Beethoven can help students avoid comma splices, bad grammar

CD-ROM program assists learning skills students

By Melissa Guice
Editor

In an attempt to kill two birds with one stone, OKCCC has come up with a way for students to practice grammar while reading up on other subjects like Beethoven or the Cherokee language.

The Instructional Technology Center designed a set of CD-ROMs that allow students to interact with the computer during a study lesson in the communications lab.

The lessons are all performed on the computer and are essentially readings about various subjects like American government or the English dictionary that contain different mistakes such as comma splices or sentence fragments.

The student reads the passage and is asked questions about the sentences. If the student is correct, a graphic image can be seen or a congratulatory sound file can be heard. If the answer given is wrong, the right answer is shown and explained.

Melanie Lord, OKCCC professor of learning skills, came up with the content for the software.

“We think it will help students learn in both areas,” Lord said. “They can practice their grammar by learning about a subject that might be covered in another class.”

Lord is currently working on a lesson about Martin Luther King Jr.

The team who designed and developed the interactive programs is made up of three OKCCC staff members including Cyndy Cashman, instructional technologist, Shelly Ingle, multimedia developer and Wenqing Ma, multimedia author.

Cashman said several of the college’s learning skills staff had come to her and her staff for ideas on software programs for their students.

“None of the commercial software programs they had looked into met the needs of the students,” Cashman said. “So, we de-

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Art professor encourages all to be part of history.

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

Feeling artistic? Then join in on the design and creation of the last two mosaic panels in OKCCC’s central courtyard.

Two have already been completed.

Students can volunteer or enroll in a credit or non-credit course and be part of an ongoing project to create an enduring work of art.

“People are always asking me when we’re going to get done,” said Art Professor Mary Ann Moore.

“I say, ‘When you volunteer.’”

Moore predicts that all four panels will be completed by the year 2005, but said they could be finished as early as 2003 if she gets enough help.

She said people wanting to help need to do so now because this may be their last chance.

When complete, the mosaic will consist of four panels in chronological order, depicting events which represent Oklahoma’s history.

The first panel, started by students in 1983 and completed seven years later, shows Oklahoma’s first people. The second took five years to complete and portrays Coronado’s Expedition. The third depicts the Battle of Honey Springs—a Civil War battle, and the fourth panel will have an aviation theme.

The third panel was started two years ago last spring. Students and volunteers are currently working to finish it.

“We have already begun working on the tiles for the fourth panel,” Moore said.

She said anyone who wants to contribute is encouraged to do so.

“I think everybody has some creative streak in them later,” Moore said.

“Sometimes you just have to exercise it to bring it out. This is something easy that everyone can do.”

High school students and members of the community are also invited to volunteer. Juanita Conrad, 87, has been working on the project since the beginning. Kamaria Powell, 13, has been working on the project since she was 8.

“It’s great to be a part of history,” Powell said.

People who work on the wall can sign their name on a tile so that it will be on the panel permanently.

For further information about the mosaic project, call the Arts and Humanities Division Office at (405) 682-7558.

Photo by Rick Taufest

Volunteer Barbara Weaver adds broken tile pieces that will make the Battle of Honey Springs mosaic. (See related art, page 4.)
Goodbye, ciao, farewell, adieu

Well, it is time for the mushy goodbye all of the editors before me have been required, if not forced, to give when they “retire.”

So, here it is. I refuse to make any apologies or give any real explanations for anything I’ve written over this past year. I will, instead, adamantly defend every single idea I’ve ever proposed.

My very first editorial was over the freshmen and new students who assembled in and blocked the halls at OKCCC. Soon after, I was served with my first piece of hate mail. It’s always the first time you remember best.

Then, a few other forgettable, opinionated pieces followed. That is until, I decided to write about a very offensive subject.

Apparently, cursing is neither well-received nor appreciated here at OKCCC. Sorry, guys, it still goes on. I think, a couple of times, I was called a non-Christian and ironically, a few other things as well.

Oh, well. After that editorial, the only things people really complained about were my stories. We did a little three-part investigative piece on the wrongdoings and law-breakings pertaining to public records here at OKCCC. Yet another clearly effective way to burn my bridges.

Nevertheless, the stories came and went; the complaints also followed in the same manner.

More recently, I was burned for blaming the National Rifle Association for the Columbine shootings. Apparently, people cannot take the blame for lobbying some $8.2 million a year to keep their pre-emptive guns and their right to bear assault rifle knock-offs. Oh, well.

Then there was my test of the constitutionality of the new bill being proposed by Congress — the right to post the Ten Commandments in schools. Apparently Paul Harvey doesn’t appreciate my point of view, either.

So, nevertheless, I have had quite the time asking the questions, getting some type of answer and being ignored the rest of the time.

In the meantime, I got a chance to wade through hate mail and a couple of letters of agreement — actually, just one letter supporting my point of view, I think.

Oh, well, no one ever said I’d be loved.

But, I did love the job while it was mine. I just hope that this corny letter leaves everyone in bunches, especially the newspaper’s new editor.

Good luck, Darcey Ralls. Be good and please — keep ‘em on their toes.

—Melissa Guice
Editor
Comments and Reviews

‘Bad Company’ can still draw good gathering

I found heaven last weekend, and in all places — in the Reunion Arena in Dallas.

Despite the traffic and the crowds, I was able to see THEM, the band that has dominated my ears for most of my life.

The one, the only, the finally reunited — Bad Company took to the stage on Saturday, July 17.

Opening with “Can’t Get Enough,” was THE Paul Rodgers. Yes, he is, perhaps, a little older, a little wiser and a little balder, but I swear to all that is holy in this world, he can still sing.

He wailed on a few of my favorites — “Ready for Love,” “Seagull” and “Feel Like Makin’ Love.”

Then, it happened. I heard it — “Shooting Star.” Now anyone who knows the Bad Co. boys knows that this song is theirs, like “Stairway to Heaven,” is Led Zeppelin’s and “Freebird” is Lynyrd Skynyrd’s.

Either way, the whole arena fell silent as Rodgers sang about the rise and fall of a fictional just-another-Johnny turned rock ’n’ roll superstar.

It was friggin’ beautiful.

I awaited my meal.

I thought they gave me the wrong platter as it was safe for me to eat barbecue.

I am highly allergic to beef but, mostly, the old stuff was being played. “Rock ’n Roll Fantasy” was heard among countless others.

And, yes, they had to do it. They closed the show — after their second encore — with their self-titled classic, “Bad Company.” It just don’t get better than that.

And, unfortunately, it didn’t. Well, what I am getting to is their opening act.

David Lee Roth, the once-again estranged ex-lead singer of Van Halen, opened for the band.

Thank God for Van Halen songs. Otherwise we would have probably had to listen to DLR’s 57 versions of “California Girls,” the only song I ever remember him actually recording alone.

Oh, well, what’s a David Lee Roth appearance without the Spanish version of “California Girls?”

—Melissa Guice

Editor

Bob’s BBQ, finger-lickin’ good

In the 1950s, we rarely ate out and when we did my dad always drove us to a truck stop on the highway to treat the family to an evening of memories. Of course, that was before there was a restaurant on every corner.

How times have changed. I now go to a higher class of dining with free snacks while I await my meal.

One such dining experience is at Bob’s Bar-B-Q in Norman at 1200 24th Ave. If you are traveling South on Interstate 35, take the Lindsey exit. The eatery is next to the Ramada Inn on the south side of the road.

We accidentally found it after driving for miles, trying to decide which cuisine we were craving. We had already ruled out Mexican and Italian when we spotted the word Bar-B-Q.

My husband whipped the car in. Our mouths had already begun to drool as we entered the door.

Everyone was smiling — waitresses and patrons alike — which is always a good sign.

I looked for a menu... there was none. The waitress greeted and seated us with a basket of peanuts to munch.

If you think I am going to tell you we threw the shells on the floor you would be wrong. An empty basket is provided for the shells.

I am highly allergic to beef so I always order barbecue pork and my husband gets the brisket.

Bob’s BBQ, finger-lickin’. Good sign.

He has always been on the list of great food and plenty of it.

Bob is the papa of this barbecue diner in Norman. We have since gone back and taken three of our teenage grandchildren who also will tell you, it’s the awesomest barbecue ever.

—Becky Gerred

Staff Writer

Southern oddities make for great book

Esquire columnist John Berendt spent time in Savannah, Ga. as an “experiment in bi-urban living.” As a result, he became intertwined in the lives of the colorful eccentrics he wrote about in his non-fiction novel, “Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil — A Savannah Story.”

Berendt introduces the reader to some of the many peculiarities of southern society.

He discovers the Married Women’s Card Club. The club consists of upper-class ladies who get together once a month for cards, gossip and (many) drinks. In order to be a member you must be married. Reportedly, the club has saved many marriages from ending in divorce.

From the inventor Luther Diggers, who “walks” his pet flies and has a poison potent enough to kill the whole town, to the young, black cross-dressing drag queen Lady Chablis, the characters are almost too unbelievable to be real.

Adding to the antics, one of the town’s well-to-do is charged with murder, giving additional thrust and mystery to an already powerful entertaining tale.

The wealthy man who is accused of murdering his male “companion” claims self defense. He enlists the help of Minerva, a voodoo priestess, who works her magic in the graveyard at midnight.

Berendt writes with a style that is easy to read and hard to put down. Midnight seems to capture the essence of Savannah and the mystery of the South.

A truly excellent read!

—Darcey Ralls

Staff Writer
OKCCC students can soar into aviation

By Melissa Guice
Editor

Students who get a kick out of scenes from movies like “Top Gun” or “Iron Eagle” are encouraged to join OKCCC’s Aviation Maintenance Technology program.

“If students like airplanes, they get to spend time with them in our program,” said Jeana Locke, Metro Tech manager of college and career connections.

The program is part of a cooperative agreement between OKCCC and Metro Tech that allows students to take their general education credits at OKCCC while taking their major courses at Metro Tech.

For instance, a student can take the English composition course at OKCCC while taking the fundamentals of aviation class at the Aviation Career Center near S.W. 56th and MacArthur Boulevard in Oklahoma City.

After attaining a total of 68 credits, the student earns an associate degree in Science. That may then be transferred to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater for a bachelor’s degree in the same field without having to duplicate any courses, saving the student time and money.

Also saving money — for the taxpayers, that is — is the agreement.

“We look at it as sharing the facilities and the equipment in order to save the taxpayers money,” Locke said.

“It really works out to benefit everyone involved.”

The program is approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and is guided by FAA standards, Locke said.

Courses are offered in the daytime and on evenings and weekends in eight week terms.

Interested students can contact Locke at 424-8324, ext. 431.
Students capture life’s moments

Students in the summer session of Black and White Photography show their creativity with a wide variety of subjects.

The pictures on this page were shot, developed and printed by students in Professor Hugh Scott’s class. In addition, the students wrote the cutlines that accompany their photographs. Scott also works as the advertising photographer for the Daily Oklahoman.

In Black and White Photography I, students learn the basics of camera operation as well as darkroom skills of developing film and making prints.

This fall semester, the class will be offered from 5:30 to 8:50 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

“What? You say summer’s almost over?” Cheyenne Close, daughter of Dannell Close, can’t believe it’s time to go back to school.

I felt a kinship with this old giraffe at the Oklahoma City Zoo. He got tired and laid down while eating grass.

Rebecca Terrell hangs upside down from a tree to snap her self-portrait.

A piece of Cancun in my own backyard.

Heavy rains complicated this accident on S.W. 74th Street. Who do you call for a tow — a wrecker or the Coast Guard?
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### Highlights

#### Bookstore offers discount tickets

OKCCC’s bookstore is now selling discount tickets to Six Flags over Texas and Hurricane Harbor (the water park across from Six Flags). Discounted Six Flags tickets are $23.69 for adults and $18.86 for children 48” tall and under. Two-day tickets to Six Flags are $37.70. Hurricane Harbor discount tickets cost $10.76 for adults and $10.76 for children. Call 682-1611, ext. 7242 for more information.

#### Weekend services added

Because of the high activity level on campus this summer, the Testing Center will provide additional weekend services until the beginning of the fall semester. Weekend administrator Joe Vaughn will be on duty to help students, faculty and the public with any problems. The test center will be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### IntaLab staff plays international games

Intalab, an organization which keeps in contact with the Office of Global Education and Cultural Programming, plays international sports and games at various summer camps throughout the metro area. So far, they have games from England, France, Italy, Egypt, China, Malaysia, Korea and Japan. If anyone knows of any additional games that would be fun to play with kids ages 6 to 14, or if you would like to participate in these events with the IntaLab staff, contact them at: http://www.intalab.org

#### Student Life presents a journey to leadership

Make plans now to attend the Fall 1999 Student Leadership Retreat Aug. 13 through 15 at Roman Nose State Park, just north of Watonga. Departure time from OKCCC will be noon on Friday, Aug. 13, and return time is 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15. Cost for the retreat is $35 and includes lodging, meals, transportation and a T-shirt. Each club is required to send at least one officer or representative, but all officers and sponsors are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 682-7523.

#### A time to sing for OKCCC students

Auditions for OKCCC choirs will be held Aug. 23 through 26 in room 1C5 on the first floor of the Arts and Humanities building. OKCCC offers many different choirs to suit a variety of student needs. Financial aid is available for eligible chamber singers. For more information or to sign up for an audition time, call 682-1611, ext. 7245.

#### Fall tuition fee waiver applications available

Fall tuition fee waiver applications are available in the student financial aid center located on the first floor of the main building. The deadline to submit applications to the student financial aid center is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. Fall tuition fee waiver awards will be posted in the student financial aid center on Friday, Aug. 20. For more information, call 682-1611, ext. 7524.

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### Students show off their abilities: OKCCC students who have disabilities or are interested in disability issues are invited to join Abilities Galore, the college club that provides mutual support for academic and career goals of students with disabilities. Pictured are club officers Paulette Alexander (left) and Meredith Dunkeson. Alexander is in charge of public relations and Dunkeson is co-president. Club officers use the student organizations office to schedule club activities and perform other functions for their club or organization.

### OKCCC recreation director honored for work with kids

Chris Moler receives award for community volunteer work

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

Chris Moler, OKCCC’s Director of Recreation and Community Services, has recently been honored for his efforts as an outstanding volunteer in the community.

For the second year in a row, Moler received the President’s Award at the annual SAFE KIDS Coalition Awards Luncheon on June 22. The President’s Award is the highest honor bestowed to a volunteer from this organization.

“He’s really been one of the founders of the Kid’s Club Coalition,” said Martha Coller, coordinator of SAFE KIDS. “He’s a great person to work with. He’s always willing to do whatever. He is great on follow-through.”

Moler was a charter member of the SAFE KIDS committee that formed 11 years ago following a statewide drowning prevention conference. He has served as an active committee member for the past 11 years and he served as the coalition’s first official president in 1994.

“I believe in children’s safety,” Moler said. “It’s a way to help educate families and children about ways to be safe.”

Moler stresses that most accidents are preventable. He said he hates to hear tragic stories about children who suffer major injuries because they were not using the proper equipment like bicycle helmets or seat belts.

“Each year we reach hundreds of thousands of children and their parents with the single mission of preventing injuries. I thank God and my family that we have this opportunity to impact and save so many lives and thousands of tears from children who have learned to avoid permanent injury or death from accidents—which are absolutely preventable,” Moler said.

Moler’s volunteer activities included chairing the annual “Tee Up for SAFE KIDS” golf tournament held at Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club June 14, developing and managing the annual Wacky Water WaHoo at White Water Bay in May and developing a strategic plan for the future of SAFE KIDS.

“I think he really has a soft spot for children,” Coller said.

Moler’s wife, Kim, is also an active safety advocate. She is on the Home and Toy Safety Prevention Committee and has been involved with SAFE KIDS for seven years. They have a 4-year-old son, Christian.
Classifieds

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It’s a club jungle out there! Safari teaches survival skills

By Darcey Rails
Staff Writer

Approximately 25 student leaders gained insight into each other when they attended the 1999 Summer Safari leadership workshop July 17.

The students met to exchange information on how to best promote their clubs and organizations at OKCCC. They shared much more however.

Introductions were made by having the students tell a truth and then a lie about their lives. The rest of the group then had to determine which statement was true.

Participants said the exercise provided personal information that might not otherwise have come out in casual conversation.

For instance, the participants discovered they come from diverse backgrounds and have varied interests.

The group included a midwife who has delivered more than 250 babies, an owner of a car that is more than 30 years old and still running, a vegetarian and a twin.

The people shared a common interest too — campus organizations.

Eric Lewis, chair of the College Republicans, said he hopes to generate interest in the political organization which has been inactive for the past three years.

“I plan to set up a table to get signatures and get the club re-established,” he said. “Then we will find a sponsor and bring in speakers.”

Drama club president Jason Mayo said his group is planning to organize a human chess game during the fall semester.

“We tried to do it last year,” he said, “but it kind of fell through.”

Student Life staff members Mike Jones, Janice Raney and Staci McPhearson conducted the workshop.

Jones presented information about the proper procedures clubs and organizations must follow in order to sponsor an activity.

Before any event, he said, the club or organization must fill out a Student Activity Request Form and turn it in to the office of Student Life. Upon approval, the club can begin working on the activity.

Raney said the SARF is an important document for other reasons too.

“It gives us a record to share with the Board of Regents,” she said. “We can use it to brag on our clubs and organizations.

“They can also be used as evidence when running for organization of the year or sponsor of the year for the awards ceremony.”

Jones also provided helpful information about electing officers of the club or organization.

He suggested someone in the club who is particularly outgoing might choose to run for a public relations position.

He also said club and organization leaders should follow their instincts.

“This isn’t brain surgery or I wouldn’t be doing it.”

Jones said.

He said, it is always a good idea to vote on items to see where club members stand on an issue.

“Safety in numbers is not only good in swimming, but also in clubs.”

Jones then led the group on a tour of the campus and offered suggestions for advertising events.

On a break in the student union, the group discussed ways to make it more “user friendly” for students.

Those attending said the workshop provided them with helpful suggestions to make their events successful. It also gave them a chance to meet and socialize with the leaders of other clubs and organizations.

They will get that chance again next month when Student Life hosts a leadership retreat Aug. 13 through 15.

All club officers and sponsors are invited to attend.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at 682-1611, ext. 7726.

Students receive grammar help through CD

“CD-ROM.
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Students receive grammar help through CD biology that will allow OKCCC Biology Professor Dennis Anderson’s students the chance to work from home by reading his modules and listening to his voice on CD in the computer.

“We’re really excited about it,” Cashman said.

“We’re getting to the point where we can help a lot of students accomplish a lot of things just through a computer.”