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With help of websites, profs spot plagiarism a thousand words away

www.turnitin.com just one helpful site

By Brandi Peterman
Staff Writer

"Oh what a tangled web we weave when at first we practice to deceive." — Sir Walter Scott.

Perhaps Scott knew how prevalent deceit would someday become.

With the invention of the World Wide Web the opportunities to deceive are almost limitless. Plagiarism is a dangerous and illegal form of deceit.

Plagiarism is loosely defined as taking the writing of another person and passing them off as one's own. It is closely related to forgery and piracy practices generally in violation of copyright laws.

Dr. Paul Sechrist, vice

president for academic affairs, said students need to think twice before they take words or ideas belonging to others without giving proper credit.

"Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty and is considered a serious offense," he said.

According to the website www.turnitin.com, college students are being bombarded with so much material and so many ideas, that the chance to plagiarize can be so tempting.

But now professors are able to spot a paper that has been plagiarized.

At websites such as turnitin.com and google.com,

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Students urged to meet April 14 drop deadline

By Vu Vu
Editor

Friday the 13th has always been considered an unlucky day.

Saturday the 14th will be even more unlucky for those who fail to drop classes by the April 13 deadline. April 13 is the final day students can drop classes they are failing.

Folks in Student Development have plenty of experience in drop day.

George Maxwell, Student Development counselor, said students should talk to their

professors before April 13 if they think they are in danger of failing their courses.

"See if you can save the grade," Maxwell said.

He said, every student has a different reason for dropping a course. By talking to professors, Maxwell said, students may be able to work something out.

Math Professor Dave Palovich said the first thing students need to do is know what their grades are.

"If your grade is low, you

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Photo by Melissa DePew

Puzzling: Electrical engineering major Hao Ho practices some of the many combinations that can be made with the Solid Cube. The cubes were a part of the attraction at the engineering club's recent cotton candy sale. Student Frank Zubek created the cube.

Computer labs popular hangouts

By Brittney Guest
Newswriting I Student

The end of the semester is fast approaching. As the final few weeks of school near, the many OKCCC computer labs become increasingly packed.

The IT computer labs are just one example.

Located in the walkway between the main building and the Arts and Humanities building, the IT labs provide students the opportunity to work on assignments, check e-mails or merely become more familiar with computers.

The last few weeks of the semester,

computer lab supervisors are presented with frustrated students and long lines for the next available computer. Students need the machines to do homework or write that final paper.

According to Gary Dominguez, supervisor for the IT advanced computer lab, the busiest times of the day are the afternoons, from 3 to 5:30.

"Around finals week, people are standing around waiting anywhere from 20 to 30 minutes for a computer," he said.

Fortunately, Dominguez said, students will have help if they need it, even

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Behold power of the word

Many people turn on their televisions at 10 p.m. every night to watch the news and many are immune to what they watch. Last night we were thrust back into reality and we owe it all to the antics of one Timothy McVeigh.

McVeigh has captured our attention for nearly six years. What he is up to seems to draw us in and keep us fascinated. Why do we still allow him to victimize us? What is this evil hold he has on us? Will we ever break free from his grasp?

He wrote letters to a former Oklahoma Gazette writer in which he blatantly insulted the victims of the bombing, referring to them as "woe-to-me."

Not only did he massacre innocent people, but he is also protected by freedom of speech and allowed to voice his disgust with people who can't just "get over it."

The real irony of the situation is the government that he so desperately despises is protecting McVeigh. They are protecting his right to speak his mind and probably giving him the pen and paper.

How about that for justice or shall I say injustice? Only in America do we coddle our criminals and treat them with undeserved respect.

The sickest part of the whole saga is that we allow this man into our lives night after night. I would like to see the letters of protest if a child molester went on television and aired his views about the innocent victim who couldn't "get over it."

When does he suggest they get over it? While the BBC is filming their documentary on the bombing or would it be when the new book "American Terrorist" comes out?

People are scrambling to get ringside seats to the event of the century, his execution. Don't you see that's what he wants? We are playing his game. McVeigh wants to be a martyr, the man who died for his beliefs. Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesus Christ they are the worthy ones. McVeigh is not.

I am not so naïve that I don't realize that McVeigh's doings are newsworthy. I know that people have a hunger for the unimaginable. When will that hunger be satisfied? How many more school shootings will it take or will it take another stand-off in Waco? We cannot continue to glorify these horrendous crimes. There has to come a time when we stand up and say we will not watch or read another story where an innocent victim died in vain.

I recently visited the bombing museum and left with a sense of peace that we would finally be able to heal. "The memorial does not wish to promote the McVeigh/Nichols cause," said Bob Johnson, chairman of the memorial trust.

There is always going to be a McVeigh waiting in the wings to step into the limelight. We have to make a commitment to shut them down and turn them off.

—Brandi Peterman
Staff Writer

Mistakes mar publication

To the Editor:

I have noticed that the newspaper Pioneer needs a better way to correct mistakes.

The March 19 newspaper had wrong info about the date of the Brazilian Quartet performance.

Right? Somebody tried to correct the mistake and again printed out the wrong date of the performance.

How can the newspaper improve if there are those kinds of little mistakes that make a difference between a good and bad newspaper?

There are several posters in the Arts and Humanities building that say the performance will be on Tuesday, March 27.

I hope I have helped you guys to improve your correction section.

Moreover, the mistakes have happened very often. What is wrong?

And please, I would like to see an OOPS! again on the next newspaper, OK? Even if that time will be too late to attend the concert.

—David Nunes
Student

(Editor's note: Oops. We stand corrected — for real this time.)

Cadavers at OKCCC

To the Editor:

I would like to remind students that are interested in taking Biology 2255 Human Anatomy (with cadavers) to come to my office for permission.

I am sure that many of our students are still not aware that we offer this course at OKCCC.

It is a great opportunity to take cadaver-based anatomy in a small class setting with lots of opportunity for one-on-one student-professor interaction.

This is quite a difference from the crowded conditions at the University of Oklahoma.

The OKCCC course transfers to OU and OU Health Sciences as a substitution for the OU Zoology 2255 course.

We have a great resource and opportunity for students and I think an announcement in the Pioneer is a great way to spread the word.

—Randall L. Nydam
Professor of Biology

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Comments and Reviews

Bush tax plan less taxing on wallets than student thinks

To the Editor:

The March 5 issue of the Pioneer contained an Op Ed item written by Michael Pascarella stating that President Bush's tax cut plan would not provide tax relief for persons in the following income categories: A single person earning \$6,000 to \$27,050, a head of household earning \$10,000 to \$36,250, and a married couple filing jointly earning \$12,000 to \$45,200.

He states that he discovered these shocking facts by accessing the White House web site at (whitehouse.gov).

I had Mr. Pascarella as a student in two of my economics courses and consider him highly intelligent and industrious.

However, his opinion regarding the President's tax plan leads me to believe he has either been misinformed or has misunderstood the details of the plan.

I have visited the White House web site and could not find any information to

sustain the assertions made by Mr. Pascarella regarding the three income categories referenced above.

As a Certified Public Accountant accredited in federal taxation, I can assure your readers that all three income categories would receive a tax cut, and in some cases a substantial tax cut.

The following are just some of the highlights of the President's tax plan pertaining to the three income categories referenced by Mr. Pascarella.

- Reduces the tax rate from 15 percent to 10 percent on the first \$6,000 of taxable income for a single person, a savings of \$300.

The same 5 percent rate reduction for the first \$10,000 for a head of household, a savings of \$500. And, the same 5 percent reduction for a married couple, a savings of \$600.

- Doubles the child tax credit from \$500 to \$1,000 per child. This is a \$500 savings per child for those

who file as either head of household or married filing jointly.

- Reduces the marriage penalty by allowing a deduction of 10 percent of the lower earning spouse's income up to a maximum deduction of \$3,000.

This has the potential of saving two-earner married couples several hundred dollars in taxes depending on their current tax bracket.

- Expands charitable deductions to non-itemizers. This would allow for an even larger tax cut for people who tithe and take the standard deduction because they do not have enough deductions to itemize.

While the President's plan is far more extensive than space has allowed me to address here, I hope I have demonstrated that all income categories referenced by Mr. Pascarella would in fact receive tax relief.

—Maxwell Avers
Professor of Business

De Niro grills Stiller as in-law

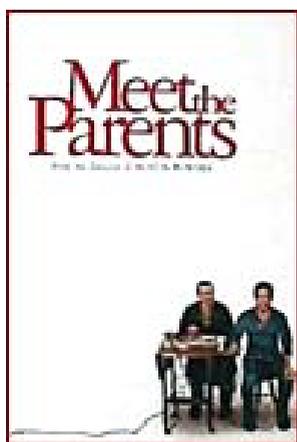
Try to remember your first encounter with the in-laws. Remember the sick feeling in the pit of your stomach? Now imagine your new father-in-law is none other than Robert "You talking to me?" De Niro.

This is exactly what Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) had to endure in "Meet the Parents."

"Meet the Parents" is the hottest thing on video. It is being called the comedy of the year.

For those of you who ever had to meet the parents yourself, this film will bring humor into those situations.

Focker happens to be a



male nurse and Jack Byrnes (De Niro) is in the CIA. Byrnes holds nothing back in finding out if Focker is the man for his daughter.

Byrnes puts his daughter's betrothed through the wringer. He

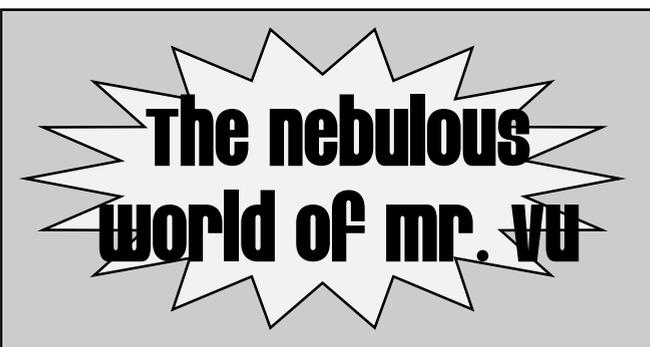
gives him a lie detector test and actually runs a background check on the poor guy.

Focker is constantly being put in awkward situations by daddy dearest. Like being forced to wear a Speedo during a family pool party. This unlikely duo works well together. I hope to see more of them.

Stiller is one of the greatest comedians to hit the big screen in a long time. Also it was very refreshing to see De Niro in a comedic role. This is a great flick and definitely worth the rent.

I give "Meet the Parents" four out of four stars.

—Brandi Peterman
Staff Writer



Getting greasy ain't all that bad

During the bottom stretch of my senior year of high school, when most of the seniors had succumbed to the dreaded "senioritis" disease, including myself, my friend told me something he had told no one else.

He wanted to know what it would be like to be "greasy."

He didn't want to be greasy like the seniors who worked at McDonalds. He wanted to be greasy like the seniors who rode the bus home.

The night he told me, we were "big pimpin'" in Norman in his Ford Explorer (When in high school, OU "women" are truly fun to be around. When in college, the same assumption can be made). He had just put in a JL Audio subwoofer custom designed with an amplifier for a cool grand, and thusly, he shared with the humble college town of Norman the phat beats of Jay-Z.

I didn't know that many 17-year-olds without after school jobs who could rattle whole neighborhoods.

I didn't know what to tell him, and so, I told him what first came to mind, which was that ignorance is bliss.

But I had forgotten to tell him how my family used to go to the laundromat Sunday nights to wash our clothes.

Every once in a while, I'd see my friends from school there. It was fun hanging out with other families who didn't have washing machines, or in our case, had washing machines that didn't work.

The good times affected us and we moved away from N.W. 34th street, about 20 miles northwest.

In bed, I smiled at how quiet the streets of suburbia are. We had a new Whirlpool washer and dryer. We weren't greasy anymore, pun somewhat intended for general-purpose use only. I used to stand in front of the washer and watch it agitate my clothes.

After I'm done here, I plan to use that "buy one get one free" Burger King Whopper coupon in this week's PIONEER. I also get a 10 percent discount with my student I.D. when dining at the Burger King, whose french fries are indeed better than the McDonalds fried potatoes.

Please note that this great option is only available at the Burger King north of the college.

Awesome.

—Vu Vu
Editor

Comments and Reviews

College photo lab time needs re-vamping

To the Editor:

My tuition, paid in full, includes lab hours that were posted at the beginning of the year.

Three lab techs were assigned to make the lab available during those designated time slots.

I am a full-time critical care nurse with a bachelor's in science in nursing.

Currently I am working on a second degree in photography.

This is the second Wednesday in a month that I have attempted to work in the lab only to be greeted by a sign posted "lab canceled."

Employee excuses are not the issue. However, the issue is: why is there no back-up system in place to provide students with the educational opportunities that we pay to receive.

"Sorry" isn't enough. I have been to the Arts & Humanities office twice vocalizing my concerns, only to be "schmoozed" into submission.

I wrote a formal letter of concern the first time with no return response. I requested action be taken the second time with the verdict "still pending."

The dean didn't have any time to speak with me.

Her time can't be wasted, but mine can be?

I submitted ideas to the "Fire Brigade" sent to deal with me regarding solving these inconveniences for students requesting a plan of action in writing.

I am a mother, a full-time employee, a student with assignments due, attempting to launch a photogra-

phy career, planting a garden, building a greenhouse, etc... Do you think my time is not valuable?

I have more to do in my

they said.

Now, some may not care about "lab availability" and I am sorry to waste your time. Unfortunately, I do. I have projects to complete, not just for assignment purposes but for self-satisfaction and portfolio construction.

I love photography. It isn't "just a class." It is a "passion."

I look forward to the relaxation time when there aren't 12 other students competing at the printing trays.

I am highly inconvenienced driving from Norman to Oklahoma City only to find a sign posted "Sorry, lab canceled."

Whoops, the "sorry" wasn't posted either.

All I ask for is a plan of action. "Someone" to cover

when "someone else" calls in. Their job is really easy. All they really have to do is open the door and make sure the chemicals are available. We do the rest.

Here is my plan for action.

- Have back-up employees to cover call-ins.

- If all else fails, e-mail students and notify them if no replacements are available (keep us informed).

- Schedule make-up lab times.

- Credit students "financially" if OKCCC is unable to keep their agreement to provide class and lab hours peer schedule.

- Put it in writing. Students have the right to education. We have paid OKCCC for it.

—Linda Fielder
Student

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—Linda Fielder
Photography Student

life than question my right as a student to receive the expected higher level of education that I am paying OKCCC to provide me.

By the way, do students have a "bill of rights"?

That question is also still pending.

The Arts and Humanities office does not have anything in writing.

"You might want to check the student handbook,"

Leary returns to small screen

There may be "No Cure for Cancer," but Denis Leary has found a cure for the weekday blues with his new show "The Job."

Leary, a comic veteran for over 15 years, stars as Mike McNeil in his new half-hour cop show at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday on ABC.

"The Job" combines Leary's dry and cynical comedic style with the absurd and always hectic lifestyle of the New York Police Department.

Leary co-writes and produces the show with Peter Tolan. Tolan is the one people might know as a co-writer for the "Larry Sanders Show." He won an Emmy for his writing on the last episode.

In genuine Leary fashion, the show carries its fair share of bad language and adult content.

Leary told Conan O'Brien on his "Late Night" show that he wrote the series to be on HBO, so that



Denis Leary, Bill Nunn

it could stick with its raw and uninhibited style and wouldn't have to conform to network or cable regulations.

ABC was persistent in getting Leary to pitch the series to them, because they wanted something edgy.

Leary said that ABC didn't "flinch" at any of their ideas or language, so he went ahead and gave ABC the rights.

"The Job" also features

cameo appearances from several celebrities.

The second episode featured Elizabeth Hurley, fearing a supposedly crazed stalker who left a butchered doll at her door.

Hurley proceeds to ask Leary out on a date, not knowing that Hurley was setting him up to make her ex-boyfriend jealous.

It seemed to work as Leary received a nice shot to the kisser courtesy of the ex-boyfriend.

"The Job" is one of the best new shows of the season, which probably means it's only a matter of time before it's canceled.

Denis Leary fans must check this show out.

It is wonderfully written and extremely witty.

Be sure to check it out every Wednesday night on ABC.

You will have no regrets.

—Mark Stack
Staff Writer

Money doesn't grow on trees for tuition costs

To the Editor

I was currently looking over the monthly payment agreement and noticed that there is no mention of a minimum payment. I did not use this program for the spring semester, but I can see some flaws.

If you are not paying 25 percent of your tuition you may be charged a late fee of \$20.

You need to check your records to insure that you are paying the correct amount.

Also, check to make sure that the college is not taking more of your money than they cur-

rently do.

The Bursars office may not be charging you this fee, but then again they might not even know of their mistake.

If you pay less than 25 percent of your tuition and they charge you \$20, the extra fee multiplied by three is \$60 per semester.

By the way, there are around 10,000 students that attend this campus. The money adds up fast. Double-check your account and make sure you are not paying any additional late fees.

—Michael Pascarella
Business Student

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Middle College learns scuba



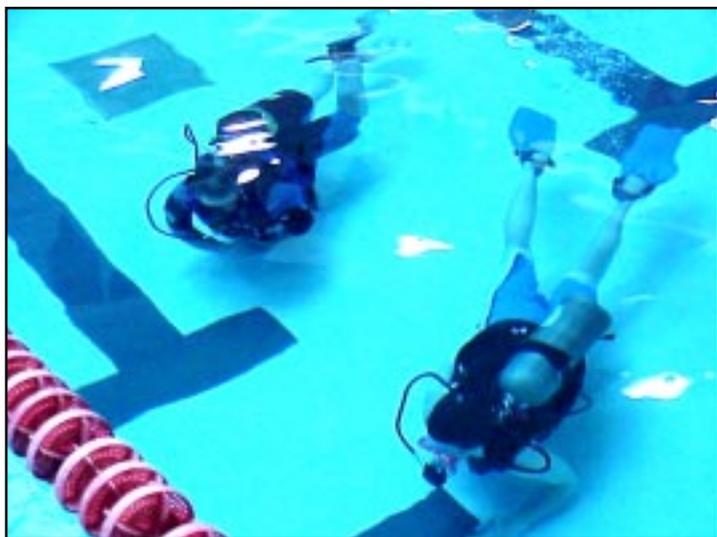
Eighth grader Frank Tanner puts on his goggles in preparation for a dive, while Blue Water Dives instructor Allen Aboujeib explains proper breathing under water.

Eight other Pathways Middle College students had the opportunity to learn scuba diving in the OKCCC pool March 28. Only three chose to participate, while the others enjoyed a fun swim.

"It was awesome. I wish every day was like this," said Charity Carley.

Blue Water Divers sponsored the event and equipment and the Oklahoma Sheriff Dive team assisted.

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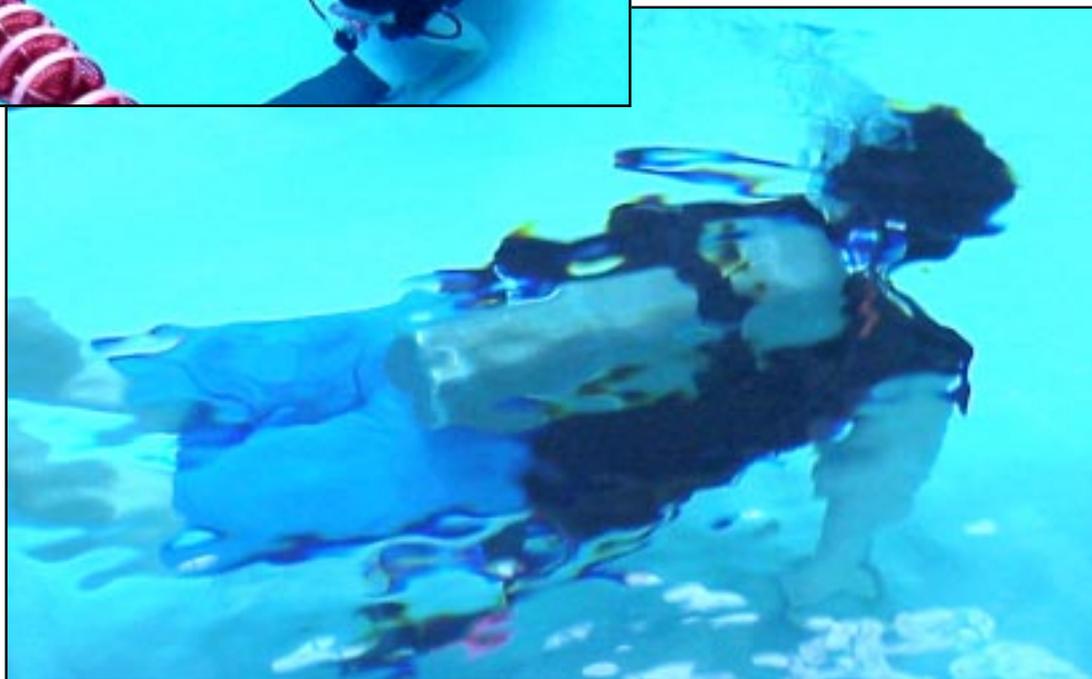
Left: At 10 feet below, Frank Tanner, right, seems to be getting the hang of things, as he begins to get some distance between himself and the Oklahoma County Sheriff Dive Team instructor, J.C. King.

Below: Tanner gets a good glimpse of the bottom of the pool during his first dive.

Pathways Middle College students Charity Carley, left, and April Banks didn't scuba dive, but they sure looked like they were having a great time. The girls, along with a handful of others who didn't do scuba, enjoyed diving and splashing around.



Photos by
Melissa DePew



Activities planned to promote family

By Melissa DePew
Staff Writer

It's time to recognize the children during the 30-year national celebration of Week of the Young Child, April 1 through 7.

The Child Development Center, along with other local community organizations around the nation, is promoting Parent Day, April 6, with an event for parents.

In the past, the center has done something special for the parents of children at the center.

This year, in addition, the center will be handing out Parent Day ribbons and resources to the community.

Anyone interested can find faculty and child development student volunteers passing out these free items from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6 in the student activities room, near the college union.

According to the Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma website, Week of the Young Child is "a time to focus on the needs of young children and families."



"It is also a time to plan how we, as citizens of a community, state and nation will better meet the needs of all young children and their families."

—www.ecaok.com

Early Childhood Association
of Oklahoma

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Other metro activities, including an Oklahoma Parent, Child Expo will occur throughout the week.

The expo, in the Omniplex from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 7, is free to the first 500 people attending.

For more information about Week of the Young Child, check out the Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma website at www.ecaok.com

For more information about the Oklahoma Parent, Child Expo contact Mary Boren at (405) 810-0631.

Desert preservation next topic in lecture series

By Brandi Peterman
Staff Writer

Many people might not be aware of the danger our nation's deserts are facing. Their potential extinction seems to be a secret.

The Arts and Humanities division of OKCCC will be holding the fourth in the "Let's Talk About It" series.

Dr. Harbour Winn, director of the center for interpersonal studies through film and literature at Oklahoma City University, will be here at 7 p.m. April 11 in room 3N5 of the main building to discuss "The Voice of the Desert."

"The Voice of the Desert" gives the reader an insight on the importance of American deserts. It puts into focus all the secrets the desert holds to scientist for valuable research, said Winn.

This book does for the desert what Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" did for the ocean, said Winn.

"It made me aware of things I have taken for granted," said Winn.

Winn said the book is very engaging to read. "You don't have to be a scientist to enjoy this book."

Many people don't realize the desert needs supporters just like the rainforest. Deserts are in danger of being wiped out due to land development, said Winn.

Winn is a humanities scholar for Oklahoma. He represents the state at the national conventions.

"The humanities council offers people the leisure to keep their mind active instead of focusing on what's on television tonight."

The series of lectures is free to the public.

For more information on the series contact the Arts and Humanities division office at 682-7558.



Classes in OKC

Summer Semester at OKCCC

MATH 3333 940

Linear Algebra
July 2-30,

Fall Semester at OKCCC

ANTH 1113 940

General Anthropology
August 20-December 14

COMM 3513 940

Intercultural Communication
August 20-December 14

ECE 2213 940

Introduction to Digital Design
August 20-December 14

ENGL 4523 940

Shakespeare's Comedies
September 7-9, 21-23, October 12-14

MATH 3333 940

Linear Algebra
August 20-December 14

PSY 2113 940

Research Methods I: Statistics
August 20-December 14

Summer Semester at the Health Sciences Center

HR 5113 970

Program/Project Design for Profit and Non-Profit Organizations
June 8-10, 15-17, 22-24

HR 5113 971

Negotiating and Influencing Skills: An HR Perspective
July 13-15, 20-22, 27-29

SOC 3543 970

Sociology of Deviance
July 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

SOC 3863 970

Sociology of Law
June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

Fall Semester at the Health Sciences Center

ANTH 4813 970

Archaeology of North America
August 20-December 14, 2001

HR 5113 970

Seminar in Selected Topics in Business and Society Today
September 7-9, 14-16, 21-23

HR 5113 971

Customer Service and Human Relations
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Public Policy Analysis
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Managing Public Programs
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SOC 3963 970

Methods of Social Research
September 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, October 4

For more information regarding classes call 325-2891 or e-mail servin@ou.edu

OKC kindergartners brave the waters



Above: Five-year-old Justin Serfass of Stonegate School of Advanced Studies, gets a helping hand from University of Central Oklahoma volunteer, Courtney Kersey.

Four hundred kindergartners, such as six-year-old James Schmidt (right) of Pierce Elementary, came from eight OKC public schools on March 27 to participate in Wee Water Wahoo.

Sandy Burchett, secretary for Recreation and Community Services, hosted the event to teach the children water safety.



Photos by Melissa DePew



Below: Angel Santos from Mrs. McDonald's kindergarten class climbs the "big" ladder while his classmates swim around him. Mrs. McDonald's class is from Stonegate School of Advanced Studies.

Below: American Red Cross Volunteer Tina Duree teaches kindergartners how to pull someone out of a pool. Samantha McCracken succeeds in pulling Marquez Barnes to safety. The two youngsters are from Mrs. Linda Millers class at Horace Mann.



Choctaw scholar to lecture at OKCCC

By **Katheryn Mohr**
Newswriting I Student

"Halito chi kanas. Ano ma chacta sia hoke. Okay!" Translation: I am a Choctaw and I am your friend.

Native American author LeAnne Howe introduces herself to her students with this greeting on her website.

Howe will analyze the movie "Dances with Wolves" at 6 p.m. April 5 at the college theater.

Howe's knowledge as a director and producer of films will enable her to provide a clear and definite interpretation into the film's worth, said Clay Randolph, English professor.

Randolph is directing the series "The Evolving Portrait of Native Americans in Film."

In 1990 "Dances with Wolves" was well received by general audiences, but some American Indians and critics were skeptical

of the film, said Randolph. "Dances with Wolves" tells the story of a union soldier in the Civil War played by Kevin Costner who is sent to a remote Western fort.

When he arrives, the fort is abandoned, but he decides to fulfill his soldierly duties until reinforcements arrive. He soon comes in contact with a local Sioux tribe and, through patience and effort on both sides, is befriended by and gradually integrated into the tribe.

Howe will clarify the validity with which American Indians are portrayed in the film, while also incorporating a Native American perspective over the film.

Randolph has heard Howe lecture and admired the dynamic and opinionated style with which she speaks.

"When you hear Howe speak, you leave knowing that you have listened to a very confident woman—a woman with a strong grasp

on her history and her future," said Randolph.

According to Howe's autobiography "My Mothers, My Uncles, Myself," American Indian writers as well as storytellers create tribalogy, the combining of a person's experiences with those of their ancestors into a meaningful form. Whether it be fiction, poetry, drama, or history, American Indian writers use tribalogy to inform, themselves and the non-Indian world, about who American Indians are.

Howe has lectured throughout the United States, Japan, and the Middle East. Her numerous publications range from short fiction anthologies to literary journals including "Indians Never Say Goodbye" and "American Indian Literature." In addition to being a professor, scholar, author, and lecturer, Howe's work also includes theater, films, and radio.

Howe wrote and directed a 1993 radio production entitled "Indian Radio Days," which was broadcast on American Public Radio stations throughout the Midwest.

According to Howe's autobiography, she began working with educational theater as a means to change the view that target groups had of reality; to have an audience consider things in a different way than they were used to.

The two plays Howe has written, that were produced, she has tried to achieve an ideal relationship between entertainment and teaching about American Indians.

"Big Pow Wow" is a play that Howe co-authored. It was produced in 1987 by an African American the-

ater company, Sojourner Truth Theater, in Fort Worth, Texas. As far as Howe knows, it was the first collaboration in Texas that brought an all-American-Indian cast together with an African American producer and director.

Howe's purpose as a writer is to become a Nufoki, an American Indian teacher, and breathe onto the page the events that mattered, or shaped her life as a native daughter, a woman, and a writer.

The lecture is free to the public. Following the lecture, the movie "Dances with Wolves" will be shown. Visit her website at www.grinnell.edu/individuals/howe/INDEX.HTML for more information.

OKCCC soccer player just does it for love of the game

By **Amanda Berg**
Newswriting I Student

Jayason Ramanjulu, 19, a member of OKCCC's soccer team, said the players have a challenging season in front of them, partly because of their scholarship-free team and voluntary practices.

Ramanjulu has played soccer since he was 4 years old. This is his second semester to play for the college. He currently plays on three different indoor teams, along with OKCCC's outdoor team.

A resident of south Oklahoma City, Jayason was born and raised in Oklahoma. His dad is from India and his mom from

Oklahoma.

Soccer has always been his passion, prompting him to join the team for the love of the game.

"I think we have a lot of individual talent, but the outcome of the season depends on how in shape we are when it comes game time," Ramanjulu said.

Practices with first year head coach Kelie Solis are held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Due to players having other priorities, practices are not mandatory. Solis said it is difficult to have all of the players present for every practice because of each individual's diverse schedule.

The players are only required to attend one prac-

tice a week.

"It's pretty much just whenever you can make it to one of the practices," Ramanjulu said.

The team was defeated 4-1 in their first battle of the season against the University of Central Oklahoma, played on the OKCCC campus. Vu Tran was the only OKCCC player to score.

Although it was a tough game, there are many more games left in the season, including the game against Oklahoma State University on the OKCCC campus on March 31.

OKCCC's remaining games will be against Rose State, University of Oklahoma, and OU International.



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Silly season arrives with Crazy Olympics

By Katie Dowell
Newswriting I Student

It's that time of year again.

The Campus Activities Board is sponsoring its 11th annual Crazy Olympics from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 6, in the OKCCC courtyard.

Crazy Olympics gives people the chance to become active with their clubs, says Nicole Battles, CAB member. Everyone is invited to come join in the fun of this "stress reduction activity," says Mike Jones, sponsor of the CAB.

Participants and spectators can enjoy such "crazy" games as: crazy volleyball, big mouth, tug-of-war and a scholastic wheelchair race.

Crazy volleyball will be interesting to watch, as teams will volley using a beach ball half filled with water.

The big mouth competition consists of teams battling it out to see who can stuff the most marshmallows in their mouth. The

current record stands at 40 marshmallows.

This will also be the second year for the scholastic wheelchair race.

The race will be held in the OKCCC gym. Participants in this game will wheel around the course while stopping to answer questions about history, math, and science.

Trophies and medallions will be given as prizes to the winners of each event.

The overall winning team of the Crazy Olympics will have their team's name added to a plaque on the student wall of fame located across the hall from the computer lab.

Coed teams of four, along with two alternates, will pay a \$20 entry fee to join the games this year. The entry fee includes lunch and a T-shirt for each team member.

The deadline for teams to enter is noon Monday, April 2.

For more information contact Nicole Battles or Mike Jones in the office of Student Life, 682-1611 extension 7318.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Brazen Brazilians: The Brazilian Guitar Quartet dazzled the packed OKCCC theater during their March 27 performance. The group, from L to R, Everton Gloeden, Edelson Gloeden, Tadea do Amaral and Paul Galbraith, also gave a free lecture titled "The Role of Music in Brazilian Culture" on March 28. The group is part of OKCCC's Cultural Awareness Series.

Dance troupe blends cultures

By Brittney Guest
Newswriting I Student

Beauty and drama will grace the stage of the OKCCC Theatre at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10 when the Gash/Voigt Dance Theatre will perform a modern piece entitled "Sacred Ground."

The Gash/Voigt Dance Theatre is an all female company that confronts social issues through live dance performances accompanied by original musical compositions and expressive visual imagery.

The production was born from two ancient cultures —Tibetan and American In-

dian.

According to the group, the purpose of this particular production is to explore the common ground these two cultures share to offer the audience a new perspective towards community.

Dr. Manuel Prestamo, dean of Cultural Arts, also had a similar hope in bringing the performers to OKCCC as part of the Cultural Awareness Series.

"By offering these opportunities with world class artists, we will keep fostering an open-minded, receptive, curious desire to learn about other places, other people, other environments and really begin to appreciate those things we have in common."

The performance is open to the public.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens.

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Career advice being offered

The International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will be holding its "Get Acquainted" meeting from 8:05 to 9 p.m. on Monday, April 9, in the Student Organizations Office. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Rouillard, Senior Human Resources Specialist. Members of the group will teach students how to build a resume, interview for a job, how to keep a job, and how to deal with those pesky co-workers. For more information, contact Lisa Adkins at 682-1611 ext. 7236.

African-American club preparing for future

The African-American Student Association (AASA) will be holding a general meeting from 1 to 2 p.m. on Friday, April 6, in the Student Organizations Office. General, new and unfinished business will be discussed. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Dana Stevenson at 682-1611 ext. 7654.

Spring Craft and Bake Sale to be held

The Spring Crafts and Bake Sale will be held Wednesday, April 4, in the Main Building commons area. Craft items will be sold in three ways: silent auction, ticket drawings and direct purchase. Gift certificates will also be available this year. They will be sold in denominations of \$1 and \$5.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministries invites you

If you haven't made it for the Baptist College Ministries meetings this semester, then you are being missed. There is more variety in the food choices and more songs are being sung. Meetings are on Fridays in room 3N0 with free lunch and fellowship and on Mondays for prayer meeting in room 2N7, both in the Main Building at 12:30 p.m. If you can't come for prayer meeting, but have a prayer request, please e-mail sunshinecarr@po.okc.cc.ok.us

H.O.P.E. meeting

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education is having a meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, in room 2N7 in the Main Building. If you are interested in Hispanic culture then you should attend. There will be refreshments provided and everyone is invited.

If you are interested in tutoring and giving back to your community, then join in Latino Children Tutoring. Please contact Jamie Fyler at 236-0701 or Jacqui Marquez at 413-8740 for more information.

Right to Work education

You are invited to learn more about Right to Work from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, in College Union room 3. Dean Schirf, Vice President-Government Relations/Corporate Secretary with the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, and Jim Curry, President of the AFL-CIO chapter, will address the issues of Right to Work and how it can affect our city and state.

Free school!

Tuition Fee Waiver Applications for Summer 2001 are now available from the Student Financial Aid Center. To be eligible, the student must: be an Oklahoma resident; be in good academic standing and maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA; maintain enrollment of at least 3 credit hours; obtain your current "Academic History" at the Admissions desk; answer each question, date and sign the application; not submit more than one application; present this application with attached Academic Histories from all schools attended beyond high school to the Student Financial Aid Center by 5 p.m., Friday, April 20.



Photo by Melissa DePew

Books, Books, Books: The Oklahoma Biotechnology Association Club and the Gay Alliance and Friends held a book sale on March 28 and 29 in the main building. "Everybody's been really generous," said Biotech Club president Sonja Messenger, in response to the donations given for books. An estimated \$800 was raised in the two day period. Books for sale ranged from school books, kiddie books, novels and best-sellers. All leftover books will be saved for the next booksale.

Christians unite for Jesus week

By Melissa DePew
Staff Writer

The name of Jesus and his existence has provoked much controversy over the decades.

From the time he first announced himself as the Messiah to the present day, many people still question his authenticity.

Because of the different labels he has been given throughout history, several on campus Christian ministries are combining their common interest to host Jesus Awareness Week, April 9 through 12.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) and Chi Alpha will be hosting a series of events with a theme of "Liar, Lunatic or Lord," to discuss different beliefs about Jesus Christ.

"We want to bring awareness about Jesus Christ and explain why people believe what they believe and

why we think he is Lord," said David Badders, Chi Alpha president.

BCM Director Mike Barnett pointed out that Jesus is the most controversial man in history.

"He has been labeled a prophet, a teacher, a miracle worker, a madman, a devil, a savior, the Son of God and Messiah."

The two ministries have based Jesus Awareness Week off of the Bible verse Romans 10:9, which says "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved."

"BCM and Chi Alpha want each person to be well informed before they decide who Jesus is to them," said Barnett.

"The purpose of Jesus Awareness Week is to understand who Jesus is from his own words recorded by eyewitnesses in the New Testament."

Members from BCM and Chi Alpha will have a Jesus Information Table set up for discussions and questions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 9 through 11, in the main building.

Pamphlets and prayer, as well as information about BCM's concert, will also be available.

On April 10, there will be a possible special guest speaker along with music provided by Chi Alpha at noon in the cafeteria.

Lunch will be provided by BCM on April 12 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in room 3N0.

BCM will also host a concert on Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in the college theater.

The two clubs both share "the hope that each individual student would discover the real Jesus for themselves."

For more information about his identity, check out the Gospel of John in the New Testament of the Bible.

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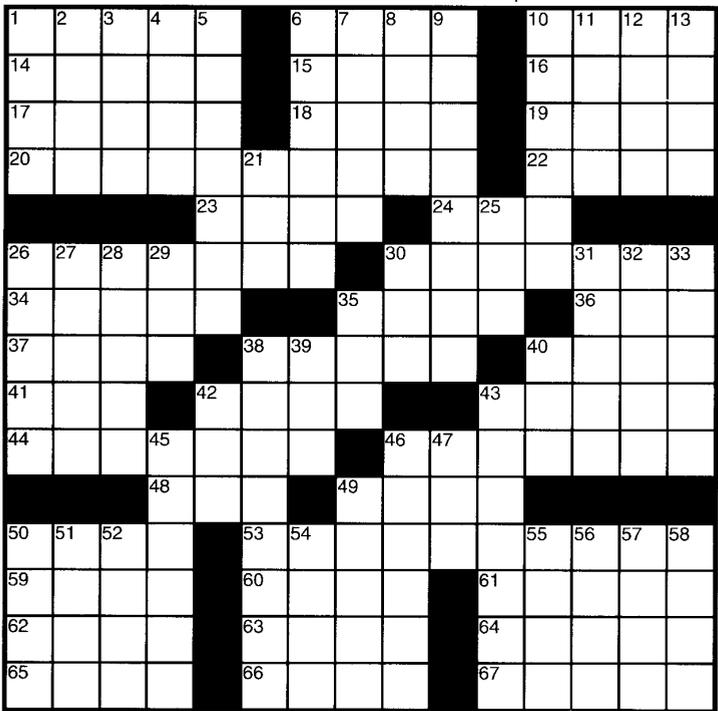
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Student handbook outlines penalties for students who are caught cheating

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teachers can register, then submit their students' papers to find out if the words are original. Students can also use the site in order to avoid accidentally plagiarizing.

Many English professors are taking advantage of the Internet to help spot false papers. Clay Randolph is one. Randolph said there are two kinds of plagiarism — intentional and plagiarism of ignorance.

He said if a student copies or buys a paper and uses parts or all of it and claims it as their own that is intentional plagiarism.

If students don't understand that using someone's

ideas as their own is wrong that is plagiarism of ignorance.

Bertha Wise, director of the Center for Learning and Teaching and professor of English, has some advice for other professors.

"I think the professors should design the assignment to be very unique. That way it would be very difficult and time consuming for the student to try to obtain a paper from another source," she said.

OKCCC'S handling of academic dishonesty is similar to other two-year colleges like Rose State, Redlands and Oklahoma State University-OKC.

Randolph said professors are given the option to handle the situation themselves in whatever way they see fit.

Any repeat offenses go to the professor or the Vice President for Academic Affairs who may file an official complaint of a Student Conduct Code Violation.

The OKCCC Student Handbook reads: The following misconduct is prohibited and subject to disciplinary action — All forms of dishonesty such as cheating; plagiarism; knowingly furnishing false information to the college or staff; forgery, alteration or misuse of college documents, records or identification cards or devices.

For more information on the Student Conduct Code, pick up a Student Handbook at various locations on campus.

It also outlines the possible penalties for academic dishonesty.

Deadline to drop classes nears

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should think about dropping," Palkovich said.

He said students should ask professors for help.

If dropping a course is the only option a student has, forms are available

at Student Development or the office of Admissions.

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FREE AIDS TESTING AT OKCCC

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This testing is provided for the benefit of students, faculty, staff, or any interested members of the community. Testing is free, confidential, and does not require an appointment. Follow-up post-test counseling will be provided April 25, 2001, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the mini-hospital.

—Public Service Announcement—

Campus computer labs buzzing with late semester activity

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during the busy times. A tutor or lab assistant is always available to answer any questions.

In the main IT computer lab, aides assist the students with questions ranging from how to set margins to how to create a footnote.

Clara Baker, IT lab assistant, said it's like many other jobs that experience heavy times.

"It's just like working in a restaurant," she said. "You try to serve people the best way you can."

She said, in addition to giving everyone personal attention, the lab also keeps supplies on hand such as staplers and hole punchers so students do

not have to worry about bringing these things from home.

The communications lab, located on the second floor of the Arts and Humanities building, offers students the opportunity to have their papers proofread for mistakes before handing in the final draft.

English tutor Creshia Cecil works in the lab. She said it offers a much quieter setting than other study areas, plus an English tutor to aid students in revising papers.

"The goal is to help students as much as we can but not to a point of where it's no longer their work," Cecil said.

The communications lab also has numerous handouts that can help students with grammar and sentence structure. Some pro-

fessors in the Arts and Humanities area even give make-up tests in the lab.

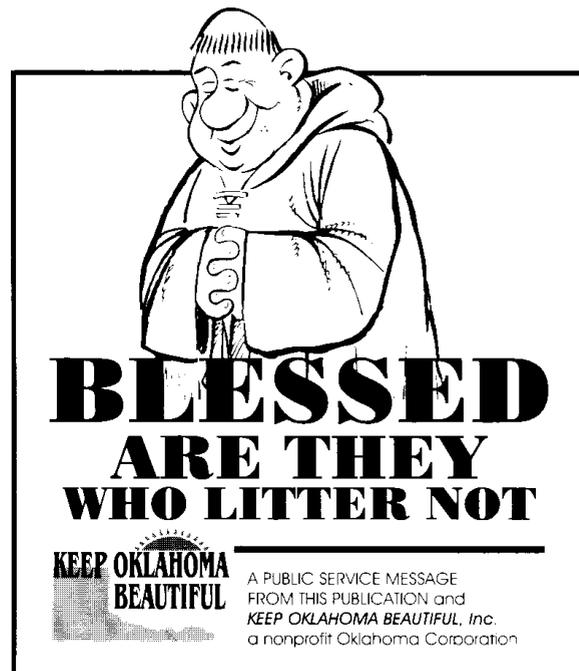
While the communications lab will remain in the AH building for now, starting fall 2001 the advanced computer lab and the main computer lab will eventually be joined and moved to the third floor of the library.

Dominguez suggests that, regardless of the lab used, students come in during the early morning

hours and on Friday afternoons to avoid a long wait.

All computer labs, including the communications lab, are open seven days a week.

Weekend hours for the communications lab are Friday 8 to 3 p.m., Saturday 10 to 2 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. The IT labs are open a little longer on the weekends. The hours are Saturday 9 to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.



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