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PIONEER

State Regents request funding for pay raises

By Michaela Marx
Editor

Professors need a pay raise. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education put that priority in its budget request to the state Legislature this spring.

Oklahoma university and college faculty salaries are almost \$10,000 below the national average, according to the State Regents. This makes it difficult for colleges to attract and keep top professors.

The best candidates often choose to look in other states or private industry, according to a press release from the State Regents of Higher Education.

That is not a secret to OKCCC officials either, even though OKCCC has been listed in recent years as the second or third best paid community college faculty in Oklahoma, said Director of Human Resources Ruth Boone.

Dr. Paul Sechrist, vice-president for Academic Affairs, said, "In this tight and competitive labor market, the college has difficulty filling some faculty positions in key areas, such as computer science."

Faculty at OKCCC make between \$30,400 and of \$51,500, said Boone. The average salary of an OKCCC faculty member for FY 1999 was \$40,504, while faculty at Rose State College made \$39,504 and faculty at Tulsa Community College made \$42,807 on average, said Boone.

Dr. Bob Todd, OKCCC

"It is essential that we reward quality faculty and staff for their performance and that our faculty salaries are competitive in a highly aggressive marketplace."

—Dr. Bob Todd
OKCCC President

president, is a member of the Presidents Council, a group of state college and university presidents.

The council is requesting state funds for faculty and professional staff salary increases totaling \$50.4 million for the next fiscal year.

In a statement Todd said: "The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma State College and University Presidents are working with the Legislature and the Governor to provide an appropriation increase to Higher Education. This would enable the colleges to provide salary increases to faculty and staff."

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Gary Lombard, vice-president for business and finance, said the State Regents for Higher Education have requested a total of \$215.7 million in new state funds for higher education

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Photo by Mike Jones

Colorful dancers: The Native Awareness Cultural Awareness Organization hosted a dance expo in the student union April 6. Indian dancers entertained the noontime crowd and also included many of them in their dances.

Students given choices for summer, fall enrollment

By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

It is time once again to thumb through the OKCCC schedule book and enroll for upcoming summer and fall classes.

Enrollment began April 3 and will continue through the spring semester right up until the time of classes.

Professor Linda Thornton warns students not to wait too long to enroll.

"There are certain times that... I call 'prime time' and they tend to fill up more

quickly," Thornton said.

She said the classes that fill up most quickly are the Tuesday and Thursday morning classes.

"People like just going two days a week," she said.

Students can enroll in classes for the May 15 through June 2 intersession or summer courses that will be offered for eight weeks beginning June 5. August intersession classes begin July 31. The fall semester begins Aug. 21.

During the fall semester, students can take classes at different paces.

There are the standard

16-week classes, 8-week classes, weekend classes, fast-track classes, tele-course classes and online classes.

"More and more, I am seeing that people like doing fast-track classes and intersession," Thornton said.

Thornton said there are a variety of ways to enroll in classes

"You can come in and talk with a counselor. You go over to student develop-

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

'Borrowing' without asking is stealing

Wide open spaces are generally a good thing. However, at OKCCC there are many wide open office spaces.

For many people, the lack of doors on offices seems to be an invitation to simply walk in to use the phone, borrow pens and other school supplies. This is acceptable in some cases of "emergency" and if somebody is in the office at the time.

Just a few days ago when getting ready to leave at night, I witnessed the other, not-acceptable, variation of the walk-in-other-people's-office case.

As I was waiting for a friend out side my office a person walked in the Pioneer office. That happens quite often, because Newswriting students come in to write their stories. However, instead of going straight to the computers, he started looking around everyone's desks. That is when I got suspicious.

I was watching him for a while and then I asked if I could help him. A bit embarrassed, he answered that he needed an eraser and asked if I had one. I didn't and would not search my colleagues' desks for one, so he left.

A few weeks earlier I arrived for work and as I walked in the office, a young woman was sitting in my chair talking on the phone. Again I was the only one, besides her, in the office. I stood in front of her, staring at her, trying to let her know that she was in my chair at my work place. When she finally hung up the phone and got off my chair, I asked her if she was a Newswriting student researching a story. She answered by saying that she wasn't and that she had to call her mom.

On a regular basis, staff and faculty search for "borrowed" staplers, textbooks and other supplies via campus e-mail. Usually no crime report is filed, but the items are never found.

I understand the type of emergencies where students sit in class having forgotten about the scantron test and do not have the number two pencil. Then it is O.K. to ask to borrow one. However, walking into unattended offices like they are self-serve stores and taking what you need is not right.

There is a bookstore downstairs for those in desperate need of office supplies and books, as well as a library and public phones on campus.

By the time adults make it to college they should have gotten a grasp of what's "mine" and what's "yours."

In kindergarten you were put in time-out if you took things from others without asking. What is learned in kindergarten seems to be forgotten in college.

So as college students, it is time to learn that other peoples' workplaces are not a student store to go "browsing" in.

—Michaela Marx
Editor

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Rude drivers need patience

To the Editor:

I was driving my car at 59th and S. Pennsylvania when my car died and would not restart. Lucky for me I had a cell phone and was able to call someone to come and get me but in the meantime I turned my flashers on and waited in my car.

Several cars got right on my bumper and did not realize that I was stopped. Several people honked at me, flipped me the finger, yelled at me for being in the

middle of the road, and one man even pulled up next to me and rolled down his window so that he could call me every name in the book.

I was 100 percent shocked at the reaction that our fellow Oklahoman's had against someone who possibly delays them by just one minute unintentionally.

My car is only two years old, I was dressed for work and I got my car out of the road as soon as I could, but

somehow I was still treated like dirt.

Please try remember how upsetting it can be for the person who is broken down and always try to put yourself in their shoes and realize what they are feeling at that particular moment. Thank you for your time.

—Leanda Levine
Evening Intake
Assistant for Student
Development at OKCCC

Meal deal cards available at bookstore once again

To the Editor:

In response to a student's comment, deposited in the College Union suggestion box, cafeteria meal cards will once again be on sale in the bookstore.

The cards will be sold — cash or credit — for the same price as before — a \$22 value for \$20. They will

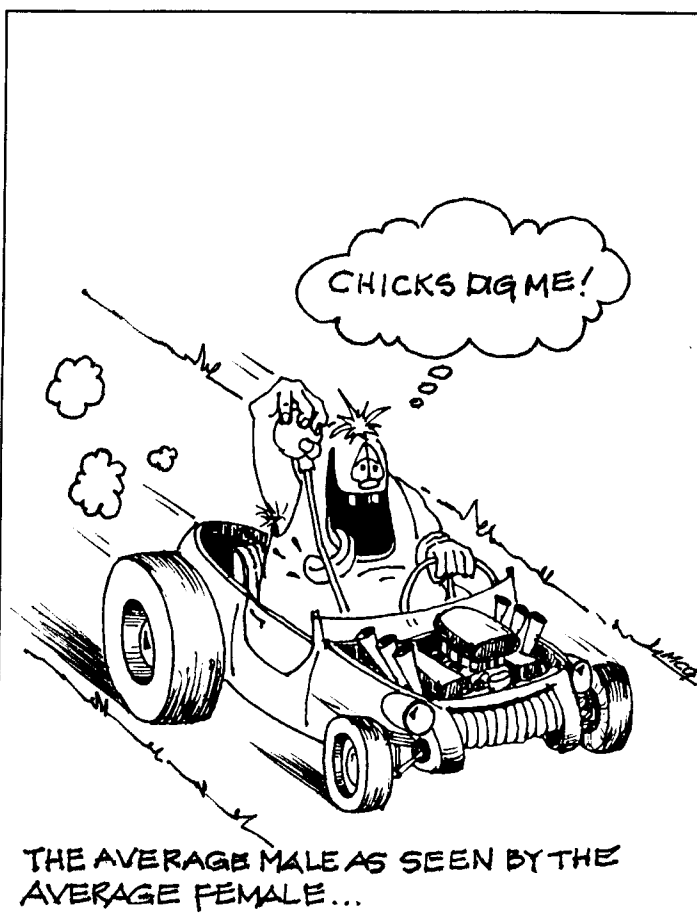
be available April 10.

Coincidentally, an editorial ran in the Pioneer last week pertaining to this matter as the plans for cafeteria meal cards were already being implemented.

—Bill Coffey
Coordinator of Risk
Management and
Service Contracts at
OKCCC

STRAIGHTJACKET

By: M.C. Garey



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Comments and Reviews

Make It! Bake It! Sell It! a success—Thanks!

To the Editor:

The Make It! Bake It! Sell It! —otherwise known as the Spring Craft & Food Fair—sponsored by the Faculty Association raised over \$2000 for student scholarships. The final tally is not in but I just want to say thanks.

The Faculty Association could not have done it without you!

Thanks to the makers—who created beautiful and fun to look at things for us. Some items were for sale and some were silent auction. The silent auction items alone made \$812 this year!

Thanks for your generosity and letting us see what you can do.

Thanks to all the bakers—everyone who took time to bake scrumptious treats! I think this year we had the most ever food items, enough so that people walking by later in the afternoon still had delicacies to choose from, yet we sold it all!

Thank you to the sellers—who had a good time selling, visiting, haranguing and wheedling the passersby, and working together.

Thank you to our supporters—who graciously helped out with odds and ends, sometimes at the last minute, that helped our efforts run smoothly.

And of course, thanks to all the buyers—everyone who bought items or entered a silent auction bid or teased a friend into buying.

I'd also like to say a public thanks to the members of the Scholarship Committee--people who have been wonderful to work with and learn from. Together we've had fun for a great cause.

A huge thanks to Dana Glencross, Myra Decker, Lisa Adkins, Carlotta Hill, Leroy Ball and Nancy Cook. It has been a great experience.

—**Rachel Butler**
Reference Librarian

Walking the path between mystery and metaphysics

“Who are you?” and “Where does the world come from?”

These are some hard questions and not even very many philosophy and science scholars claim to know the answer.

However, the 14-year-old heroine of the book “Sophie’s World,” is faced with these questions.

Sophie Amundsen found them written on plain paper in her mailbox one day after school. She decides to take a closer look and started investigating these strange anonymous messages.

Soon after she receives a philosophy correspondence course package from a stranger called Alberto Knox. This package will guide Sophie through a journey in the past introducing her to the influential thinkers of the past and their beliefs.

As if the messages and the package weren’t strange enough, every once in a while Sophie receives post cards that are for a same-aged girl, who has an absent father, just like Sophie, and many other similari-

ties. The girls name is Hilde. However, the postcards are sent to Sophie and not to Hilde.

The story is a detective story. It is the story about a girl searching for the truth and a trip back to the times of the great philosophers.

“Sophie’s World” has been a success ever since it was published. It is by the Norwegian author Jostein Gaarder.

As an introductory guide to philosophy for young people, the book works excellently. As fictional work, however, the book does not score as high.

The characters seem to be half-dimensional. The plot is a little far out, but it may work for a younger audience. Gaarder’s writing or possibly the English translation is not quite flying either. The words did not keep me tied to the story.

Despite that, to follow Sophie’s quest for knowledge and to make it your own, the book is definitely worth reading.

—**Michaela Marx**
Editor

‘El Dorado’ is a must-see for the adventurous mind

If you only see one animated movie this year, El Dorado is that movie.

This movie, put out by Dreamworks, has all the right components to make the movie a classic.

It has action, comedy, drama, and a lot of adventure.



The story opens with Miguel and Tulio, the main characters, scamming some money from street thugs. They attempt to swindle a treasure map from the thugs, but get caught in the process.

Guards are called, and the pair uses trickery and good acting to sneak their way out of the mess, only to get themselves into a bigger mess.

They end up on a ship bound for America, “The New World”.

While on the ship, they get caught as stowaways and are thrown into the ships holding docks. Now all hope is lost for

them, or is it?

Tulio, the dreamer, devises a plan for escape and it works.

The two jump off the ship and wash up on land in a world they have never seen.

Could this be the New World, and land of the fated El Dorado for which they hold a map to?

You’ll have to watch the movie to find out, but trust me on this one, it is definitely worth the time and money.

I give this movie 5 out of 5 fate deciding adventures. A must see this year.

—**Ryan Johnson**
Pioneer Staff Writer

Free HIV testing encouraged

To the Editor:

I am writing to encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming HIV testing that will be held here at OKCCC on Wednesday, April 12 from 10 am to 2 p.m. in the mini-hospital.

Carepoint Inc. is a nonprofit organization that has performed this service in the Oklahoma City area for several years.

Oklahoma is one of the few states that have “anonymous” HIV testing. This means that you will never be required to give your name or any information that can identify you, specifically, as a potential carrier of the AIDS virus.

Other states require that you give

this information as “confidential” which could potentially be used for health insurance purposes in the future.

Carepoint will ask you to fill out a questionnaire that only asks basic questions regarding your age, race, gender, etc.

AIDS is no longer a “gay issue.” It is now a “health issue” affecting more women than men nationwide.

The thought of being diagnosed as “HIV-positive” is a very scary proposition. However, the thought of not knowing and then spreading this disease to someone I love is even scarier. Think about it.

—**Brenda Breeding**
Professor of Biology

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Election board says registration crucial, simple

By Travis Parr
Newswriting I Student

As the presidential candidates compete for votes in the November election, many students sit unregistered. The candidates will not be talking to those students.

"I think its important to vote, especially with all the corruption going on these days," said Amanda Short, OKCCC sophomore.

Officials at the Oklahoma County Election Board say to be heard, a person must register.

According to information obtained at the Oklahoma County Election Board, "You do not become a registered voter until the county election board in the county where you live approves your voter registration application."

The process is relatively simple. Applications are available at any tag agency.

The application consists of a small form asking for standard information such as age, name, address and party affiliation.

It also asks that would-be voters sign an oath swearing they are citizens of the United States, are 18 years or older, have not been convicted of a felony and are not mentally incapacitated.

Once a person is registered, he is eligible to vote in the presidential elections, school district elections, county elections and other state and federal elections.

The presidential primaries, which recently ended, are another time a person can vote.

In Oklahoma, the only people who can vote in these primaries are those registered as a Democrat or Republican. Those without these two party affiliation — such as independents — cannot vote.

During every election, voting booths are set up in public buildings in each precinct.

Voters are instructed to vote at the polling place for the precinct in which they live.

It is important to remember that registration closes 24 days before every election so all applications must come in prior to that date.

Voter registration forms are available in the Pioneer office located in 2M6 of the main building.

Student newspaper staff nets six journalism awards

By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

Pioneer staff members — both past and present — walked away with six awards at the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association awards luncheon March 31.

The current staff traveled to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, to pick up a first place, two second place and three honorable mention awards. The wins came as a result of a contest entered last fall.

In the general excellence category, which judged the entire newspaper on coverage, presentation, appearance, headlines, illustrations and stories, the Pioneer took second place, up one place from last year.

Sue Hinton, Pioneer adviser, said she is proud.

"The students did very well," she said. "We are especially proud of the overall general excellence award for second place which is probably the best we have ever done in several years.

"It showed that every-

one's hard work paid off."

First place for general excellence went to Eastern Oklahoma State College and third place was awarded to Rose State College.

In individual categories, five Pioneer writers were recognized.

In the Editorial category, former editor Melissa Guice took first place and former staff writer Jamie Johnson took second.

In the News Writing category, past staff writers Becky Gerred and Darcy Ralls each received an honorable mention award.

In the Feature Writing category, current Pioneer editor Michaela Marx received honorable mention.

Hinton said she is very proud of the writers' excellence. She said the awards signify quality and individual hard work.

In addition to the awards ceremony, Pioneer staff members honed their talents by attending seminars. These included "Insights On Specialized Feature Writing" taught by Barbara Palmer, feature writer at the Daily Oklaho-

man, and "Taking Your Photojournalism Skill to the Next Level" taught by Jim Argo, photo editor at the Daily Oklahoman. Four other seminars were taught by reporters and editors from Oklahoma newspapers.

"I always learn something new [at the seminars]," Hinton said.

"Probably the one thing that I remember was a comment from Barbara Palmer saying 'Never write about anything you don't understand,'" she said.

"Keep talking to your sources until you understand it. Otherwise you are bound to make mistakes."

David Willman, award-winning national reporter for the Los Angeles Times also spoke to the journalists about his career and recent stories.

The judges for this event were from the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press.

Hinton said it is very important to get feedback on every aspect.

Sixteen Oklahoma colleges were represented with approximately 108 individuals registered.

Spanish trip offers chance to earn credit while traveling

By Holly Hyden
Newswriting I Student

Dream of earning college credit while soaking up the warm Mexican sun? If so, the OKCCC Spanish department can help make that dream a reality.

Spanish Professor Patricia Brooks said students can spend nine days and eight nights in some of Mexico's most beautiful cities while also earning three credit hours.

"This trip will allow students to learn in a practicing environment," she said.

"Language is learned best on a need basis."

Students will leave Oklahoma City from Will Rogers Airport July 22 and return July 30.

Brooks said the first two days will be spent in the mountains of Guadalajara.

While in Guadalajara the group will see the Ballet Folklorico.

Next, a bus ride will take students to the city of Morelia, a city named after Morelos, one of the great leaders of the Mexican Revolution. The city is also known as the home of Baroque architect.

One day will be spent in

the Urapan area, a rain forest Monarch butterflies call home in the winter.

The cost of the trip will be \$1195. This includes airfare, ground transportation, hotel, most meals, and tuition for three college credit hours.

A down payment of \$150 will be due by April 21. Anyone planning to attend must have completed at least one semester of Spanish (high school level or higher) to be eligible.

Those who don't meet the requirements but still would like to sign up for the trip need to contact Brooks at 682-1611, ext. 7655.

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College employee takes part in show about May tornado

By **Jeremy L. Kling**
Newswriting I Student

The tornado that hit central Oklahoma on May 3, 1999, devastated many homes and businesses, and made an everlasting impact on many people's lives, including that of Pioneer Lab Director Ronna Austin.

That day was relived April 1 when a film crew converged on Austin's home to interview Austin, her husband Nelson Austin, son Ryan Johnson and daughter Jamie Austin.

Parts of the interviews — which recount the traumatic events Austin and her family encountered following a storm that registered its strongest winds as it moved through Austin's neighborhood — will be included in a one-hour network television special called, "When Seconds Count."

The show, which focuses on disaster preparedness, will air sometime in the last two weeks of May on CBS. It will also include interviews with Oklahoma City weatherman Gary England as well as other experts in the field.

"The experience of having a camera crew in my home was both exciting and nerve-racking," Austin said. "But they were all so professional that the time seemed to fly by."

Los Angeles director and producer Rob Katz, filmmakers Ron and Nellie Zimmerman of San Antonio, along with Oklahoma-based filmmaker Billy Talako Williamson, set up lights and cameras in Austin's house to create the ideal setting for the in-depth interviews.

The interviews focus on the events Austin and her family encountered before, during and after the tornado. During her interview, Austin described the aftermath in her neighborhood.

She said she remembers shortly after the tornado passed seeing, "battered vehicles, pickup trucks, cars with people on the hoods and on the trunks... and in the back of the trucks — bleeding, moaning, crying — a steady stream going up our street."

At times during the interviews, Austin, her husband and son lost their composure. She explained the reason.

"Our home wasn't destroyed like so many of our neighbors' and friends' homes were and, for that, we're thankful," Austin said. "However, we were affected tremendously by the losses those neighbors and friends suffered."

Austin said she's not anxious to see herself on television but she hopes her story may help others.

"One of the reasons we were chosen to be interviewed is the producer of the special felt that we did all the right things to stay safe that day," Austin said. "The most important thing, of course, was taking shelter in a neighbor's cellar."

"I wish some of our neighbors who are no longer with us had another chance to do things differently."

Check local listings in May for the air date of "When Seconds Count."

Information center



Photo by Ryan Johnson

EllaMae Stevenson, PBX operator — a.k.a. the college operator — is one of the voices callers will hear when phoning in to the college. Stevenson said she answers a plethora of questions such as "When is it too late to drop classes?" to "What is the extension to my professor's office?" She has been employed with OKCCC since 1979.

OKCCC soccer team falls to OU International 3-0

By **Michael Penix**
Newswriting I Student

The OKCCC men's soccer team lost a well-fought battle to the University of Oklahoma men's International team 3-0 March 26.

The team was coming off of a 4-0 defeat at the hands of Rose State two weeks ago.

The OKCCC team looked like a different team this time as they passed the ball well and had multiple scoring chances.

Coach Terry Kilpatrick said the team made a great effort.

"We had a lot more attempts on goal, but could

not finish."

Forward Brady Berry struck the woodwork with a left-footed blast in the 64th minute of the match.

The right-footed Berry said OU had had the wind in the first half.

"But the second half we were at their end of the field the whole half."

OKCCC sweeper Joey Welle received a red card during the last minute of the first half and was sent off the field for the rest of the game.

"Playing the second half with only 10 men really

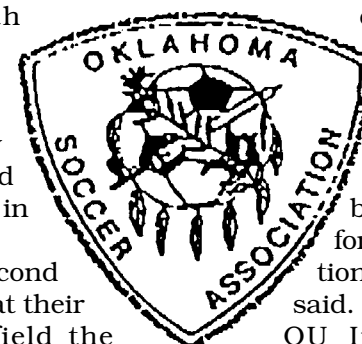
hurt us," said coach Kilpatrick.

"The mid-field was the most important part of our game today.

"They really did a nice job of handling the ball and got our forwards in position to score," he said.

OU International scored their third goal in the last minute of the game to put to rest any late flurry that the OKCCC team may have had.

For information on the next match contact Terry Kilpatrick at 682-1600, ext. 7352.



Student insurance should be selected with care

**By Rhonda S. Hill
Newswriting I Student**

Medical care is expensive and becoming more so every year — especially for students who may be financially strapped because of tuition costs.

Often, the medical plan a parent has through work will cover children to the ages of between 20 and 24 years old, whether they live at home or away at school.

However, those who have no insurance coverage may want to consider an accident and sickness medical expense plan. Information is available through the OKCCC Student Develop-

ment Office.

Leanda Levine of the student development office intake staff, said these plans are not part of a college package.

"They aren't handled by the school but directly with the company," she said.

A brochure offered through Levine's office lists several factors that need to be considered when choosing insurance coverage.

- Is the plan an HMO or can any provider be used?

- Does the plan cover emergency room visits without prior approval?

- What will need to be done to ensure coverage if there is an emergency?

- Does the policy provide coverage only during the

semester and on campus or at any time?

- Is coverage available through the summer months?

- What services are covered?

- What pre-existing conditions are excluded?

- How long does the policy continue after graduation?

Students who are confused by the daunting task of finding individual insurance should resist the temptation to go without.

The brochure helps lessen the confusion by offering information about a variety of helpful contacts.

- Choose a good agent to help untangle the confusion. Word of mouth, friends, relative or col-

Students who are confused by the daunting task of finding individual insurance should resist the temptation to go without.

leagues may be able to recommend one.

- Always check the state insurance department before making a decision on your agent and health care provider.

- Find an agent who has been in business for a long time and look for someone who sells insurance for a living rather than part-time.

- Real insurance professionals who know their

business will benefit from selling the best product for the money, not the one that pays the highest commission.

- Look for professional credentials that show the agent is committed to the business.

- Never go with the first sale. Always check to see what others have to offer.

For additional help visit www.insure.com on the Internet.

Key to successful enrollment involves seeking help from an adviser

"Enroll,"
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ment and sit down with an adviser," she said.

Thornton said advisers play a key role in successful enrollment.

"We are also trying to get more people to declare their majors and request a faculty adviser."

"It would probably help them to have a professor who really seems easy for them to work with and they could talk to help them enroll," she said.

Students can self-enroll or have an adviser's assistance in choosing classes. The next step is to go to the registration area on the first floor of the main building.

For those who don't have time to enroll on campus, another option is to enroll via computer online.

This can be done by going to the college homepage at www.okc.cc.ok.us then going under Academics and Student Services on the left column and clicking on enrollment.

It will bring up a screen that allows students to choose a class term.

To see the availability of a class, choose a term. To enroll, choose Online Enrollment in the upper right hand corner to bring up directions on how to complete the enrollment process.

Not comfortable with the Internet?

Another way to put your name on a class roster before it fills up is to register over the phone.

First, call the system number, (405)682-6222 on a touch-tone telephone. Follow the prompt to select from the menu.

Enter your nine-digit student identification number which is usually your Social Security number unless you have been assigned a new ID number.

It will then ask you to enter you PIN which is your month and day of birth, both being two digits.

The next few steps prompt answers to specific questions and give a code to select.

After you indicate you want to add a class, enter the add code followed by the five-digit section number of the course and wait for a response. It will tell you if you are eligible and give an explanation if you are not.

Repeat this step if you have more to add, but don't hang up until you have completed your enrollment activity and been given a confirmation number.

There are instructions on the Internet on how to enroll by telephone as well.

Thornton has a few tips to students as they enroll.

- Try to fill in any gaps in your general education.

- Work with a faculty adviser in the area in which you intend to major.

"There are faculty out there who are willing and ready to advise and who are

well informed."

"It just takes a little bit of effort on your part to find them," she said.

"It is to your benefit. There are so many little tricks that you may not know about."

She said an adviser can help students avoid overloading on classes.

Also, she said, advisers tend to know faculty and their teaching methods and they can help pair students up with someone whose teaching style suits them.

"That is something you would never know. Try to

get some help and not rely on yourself.

"If you try to self advise, almost always you will end up with mistakes."

Students approaching graduation also need to have someone to help them get a degree check early and find out if they have any gaps to fill.

Vehicle vandalized in parking area A

**By Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer**

Quinh Lam, OKCCC student, was the victim of vandalism March 28.

Lam's 1997 Honda Accord sustained damages to the driver's side rear quarter panel and trunk while parked in lot A.

Lam said he left his car at about 10 a.m. and returned at about 11 a.m.

He reported that, during that time, a substance was applied to the car that caused the paint to blister and flake off.

Damages are estimated at \$2000.

Lam could not be reached for comment.

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Hobby develops into passion for OKCCC photography lab assistant

**By Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer**

What started out as a hobby in photography has turned into a lifelong passion for LaWanda LaVarnway, OKCCC photography lab assistant.

"I took a class at OKCCC in 1987 and I liked it so much that I decided to get my degree in it," she said.

LaVarnway's history with the college spans more than a decade.

She attended OKCCC both as a student and workstudy employee from 1987 to 1990. She received her associate degree in photographic arts, then transferred to the University of Central Oklahoma where she was granted a

bachelor's degree in Mass Media Communication in 1991.

She now holds the title of OKCCC photography lab assistant.

"That's about the third time they've changed my title," LaVarnway jokes.

She said her job requires that she assist the photography instructors and students in the lab and the darkroom.

"Yes, I do teach," she said. "Just don't tell the instructors that."

LaVarnway doesn't limit showcasing her talents to the campus.

Since 1992, she has freelanced, photographing numerous weddings and birthdays.

"A lot of the time there will be calls to the college of people wanting someone to shoot weddings, so I re-



Photo by Ryan Johnson

LaWanda LaVarnway fer myself and take it," LaVarnway said.

LaVarnway is also involved in activities other than photography.

She has been involved in her church since 1994. She teaches 3-year-old girls in a group called Rainbows at the Bethesda Assembly of God church.

In her spare time she

"I would like to be known as a person who had a love for God and who loved mankind."

—LaWanda LaVarnway
OKCCC Photography Lab Assistant

dabbles in a number of craft projects, including candle decoration and memory albums.

LaVarnway said she also makes time to be with family.

She is the youngest of four children born to Alfred and Jennie Ray. She has one brother, Danny Ray, and two sisters, Thelma McCraw and Sheila Apel.

She said she has been happily married to Daniel LaVarnway for 18 years.

They have one "child." Her name is Happy Madison LaVarnway who is one year and three months old.

She is part Jack Russell terrier, part schnauzer and part poodle.

LaVarnway's plans for the future are clear cut to her.

"In the future I would like to be able to eventually dedicate more time to my church services," LaVarnway said.

When asked what she would like to be remembered for, LaVarnway replied, "I would like to be known as a person who had a love for God and who loved mankind."

"I want to be known as someone who actually loved all people."



Above: LaVarnway said weddings are her favorite events to shoot.

Left: LaVarnway also uses special photography techniques such as sepia tone to bring out the best in the photograph.

Above and right: Historic buildings in the city of Guthrie provide LaVarnway with photo opportunities.

Downtown consortium offers class options

By Sheri Harris
Newswriting I Student

"To provide quality educational opportunities for the downtown area" is the mission statement of the Downtown College Consortium.

The Consortium is a joint venture between five area colleges that opened its doors in January 1996. Located in the First National Center, 120 N. Robinson, Suite 500-C, the college offers those downtown community college courses in a convenient location at convenient times.

Participating colleges are OKCCC, Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City, Redlands Community College, Rose State College and the University of Central Oklahoma.

The Consortium has recently expanded the options for those adults seeking higher education. Adults working downtown now have the opportunity to attend college classes before 8 a.m. — when most workdays begin — during lunch hours and in the early evening hours.

Credit courses at all college levels are offered, as well as non-credit courses. Tuition for credit courses are \$177 for freshman and sophomore levels, \$234 for junior and senior levels and \$284 for graduate level with all graduate courses administered through the University of Central Oklahoma.

A variety of non-credit classes such as yoga, natural alternatives for health and poetry writing are available. Most of the non-credit classes meet twice weekly for eight weeks or once weekly for four weeks.

The costs for a non-credit course ranges from \$15 to \$109 depending on the course selected.

In addition to credit and non-credit college courses, the Consortium offers computer software courses, professional development courses or will tailor a class at your request for your organization.

Downtown College Consortium

Administrator Jay Parmley said enrollment has significantly increased over the years.

"The Consortium opened in January 1996 with approximately 50 student enrollments in 16-week courses," he said. "This semester that number has increased to 209 student enrollments in 16-week courses with the potential to accommodate up to 500 student enrollments per semester."

He attributes the rising numbers to the increasing popularity and awareness of the Consortium and



Jay Parmley

the expanded course availability. The Consortium has increased the number of classes offered each semester to accommodate a larger number of students.

Enrollment for courses at the Consortium may be done at the Consortium or the student's member

college.

However, tuition must be paid at the Consortium. Classes offered each semester vary according to the demand of current or potential students.

Most classes meet twice weekly during the lunch hours or early evening hours.

Books for all courses must be purchased the first day of each course Parmley said.

Rebekka Townsell, 26, of San Jose, Calif., currently resides in Oklahoma City and attends class at the Consortium.

Townsell said she enjoys attending class at the Consortium because of the friendly atmosphere and helpful, professional staff.

"They make it very comfortable and easy to attend class there."

Townsell added that she likes the convenience of the Consortium because she has children, making it difficult for her to attend class at night.

A sales associate with Conoco, Townsell believes her education at the Consortium will help her get a promotion with the company.

For more information about the Downtown College Consortium, contact the Consortium at 232-3382.

Telecourse tapes hot rental item for fall semester viewing

By Sheri Harris
Newswriting I Student

Telecourse students who find it difficult to view video lessons in the library, on Cox Cable or on OETA will have the option this fall of renting tapes of the required lessons according to OKCCC Coordinator of Distance Education Glenda Prince.

RMI Media Productions, located in Olathe, Kan., will rent complete sets of video lessons for students enrolled in most telecourses.



Glenda Prince

The tape sets generally consists of three extended play videotapes with 26 half-hour lessons or 13 one-hour lessons. Prince said some course tapes may vary in length and programs depending on the telecourse subject.

Rental costs for the video lessons are \$55 plus shipping charges of \$6.25 per set for UPS ground delivery. Express delivery with a decreased delivery time is available for additional costs.

OKCCC students who opt to rent the tapes from RMI will need to have certain information on hand before ordering the tapes. That information includes: name,

address, telephone number, course number and title, confirmation from college of telecourse enrollment and method of payment — credit card or money order.

RMI's video library includes videos for more than 165 telecourses offered nationwide, making chances high that RMI will have the desired tape set on hand. RMI has master tapes and permission to copy if they should run low on tape sets for a particular telecourse.

Students renting video lessons from RMI will have the use of the videos for only the semester in which they are enrolled. RMI allows 30 days after the end of the semester for the return of the videos. If a student fails to return the videos within the 30-day limit, there will be an additional charge of \$55 per course. Replacement costs for lost or damaged tapes is \$18.50 per tape.

RMI suggests students use UPS, Federal Express or United States Postal Service Certified Mail for the return of the tapes as these services provide tracking numbers in case the tapes are not received by RMI.

Students can visit RMI's web site at www.rmimedia.com to rent the videos via the Internet using all major credit cards. If preferred, telephone orders can be placed by calling 800-745-5480. If ordering by telephone, tapes will not be shipped until payment by money order is received. Personal checks are not accepted.

For more information on these services, please contact OKCCC office of distance education at 682-7574, visit their web site at www.okc.cc.ok.us/distanced or visit RMI's website at www.rmimedia.com.



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Science professor continues literary journey

By Johnna Howard
Newswriting I Student

OKCCC professor and author Richard Trout is on his way to fame — again.

In May, with the release of his second book, "Elephant Tears," he will be featured on the Doug Stephan Good Morning Show.

The radio show can be locally heard on WKY a.m. and is broadcast to more than 250 radio stations. The telephone interview will air during a featured author segment.

"Elephant Tears" is a story filled with "action, adventure, and history," said Trout.

It is the second in his three-book deal with LangMarc Publishing, telling the continuing adventures of Dr. Jack

MacGregor, his wife, and their three teenage children.

The first book, "Cayman Gold: Lost Treasure of Devil's Grotto" was released last semester.

Trout said he is especially proud of this novel because it has been personally endorsed by Dr. Delia and Mark Owens, who established the Owens Foundation for Wildlife Conservation. The duo said the novel is "an action-packed journey for young adults through the trials and triumphs of wildlife conservation in the African bush."

Trout said he is excited about the endorsement.

"The Owens have supported the National Geographic magazine, the Frankfurt Zoo, and their own books were both New York Times best sellers."

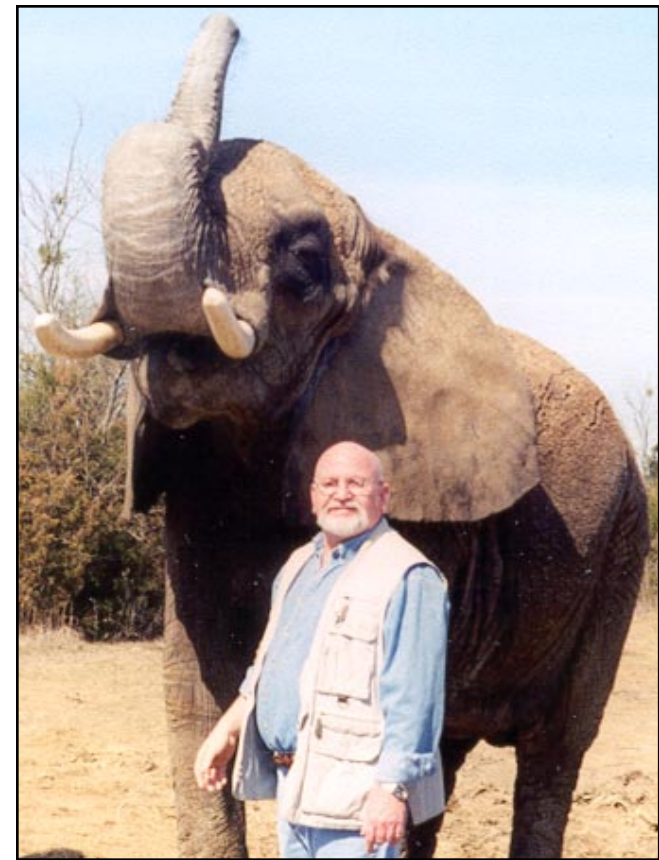
It is also the first novel

the two have personally endorsed. Trout said of the endorsement, "It will be a positive marketing tool."

Trout is also busy with his many scheduled speaking events to youths. He will speak at the Young Writers Conference in Yukon on April 29. Other speaking engagements will take him to Choctaw, Putnam City schools, and select Texas schools.

Those who are interested in picking up one of Trout's novels can find them at Barnes and Noble in Norman, and at Borders in Oklahoma City after April 15. For more information on purchases or book signings, contact or email Richard Trout at rtrout@okc.cc.ok.us

Richard Trout poses with an elephant to promote his latest book "Elephant Tears."



OKCCC volunteer rewarded with trip to Florida

By Michaela Marx
Editor

For 13-year-old Amy Stehr, volunteer work has really paid off.

The Western Heights Middle School student volunteered at OKCCC last summer and was rewarded with a trip of a lifetime.

She was selected along with 2000 other kids from around the world to be a Millennium Dreamers Ambassador and travel to the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida May 8 through 10.

The award is presented worldwide by McDonald's and the Disney Cooperation in association with UNESCO.

Stehr spent the summer of 1999 volunteering to teach kids to swim and assisting the lifeguards at the OKCCC Aquatic Center as part of the Junior Life Guard program.

Bonnie Wood, Western Heights education coordinator, had nominated her.

When she won, Stehr said she could hardly be-



Amy Stehr

lieve it.

"I did not think I really would win," she said.

"I am happy and proud that I won and I really enjoyed my time at the college."

Stehr stays busy with many activities. She sings and runs track for her school. Additionally she plays soccer in a local league and plays the piano.

She said volunteering runs in her family.

Her 17-year old brother Chris also won a community service award this year for his volunteer work as a clown.

Stehr said she enjoyed

her work at the OKCCC Aquatic center.

"I made lots of friends at the community college. The lifeguards and instructors are really nice," she said.

Stehr said she especially liked the lifeguard aspect.

"I like swimming and teaching kids how to swim. I would like to be a lifeguard. I might take a class," she said.

As an eighth grader, Stehr has some time before entering college, but she said she already considers OKCCC the college of her choice. She said she possibly wants to be a teacher.

Her brother will attend OKCCC next fall.

Stehr said she is very excited about her trip. Her mother Vivian will accompany her to Disney World. It is the second trip to Disney World for both of them.

"My whole family went when I was eight," said Stehr.

Their time at the resort is already planned out.

"There are going to be evening parties and an award ceremony," she said.

Also they will receive free admission to all the theme parks.

"I want to make lots of friends. It's going to be lots

of fun."

Stehr also already has other plans for this summer. She will be volunteering at OKCCC again.

Occupational Therapy application deadline extended

By Julie Fraga
Newswriting I Student

The Occupational Therapy program has extended the deadline for applications.

Students now have until May 12 to turn in applications.

Phyllis Baker, occupational therapy professor and program director, said the department is extending the deadline to help students who may need additional time to prepare for next semester.

She said, for those who apply, she hopes to provide a promising future made possible by professional instructors and enthusiastic students.

"We need students — nurturing and caring students who love people and act with patience and use creativity in their work," Baker said.

She said all students who are interested in occupational therapy and feel they possess these qualities should contact the department at 682-1611, ext. 7506.

Highlights

PASS with CLASS meeting rescheduled

The PASS with CLASS meeting originally scheduled for April 4 has been rescheduled for April 11 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in room 2N5. All single parents are welcome to attend. Spring fun activities for parents and their children will be planned as well as fund raising and community service activities.

Future Teacher Scholarship applications available

Scholarship applications are now available for future teachers who plan to teach in a shortage area. The deadline is May 5. Contact the Office of Prospective Student Services at 682-7580.

Free HIV testing

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

Health Professions Club Field Trip

The Health Professions club will assist with an Easter Egg hunt at the J.D. McCarty Center in Norman on April 22 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Members will gain volunteer hours and have fun interacting with disabled children.

Book Sale

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.

Annual Student Art Show

The Annual Student Art Show will be held April 10 through 16 in the main building. The opening reception and presentation of awards will be held April 13 at 7 p.m. in College Union Room 3. Photographer Jack Winfield Ross will serve as this year's guest speaker.

Make your summer 2000 plans now

OKCCC Spanish in Mexico 2000 will depart Oklahoma City for Mexico on July 22 and return July 30. Spend nine days and eight nights improving your Spanish while soaking up the history and culture of two of Mexico's most beautiful and historical colonial cities. The cost of \$1195 will include airfare, ground transportation, hotel, most meals, and 3 credit hours. A \$150 deposit is due by April 21 to reserve your spot. Contact Patricia Brooks at 682-1611, ext. 7655.

Occupational Therapy Assistant program

Applications for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program will be accepted until noon on May 12 in the Admissions and records office. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Gowdy at 682-7528.

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.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday. Items that are turned in by deadline will be considered for publication first.

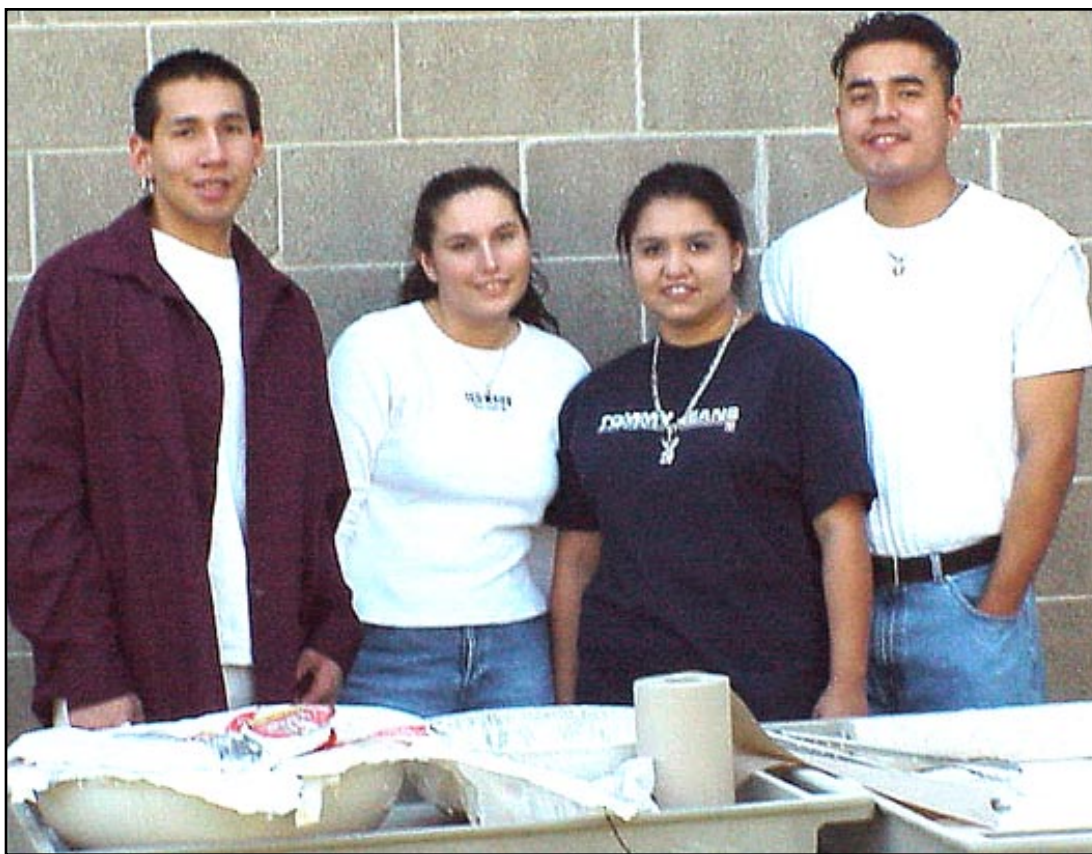


Photo by Michaela Marx

Rollin' in the dough: (left to right) Members of Native American Cultural Awareness Organization Charles Gray, Nikki Factor, Jackie Holstein and Cecil Gray roll out the dough for Indian fry bread. The club hosted a fund raiser April 6 by selling Indian tacos.

Student book sale to help fund memorial scholarship

**By Susan Wierimaa
Staff Writer**

Read all about it! The Gay Alliance and Friends student club is sponsoring a book sale April 17 and 18 in the Main Building.

Club members ask that

everyone go through books at school and home and donate books no longer wanted.

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarship.

Boxes have been provided for collection in the Arts and Humanities, and

Science and Math division offices. Club sponsors said they will also be happy to collect donations from others.

For more information call club sponsors Lyn McDonald at 682-1611, ext. 7218, Charlotte Mulvihill, ext. 7225 or Leroy Ball at ext. 7267.

Kay Edwards still touches many

**By Susan Wierimaa
Staff Writer**

The Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarship is presented to honor the life of Kay Edwards, former Arts and Humanities dean.

The scholarship was first awarded in the fall of 1995, following the death of Edwards.

Before serving as dean of Arts and Humanities, she held the position as the division dean for the now defunct Developmental Studies Division.

Although Edwards spent the majority of her professional career in developmental studies, she originally began her professional career at OKCCC in composition and theater.

Edwards dedicated more than 20 years

of her professional life to the advocacy for developmental studies. She believed that building students' skills would empower them with more opportunities for success.

Theater was a special passion of Edwards' life.

She was a strong supporter of the theater program.

The Drama Club periodically contributes proceeds from one of their performances in appreciation of her undying support.

Professor of Music and long-time friend of Edwards, Dave Archer described Edwards in the May 1, 1995, Pioneer after her death.

"Kay Edwards was like a swan on top of the water — so graceful and quiet. It seemed like nothing at all was ruffling her feathers, but underneath her legs were paddling furiously to keep everything going."

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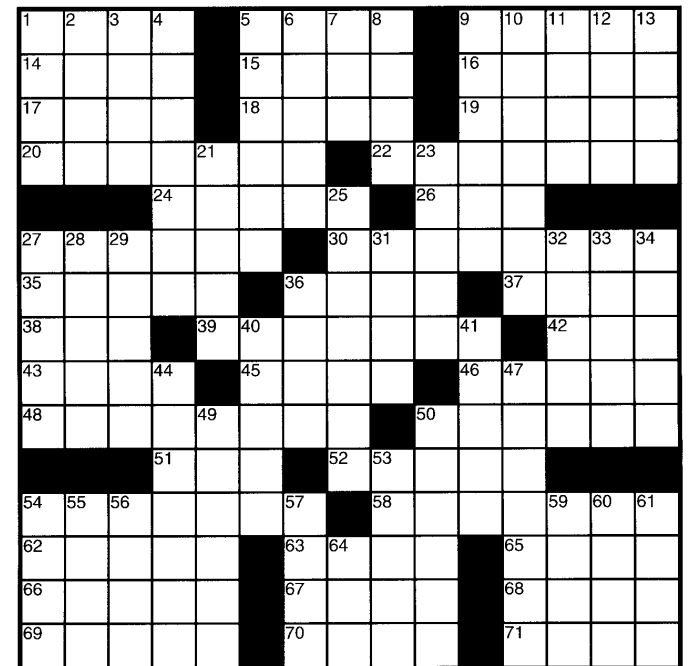
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College choirs combine for trip

By Wendy Dire
Newswriting I Student

The OKCCC Chamber Singers choir is going on tour. The choir will be making three stops on their crusade around Oklahoma with the Western Oklahoma State College Choir from Altus.

To start off the expedition, both choirs will perform at 7:30 p.m. April 25 in the college theater. Admission is free.

The Chamber Singers will take a road trip on April 27 to Altus where they will perform with the WOSC choir at 7:30 p.m. They will then caravan back to Oklahoma City and perform at 7:30 p.m. April 29 at the First Unitarian Church in Oklahoma City. Admission for this show will also be free.

"Everyone is looking forward to singing off campus. It's going to be a blast," said Melissa Bibb, freshman music major who is a member of the Chamber Singers.

Both choirs have been rehearsing the same pieces all semester and will practice together for the first time on the day of their first show.

"This is a really good experience for us to get to perform for an audience and to sing and hear other singers perform at our junior college level," said Bibb.

"We are really excited about pairing with another choir," said Ryan Hebert, OKCCC music department director.

The OKCCC Concert and Symphonic Choirs will also be performing this semester. Their performance will be at 7:30 p.m. May 5 at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Oklahoma City.

"Everyone should come see our performances," he said. They might be surprised by how much they will enjoy it."

Contributions can be made to the OKCCC Foundation to help the music department with not only travel expenses but also to help buy music and pay for other needs of the music department. Checks need to specify that they are for the Choral Fund to ensure that the music department receives all donations.

For more information about how to make contributions to the music department or performance schedules of the OKCCC choirs, visit the web page at www.okc.cc.ok.us/choralpage/choir.htm.



**Friends Don't Let
Friends Drive Drunk**

Funding request made for FY 2001

"Salaries,"
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for the new year.

The majority of that money is planned for Brain Gain 2010, a plan designed to raise the percentage of Oklahomans with a college degree to the national level.

According to a January 1999 press release from the State Regents office introducing the program, the plan is to raise the percentage of Oklahoman bachelor's degree holders from approximately 20 percent to 28 percent by 2010 and the percentage of people with associate degrees from 5 percent to 10 percent.

The national average is

now approximately 23.6 percent for people with a bachelor's degree and 7.2 percent for associate degree holders.

Some of the money from the Brain Gain 2010 initiative can be used for hiring new faculty and for salary increases.

Additional funds from the total higher education budget can be used for salary increases.

However, it is unlikely that higher education actually will receive the full amount requested, Lombard said.

It is also questionable that enough money would be in the budget for salary increases.

For FY 2000, Higher

Education actually received a total of \$681,216,720 in state money, which was an increase from 1999 of \$12.6 million or 1.9 percent.

For FY 2001 they are asking for an increase of about 31.7 percent.

"Usually the last bills to be passed by the Legislature are the funding bills," Lombard said.

The Legislature has to pass all bills by May 26. Then it will be possible to make predictions about how much money can be provided for raises in general and if there will be any at OKCCC.

If pay raises are approved, they would go in effect July 1.



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