Center to make room for the addition of the Veterans' Financial Aid, is the cause.

The Veteran's Financial Aid center was formerly located near the math and science departments. The renovation includes office expansion and a storage wall to cover case files.

Harold Case, director of financial aid, said the combination of both centers has many advantages.

"Both have to do with federal programs. Many students get programs that cross both offices," he said. "One office has resources that the other needs."

The combination will enable the financial aid department to work more efficiently and provide better service to students. Case said the outcome will not only be beneficial to students, but also to the college.

With joint offices in the student financial aid center, the department will be able to track financial resources and prevent over-awarding students.

"It will protect the school from liability," Case said.

About 350 veterans receive benefits from OKCCC. Case said he considers that a substantial number.

"This gives the veteran students more priority and shows that they are important."

The renovation, scheduled to be completed by the first week of March, was hindered by the mid-February disbursement of 1,445 Pell grant and Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG) checks. OTAG checks arrived a week late and students bombarded the center with questions and complaints.

"Everything gets in the way of everything else," said Case. "But we should be back on track."

Job smarts common sense

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

"Bonehead errors" on résumés can be avoided, said Bradley Richardson, author of "Jobsmarts for Twentysomethings."

Approximately 30 students gathered in the student union Feb. 23 to listen to the Oklahoma native offer advice on how to look for and find a great job.

Richardson explained how errors on résumés, such as typographical errors and spelling mistakes can be avoided.

He travels the country, lecturing prospective job hunters. He also writes a weekly website column.

Richardson said he draws on his experiences to advise others on ways to land a job or to get a better job.

He said he got his start while a student at the University of Oklahoma where he was an athlete and a self-proclaimed seminar junkie.

"If there was a seminar about how to get a job," he

said, "I was on the front row taking notes. I thought I knew what it was all about."

After graduation, he eventually — after seven weeks of persistence — landed a job.

"I actually did get a job after being an athlete at OU," he joked.

Those and other experiences are what taught Richardson that there is more to a résumé than writing it, sending it off and getting a job.

Richardson also discussed common questions that come up during interviews.

He pointed out that many of the questions potential employers ask are irrelevant.

He said the interviewer is actually just seeing how well the applicant can think, communicate and handle him or herself under pressure.

"Just be yourself during an interview," Richardson said.

He explained that while good grades are important and do help when searching for a job, they are not

the most important factor.

"The piece of paper is the price of admission.

"They are looking for results," Richardson said.

He also strongly suggested attending job fairs which are designed to help students find jobs and establish contacts within their desired fields.

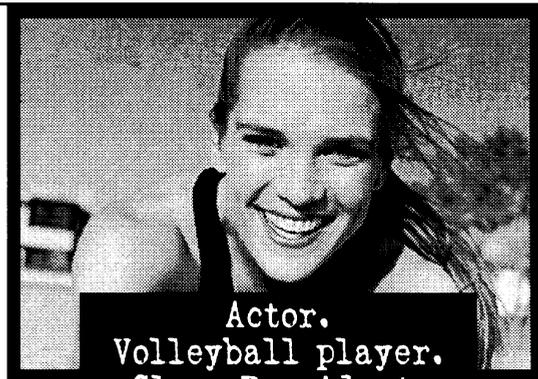
He said to be sure and talk to everyone at a job fair, not just the big-name companies.

Hand out résumés, and follow up on contacts.

OKCCC student Samantha Hopkins attended the lecture.

"It was very insightful. Before, I went by the standard ways of filling out résumés and interviewing, but he provided information as to what they are really looking for," she said.

For more information, visit Richardson's website at: www.Jobsmarts.com



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Highlights

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship announces web site

The Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship now has a web site through the college at: www.okc.cc.ok.us/chialpha

Hispanic Organization needs to contact winners

Everyone who purchased a date at the HOPE bachelor/bachelorette auction, please contact Vanessa Mendoza at 991-5865. The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will have a meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 in room 2N7 of the main building. Cookies will be served and upcoming fund raisers will be discussed.

Speaker ministers with music, worship

The Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship will have a lunch hour meeting from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10 in room 2N7 of the main building. Debbie Prom, an accomplished pianist/keyboard player, will be the guest speaker/entertainer at the meeting. Prom is well-known for her inspirational leading of praise and worship as well as her knowledgeable teaching of the Bible. Chi Alpha meets every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. for worship and Bible study. For more information, contact Ruth Hudson, sponsor, at 682-1611 ext. 7216.

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.

Program offers chance to explore Andes culture

Spanish in Ecuador '99, designed specifically for OKCCC, provides participants with the opportunity to learn, practice and enjoy Spanish while experiencing the culture of the Andes. The program, which spans nine days from May 29 through June 6, includes airfare, hotel, most meals, ground transportation, museum entrances, guides and accompaniments for \$1590. Participants will visit Quito, the capital city; Cuenca, a colonial city which is a seat of learning and culture; and Otavaio, the most famous indigenous market in South America. The sign-up time has been extended until Monday, March 8. The size of the group is limited to 25. To sign up or to request more details, call Patricia Brooks at 682-1611 ext. 7655 or Dianne Broyles at 682-1611 ext. 7657.

Dentistry personnel to gain knowledge for success

The Training Center at OKCCC and the Educational Services Company are offering a seminar in Dental Practice Administration, designed to give managerial employees an updated knowledge of patient rights, increased state and federal regulations, maintaining records and communications management. The 72-hour program will be held in two parts. The first workshop, "Business Communication Management," will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays March 23 through April 29. Cost is \$595. Part II, "Business Office Systems," will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays May 4 through June 10. During the open house at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9 in CU1, participants can meet the instructor, preview course materials and learn about job opportunities. To register or for more information, call the OKCCC Training Center at 682-7562.



Photo courtesy HOPE

HOPEful students attend conference in Austin: Pictured are Hispanic Organization to Promote Education members (l to r): Loraine Alvarez, treasurer; Marcie Green, public relations; Vanessa Mendoza, president; and Yvonne Orozco, vice-president. The club members attended the National Hispanic Business Leadership Conference Feb. 18 through 20 in Austin, Texas.

Community service benefits American Heart Association

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

Is your club or organization looking for a fun community service project? How about the American Heart Association's American Heart Walk?

The walk will be held at 9 a.m. April 17 at the Bricktown Ballpark.

Diana Boyd McElroy, director of student life, is coordinating OKCCC's involvement with the event.

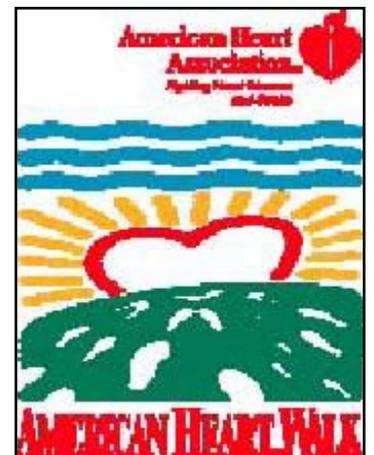
Students can sign up to walk with club officers or directly through the Office of Student Life.

Cardiovascular disease and stroke survivors will be walking to say thanks, to help others and to show how the efforts and money collected helps save lives.

They will be wearing red ball caps featuring the words, "Fighting Back." A Red Cap Rally will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the ballpark on the day of the walk.

There will be music, food, entertainment and prizes for participants on the day of the walk.

Participants who raise \$100 to \$149.99 will receive an American Heart Walk T-shirt and those raising \$150 to \$249.99 will receive an insulated zipper bottle or an Igloo jug and a T-shirt. There are additional prizes awarded to participants who raise from \$250 to \$2,000.

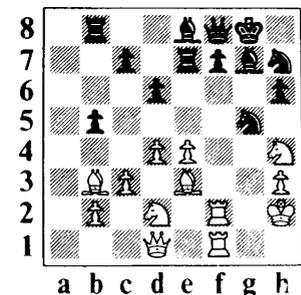


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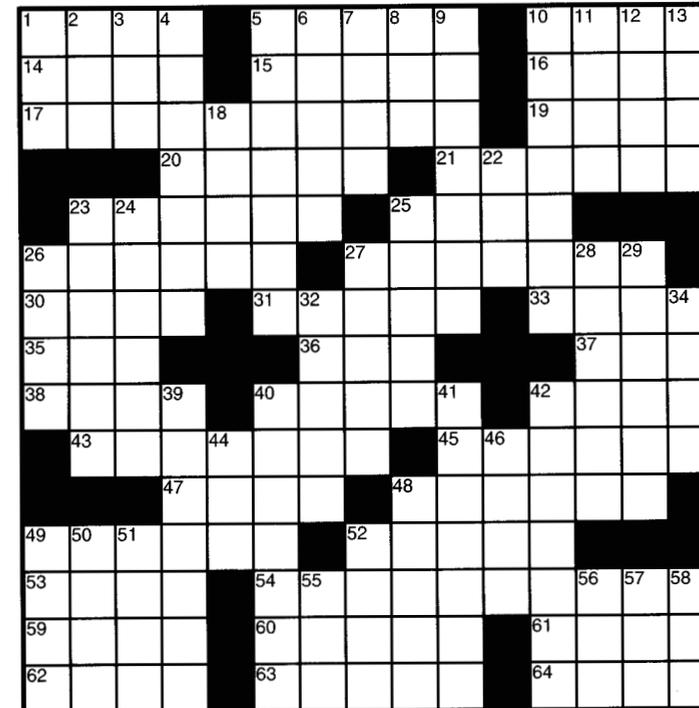
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Russian pianists dazzle crowd



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Russian pianists Andrei Pisarev and Pavel Nersessian

By Lucy Songping Hu Newswriting I Student

"Stunning, glorious, magical!"

This was one professor's impression after hearing the performance of two Russian pianists Feb. 23 at OKCCC's theater.

Pavel Nersessian and Andrei Pisarev, winners of numerous awards and international competitions, dazzled the audience with their interpretations of compositions by Schubert, Chopin, Dukas, Ravel, Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky and Bizet.

At the end of the two-

hour recital, they had received three standing ovations and played two encores to an audience of about 150 people.

The richness of their performance stood in stark contrast with the hard life in Russia today, which they described during their pre-concert lecture.

Nersessian was asked about the average Russian person's income.

"I can only tell you about myself, a professor teaching for 10 years, with an international reputation.

"I earn \$40 a month, out of which I pay \$8 for my flat."

The ratio of the Russian ruble versus the U.S. dol-

lar has dropped from 6:1 before the collapse of the Soviet Union economy to the current 23:1.

Nersessian said his mother, a doctor, earns only \$20 a month. He said some people eat only potatoes and bread for days.

Even so, people survive. "We don't know we are poor, because we don't know what is rich."

Asked about his projection for Russia in 10 to 20 years, Nersessian said, "I don't know.

"I can't foresee anything in this country."

But he said he would continue living in Moscow, because his family resides there.

"I love this country and I am teaching this great culture (piano performance) in this long chain from the past.

"I can't get this privilege anywhere else in the world."

The event was sponsored by OKCCC's Office of Global Education and Cultural Programming along with the Oklahoma Arts Council.

Students required to have computer proficiency



Photo by Casey Felty

"Students," Cont. from page 1

proficiency is to complete a course that requires competency in one or more of the above computer functions.

"Any computer assisted class will meet the requirement," said Williams.

Lists of courses that meet the requirement are located in the OKCCC catalog.

This requirement affects all students planning to graduate with an associate's degree from OKCCC.

Students who plan to transfer to another college before they graduate are not required to meet computer proficiency.

Many students are not aware of the computer proficiency requirement at OKCCC.

"Computer proficiency? What's that?"

"Is that a class or something?" said John Stephens, physical therapy major.

Melissa Barker was not aware of the requirement either.

"I don't really know what computer proficiency is but when I take it I hope I pass," she said.

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