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Biotechnology suffers public image setback

Genetically-engineered corn makes its way into consumer products

By **Michaela Marx**
Staff Writer

Recently, genetically-engineered corn that was not meant for human consumption made its way onto supermarket shelves unintentionally.

According to New York Times reports, the incident has tarnished the reputation of biotechnology in the eyes of the public.

The corn product that made headlines contains a genetic modification called StarLinks.

StarLinks is the trade name for a genetic modification produced by Aventis Corporation, a biotech laboratory, and approved for use in corn for pest control of European corn borers, in cotton for control of tobacco budworms and cotton bollworms, and in potatoes for control of Colorado potato beetles.

It is currently approved for animal use only, although the federal Food and Drug Administration has said there is no evidence to support concerns that it may provoke allergies in humans.

Dr. Charlotte Mulvihill, director of the OKCCC biotechnology program, said genetically-engineered products have become a part of everyday life.

Soybeans, potatoes, cotton products and other genetically engineered foods have been on the market for quite a while, she said.

"Through crop breeding practices, we have been genetically modifying crop plants for a very

"Through crop breeding practices, we have been genetically modifying crop plants for a very long time. Now the methods are more precise, thanks to genetic engineering."

—Charlotte Mulvihill
OKCCC
Biotechnology
Director

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Photo by Melissa DePew

Trick or Treat: Student Services staff members brought smiles to students' faces Oct. 31 when they reported for work dressed for Halloween. Back row, (l-r) Eileen Clark, Kendra Stephens-Prober, Cindy Krosp, Joan Sublett, Barbara Gowdy, James Smith, Mary Jones, Brandee Morgan, Dixie Devilbiss. Front row, (l-r), Janet McNeil and Annette Kolander. (for more Halloween photos, see page 7)

Under policy change, students must withdraw selves from classes

Friday, Nov. 10 is the last day to drop

By **Kathi Etherton**
Editor

A policy requiring students to withdraw themselves from classes is being put to its first test.

This semester a policy is in place that prohibits professors from administratively withdrawing students from a class.

Friday, Nov. 10, is the last day a failing student can withdraw said Gloria Cardenas Barton, dean of admissions and registrar.

Barton said she sees the change in policy as a positive addition.

She recommends that students discuss their academic standing with the professor before Nov. 10. This would allow students to ask questions and determine whether or not a passing grade is within reach.

"This is shifting the responsibility to the students and it puts them in total control," Barton said. "With the previous policy, there were gray areas."

When the Department of Education examined OKCCC's withdrawal policy over the summer, inconsistencies were noticed.

Some professors were withdrawing students to prevent

giving a failing grade while others were not.

However, if a student is passing the class with a D or better on the date of withdrawal, but still wants to drop after Nov. 10, the option to do so exists until Dec. 8 Barton said. The student must get a note from the instructor stating that they are passing.

Students can withdraw in a number of ways.

•Complete and submit a withdrawal form in the registration area next to the Admissions and Records area.

•Withdraw through the college's website



Gloria Barton Cardenas

at www.okc.cc.ok.us or use the automated telephone registration system at 682-6222.

Barton said officially withdrawing from a course will not affect a student's academic standing with respect to the College's Academic Retention Policy.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Officers acted reasonably with pepper spray

The University of Oklahoma has spoken. Being named the number one ranked college football team deserves a victory party.

The win against Nebraska brought many fans to the field in a frenzy. However, what was supposed to be a time of victory has since been investigated.

This crowd was repeatedly told that the cameras were rolling and any person caught tearing down the goal post would be prosecuted, but that didn't stop the goal post from reaching the ground.

In fact it may have prompted it. I feel as if they did it because they were told not to. An excited young adult translates "don't" into "do." These students were given the impression that this was expected.

This action, however, did cause police officers to use pepper spray on the crowd of spectators when a freshman girl fell to the ground with the crowd surging towards her. The use of pepper spray caused questions to arise.

According to OU President David Boren, the police officers on the scene were told that force was not to be used to protect the goal post, only in life-threatening situations.

If saving a young girl from being trampled or worse being hit by the goal post, isn't life threatening then what is?

Officers didn't use the pepper spray to save the goal post, but rather to save the young woman.

Goal posts can be replaced, but a human life cannot.

Officers used the best method they knew how to move the crowd so they could reach the woman. They were there for this reason, and they did their job.

While it is understood that the action needed to be investigated, the officers should never have been accused of being wrong.

OU beat Nebraska and partying is acceptable in such a situation. Norman was alive all night, for good reason.

There is just one more thing to be thankful for, aside from the win. There weren't any serious injuries.

While tearing down the goal post may not have been the best way to celebrate, it was done and fortunately that was all that was damaged. These students that participated in the destruction of the property should seriously think about what they did, because it was wrong.

What the officers did was not wrong. In fact what they did was completely acceptable.

I know if I were in the situation of the young woman, I would want the officers to do just what they did. I have a feeling that every other woman would feel the same way.

—Kathi Etherton
Editor

Much needed break desired by faculty, staff and students

To the Editor,

I don't know the correct number, but I am sure that OKCCC is one of the few institutions of higher learning in the state of Oklahoma that do not have a fall break.

Two days at the end of the third week in October would be beneficial for students, faculty, and staff. Students who have kids need time to regroup from studies and reconnect with families.

Faculty who have been working hard since early in August could use a long weekend with their families as well.

And staff members who work through the times when others are gone,

could use a break in preparation for the crunch that comes with enrollment for the spring semester and the end of the fall semester.

In short, there are good reasons other colleges have fall break. The complaint in the past is that the night classes might be shorted another night, since we celebrate Labor Day holiday.

Is this a concern at other colleges and if so how do they deal with it?

We offer courses in two weeks, three weeks, four weeks and eight weeks. Shortening a course one night (week) would not be difficult to accomplish.

I think it is time to discuss it again. The last discussion on this topic that

I can recall was in 1991.

Two days in October with a three day break at Thanksgiving is the norm not the abnormal. So what does that make us?

If we discuss this now, then maybe one year from now, it might be a reality.

—Richard Trout
Professor of Biology

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I DON'T THINK THE NEW COACH
LIKES ME...

Comments and Reviews

Thieves leave note of thanks

To the Editor:

On Wednesday evening, I had some University of Oklahoma regalia stolen off my vehicle in the college parking lot.

Thefts in our society have become a matter of course because there are either no, or limited, repercussions for an offense.

The financial loss was rather insignificant and I am bothered by the theft, but even more bothered by the audacity of the thief in

laving me a note thanking me for the items that were stolen.

Parts of our responsibilities as an educational institution are to prepare our students by instilling virtue, moral and educational responsibilities in preparation for life.

We are faced everyday with politicians, public servants, law enforcement officers and private citizens who feel they are exempt from the laws of our city,

state and nation.

When, where and what will it take to regain the civic responsibility necessary to regain the reputation of honesty, integrity and fair dealings in this country?

Let's get involved as an institution, collectively and in severalty, and become concerned and dedicated citizens with responsibilities to our fellow man.

—Name withheld by request

Living young isn't sin in "Footloose"

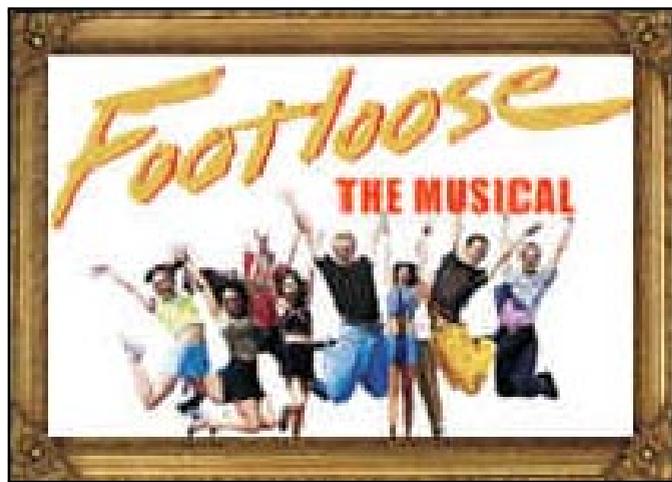
The musical "Footloose" is coming to Oklahoma City Nov. 14 to 19 at the Rose State Performing Arts Theater.

The director of "Chicago" has teamed with the producers of "Titanic" and "The King and I" to reproduce one of the most popular films of the 80s.

Now, they have turned the film version of "Footloose" into a musical with hit songs from the film as well as new songs.

The soundtrack features songs such as "Footloose," "Almost Paradise" and "Lets Hear It For The Boy."

The theatrical performance, brought to life with dancing, tells the story of a wild boy who reminds a minister that being young



is not a sin. The boy finds his task challenging as the town he has just moved to does not allow dancing and he is "falling" for the minister's daughter.

Eventually things begin to change and the whole

town goes footloose.

Tickets for this performance are now on sale. They can be purchased by calling (800) 869-1451 or (800) 364-7111.

—Melissa DePew
Staff Writer

Halloween party proves successful

To the Editor:

Student groups and their faculty sponsors deserve yet another round of applause for their outstanding efforts in providing a safe and healthy outlet for Halloween fun on Friday, Oct. 27, on campus. The games were great. The costumes were clever. And the spook house was scary.

Hundreds—yes, hundreds—of parents and children showed up. They walked the cakewalk, danced the chicken dance, donned bandages and fake blood, crept through the haunted house. They stayed for the costume contest and ate lots of candy.

I suspect many of our

students made their first trip to campus dressed as ghosts and goblins. OKCCC's Halloween festival has been an annual event for so long, it has become an institution in itself.

My favorite festival was in 1976. That year Physics Professor Steve Kamm agreed to dress up as Frankenstein for the haunted house.

I knew he would be in costume in the haunted house. But when I walked into Frankenstein's room with my two kids, I was quaking.

First, the room was small, and pitch black. A flashing strobe light sporadically il-

luminated the monster as he lurched toward us, hands stretched high above his head.

I kept telling myself: It's only Steve Kamm. It's only Steve Kamm. But I couldn't get out fast enough. To this day, it's my favorite haunted house moment.

Steve was still in the picture this year. As sponsor of the Health Professions club, he was soliciting bandages for the MASH booth, so all willing guests could be properly mummified.

Thanks to all who to did their part for a festive fall party.

—Sue Hinton
Professor of English
and Journalism

**The nebulous
world of Dr. Vu**

Who let the Sooners out... George Bush?

The Sooners dominated Nebraska 24-14 at half-time despite Las Vegas's prediction that Nebraska would win.

The first quarter was scary. In my gut, I could see every newspaper and every sports channel with headlines of "Heupel all Hype."

Huskers quarterback Eric Crouch led the Sooners to the front door of the woodshed in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Sooner Magic, a phrase unfamiliar to current college students, took hold.

The Sooners were the ones leading Nebraska to the woodshed for their proverbial dethroning.

OU asserted their authority Cartman-style.

In the end, the Sooners drove a tractor over the Cornhuskers, and they will play the No. 2 team in the country if they make it to the Orange Bowl.

During the short-lived Schnellenberger years, Howard proclaimed that books would be written. Howie wore his red blazer at every game and his Sooners were ranked tenth in the nation.

We all had high expectations, and the fall to reality was a harsh one.

Howie was an outsider. Thus he was the second coach to be "relieved" in two years.

John Blake took the reins of the Sooner Schooner. OU hired within the stable of the great OU teams of the past, a stable of horses who ran, not flew.

Blake beat Texas and reinstalled the wishbone. It was supposed to be our savior, but it turned out to be an unsuccessful last-ditch effort.

OU football was still a source for entertainment, but with a more comedic flair to it.

John Blake was the third coach "relieved" in the '90s.

OU learned from their mistakes and chose their next head football coach carefully.

This week, America will choose its next head coach.

He'll talk big words, impress a few mothers, shake a few veterans' hands.

But the true test of his ability will come during the big game.

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer

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Students with disabilities have a friend on campus

**By Stevenia Welch
Newswriting I Student**

She came to OKCCC in 1994 as Coordinator of the Deaf and Hearing-Impaired Program.

This past August she was honored with the Award of Excellence for Professional Employees.

She is a member of the Capital Hill Sertoma Club, an international organization that helps people with disabilities.

Pat Stowe is also an adjunct professor at OSU-OKC where she teaches sign language.

She's recognized as an interpreter in Oklahoma as well as nationally.

Stowe became involved with the deaf about 27 years ago after she and her husband met a deaf couple at their church. In an attempt to communicate with

their new friends, Stowe's husband would write out questions and answers.

Stowe said that experience led her to research the area of signing for the deaf and to attend seminars on the subject.

After learning sign language, she took the state of Oklahoma exam and passed, then followed that with the federal exam, which she also passed.

She said, for years her focus had been on the deaf and hearing impaired but, since coming to OKCCC, she has also become an advocate for individuals with other types of disabilities.

After coming to OKCCC, Stowe said, she worked on combining several programs in her department which led to the Department of Services to Students with Disabilities.

Since that time she has focused on making sure that the needs of each stu-

dent are met.

She said she is proud of the accomplishments that have been made at OKCCC.

One of those is employing a "real time" captionist — a woman who is trained as a court reporter and attends classes with a laptop computer in order to assist the hard of hearing and deaf students. Stowe said this service is especially beneficial on days that tests are being reviewed.

"Everyone in this department should be commended," she said.

Vicki Wilson, disability accommodation assistant, said she is happy to work with Stowe.

"Pat is upbeat, very encouraging with both the staff and the students," Wilson said. "She motivates employees and students to do their best."

Through the years, Stowe said, she has collected fond memories of students who

have succeeded despite difficult challenges.

She told of a student who had difficulties with math. He repeatedly took the same class until he passed on the fourth try.

She said he was elated he had finally passed the class.

Another student came to her and thanked her for providing a captionist.

Stowe said that one particular student went on to the University of Central Oklahoma and graduated with honors in accounting.

Aside from her love of helping others, Stowe also focuses on her family. She has two daughters. Stowe said one of her daughters



Photo by Melissa DePew

Pat Stowe

is a coaching assistant and has been able to help children with disabilities.

Stowe said she's here to be a strong advocate for students with disabilities.

In her office a new plaque is displayed verifying that OKCCC recognizes her as just that.

State Chamber CEO speaks to employees

**By Vu Vu
Staff Writer**

OKCCC hosted Richard Rush, president and CEO of the State Chamber of Commerce, Nov. 2. The State Chamber is a business lobbying organization created by a dozen corporate CEOs.

Its mission, said Rush, is "to make Oklahoma a state of choice for business."

"No economy will survive if it's not based on a foundation," he said.

Rush called the State Chamber a "catamaran with machine guns."

The Oklahoma State Chamber was the first of its kind to visit the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C.

"China respects us because they trust us and know we're reliable."

The State Chamber was also a main influence in Congress's approval of the

permanent normal trade relations status in September. Rush said they lobbied horizontally across the states. In education, they helped pass H.B. 1759, an education reform bill.

Rush stressed the importance of voting to those professors in attendance.

"Go back to your classes and tell those who can vote to vote," he said. "We've got to get the people back to the process," he said.

He said the State Chamber has helped the state and businesses save millions of dollars.

One of the primary ways that happened, Rush said, was during the last legislative session by lessening the chances for people to sue doctors, hospitals and employers who purchased health insurance for their employees.

They also stopped a \$170 million dividend that was to be paid by the Oklahoma Insurance fund that Rush said would have

bankrupted the state insurance fund.

For more information about the State Chamber, visit their website located at www.okstatechamber.com or call 235-3669.

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Security officer brings experience and personality

**By Jeri French
Newswriting I Student**

Kevin Tipton is the new security officer on campus, if you call four months on the job new.

Keith Bourque, head of safety and security, said Tipton is an asset to the campus by being one more person to ensure the safety of students and employees.

Bourque said Tipton has a great personality, is self-motivated and wants to provide students, faculty and staff with a safe environment.

Tipton comes with much knowledge and experience. His experience includes four years as a Marine Corps military police officer, a fugitive recovery specialist, also known as a bounty hunter, a volunteer firefighter, and two years as a deputy jailer in Cleveland County. He also has worked as armed security for the state of Oklahoma.

Tipton moved to the Oklahoma City area three years ago to be closer to his family and also his wife's family. He's been married for five years and has one son, 4 years old.

His wife works for the University of Oklahoma police department as a dispatcher.

Tipton said his long-range goal is to complete his paramedic degree. When he completes the training, he'll be the third registered EMT on campus.

Until then, though, Tipton has filled the new position of bike patrol. Tipton rides around campus on a bicycle provided by Bourque.

Bourque is having Tipton use his personal bicycle, helmet and gloves rather than the college providing the equipment.

"It's another person in the parking lot without costing the college more money in gas," Bourque said.

Tipton said he will be riding everyday he is on duty, weather permitting.

"I've always had the desire to help people, being able to assist people in different types of ways."

He said one device students should be aware of is the call boxes on campus.

The call boxes located around school are there specifically to help people. In each parking lot and every major entrance, there

is a call box located on the light poles with the letters on them. At night the call boxes are identifiable by a solid blue light. When the call box is activated, it becomes a blue blinking light.

Help is available for students who have locked their keys in their car, have a flat tire or need a jump-start. The call boxes are there for

immediate assistance.

Instead of trying to locate a security officer, go straight to a call box.

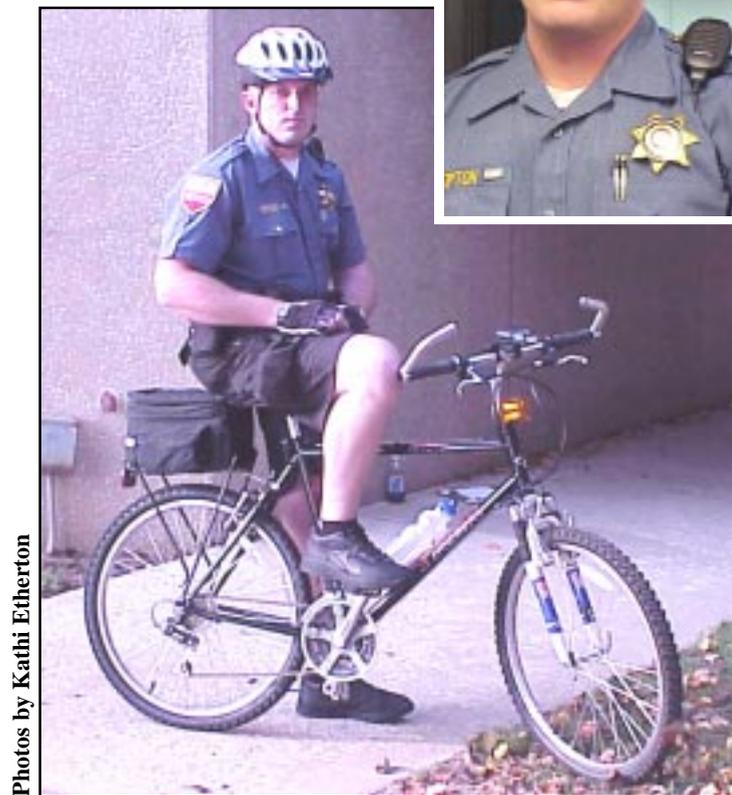
Even if you can't speak for some reason or you are hurt, officers will know exactly which call box you're located at. You are put immediately in 2-way conversation with security officers and a voice prompt tells

them exactly where you are.

"We also serve as escorts anytime for students and employees," said Tipton.

"You can always call from one of the emergency phones or come to the office located on the first floor of the main building, all the way back to the back wall, past the restrooms."

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Lions, tigers and bears, Oh my!

OKCCC Halloween Party fun and safe

Zebra, chickens and cheerleaders, among many other festive creatures, filled the college union during the OKCCC Halloween Festival on Oct. 27.

Various campus clubs sponsored activities, including a haunted house, that kept the college union packed with parents and children alike.

Chameleon Brazilian Entertainment provided the music and the DJ for the costume contest and dance.

Best of all, there was free candy. At least that's what the children thought. Their parents paid a small admission fee.

To the parents, however, this was a safe environment to let the kids have fun.

"It's hard to take a one-year-old trick-or-treating," said Joy Swanson, mother of baby Makayla.

Many parents took advantage of the evening to give the kids the luxury of trick or treating indoors with candy and games.

Haley Robinson, 9, Aimee Hostetter, 10, and Alyssa Green, 11, twist and shout on the dance floor set up in the college union.

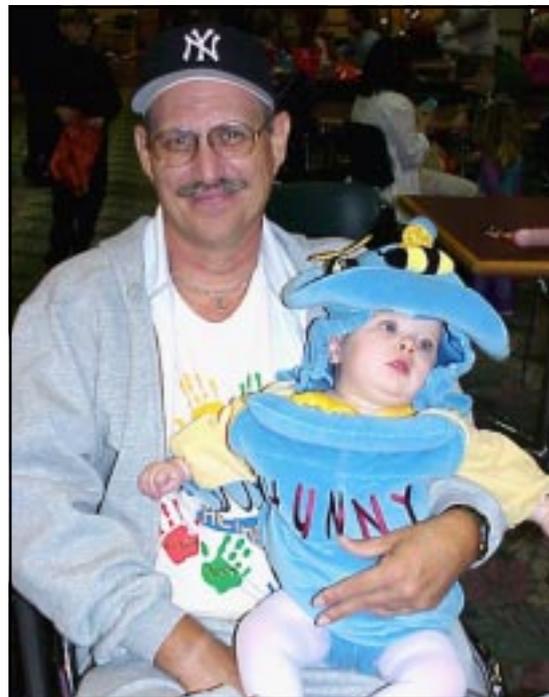


Sierra Valdez, 16 months old, enjoys a sucker during the OKCCC Halloween festival. Her mother, Jahna Valdez, said they came because it is a safe atmosphere to go trick-or-treating and have fun.

Text
and
photos
by
Melissa
DePew



Lizzy Slate prowls the entrance to the Haunted House sponsored by Scholars League. "We've had a lot of good reactions," she said.



Health Technology assistant Lloyd Benson shows off his granddaughter Haylee Harris, 9 months old. Haylee won second place in the 0 to 5 years category of the costume contest as a honey pot.



Student Megan Eddings adds a bandage and touch of blood to 12-year-old Tooth Fairy Jennifer Powers. The MASH unit was sponsored by the Health Professions Club.

OKCCC dean enjoys working and living under sun

Second term as Fulbright Scholar leads Dr. Prestamo to Uruguay

By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer

One of OKCCC's own sends greetings from afar as he experiences the exotic taste of South America and enjoys sunrises over the Atlantic Ocean.

Manuel Prestamo, dean of cultural programs and community development, has arrived in Uruguay to start his term as Fulbright Scholar.

However, being a Fulbright Scholar is no pure pleasure trip, even though it obviously brings privileges such as life on Montevideo's beaches.

Currently Prestamo is presenting a seminar on arts administration and guest conducting the national radio and television orchestra.

This is Prestamo's second time as a Fulbright Scholar. His first appointment led him to Ecuador in 1997, he said.

The U.S. State Department and the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board chose him to represent the United States for the Academic year 2000-2001. The mission of the program is to build mutual understanding between citizens of the United States and the rest of the world.

"Although I had been here on two previous trips, the opportunity to remain in this country for an extended period of time gives me a totally different perspective of its culture and its people," said Prestamo.

"It is also fascinating to note differences during that 12-year period."

While there are many aspects of culture that still differ from other countries, such as the United States, said Prestamo, there are many more things now that represent the American culture as well.

"For one thing, there are McDonald's restaurants with about as much frequency [in Uruguay] as



Dr. Manuel Prestamo

there are in the United States. Shopping centers, not the tradition in Latin American countries, have been developed and the one I was taken to even included a T.G.I. Fridays restaurant," said Prestamo.

His first week in the country was consumed with the process of getting settled and house hunting.

"Unlike my previous experiences with the Fulbright program, in Uruguay one is turned loose to hunt for an apartment with relatively little support.

"So, I met lots of real estate agents who toured me through the city and introduced me to all sorts of people."

However, the early troubles are resolved and the running has paid off.

Prestamo settled into an apartment that is located on one of the beaches in Montevideo.

It "has a glorious view," said Prestamo.

"It is an incredible experience to awaken to a sunrise over the ocean, and then have a view of sailboats close to shore and some of the huge freighters far away in the distance," he said.

Montevideo is the capital of Uruguay and a major port. The city sprawls up along the coastline with a major highway hugging the coastline, he said.

The cost of living is very similar to that in the United States, and in Oklahoma, said Prestamo.

However, with a popula-

tion of about 1.5 million people, Montevideo is densely populated and there are many high-rise buildings.

"Living here feels much more like living in a larger city like New York or Chicago. Even so, I have found the people to be very friendly and willing to help visitors and guests," he said.

The Fulbright appointment brings lots of responsibilities.

The seminar Prestamo is presenting will cover numerous aspects of arts administration such as board structures and responsibilities, the role of key staff members, programming, marketing, fund-raising, and long range planning, he said.

The seminar, which was organized directly by the Fulbright Commission, has grown to 36 from anticipated 20 representatives of the national radio and television system, orchestras, dance companies, museums, cultural series, and the national library, Prestamo said.

"It is an impressive group that includes a diverse mix of individuals," he said.

"It is also interesting to have two students from the University of the Republic of Uruguay who are majoring in international studies."

Prestamo's musical talents are put to work as well.

"The concert I will conduct with the orchestra Oct. 28 will be broadcast live on the national radio and television network," he said.

It will consist of Beethoven's Egmont Overture, the premiere of Leon Biriotti's third oboe concerto, Copland's Rodeo, and Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnol.

"I became acquainted with Biriotti's work when I first conducted the national radio and television orchestra 12 years ago.

"It will be a pleasure for me to have the opportunity to premiere his new com-

"It is an incredible experience to awaken to a sunrise over the ocean and then have a view of sailboats close to shore and some of the huge freighters far away in the distance."

—Dr. Manuel Prestamo
Fulbright Scholar and OKCCC Dean

position here next week."

This is only the beginning of Prestamo's work in Uruguay. Besides seminars and concerts, he will work closely with the national historical society and the tourism department to help increase travel to South America. Further he will help with other economic development projects.

Prestamo is involved in programs for a new arts center, which will open later this year in Montevideo.

Prestamo has conducted concerts and has done administrative work all over the world as well as Europe and South America.

Prestamo joined the college staff in 1995.

One of his projects is the annual cultural awareness series, which brings international artists to OKCCC to culturally enrich stu-

dents, professors and the community.

Another project that has been growing with his help is the Oklahoma Film Institute.

The mission of the program is to provide a trained workforce for the film industry and promote Oklahoma as a great place to make movies.

Scott Tigert and Melissa Vincent, both assistants to Prestamo, take care of OKCCC business at the Office of cultural programs and community development.

They will keep Prestamo informed in South America. Besides day-to-day business, Tigert and Vincent take care of all aspects of the cultural awareness series and plan for next year's events, said Tigert.

Prestamo will return to Oklahoma in January.

Catering service cooks more than campus grub

By Brian Moone
Newswriting I Student

Do you have a special event that you want catered? Sellers' Catering might be your answer.

Sellers' Catering is the business that provides the students with on-campus breakfast and lunch.

Eric Hatcher, manager of Sellers' Catering, said the company can take care of any occasion.

"We provide catering for birthdays, Christmas parties, weddings, basically whatever you need."

They have even catered a wedding on campus in the past, he said.

Sellers' Catering isn't limited to on-campus services. They also provide service to off-campus locations as well. The kind of foods that are offered range from sandwiches and fruits to lobsters.

If you are interested in having an event catered by Sellers' Catering, contact Patty Knowlton at 682-7583.

Student development program ranks among best in the country

By Josie Dunlap
Newswriting I Student

On Oct. 7 the Student Development Center received the 2000 Advisee Publication Award.

The award recognized a program they started in spring of 2000 called the New Student Newsletter, said Peggy Jordan, OKCCC student development counselor.

The program is designed to help first time students adjust to college life.

The Student Development Center mails out two newsletters to students attending OKCCC for the first time. They then mail a follow-up newsletter during their next semester at OKCCC, said Jordan.

The newsletter includes general information about

being a college student for the first time, important dates to remember, and general topics such as "Ten Ways to Stop Procrastination," "Freshman Year Success," "Test Taking Strategies," and "Problem Solving Through Self-Exploration."

Each newsletter also includes "Transfer Corner" to offer information about transferring to another college and "Minding Your Health" which covers health topics, said Jordan.

Not only does the newsletter offer information, it is also designed to give student encouragement and motivation.

One of the biggest issues that students have when coming to college for the first time is doubt that they can really make it as a college student, said Jordan.

The counselors at the Student Development Cen-

ter want students to know that there are a lot of resources here for students to take advantage of.

"I think it's real important for students to know they are going to a great school," said Jordan.

"They have support here to assist them when they run into any kind of problem."

The award was presented by the National Academic Advising Association in Orlando, Fla., during the group's national conference.

The award recognizes outstanding examples of advising materials and was judged by a panel of NACADA members.

The only other school to win the 2000 Advisee Publication Award was Harvard University Extension School in Cambridge, Mass., said Jordan.

OTA students turned into camp counselors for disabled teens

By Mardi Saxon
Newswriting I Student

Occupational Therapy Assistant students volunteered at a camp for the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled on Oct. 26 through the 28.

OTA students from OKCCC worked at the summer camp "Camp Celebration" in May. The camp was located at the

Camp Stroud Wilderness Center.

The students couldn't wait to see all the campers again, said Sarah Bean, an OTA student.

Thirty-five disabled campers participated last summer. The campers were young teens who wanted to have some fun, Bean said.

The OTA program brings as many volunteer students as they can to help out, she said.

The OTA students prepared many activities for the campers to do, including dances, fishing, and lots of crafts.

That is what the OTA program is all about, helping people to achieve their independence.

The camp lets the campers and the students bond in a fun environment, said Bean.

"The campers get a chance to do things on their own," she said.



"Camp Celebration" was the name of the camp for disabled kids that the Occupational Therapy Program went to last May. The students had so much fun with the campers that they returned for another camp in October.

Dona Rosita hears dead people

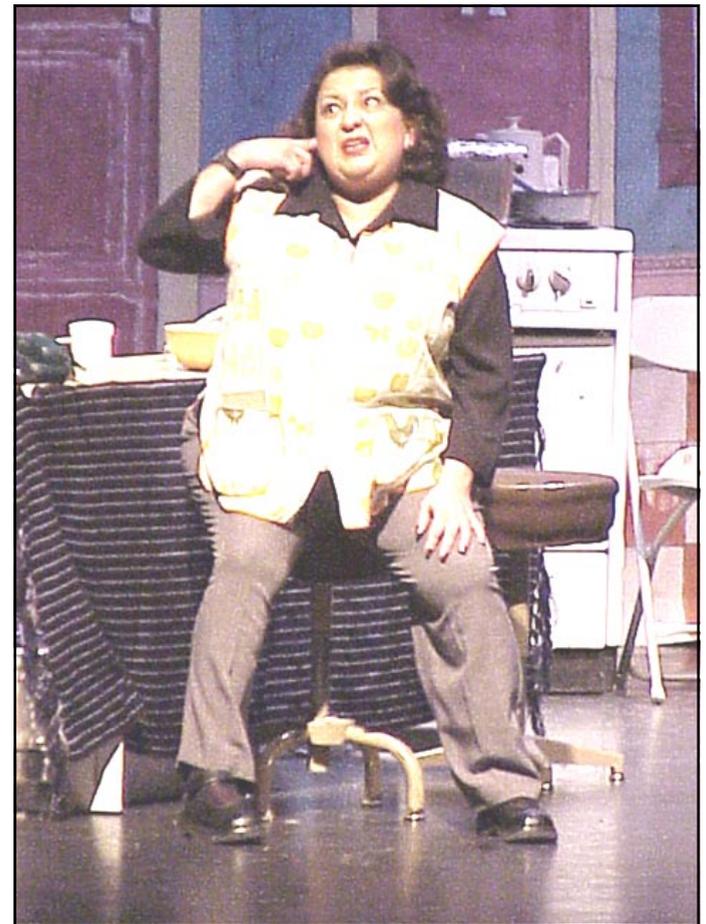


Photo by Melissa DePew

Comedian and actress Ruby Perez presents her one-woman performance of "Dona Rosita's Day of the Dead."

The world-famous Chicana actress performed on Halloween night at the OKCCC theater. She played several characters as she spoke with deceased relatives, friends and historical figures.

Day of the Dead, a Mexican Festival, began Oct. 31 and ended Nov. 1.

Helping part of OTA job description

By Mardi Saxon
Newswriting I Student

Occupational Therapy Assistant work with patients who have had spinal chord injury, stroke, or even a mental disorder.

Phyllis Baker is one of the OTA professors at OKCCC. She said that OTAs work with helping people retrain their brain to learn how to move their body after an injury.

For example, the patient may not remember how to walk and sit down. So the OTA trains them to remember while helping the patient move and do their everyday activities, she said.

Heather Yarbrough, an-

other OTA student, is currently working at Mercy Hospital in the rehabilitation center.

"An Occupational Therapy Assistant grows a close relationship with their patient," Yarbrough said.

OTAs are usually employed at hospitals, nursing homes, or rehabilitation centers. An OTA's earnings range from \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year, said Baker.

If students are interested in the OTA program Baker and any of her students would love to get them involved, she said.

OTA students meet on campus Mondays from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. in classroom 1H1 (by the pool).

Pioneer readers know what's up at OKCCC

Highlights

Work as peanuts

Auditions for "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" will be held on 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, in room 1F5-Green Room. Auditions will be from the script and all who audition will be required to sing. For more info, contact Darin Young through the Arts and Humanities office. The Drama Club is holding a meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 in 1F5. Discussion will be over upcoming plays and events.

The Carpenter Theatre Ticket sale will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7 and Tuesday, Nov. 8. You may purchase six shows for the price of one.

If you want out...

All students completing their degree requirements in December should already have an Application For Graduation on file. If you haven't applied, the application deadline has been extended to Dec. 1, by appointment only. Please see Mary Jones in the Graduation/Transfer Evaluation Office.

Dogs and cats and birds, oh my!

The Health Professions club is having a field trip to the Southside Dog, Cat and Bird Clinic at noon, Friday, Nov. 10. Space is limited to club members only. Meet Friday between 11 and 11:30 p.m. at the club bulletin board.

Who did what?

The Campus Greens is having a meeting from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, in room 2N5. Would you like to know which presidential candidate dove into the mosh pit at a Rage Against The Machine? See the video that answers this question and more at the next meeting.

Time for a late snack

The Future Teacher's Organization will be having an evening bake sale at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7 in the Main Building. Coffee, baked goods and sandwiches will be available for the late afternoon and evening crowd.

Dancing days

Prairie Dance Theatre presents Footnotes, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11. Come enjoy an evening of dance and music and experience what Oklahoma's first professional modern dance company has to offer. Adult tickets are \$12, senior citizens and students are \$10 and children under 12 are \$6. For tickets, call 424-2249.

Uruguayan composer performing

Latin America's Leon Biriotti and the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band will intrigue music lovers at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7 in the college theater. He will lecture the same day at 1:30 p.m. in 1H5 in the HTC building. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$4 for students. Contact the Office of Cultural Programs and Community Development at 682-7579 for tickets or purchase them at the theater.

Go to the movies for free

Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring a Water Movie Night beginning at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10. The group will be watching the "Milagro Beanfield War" directed by Robert Redford. Please call the Phi Theta Kappa office at 682-1611 ext. 7771 if you plan to attend.

Free school

Spring Tuition Fee Waiver applications are available in the Student Financial Aid Center. Submit applications to the Student Financial Aid Center by 5 p.m., Nov. 17. Awards will be posted in the Student Financial Aid Center Dec. 11.



Photos by Melissa DePew

Diversity:

Above, Theresa Thompson, Josh Peek and Dwayne Stow jam to "Sweet Home Alabama" in the main building. Below, professor Carolyn Farris spooks student Kathy Wood with "Boots" the pet spider on Halloween.

HIV testing critical Early testing prolongs, protects life

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

CarePoint Inc. provided free HIV tests Wednesday Nov. 1 in the nursing wing.

As of March, the Oklahoma Health Department reported 2,294 people in Oklahoma have HIV.

The largest percentage, 40 percent of people who tested positive are between the ages of 20 to 29. The second largest group at 39 percent are between 30 to 39 years old.

"The fastest rising group is women," said Brett Wheeler, CarePoint Inc. representative.

Wheeler said women of color should pay more attention to HIV because

talking about sexuality isn't as acceptable as it should be.

He said police officers and corrections workers also test because of the volatility of their jobs which include dealing with bodily fluids.

Turnout was lower than expected with five people participating.

The last time CarePoint Inc. visited OKCCC for free HIV testing, about 40 people tested for the virus that causes AIDS.

Wheeler stressed that the test isn't a test for AIDS, but a test of antibodies in the blood that indicate HIV.

"Only a doctor can say it's AIDS," Wheeler said.

He said early detection increases the length of

time a person lives.

"People can live with HIV. It's not a reason to stop living," he said.

Those being tested learn how people become infected with HIV, how the disease isn't transmitted, what type of people should be tested and what to do if tests are positive or negative.

CarePoint tests anywhere they're asked, said Wheeler. Tests can also be conducted at CarePoint's office.

Gay, Alliance and Friends sponsored the testing.

CarePoint Inc. is funded through the Ryan White Care Act and the Oklahoma Department of Health.

CarePoint Inc. is located at 1200 N. Walker #500 in Oklahoma City.

Contact them at 232-2437 or 1-800-285-CARE (2273).

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.

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FOR SALE: '95 Ford Taurus GS, burgundy. Too many cars. Need to sell. Bring check book, this one is reliable. Taking payoff \$3,100. Call Joel 684-7027 or pgr.539-8334.

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FOR SALE: '87 Fiero. 4-cylinder, AC, AM/FM cassette, auto., 75K miles. Asking \$3,000. Call

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FOR SALE: '88 Conquest. Call 634-6787.

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FOR SALE: '96 Honda Passport EX, loaded, very clean. 72K miles, green with gold trim. \$14,299 FIRM. Call 823-5284.

HOUSEHOLD

FOR SALE: White crib with new mattress, good condition, asking \$95. Also a 26" 12-speed boys bike, brand new, never used Roadmaster asking \$100. Call Karen at 728-1305.

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Kellogg's and Kraft Foods conduct voluntary recalls

"Corn,"

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long time. Now the methods are more precise, thanks to genetic engineering."

StarLinks contains a bacterium gene that makes it toxic to an insect pest. This year StarLinks corn was grown on about 300,000 acres nationwide.

Mulvihill said she believes there is no real allergic risk to humans.

"Risk on StarLinks is theoretical and has a very low probability — not that the modification will make the corn toxic to consumers but a low possibility of allergic reaction," Mulvihill said.

Some have pointed out that humanity will not be able to meet food needs for the growing world population without biotech foods, she said.

Since the discovery of StarLinks in human products, Kellogg's has closed a cereal production plant in Tennessee.

And according to CNN reports, Kraft Foods has recalled a number of products, including taco shells that supposedly contain the manipulated corn. The corn in the taco shells was traced to a mill in Texas.

The report said the voluntary recall by the two companies is an image setback for the biotechnology industry — an industry that, since its inception, has been fighting critics who are concerned about the safety of these foods.

Mulvihill said genetically-engineered foods scare people, because "it sounds new and different." She said it is wrong to assume that genetically engineered foods are "all bad."

People need to evaluate benefits and risks food by food and crop by crop, Mulvihill said.

Genetically-engineered foods are foods that have a foreign gene — one that comes from another organ-

"...I have to be concerned about what the experts [who are] in charge of everything are doing to our food now."

—David Charlson
OKCCC English
Professor and
Campus Greens
Sponsor

ism. Sometimes they are called transgenic foods, Mulvihill said. Some crops are manipulated in order to have a better nutrition value or to heal a disease.

"Who could think of that as bad?" she said.

David Charlson, professor of English and sponsor of the OKCCC Campus Greens, said people should be careful about believing everything they are told.

"I'm no expert on [StarLink]," he said. "But living in a part of the country where the air quality leads to regular ozone alerts, where [the city of] Norman makes the national news for arsenic in its water supply, and where its own water department issues a statement that there is too much diazinon ending up at the wastewater treatment plant, I have to be concerned about what the experts [who are] in charge of everything are doing to our food now."

He said he doubts that questionable air, water, and food standards show that better living is possible through science.

Under FDA policy, developers of bio-engineered foods are expected to consult with the agency before marketing, to ensure that all safety and regulatory questions have been fully addressed.

FDA's policy also requires special labeling for bio-engineered foods under certain circumstances.

For example, a bio-engineered food would need to

be called by a different or modified name if its composition were significantly different from its conventionally grown counterpart, or if its nutritive value has been significantly altered.

Special labeling would be required if consumers need to be informed about a safety issue, such as the possible presence of an al-

lergen that would not normally be found in the conventionally grown product.

Mulvihill said interested or concerned people should visit the following website: www.colostate.edu/programs/lifesciences/TransgenicCrops to read or take part in a balanced discussion of genetically modified crops.

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