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## Opportunity knocks, and knocks again

Student Amy Perkins stays busy during freshman year of college

By Kathi Etherton  
Staff Writer



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Amy Perkins

Opportunities like the ones Amy Perkins have been given during her first year in college are usually not seen by most college students during their entire four years in school.

Perkins, with the help of her professors and advisers, has received one of Oklahoma's most prestigious scholarships, been an intern in a high state office, met with many top state and national decision-makers, been accepted to attend the Republican National Convention in July in Philadelphia and landed an internship for the summer in Washington D.C.

As an honors student majoring in political science with an interest in journalism, Perkins said she gives credit for her accomplishments to the professors at the college.

Perkins said political science Professor Dana Glencross, English Professor Linda Thornton and journalism Professor Sue Hinton helped her on her road to success.

"The only reason I have all of these opportunities is because of the great professors at the college who gave me the applications and encouraged me to apply," she said.

"I wouldn't have applied had it not been for them. They deserve the credit for anything that I have accomplished.

"They pushed me and encouraged me and challenged me to be the best I can be. Their dedication to teaching and their concern for students is the real reason for my success."

Perkins said Thornton introduced her to the George and Donna Nigh Public Service Scholarship for \$1,000. It's a scholarship set up by the Nighs to encourage young people to be concerned with public policy and serve in their

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Photo by Ryan Johnson

**Girl power:** Cori Souza, 14, took a day out of school April 27 to participate in national "Take Your Daughters to Work Day." Her mother Mary Souza brought Cory to work with her at the OKCCC Child Development Center so she could see what her job entails.

## Students admit to grade tampering

By Michaela Marx  
Editor

Tension over upcoming grades at the end of the semester may have led two students to break into an accounting professor's office Sunday, April 30.

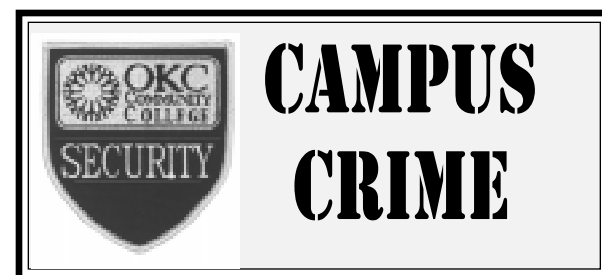
Student Hoa Du and his brother Minh Du admitted participating in the break-in when questioned by Keith Bourque, coordinator of campus safety and security. This information is contained in a campus security report made available to the Pioneer.

The Du brothers told Bourque that a third person assisted them in gaining entry to the locked office of Accounting Professor Kayla Fessler, according to the report.

Campus security officer James Cobble discovered the men while making his rounds. His report gives these details about what happened.

Cobble reported he encountered an Asian man on the second floor of the main building near an office area during a standard campus patrol April 30.

The man asked Cobble several questions, such as when



the college closes.

Cobble continued his routine of checking doors when he discovered a maroon backpack on a chair outside Fessler's office. Also Cobble found Fessler's office door unlocked.

When he tried to open the door, he met resistance. Once the door was open, Cobble found two men inside. He asked them what they were doing there.

They said they were looking for lost keys.

Cobble checked their identification and was copying down personal data when the men ripped their IDs out of Cobble's hands and ran off.

In his report, Cobble said he alerted other security officers. Wackenhut Security

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## Editorial and Opinion

### Editorial

# College separates fact from fiction

Summer's warmth, sunshine, and gift of vacation bliss will soon captivate the thoughts of students, especially after the torment of finals week.

After all, they've spent 32 weeks of their lives waking up in the morning and learning, instead of finding a job and being paid.

That's 160 days of their lives spent in cramped, sunlight-deprived classrooms with clocks that all had different times, some of which were on the floor.

That's over 2500 hours of reading books about dead people, writing essays about wars in Papua New Guinea, and deciphering mathematical equations involving how fast a squirrel must run to escape the tread of a 1994 Mustang convertible.

That's about 150,000 minutes of the year devoted to learning things about the world.

Students learn that we live in a beautiful world.

They learned about great human feats like how we sent men to the moon. They learned how electricity, one of the most vital man-made resources we have today, was created. They learned how a democratic form of government created the greatest nation of modern time.

Students also learned that the world had its share of skeletons in its closet.

Students learned that governments lied to their nations.

During the Korean war, armistice talks to end the war began three months after the war started in 1951. No agreement was made, students learned, and the war lingered on for two more years, and four million people lost their lives including 54,000 Americans. People living in that era did not know that the war could have ended without the deaths of millions.

In Vietnam, students learned, we fired the first shot of the war that escalated into the worst U.S. conflict since the Civil War. We were the enemy, students learn, not the Communists.

Students learned about the truth, like the Holocaust in which six million people were killed because they were *different*.

Reform Party member Pat Buchanan disputes that fact.

Students learned that the U.S. government spends only 15 percent of its budget on the military.

MTV's "Rock the Vote" pamphlet said the government spends 51 percent on military.

Students learned that the government will bankrupt Social Security by the time Generation X will need it.

Students learned that that government wastes our money. Students learned that whoever is in power, controls history.

Education, however, strives to remedy that disease. Unmolested education is what separates the ignorant from the erudite.

Education, when unmolested, is the cornerstone of our society.

Education, when unmolested, is the truth. Education must be protected, honored, and cherished.

This is why we're here.

—Vu Vu  
Staff Writer

# Testing belongs in the classroom

### To the Editor:

One of my professors requires that the students take all of their tests in the testing center.

I find the testing center to be rather inconvenient to take a test in. Not only does it take forever to get in there to start the test, but the sign-in procedure beforehand is ridiculous.

Having to have an ID isn't outrageous, but when they can bring up your class on the computer, why do you have to sign in and find it in the schedule book? This just seems to waste time.

I find the atmosphere in the testing center rather stressing and I have the feeling I am not able to do my best.

Adding to the uncomfortable atmosphere is the bad seating. The chairs are made for skinny and short people. A healthy-sized adult feels trapped in them.

I feel as if I pay for my time in class then I should be able to take the tests in class as well. That way, if I have a question, then the professor can answer it in class.

This is not possible in the testing center for the obvious reason that the testing personnel are not qualified in certain areas of study or in the teachers' testing techniques.

I do think it's reasonable for professors to ask that students take tests in the testing center if a student

could not make it to class on test day or if it's for a telecourse or independent study course.

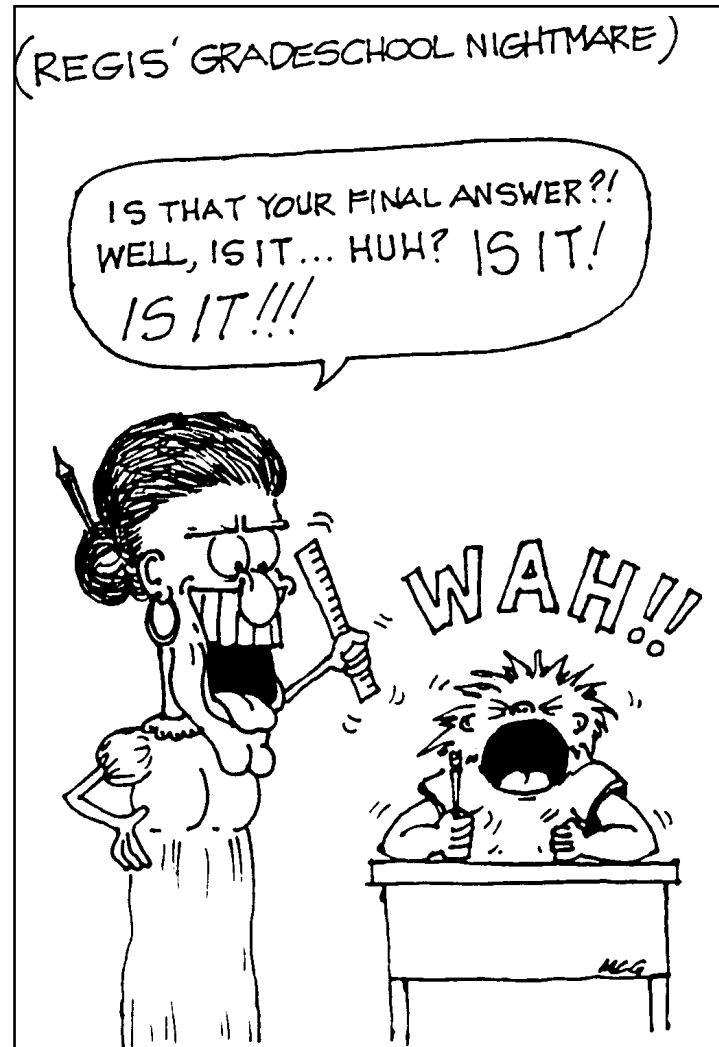
The testing center is there for a good reason, but professors should not take it for granted.

If it is possible, teachers should administer the tests in class to save the students time and hassle.

—Name withheld by request

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## Comments and Reviews

# 'Coolboarders' good for chillin' at home

School is over. How are you going to spend the summer?

Swimming, skiing, roller-blading? Possibly. Basketball, tennis, volleyball? Maybe.

All of these activities are great but they require two things: sunshine and energy.

What will you do when it is raining or when you don't feel like getting up?

I know just the thing: "Coolboarders 4" now available for the Playstation system.

The game is intense and extreme. "Coolboarders 4" lets players live the life of a pro snowboarder. The players can do everything from catching big air to drowning in deep powder snow, all in the comfort of their chairs at home.

Even if you haven't played any previous "Coolboarders" games,

"Coolboarders 4" is set up so that you can learn new moves and start trickin' right away.

The computer helps you by telling you which buttons to push for certain moves.

Soon, you'll have an entire arsenal of wicked tricks to take to the slopes.

The game is designed to appeal to everyone. Characters and boards, which the players can design themselves, suit all tastes.

If you are a parent looking for a way to entertain your children, "Coolboarders 4" is a fast-paced, non-violent game that will keep their attention for a while.

"Coolboarders 4" can provide a great escape to the mountains this summer even though you are in the relative flatland of Oklahoma.

—By Elmer Slouch  
Contributing Writer

# Special student says thanks to profs, staff who aided her

## To the Editor:

The end of time is about to arrive and now I am finding myself lost and frightened. OKCCC has been my home for two and a half years. I still have two classes to take this summer so I guess OKCCC has me for two more months.

I feel secure, protected and, most of all, I finally have found friends in classmates and staff.

I am glad because the day I walk away from this school, the staff of Student Development is going to throw the biggest party and celebrate my leaving. Not a tear is going to be shed by this division; I am the only one who is going to shed a few tears.

My faculty adviser Jane Carney will also say, "hooray, I finally got her out of here." She is the best of the instructors I have had, but I have had others that have put up with my idiocracy.

Two that are outstanding are Dr. Tom Jones and Dr. Richard Anglin, both psychologists. I apologize to both of them because I really did give them a hard time. My test papers were "C's" and "D's," but believe me, you'd be surprised how

much I learned. The knowledge you both gave me outweighs those test scores. I will never forget either one of you because you put the students first, and you want to give the best materials for us to remember and take with us wherever we go. A big thanks to you, Dr. Jones and Dr. Anglin. God bless you both.

Jane Carney is an outstanding and remarkable professor. I sincerely do believe that I could not have made it these last few months without her. Her pep talks made me want to continue even if my mind says to leave and do not look back.

I don't have the words to say thank you, Mrs. Carney, because there are no words for that kind of devotion and caring. I know you and the class have already told me if I show up in the fall semester, you all are going to kick me out. Wyoming is going to be far enough that you would not have to do it.

To the Student Development Department: I feel for all of you for what I have done to you. None of you will ever really know how much

# Life in Cuba must have its pros and cons

Of all the tropical islands in the western hemisphere, I'd like to live in Cuba.

Cuba is the only communist country this side of the Pacific, or the Atlantic for that matter.

The water looks clean from all the pictures I've seen on television, and late night talk show hosts seem to rave about Cuba in their monologues.

But my logical brain told me to come up with a list of pros and cons. And I did.

The bad things about Cuba?

—You can't speak against the government.

—You can't have all the fried meat-on-a-stick you want.

—You can't own a monopolistic computer software giant.

The good things about Cuba?

—No one else can either.

More bad things about Cuba?

—Eggrolls are not of abundance, nor is apple juice.

—There's no need for classes like Principles of Macroeconomics.

More good things about Cuba?

—Meals are guaranteed, in theory.

—Shelter is guaranteed.

—Contentment is guaranteed.

—C-SPAN is not allowed.

More bad things about Cuba?

—No freedom of speech.

—No freedom of press.

—No free will.

Why would I want to live in Cuba?

—I think I'm eating too much fried meat-on-a-stick.

—I have to watch my figure...you know...for the ladies.

—Vu Vu  
Staff Writer

**"My world was collapsing around me, but that did not deter you from being professionals first and then friends."**

—Carmel Graves

each one of you has meant to me. Many times I was angry and ready to explode. Yet, your kindness, patience and understanding always calmed me down. My world was collapsing around me, but that did not deter you from being professionals first and then friends.

Ed Williams, counselor, took the brunt of my doings. He must have very hard ears or a very strong, caring heart. Whatever the reasons he has for putting up with me these last two years, I will never know. He is one of a kind. Again, there is no way that I can say thanks because there are no words to compensate for what you did. Oh yes, he is tough but caring. He still owes me to those wolves.

Peggy Jordan is another counselor who was there when crisis arrived. Thanks to her for her caring and help she gave me.

The only bad experience I had here — and one that will follow me forever — was with my English Composition instructor my first year. Since then, I have taken English Composition three times, and I will not graduate because I have not passed the course. I will try one more time this summer and see if I do not get Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Why am I writing this? Just to say a BIG THANKS to everyone who helped me, and that includes those in the Disability Department, Keith Leafdale and Vicki.

You see, I am manic-depressive, known as bipolar. You readers now understand why I wrote this. To my classmates, "Thanks a million for the help you gave me throughout the two years. Ciao!!"

—Carmel Graves  
Gerontology major

# Appropriate dress important to successful job interviews

By Laura Roberts  
Newswriting I Student

You are what you wear — at least that may be the case when going on a job interview.

Wearing appropriate attire when going on an interview is often forgotten or ignored because many people aren't aware of the importance it may play in getting the job.

Beverly Glover, employee of York International in Oklahoma City, offered professional insight on the issue.

"When interviewing, an applicant should always dress with caution and modesty," she said.

"A male should wear a business suit and tie, while a woman should wear a

**"When you are interviewing, you can never be modest enough in order to prevent distraction."**

—Beverly Glover  
York International

modest business suit or a dress."

Glover said interviewees should always cover tattoos and remove visible piercings other than earrings.

"Males should always remove earrings when interviewing or working."

Also, she said, when interviewing, hair should be clean-cut, but most importantly non-distracting.

"When you are interviewing, you can never be modest enough in order to prevent distraction. But keep in mind that individuality can catapult you to the top of the other applicants."

Glover said, not only does an applicant need to be dressed appropriately for the interview, but also be aware of the dress code for the actual work environment.

"When you are in the work environment, one should always dress according to company policies," she said. "But when away from the workplace attire should not matter, unless your job requires you to be a public figure."

"This issue has nothing to do with being overly critical or judgmental; it is just how it is."

# Financial aid dollars available for those students who qualify

By Holly Davis  
Newswriting I Student

More than \$7 million of federal financial aid is available to eligible OKCCC students according to Harold Case, dean of Financial Aid Services. Yet, only about 25 percent of OKCCC students receive any of the money.

Eligibility for that money — in the form of student loans and financial aid — is dependent upon the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Case said that may be where the problems lies.

"A large number of students begin to fill out their forms and don't complete them," he said.

The students who do complete the forms and receive financial aid must follow certain guidelines, Case said.

Students who are awarded loans or grants prior to the start of the semester, and at least one week before the first check disbursement of the semester, will receive a check on the first scheduled date each semester, provided they remain eligible.

Eligibility for Pell Grants, SEOG and Perkins loans is reviewed at the end of each add/drop period.

Students who have been awarded and accept Stafford Loans and have completed all necessary papers well in advance of the start of the semester, will receive their first loan disbursement a week before classes begin.

Students who are first-year students and first-time borrowers will have their first check held for the first 30 days of the semester they attend. Case said the hold is a federal requirement.

Loans are divided into two disbursements — fall and spring — or for one-semester students, two times throughout the semester.

Checks are disbursed at the student store. Students must have a student ID to pick up a check. After 20 working days, checks will be voided. The next scheduled check disbursement is May 26.



Harold Case

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**The college will be closed May  
30 for Memorial Day.**

# Tuttle city council welcomes first woman in three years

**By Vu Vu  
Staff Writer**

Imagine being married with a grown child and working full time. Imagine adding to that going to college to pursue a degree in psychology.

Imagine, in addition to all that, being a city councilmember with the towns fate in your hands.

Sound chaotic? Sound unrealistic? Sound just plain nuts? For Elberta Jones, it's reality.

An OKCCC student "on and off" for the last few years, Jones recently became Tuttle's first female councilmember in three



Photo by Ryan Johnson  
**Elberta Jones**

years.

She said she knew the seat had been left vacant for some time and asked the mayor about it.

"I enjoy involvement in the community, being in the process of bettering the

community, [being] a voice in the community."

Jones was appointed Tuttle's Ward three councilmember in March by Tuttle Mayor Tom Wilson.

She said, so far, she has dealt with such issues as paying for water lines needed because of Tuttle's population growth, and making natural gas purchases.

Jones said she was in-

spired to run for the office by her political science Professor Jerry Steward.

"He was very interesting and very positive," Jones said. "Professor Steward made government something I wanted to learn about."

Jones said she somehow manages to juggle her responsibilities.

"I just have to adjust," Jones said. "I study late,

late at night."

Jones, 49, is married and has a 20-year-old son.

She is also the secretary of the Tuttle Chamber of Commerce and a real estate agent with Century 21 Lawson & Jones.

She said she plans to stay in the house-selling business, but will continue in politics.

"Being councilmember keeps me involved."

## Late students claim professors are locking them out of class

**By Cami Burns  
Newswriting I Student**

At a recent Board of Regents meeting, President Bob Todd said that he and the rest of the faculty are striving to treat OKCCC students as if they are more than students — they are customers.

Some of those students have a customer complaint.

A few students have recently complained about being locked out of class after being 10 to 15 minutes late and some have been recorded as absent instead of a tardy.

Students told the Pioneer that Maxwell Avers, professor of business, and Warren Neal, professor of English, are two professors who have been locking their doors.

Avers said he has only locked the doors to his classroom twice because the same students were continually coming in late.

"I thought perhaps they would get the message that class starts at a certain

time if they found the doors locked," Avers said.

Neal said he did not intentionally lock the door. He said in one of his classrooms the doors are always locked.

Neal said he could understand why a teacher might lock the door.

He states in his syllabus that he prefers that students not show up late for class because it's disruptive to the rest of the class.

A student of Avers said the class had never been warned that Avers might lock the door and would not let tardy students in.

The student also said that Avers gives points for attendance therefore making it imperative for the students to be there, but then punishes the students who are tardy as if they were absent.

Dean of Business Joel Kinnamon was on the receiving end of one student's complaint.

He said professors should either outline in their syllabus or verbally communicate what their expectations are.

He acknowledged that, while constant interruptions can be disturbing, students do sometimes have emergencies that might prevent them from being on time.

"We all have things that happen in our lives," Kinnamon said.

Dr. Paul Sechrist, vice

**"As long as you don't disturb the class when coming in late, you shouldn't be punished for being tardy."**  
—Matt Gully  
OKCCC Student

president of Academic Affairs, said there are no current policies or procedures at this time concerning locked doors.

Sechrist said he is hopeful an agreement can be reached between students and professors where all parties are satisfied.

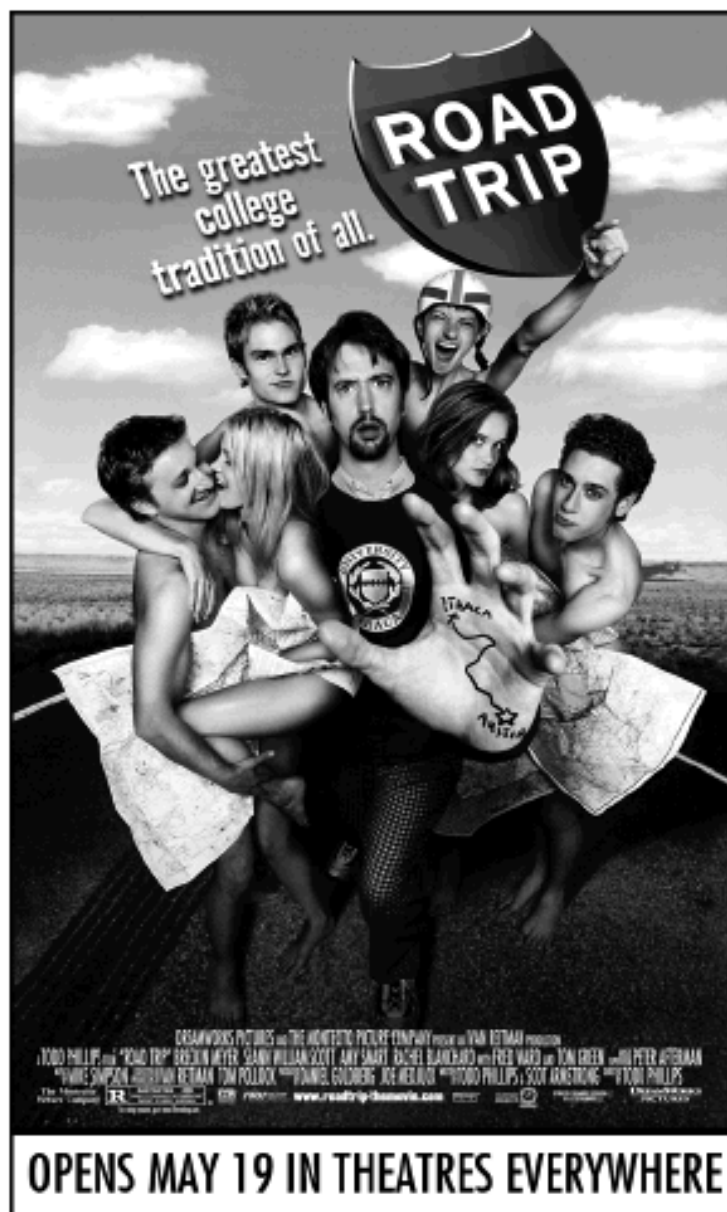
"Students need to understand the importance of being on time," Sechrist said.

Student Matt Gully said professors should never lock the doors to classrooms.

"As long as you don't disturb the class when coming in late, you shouldn't be punished for being tardy," he said.

"We pay the teachers' salary so we should be able to come in late if we need to."

Sechrist said that it is too early to tell if a policy will be written for teachers to follow concerning locked doors.



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**"Students need to understand the importance of being on time."**

—Dr. Paul Sechrist  
Vice President of  
Academic Affairs

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# Health-conscious or dying to be thin?

In today's health-conscious world many people avoid eating fat and they exercise daily. However, for some, dieting and exercising begins to consume their lives.

Each year millions of people in the United States develop what can be life-threatening eating disorders.

Ninety percent of those afflicted are young adult women, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. NIMH also reported that one out of every 10 cases results in death from starvation, cardiac arrest or suicide.

The Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention web site states that on any given day almost half of American women are on a diet. Half of 9 and 10-year-old girls indicated that they have better self-images when they are dieting according to other information provided by the EDAP.

Many scientists believe that genetics play a role in the development of eating disorders. Eating disorders tend to run in families according to research by both the NIMH and EDAP. However, most scientists agree that there is no single cause.

Many in society blame the media for the distorted view of perfection that Americans have today.

Mary Turner, OKCCC Student Development counselor, said that can create problems.

"The media is full of people touched up by digital technology who are not real," she said.

"Technological touch-ups and society's double standard both contribute to the problem."

She said sports that require athletes make certain

weights are also a cause of eating disorders.

A study conducted in 1995 by Cornell magazine seems to support that. It states that 70 percent of women athletes have eating disorders.

There are many warning signs that someone may have an eating disorder according to the National Eating Disorder Information Center (NEDIC). It lists abnormal body weight for age and height, intense fear of weight gain and a distorted body image as indications that a person could have an eating disorder.

Although concerned friends and family members can take steps to help a person with the disorder, experts caution against doing too much.

"It is important that you understand that your friend owns the problem," report Ira Sacker and Marc Zimmer in their book "Dying to be Thin."

Focus on other areas of the person's life and not on looks, suggests the National Eating Disorders, Tulsa branch.

Guidance for people suffering from eating disorders and their friends is available at OKCCC and at many other colleges and universities.

College campus facilities, such as University of Oklahoma's Goddard Health Center, also provide information, support groups, and health assessment tests for people who

fear they suffer from eating disorders.

Turner said that she provides a support group for one or two students every semester. Other OKCCC counselors also assist people with eating disorders she said.



**Ultra-thin model Kate Moss sets the standard for how many girls want to look.**

## Men are also at risk

Looking around college campuses, it is not hard to see that many young women are striving for a distorted ideal of perfection and are becoming painfully thin. A less evident problem, however, is the number of males who have poor self images.

"Eating disorders are not just a women's problem or something for the girls," according to information provided by Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention. Men can also suffer from an intense fear of becoming overweight.

Although females with eating disorders outnumber males 15 to 1, according to Dr. Ira Sacker and Marc Zimmer, authors of "Dying to be Thin," men can develop just as severe disorders.

"One million males struggle with eating disorders or have borderline characteristics," reports the EDAP. The EDAP further states that one out of every four men are on a diet on any given day.

Many males become preoccupied with body building, weightlifting or muscle toning according to the EDAP. Males who are obsessed with the shape and weight of their bodies have a greater tendency to develop eating disorders.

Males who engage in athletic activities and professions that require weight restriction are more likely to develop eating disorders. The number of male wrestlers with eating disorders is higher than that of the general male population according to the EDAP.

Eating disorders impact the male body's physical characteristics. Men with disorders can become weak and have little energy according to the EDAP.

Lowered testosterone levels, hair loss, lower blood pressure and lower pulse rates are also side effects found in men. Men with eating disorders can also become impotent according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

## Eating disorders are devastating behavioral maladies...

**...brought on by a complex interplay of factors, which may include emotional and personality disorders, family pressures, a possible genetic or biologic susceptibility, and a culture in which there is an overabundance of food and an obsession with thinness.**

**Eating disorders are generally categorized as bulimia nervosa, anorexia nervosa, and eating disorders not otherwise specified. These are not new disorders. Although anorexia nervosa was first defined as a medical problem in the late 1800s, descriptions of self-starvation have been found even in medieval writings.**

—www.noah.cuny.edu

**Text by Kily Sander  
Newswriting I Student**

## Leah's story...

One OKCCC student has fought the battle of anorexia and, as of now, is ahead. Leah\*, at the age of 20, is only just beginning to overcome her five-year struggle with anorexia.

"It will never go away," she said. "Some days are better than others."

When Leah first started treatment for her anorexia, she said, she used tricks to fool her doctors.

"I would put change in my pockets so I would weigh more," she said. Leah would also layer her baggy clothing to hide her frail frame.

Leah said she became overly cautious about her weight around the age of 15. She avoided eating fat whenever possible and ran two hours daily. Leah strived to workout more than she ate and she was not eating much.

"For a long time my parents thought that there was a problem, but they thought, 'Oh no, not Leah,'" she said.

Unsure of how she would react, Leah's friends said nothing even though they knew something was wrong.

"I saw a beautiful person on the inside but she was wasting away," one of Leah's close friends said of Leah's appearance only a year ago.

"Her desire to be thin was too strong."

Leah does not place the blame for her anorexia on anything or anyone.

"For a lot of girls there is a cause, but mine was just a perfectionist thing," she said.

Leah said her advice to people who think they may know someone who has an eating disorder is to let the person know that you care about them and that you are concerned.

"Until they admit there is a problem, there is nothing you can do for them," she said.

\*Name of the student has been changed by request.

## On mom's day, she wants children at home cooking dinner

By Vu Vu  
Staff Writer

Mother's Day is May 14. It is a day when we honor our cherished mothers with candy, flowers, and showers of love.

Moms deserve a day that celebrates them and all their hard work.

After the pleasant joys of giving birth, nurturing and sheltering a child for years, mothers find it hard, but relaxing to take a day for themselves and pamper themselves.

But what do mother's really want to compensate for all their years of motherly love?

"To see my daughter," Credentials Analyst Barbara Cornelison said.

"I'd like all my children

at home," Professor of Nursing Carolyn Fry-Shegog said.

Some young mothers would like a day of pampering.

"I just want a make-over and for my two girls to be good for a day," Admissions Clerk Dawn Emerson said.

"I'd like my children to clean up their rooms and cater to me instead of vice versa," Nursing student Darla Wright said.

Some mothers want a big gift.

"I would like a car right now!" Career Transitions student Gwen Wilson said.

What will students give their mothers?

"I'm cooking her chicken alfredo or taking her out to eat at the Olive Garden," student Phuong Ha said.

## Mother's Day intentions not met

"Mother's Day is in honor of the best Mother who ever lived — the Mother of your heart."

The woman who spoke these words, Anna Jarvis, wanted to preserve her mother's memory and in doing so, she founded a holiday to do just that. Until the twentieth century, there wasn't an official Mother's Day.

Jarvis' mother, Anna Maria Reeves Jarvis died on May 9, 1905.

After her mother's death, Jarvis, devastated, was intent upon honoring her. She felt that the adult children of that time had become negligent in the treatment of their parents.

Jarvis led a small tribute to her mother on May 12, 1907 at Andrews Methodist Church. In doing this, she dedicated her life to establishing a nationally recognized Mother's Day.

With help and financial assistance, Jarvis wrote countless letters to people, including congressmen, asking them to set aside a day to honor mothers.

On May 10, 1908, the minister of the Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, W. Virginia gave a Mother's Day observance, honoring Mrs. Jarvis' memory. The church bell rang 72 times in honor of each year of her life. This was the church that Mrs. Jarvis attended and where she taught Sunday School.

Daughter Anna gave white carnations to everyone who attended because it was her mother's favorite flower.

Two years later, the governor of W. Virginia proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and a year later every state celebrated it.

The Mother's Day International Association was established on Dec. 12, 1912, to promote the day.

The next year in May, the U. S. House of Representatives adopted a resolution in May that all officials of the federal government were to wear white carnations on Mother's Day.

President Woodrow Wilson signed the resolution

that established the first Mother's Day on May 8, 1914.

Jarvis intended that Mother's Day be observed by attending the churches of one's baptism and visiting or writing letters to one's mothers. This is how the day was celebrated in the beginning, but eventually other things were added such as giving presents, candy and sending flowers.

Jarvis felt that the holiday had been commercialized. She was so bitter that she filed a lawsuit to stop a 1923 Mother's Day festival and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a war mothers' convention where women sold white carnations to raise money.

"This is not what I intended," Jarvis said.

"I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit!"

Jarvis died in 1948, but before she died she told a reporter that she was sorry she had ever started Mother's Day.

—Information courtesy [americanhistory.about.com](http://americanhistory.about.com)

## Roses say 'I love you' and not just on Mother's Day

By Michaela Marx  
Editor

"That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet." Romeo and Juliet, Act 2, sc.2

Roses are, without question, the most popular flowers of all time.

On Mother's Day people wear roses to honor their mothers. White roses are worn to remember mothers who have died, the red blossom is for mom's who are alive.

Women love roses, not only on Mother's Day. To send just the right message it is good to know the meaning of roses. A red rose stands for passionate love. To "perfect happiness" translate roses in shades of pink. White roses mean "you are heavenly" and a yellow rose is for friendship.

The rose has attracted the fantasy and affection of people for thousands of years. It was captured in mythology and legends as well as historical accounts.

According to Greek mythology, Cloris, the goddess of flowers, crowned the rose the queen of flowers.

Aphrodite gave her son Eros a rose. This is how the flower became a symbol of love.

Eros gave a rose to the god of silence Harpocrates in order to buy his secrecy and stop the gossip about his mothers amorous adventures. So became the rose an emblem of silence and secrets. This tradition was car-

ried to the middle ages, when a rose was hanging from the ceiling of council chambers. All present at the meeting had to pledge secrecy under the rose.

The ancient Chinese liked the rose, too. Oils extracted from roses grown in the emperor's garden was a treasure among the nobles of the fifth century B.C. If a commoner was caught with the substance he was sentenced to death.

Cleopatra had a passion for all that was Roman, especially roses. Roses had come from Greece to Rome just a few decades before her time. Her mania for roses soon was picked up by her allies.

Romans decorated with roses for parties. Nero was wild about roses. It is recorded that during his lavish dinner parties so many rose petals rained from the ceiling that some drunk guests were buried and suffocated under the roses.

Due to stories like that the early Christians saw the rose as a symbol of paganism, orgy and lust. Early Christians were not supposed to be associated with roses.

However, the popularity of the rose kept growing. The Church slowly realized that it was better to embrace this flower. Later the Virgin Mary was referred to as "a rose without thorns."

During the Dark Ages roses moved into the gardens of monasteries. Monks won healing essences and oils from the plant.

During the "War of the roses" in England, the flower became a heraldic symbol. The House of York was represented by a white rose and a red rose stood for the House of Lancaster. The rose is still the official flower of England.

Today we give roses to the ones we love to show our love and appreciation.

Flowers speak the most beautiful language in the world. Send the right message!

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- A freesia means trust.
- Heather means admiration.
- An iris means promise.
- A lilac means beauty.
- An orchid means thoughtfulness.
- A sunflower means pride.
- A tulip means luck.
- A violet means modesty and virtue.
- A cactus means endurance.
- A crocus means cheerfulness.
- A geranium means stupidity... so don't get that!
- A petunia means "Your presence soothes me."

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# Drama major taking talents to four-year school

**By Amy Double  
Newswriting I Student**

When Michael Cross leaves OKCCC this summer, he will be taking with him the theater talent he has shared with others during his two years here.

Cross, a drama student, will soon be attending the University of Central Oklahoma where he plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in theater arts.

Although Cross will be active in UCO drama, he seems to be focusing more on the final goal of working hard toward his degree.

"I think the drama department here is a good start," Cross said. "It is a good place for people to get the basics and to get started."

Cross has been very active in the drama program. While "getting his basics" he has also managed to perform in five plays over the past two years. He also directed last spring's "Open Plains Originals" and wrote

and directed a scene in "This Fabulous Century."

"It was really exciting to be a part of OKCCC drama," Cross said.

The highlight of Cross's two-year career is when the college drama program performed "Tongues and Savage Love" at the American College Theater Festival and won six awards. The awards ranged from best director to best ensemble.

"We beat out some four-year schools who thought we would never make it," Cross said. "It was very special for all of us."

As he leaves, Cross said he does have one suggestion for the drama department.

"The biggest thing they [the department] might need to change would be more education in technical things like lighting, props and sound," he said.

Cross has also done his share of professional acting. He performs professionally with Edmond's Shakespeare In the Park program.

He has been with the

group periodically since 1989. He said he performed with them in March in the production of "Julius Caesar."

Cross said his biggest inspiration has been his parents. Both were professionals in theater. He said is one of the major factors that drew him to the stage but the passion for acting is

what keeps him there.

"Theater has always been second nature to me. I will do other things, but I always come back to performing," Cross said.

Although drama keeps him busy, he still holds a job at the Student Development Center and takes care of his 6-month-old son.

Cross still keeps his eye

on the prize.

"The education at UCO will give you the whole package," he said. "You get to experience all the different areas of drama."

"The education and the experience are well worth the price you pay for the schooling."

"That is what enables you to get the jobs."

## Students have their day in court

**By Wendy Dire  
Newswriting I Student**

Students enrolled in Newswriting I may have an advantage over journalism students because their classroom environment has been extended to a real-life courtroom.

Each semester, Professor Sue Hinton sends her students to an Oklahoma courtroom to cover a murder trial. She hopes to teach them the aspects of gathering news as if they were really working for a local newspaper or television station.

This semester, each student was responsible for covering a four-hour shift at the the murder trial of Cheryl Williamson.

Williamson was arrested in April 1997 for the first-degree murder of her husband, Michael Lee Williamson, 35, who was found

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—Sue Hinton

OKCCC Professor of Journalism

shot to death on Oct. 29, 1996, in his home at 3113 SW 63.

"Attending this trial gives my students better training than the average journalism student gets. It is hard to replicate real life in the classroom," Hinton said. "By attending the trial in person they are responsible for talking to people whose lives will be affected just as a real journalist would have to do."

Hinton's students' are majoring in various areas of journalism — print journalism, broadcast journalism, advertising and public relations.

Student Sheri Harris said she feels Hinton's class

gives OKCCC students a competitive edge against other journalism students because they are gaining experience in real news-gathering techniques.

"I think other students are at a disadvantage because this class is very helpful in training its students for what to expect when out on the job."

Other students are just sitting in the classroom," Harris said.

Earlier in the semester, Hinton's students were required to attend and cover other events such as the Governor's Safe Schools Summit featuring Bill Cosby and an OKCCC Board of Regents meeting.

## Photography class to display work

**By Ryan Johnson  
Staff Writer**

June 1 will mark the opening day for a showing of OKCCC Photography students' art at the International Photography Hall of Fame.

The photography students will be the first art class in the history of the college to have an art display in the Photography Hall of Fame.

From 6 to 8 p.m., June 3 a reception for the show is planned. It's open to the public free of charge. The show will run for the remainder of the month.

Jai Gronemeier, adjunct photography professor, said she believes the show will benefit the students by getting them exposure.

"They are wonderful," Gronemeier said. "There is some really good talent coming out of not only my class, but out of all the photo classes."

The International Photography Hall of Fame is located at 2100 NE 52 in the Kirkpatrick Center.

For more information call the Photography Hall of Fame helpline at 424-4055.

Gronemeier said she is looking forward to the show.

"If what I'm seeing coming out of these classes is the future of photography, then I am very excited."

## Registered paramedic volunteers sought to help with testing process

**By Holly Davis  
Newswriting I Student**

OKCCC's Emergency Medical Technician program is set to host the National Registry Paramedic Examination for the first time in the history of the college. However, a lack of professional volunteers may thwart that process.

About 30 EMT program students are set to take the

registry examination on May 18 and 19.

However, Bruce Farris, EMT professor, said, right now there are not enough volunteers to help with the examination process.

"We need registered paramedics to run the examination," he said.

"It's hard to find a working paramedic that can take off a half day with no compensation."

Students taking the examination have completed

a paramedic program and are seeking Oklahoma Licensure and National Registry.

Students must pass a written didactic and a series of practical examinations.

Students passing the examination are eligible for an Oklahoma License and National Registry.

Those interested in volunteering should contact the EMT program at 682-1611, ext. 7343.



# Student development offers tips designed for procrastinators

By Sarah Goldner  
Newswriting I Student

Final exams, research papers, late homework assignments — all of these things can only mean one thing: the semester is nearing an end.

During finals week, students may find all of these things adding up. Before they know it, it's the night before an assignment is due or a test has to be taken and they aren't prepared.

Peggy Jordan, Student Development Services counselor, said reasons for procrastination vary.

She said some students actually choose to procrastinate because they are perfectionists.

She said these individuals realize that if they complete their work early, they are less likely to be satisfied with their work and will ultimately end up spending more time revising it.

She said other individuals may use procrastination as an excuse for failure.

"With using procrastination as an excuse," Jordan said, "it gives the individual something to blame their failure on. This way when they do badly, they can simply say they didn't study until the last minute."

Although procrastination can be extremely difficult to avoid, there are several ways to do so. The Student Development Center recently produced a flier with various strategies to help stop procrastination.

- Get in motion, for what is in motion, stays in motion.
- Don't predict catastrophe. This only creates fear that interferes with your goals.
- Design clear goals and set priorities.
- Create a list with the most important or urgent things to do at the top of the list, and work your way down.
- Identify what is stopping you, then remove the objects that are blocking you from success.
- Reward yourself.
- Don't minimize any of your accomplishments because you are that much closer to finishing those things that need to be done.

To obtain more information on how to avoid procrastination, stop by the Student Development Center on the first floor in the main building and pick up a flier.

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# Biotechnology program aims to create jobs, interest in state

By Erin Case  
Newswriting I Student

OKCCC has made great strides in the world of biotechnology — both on the college level and on the high school level.

It began in January 1999 when five students enrolled in the first class of a new curriculum sequence, Biotechnology Lab I.

This fall, those five classmates completed the second part of the sequence, Biotechnology Lab II.

Three of those students will further their careers in biotechnology by participating in internships in the metro area this summer.

UroCore, the biggest metro biotechnology company, is one of the businesses hosting an intern. The Division of Infectious Disease in Children's Hospital at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and Pure Protein, a new biotech company, are the other sites.

Dr. Charlotte Mulvihill, professor of biology and biotechnology, said there are many unfilled technician positions in Oklahoma City.

"The interns will learn job skills in biotechnology — in a job that they like," she said. "There's a real job market out there."

The biotechnology course sequence was created by the college administration and the state in order to prepare

students for these types of jobs.

Mulvihill said the summer internships are funded by the Oakhouse grant. The \$10,000 grant will also provide the participants with stipends for their work. Also, the Presbyterian Health Foundation granted \$69,000 for marketing and new equipment.

In addition to providing an updated curriculum and placing students in a high-demand field, the biotech program is working to bind the community together by taking a "foot locker" program into area high schools.

In cooperation with the Francis Tuttle Vocational-Technical School, the program provides foot lockers to area high schools. Foot lockers are packages of lab activities that provide high school level biotech experience.

Francis Tuttle pays for the supplies, and OKCCC puts together the packages which the high schools then use to teach about biotechnology.

Mulvihill said the program focuses especially on reaching teachers because each teacher interacts with hundreds of students.

Funding for this program comes for the State of Oklahoma as well as grants.

The state has made technology a priority Mulvihill said, and in order to attract outside individuals the state is trying to show there is a high demand in the workforce.

"The Biotechnology field has a good foundation in Oklahoma City and is projected to grow in the future."

# Biotech lab chosen to host workshop

By Holly Davis  
Newswriting I Student

Since the biotechnology lab was fully implemented in January of 1999, it has gained the attention of educators, students and scientists throughout the state.

OKCCC's lab is one of four biotech facilities nationwide chosen to host an instructional workshop on Genomic Biology.

Dr. Charlotte Mulvihill, professor of biology and biotechnology, said the workshop will be attended by high school and college faculty from across the state and surrounding regions.

"It is one of our program goals to make sure high school teachers and their students know about the exciting world of biotechnology," she said. "We plan to do an annual workshop."

"But to make this particular workshop



Charlotte Mulvihill

available in this region is particularly sweet because it comes from the DNA learning center of Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory."

The biotech lab has served as a field trip site to more than 125 area high school students.

Mulvihill told the OKCCC Board of Regents in a recent

meeting that the center hopes to expand its outreach facilities so it can be a learning tool for high school teachers and students. She said the workshop provides an excellent opportunity to work toward that goal.

The Genomics Biology workshop will be held June 5 through 10 in the biotechnology lab. For more information, contact Mulvihill at 682-1611, ext. 7225.

# Highlights

## Fall Tuition Fee Waivers

Aug. 4 will be the last day to submit tuition fee waivers to the office of Financial Aid. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. The names of those receiving the waivers will be posted in the Student Financial Aid center Aug. 18.

## Wanted: Faculty and students

GEAR UP needs instructors and assistants for their community service project. Students from local secondary schools, Positive Tomorrows and About Face Academy will come to campus during the Fun and Learning Fiesta from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 13. Volunteers will be paid for their work. Instructors are needed for career/college awareness, discovery science, financial aid/scholarships and summer safety. Materials money for take-home, hands-on projects are available. Contact J.P. Johnson at 682-1611, ext. 7533 for more information.

## Students needed as Graduation Marshals

Marshals are needed for the commencement ceremony May 12. The job includes escorting VIP's, graduates, the choir and others. Students can only be a marshal if they are not graduating. Marshals have to attend rehearsals and need to be able to work at the ceremony from 6:30 p.m. to the end of the evening. The event will be held at the Myriad Convention Center. Contact Mike Jones at 682-1611, ext. 7318 for more information.

## 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.

## Careers in Psychology and Sociology

Ever wonder what types of careers are available in psychology and sociology? Speakers will answer that question at the Career Day at 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. May 9 in the College Union. Refreshments will be provided.

## Program for Academic Achievement Scholarships

Fall Program for Academic Achievement Scholarship applications are available from Mary Ann Merz in the Communications Lab or Sue deCardenas in room 2E4A. The scholarships are for pre-education majors interested in teaching elementary, early childhood or special education. Minority students are especially encouraged to apply. Benefits include tuition, fees, and books. Deadline is May 12. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7247 or 7547.

## Scholarship applications available

William P. Willis Scholarship applications are available at the office of prospective students services. Requirements are low income, less than \$32,000, full-time undergraduate, making satisfactory academic progress, must plan to enroll full-time both fall and spring semester at OKCCC. The deadline is June 30.

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



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**Power of the music:** Left to right: Caleb Braubrick, Heith Terry and Paul Stuke, members of the Rally Band, play in the student union as part of "Jesus Awareness Week." The men are members of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship and Baptist Collegiate Ministries clubs.

## Phi Theta Kappa officers named

By Ryan Johnson  
Staff Writer

"I am honored that I have been chosen to represent this prestigious group."

—Heather Marie Sutton  
Phi Theta Kappa President

After recently electing new officers, Phi Theta Kappa is ready to plan its summer activities.

The only elected club officers who have been announced are Heather Marie Sutton, resident; Amy Perkins, vice-president; and Barbara Gwinn, correspondence secretary.

Sutton said she is ready to assume her leadership role

"I am honored that I have been chosen to represent this prestigious group," Sutton said.

PTK Sponsors Richard Rouillard and Dana Glencross have planned for the officers to make a trip in June to the International Honors Institute in San Diego, Calif.

Also in June, the officers and sponsors will be traveling to Hot Springs, Ark. for the Oklahoma/Arkansas Regional Planning Workshop.

Rouillard will be making a trip for the club in July when he travels to the Hon-

ors Committee in Washington, D.C.

"I'm excited about that," Rouillard said.

All of the of the Phi Theta Kappa officers will then be attending a workshop for Student Activities Leadership in mid August at Lake Murray in Oklahoma.

If you have any questions concerning Phi Theta Kappa, contact Richard Rouillard at 682-1611, ext. 7389 or Dana Glencross at ext. 7385.

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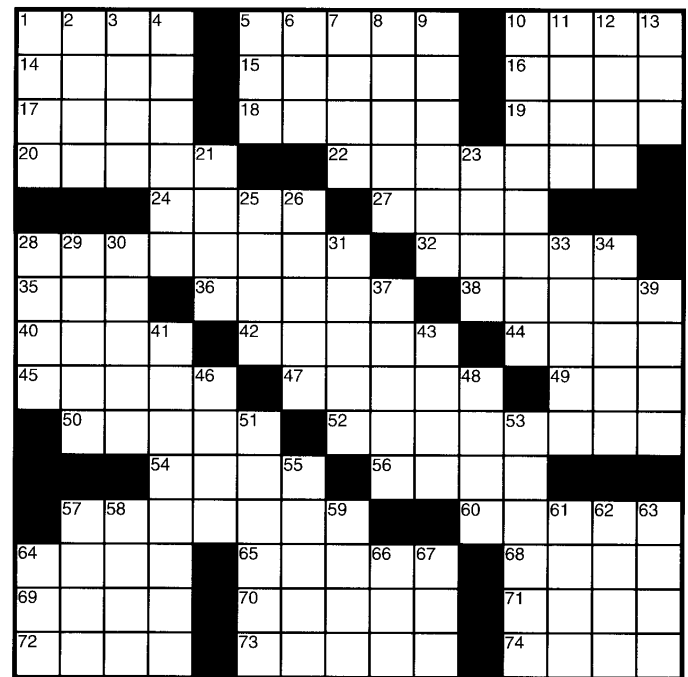
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# Hearing for resigned professor postponed

Stephen McCloy is charged with possession of obscene material involving the participation of a minor

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The pre-trial hearing of former OKCCC Business Professor Stephen P. McCloy regarding his alleged possession of child pornography has been postponed until June 22.

McCloy is charged with possession of obscene material involving the participation of a minor and unlawful access to

computer systems and networks.

According to the college's general counsel, Jerry Steward, McCloy requested his work computer be checked after he had problems logging on.

An information technician sent to work on the computer noticed several questionable files located on the computer's hard drive.

According to the police report, those files contained several pornographic images involving children between 6 and 11 years of

age. The children were performing sexual acts.

The technician told his supervisors about the findings, prompting an internal OKCCC investigation.

The computer was confiscated during a search performed by the Oklahoma City Police Department Sept. 15.

The search was led by Officer James Chiles, who is



Stephen McCloy

still investigating the case.

His report shows a magazine titled "Dutch," an animé erotic art poster and several floppy disks and zip disks were also taken from the office.

"Those disks are still being processed," Chiles said.

McCloy, a professor at the college since 1982, was put on administrative leave Sept. 17 — two days after the search.

He was arrested at his home Oct. 5, but was released the same day on a \$4,000 bond.

On Nov. 15, McCloy resigned from the college.

McCloy has retained State Sen. Gene Stipe as his attorney.

The hearing has been pushed back due to his lawyer's responsibilities as a member of the Oklahoma Legislature.

Stipe will be defending McCloy at the pre-trial hearing on June 22 — three weeks after the legislative session ends.

## Honor student reaches for challenges beyond horizon

"Perkins,"

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communities.

As a recipient of the scholarship, Perkins visited with state, national and international political figures at a week-long leadership academy in Oklahoma City.

"Along with the Nighs, I met the trade ambassador to Bolivia, South America, the former commander of Tinker Air Force Base General Burpee, the head of the FBI, Richard Marquis, Gov. Frank Keating, State Superintendent Sandy Garrett and Higher Education Chancellor Hans Brisch," Perkins said.

"It was interesting to glean from them on their thoughts on state and global issues, and it showed me how much I have to learn."

Last fall, Perkins had an internship at the Lieutenant governor's office.

"Mary Fallin is really down-to-earth," Perkins said. "...she did make it a point to stop and speak to me and see how everything was going. The internship helped me to see and understand the real workings of a public office."

Another opportunity is about to become a reality for Perkins in July when she travels to Philadelphia to attend the Republican National Convention. She was selected from a national field of candidates.

"They hold an academic seminar at the same time so, for one week, I'll attend classes and

meetings with national journalists and speakers," Perkins said.

"During the convention itself, I will do volunteer work for political interest groups, and help with the media."

Her latest achievement was being selected for an internship this summer in Washington, D.C. Perkins will intern with either a political organization, interest group, congressman or international embassy at the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems. While spending seven weeks in the nation's capitol, she will be taking classes at Georgetown University.

Perkins' accomplishments have not come without hard work and dedication by both herself and her professors and advisers.

## Intruders discovered in professor's office on Sunday afternoon

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Officer Dan Pottle, who was patrolling the parking lot, witnessed three Asian men speeding off in a blue Honda Civic. Pottle was able to give a detailed vehicle description and a tag number.

In his supplemental report, Bourque outlined how the men were identified.

On Monday, May 1, Bourque reported he checked the backpack that had been left behind and determined that the backpack was Minh Du's property.

About 8:15 a.m. Monday Fessler reported that she had found her desk and file cabinet open. She told Bourque she found her grade book on top of her desk.

Fessler and Bourque checked if Minh Du was one of Fessler's students, only to find out that he was not.

However, a student with the same address named Hoa Du was in one of her classes. According to the report, Fessler discovered that one of Hoa Du's test grades had been changed from a 73 to a 93.

Later that day a student came to the security office to report a stolen backpack.

Bourque learned the student was Minh Du.

Du reported that his backpack had been stolen from a couch on the second floor of the main building. Bourque asked Du if he was sure the backpack had been stolen or had he forgotten it at the break-in the day before. Du assured Bourque that it had been stolen.

Bourque repeated the question. Finally Minh Du admitted breaking into the office, Bourque said in his report. Minh Du said he did it to change his brother's grade. Minh Du offered to apologize to the officer he had run away from.

Later Bourque spoke

with Hoa Du who admitted that he was the individual in the hall that Cobble had met on Sunday. Hoa Du also admitted that he knew about his brother's activities in Fessler's office, the report states.

Upon reporting for work at 4 p.m. Monday, Cobble identified the brothers. They apologized and left campus.

Bourque filed a second degree burglary report with the Oklahoma City Police Department May 2.

Bourque's report listed the name of the locksmith who allegedly picked the locks. He apparently is not an OKCCC student.

Reached at home May 4,

Hoa Du said the matter is now in the hands of school administrators. He asked that he and his brother not be named in the news report.

At press time the incident was still being investigated.

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