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Photo by Ryan Johnson

Swimming on the rocks: Lifeguards in the Aquatic Center dump \$3000 worth of ice into the college swimming pool to make the water colder for the Region 3 Swim Meet. Competitors are used to colder water temperatures than those of OKCCC's pool.

OKCCC adds two technology degrees to curriculum this fall

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

OKCCC's Board of Regents approved the addition of two associate degrees in applied science during its monthly meeting May 16.

In a cooperative agreement between OKCCC and metro area vocational and technical schools, two options in Automotive Technology with emphases in non structural repair, and painting and refinishing will be offered.

A general degree in Technology will also be in the fall. The two-year degrees in technical fields are intended to satisfy employers.

"General education is a big part of the program,"

said Joel Kinnamon, dean of the division of Business. "The main thing we hear is that companies want workers to have things like communication skills and ethics classes, unlike vo-tech's program."

The degree in Automotive Technology requires 63 credit hours.

Of the 63, 44 major credits are devoted to automotive classes like Introduction to Body Repair and Refinishing and Tinting and Blending.

General education requires 19 credit hours.

OKCCC will use Francis Tuttle's facility to instruct the major courses.

Francis Tuttle has a state-of-the-art multi-million dollar facility that would be too costly to build at OKCCC, said Larry Grummer, coordinator and

professor of Automotive Technology.

"We're being really taxpayer friendly with the cooperative agreement," Grummer said.

"Francis Tuttle has very, very expensive equipment for repainting and straightening damaged body panels."

The program is a part of General Motors' BSEP (body service education program).

"We're only the seventh school in the nation to offer the BSEP," Grummer said.

It differs from other OKCCC automotive degrees because of the emphases on repairing body structure and paint refinishing,

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Lower gas prices still compromise student budgets

Commuters say they need a break

By Michaela Marx
Editor

In an oil-producing state like Oklahoma, people often enjoy lower gas prices. Consequently, many people have been disappointed to see gas prices rise to record highs this summer.

Currently, a gallon of gas can be found at many stations for about \$1.37 per gallon, after a summer high close to \$1.80 per gallon.

Although the price has gone down, it's still far from last summer's dollar a gallon and sometimes less.

Many OKCCC students are feeling the pinch because the community college is a commuter college. That means there is no campus housing and most students drive to attend classes.

OKCCC student Niki Keodara of Norman drives to the college approximately three to four times a week for classes.

She said filling up her 1994 Firebird has always been expensive, but now she pays at least \$28 once, sometimes twice, a week.

She said the gas prices have affected her budget tremendously.

"I am a cosmetologist," she said.

"I can't spend that much money on products, because of the gas prices."

Keodara said she believes if one gas station owner would lower prices, others would too.

She said gas prices around one dollar per gallon are reasonable.

Psychology major Meitra Doty of Lexington said she uses a tank of gas each week to drive her older model truck to the campus two or three times a week.

"I spend over \$20 [each week] just to go to school," she said.

Doty's parents pay for the gas she uses to get to and from school. She said they hope the prices will go down soon. Doty also said about one dollar per gallon would be a reasonable price for gas.

She said she has heard various reasons for why gas prices have gone up.

Her father believes that price increases of 30 to 40 percent more than likely exist solely to make someone rich.

There are several different theories about why gas prices have been so expensive.

Most people expect gas prices will increase during the main travel season of summer. However, according to CNN Online, this year, a combination of politics and business strategies may have enhanced this effect.

The site has oil industry analysts saying crude oil prices have increased because of uncertainty over whether the oil embargo would be lifted against Iraq.

Prices were driven up

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Music theft or song sampling?

Free Promotion or internet piracy?

When music is being downloaded for free from the internet, it's hard to tell the difference.

Napster has been in the news lately, supposedly putting copyrighted music on the internet and letting the general public download it for free.

First, the news and the media need to get their fight in order. Napster is in no way putting that music on the web. They simply designed a program that allowed users to access each other's computers to download MP3s.

It was the decision of the public to put copyrighted music on their computer and make it available to everyone else.

Big name bands, specifically Metallica, have been attacking the creators of this program, and I think they don't know this.

I download music from Napster at least 5 times a week. I hear a song I like on the radio, and I go find it on Napster.

This is not pirating. It is listening to something before I buy it. I have bought a few CDs because of this. The winners are new or offbeat artists.

Now I do admit that I have burned a few CDs from songs I downloaded from Napster.

Otherwise, I would not have been able to get a hold of CDs by DJ Jean.

I checked into buying them at all my local music dealers, and found that they not only didn't have the CD I was looking for, but didn't even know who the artist was.

So how is the public supposed to hear these underground bands on a daily basis if the radio stations won't play them, and the music stores won't carry their stuff?

Another thing that makes Napster not as big of a threat as it is made out to be, is that fact that not everyone has a computer with internet access and a CD burner.

If your local music store was able to download a CD of your choice and burn it on the spot, that would eliminate a lot of the cost. The price of a CD today is \$17. The price of a blank CD and jewel case is \$2. It would make it possible to go to Hastings, and get your CD for about \$5.

I think that the music industry should look back and see that this "piracy" has been going on ever since reel-to-reels have been around. What do they think bootleg concert recordings are?

I believe that rather than fighting this internet battle, the bands and the music industry should embrace it and let technology make way for a new world.

—Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

Opportunities for rewards offered

To the Editor:

Opportunity knocking!

Members of the OKCCC family are well known for volunteer efforts that make the College a great place to work and the community a better place in which to live. Now, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have come up with two ways to reward willing hands and caring people.

First, America Counts and America Reads will provide our work-study eligible college students with training, \$7 an hour (plus travel time to and from off campus sites), and a great resume builder for college students willing to tutor students in grades K-9.

Second, Smart Start for Brain Gain: Oklahomans

Serving Children and Youth in Education, an AmeriCorps special program, will provide educational vouchers to help cover college costs or pay back student loans. Up to 3,600 positions statewide will be funded. These positions may be filled by prospective, current, or former students, faculty, or staff who would like to serve by assisting students, K-16, either on or off our campus.

Smart Start applications are available in the Office of Enrollment Management. Once completed, these applications will be processed through the Regents' office. Approved volunteers will then be asked to choose which positions they are most interested in

filling. Interviews will be conducted and training provided.

For more information, or an application, call J.P. Johnson at 682-1611 ext. 7533, or Jennifer Johnson, America Counts and America Reads Coordinator, at ext. 7748.

—J.P. Johnson
Coordinator of College Clubs

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Comments and Reviews

The world through a criminal's eyes

From the dark streets to treatment and prayer

The scariest part of the criminal mind is how much it works like our own.

This reality is made painfully clear by writer Bo Cox in his recently released collection of memoirs entitled "God Is Not in the Thesaurus: Stories from an Oklahoma Prison." Cox, who is serving a life sentence, takes his readers on a haunting journey into the heart of darkness, then coaxes them tentatively back into the light.

The light starkly outlines the harsh results of a life wasted on drugs, alcohol and senseless violence. It also holds the only ray of hope that penetrates the prison cell where the author has lived for the past 13 years: the promise of God's love.

It took four years of continued drug use behind bars before Cox finally made the decision to face life sober. His quest for sobriety began in April 1990.

At Christmas time his resolve was sorely tested. In "Silent Night" the reader stands by the writer's side as he hides in his cell, avoiding social contact as he struggles with his emotions and fear of failure.

Then a friend drags him to an evening meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous where the warm embrace of fellow addicts gives him a safe

place to cry.

A quest for treatment in the prison drug program placed another obstacle in his path to sobriety. The wait for admission would be at least one year Cox was told. At that point he pulls strings.

Having grown up in the Episcopal Church, he begs his hometown minister to intercede for him, asking for early admission into the treatment program sponsored by that religious organization.

After he is sober and clean, Cox joins a group of inmates who talk to school groups about the dangers of drug use.

In "Bart's Cousin" the writer returns to the scene of his crime, beginning with an evening of drinking and drugs. Next comes a street fight in small-town Oklahoma. Finally, the we'll-finish-this-later meeting at a country rendezvous.

In the end, 17-year-old Bart Ennis is dead and Cox, then 22, is in jail for murder. The burden of guilt falls heaviest when Cox meets one of his victims face-to-face in a prison straight-talk session.

Like a magic carpet, the writer's words take readers to places they've never been, and never want to go. This comes through most vividly in family sketches.

Perhaps the greatest punishment of prison lies in the separation from loved ones. When his dotting grandfather dies, Cox can only stand by helplessly. He's allowed to attend the funeral, in shackles and chains. When his father works tirelessly for his son's release, Cox can only pray for success. The writer schools himself in patience, placing his future in God's hands.

Graced by melodic prose and a leisurely style, "God Is Not in the Thesaurus" provides inspirational reading. For those who appreciate the testimony of Christians struggling with adversity, this thin volume is a worthwhile investment.

For anyone curious about daily life in Oklahoma's prisons, Cox offers a glimpse of reality behind bars, both cruel and tender. "God Is Not in the Thesaurus" is available from Forward Movement Press for \$8.95. To order call 1-800-543-1813.

—Sue Hinton
English Professor,
OKCCC

Editor's Note:

In 1993-94, while a talkback television student at OKCCC, Bo Cox wrote a column for the Pioneer entitled "What Does Bo Know?"

Paul Cotton: Better left unheard

Since I work for a newspaper, and I am assigned to write reviews, I am sometimes required to write a review over something I would otherwise never listen to or do.

I listened to "Firebird," the new CD from Paul Cotton.

You might remember him as being in Poco with Timothy B. Schmit of Eagles fame.

His new album is chock full of sad country songs. But what else is new from a country song?

They have names like "Woman with a Broken Heart" and "Not Out of Mind."

His voice could use some work too.

I am a vocals kind of guy myself, so when I hear him sound like he is straining on parts of the songs, it kills the whole CD for me.

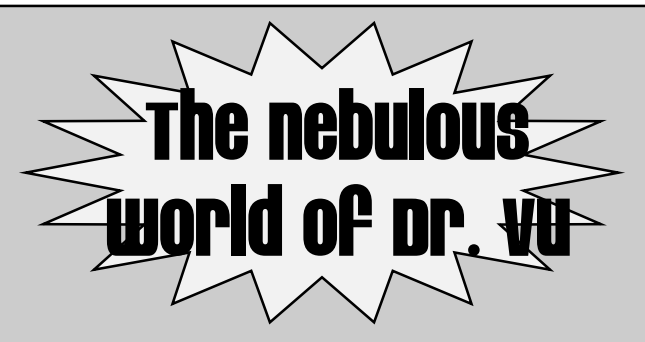
There is one song on the CD that I do think is OK.

It is an instrumental, so I can deal with it. But it still has a "twang" country feel to it. Sorry, folks, but country is not me.

Because of the instrument part, I give this CD 2 out of 5 stars.

Unless you are a Paul Cotton fan or like country, then I would not buy this CD.

—Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer



Babies: lots of cute but lots of questions

I love babies.

They have that fresh-from-the-factory smell; they're conveniently packaged; and they love apple juice —drinking it *and* recycling it, just like me.

Everything they do is cute, especially when they make a *doo-doo* or a *poo-poo* or the ever popular *woo-woo*. Yes, my name is Vu Vu.

Their heads are bigger than their bodies, acting like an anchor so they won't hurt themselves.

They have no teeth, which looks cool. They drool on you, but baby drool... it's just too cute.

It's awesome watching them explode with laughter when playing peek-a-boo.

It's fun watching their eyes glow with amazement as they see things for the first time, or the expressions on their faces when they taste something sour.

And they love it when you read *Sports Illustrated* to them.

Babies. We love them.

Even author Jonathan Swift wrote about them in his essay, "A Modest Proposal."

Babies are very dear to us. Who could forget the heartache felt for the babies in the Murrah building, or all the babies who died in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in World War II.

All were innocent victims, brought to death by enormous explosions.

At least for most, it was a quick and painless death.

"Precious miracles," they're so often called.

But every baby grows up.

They become politicians, garbage technicians, mechanics or lawyers.

They face issues dealing with nuclear proliferation.

They ask themselves questions.

Do we want a missile defense system to protect us, even though it may cause countries to build more nuclear weapons, thus the proliferation?

Or do we choose to forgo a missile defense system and live with the threat of minimal nuclear devastation?

They join groups like Green Peace or the Republican Party.

They come up with their own eggroll recipes.

They have difficult choices to make.

If only they remembered when they were babies, drooling and pooping.

Can I say "pooping?"

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer

GED classes help students realize educational dreams

By Michaela Marx
Editor

Helping students succeed is one of OKCCC's priorities according to Chuck Morrison who is in charge of the General Education Development program at OKCCC.

At 6:30 p.m., July 27, students in the GED program who met all the requirements will receive high school diploma equivalents in the college union.

Students, families, friends, and faculty members who helped the students succeed will be in attendance.

Morrison said the program is offered year round on campus.

Twelve classes are offered during the fall and spring semesters and a limited number of classes are offered during the summer semester, he said. GED testing is also offered throughout the year.

A total of 574 students who have taken the required classes and passed the testing will receive their diploma this year, he said.

"We tested 904 people from June 1999



through May 2000," Morrison said. "Of those 904 people, 574 passed their GED test."

According to the GED examiner's manual, the Tests of General Educational Development are developed by the American Council on Education to "enable persons who have not graduated from high school to demonstrate the attainment of developed abilities normally acquired through completion of a high school program of study."

Morrison said to be eligible to take the GED test within the State of Oklahoma, a person must meet the following requirements:

- Is not enrolled in high school and does not have a high school diploma.

high school diploma.

- Lives in Oklahoma.
- Is 16 years of age or older. Those who are 16 or 17 will need to have an approved Test Agreement for 16- and 17-year-olds.

The Test Agreement form is available at the GED Testing Centers and must be signed by a parent and a school official of the school district of current residence.

For more information about the GED program, call 682-1611, ext. 7428.

Second floor of main building to join 21st century carpet-wise

By Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

Goodbye 1976. Hello 2000.

Starting July 24, the second floor of the main building will get a makeover when 2200 square feet of old yellow and off-white carpet is replaced.

In many areas of the college, the carpet is original from the day that section of the college opened in 1972.

Much of the second floor

in the main building fits that description.

John Knight, director of the physical plant, said the change will be noticeable.

"It is a major improvement," Knight said.

"In some cases, the carpet is original. I think it is a much needed project."

The cost of recarpeting the entire second floor will be \$23,308.

The project is expected to wrap up Aug. 20.

Offices located within the area being carpeted will be temporarily relocated to

other areas of the college.

"Some of the areas will be relocated entirely," Knight said.

"Others will be doubled up on the space they already have."

Employees of the college are happy about the change about to take place.

"I think the new carpet will be great," said Francine West, payroll bookkeeper.

"The relocating will be a mess, but I'm sure that when payday rolls around, everyone will still be able to find me."

Summer Building Hours: June 5 through July 28

Monday through Thursday:

7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday:

7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday:

Closed

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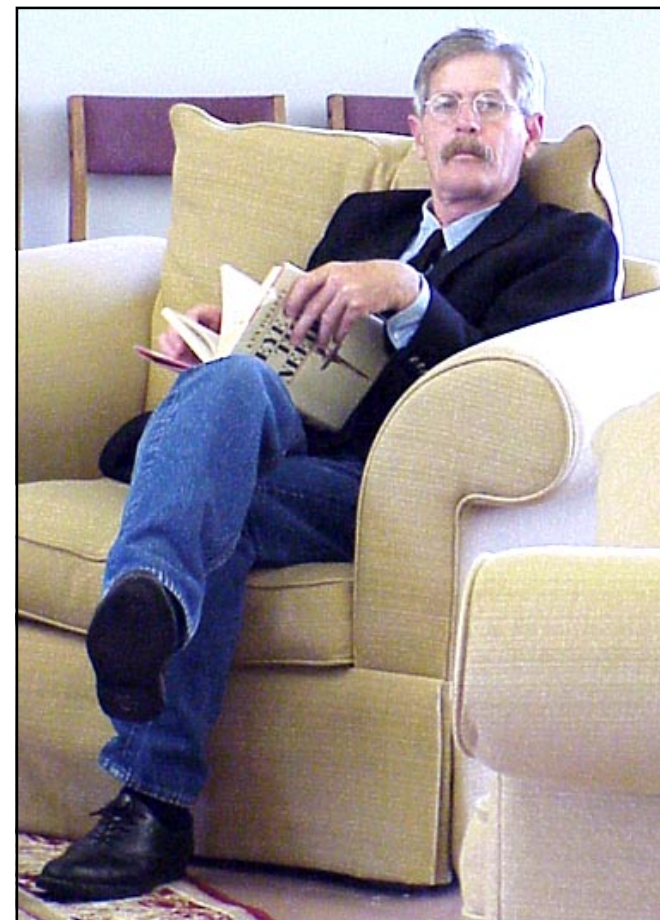


Photo by Ryan Johnson

History Professor Ray McCullar enjoys the comfort of the plush furniture in the OKCCC library. McCullar sat in air-conditioned comfort to read.

Art, cameras stolen

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

The theft of a piece of art and two cameras was reported to campus security July 6.

The items were reported by Visual Art Professor Mary Ann Moore.

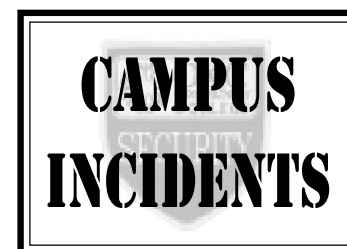
Moore reported two Pentax 35mm cameras worth a total of \$358 missing from the pottery lab.

The cameras are stored in an unlocked cabinet in the pottery lab, said Susan VanSchuyver, dean of Arts and Humanities.

The cameras were used by art students to make a record of artwork in their portfolios.

They were also used to take pictures of the mosaic in the courtyard to record the changes that are expected to take eight years, she said.

LaWanda LaVarnway, photography lab assistant,



said the cameras were on loan from the photography department.

VanSchuyver said the pottery lab door was locked but in the future, the cabinet door will also be locked.

On July 3, an acrylic painting belonging to Cherri Ledbetter and on display in the library lobby was reported missing.

Michael Taylor, whose painting was also on exhibit, noticed Ledbetter's painting missing and reported to security.

The painting had been on exhibit since June 15.

The painting, titled "Ghetto Queens," is valued at \$250.

Ledbetter was not available for comment.

More than 500 GED graduates named

GED graduates who will be taking part in the ceremonies at 6:30 p.m. July 27 in the college union are:

Melvonda Adams, Robyn Affentranger, Kathryn Affentranger, Donna Allen, Ofelia Alvarado, Gary Bailey Jr, Larry Bartgis, Kathy Brazzle, Jeff Brooks, Betty Brown, Tara Burns, Jennifer Bush, Angela Cameron, Jason Carper, Jessica Hattie Chapin, Shannon Daves Charqueno, Brandy Chilton, Rean Clark, Autumn Colongo.

Benjamin Cornelius, Susan Cunningham, Jay Dalto, Sherry Davis-Eckelberry, Becky Dawes-Draper, Leslie Doyle, Robin Drew, Michael Edwards.

Allison Enriquez, Dustin Fisher, Jeremy Fitch, José Flores, Joshua Fox, Jennifer Freeman, Amanda Gates, Carrie Gee, Varea Green, Jeff Greene, Pedro Grijalva, Rossi Harjo, Shawnda Heldenbrand, Stacie Henry.

David Henry, Danita Hill, Mikeal Hood, Vaneesa Hopson, Stephen Horn, Lance Huffline, Brandi Huffman, John Hunt Jr, Elizabeth Jett, Tiffany Johnson, Trey Johnson, Angel Jones, James Jones, Althea Karasek, Abraham Kazerani, Rebecca Kraus, John Kuzmic, Dustin Lafavers.

Andrea Lattimore, Hien Ai Thi Leary, Matthew Loch Loch, Toni Long, Brooklyn Lusty, Linda Marrs, Susan Miller, Lindsay Miller, Jennifer Mooney, Patrick Morris, Susan Morrison, Tara Niblett, Robert Owen, Alicia Palmer, Misty Palmer, Stephen Pennock Jr, James Pinkerton, Sharon Ramos, Christopher Raspberry, Robbie Ray, Shirley Reid, Charity Richardson.

Jerry Russell, Carrie Salazar, Elizabeth Salzido, Rachel Salzido, Alva Sanders, Autumn Sanger, Nicole Saylor, Concepcion Sill, Scott Spires, Samuel Stankewitz, Derrick Stone, Robert Stone, Joshua Sunderland, Joseph Thompson, Donald Thomp-

son III, Linda Tillotson, Shawna Tyree, Cynthia Walden, Nathan Walker, Stacey Webb, Theresa White, Gene Whited, Raymond Whitfield Jr, Barry Wiles Sr, Blake Williams, Jeanette Wilson, Gary Woods, Jeremy Yolk, Lisa Yoscak.

The following people will have graduated from the program but will not be taking part in the ceremony.

Christopher Abbey, Kristen Adams, Cherol Adkins, Connie Adkisson, Shokoo Ahmadifar, Antonia Alfaro, Bradlie Allen, Scott Allen, Philip Anderson, Michelle Arnett, Matt Bacon, Tracy Baker, Daniel Barajas, Susan Barker, Darren Barnes, Ladana Battles, Larry Baughn, Bethani Baun, Dustin Bearden, Dustin Beasley, Glen Beavers.

Desiree Bennett, Liona Berry, Lyndsey Bird, Crystal Blackmore, Stephany Boucher, Lisa Bowen, Jennifer Boxley, Renee Bradley, Joshua Brandon, Denver Brayton, Joan Brinkworth, Teresa Brock, Jeff Brooks, Gerald Brooks Jr, Tiffany Broomfield, Thomas Bruce, Ben Brumley, Howard Bruner, Felisha Bruner, Jennifer Buchanan, Daniel Buck, Ryan Buffington.

Ilauriya Buras, Jamie Burchell, Harold Burdine, Sidney Burdt, Joshua Burkhart, Chrystal Burnett, Wendell Byrley, Delores Calandro, Shanin Cameron, Deana Campbell, Isaac Cannady, Juanita Carmon, Toni Carney, Andrea Carter, Melissa Cartwright, Felipe Cazares, Joseph Childress, Kim Choate, Jason Chumley, David Clark, Jay Cloud, Garrett Cloud, Christopher Coffelt, Evan Coker.

Sam Cole, Sarah Cole, Rebecca Collett, Jennifer Collins, Joshua Collins, Daniel Cook, Lindsay Cooper, Ramona Cooper, Bobbi Corley, Angela C. Cox, Jeff Cox, Chad Cox, Gayla Coykendall, Jeff A. Craft, Christy Crawford, Connie Crawford, Margaret Curtis, Jason Dags, Larry Dalton,

Jennifer Davidson, Christy Davis, Tara Day, Lyn Deatherage, Jeffery Dempsey, Misty Depel, Sarah Derner, Dana Dewey, Jaclyn Dominick, Jennifer Doran, Joseph Douglas, Shelly Dowdy, Joseph Driskill III, Dereck Duong, Christian Durini, Melissa Duty, Jacqueline Duvall, Stacey Dyer, Gion Eades, Suszanna Ealey.

Amber Ehlers, Paul Elliott, Kelli Eschman, Larry Essex, Farshid Fadaei, Dawn

Joe Hall, Angel Hamilton, Joey Hampton, Daniel Hankins, Michael Hardenbrack, Shelly Hargrove, Mary Harper, David Harris, Simp Hearon, Carolyn Hedrick, Charles Hedrick, Shaun Hembree, Aaron Henderson, Chrystal Henry, James Henry, Michael Hensley, Megan Henthorne, Ruben Hernandez, Juan Hernandez, Lusía Hernandez, Joshua Herren, Rene Herrera, Paula Hickey, Michael Hickman, Jason Higgins,



Fazio, John Feaver, Nathan Feehan, Ronnie Fischer, Amanda Fisher, Dustin Fleener, Patrick Fleming, Alma Flores, Shawn Folmar, Valerie Folsom, Angeline Fombe, George Fombe, James Formhals, Kenneth Fouch, Jacob French, Melina Freshow, Paul Friedline, Alex Friese, Stephanie Frost, Tonda Gaede, Markus Gaines, Dawn Gambrell, Jason Gammel, Bryant Gantter, Misha Gappa, Jimmie Garnand Sr, Mandi Gerken, David Gillette.

Phillip Gilstrap, Char-esa Glover, Tyler Goins, Melissa Gomez, Pedro Gonzales, Esteban Gonzalez, Joseph Goodale, Brandon Goodbead, Melissa Graham, Teresa Graham, Rebecca Graham, Brandon Graham, Michelle Graham, Deborah Grant, Bryan Grant, Scott Graves, Johnathon Grego, Cindy Grewell, Christine Grigsby, Joshua Grillo, Justin Grochowsky, Dawn Grothe, Erin Guffey.

Candice Guffy, Amber

Amy Higgins, Patricia Hilbern, Patricia Hill, Mathew Hill, Jonathan Hilliard, Aaron Hokanson, Alice Hokett, Francois Holder, Elton Holland, Bryan Holt, Lee Honeycutt, James Howard, Florance Hudson, Leticia Hurtado, Joshua Hutchinson, Nick Hut-ton, Jennifer Isenberg, Mary James, Angel Jernagan, Jacquelyn Johnson, Robin Johnson, Tammy Johnson, Margaret Johnson.

Shellie Johnson, Christopher Johnston, Christopher Jones, E'met Jones, Bradley Jones, Ellen Julien, John Keeling, Tommy Keller, Staci Kelley, Sam Kendall, Charlotte Kester, Brittany Kidwell, William Kigega, Tim Kil-kenny, Jason King, Tara King, Mark Kirby, Erin Kravick, Shawn Kruzan, Danial Lake, Nathan Langley, Alice M. Lansdale, Mark Laverents, Thanh Le, Andrew Lee, Donald Leland, Michael Lemmings, Amanda Levan, John Lewellen.

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Ryan Rhodes, Kevin Richardson, Ryan Rider, Alycia Rivard, Robert Rivera, Maria Riveria, Tina Robertson, Robin Robinson, Kami Robinson, Stephen Rodriguez, Jim Rodriguez, Andrea Rodriguez, Crystal Rodriguez, Bobby Rork, Alisha Roussell.

Tammy Ryland, Lisa Saeger, Jacob Saldivar, Sherry Sanders, Linda Saysana, Kyle Scarberry, David Schomerus, Lanita Schooler, Mark Schue, Andrew Schulz, Dorothy Marie Sellers, Montoya Sellers, John Senecal, Alicia Sharp, Katherine Sheehan, Jose Silva, Kyle Sisemore, Adrea Slagle, Shannon Smith, Chris Smith, Prentis Smith.

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Robert Towler, Dung Tran, Jeffrey Trude, James Truesdell, Cynthia Truman, Brandon Tucker, Enoch Tufts, Beverly Turso, Timothy Vaught, Michael Vitatoe, Linh Vong, Tommy Walden, Richard Walford, Cheri Walker, Laura Wall, Jennifer Wallace, Shauna Wallace, Velma Wallin, John Warsop, Vickie Watson, Angela Webster, Dixie Weidemaier, Bruce West, Edwin West, Jessica Whelan, Lisa Whitaker, John White.

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Highlights

Donations still needed for Children's Art tent

The following items are still being collected for use in the Children's Art tent during Arts Festival Oklahoma: smooth rocks, beads, ribbons, yarn, lace, sequins, buttons, tissue paper, card stock, feathers, wiggly eyes, beans, fish gravel, macaroni, rice, fishing line, matting, stickers (of any kind), paper (of any size and kind) and embroidery thread. Bring donations by the OKCCC Child Development Center.

We be jammin' mon

The 5th Annual Bricktown Reggae Fest will be July 28 and 29. The festival will be held outdoors at the corner of Sheridan and Oklahoma Avenue in Bricktown. All ages welcome. Admission is free until 7 p.m. on both days; after 7 p.m. admission is \$8 at the gate. Children 10 and under are free with a paid adult. There will be continuous live music plus food, drinks, clothing and Jamaican novelties for sale. For more information call 236-4143.

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. The final session is slated 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.

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 Prestamo 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 Adrienne at synopsist@us.net, Dave Charlson at djcharlson@okc.cc.ok.us or go to their website at www.greens.org/oklahoma

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

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Photo by Ryan Johnson

Green with Hope: Jody Tilton spreads the word about the Green Party and Ralph Nader at the table the organization set up in the lobby of the main building. Green Party members have been collecting signatures for a petition to get Nader added to the presidential ballot in Oklahoma. The club sold bumper stickers, buttons and books to raise money.

Retreat offers club leaders the chance to hone skills

Lake Murray is the site for the get-together

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

The great outdoors awaits OKCCC student club leaders as they get ready to attend the annual leadership retreat at Lake Murray State park in Ardmore Aug. 11 through 13.

Team Quest from the University of Oklahoma will facilitate the annual retreat, sponsored by the office of Student life.

Team Quest is a corporate training program that helps coworkers learn about themselves by requiring participants to set their own limits and bypassing that limit with the encouragement of their peers.

The program is designed to help make the leaders of the future, said Mike

"Students have a chance to meet other students. If they're new to the school, they learn the ins and the outs, and get good ideas."

—Janice Raney
Student Life Assistant

Jones, coordinator of student activities.

It will also help strengthen the leadership skills of those people attending.

The program enhances leadership skills and helps leaders develop conflict management techniques.

Funding comes from the student organizations.

Janice Raney, Student Life assistant, said the retreat is a good opportunity for students.

"Students have a chance to meet other students," she said. "If they're new to the school, they learn the ins and the outs, and get good ideas."

The end result, members of Team Quest said, is for people attending to realize they can do more than they think.

Programs will stress trust, problem solving, communication skills, organizational change, leadership development, conflict resolution, customer service and team building.

For more information about the leadership retreat, contact the Student Life office at 682-1611, ext. 7523.

For more information about Team Quest, call 325-0464. Or e-mail mrose@ou.edu

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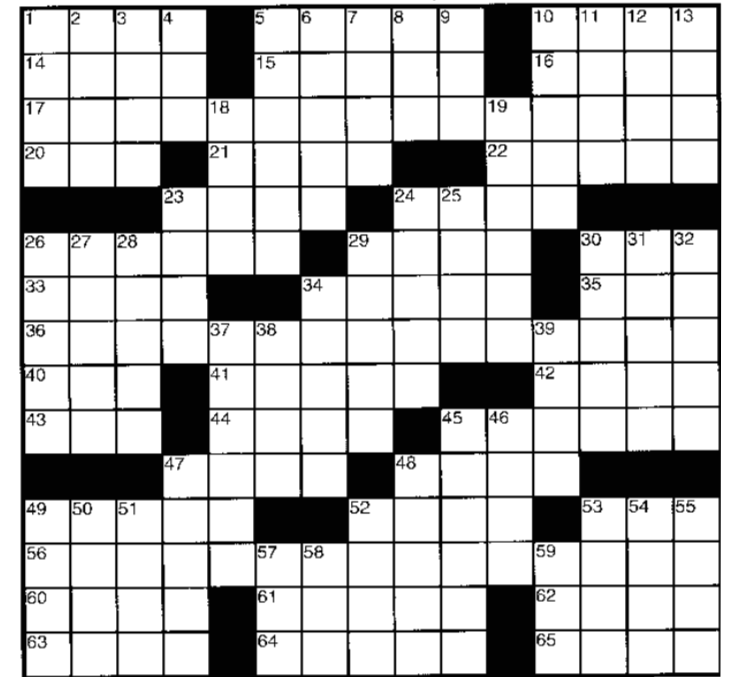
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Gasoline prices on slow decline

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after American companies cut production thinking the market would become flooded with Iraqi oil.

Another theory for the rising prices is the high cost of crude oil.

A barrel of crude oil has increased from \$11 a barrel last year to \$30, said financial analyst David Swowerby.

NBC correspondent Gary Sideman said in a recent report that, in the Midwest, oil companies have blamed the high prices on taxes and the cost of introducing new federally-required cleaner fuel this month.

He said the price spike has prompted the Federal Trade Commission to open a formal investigation into possible price gouging and collusion.

Oklahoma gas station owners explained why the gas prices in Oklahoma suddenly fell approximately 20 to 30 cents in the past few weeks.

Laura, a Texaco clerk in Moore, said her station has been able to lower prices of all its products.

"Generally when our costs goes down so does the cost of gas," she said.

"Customers are thrilled that the gas is down to under \$1.50."

For students who are still having problems making their incomes meet because of the still fairly-high prices, use the tips listed in the sidebar on this page to save gas and money.

Gas saving tips to help increase fuel economy

The Internet site www.freewell.com offers the following tips to better fuel economy:

•Engine warm-up•

1. Avoid prolonged warming up of engine, even on cold mornings — 30 to 45 seconds is plenty of time.

2. Be sure the automatic choke is disengaged after engine warmup. Chokes often get stuck, resulting in bad gas/air mixture.

3. Don't start and stop engine needlessly. Idling your engine for one minute consumes the gas amount equivalent to when you start the engine.

4. Avoid "revving" the engine, especially just before you switch it off. This wastes fuel and washes oil down from the inside cylinder walls, creating loss of oil pressure.

5. Eliminate jack-rabbit starts. Accelerate slowly when starting from dead stop. Don't push the pedal down more than 1/4 of the total foot travel. This allows carburetor to function at peak efficiency.

•How to Buy Gasoline•

6. Buy gasoline during coolest time of day — early morning or late evening is best. During these times gasoline is densest. Keep in mind, gas pumps measure

volumes of gasoline, not densities of fuel concentration. You are charged according to "volume of measurement."

7. Choose type and brand of gasoline carefully. Certain brands provide you with greater economy because of better quality.

8. Avoid filling gas tank to the top. Overfilling results in sloshing over and out of tank. Never fill gas tank past the first "click" of fuel nozzle, if nozzle is automatic.

•How to Drive Economically•

9. Exceeding 40 mph forces your auto to overcome tremendous wind resistance.

10. Never exceed legal speed limit. Primarily they are set for your traveling safety; however, better gas efficiency also occurs. Traveling at 55 mph gives you up to 21 percent better mileage when compared to speed limits of 65 mph and 70 mph.

11. Traveling at fast rates in low gears can consume up to 45 percent more fuel than is needed.

12. Manual shift-driven cars allow you to change to

highest gear as soon as possible, thereby letting you save gas if you "nurse it along." However, if you cause the engine to bog down, premature wearing of engine parts occurs.

13. Keep windows closed when traveling at highway speeds. Open windows cause air drag, reducing your mileage by 10 percent.

14. Drive steadily. Slowing down or speeding up wastes fuel. Also avoid tailgating — the driver in front of you is unpredictable. Not only is it unsafe, but it affects your economy if he slows down unexpectedly.

15. Think ahead when approaching hills. If you accelerate, do it before you reach the hill, not while you're on it.

•General Advice•

16. Do not rest left foot on floor board pedals while driving. The slightest pressure puts "mechanical drag" on components, wearing them down prematurely. This "dragging" also demands additional fuel usage.

17. Avoid rough roads whenever possible. Dirt or gravel robs you of up to 30 percent of your gas mileage.

18. Use alternate roads when safer, shorter, and straighter. Compare traveling distance differences — remember that corners, curves and lane jumping require extra gas. The shortest distance between two points is always straight.

19. Stoplights are usually timed for your motoring advantage. By traveling steadily at the legal speed limit you boost your chances of having the "green light" all the way.

20. Automatic transmissions should be allowed to cool down when your car is idling at a standstill, e.g. railroad crossings, long traffic lights, etc. Place gear into neutral position. This reduces transmission strain and allows transmission to cool.

21. Park car so that you can later begin to travel in forward gear; avoid reverse gear maneuvers to save gas.

22. Regular tune-ups ensure best economy; check

owner's manual for recommended maintenance intervals. Special attention should be given to maintaining clean air filters. Diminished air flow increases gas waste.

23. Inspect suspension and chassis parts for occasional misalignment. Bent wheels, axles, bad shocks, broken springs create engine drag and are unsafe at high traveling speeds.

24. Remove snow tires during good weather seasons; traveling on deep tire tread really robs fuel.

25. Inflate all tires to maximum limit. Each tire should be periodically spun, balanced and checked for out-of-round. When shopping for new tires, get large diameter tires for rear wheels. Radial designs are the recognized fuel-savers; check manufacturer's specifications for maximum tire pressures.

26. Remove vinyl tops — they cause air drag. Rough surfaces disturb otherwise smooth air flow around a car's body. Bear in mind when buying new cars that a fancy sun roof helps disturb smooth air flow (and mileage).

27. Air conditioners can reduce fuel economy by 10 to 20 percent. Heater fan, power windows and seats increase engine load; the more load on the engine, the less miles per gallon.

28. Remove excess weight from trunk or inside of car — extra tires, back seats, unnecessary heavy parts. Extra weight reduces mileage, especially when driving up inclines.

29. Car pools reduce travel monotony and gas expense — all riders chip in to help you buy. Conversation helps to keep the driver alert. Pooling also reduces traffic congestion, gives the driver easier maneuverability and greater "steady speed" economy. For best results, distribute passenger weight evenly throughout car.

30. During cold weather watch for icicles frozen to car frame. Up to 100 pounds can be quickly accumulated. Unremoved snow and ice cause a lot of wind resistance. Warm water thrown on (or hosed on) will eliminate it fast.



Technology degrees added

"Auto,"

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Grummer said.

General education classes are taught at OKCCC.

"GM wants technicians with degrees — technicians with degrees get more money," Kinnamon said.

The other program degree in Technology, will benefit employees already working at major companies, said Paul Sechrist, vice president for academic affairs.

"You really have to be a part of the industry to enroll in this degree," Sechrist said.

"You have to be an employee or an employer who wants to encourage an employee."

The degree in Technology

requires 60 credit hours.

"Technology changes quickly," Kinnamon said.

"Our program is more flexible. [For example] if Oracle is the newest this year, and it changes next year, we can change quickly."

Of the 60 credits, 30 hours are devoted to Tech 1000 and Tech 2000 courses and American Council of Education (ACE) credit completion.

General education requires 18 credit hours.

Both programs expect sufficient enrollment in the fall, Kinnamon said.

"Students have a chance to learn general education competencies and vocational competencies," Kinnamon said.

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