A lesson in English: International student Alessandro Biagioni takes advantage of the quiet in the library to study. Biagioni is from Venezuela. He said he has been at OKCCC for two months. Students from all over the world attend the college to receive two-year degrees.

Diving team revives Olympic spirit at college aquatic center

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

The U.S. Olympic diving team will fill OKCCC’s Aquatic Center with Olympic glory once again Sunday, July 16, during their U.S. Diving Tour 2000 diving exhibition.

After performances in Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, and Texas, the seven Olympic qualifiers will come to OKCCC on the final leg of their tour before training for Olympic gold.

The qualifiers exhibited gutsiness along with strength and flexibility during qualifying rounds June 19, in Federal Way, Wash.

The exhibition will include divers Troy Dumais from Ventura, Calif., who qualified for the Olympic games in the men’s 3-meter springboard after passing two kidney stones prior to qualifying.

Also participating will be Laura Wilkinson from The Woodlands, Texas, who qualified for first place in the women’s 10-meter platform diving three months after breaking her foot. The divers will perform two showings Sunday.

During the 90-minute programs, divers will participate in the 3- and 10-meter dives.

Divers will also perform the recently added Olympic event synchronized diving, similar to synchronized swimming.

In addition to Olympic-style diving, there will be a comedy clown dive.

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Science professor’s rewards wrapped in many packages

John Hubbard gets second listing in “Who’s Who Among American Teachers”

By Michaela Marx
Editor

A teacher’s biggest reward is when he can make a difference in a student’s life.

Like many other educators, adjunct science professor John Hubbard has the same mission and has been given a special honor that proves his success.

Hubbard has been added to the list of excellent educators named in “Who’s Who Among American Teachers” this year.

Hubbard said a book featuring these educators is published annually. It is Hubbard’s second time to win.

To be considered for the award two former students, who are members of a college or university honor society, must nominate the teacher.

Students can nominate professors if they feel the professor had great influence on their education.

Hubbard is that kind of professor, said OKCCC student Deborah Gold. She is currently enrolled in his physical science class.

“I’m personally not a science person, but Professor Hubbard makes me understand the material,” Gold said.

Hubbard said he gets great satisfaction from teaching.

“I like to see the light bulb coming on if [the students] understand something.”

Hubbard is originally from California. He came to Oklahoma in the 1960s to play football and go to college.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Central Oklahoma and a master’s of science from the University of Oklahoma. He also did some graduate work at Princeton University, New Jersey.

Hubbard has been teaching since 1964. He has taught in high schools, for industry, in colleges and at the federal prison in El Reno.

He also has worked as a consultant for pharmaceutical companies for 20 years, he said.

Today he teaches part-time at OKCCC.

He said he has been teaching at the college off and on since 1977.

“I started when our former president Dr. Bob Todd was heading the science department,” he said.

Hubbard teaches physical science, earth science, biology and physiology.

He said, even though industry jobs pay better money, he prefers teaching college.

When he was a pharmaceutical consultant, he
She’s big, she’s tall but it’s still rape

Times are changing for teenagers. They are growing up faster than they used to. But should growing up lead to sexual abuse? A topic on “The View” and “Politically Incorrect” last week sparked interest in this subject.

It was about a South Carolina minister who was convicted of raping a 14-year-old girl.

The judge cut the rapist’s sentence in half from 12 years in jail to six because the girl was larger than the average 14-year-old — 6 feet tall and 200 pounds.

My question is: Is it ever justifiable to rape someone? So, she didn’t look 14. Is it okay to sexually abuse an 18-year-old? If that is the case, then more people are going to get away with crimes against young people because they “don’t look their age.”

This case let the minister off easy and now the girl is probably feeling like she can’t win for losing.

Not only was she told she was bigger than average, a crime was committed against her that will haunt her for the rest of her life. No one, no matter their age or their size, should have to endure the pain that this girl went through.

On the justice scale, this seems unbalanced. This man got away with something and won’t serve all of his time simply because the judge could justify why the perpetrator did it.

Would the minister have had to serve his full sentence if the victim had been short and skinny? With all the thin actresses and singers it seems as if the attitude focuses away from the bigger girls and towards the thin beauty queens making them more desirable. The “Barbie” doll figure stereotype fits few girls and women, but this judge excused a crime because the girl did not fit that mold.

This judge needs to think twice before letting a criminal off easy when a crime was obviously committed. What if it was his daughter?

As Greg Graffin on “Politically Incorrect” said, “A judge shouldn’t be making a decision based on what the girl looked like. He should make the decision based on whether or not the minister was wrong in his.”

Any way this case is cut, it is statutory rape and he is a rapist and should be sentenced as such. He may be a minister, but he still shouldn’t be excused from paying the price.

This girl was in Sunday school. If Sunday school isn’t safe then I don’t know what is. This minister misused his power and betrayed the trust of this girl and her parents. Her parents believed that their daughter would be safe and they were mislead by this man. Just think, this guy is going to get out in six years and could go back to being a minister and abusing girls and his title as minister.

This man, even if he didn’t know the girl’s age, should have known that it was wrong. And this heinous crime deserves the punishment that anyone else would get. As the saying goes, “You made the bed, you sleep in it.”

—Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

New student seeks advice on fitting in

To the Editor:
First of all I would like to say that the Pioneer, as a whole, is a well-crafted publication, if a bit vacuous at times.

I especially enjoy “The nebulous world of Dr. Vu,” although I have yet to determine where the “nebulous” comes in.

The reason why I am writing this letter today is because I am in search of some advice, I guess.

I am new to the “college scene” and I am still a little unsure of myself and my surroundings here. To be more specific I am a 21-year-old gay male who is in search of others with similar interests. I have heard rumors of a club or organization of some sort on campus for gay students, but I cannot find solid evidence that such a club exists. I would be very interested in joining, if only I knew how, where and when.

Can you help me? Put me in contact with someone who might know something about this?

I am lonely, relatively new to Oklahoma City, and frightened by the gay bar scene in this city. Talk about your shady characters! Anyway, I am just looking for a way to meet new friends.

—Shiloh Force
OKCCC student

Dear Shiloh,
The rumors you have heard are right. There is a very active organization at this college, the Gay Alliance and Friends club (GAF). The club just finished its successful first year of existence.

The club’s mission is to promote the health and well-being of gay and lesbian students, their families and friends. The group offers support to cope with an adverse society, make available accurate information of the issues surrounding sexual orientation and provide educational speakers with the goal of creating a society that is respectful of human diversity.

During the summer many clubs and organizations are not active. However, feel free to contact the sponsors.

The group is sponsored by Charlotte Mulvihill at 682-1611 ext. 7657 and Lyn McDonald at ext. 7218.

—The Editor
Squaresoft scores success

Squaresoft recently released the sequel to the hit game Secret of Mana, and what’s on every waiting gamer’s mind is “Does it live up to the name?”

I am here to tell you that yes, it does add up and more.

The game, Legend of Mana, was created by Squaresoft, so you know that it is going to be a great game. But if that is not convincing enough then maybe the graphics are.

If you thought the scenery from Final Fantasy VII was awesome, wait until you see this game. The background is masterfully rendered to match your character, and not just look like a background picture like most games do. Unfortunately your hero looks the same the entire game. Fortunately the options the game provides are enough for you to overlook the monotonous look of your hero.

Starting with the creation of your hero, you are given the choice of weapons. This is better than other games where your hero can only use the sword or axe.

Later in the game, you are even given the option of creating your own weapons to cause mass destruction.

All the graphics and options are nice, but the game is nothing if the sound isn’t good.

Well, never fear. The sound on this game is exceptional. Each character in your group has their own voices and battle cries.

The music is the best though. My friends and I rocked out at various points in the game, the music was that great.

And, don’t you get tired of sitting by yourself and playing games without friends, or playing while they sit and watch?

Fret no more. Legend of Mana is a simultaneous two player role-playing game.

So you and your friends can spend hours playing this game and never get tired. Why would you never get tired?

Glad you asked. This game has different ways the story can take you. The story line requires you to complete 25 missions before you can beat the game. But there are 90 missions for you to explore, so you will never get tired.

What about after you beat the game? Just make the difficulty harder, and you are rewarded with a tougher game to beat.

Unfortunately, the plot is not obvious from the beginning, so it leaves you wondering why you are adventuring in the first place.

But with all these options, the plot can wait while you explore and get used to the game system.

By the time you get it down, the story line is there and ready for you to conquer.

I rank this game 9 out of 10 on the Squaresoft’s Classic Game list.

—Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

‘Adventure Bound’ offers fresh look to the average travel show

People love adventures. Most members of Western civilization dream about quitting their job and seeing the world.

Alby Mangels did just that 25 years ago. He traveled to the outskirts of the Australian outback, Africa, South America and many other exotic places and lived his dream.

The result is a show on the Travel Channel called “Adventure Bound.”

The show is made from footage shot over his 25 years of traveling.

Alby narrates the show in his charming Aussie accent and he illustrates the footage with anecdotes about adventures during his journey.

Viewers can not only follow Alby on his trips, but also witness his numerous off-road car wrecks (he has a strange pattern of wrecking his Jeep everywhere he goes) and his encounters with nature’s dangers.

Alby is a special brand of man. He shares his feelings about numerous girl friends, whom he puts in life threatening situations. Also the viewers will learn about Alby’s big heart for all animals.

After you have been through a few episodes of “Adventure Bound,” you feel as if Alby is an old friend.

“Adventure Bound” is different from other travel shows, because it is more like an epic. Whereas other travel shows often resemble 30 minute tourism commercials, the audience goes along on Alby’s journey over a 25 year period.

I highly recommend that you tune into one of Alby Mangels’ adventures. Watch a quarter of a century of great adventures of the Australian with trademark blond curls and short cut-off jeans.

The Travel Channel shows “Adventure Bound” all week long. Check your TV guide for current show times.

—Michaela Marx
Editor

Death stepped on Elvis’ blue suede shoes

Elvis has left the building.
That’s what I repeated over and over again about this time last year.

It’s hard to believe that it’s been almost a year since Elvis died.

If I remember correctly, he was goofing around in a car while he was in Kansas City, or something of the like.

And it happened. He fell. He died.

“Elvis has left the building,” I said with a smirk to my cousin.

I wasn’t making fun of him. That’s the way I get when the unbelievable, the unthinkable, the... the things that you don’t think could happen in a million years happen.

I was in disbelief. I was in shock.

Elvis was my age, a cocky kid on the brink of adulthood.

He was a guy I knew from Sunday school.

I barely spoke 20 words to him in my whole life. I don’t think he even knew my name.

But I still think about him every now and then, wondering what might have been, wondering what he could have done to benefit society.

I don’t think he even knew my name.

The same can be said for the men and women who survived the war.

Craig Wilson, writer for USA Today, wrote that one thousand WWII veterans die every day, or 30,000 every month.

He also said that most veterans will be gone by 2008.

Each day, they fight for every living breath, the same way they fought for justice so many years ago.

Thanks to great movies like “Saving Private Ryan,” and “Patton,” we will never forget.

And thanks to the World War II memorial, we will never forget.

Elvis has left the building.

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer
Fast Track dates set

By Danny Michael
Newswriting I Student

Three sessions of Fast Track courses will be available on the fall schedule.

The 5-week courses generally meet on the weekends and on Fridays for some of the courses, according to the OKCCC course schedule book.

The courses have different start and end dates for each session plus the enrollment periods are different than that of 16-week classes.

Important dates to help students plan a Fast Track semester are:
- Session I - starts Aug. 26
- Fees due - Aug. 11
- Session II - starts Oct. 7
- Fees due - Oct. 4
- Session III - starts Nov. 11
- Fees due - Nov. 8

Fees must be paid by the due date or a late payment form from the bookstore filled out with a $20 fee attached. Otherwise, a student will be dropped from the class.

For more information call the Office of Prospective Student Services at (405) 682-7580.

Job opportunities at Regents site

By Kathi Etherton
Staff Writer

Finding a job could be as easy as the click of a mouse.

Oklahoma Marketplace is a website created by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in September 1999 and focuses on placing the state’s graduates in the workforce.

Approximately 25,000 students graduated from Oklahoma colleges and universities this spring and are ready to enter the workforce.

Science academy helps area students

Seventh through 12th graders benefited from program

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

OKCCC helped pave the path for future college students during the Summer Science Academy held at OKCCC from June 5 through 23.

GEAR UP awarded Oklahoma a $20.5 million grant. That total was matched by state and partner donations of $25 million.

“GEAR UP is a program that advances community partnerships aimed at strengthening school systems and creating a pathway to college,” State Regents Chancellor Hans Brisch said.

At OKCCC, the academy was called “Applying the Skills of Technology in Science.”

Students used the college’s science technology and labs to explore DNA, Oklahoma’s ecology, and instruments of science.

“Students learned about the scientific thought process and how to apply it. They can use it for their entire high school and college careers.”
Oklahoma Film Institute ready to roll

By Michaela Marx
Editor

Most people associate the film business with Hollywood.

Now Oklahoman movie fans have the opportunity to learn about filmmaking.

From July 17 to Aug. 4 professional Hollywood filmmakers and local experts will come together for the third annual Oklahoma Film Institute.

Students enrolled in this project will learn the different tasks of movie making under the guidance of experienced film business pros.

During a three-week project students will make a 25- to 30-minute movie with the help of instructors.

Event organizer Dr. Manuel Prestamo said the movie project is based on a script by Freda Warren of Norman.

“Inseparable” is the story about a school teacher and her grandmother. The women live together.

Both plan to get married and move away, yet neither of them wants to confess to the other. One night the two potential husbands both come for dinner and the situation escalates.

Movies created during the last two film institutes have been shown on OETA and on cable television, Prestamo said.

The three-week workshops will be held at OKCCC, Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa and on location at Lake Murray State Park in Ardmore.

The institute is divided into three units.

The first week’s work will focus on pre-production duties.

Students will scout locations, break down the script, cast actors, make prop and wardrobe decisions and secure crew and equipment.

They will handle transportation, logistics and catering needs.

First-week students will attend workshops taught by Academy award-winning producer Gray Frederickson, as well as fellow Hollywood producer and director Fritz Kriesch, and assistant director and expert gaffer Scott Clark.

“This students will work with some of the best,” Prestamo said.

The workshops for the first week cost $200 and are held at OKCCC.

Film production is the focus during the second week’s segment.

Students will learn to operate cameras, set lighting and record sound. They will schedule shoots, learn set terminology and components of directing, and crew management.

Scott Webber of OETA, film and TV director Rod Slane, lighting expert Greg Price, sound specialist Holly Sweet, as well as Kriesch and Clark will share their expertise with students during this week of the project.

The film production sequence held the second week at Lake Murray will cost $400 plus an additional $420 for room and board.

During the third week students will use a new multi-media and digital communications lab at NOC to learn the tasks of post-production.

Prestamo said the lab at NOC is top of the line and the largest facility of its kind in America.

The post-production part at Tonkawa costs $350 in tuition and $175 for room and board.

Each student will also be required to pay a $25 application fee in addition to the other costs.

Prestamo said Oklahoma has attracted a number of movie productions in the past.

He said one of the problems the state has met that prevents movie makers from filming here is that Oklahoma can’t provide a larger qualified workforce for the film industry.

The Oklahoma Film Institute wants to change that.

The training students will receive at OFI not only qualifies them for film production, but also for advertising.

Prestamo said many commercials for Oklahoman products are currently shot in Texas.

OKCC students interested in the new film program starting in fall can profit from the experience gained at the film institute he said.

“I think there is a lot of overlap of the film program and the film institute.”

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Oklahoma Film Institute schedule

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  • Workshops will be taught by Academy award-winning producer Gray Frederickson, as well as fellow Hollywood producer and director Fritz Kriesch, and assistant director and expert gaffer Scott Clark.

WEEK TWO: held at Lake Murray
• Film Production
  • Students will learn to operate cameras, set lighting and record sound. They will schedule shoots, learn set terminology and components of directing, and crew management.
  • Workshops will be taught by Scott Webber of OETA, film and TV director Rod Slane, lighting expert Greg Price, sound specialist Holly Sweet, Hollywood producer and director Fritz Kriesch, and assistant director and expert gaffer Scott Clark.

WEEK THREE: held at Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa
• Post-production
  • Students will use a new multi-media and digital communications lab at NOC to learn the tasks of post-production.
  • Workshops will be taught by Piyush Patel, director of multi-media and digital communications at NOC, Kyle Green and Fritz Kiersch.

**For workshop fees, and room and board costs, see above story.**

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NOTICE! Auditions are now being held for film actors. See page 6 Highlights for details.
Highlights

Last chance to learn to swim
Two final Learn to Swim lessons will be held at Ripper Park in Bethany. The classes are offered by OKCCC instructors who are certified by the American Red Cross. Enrollment is under way for classes meeting from 9 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. or 5 to 7:20 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Sessions are slated from July 10 through 20 and July 24 through Aug. 3. Cost is $29. For more information, call Roxanna Butler in the Office of Recreation and Community Services at 682-1611, ext. 7425.

Calling all actors!
Auditions for roles in the upcoming Oklahoma Film Institute 2000 production, scheduled to shoot July 24 through 29 at Lake Murray Resort, will be held Thursday, July 8, at the Actors Casting and Talent Studio in Oklahoma City. Roles are available for five characters — three female and two male. Call (405)682-7579 or visit www.okc.cc.ok.us/globalred/ofI2000 for more information.

Foreign Exchange student needs good home
Veronika Isaak, 17-year-old German exchange student, will be attending OKCCC this fall. She needs a host family to provide her with a place to live while she is in Oklahoma. A qualified family would receive $225 per month and gratification in the knowledge that they are helping someone succeed. For more information, call Dr. Manuel Prestiamo at (405)682-7579.

Campus Green Party organization
A new organization, The Green Party, is encouraging interested students to be involved. The Green Party is a progressive political party committed to environmental justice, grass roots democracy and nonviolence. Right now the group is petitioning to have consumer advocate Ralph Nader and Native American Winona LaDuke placed on the ballot in Oklahoma and creating heightened awareness of issues included in the 2000 Green Party Platform. For more information contact Adrianne at synopsist@us.net, Dave Charlson at djcharlson@okc.cc.ok.us or go the website at www.greens.org/oklahoma.

Tips for Veterans
Tutors are available for Chapter 31 Veterans (Voc-Rehab). Tutors must be approved by Dennis Jackson. The following web addresses may be helpful for Veterans: The Veteran News and Information at www.vnis.com and the Department of Veterans Affairs at www.va.gov. The office hours for the Veterans Certification Office for the summer are Monday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 11:30 to 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7694 or 7695.

Workshops for fitness professionals scheduled
“Resist-a-Ball Training” will be offered Saturday, Sept. 9. The 8-hour course provides hands-on training in proper execution on the ball, strength and dynamic classes.
“Mind Body Connection” will explore basic concepts of Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi using traditional mind body techniques of relaxation, stretching and breathing. Two workshops will be held back-to-back Sunday, Sept. 10.
“Move to 32” will help organize your floor and step choreography to the musical phrase. By using the 32 count phrase, instructors will create more energy and make routines easy to cue and easy to follow.
To register, call 1-800-AEROBIC (237-6242) or register online at www.ndeita.com

Extra! Extra! Director of Student Life Mike Jones proudly posts information about the safety award the college recently won. This display is in the glass case in the main building. Jones and his co-workers plan a number of events through the Office of Student Life each semester.

Green Party seeks backers

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

"Vote with your hopes, not your fears" is a motto of the Green Party, the "progressive political party committed to environmental justice, grass roots democracy, and non-violence," led by consumer advocate Ralph Nader.

Concurrently enrolled OKCCC student Adrianne Johnson, a senior at John Marshall High School in Oklahoma City, along with English professor Dave Charlson, are trying to start a Green Party student club at OKCCC.

One of their goals is to get Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader on Oklahoma’s ballot.

"Right now, we’re trying to get signatures for everything," Johnson said.

Green Party volunteers across the state are seeking 50,000 signatures before the July 15 deadline.

Also, Johnson is currently campaigning for the ten required signatures for an OKCCC Green Party student club.

Candidate Ralph Nader, writer of such books like "The Concord Principles," which describes how democracy is abused today, wants to weaken the ties between big business and the government.

The Green Party also is concerned about issues pertaining to Native Americans, especially Green Party vice–presidential candidate Winona LaDuke.

"It’s a big issue in Oklahoma, considering people here can claim they are Native American descendants," Johnson said.

LaDuke, named one of America’s "50 Leaders for the Future" by Time magazine and "Woman of the Year" by Ms. magazine, also stresses women’s rights, environmental activism, and community development.

Central Oklahoma Green Party meetings are held at 3 p.m., usually the second Saturday of each month, at the Norman Public Library located at 225 N. Webster.

For more information about the Green Party, contact Oklahoma Green Party coordinator Lori Theis at (405) 949–2727, or e-mail Charlson at djcharlson@okc.cc.ok.us.

If you would like to join the OKCCC Campus Green Party, contact Adrienne Johnson at (405) 990–4837.

The Oklahoma Green Party website is www.greens.org/oklahoma or get there from www.gp.org.
Librarian

Responsibilities:

- Assist patrons with library materials
- Assist in maintaining library collections, magazines, and newspapers
- Perform other duties as assigned

Requirements:

- Must be a student at OKCCC
- Must have good organizational and filing skills
- Must be able to work independently
- Must be able to communicate effectively in person and on the telephone
- Must be able to operate and adjust equipment

Application Deadline:

June 10, 2000 (or until filled)

Complete application in Human Resources

Oklahoma City Community College
405-682-7814/7542

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Teaching a passion for prof

“Hubbard,”
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said, he taught people who already had doctorate degrees. He said that is a different kind audience than college students.

Hubbard has retired from all but teaching which, he said, he continues to do because he enjoys it so much.

“I don’t look at teaching as a job,” he said. “To me, it’s fun.”

“Now that I’m older, I get to enjoy seeing the results of my efforts — seeing my former students being successful.”

Online college offers 600 fall courses

By Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

If the idea of attending classes at home sounds appealing, online college may be a good choice of higher learning.

The Online College of Oklahoma is set up to provide Oklahomans with 34 degree options, from associate to master’s degrees. Nearly 300 credit courses are available this summer and 600 will be offered in the fall.

OCO has been built from existing distance-education resources and OneNet, the state’s telecommunications and information network.

Laura Callahan, Oklahoma State Regents director of communications, said these systems provide Oklahomans with convenient and immediate access to high-quality educational courses and resources offered by the state’s colleges and universities.

According to information released by the Oklahoma State Regents, the OCO project is still growing and cannot reach its full potential without significant financial resources. The State Regents have requested $8.7 million for the initiative in their FY2001 state budget request.

The funding would be used to develop online course registration for students, purchase necessary hardware such as Internet and applications servers, and add new library catalog software and databases.

All courses and programs that are offered through OCO meet academic standards established by State Regents.

Callahan said some of the things OCO will provide are access to higher education programs and services, foster a seamless educational experience, expand concurrent enrollment for high school students, offer centralized listing of Oklahoma college and university distance learning courses and programs.

Course listings, class schedules, course descriptions, course requirements, enrollment procedures, and estimated course costs are at www.occollegeonline.org.

Correction: In the July 3 issue of the Pioneer, a photo ran on page 8 showing three OKCCC employees attending a customer service retreat. Two of those employees were incorrectly identified. The person in the center is Catherine Pongratz, an employee in the biotech lab, and the one on the right is Kevin Ivory, biology lab assistant.

Employee suffers flash fire burns

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

OKCCC employee Tony Arango suffered first- and second-degree burns to his face and forearm from a flash fire June 29 while working on the air conditioning system on the Arts and Humanities roof.

“I have a lot of sores right now,” Arango said. “Hopefully, they’ll be gone soon.”

Arango said he was heating a copper pipe with an acetylene and oxygen torch to remove a valve when the flash fire occurred.

“Oil and fire don’t mix,” Arango said jokingly.

Arango said the flash fire was caused because of excess oil in the pipe.

“That’s what we were trying to fix — excessive oil in the lines.”

Arango said he had performed the procedure numerous times.

“It was a freak accident,” he said.

“I’ve done this a lot, but there was never as much oil as there was this time.

“No one could have predicted this.”

The accident was reported to security at 1:20 p.m. EMSA arrived eight minutes later and flushed Arango’s injuries with saline.

His burns were covered with saline water-soaked sterile dressings.

Arango was transported to Baptist Medical Center by EMSA.

He returned to work a day later.

Arango said it will take a few weeks until he is completely healed.

“Everybody involved did an excellent job responding,” he said.

Diving show to feature Olympians

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Performances by local divers are also scheduled for each show.

In addition, the Aquatic Center will make its bid to become an Olympic regional training center.

“Our facility was recommended by U.S. Diving Regional Training Director Ron O’Brien to become a regional training center,” Chris Moler, Recreation and Community Services director, said.

“If selected, elite level Olympic coaches would move to Oklahoma City to develop the sport of diving in the region.”

The first performance is at 1:30 p.m. and the second performance is at 4 p.m.

Divers will sign autographs at the end of each performance.

Tickets are available at the Office of Recreation and Community Services or White Water Bay for $13.

OKCCC faculty and family receive a $3 discount.

Group discounts are also available.

Commemorative T-shirts will be sold.

The Aquatic Center holds a maximum capacity of 1000 spectators.