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PIONEER

Students to face construction plus parking shortage

Following rules will help prevent further stress

By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer

Each semester, the same scenario plays out during the first week of classes — parking lots are overcrowded, causing students to stress out because they can't find parking spots and are late for classes.

Usually, this phenomenon lasts for about one week before things settle back to normal.

However, this year the parking chaos may be even worse because of the ongoing construction on May Avenue.

Keith Bourque, coordinator of campus safety and security, recommends entering the campus at the S.W. 74 street entrance during the first week of classes.

He said the college has put in a request for additional police officers to control traffic and have also asked the city to put a four-way stop-sign at the intersection of S.W. 74 and Regents Boulevard.

In addition to the construction in front of the college, Bourque said, there is also a shortage of parking on campus.

There are 2,335 parking spots on the college grounds, said Bourque. However, last semester approximately 9,000 students were enrolled in classes on campus, not counting faculty and staff who also need to find a parking spot. Those numbers are not expected to decrease.

Nevertheless, that fact will not be an excuse to park outside of designated areas.

Regardless of the limited parking space, Bourque said, tickets will be issued to those who disobey the rules.

The fines are as follows:

- Parking without a valid parking ticket: \$5.
- Parking in fire lane: \$25 when issued by OKCCC or \$50 when issued by the Oklahoma City Police Department.
- Parking in handicapped spots is \$50 (OKCCC) or \$100 (OCPD).
- Parking in faculty and staff parking: \$5.
- Driving down a one-way street the wrong way, speeding, reckless and unsafe driving and running stop signs: \$25.

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Photo by Ryan Johnson

Patience is a virtue: David Wiggins accompanies his son David Wiggins II as he enrolls in classes for the fall semester. Enrollment continues until Aug. 27. Students will get a break from classes Sept. 4 for Labor Day.

OGE Energy Corp partnership to prepare students for industry

Oklahoma community colleges will offer training

By Kathi Etherton
Editor

Oklahoma's need for more workers with technology skills has prompted business leaders to ask Oklahoma community colleges to train them.

OKCCC, Rose State College and OSU-OKC have teamed up with OGE Energy Corp, the parent company of OG&E Electric Services, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in a partnership designed to align education and training with business and industry needs.

OGE Energy initiated the partnership about two years ago when a need for more trained workers in their industry became clear.

In response to the shortage, the State Regents for Higher Education, and the three institutions met and devised a plan to work together.

"For the student, this training could result in rewarding work with a great company," said Jerry McCurry, training supervisor at OGE Energy.

"For us, employment candidates will come

with the technical training we're looking for. We're excited about the possibilities."

Within this plan, a curriculum committee and the faculty at OKCCC developed an Associate in Science, an Associate in Applied Science and a Certificate in Technology.

Ann Ackerman, associate vice-president for External Educational Programs, said the degree was established with the idea that companies like OG&E can come along and tell the college that they have specific jobs with certain competencies. The college can accommodate them with students studying within that degree.

"I think this showed some good foresight so we can respond so much faster," Ackerman said.



Ann Ackerman

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Ignorance, apathy go hand-in-hand

The big election day in November is coming closer. It is time to do your homework now.

Some people think it is important what presidential candidate George W. Bush did in his college years. Or that Al Gore may not have the most shimmering personality.

In reality, in just a few months one of them will make major decisions on behalf of the American people concerning education, taxes, crime, drugs, health care and foreign policy, but not very many people know the candidates' agendas. It is time to do some research and vote informed.

The truth is that some people just feel too safe and comfortable. They don't believe anyone would want to take rights or freedom away from them. But it is possible, even in the United States that a law can sneak up on you restricting your freedom. People then feel overrun, because they did not know what was going on.

It makes a difference who is president. One of the hot topics is abortion. The subject divides the country and always has.

Before Roe vs. Wade in 1973 brought the subject out of the closet, women died having illegal abortions or went across borders to end their pregnancies. Today thousands of women take advantage of their right to decide to have an abortion, because it doesn't make women criminals anymore. Counseling and information are available.

The next president could determine whether abortion remains legal. The new president will probably appoint three new Supreme Court Justices. His orientation on the reproductive rights issue could be reflected in his choice for the Court.

Since 1994 Congress has voted nearly 140 times to restrict reproductive rights. They approved a partial birth abortion bill, which is expected to be vetoed by President Clinton. With an anti-choice majority on the Supreme Court the anti-choice majority in Congress may lead to a successful overturning the protections of Roe vs. Wade.

Not only abortion itself but also sex education, counseling and information are at issue. People need access to information to prevent abortion in the first place. Some states tried to ban abortion counseling or tried to require parental or spousal consent for abortions. Another idea was to replace sex education with abstinence encouragement.

To bring it back to the beginning of my editorial, as you can see politics is not dull. There are many subjects besides abortion that may take an unexpected different turn after the election. There is surely one you too feel passionately about. Do yourself and your country a favor and learn what presidential candidates stand for, so you won't wake up one day in a country you don't want to be a part of anymore.

—**Michaela Marx**
Staff Writer

Need help with homework?

It's right here on campus

To the Editor:

After the flurry of activity over the past few weeks, I hope that everyone is settling in for a good semester.

One point that can't be stressed enough, especially for new students, is the importance of keeping up with homework and assignments.

Here at OKCCC, we are proud of all the areas of support that are available to students if students will simply access them.

For academic assistance, students can take advantage of our learning labs which are located all across campus and which provide assistance with math, science, accounting, computer science, and just about anything related to English or foreign languages.

Some of our general courses also have Supplemental Instruction support. This means that a student who has demon-

strated exemplary performance for a professor in a particular course goes back through the course with that professor and holds structured study sessions outside of class.

The library offers a wealth of resources to help students who may need information from traditional print sources or from the Internet.

Students who may experience test anxiety or who may need other non-academic assistance in order to do their best can work with one of the professionals in the Center for Student Development.

We can provide assistance with everything from learning to study more efficiently to finding external resources for healthcare, childcare, shelter and so forth.

In addition, students who have a disability can visit with someone from the Services to Students with Disabilities office.

Here, students can make arrangements for accommodations they might need for their courses, and all interactions are confidential.

So, here's to a smooth and productive semester. Please use us well and often.

—**Mary Turner**
Coordinator of Student Support Services

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I SEE YOU HAVEN'T BEEN FLOSSING MR. KLUTZ
SO... EDDIE HERE WILL BE CLEANING YOUR TEETH !!



Comments and Reviews

'Coyote Ugly' fun, but disappointing

The movie trailer for "Coyote Ugly" draws men and women equally to the theaters. Thirty seconds of five beautiful women hopping around on a bar in tight clothes has an intriguing charisma. That is the beauty of advertising.

However, many were disappointed after seeing the film —there wasn't enough dancing on the table, but instead a lame plot and cheesy love songs. Tyra Banks and Co. are the bait to get you to see a bad movie this summer.

The small town girl Violet leaves her hometown to make it in New York as a songwriter. She soon learns that the Big Apple is not friendly to strangers. She gets robbed, mugged and to top it all off she finds out that the only way to sell her songs is to perform the songs herself.

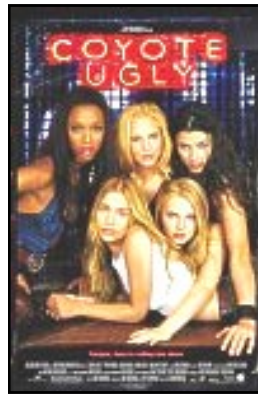
This proves to be a problem, because Violet suffers from a bad case of performance anxiety.

The critical viewer, however, will question her stage

fright, because she obviously does not have a problem dancing and singing on top of the bar at the hottest nightclub in town where she works. Coyote Ugly is a bar that is known for its hot dancing bartenders. Night after night men stand in line half way around the building to drool over the girls.

To make it short: to all of Violet's problems add a family drama and a heartwarming love story. The movie, of course, concludes in her big break. And did I mention that it only took three months from her arrival until Lee Ann Rimes performs Violet's songs?

Besides John Goodman —Dan from Roseanne —nobody in this movie knows how to act. Especially bad is Piper Perabo, who plays Violet. Obviously she only learned one facial expression in acting school to show disappointment and



desperation and she sure wears it out. Lee Ann Rimes makes a cameo appearance, but looks out of place. All the songs in the film are hers.

However, the bar dancing is choreographed beautifully and makes you wanna be a Coyote Ugly girl, because it looks like so much fun. Supermodels in tight clothes make the wild life look appealing.

I know this review sounds negative, but I urge everybody to go see it anyway. Coyote Ugly has potential to be the Cocktail of 2000, which was bad but still achieved cult status. A bunch of girls substitute for Tom Cruise, but besides that the movie is on Cocktail level. A bad movie has never been more fun!

—**Michaela Marx**
Staff Writer

Fruit Works drinks make a splash with good-for-you flavor combos

A new addition to the second floor has made life a little better.

Pepsi has recently added a machine from which you can receive beverages of the noncarbonated kind.

These drinks are Fruit Works, a line of fruit drinks with combo appeal.

The drinks boast a variety of flavors such as Apple Raspberry, Strawberry Melon and Papaya Peach.

I have been taste testing the three flavors throughout the week, and have found the best flavor for your tastebud needs.

Apple Raspberry came out on top due to its crisp

taste and the even flavor. It tasted like apple raspberry from beginning to end.

This is in contrast to the Strawberry Melon, which tasted like strawberry, then aftertaste of melon.

The papaya peach had very strong tasting the entire time I was drinking it. It would have been great if it was just toned down a little bit.

The drinks on a whole are not only good, but they are also good for you. They contain no carbonation, have real fruit juices in them and they offer 100 percent of your daily vitamin C needs. What more could you

ask for —tasty and healthy.

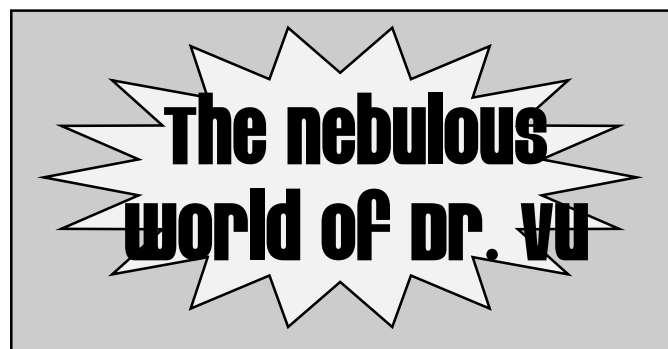
The machine that dispenses these drinks also contains the option of water or a sports drink, for those on the more athletic side.

So if you're tired of carbonated-caffeine addicting-artificially flavored colas or if you are in the mood to try something different, then by all means you need to visit the second floor of the main building and get your hands on one of these Fruit Works drinks.

I give them a 5 out of 5 good-for-you drinks.

—**Ryan Johnson**
Staff Writer

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It's impossible to get serious when the heat is on

It's the middle of August, and a new school year beckons along with a multitude of activities for the average male college student.

The ladies are wearing tank tops and shorter shorts. We, being the gentlemen we are, can compliment them.

People are still stealing OKCCC computer equipment and OKCCC trailers. We, being the gentlemen we are, can call campus security and probably get a reward.

Or we, being the average male college students, can sleep in class.

In a couple of months, the weather will change and life will change.

When it's too cold for shorter shorts, when it's too cold for thieves to steal school property, or when it's too cold to sleep in class, please do not fret.

There are tons of other activities like choosing the next president of the free world.

But first, you gotta research. Whatever you do, please do not vote for the first person you see on the ballot, especially if his/her name starts with the letter "B."

They could be from the Party of Perot, a.k.a. the Reform party. You know, the party in disillusion and chaos. (The same party Jesse "The Body" Ventura won Minnesota's gubernatorial race with.)

Secondly, please remember that the presidential candidates from the Republican Party and the Democratic Party liked to have fun in college much like today's college student, playing pool and enjoying the '60s.

Both helped fight the war in Vietnam. Only one, however, actually went there.

Both claim to possess the quality of compassion. Both are accused of collaborating with big business.

Both have nice daughters.

Both went to Ivy League schools.

Both don't say much about eggrolls and apple juice.

Both want to be president just as current President Bill Clinton did in 1992.

Both parties' conventions were protested by neo-hippies.

Who am I voting for? Maybe Green Party candidate Ralph Nader. Too bad he can't be on the ballot. *That Reform party is starting to look interesting...*

—**Vu Vu**
Staff Writer

Census numbers could hurt state

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

It's not too late to be counted for the census.

The United States government tries to count every living person once every decade.

For months, 2.4 million census workers scoured the nation, combating dog bites, people with shotguns and people who didn't turn in their census forms, in order to count every single person in the United States.

Although the workers are done with their jobs, some people remain unaccounted for.

Those folks can still go by the local census bureau and fill out the necessary forms.

When everyone returns their forms, the government knows how much federal funding each state needs, where new schools should be built and how many seats each state receives in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Some 911 systems even use census data to determine emergency routes.

What happens when people don't respond at all, or when the population decreases?

In Oklahoma's case, the state is in danger of losing representation in Congress

and billions of dollars from federal funding and prospective business.

Some groups fear losing the seat because of the estimated population growths of other states when compared to Oklahoma's growth.

Oklahoma's estimated population growth between 1998-99 was .06 percent (18,000), compared to Texas's 1.7 percent (330,000) growth.

E.Z. Million, candidate for State House Seat 44, said, "It's a terrible indictment on Oklahoma's leadership."

Million said he warned people in political office of the possibility after the 1990 Census, and talked to Governor Frank Keating.

"I could never get any person in a position of policy making to give any attention to it."

Million said, in the twentieth century, no state that had six representatives and lost one ever reclaimed the sixth seat.

However, George Washington, from the Oklahoma City Census office, is optimistic.

"We have improved incredibly because of education," Washington said. "The more people are aware of the census, the more people will participate."

Million said there are millions of Americans over-



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Excuse the mess: Students found that organized chaos was the order of the day in the Bursar's office a couple of weeks before classes started. Much of the second floor of the main building was re-carpeted and re-organized. All of the offices had to pack up and relocate temporarily during the renovations.

seas who had the chance to choose which state they are from. He suggested a "Be an Oklahoman for a day" program to boost the state population.

"Florida offered free tags to military people and we're just now getting into that. They don't call us 'Taxahoma' for nothing," Million said. "We're going to pay dearly."

Oklahoma's response to Census forms earlier this year fell below the national average. Currently, the Census has received 62 per-

cent of the Oklahoma mail-in forms sent out.

Jeff Wallace, the director of the Oklahoma Data Center, plays the waiting game on the subject.

"There are so many variables," he said.

"We didn't lose population; it depends on where you fall, and we have to wait and see."

Official counts are expected between Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

There were positive findings during the scouring in Oklahoma.

"It was much better than 1990 as far as cultural groups," Washington said. "We tried to get a worker for each cultural group, and we'll get a better count and enhance the diversity of Oklahoma City."

The form allowed people a choice of 63 cultural backgrounds.

Some people had problems with the length of one of the forms and the intrusiveness of the questions.

More information is available at the website www.census.gov

Thieves hard at work right through semester break

By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer

CAMPUS INCIDENTS

Even though most students and professors took a break the last few weeks before the fall semester starts, thieves were not on vacation.

Three Gateway computers, including three 17" monitors, were stolen from the communications lab in the Arts and Humanities building.

The computers were last seen in the evening of Aug. 4. When communications lab assistant Tim Jones

came to work Aug. 7 the computers were missing.

"All I can say is that on Friday when I left they were still there and on Monday they were gone," Jones said. "This incident was really the first thing that has happened in years."

Jones said he believes the theft could have been prevented if the communications lab were located in an enclosed area or if surveillance cameras were in place in open office areas.

During the August intersession the college was closed on weekends, said Keith Bourque, coordinator of campus safety and security.

Bourque said the total loss amounts to \$4,089. A police report was filed with the Oklahoma City Police department.

Jones said it will be a while until the computers will be replaced but he does not expect any delay or cut in service to the students.

There are still 22 computers left in the lab, he said.

Just a few days earlier an even bigger item was stolen from college grounds. Burt Baty, who is an employee of the college's landscaping contractor Landscape Etcetera, reported a trailer missing Aug. 3.

The landscaping crew had left the trailer at the college the day before. The chain that secured the area where the trailer was parked was cut. The trailer is valued at \$1200.

Bourque said, during the week, two to four officers are on duty at all times.

On July 27, a smaller

theft was also reported from the Wellness Center.

Beverly Davis reported a wallet, an I-Zone camera and \$1 in cash had been taken from an unlocked locker while her daughter Kaila was participating in the Extreme Teen Camp. The total loss was \$46.

Bourque said locks are available for checkout at the equipment checkout in the Wellness Center.

People who do not bring their own locks can secure their property with one of those, he said.

Bourque said everyone should secure their belongings while on campus.

Arts Festival brings food, fun and memories

Vietnam War memories live on in OKC

By **Kathi Etherton**
Editor

A special feature at the Arts Festival Oklahoma this year is designed to keep the memories alive of those individuals who sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War.

The Moving Wall is an immense half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington.

It stands six feet high at the vertex and is just over 252 feet long. It is made up of 148 panels that are home to more than 58,000 names of soldiers killed during the war that lasted from 1959 to 1975.

"The Moving Wall gives each of us an opportunity to honor these men and women. And for many, it may be the thing that finally brings closure to such a painful time and the start of healing," said Joyce Morgan, an Air Force veteran and Army reservist who works in the Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness.

"There are some people out there that went to school with these individu-

als or knew them and they never went to a funeral, so this is going to be a chance for those who didn't have closure to get a chance to heal."

The Wall in Washington D.C. was completed in 1982. Maya Ying Lin designed The Wall.

The smaller, traveling version that was created in 1984.

John Devitt, a helicopter gunner in the 1st Air Cavalry designed the traveling wall after he attended the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington.

"In Washington, he felt the positive power of The Wall, and he vowed to share that experience with those who couldn't go to Washington," Morgan said.

"Originally, John and his friends had hoped to create a photo mural of The Wall. But when the negatives proved unusable, they came up with an-

other solution: build a replica of The Wall in Washington which could travel across the country, so that everyone could share the motion which it evokes."

Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built The Moving Wall. Its first appearance was in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984.

Morgan said that it was a lengthy and selective process to get The Wall to Oklahoma City that started nearly a year ago.

There are now three structures of The Moving Wall that travel the United States from March to December, spending about a week at various sites.

There will be volunteers at the wall to help visitors in finding names and assist with paper rubbings.

"The Moving Wall gives each of us an opportunity to honor these men and women. And for many, it may be the thing that finally brings closure to such a painful time and the start of healing."

—Joyce Morgan

Arts Council grants funds for Philharmonic performance

By **Ryan Johnson**
Staff Writer

Art Festival Oklahoma will be featuring some of Oklahoma's best performers and artists.

One such group that will be performing is the Oklahoma City Philharmonic.

Oklahoma Arts Council has decided to award

OKCCC a \$1500 grant to assist in the funding of the Philharmonics performance at the 2000 festival.

Oklahoma Arts Council funds more than 1,200 events throughout the year



with attendance totaling more than 3.5 million. Oklahoma Arts Council funds projects that account for more than \$20 million in grants and funds distributed throughout Oklahoma's economy among the state's rural and urban communities.

The Philharmonic will perform at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, complete with a fireworks display.

Highlights of Arts Festival Oklahoma

- There will be live entertainment by renowned artists from Oklahoma City and the nation performing in the evenings of Sept. 1 through 3.

The festival kicks off with a performance at **7 p.m. Sept. 1** by **Bob Wills' Texas Playboys**. They will be performing the music of the western dance hall. The Texas Playboys are a collection of musicians from various eras who have served in the band some time during the group's 70-year career.

Following that at **8 p.m. Texas Swing legend Red Steagall** will be performing. Steagall has enjoyed a 30-year career as an entertainer. He has penned more than 200 compositions that have been performed by himself and other artists. He has appeared on "Hee Haw," "Nashville on the Road" and in motion pictures such as "Benji the Hunted" and "Dark Before the Dawn." Steagall is best known for his hit dance songs "Here We Go Again," "Party Dolls and Wine" and "Freckles Brown."

The **Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra** will be entertaining the following night, at **8:30 p.m. Sept. 2**. As the sky darkens the orchestra will perform a patriotic piece to set the mood for the fireworks display.

At **7 p.m. on Sept. 3**, the **Byrds Celebration**, a reformation of the '60s band will perform "Turn, Turn, Turn," "Tambourine Man," "Eight Miles High," and many other old favorites.

- **HawkQuest**, a special exhibit will be demonstrating the importance of preserving the environment by using eagles, owls, falcons and hawks. Master falconer Kin Quitugua's interactive program will provide an entertaining and educational experience for those in attendance.

- In memory of the Vietnam Veterans, America's only portable national monument, **The Moving Wall**, will be displayed at the festival. The wall is a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C.

- There will be a variety of art on display from more than 160 artists across the United States. Visitors will have the opportunity to view and purchase original art such as oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, graphic creations, photography, pottery, sculptures and craft pieces of all sorts.

The art will be displayed under tents and the artists will be nearby to answer questions and visit.

The Arts Festival is an art show and all of the art is entered and judged by some of the top artists in the nation.

- As with all festivals, there will be plenty of good food to sample. Among some of the concessions are Brown's Indian Tacos, Ice Cream Waffle Sundae Trailer, Smokin Oakie and Uncommonly Good Food.

Breakfast will be served beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday

- The kids are invited too. For \$1, kids can let the creativity flow in the children's activity tent. There will be a giant sandbox, face painting and mask making among many other activities.

Visit Arts Festival Oklahoma at OKCCC Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1 through 4. Hours are Friday 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Monday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and parking is \$2. For more information call (405) 682-7536.

Highlights

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream

Welcome Back Sundaes will be served Aug. 23 and 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 5 p.m. Be sure to drop by the counter in the Student Union and get your free ice cream.

Semester gets into full swing with noontime concerts

Dust off the disco ball and squeeze into those elephant bells, and join the '70s disco-retro band Super Freak for booty-shaking music at noon, Sept. 6 in the Student Union.

The Celtic rock band Cuillin skirts into the Student Union for a return engagement at noon, Sept. 13. Everyone is encouraged to drop by and listen to some great music. The event is sponsored by Student Life.

Attention all sharp-shooters

Laser Storm laser tag will be on campus Sept. 19 and 20. Details will be on the Student Life webpage at www.okc.cc.ok.us/studentlife/calendar as they are available.

Get the 411 on good grades

"Better Grades in Less Time," a free lecture for all students, will be held at noon and again at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 27. Call Coordinator of Student Activities Mike Jones at 682-1611, ext. 7318, for more information.

Blood Drive seeks donors

Help save lives by donating 45 minutes of your time and a pint of blood. The Oklahoma Blood Institute will be on campus from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 6 and 7 in the general dining area.

Child Development Center expands

The child development center has expanded to include infants. The center is currently full but the staff encourages anyone interested to come see the center and get on the waiting list. The center will have an open house in October. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7561.

Cultural Awareness Series scheduled

The Cultural Awareness Series at OKCCC has a great season of artists lined up. The first event is flamenco guitarist Ron Radford at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 in the college theater. Season tickets are available at a 30 percent discount, with \$35 for general admission season tickets and \$26 for student and senior season tickets. Further information is available on the website at: www.okc.cc.ok.us/global/ed/html/schedule_of_cultural_events

Health Professions Club needs leaders

If you are interested in becoming a student leader of the Health Professions Club, contact Professor Steven Kamm in area 1E5M in the main building or call 682-1611, ext. 7268.

Arts festival parking volunteers needed

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society is seeking volunteers to help direct parking during the Annual Arts Festival Oklahoma on Labor Day weekend. Volunteers are needed during the times the Arts Festival is open from Friday, Sept. 1 through Monday, Sept. 4. For more information please leave a message, including a phone number, for PTK officers at 682-1611, ext. 7771.



Photo by Ryan Johnson

Need help?: Sitting ever-ready, Kandie West, public relations major, is prepared to help any student in need of answers. At the beginning of each semester, tables are set up and stacked with brochures and handbooks to help students with college life.

College Republicans ready to strut stuff in election year

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

The OKCCC College Republican Party is looking for students.

"This being an election year. There's a definitely an opportunity for students to get active in whatever club they choose, or whatever political club they choose," sponsor Ralph deCardenas said.

"The College Republicans is a good learning ground where students can gain knowledge about the Republican Party and its platform," he said.

Last year, the club had the required 10 members, but no co-sponsor.

This year, the club has a sponsor, but lost their members through graduation.

"We have everything in line, but we're looking for college students who want

to sign up," deCardenas said.

OKCCC employee deCardenas has been active in the Republican Party, formerly holding key volunteer positions in U.S. Congressional campaigns.

He held the position of district chair of district 92 and held the position of precinct chair of precinct 146. deCardenas was also a voter registrar.

He said he would like to get the club involved in political action.

He expects the club to volunteer in campaigns and fund-raisers. deCardenas said the group is designed to foster conservatism.

"Anybody with conservative beliefs should consider the Republican Party.

"Many Democrats with conservative beliefs would be an asset to the College Republicans."

In other political club news, OKCCC's College Green Party recently signed

its tenth member.

OKCCC's Young Democrats remains inactive.

"If the Democratic club gets started, members in all three political clubs will grow," deCardenas said.

For more information, contact the office of Student Life at 682-1611 ext. 7697.

CALLING ALL CLUBS!
Does your club or organization have news to share with the world? Call 682-1611, ext. 7675 or drop by 2M6 in the main building.

Classifieds

Pioneer Classified Advertising is free to all currently enrolled OKCCC students and employees for any personal classified ad. Ads must be submitted in writing with IDs supplied or work area and college extension included. Deadline for advertising is 5 p.m. Tuesday prior to the publication date. Call 682-1611, ext. 7674 for more information.

AUTOMOBILES

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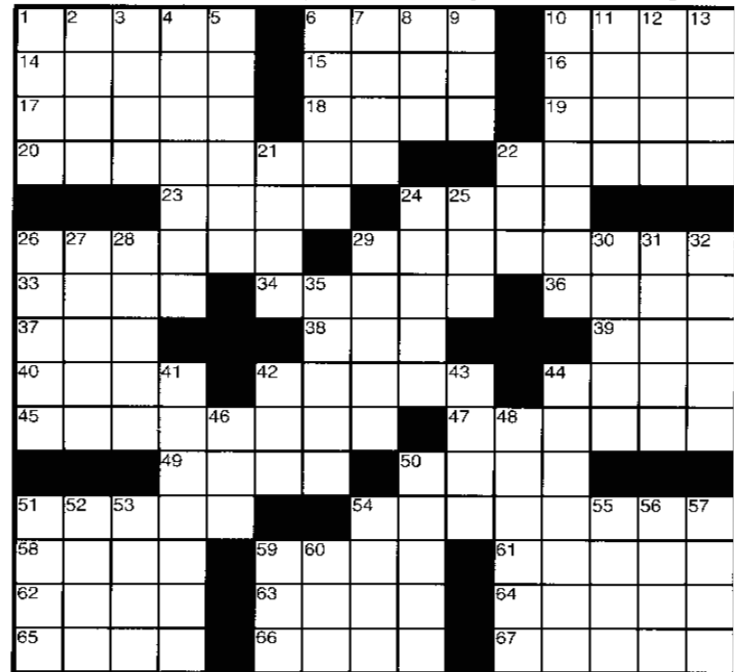
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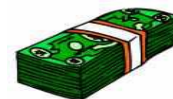
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Workforce development key issue for college

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OG&E is also promoting the new degree by enrolling some of its current employees so they can upgrade their skills.

"OG&E is looking to the future but they also see a present need." Ackerman said. "They have said they have positions open today for people if they could find the qualified workers, but they can't find them.

"Evidently they have a big part of their workforce getting ready to retire and think that in a few years they are going to have a major workforce shortage."

The partnership doesn't guarantee a job at OG&E or OGE Energy, Ackerman said. It only means the jobs are open.

Warren Brown, supervisor of substation operations for OG&E, said he looks forward to the partnership.

"We see this program as a good way to attract highly skilled technicians — people who for one reason or another haven't pictured themselves working for a utility."

The students, OG&E and the professors will be working together closely.

Ackerman said the student could eventually intern at OG&E, but the faculty will be talking directly with OG&E throughout the

entire process.

"We hope to set up some job shadowing for our faculty so they can go out to OG&E, and see and experience what the student will be doing, then come back and do the theory and practical applications better."

Another way the lines of communication will be kept open between OG&E and the institution is the development of an advisory board made up of OG&E personnel and the OKCCC faculty.

The three schools will offer three different tracks to an Associate of Applied Science in Technology:

- Engineering Design and Analysis for design technicians, technical analysts, engineering technicians and specialists.

- Instrumentation systems and Automation for control and instrumentation technicians, relay, protection/control, gas measurement and reliability technicians.

- Maintenance for maintenance technicians.

There are articulation agreements between the three community colleges so the student is able to take a course at Rose State College that is related to a technology degree and it can be credited at OKCCC, Ackerman said.

When both of these ideas were proposed — the partnership with OGE Energy and the development of the new degrees — they were

separate ideas. The development of the technology degree began in 1997.

"The concept has been milling around for a couple of years. Every year it got a little cleaner and a little more defined."

This partnership is just the beginning. Ackerman said she hopes to see more businesses and community

colleges coming together.

"Workforce development is a critical issue for businesses and economic development in our community, and all over the nation.

"And so businesses are coming more and more to community colleges and the State Regents for Higher Education to seek help. The collaboration

with the other institutions is efficient and a good use of resources."

For more information on enrolling in the new technology degree call business dean Joel Kinnamon at 682-1611, ext. 7550.

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Parking problems can be avoided

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Students can avoid stress and fines by following a few rules, Bourque said. Tips that can help to make the OKCCC parking experience more enjoyable are:

- Make plans to arrive early, so a traffic jam does not make you late.

- Observe the rules.
- Ask security to show you where empty parking spots are located. Security officers will be out during the first week to assist students and direct them to parking spots.

- Use the not-so-popular parking areas located on campus. Not everyone can park out front.

- Be patient.