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Photo by Ryan Johnson

Let it pour: Alex Yaffe, left, and Angela Henry take precautions to stay dry in last Thursday's downpour. Students heading to classes had to don parkas and umbrellas for protection from the elements.

Retired professor dies during surgery to remove tumor

By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

Retired professor of learning skills Sharon Stevens, 58, died March 13 during surgery at Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Kansas.

Stevens was recently di-

agnosed with lung cancer and was undergoing chemotherapy.

Linda Robinett, OKCCC professor and Stevens' friend, said Stevens went into the hospital for surgery to remove a tumor on her aorta artery. When the doctor tried to remove the tumor, Robinett said, the artery was nicked, causing

Stevens' death.

Stevens retired from OKCCC last May after eight and a half years.

At that time she told the Pioneer she was moving home to Overland Park, Kan. to be closer to her

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Student says she's German on paper, American at heart

By Amy Perkins
Newswriting I Student

Karina Balschuweit looks like the typical American girl. She said she even feels American. But not too many American girls have an education that includes laying tile.

The 23-year-old, blonde-haired, blue-eyed student, born in Braunschweig, North Germany, said German education is much different from education in the United States.

In Germany, Balschuweit said, after graduating from high school, some young people find a trade that interests them

and then "apprentice" with an employer for three years to learn that specific trade.

Balschuweit spent her three years learning the art of laying tile.

Though physically challenging, she said, she discovered she loved the work. However, she keenly felt the stigma of being a female in a "man's field."

The social pressure and physical labor became too great for Balschuweit so, said she, she regrettably left the trade.

Out of both school and work, she had to decide what she wanted to do with her life.

Having visited a friend in the United States several times, Balschuweit decided to return.

To make the transition of being in a foreign land easier, she attended a four-month language school in Norman.

She then returned to Germany, but six weeks later decided to return to the states and attend college.

Now, she is adjusting to a life and culture much different from that she knew in her hometown.

When asked what motivated her to leave everything she was familiar with and try to integrate herself into a foreign culture she answered, "I was out of options in Germany and I wanted to experience



Karina Balschuweit

something new."

Now a sophomore at OKCCC, Balschuweit is majoring in business and plans to transfer to the University of Oklahoma next fall.

She said she eventually wants to move back to Germany for a while and make use of her American education. But, she said, she eventually hopes to return to the United States by way of being employed by a German business stationed in America.

That way, she said, she could enjoy the best of both worlds — be a German citizen but be able to live in the

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Phone calls and driving don't mix

I'm frustrated with driving. I'm tired of getting into my car because I know I'll have to deal with the nonsense of many of the drivers. I know I'm not alone in my frustration. The recent rash of road rage incidents proves that.

One of the causes of my frustration is people who feel the need to talk on a phone while driving.

Why are there so many people who feel the need to talk on their cellular phones during a moment when their utmost attention is needed?

Common sense tells us the distraction a phone creates can cause very serious consequences.

For instance, a driver using a phone might be too distracted to notice a red light, stop sign or even a pedestrian walking across the street.

I have had first-hand experience with drivers talking on phones who drive at a slower pace on the highway than all the other people which ultimately causes congestion. Often, the result of congestion is traffic accidents.

But, if common sense is not a part of a person's genetic makeup, laws being proposed in other states to outlaw the use of a phone while driving should speak to the growing problem and the need to outlaw the practice nationwide.

The New England Journal of Medicine found in a recent study that, within five minutes after the start of a call while driving, the risk of having an accident more than doubles.

The study conclusion reads, "The use of cellular telephones in motor vehicles is associated with a quadrupling of the risk of a collision during the brief period of a call."

It is time for Oklahoma to pass a law to make talking on a phone while driving illegal. Doing so would undoubtedly cause a drop in car accidents. But, until such a law gets passed, I urge drivers not to use a phone while driving. Pull over to the side of the road if an urgent call has to be made.

No matter how good a driver you think you are, there is no need to endanger the life of yourself and others.

—Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

All letters to the editor must contain a name and phone number — even those sent via e-mail. Name will be withheld upon request.

Everyone deserves opportunities

To the editor:

It's a pretty sad state of affairs when a member of the most powerful segment of the population feels compelled to bemoan the leveling of the playing field.

If people weren't too lazy to walk over to the Prospective Students office, they could save themselves the pain and embarrassment of firmly implanting a foot where a molar should be.

There are a multiplicity of scholarships available. The Prospective Students office has a comprehensive list. They also have a list of websites that search for scholarships based on your profile.

Furthermore, they have a registration form you can fill out so the office will contact you when an appropriate scholarship becomes available.

Membership in the

Straight White Male Club does not mean that you don't have to do a little bit of footwork nor does it mean that the world will be handed to you on a silver platter.

As for Mr. Schrupp's comments on "the necessary qualifications of good academics," there are minimum GPA requirements for every scholarship.

As for the comments that gays and lesbians are a general detriment to society, if people like Hans Christian Anderson, Sir Francis Bacon, Lord Byron, Cole Porter and Walt Whitman are detriments to society then we may as well blow the world up and be done with it.

Finally, the whole reason there are scholarships for minority groups is because the Straight White Male Club has been on top for so

long.

The idea here is to level the playing field and bring about equality.

Despite the popular myth to the contrary, the straight white male is in no way an endangered species.

But they are going to have to get used to no longer being King of the Mountain and deal with being equal to everyone else.

—L. Beth Colby
OKCCC Student

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Comments and Reviews

Former Scientologist says church uses mind control

To the editor:

I am writing in reply to the article "Scientology leader led by mind-altering belief" (March 20, pg. 3). Ryan is understandably enthusiastic about L. Ron Hubbard's "Dianetics." Right before I walked in for my very first auditing session, Geoff Wardle who introduced me to the exciting world of Scientology said, "May you never be the same." It is a tradition. It was a prophetic statement, because I have never been the same.

I will be the first to declare that the technology (their terminology) of auditing is wonderful, but the organization and mind control of the church is overwhelming and frightening. I can say so because I spent one year at their Clearwater, Fla. center (called Flag for Flagship). I have the documentation to back up that statement.

By the time I left, my bright-eyed excitement was long gone. I was poorer by several thousand dollars. Luckily, although I had been out of communication with my family for most of the time, I had a home to return to.

I am living in Oklahoma today because the church (or cult, if you wish) members would not leave me alone. They would show up where I was working to pressure me into returning to my classes. I had to call my manager and explain that I was leaving Florida and couldn't come to work anymore.

I hid at the home of a friend the church members did not know. They were looking for me and driving my ex-husband crazy with their constant calling. It is years later and he says he is still getting calls.

The one key element that drove me away was the relentless control. I have never experienced anything like it. After my credit cards had been maxed out, the registrar called them to extend my limit. She asked me about my car and was vexed that it was a lease car and not my car to sell. She asked about my house and I told her I had signed a Quit Claim deed to my ex-husband. The registrar had been trained at hard sell and was very intimidating.

During my time there I went to their classes, worked at two businesses controlled by them, lived with them, ate like them and talked like them (Scientologists have a jargon of their own. I will say to their credit — Scientologists will not take drugs, (even aspirin) and they will not tolerate one individual striking another. Having said that, I will repeat: Scientologists are driven by the church organization to acquire funds for their classes. Their classes are the sum total of their existence.

Until the arrival of Narconon, Oklahoma, this area was free of their presence. Few people know that Narconon is a Scientology-based operation. It is under the name of Wise, I believe. It is through Narconon that actress Kirstie Alley became a Scientologist.

I felt I needed to elaborate upon the direction a book like "Dianetics" can take you. The auditing is good; the organization is the one to avoid.

—Name Withheld
by Request

Parents should teach kids basic fundamentals — like shopping

To the editor:

I had a case of the midnight munchies one day and made a trip to the grocery store.

There was a young couple at the front of the line who had put more in their basket than they could afford. No big deal — it's happened to all of us at one point or another.

Since there was only one register open and I had nothing better to do while waiting, I paid attention to the choices this young couple made about what to put back and what to keep.

Some items I could understand, like the Hamburger Helper. At \$2.29 a box, it's much cheaper to get hamburger fixings.

But some items just blew my mind. If you keep the tortilla chips and put back the toilet paper, what are you going to do when the tortilla chips are ready to exit the body?

I began to wonder why their parents never taught them how to grocery shop.

As I thought about it, I realized my mother had never actively taught me how to

shop. She just took me to the store with her and I watched her go through coupons and compare prices. She never explained why she clipped coupons and took forever to select a loaf of bread.

I started asking my friends if their mothers had ever taught them to grocery shop. Most of them learned the same way I did.

What's wrong with us that we don't teach our children even the most basic skills? And why in the world do we ignore our sons in this area? All of my male friends lived on TV dinners and McDonald's while they were single.

I've never agreed with all of the parenting skills I was subjected to as a child and so I ignored my mother's example and taught my son how to shop. When I took him to the store and lectured about price comparison, clipping coupons, how to save even more by using a coupon with a sale item, and browsed the meat department to show him examples of what you do and don't want in a cut of meat,

What's wrong with us that we don't teach our children even the most basic skills?

—Beth Colby
OKCCC Student

people looked at me like I'd lost my mind. I never understood why until a few weeks ago.

Apparently, it's extremely unfashionable to teach boys that kind of stuff.

Our children are our most precious resources. We have a responsibility to them beyond putting a roof over their heads, clothes on their backs, food in their bellies, teaching them the difference between right and wrong, regular doctor visits to ensure their health and mandatory schooling.

We have a responsibility to teach them all we can.

So don't look at the lady who's teaching her son to shop like she's crazy. She might be one of the few sane people in a world gone mad.

—Beth Colby
OKCCC Student

Teach acceptance, not bias

To the editor:

In response to Loren Schrupp's letter about scholarships for homosexuals and the comment on homosexuality being "a perverse" lifestyle, I would like to say: check your expiration date because you need to come off the shelf.

Today we live in a more educated society.

Perhaps the only image of homosexuals in your mind is the scribbles on bathroom walls or freaks on the Jerry Springer show.

Homosexuals are a group of people who must be assessed as people.

There is a term used in psychology called critical thinking.

It means to come to a conclusion about a subject based on logic, facts and

without bias.

Homosexuals are a minority group and have a harder time in Oklahoma society than the majority Anglo Saxon Bible thumpers mostly because of an ignorant society you are very much a part of.

It would be reasonable that a scholarship for homosexuals might make getting an education a little easier for some.

Someday, I hope Oklahomans can take the blinders off and realize that people need to be treated as such regardless of personal irritation and unfounded discomfort.

In a majority-ruled society where young people are learning from you, it is difficult to treat the disease caused by your ignorance.

Anyone who is female, of a minority race, of a minority religion or faith, should understand the persecution homosexuals are suffering.

We may not be burned at the stake, but not allowing me the same freedom as you is persecution enough.

You can cry all you want about my scholarship but I would like to see how you would do in a society that ridiculed and ignored you because of one element in your life you had no control over whatsoever.

All I can say is wake up and smell the coffee and, if you put milk in it, check your expiration date before pouring.

Nobody likes sour milk.
—John D. Manning
OKCCC Student

Students provided venue to show artistic talents

By Carrie Reichenbach
Newswriting I Student

Artistically-talented students will have the opportunity to display their talents and possibly win a cash prize too at the upcoming Annual Student Art Show 2000.

All currently enrolled OKCCC students are eligible to enter up to three pieces in the categories which include pen and ink, web page design and sculpture.

The art show offers students a chance to show their talents.

"It gives students an opportunity to show their work and allows other people to see the world through their eyes," said Carolyn Farris, co-sponsor of the Student Art Guild

and OKCCC art professor.

Entries must be hand-delivered between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. April 3 through April 6 to the Arts and Humanities Office in area 1D2 of the Arts and

Humanities Building or to an art faculty member.

The entries will then be judged by two accredited jurors who will decide which pieces are accepted for display.

The jurors will also select a first, second and third place award for each category. Honorable mention will be given in large categories.

A Best of Show award with a prize of \$100 will also be decided upon by the jurors.



Carolyn Farris

The art will be displayed April 7 through 13 in the lobby of the main building.

The show will conclude with a special presentation by guest speaker Jack Winfield Ross, a nature photographer and

writer.

Ross is also an inspirational speaker who has entertained audiences for more than 30 years.

Prior to the presentation of awards, Winfield Ross will give his address at 5:30 p.m. April 13 in college union room 3.

The presentation of awards will follow at 7 p.m. in college union room 3. A reception will be held until 9 p.m. for exhibitors, students, faculty, family and friends.

Campus parking regulations ensure OKCCC drivers' safety

By Paul Freeman
Newswriting I Student

The many traffic and parking regulations on campus are designed to ensure the safety and security for those attending OKCCC.

Break them and it will cost money.

Keith Bourque, director of safety and security, outlined the various rules.

- Every vehicle on campus must be registered.

Students and faculty can get decals at the information center in the main building. All students must register their cars by the time they attend their first class. Staff and faculty must have their cars registered within 72 hours of employment.

- Parking is restricted to parking areas.

Vehicles must be parked

in a valid parking space. These are identified by two parallel lines. Vehicles may also be parked by any of the posted areas assigned to parking. These areas are a line, a curb, or a parking block noted for parking.

A vehicle cannot block any entrances or exits. A vehicle cannot park in the grass or on a sidewalk or crosswalk.

- Everyone driving a vehicle on campus must have a valid driver's license.

All drivers are responsible for controlling the vehicle and operating it in a safe way.

- Everyone must obey the traffic signs.

- Pedestrians ALWAYS have the right of way.

- Any vehicle may be towed under the right circumstances.

Unless the vehicle is properly registered, one cannot park in an assigned handicapped area.

If a vehicle has five or more parking violations it may be towed.

Vehicles may not be abandoned for more than 48 hours.

Campus security patrols the campus 24 hours a day and seven days a week. They enforce these rules by giving citations.

It will cost \$25 for parking in a fire lane and \$50 for parking in a handicapped area without proper registration.

Running a stop sign, speeding, failing to yield to pedestrians and reckless driving will lighten a wallet by \$25.

Parking in a faculty/staff space or double parking carries a \$5 fine. Make sure your vehicle is completely in the space because if it isn't, it can cost \$3.

Bourque said, by obeying the laws, all drivers will have a better experience at OKCCC.

Agreement brings Navy personnel to campus in fall

By Michaela Marx
Editor

Future and current U.S. Navy personnel will be able to receive an education at OKCCC through a program that makes it possible for them to seek technical degree programs at Oklahoma state institutions.

"The college is pleased to be part of this historic agreement with the Navy," said Dr. Paul Sechrist, OKCCC vice president for academic affairs.

"The Navy students could begin attending OKCCC this fall," Sechrist said.



Paul Sechrist

Navy officials had approached a number of states seeking assistance in providing educational programs to their members.

As a result, last August the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education started developing a cooperative agreement with the Navy.

Sechrist explained OKCCC's partnership.

No courses will be added he said. OKCCC will provide the general education courses needed for an associate's degree such as English, math, history, science and political science, he said.

"In most cases the college will offer approximately half of the total degree program courses," Sechrist said, "The Navy will offer only the technical specialty courses."

OKCCC is not the only Oklahoma college to participate in the program.

All state-supported colleges offering associate of applied science degrees are included in the agreement, Sechrist said.

He said a program of this nature is very important to the Navy. As positions in the Navy become more sophisticated, it is increasingly important that Navy personnel have a college degree.

"This agreement allows more options for Navy personnel to have access to college level courses and degrees," Sechrist said.

For the college, however, the agreement has positive impact, too.

OKCCC will be involved in the higher education of Oklahomans who plan to enter the Navy, those who are in the Navy and will be stationed around the world, and former Navy personnel who plan to live in Oklahoma, said Sechrist.

Therefore, he said, OKCCC will positively impact the lives of many more people.

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Every picture tells a story

In the OKCCC courtyard, birds chirp loudly, the wind rustles leafy trees, and a man in a large, feathered hat sits proudly on his buckskin horse. What?

Serving as a backdrop for the green commons and picnic tables, an intricate, three-piece panorama sits boldly.

OKCCC sophomore Heather Hutzel said she enjoys the view the mural provides.

“The work has been going continually for 15 years, each wall taking five to seven years to complete.”

—Mary Ann Moore
Professor of Visual Arts and Mural Coordinator

“I think it's nice to have something beautiful to look at,” she said. “It makes the everyday stress disappear for a few seconds while you walk through the building.”

According to the brochure describing the mural, the pieces that are completed begin with “Mega Hunter —The First People.” Next on the panorama is “Coronado’s Expedition,” followed by “Battle of Honey Springs.”

Mary Ann Moore, professor of visual arts and mural coordinator, said “Battle of Honey Springs” is nearing completion.

“Its tentative date of dedication is July 17, the anniversary of the actual Civil War battle,” she said.

The final wall is yet to be worked on outside. Moore said more than half the tiles for the wall have already been made. Each wall is completed by mosaics students.

Work began on the murals in 1983. Paul Ringler, former professor of commercial art, conceived the project.

“The work has been going continually for 15 years, each wall taking five to seven years to complete,” said Moore.

Each tile is handmade from porcelain, the same tile used in most bathrooms. Then, students and volunteers place each tile individually on the wall.

The brochure boasts that the final mural will “present the importance of Aerospace in Oklahoma.” It will include astronaut Shannon Lucid, aviator Wiley Post, Clarence Tinker (of Tinker Air Force Base) and Will Rogers.

“The latest it should be completed, I’m hoping, is 2005,” Moore said. “I tell students ‘we will get done when you enroll.’”

Credit and non-credit courses are offered for the class. If interested, contact Moore at 682-1611, ext. 7255.



Above: “Mega Hunter — The First People,” a mural in the OKCCC courtyard, was the first mural of many being pieced together by students.



Left: “The Spiral Mounds” mural is located on a wall outside of the pottery room in the arts and humanities area. Mary Ann Moore said the mural is a test mural constructed by retired Art Professor Paul Ringler. Students used this panel to test the durability of the materials used for the tiles.



Above: The second panel constructed is “Coronado’s Expedition” depicting the Spanish explorer’s trek through Oklahoma.

Left: The third panel, currently being constructed, is “Battle of Honey Springs.” Its dedication is planned for July 17.

Text by Travis Parr • Photos by Ryan Johnson

Highlights

Summer tuition fee waiver applications available

Summer tuition fee waiver applications are now available in the Student Financial Aid Center. All applications must be turned into the financial aid center by April 21 at 5 p.m.

Occupational Therapy Assistant program openings

The Fall 2000 Occupational Therapy Assistant program still has openings. Applications will be accepted in the Admissions and Records office until noon May 12.

Computer Aided Design Society meeting

The Computer Aided Design Society will meet on March 29, at noon, in room 2N6 of the main building. Field trips will be planned and scheduled, as well as future meeting purposes.

Free HIV testing

The Gay Alliance & Friends and Psi Beta are sponsoring free HIV testing by Care Point on April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the mini hospital in the nursing wing.

Valerie Koelsch Memorial Scholarship Awards offered

The Trustees of the Koelsch Memorial Scholarship Fund will award two \$1500 scholarships for the 2000-2001 academic year. The fund is to provide scholarships for members of Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 124, their spouses or their dependents. Contact Anna-Faye Rose, 235-5603 for information.

Scholarship Awards offered by MS Association

Project MS 2000 is a national essay competitions which high school and college students can compete for thousands of dollars in college scholarships. Project MS 2000 is sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA) and is designed to educate students about MS. To obtain an official entry form, call 1-800-LEARN or e-mail projlearn@msaa.com or www.msaa.com. Entries must be postmarked by June 2.

Public Works Employees scholarship

Office of Prospective Student Services is announcing the American Public Works Association scholarship. Applicants must be dependents of public works employees or enrolled in a course of study to pursue a career in public works. See Prospective Services for more information or call Linda Sapp at 682-1611, ext. 7580.

Book Sale to raise scholarship money

The Gay Alliance & Friends student club is sponsoring a book sale on April 17 and 18 in the main building. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarship fund. Collection boxes are located in the division offices for Arts and Humanities, and Science and Math. Contact either Lyn McDonald, ext. 7218, Charlotte Mulvihill, ext. 7225 or Leroy Ball, ext. 7267 if you have any questions.

Employee award nominations due

Now is the time to nominate an outstanding employee who has contributed to the success of OKCCC. Awards are presented in the professional, classified and faculty employee groups. Awards are presented at the College Convocation in August. Return completed nomination forms to Human Resources by April 10 at 5 p.m.



Sign up!

Although the Drama Club ran out of popcorn, students still joined up. Van Hatfield signs up to be part of the campus club, one of many at OKCCC. Information about the various student clubs is available in the Student Organizations Office, first floor of the main building.

Photo by
Ryan Johnson

Make it, bake it, sell it

The Faculty Association prepares for spring craft sale

By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

Fill your wallets with money and head to the college April 5 where you'll be able to buy all kinds of items and help a good cause.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the main building faculty, staff and students will be able to attend the third annual Make It! Bake It! Sell It! spring scholarship fund raiser.

Rachel Butler, OKCCC reference librarian, is chairperson of the scholarship committee.

"It has such a wide support from all over the college," she said.

Faculty and staff can either make bake goodies or make any kind of craft

items to be sold at the fund raiser either by silent auction, direct sale or ticket drawings.

"[It can be] anything made by a person's hands," Butler said.

"We just wanted to differentiate it from a garage sale."

The larger craft items, Butler said, are sold by silent auction to the highest bidder with a minimum price set by the contributor. The smaller items will have a price on them and can be purchased by direct sale.

Baked goods range in price from 50 cents for a couple of big cookies or a whole cake for about \$10.

This is the third year that this fund raiser has been held. Last year it made more than \$2000.

"We are hoping to be even more successful than last year," Butler said.

All the proceeds go to fund student scholarships.

To be considered for the scholarship, students must be nominated by a teacher. Then the scholarship committee will review the applicants.

The application deadline is March 31.

"How many [scholarships] we give depends on how much money we make," Butler said.

The event is just one of two that the Faculty Association sponsors to make money for scholarships.

In the fall, at the Arts Festival, the Faculty Association works at the coke wagon to raise additional funds.

This fall, the association awarded eight scholarships at \$250 each.

Got club news?

Call 682-1611, ext. 7675 or come by 2M6 in the Main building

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FOR SALE: '87 Isuzu Trooper, 4x4, 4-door, A/C, white, new brakes, excellent condition. Asking \$2,200. Leave a message for Suzana at 330-0731.

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FOR SALE: '97 Skyline, 16 x 80, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. No down payment, take over payments. SE OKC. Call 631-2325.

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- 9 Painter's tool
- 14 — Stanley Gardner
- 15 Nastase of the courts
- 16 Eagle's nest
- 17 Paunch, slangily
- 19 Bad-tempered
- 20 Avail oneself of
- 21 Abel's brother
- 22 They're long stories
- 23 White ant
- 25 A Chaplin
- 26 Neighbor of Ga.
- 27 Lizards
- 30 Zany
- 33 Foot problems
- 34 Public transport
- 36 Norwegian city
- 37 Moeed
- 38 Air
- 39 — de cologne
- 40 Parties
- 41 Bothersome
- 42 Fish-eater with a pouch
- 44 Mr. DiMaggio
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- 46 "A — to Garcia"
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- 52 Suffragist Julia Ward —
- 53 Bear's home
- 54 Wheel rods

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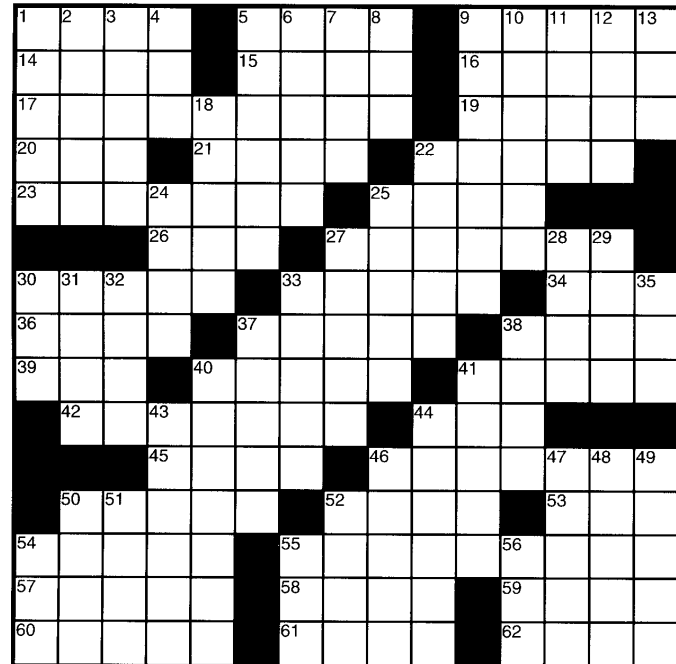
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- 2 Clean the slate
- 3 Philadelphia player
- 4 Evergreen
- 5 Fiesta item
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- 7 Singer Celine
- 8 Baste
- 9 They're used in splits
- 10 Ron or Nancy
- 11 — Major: constellation
- 12 Takes a chair
- 13 "— Jude"
- 18 Coldly
- 22 In good condition
- 24 Type of shark
- 25 Fairy-tale giants
- 27 Des Moines resident
- 55 Find out
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- 58 Pitcher
- 59 Salon treatment
- 60 Writer Chekhov
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Sharon Stevens remembered as passionate teacher

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Sharon Stevens

family, especially her mother.

There, she taught at Johnson County Community College as the facilitator for the Academic Achievement Center.

In a eulogy Stevens' sister Loretta Autry wrote and read at her funeral, Autry recalled fond memories of her childhood with her older sister.

"In my earliest memories of my big sister, she is reading to me, and I am in awe. I revere the power of the books to transport us to places we couldn't imagine we'd ever really go," Autry wrote.

Autry emphasized that teaching was a way of life for Stevens and something she did with great passion.

"Professionally, Sharon was a teacher. She had more important sounding titles: department chair, administrator, professor and Dr. Stevens. But in her heart, Sharon was a teacher," she said.

"Her passion was for the student who was struggling; those reluctant learners, those without guidance at home, those without re-

sources to pursue their dreams, those many considered unable or unwilling to learn. Sharon gave them all a gift that can never be taken away. She taught them to read."

As a younger sister, Autry said, she looked up to Stevens. She said she appreciates all who remember her sister.

"Sharon taught us that we can do whatever we want to do, as long as we are willing to work hard and read enough books to learn how.

"Whether it be renovating a Victorian era home, investing, interior decorating or becoming an antiques expert, Sharon, the teacher was ever the astute student."

Friend and colleague Carlotta Hill remembers

"In my earliest memories of my big sister, she is reading to me, and I am in awe."

—Loretta Autry
Sharon Stevens' sister

Stevens' loves in life as renovating her house and doting on her grandson.

"She had bought a home in Carthage, Mo. and was renovating it. It was the joy of her life and she did it in her spare time," Hill said.

Dean of Arts and Humanities Susan Van-Schuyver said she found it very difficult to sum up someone's life.

"She was a wonderful friend, dedicated colleague, excellent instructor and a fine person whom we will all miss very much."

Stevens was born in Kansas, Mo. in 1941.

She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Southwest Missouri State University and her reading specialist certificates in Missouri and Oklahoma. She received her doctorate degree in adult and community education at the University of Oklahoma.

She taught in public schools for 15 years before teaching at OKCCC.

Stevens was a member of the United Methodist

Church of Resurrection in Leawood, Kan. She was also a member of the National Association for Developmental Education and the International Reading Association.

She is survived by her husband Darrell Stevens, of the home, mother Ruth Brown of Kansas City, Mo., daughter Pamela Snowden and her husband Larry of Branson, Mo., brother John Brown of Branson, Mo., sisters Loretta Autry of Oklahoma City and Wanda Barnett of Powersite, Mo., grandson Steven Snowden of Springfield, Mo. and two nieces and four nephews. Stevens was preceded in death by her daughter, Melinda Smythe.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 16 at United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Stevens Memorial Fund at Johnson County Community College or the College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Mo.

International student hopes to make friends

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country she loves.

Balschuweit said she enjoys the overall friendliness Americans display which is in contrast to Germans who, she remarked, are sometimes rather "straight-forward, controlled and strict."

She also likes to keep up with her favorite activity — ice hockey. She played in Braunschweig on the second highest ranked hockey league in the country.

She said the most difficult thing about living in America is trying to keep up with the language.

Having been in the States for a year and a half, language is still a barrier that she is having to overcome.

Sometimes, she says, the attitudes of some people make living in a foreign land difficult also.

"When people find out that you are from Germany the first thing that they think of is Hitler."

Overcoming that mindset, she said, has been quite challenging.

Even on campus, along with the more than one thousand other international students, Balschuweit said, she sometimes feels alienated from other students here.

"Everyone is going [his or her] own way and is not interested in meeting new people — especially international students."

Balschuweit said she is grateful for the friendships she has made and hopes, as time goes by, she'll make even more.

"I consider America my home."

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