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Giving the gift of life: Kendall Richardson, OKCCC college recruiter, takes time out of his busy schedule to donate blood. See related story, page 4.

OKCCC to continue meeting goals as college enters new millennium

Computers, science labs, community play key roles in advancement

By **Michaela Marx**
Editor

As the new millennium inches nearer OKCCC also gets closer to reaching more goals that were set two years ago.

College leaders shaped the institutional vision then and have worked continually since to make that vision a reality.

Dr. Paul Sechrist, vice president of academic affairs, said four general institutional priorities were created to serve as the cornerstones for shaping the college in the next millennium.

He said those priorities are:

- use technology to provide students with the skills needed to live and work in an increasingly technological society.
- prepare students to live and work in a global society.
- offer programs that will enable students to contribute to the economic development of central Oklahoma.
- expand and enhance the pre-professional and professional health programs at OKCCC.

Sechrist said many projects within the goals have already been implemented.

For instance, he said, within the tech-

nology area, new computers were purchased for student labs, the library and computer-equipped classrooms. Each student enrolled at OKCCC also now has access to a free e-mail account.

Through work done in the global society area students have been exposed to a variety of cultural arts programs. OKCCC is now known as a major resource for the community in cultural and economic development as international artists visit and teach at the college.

Under the economic development focus new programs were added to the college curriculum at OKCCC. Some of those are biotechnology, semiconductor manufacturing, financial management and information technology.

"These areas are emerging job opportunities in central Oklahoma and generally pay quite well," Sechrist said.

In the health field many goals have already been realized. Probably the most talked about program thus far is the cadaver lab, the first hands-on lab of its kind located within a two-year college in Oklahoma.

Students feel relief as human anatomy class winds down

Every three weeks, the class learned about a new area of the body

(Editor's note: This is part three of a three-part series about OKCCC's new anatomy lab. This series has followed five students who are among the first to enroll in Human Anatomy at OKCCC.)

By **Susan Craig**
Contributing Writer

Christmas won't come too soon for the first students to take human anatomy class in OKCCC's new cadaver lab f.

With three months of human anatomy behind them, the students have dissected and studied all areas of the human body except for the brain and cranial cavity.

Every three weeks the students started a new rotation which covered a different area of the body. At the end of each rotation the students took a lab exam called a "practical."

In each practical they were tested on the sections of the body they had just dissected and studied. The test involved identifying areas of the body marked by numbered pins and answering questions about that part of the body.

Four bodies were used this semester.

During the practical the students are given a specific amount of time with each body and then they are rotated.

In addition to the practical, every three weeks they were also tested over the lecture portion of the class.

The lectures were over the same portion of the

body, the students said, but two tests every three weeks is very intense.

"Be prepared to study and stay on top of things," advised Jamie Winders, a nursing major. "If you get behind in this class, you'll get so stressed out it will be really hard to come back."

The first three weeks of class the students studied the back muscles, scapula (shoulder blade), spinal cord and the gluteal region (muscles everyone sits on).

In the fourth through sixth weeks, rotation two followed with the pectoral region, the axilla (armpit), arm and thigh, forearm, hand, leg and foot.

Week seven began the third rotation which included the thoracic and abdominal walls, the thorax, lung and pleural cavities, and heart.

In rotation four, the students studied the abdomen and its contents, the retroperitoneal structures, pelvis, and the male and female genitalia.

At this point of the semester, the students have taken four practicals and four tests.

The last Pioneer article, which ran Oct. 25, described the students' apprehension about dissecting the face. Up to that point, the face had been covered.

Rotation five covered the dissection of the scalp, face and neck. They completed this rotation before the Thanksgiving break.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

First decade of millennium needs name

I was recently having a conversation with my mom about how the past decades have all been called by their number name: the 90s, 80s, 70s, all the way to the 1900s.

Then we started wondering what we are going to call the time period of 2000 to 2010.

If they are to be called the 2000s, then it will sound funny. And imagine saying "I graduated in '06," or "Class of '06." It just does not sound right.

Then we decided to come up with a name for the span of time that would have been the 2000s.

My mom mentioned a time when my grandpa referred to the 1900s as "aught 1" and "aught 2". The word aught means zero ciphher, so instead of saying "zero six", they simply said "aught 6."

At first I didn't know what the aught meant, but then I connected it with the meaning I use when I play games. When me and my friends roll 10-sided dice and both of them show zero, we called this number "double aught."

And there is also a connection to guns in this word. Think of all the times you heard a young boy brag by saying "My dad owns a 30 aught 6."

When the new year rolls around and you find it too much to say "zero zero," or too cliché to use "Y2K" then instead say "double aught."

And for those who are graduating in a year of one digit, it will make it easier to say "I graduated in "aught 1."

So at the dawn of a new millennium, what some might call a time of rebirth, it is time to renew an old saying and label the time between 2000 and 2010 appropriately.

—Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

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No harm in planning for new year

To the editor:

I will not begin this letter with the phrase, "Y2K" (Oops! too late.).

Instead I will choose the extended form, the "Year 2000," so readers won't immediately skip this.

Well, now that the suspense of this topic has been eliminated, I will get straight to the point.

For those who condemn the prudent who gather wa-

ter, matches and canned goods, I will show the faulty logic in your thinking.

Six gallons of water purchased for the last six months equals an expenditure of \$18.

A box of matches costs \$2, followed by Ramen noodles which are roughly 20 cents a package.

If Y2K causes no problems, as many attest will be the case, you're left with

water and noodles. I doubt that for that sin you're headed straight to Dante's 5th circle of hell.

On the other hand, if the millennial bug DOES cause some inconveniences, then suit up in your riot gear.

The non-prudent may be knocking at your door, wanting a drink and some lunch.

Think about it.

—Mark Thompson
OKCCC Student

Kudos to students who persevere

To the Editor:

In the four years I've worked with OKCCC students, I don't think I've ever seen a more dedicated group as the one that passed by me this semester.

I'm not alone in my feelings or observations. I've heard this sentiment echoed by instructors throughout the college this semester.

Only 20 percent of the millions of people living in the United States hold a college degree. There is a reason for that. Being a college student is one of the most difficult endeavors you will ever encounter in life.

With that in mind I want to take the time to congratulate every one of you who has put in the effort and spent the time it takes to be a successful student. You make it a joy to come to work each day. I and other instructors appreciate you more than you realize.

—Ronna Austin
Newswriting Instructional Assistant

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Comments and Reviews

'Kitchen Heat' hot, hot, hot

Your father is accused of embezzlement and a mob surrounds your home ready to take him by any means necessary. What would you do?

This is the heated situation in which the Polk sisters found themselves in the latest OKCCC play "Kitchen Heat."

Audiences were treated to the action of the sisters at the OKCCC theater Nov. 17 through 20.

Being loyal daughters, the sisters — Babe, a get-your-gun-Annie narcoleptic; Mary Katherine, the dumb floozy; and Donna the pregnant dreamer — along with their father's secretary Belle, whisk their father away from the angry mob to an isolated mobile home out in the Oklahoma plains.

The sisters arrive under the cover of darkness and quickly brace themselves for disaster.

Immediately the sisters start to argue about what to do next. Babe takes charge which is not something her sisters like.

They are soon discovered by the local weatherman Ace Burke who also happens to be the father of Donna's unborn child.

He is taken hostage and soon realizes

that he is about to get the biggest break of his news career.

The play ends with Mary Katherine high on muscle relaxers, Donna going into labor and Babe along with Belle leaving them behind.

Written by OKCCC Adjunct Professor Linda McDonald and set in the '70s, "Kitchen Heat" is a play that pokes fun at how far women will go for men.

It was very well performed and a good comic relief. The videotape that was included gave the play a different look and added background information for the audience.

The play was also different in that it was performed in the round. The audience actually sat on the stage.

The outstanding performance of the evening was delivered by student Leila Janloo who was outstanding. She was able to capture the paranoid state and thrill of Babe.

Overall the play was great but it seemed too short. Maybe it was because I was just having too much fun.

—**Jennie Martinez**
Newswriting I Student

'Millionaire' kept viewers glued to sets

Getting handed a million dollars sounds wonderful, right?

Hosted by Regis Philbin, the new game show "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" has been attracting watchers throughout the United States wanting just that.

The show, in its second series, ran until Nov. 24 on ABC with new contestants each night.

A group of 10 individuals from all over the United States competed for the "hot seat."

They were asked a question and the first person to answer it correctly advanced with the chance to win a million dollars.

The game started at the \$100 level as contestants attempted to answer 15 multiple choice questions about various topics.

With each new question, the player often had a chance to double the winnings.

Players could choose to walk away at any time with the money they had at the



time or they could choose to keep trying for more.

A player unsure about an answer could use one of three life lines — call one friend, ask the audience, or have half of the answers eliminated leaving only the right answer and a wrong one.

The player could use each of these options once during the game.

John Carpenter, a contestant, won the only one million dollars in the history of the show.

Oddly enough, Carpenter is an IRS collection agent. He didn't use any of the life lines until the last question.

In a move that impressed the entire media world, he

called his dad and instead of asking him for the answer to the question, he told his dad that he was about to be a millionaire and hung up.

This show was intense and usually had me sitting at the edge of my seat shouting out the answers. It made me want to be in that seat winning a million dollars.

I don't think the questions were extremely difficult most of the time and, if I had the chance, I would definitely not quit.

Most people don't get the chance to win that much money and I would want to give it my best shot, just to say that I did have that chance.

The show's first series was in August. Notice I say first.

Keep your eyes open; ABC would be crazy not to run another series of the hit show in the future — especially during sweeps week.

—**Kathi Etherton**
Staff Writer

You asked for it...

by *Becky Gerred*

Extra library hours being examined

Many OKCCC students have questions about the campus. Some are serious, some are whimsical.

For the remainder of the semester, staff writer Becky Gerred will use this space to provide the answers to some of those questions.

Valerie Case a member of the Leadership Council, assists in overseeing the question and answer board on campus.

Case said she has noticed students have not had many questions this semester.

"Recently we had some students ask about extending library hours, especially during finals week," Case said.

In response to the students' inquiry, Case said, she brought up this question at the last President Advisory Council meeting.

Although no final decision has yet been made, the Advisory Council assured her they would look into the possibility of expanding the library hours.

Case said the council told her the interest must offset the cost of extra staff to work the extra hours along with the extra security that would be needed.

The Pioneer will keep students informed of any changes made concerning this question.

Bread Basket delivers the goods

When one hears food described as "fat free, sugar free, cholesterol free, low calorie," usually the first reaction is "I bet it tastes like cardboard."

To all those who are skeptical about healthy food with taste, worry no more.

There is a place by the name of The Bread Basket that serves some of the healthiest food around and for an affordable price.

All of the food is made right on the premises.

Combo sandwich plates range from \$3.25 to \$5.25 and come with chips, dessert cakes and a drink.

The average fat of these combos is 2.1 grams with an average of 276 calories per combo.

All are sugar free and cholesterol free.

Lunch is not the only

thing you can buy there. You can purchase loaves of homestyle bread, dessert cakes and even a variety of fruit cobblers.

If you are hosting a party, then you are still in luck.

The Bread Basket puts together affordable party trays that consist of fresh fruit, fresh veggies, cakes and meats — all the ingredients for a good party.

The Bread Basket is not only good, but good for you.

If you want to give it a try, there are two locations. Store #1 is at 8914 S. Western, and store #2 is at 1200 Air Depot in Midwest City.

You can dine in or have the food delivered to you if you are within range.

I give this restaurant a 5 out of 5 stars.

—**Ryan Johnson**
Staff Writer

Sociology class gets insider's view of prison life

By Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

In an attempt to find out first-hand what prison life is like Professor Arnold Waggoner's Saturday morning sociology class recently took a field trip.

The class had been studying the consequences of defiance, the social ramifications of prison life and what causes inmates to be repeat offenders.

In November, 14 members of Waggoner's class met bright and early at the Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center for women located in north Oklahoma City.

There, Dan Reed, assistant supervisor of the correction facility, took them on a tour of the grounds and explained what life as an inmate there entails.

"We're a small city here," Reed told the students. "We take care of ourselves."

He said the inmates take care of everything from maintenance and painting to remodeling, food and laundry.

Reed told the students to keep in mind that the inmates are still prisoners even though no fence or barbed wire could be seen.

"They are told when to get up and when to go to bed, when to eat and when to work," Reed said.

Realizing the lack of privacy inmates often endure made some of the students uncomfortable as they were led into rooms where inmates still slept.

The rooms were plain and bare with four to five single beds along the walls with night stands, a desk and a row of lockers.

The group was then taken into a holding area where voices could be heard murmuring as the students filed past.

"This is a holding cell where inmates are held to be transferred to higher security facilities," Reed said.

The Kate Barnard facility is the lowest level of security a female inmate can attain, Reed said.

The inmates are allowed to leave the facility in order to work or attend church services on Sunday mornings. The only time the inmates can see their families is four hours on the weekend Reed said.

They are crowded into a small visiting room with long tables and a television.

Upon the completion of the tour students were introduced to three typical inmates.

Regina said she had been in the prison system for 12 years. Her three children had grown up without a mom. Now she has a 3-year-old grandchild.

"Four hours is the only time we have to bond and guide our children," Regina said.

Regina's children were 4, 7 and 8 when she was incarcerated. Now they are grown.

"I grew up with a good mother. I was just a disobedient child," Regina said. "I had to come to prison to get my life back together."

Regina told the class prison life is hard.

"This is no place to want to be. You have no choices. Everything is taken away from you. I can't leave until they tell me I can go home," she said.

Fellow inmate Tracy expressed the guilt the inmates live with every day.

"When you do the time, your family does the time also," Tracy said.

Deloris was a first-time offender. She told the class she had been getting away with breaking the law for several years until she was caught at 38-years-old.

Deloris told the students she was a college graduate.

All three inmates stressed that they would have to change their playmates when they are released.

Not all students cared for the idea of having to find new friends.

Student Ray Franklin said he was familiar with what the women were saying. He had friends that had been incarcerated.

"Every family is going to say my kid needs to change his playmates. That is sort of copping out and blaming it on their friends," Franklin said.

"Everyone knows basically right from wrong at some point regardless of who you hang out with."

Student Beasna Loth said, when he was younger, he was hanging out with the wrong crowd and got caught shoplifting.

"I had to go to a juvenile detention center," he said.

While incarcerated, Loth said, he realized if he kept going the same direction he would end up behind bars.

"I did not want to go to jail," Loth said.

He said he felt like the tour impressed on people the need to follow the right path to stay out of trouble.

Student Elizabeth Cano said she felt some of the people may be lying to themselves when it comes to going straight.



Photo by Becky Gerred

Professor Arnold Waggoner on the far left stands with his Saturday morning Sociology class in front of the Kate Barnard Community Corrections Center. Dan Reed, assistant supervisor of the facility, stands to the right of the class.

"Some of the women are just doing the time," she said.

Cano said for people to change they need to admit to themselves they have done something wrong.

"They need to know in their heart they have done something wrong."

"There is no way serving time can change you. The only thing that can change you is your mentality."

Student Jennifer Pike also felt the important thing the inmates needed to do was admit they were wrong and move forward.

"They need to learn what to do in the future to make their lives better," Pike said.

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Fulbright group takes trip through Oklahoma's history

By **Michaela Marx**
Editor

As the world becomes smaller, issues in foreign countries have a more profound effect on people in Oklahoma said Dean of Global Education and Cultural Programming Manuel Prestamo.

He said OKCCC's mission is to serve those people of the state by expanding its involvement in activities to raise cultural awareness.

On Nov. 13 OKCCC hosted the Taste of the West celebration for the third time. Twenty-four Fulbright exchange students and scholars, who are currently in Oklahoma, participated.

Prestamo said the Fulbright Association is an international program for faculty and graduate exchange students to raise cultural understanding.

The group represented 14 countries and Oklahomans who had served as Fulbright

students or scholars in foreign countries.

Participants from OKCCC, Oklahoma State University, the University of Oklahoma and University of Central Oklahoma were represented.

A trip through Oklahoma history dominated the day.

The celebration started at the Oklahoma Heritage Center in Oklahoma City.

Later the group went to the Oklahoma Historical Society where Roger Harris, an outstanding Oklahoma storyteller, guided the group through early Oklahoma history.

After a luncheon they concluded the day with a tour of the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Prestamo said he was very proud that OKCCC hosted the celebration.

"This is a fabulous way to give our international guests a taste of Oklahoma culture," he said.

"The Taste of the West celebration is a great way for everyone to share and build international friendships and relationships which is what Fulbright is all about."

Corporations set up shop in college

The addition of AC Delco, Snap-On
a real boon for automotive area

By **Erik Jackson**
Newswriting I Student

Three new corporations are moving into OKCCC and bringing their equipment with them in an attempt to expand the automotive education programs at the college.

AC Delco, the parts maker for General Motors, is scheduled to establish a training center in the very near future.

Students will work with state-of-the-art technology, giving them access to equipment few will ever get the opportunity to work with.

"By giving them the facility to train their workers, these corporations are giving our students access to some of the finest equipment in the business," said OKCCC automotive instructor Larry Grummer.

Another cooperative effort between industry and the college is a bond with Snap-On, a major player in the tool industry.

They will be setting up at OKCCC by the first of the year, with the incentive coming in the form of \$150,000 worth of new equipment.

The final portion of the expansion includes enhancing the GM training center, which is expected to occur shortly after the new year.

The reasoning behind the expansion is not only to bring in new technology, but also to encourage automotive students to consider earning an associate degree through Automotive Technology Internship Program.

The ATIP course of study combines the credits a student has received through automotive classes and general education courses.

The last stage of the program enables students to work on cars and equipment first hand in order to gain the experience they will need in their careers.

Grummer said the result is a degree from OKCCC and a highly-skilled technician capable of finding a job in the automotive world.

Student sets automotive first in nation

By **Erik Jackson**
Newswriting I
Student

Brian Butler has achieved a distinction that sets him apart from all other automotive students in the United States.

Butler is the first student in the nation to graduate from both the AYES (Automotive Youth Education Systems) and ASEP (Au-

tomotive Service Education Program) programs.

As a result, he received a pre-paid trip to Michigan where he met with CEO of General Motors Jack Smith and Secretary of Education Richard Reilly.

"It was a great experience to go to Detroit and to meet with so many different people. It was completely different from what I expected," said Butler.

ASEP instructor Larry Grummer said he is proud of Butler.

"It is quite an honor for our school to be recognized by Smith and Reilly," he said.

"It sends a message that our department is producing some of the most highly qualified technicians in the country."

The award was presented in the midst of the 20-year anniversary of the cooperative effort between GM and

schools across the nation.

The agreement enables schools to receive free equipment from General Motors, allowing students to work with modern drive trains that they will encounter in their careers.

Butler, a GM technician, currently works at Ferguson Pontiac. He is a graduate of both OKCCC and Moore-Norman Vo-Tech.

Increased holiday travel creates need for more blood donors

By **Emily David**
Newswriting I Student

Every four and one-half minutes, someone is in need of blood.

On Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, students and faculty of OKCCC along with the Campus Activities Board and the Oklahoma Blood Institute did their part to help.

The blood drive was held in the college union. It was one of the five that are held on campus each year.

Two are held for each spring and fall semester and one during the summer giving donors a

chance to maximize their contributions to those in need.

Denise Durnbaugh, OBI Blood Program Consultant, said this year's drive was a success despite the slight decrease in numbers from last year.

She credits this decrease to the cold and flu season. Many people were on antibiotics and were not able to donate.

Durnbaugh said donating is especially important this time of year because the increase in holiday travel leads to more accidents.

Each blood donation has the possibility to save three lives.

"It's a really good way to contribute to the community," Durnbaugh said.

"We're so grateful that OKCCC lets us be here. We are really thankful for the donors because they make a big difference."

Mike Jones, sponsor of the Campus Activities Board, helps with the set up of the blood drive. The drive is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and serves as a community service project.

"We really appreciate everyone donating or attempting to donate. Not only is it appreciated by the organizations but also by the people who receive the blood," Jones said.

Durnbaugh said the Oklahoma Blood Institute has locations in Midwest City, Edmond, and north and south Oklahoma City for those who wish to donate in the future.

Christmas comes home for holidays

Treats and eats for the holidays



Bon Bons

Of course candy is not from the oven but it still screams "I love you." Bon Bons are easy to prepare and yield lots of compliments.

1 stick margarine
1 can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
2 pounds powdered sugar
1 pound grated coconut
1 1/2 cups chopped pecans
1 8 oz. Hershey's Chocolate bar
1/4 pound of beeswax (canning wax)

Roll up your sleeves and place the first five ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well. Place in the refrigerator overnight. When you are ready to prepare the finished Bon Bons, bring a sauce pan of water to boil, place a smaller pan or can in the water and place chocolate bar and wax in the smaller can. (I usually open a canned good to use as my pan inside the water. It is less clean up since you can throw the can away.) Now roll the cold mixture into individual balls. Dip into chocolate mixture and place on waxed paper.

Say I Love you, this Christmas Season

Christmas holds many traditions that make the holidays special. One such tradition is baking cookies and making candies to enjoy throughout the holiday season.

As the Pillsbury dough boy says "Nothing says lovin' like something from the oven."

"Cranberry Oatmeal Cookies" definitely says lovin' with cranberries, orange peel and vanilla chips.

Cranberry Oatmeal Cookies

1 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 1/2 cups of sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups quick-cooking oats
1 cup raisins
1 cup coarsely chopped fresh or frozen cranberries
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1 package (12 ounces) vanilla chips

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder, salt and baking soda; add to the creamed mixture. Stir in oats, raisins, cranberries and orange peel. Stir in vanilla chips. Place rounded teaspoonfuls 2 in. apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool on wire racks. Yields six dozen.

Recipes contributed
by Becky Gerred
Staff Writer



Merry Christmas

Furby's out, Pokémon's in: A complete shopping guide

By Michaela Marx
Editor

The day after Thanksgiving has passed and men all over the nation have put up Christmas lights while the rest of the family have gone to the mall to shop for Christmas.

There is no doubt the Christmas countdown has started. Now the question is: "What do I get my friends and family for Christmas?"

What you need is a shopping guide complete with a list of do's and don'ts for Christmas gift giving.

For the kids in your family or hip friends who always have to follow the latest trend, the hit this season is Pokémon merchandise. It is available everywhere and in all price ranges.

Don't give Furbys. After more than a year on the market even the slowest person has figured out that they don't really learn and that they will never carry on a meaningful conversation with you. Rip-off!

Tickets to a big New Year's Eve millennium event, such as a concert or gala will probably please Mom and Dad. If you do the annual stiff family portrait with your siblings, do something different such as dressing up funny to loosen up the family gallery.

Buy your loved one tickets for a big event of his favorite sport. Don't buy him jewelry if he did not ask for it. And stay away from clothes he does not wear. Ricky Martin may look good in tight, leather pants but that does not mean your boyfriend will.

For women, jewelry is almost always fine if you keep her taste in mind. Clothes are also good if you know what she will like. To make the gift special arrange a Christmas party or dinner just for the two of you. Girls like that.

Don't give dogs or engagement rings if you are not 100 percent sure of the responsibilities that come with either.

Your best friend deserves something special too. It is the last Christmas in this millennium. Make a collage of your favorite pictures of your past together and frame it or make a "best of the two of you" video.

Don't give gift certificates to his or her favorite store. That's so uncreative.

For other relatives and friends the rule is creativity. Stay away from chocolates and packages filled with cheese. That screams: "I really did not have a clue what to get you!"

Here are some additional ideas to make someone happy. Toe socks are back. This is a funny alternative to tell someone from whom you have received socks for the past years what you think about it.

The family of videogames and playstations welcomes a new member: the SEGA Dreamcast.

Another hot item under the Christmas tree this year is Millennium Monopoly.

A great gift for Austin Powers fans is the talking watch with messages from Austin, Dr. Evil and even Mr. Bigglesworth.

May Christmas be joyous and successful for everyone.

Internet shopping can be fun and convenient

Virtual shopping vs. store shopping

By **Kathi Etherton**
Staff Writer

Ever been shopping from your chair at your computer? More and more people are beating the crowds and avoiding the lines at the mall by shopping online. The Internet is open every day, 24-hours a day. Just about everything you need or want will be brought to your doorstep within about a week, usually.

The hottest stores are a little closer to home if you have the Internet, a keyboard, and a mouse.

Virtual shop at gap.com, oldnavy.com, dillards.com, toysrus.com, zales.com, jcpenny.com, servicemerchandise.com or just about any other store. Just typing the name and dot-com will usually take you on a shopping spree.

Another place to find good deals without getting out of the chair is ebay.com. They auction off items and you bid on the price. The item can start as low as a dollar. There are 3,398,501 items for sale in 2,568 catalogs!

Security on the Internet

Crowded stores and long check out lines are what keeps people out of the stores during this time of year. But for those who are a little uneasy about giving out credit card numbers, then going to a store and personally showing a credit card may be worth the ease. However, the stores use computers to check out customers and what is to say that that is any different.

Student Bethany Bruce said, "I would rather go to a store even though it is crowded. I don't want to give my information out online."

For those who are still skeptical, giving a credit card number over the Internet sounds a little risky. However, most credit card companies are taking precautions to ensure that shopping online is just as safe as shopping in a store.

Student Bryan Jones said, "I feel more comfortable if it is a large corporation rather than some [site such as] bobsholeinthewall.com."

Visa and Mastercard, as well as many other credit cards, have a safety feature called SET: Secure Electronic Transaction. SET is technology for maximum online payment security.

It encrypts payment information and uses digital certificates.

Encryption scrambles a message so that only the intended merchant can see it. The odds of someone breaking the codes are very slim.

Digital certificates are a form of identification that are issued to cardholders and merchants by financial institutions. SET software automatically checks that the merchant has a valid certificate. This certificate verifies your relationship with your bank, just as the card does in the physical world.

In addition to SET, Visa also has a feature called SSL or Secure Sockets Layer. This provides sound privacy protection by encrypting the channel between the consumer and the merchant.

Student David Lawson said, "I buy CDs at barnesandnoble.com. I feel comfortable giving out my check card [number] because they can only take out so much."

Trend goes to the Super Bowl

Shopping online is a new experience for most and in the next few years, it will grow even larger once word gets around about the ease of it.

The trend of shopping online is growing so much that the Internet companies are in the line up to advertise on the January Super Bowl. These advertisements can run a record \$2 million for a 30-second broadcast. Before this year, price was about \$1.6 million. These Internet companies, or dot-com advertisers, have bought about 20 percent of the available commercials during the Super Bowl.

As fun as shopping for real?

Shopping online is definitely a convenience, but some people would like to see, try on, and feel what they buy before they check out.

Student Julie Lawrence said, "I think it takes the fun out of shopping. I don't think you get to see what you are actually getting."

It's your choice...

Online shopping can be viewed as another convenience to help cut down on the holiday hassles. Just about every store has a web site address and a shopping basket just waiting to be filled with merchandise at the click of a mouse.

However, many people would rather go to the malls to see what they are actually getting. For some, the crowd of fellow shoppers is part of the pleasure.

Those who find the Internet safe can sit and relax during the holidays and wait inside in the warmth for their merchandise to come to them. However, store shopping still has its perks and nothing can beat the real thing.

Remembered fondly... Missed greatly

By **Susan Wierimaa**
Staff Writer

My first thoughts on the upcoming Christmas holidays were not ones of mistletoe or Santa and his reindeer.

What came to mind was a mixture of sadness and a child's remembrance of the wonderment that was Christmas and the loss of that time and place.

Christmases past with my children (Kimberly is now 23 and David is 22) were not my immediate response. It was my Christmas's as a child that filled my mind and senses with so many wonderful memories.

My mother was on Santa's payroll. She did everything – typing our Santa letters with our "wish list" and making sure that cookies and milk were left for Santa, as surely he would need energy to continue on his quest!

Every Christmas morning my mother could be found sitting in her favorite chair, wearing her pretty sleeping gown and, as always, holding a cup of freshly brewed coffee.

The camera was charged, the flashbulbs were handy, we were in our pajamas impatiently waiting for my mom to say to my dad, "Hon, you want to play Santa this year?" and as always his reply, "Babe, I'd love to."

I can still "see" and "hear" the beautiful wrapping paper being torn to pieces, oohs and ahs at what lay underneath, laughter and gaiety in every corner of the living room.

Only after everyone was through opening their presents would my mom open hers. What would it be —Chantilly Lace perfume? A new winter coat or sweater? Millionaire candies that she loved so much?

It has been 22 years since my last Christmas with my mother. Cancer took her life at 45 years young. Christmas as never really been the same since. I had not realized this before, but I believe it to be true.

I remember making hot chocolate, watching football, playing spades, and laughter filling the air.

I miss her so.



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Online banking sites offer students useful information

By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

Banking and financial nightmares may be a thing of the past for students and their parents since various banks have introduced programs specifically designed to help college students.

Bank of America, Scotia Bank and Wells Fargo are just some of the banks to offer these free services.

Kathy Cannon, Executive for Student Banking Group at Bank of America, said students can access their site on the Internet at www.bankofamerica.com

She said, once students are at the site, clicking on Personal Finance, then Student Banking will get them into the Internet Banking Center.

There, they will find a vast array of options, from federal and private loans to scholarships and grants.

In addition to the banking services offered, students can brush up on taking care of their personal finances with a course called Your Money 101.

It covers necessary tasks such as writing and endorsing checks, depositing money in bank accounts

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Executive for Banking Group at Bank of America

and balancing monthly statements.

A College Budget Planner gives students a worksheet to track expenses, Cost Planner to anticipate the cost of a college education and Borrowing Planner for students who need a loan.

"College students are a very important segment of our banking population," Cannon said.

"We have designed these products to reflect their busy on-the-go lifestyle by bundling all of their financial solutions together and by focusing on providing access that includes multiple delivery channels such as online banking."

The site also provides step-by-step instructions on student loans and how and when students should start thinking about paying for college.

There is also online counseling for students and parents to inform them of the obligations of paying back loans.

Scotia Bank offers a help-

ful Internet site located at www.scotiabank.ca/StudentLink.html

Once there, students can choose from such categories as student loans, professional degree plans, credit for students and financial aid.

The actual bank is located in Canada but the student information offered at the bank's site can be accessed by anyone.

Typing in the URL www.wellsfargo.com will also take students to a site that can help make financial planning easier.

From the main page at Wells Fargo online, students should first choose the state in which they reside from the Tools and Tips category, then click the student loan link.

Once there, a category can be chosen such as Loans for Undergraduates, Loans for Graduate Students, Help for Parents and Online Counseling.

Or, stay at the Student Loans page and visit the re-

source center area which provides help for students wanting to learn more about financial aid, finding a job after college and managing the money they make in the "real world," and scholarship information.

Students and parents can also get information that will help them make the transition from high school into college.

Cannon said it is necessary that students and parents enter into these planning stages of life together.

"Parents sometimes assume kids will automatically know about personal finance when they turn 18 years of age," she said.

"But this doesn't always happen. Students heading to school, and away from home for the first time, are suddenly faced with the challenges of keeping their financial affairs in order.

Anyone can access the information offered at these sites. It isn't necessary to have an account with the banks.

Accused professor resigns position

By Michaela Marx
Editor

OKCCC business Professor Stephen McCloy resigned his position at the college Nov. 15. According to his letter, the resignation will be effective March 31 or "on the date of the disposition of the criminal charges now pending" against him.

McCloy had been teaching full time at the college since 1982. He was placed on administrative leave in September after computer files allegedly containing pornographic images of children were found on the computer in his office. His OKCCC work computer and boxes of floppy disks were confiscated by Oklahoma City police.

The police became involved after they were contacted by OKCCC General Council Jerry Steward. McCloy was arrested at his home Oct. 5, but was released from jail on a bond the same day.

Following his arrest in early October criminal charges were filed against McCloy in Oklahoma County District Court. McCloy appeared in court Nov. 23 for a pre-preliminary conference. A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for Dec. 14.

McCloy or his attorney Clyde Kirk could not be reached for comment.

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Financial aid counselors say students are top priority

By Bruce Yang
Newswriting I Student

OKCCC's financial aid area has always been a source of controversy among students.

Some students feel it needs a lot of improvements while others say they accept and understand that patience is a virtue when it comes to financial aid red tape.

One OKCCC student who wished to remain anonymous said the financial aid office is a source of frustration.

"I am disappointed because I feel like I'm getting the run-around by having to go from here to there and filling out this and that type of paper."

Student Joey Yang said he has no complaints.

"I appreciate the hospitable service and do understand that

there is a procedure that the staff has to abide by in order to make the assistance for me and other students go smoothly."

Financial aid counselor Linda Poindexter said she tries hard to serve the students' needs.

She said she feels there are two main responsibilities she should fulfill as a counselor.

Those are establishing good relationships with the students and helping better students' futures in education by assisting them with financial aid matters.

She is not alone in that endeavor. Poindexter said two additional counselors were hired in October, which should make things flow even more smoothly.

A full staff consists of four counselors plus one full-time manager and two part-time assistants at the front counter, and a phone receptionist.

Poindexter said the counselors

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—Tammy Warner

OKCCC Financial Aid Counselor

evaluate the eligibility of students for financial aid assistance.

There are also a number of employees behind the scenes who combine efforts to make sure all financial aid awards comply with federal law.

Those include a computer system operator, data entry personnel, and billing, filing and records personnel.

Poindexter said the office also reaches out to high school students who may be about to enter college for the first time.

"Financial aid is promoted at many high schools by representatives who introduce the financial aid process to the students," Poindexter said.

Counselor Tammy Warner said she enjoys working with the students who come in.

"I never had any problems with the students I interacted with," she said.

"I try to be courteous to all students in assisting them."

Warner offered some advice to anyone seeking help at the financial aid office.

"Please have an appropriate ID ready to show when asking for assistance at the counter," she said.

And, she added, apply as soon as possible.

"Fall semester is our busiest time of the year so please try to apply early."

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Highlights

Free holiday concert

OKCCC Chamber Singers, Concert Choir and the Jazz Ensemble will be performing a free holiday concert at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 9, in the college theater.

Violinist to preform

Ecuadorian violinist and cultural attach é, Jorge Saade-Scaff will be performing at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7 in the OKCCC theatre. Admission will be \$5 for general admission and \$4 for students and seniors. The concert will feature the music of Ecuadorian and South American composers.

Saade-Scaff will also be conducting a free lecture titled "The Role of Cultural Attaché in the Arts," from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, in room 3E3 in the Arts and Humanities Building. Instructors wishing to attend and bring their students can receive complimentary tickets. Contact Scott Tigert at 682-1611, ext. 7579 for more information.

Club plans field trip

The Science club is planning a field trip to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. To reserve a seat on the van, to receive release forms and to find out about lunch arrangements please call Steve Shore at 682-1611, ext. 7767.

Gay Alliance & Friends hold bake sale

Gay Alliance & Friends club is planning a bake sale to raise funds for a community service project. The sale will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, in the main building.

Business hosts college nights

AMF Moore Bowling plans to have a college night from 9:30 p.m. until closing every Thursday night. The price will be \$1.19 a game per person plus \$1.85 if shoes are needed. The address is 420 S. W. 6th Street in Moore. Current student ID required.

New intercession class planned in history

Hist. 1002, American History Through Film, is a new intercession class being offered this January. Dr. Nigel Sellars will be the instructor and will be focusing on how the public learns from television, movies and Hollywood about historical events. The class will need a minimum of 25 students, so please hurry and enroll if you are interested.

Academic Tuition Fee Waiver awards announced

The Student Financial Aid Center will post the Academic Tuition Fee Waiver awards on Dec. 13.

Enroll now, pay later

OKCCC students need to be enrolling now if they hope to get the classes they need or want. Fees are not due until January. Students can enroll from home or the library through the internet at <http://www.okc.cc.ok.us>

Holiday gift idea

The OKCCC Wellness and Aquatic Center has great gift ideas for any member of the family. Memberships to the college's Wellness and Aquatic Center can be customized for any family's specific needs. Discount Punch Cards, good for 20 visits or 16 weeks from the date of purchase, are on sale for \$25 until Dec. 23. Call the Office of Recreation and Community Services at OKCCC at 682-7860 to learn more about gift ideas.



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Name your price sale: Calvin Schutte checks the contents and condition of a book that he wants. OKCCC Engineering club raised \$700 by press time, selling books to students at "name your price" deals. All proceeds go to the Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Engineering Club has successful book sale

By Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

The OKCCC Engineering Club conducted a book sale Dec. 1 to raise money for the Professor Jack Cain Memorial Fund.

Student Jan Reed, an engineering major said people seemed pleased about the book sale, especially with the fact it was "name your own price."

"I think we will actually raise more money than if we had put a price on the books," Reed said.

OKCCC Engineering Club President Joel Mann said Professor Jack Cain had been a math professor

at OKCCC.

"He [Jack Cain] died in a mountain climbing accident," Mann said.

OKCCC employee Sue DeCardenas picked some good novels she's looking forward to reading later.

DeCardenas said she had worked with Professor Jack Cain and felt like the book sale was a good idea.

"I would like to see them get a lot of money for the scholarship fund," she said.

"I plan on giving a dollar a book," DeCardenas said. "That's cheap for books."

The book sale will be the last function the club will have this semester.

"We will be concentrating

on finals after the book sale," Mann said.

The club has had a full semester with selling cotton candy, and going on field trips.

"We went to Lockheed in Dallas, Gulf Stream and Dayton Tire," Mann said.

Reed also commented on all the activities the club has been involved in this semester.

"The engineering club is great. It has opened up a lot of opportunities," Reed said.

"The field trips we have gone on have been simply amazing. It opens your eyes and lets you see what really is going into the products we are using."

Ecuadorian violinist's mother instilled love of music in him

By Che' Loessberg
Newswriting I Student

Ecuador's most outstanding violinist will be performing in the OKCCC theater Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Jorge Saade-Scaff began studying the violin at the age of 6 at the Antonio Nuemane National Conservatory of Music after being encouraged by his mother who was a fan of classical music.

"My mother said, when I was a little kid, I was hyperactive," Saade-Scaff said. "The only way she could calm me down was with music."

As of 1995, Saade-Scaff was the only Ecuadorian and Latin American accepted at the Mozarteum Institute in Salzburg, Austria to study with violin virtuoso Ruggiero Ricci.

Saade-Scaff is currently the cultural attaché of the Ecuadorian Embassy in Washington, D.C., cultural representative of Ecuador to the Organization of American States, vice-president of the Ibero-American Cultural Attaché Association in Washington, D.C., and executive director of the Ecuadorian Youth

Symphony Orchestra Foundation.

Saade-Scaff has received several awards for his musical talent. He was named "Artist of the year" in 1989, received an Artist Merit Diploma and the Light of America award.

During Saade-Scaff's musical career he has performed in Ecuador, the United States, Columbia, Brazil, Puerto Rico, Austria, Italy and Germany.

Between his world travels and his career, Saade-Scaff said, he hopes to provide more knowledge of Ecuadorian music and Ecuadorian composers.

Saade-Scaff explained in a press release, "That aspect of Ecuadorian art and culture has been neglected in the past.

"It's great to support an Ecuadorian performer, but it would also be great if he would perform Ecuadorian music."

Saade-Scaff's recital will begin at 7 p.m. General admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students.

Support for this presentation has been provided by the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and OKCCC. For more information call 405-682-7579, or visit <http://www.okc.cc.ok.us/globaled>

Shoppers find good karma at the mall

By Stephanie Kuhnert
Newswriting I Student

Karma beads are the most recent trend to hit the retail industry.

Karma is described in Webster's dictionary as "the totality of one's acts in each state of one's existence."

Or, in more simple terms, fate.

Made into bracelets or necklaces, Karma beads are said to give the wearer special power, depending upon the color of the beads worn.

Their powers seem to be working — for the retailers at least.

Mary McGivney, manager

at The Limited Too, said shoppers are grabbing the beads up as soon as she gets them in.

"We can't keep these beads in stock," she said.

When shopping for karma beads, it's important to get the correct color.

The following colors are said to help the wearer achieve the following:

- black = courage
- purple = passion
- green = wealth
- red = love
- dark blue = knowl-

edge

•light blue = peace

•pink = romance

•crystal = clarity

Along with the variety of colors comes a variety of prices, ranging from \$6 to \$22 for a pair of bracelets or necklaces.

The beads come in plastic or glass.



Cadaver lab students offer advice to next class

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Most of the group said it wasn't as bad as they had thought it would be. However, Rosie Digby, an occupational therapy major, said she had a hard time with the face.

"I had to leave the room a couple of times," she said.

"I just told myself to get in there and do it."

Winders said the apprehension she had before looking at the face was the hardest part. That quickly turned into amazement.

"I didn't know so many nerves and muscles ran through the face. It was really interesting."

The students seemed to have bonded as a group. They said they liked the team approach that has been utilized in this class.

"It was almost like an extended family," Winders said.

The completion of one more rotation will finish the semester dissections. It will focus on the brain, nerve

pathways of the brain, cortex and spinal cord, cranial nerves, the sense organs — taste, smell, eyes, ears — and hearing and equilibrium.

After that, the last practical and a comprehensive final exam are all that is left for the students.

"I have already compiled about eight inches of notes that I will need to study before the final exam," said Susan Hunt, a physical therapy major.

They all said this has been one of the hardest but most rewarding classes they have ever taken.

They had a few suggestions for future students of this class.

"Make sure you aren't taking any other hard classes at the same time," said Jess Abel, a premed major.

Fellow student Michael Fernandes, agreed.

"This class was a lot harder than I thought it would be with the 16 hours I took this semester," Fernandes said. "I know I could have done better if my load would have been

a little lighter."

"Don't be afraid of your instructors," Winders said. "They are there to help you and that's exactly what they did."

Digby said communication is the key.

Hunt said the key elements to getting through the class are to dig in and study hard, and pray a lot.

Attitudes about body donation changed too.

"After seeing first hand how much this class has helped our understanding of the human body," Winders said, "a lot of the students have changed their minds and are more willing now to donate their bodies."

Fernandes said he has respect for the cadavers.

"These were very brave people to donate their bodies," he said. "This was an opportunity for all of us to see the body from the inside. The human body is more complicated than I expected."

Winders said she had taken human anatomy before without dissection and it didn't compare to what she learned in this class.

Community involvement needed to meet goals

"Goals,"

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OKCCC also now offers a nationally accredited Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic program. It too is the first of its kind in the state, Sechrist said.

Already existing science labs have received new equipment and been renovated to keep up with changing times.

Sechrist said the college will continue to re-evaluate the goals and adjust them accordingly.

"The priorities have changed to reflect the needs of the community, not only for today but also for the foreseeable future."

He said students and the community will remain top priority as even more computers are expected to be added in the library, labs and computer-equipped classrooms. Those will be installed and ready for the spring semester.

Additional online courses were added in the fall and

more are scheduled to be added in the spring.

Annmarie Shirazi, dean of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, said OKCCC is growing and because of that, has a greater impact on Oklahoma City's community and economy.

Sharazi said the surrounding community is involved in helping the college meet its goals.

"In order to respond to the community's needs the college cooperates closely with the community," she said. "Every technical program has an advisory committee made up of community members."

Sechrist said there is one main goal the college always strives to meet.

"The college's mission remains constant: to make a positive difference in the lives of our students and all members of the community of central Oklahoma," Sechrist said.

"Education is the key for not only individual success and financial security, but also it is the key to the success of Oklahoma City."