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Family Fun Night makes a big splash

By Jeanine Combs
News Writing I Student

On the first Friday of each month students and their families can come out to swim and play games in OKCCC's Aquatic Center.

The Aquatic Center, which includes an Olympic-size swimming pool and diving well, offers a fun and safe atmosphere for the whole family.

Family Fun Night always includes three games that everyone can participate in. The games are different each month according to the theme.

Each month there is a different

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Photo by Kat Mohr

Practice makes perfect: Clayton P. Moore, Jessica Mayhugh, Rocky Cook, Jill Naught, Renee Pitts, and Megan Harwick are the cast for the play "Crimes of the Heart." The group opened with a special preview Oct. 4 before playing for three nights. The play follows the adult lives of three sisters who must rally around one during troubled times. The next play, "Everyman" is scheduled for December.

Job expo perfect place to find work

By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

Despite a shaky economy and recent layoffs around the nation, Staci McPhearson, director of Student Life, said there are always jobs for students.

Students looking for jobs this fall or looking to begin networking with prospective employers in their field can get an early jump at the Fall Employment Expo, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, in the college union.

McPhearson said students who have their eyes set on a particular employer who isn't hiring could likely find jobs in similar fields but with a different employer at the Expo.

Chesapeake Energy, Enterprise Rent-a-Car and Integris Health are just some of the employers expected to attend the expo, she said.

Government jobs like the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Transfer Center, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission also will be represented.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol will be there as well.

McPhearson said all types of jobs will be up for grabs, some dealing with child care or health care. Part-time jobs and full-time jobs also will be offered.

Students should bring résumés if they have them, McPhearson said. If not, students should network with prospective employers anyway and apply for positions they want.

"It's important that students begin networking with people in their field of study as soon as possible," McPhearson said.

Some employers, like Radio Shack, according to McPhearson, may conduct interviews during the fair in a private room.

McPhearson expects 40 employers to visit the college after more than 300 invitations were sent out in a six-state region including Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

The office of Student Life will sponsor another Employment Expo March 13 for students looking for summer employment.

McPhearson said the first Employment Expo took place in the fall of 1998. It was funded through an economic grant.

Since then, she said, booth dues paid by employers looking for employees have funded the OKCCC Employment Expos.

For more information, call the office of Student Life at 682-7519.

Former student held by FBI

By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

Former OKCCC student Mukkaram Ali, 25, of Norman, was transferred from the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to the FBI Oct. 2, said Dave Turner, spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Service.

Ali originally was taken into custody by the INS on Sept. 14. He

spent the next three days in the Oklahoma County Jail on an immigration hold.

According to jail officials, Ali was then released to INS officials Sept. 17. On Monday, Sept. 24, Ali was taken by the U.S. Marshals Service for questioning in connection to the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Americans pass the greatest test

It's only been a month? Officially, it has been a month now, and it already feels like a year.

To use the great cliché, Sept. 11 will be a day that will live in infamy. Since then, most have cried, some have prayed, some have moved on and, most importantly, some have laughed.

It is a sign of moving on, along with a rebuilding stock market and a president overcoming all odds.

My displeasure with the situation in New York is how the people were rapped as being cold and ruthless, stereotyped across the nation as muggers and heartless convicts. After the attacks took place, New Yorkers bonded together to help one another, whether it be consoling the bereaved or taking the T-shirt off their back to apply a makeshift bandage.

Therein lies the problem. That's not how New Yorkers are; that's how Americans are.

A perfect example was on our homefront after the Murrah bombing. Everyone was trying to help anyone, in any way possible.

And the same would have happened anywhere in the United States, whether it be California, Nebraska, North Dakota or Arkansas.

We stand, ready and able to help anyone in need, because we do not like to see our American brethren suffering.

Now, in this desperate time, should we shut our mouths and keep quiet our criticisms on how we feel the situation is being handled?

I sat this morning watching a speech our president gave. I sat in awe of how much he has grown in the last month. But I questioned whether our troops were ready for the type of ground assault needed to win this war. I decided they are, and that's what makes this country beautiful.

That is our American-given right. It is the First Amendment in the Constitution. It is free speech.

It's what we are entitled to, no matter the situation. We have the right to criticize. It doesn't mean we're not on board with the fight against terrorism. It means that we want what is best for our country. Being able to debate about what's best quite simply makes us a great nation, and better than the ones trying to bring us down.

It also shows me that the terrorists failed, and failed miserably. They are against freedom, basically of any kind. And as for their regard for women's rights, fah-get bout it.

The terrorists tried to bring down our society and everything we have achieved along with it. They failed in the biggest sense. Instead we bonded, came together and exercised our rights as Americans.

In one regard, they won the first battle; however, we won the second.

They have a long way to go before they win the war, and defeat the hearts and resiliency of Americans.

—Mark Stack
Editor

Patience, not criticism, helps paperwork process more quickly

To the Editor:

In response to the letter, "Employee, staff attitudes need some remodeling," I would like to say first, the staff at OKCCC have a great deal of responsibilities to deal with at the beginning of each semester. Then you throw in all the remodeling, room changing and staff changes.

Finally you have students who want things done now when they should have started their paperwork two or three months before the school semester began. It makes life a little rough...

Then in the middle of this, you have terrorist attacks that interrupt any progress made in updating a person's paperwork.

Then someone calling in bomb threats two days in a row, due probably because they did not study for an exam, can put things behind the power curve in any business establishment.

What you fail to realize is that not all of the paperwork is done at this college. The Financial Aid depart-

ment has to wait for outside loan agencies, the Department of Education and others to do their paperwork and get it back.

By the way, some Oklahoma state offices were closed for three to four days after the attacks which would place everyone else behind as well.

In addition, students who do file late seem to go into the Financial Aid office two or more times a week to check on their paperwork. This makes the counselors stop what they are working on and deal with the people at hand.

It seems if you are having that many problems with your paperwork, maybe it's not them. Maybe you messed it up somewhere down the line.

But it is just easier to lay the blame on someone else instead of taking the responsibility and admitting to them and yourself that "I made a mistake."

I, for one, have had few problems when dealing with the Financial Aid de-

partment. I have had to wait in lines, fill out forms, and answer questions. But I expect it, just like any other place you may go to for services. Do you scream and complain at the market when you have to wait in line?

—John McCuan
Sociology Student

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Comments and Reviews

Students should use campus support services

To the Editor:

It is unfortunate that the student who wrote about his or her displeasure with certain areas of the College chose not to seek help from a Student Development Counselor as these frustrating events unfolded.

We in Student Development work with students daily to help them work through difficulties they might encounter as they traverse the many campus systems.

We frequently work with faculty, other Student Service offices, and even other campuses to help students have the most positive and successful experience possible while they are students here.

Problems with, or complaints about, learning labs are usually referred to me by counselors and advisers because of the close working relationship between Student Support Services and each of the labs.

However, nothing related to any of the situations discussed in this letter has ever been brought to my attention. I did investigate this complaint, however, just as I do when one is brought to me directly.

The Derive program in question is a computer program used primarily by

students in MATH 2225 as they complete their required lab assignments.

Not all math lab personnel are fluent with this program, so it is possible a student could ask a question related to Derive and the tutor or lab assistant would not know the answer.

Those faculty who teach the course are fluent with the program. In fact, they take their entire classes to the lab and work through the first lab as a class.

For subsequent assignments, students are assigned to small groups and work through the labs as a group.

In addition to speaking to the lab supervisor, some of the faculty, and some of the tutors, I read through the lab assignment booklet that each student receives from faculty.

Each lab assignment was written with explicit step-by-step instructions and diagrams explaining what the student should do and what he or she should see on the screen.

Some students might need some additional assistance, and there are some lab personnel who can assist them if their professor is not available.

Students can help themselves avoid these frustrating situations by being pro-

active in their learning experiences.

Establish a strong positive relationship with the faculty teaching your classes. Become familiar with each of the labs you might need and with the personnel who work there.

It isn't fair or realistic to assume that everyone who works in a lab knows everything equally well.

Find out who can help you and when that person is there. When you ask for help, BE SPECIFIC.

Just saying that you need help doesn't give anyone the necessary information to help you. Show the tutor what you are working on and how far you have gotten with the problem.

Plan ahead. Even if the people in the lab are being wonderfully helpful and you usually have no complaints, if you've waited until an hour before class to do homework or two hours before a test to review for it, your anxiety level will be high and your interactions won't be as positive as they otherwise might have been.

Ultimately, students get from their educational experiences what they are willing to invest in them.

—Mary Turner
Coordinator of Student Support Services

There is help in time of need

To the Editor:

Since the disaster in New York, some students do not feel safe enough to even walk alone.

Our fellow citizens are being persecuted for the physical features God gave them. Something just does not sound right about this.

Those that have been with the United States through it all are now being treated as outsiders. It just seems ironic that I

don't receive the same because I'm a different color. This is just one of the reasons the members of Baptist Collegiate Ministries are offering their support.

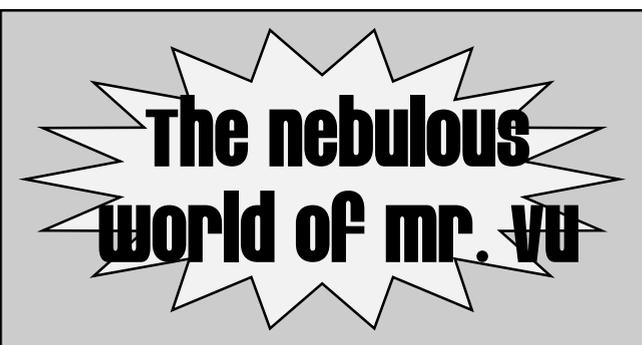
We want to make ourselves available to anyone who is experiencing any discomfort.

Our arms as well as our time are open to serve those who feel the need. If you would like company to the grocery store or just an ear

to listen to your concerns we are excited to be there for you. We continually pray for you and our country.

If you have any questions or there is anyway we can help please reach us by calling Chris Hayes at 692-2592 or join us on Thursdays starting at 12:30 (free lunch) in 3NO or Mondays at 12:15 in 3P1.

—Baptist Collegiate Ministries



Freedom most important right

In this time of crisis, an overwhelming majority of Americans are willing to sacrifice some freedoms in order to quell the frighteningly feasible insurgence of terrorism on American soil.

How much sacrifice should we make, and if those sacrifices are unconstitutional, will we tighten our boots and march forward in the mud?

We'll see on that one. Meanwhile, in Afghanistan, the Taliban pretty much does what it wants to do. If you suspect your wife of showing a little too much ankle, just call up the Taliban and they'll take her to the nearest soccer field where they'll execute her.

Did you see a neighbor steal your pink flamingo lawn ornament? Well then, call up the Taliban and they'll take your neighbor over to the soccer field where they'll chop his hands off Old Testament style.

So you don't want to be a Muslim? Sorry, but according to the Taliban, your bottom is pretty much grass, and if you're a Hindu, you'll have to wear markers so we can tell whom to persecute.

However, if you're an exiled multi-millionaire Saudi, it's a'ight.

When all is said and done, the Taliban regime should be ousted from Afghanistan and the Northern Alliance may take its place, judging by the cooperation between the United States, NATO, Pakistan, India and Russia.

But once some form of freedom is instilled in Afghanistan, we just can't leave without leaving some sort of guidebook for democracy.

Look at what happened after we helped Afghanistan bloody Russia.

Afghanistan is a perfect location to grow an American presence. It will help us keep an eye on Russia (just for the fun of it) and we'll also get to keep an eye on Pakistan and India.

I still remember that cold-war style mini-nuclear arms race those two had a few years back.

But the dilemma is American politics interfering in different regions of the world, which was the terrorists' excuse for attacking us.

If no one else is capable of playing Big Brother, then we should do so.

And if that requires that we watch our backs, we should also watch the backs of one another.

—Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

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 Comments and Reviews

Imagine all the lonely, scared people

To the Editor:

Sept. 11, 2001, a day never to be forgotten by any citizen of the United States of America.

Four airplanes were hijacked, two crashed into the Twin Towers in Manhattan, another into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the other one missed its target and plummeted into the grounds of Pennsylvania.

The event is said to be the worst act of terrorism on American soil, and possibly in world history. Thousands of lives were lost and changed forever.

To be there, in Manhattan, I can only imagine, had to be one of the most traumatic instances in a person's life.

Imagine if you will...

You're in lower Manhattan, standing in complete awe of what you have just seen. A commercial airplane has just flown into one of the Twin Towers.

You, and the people around you, are quiet after the initial screaming reaction, confused by what went wrong with that plane.

Then, all of a sudden, another aircraft plunges into the other tower. The only things that you hear are the people around you gasping, and screaming "Oh my God!"

You are still quiet, still confused and amazed at the same time at what just happened.

Then it hits you. This wasn't an accident. Someone did this.

You hear emergency vehicle sirens as they race down the crowded streets toward the buildings.

There are people, many on cell phones, fussing all around you: running away, running to, or just standing like you, watching this catastrophe.

They are crying, screaming, or even searching for a loved one. Through this roaring commotion, you notice a woman nearby is on the phone with who you assume to be her husband.

She screams, "Can't you get out? Please, God, honey, get out!"

There's a pause, she falls to her knees, and while she sobs, says, "OK... I love you so much... so much." And

then she drops the phone.

She sees you looking at her, and through her tears lets you know her husband is on the 105th floor of the first tower, and can't get down.

Your heart breaks for her, and you realize that there are so many people in danger, so many in those towers that have loved ones, just like you.

A few minutes later, the ground begins to shake, and the first tower collapses. It is like something out of a cheesy action movie, unbelievable.

Smoke begins to fill the blue sky and debris and ash are pouring as loud and fast as an avalanche throughout the city.

A stampede of people are screaming, cursing and shoving you to run with it. Debris is flying by, and bits of it are stinging you like grains of sand.

As you're running, you fall multiple times over things you can't even see because that beautiful September sky is now black.

It is hard for you to breathe because of this and you begin to choke, but you

just keep running.

Later, this happens to the other tower also, but you are already far enough away and safe.

Finally, hours later, when the smoke has let up some, scratched and bruised, you begin to walk back to see how you can help.

It looks like the dead of winter in this almost deserted town. Everything around you is gray from the ash.

A surreal silence has come over the area that just haunts you and gives you the most empty, lonely feeling.

There is a blanket of glass, debris, asbestos, and millions of notes and documents on the ground.

The buildings that are left standing are damaged and have windows blown out. You can almost smell death.

People are walking the opposite direction in a daze, some covered in blood of their own and of others, crying.

You are sobbing also. Luckily for you, you didn't directly know anyone, but yet know how horribly this

affected everyone.

When you get closer to the five-story high pile of rubble from the towers, a police officer approaches you. He tells you to get out of the area and go home, so you do.

Lying safe in your own bed that night, images of this horrifying day are racing through your mind.

You keep seeing that fire in the sky, the mushroom cloud of crumbling structures, and the faces of the frantic, horrified people.

All day long you have felt scared, confused and sad. You think about it, and realize that these terrorists have not just attacked New York, but your entire country and what it stands for.

A sense of hatred comes over you for the monsters that did this, and madness for the helplessness you have felt all day.

Now, you're lying awake in the odd hours of the morning because sleep is out of the question after what had to be the most tragic experience of your life.

—Michelle Mikesell
OKCCC student

'Blow' a good film, but lacks that knockout punch

The movie "Blow" is based on the true life story of George Jung, one of the biggest cocaine dealers of the late seventies and early eighties.

The story begins in 1968, when George (Johnny Depp) leaves his parents (Ray Liotta and Rachel Griffiths) behind in Massachusetts and heads for southern California.

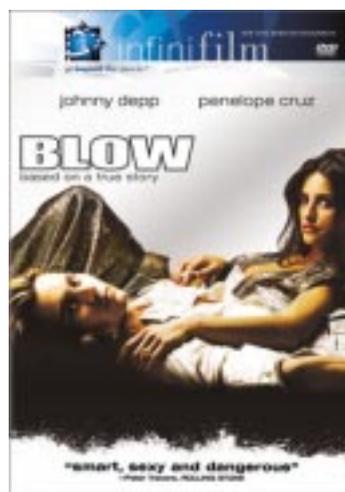
Almost immediately, George hooks up with Barbara (Franka Potente.) George decides he needs some fast cash, but doesn't want to work for his money.

Barbara introduces him to her flamboyantly gay hairstylist friend Derek Foreal (Paul Reubens, a.k.a. Pee-Wee Herman.)

Derek and George, along with stewardess-turned-drug mule Barbara, set up the perfect money-making plan. Barbara flies marijuana to George's cronies back East, then she returns with the cash. Before too long, George and the gang are living the high life (no pun intended) in Mexico without a care in the world.

The film tries to cover too broad a time span (over 20 years) in two hours. The years fly by from scene to scene, and next thing I knew, Barbara was dead and George had moved on to Colombian beauty Mirtha (Penelope Cruz.)

I had never seen one of Cruz's films before, and I don't think I'll be rushing



to the theater to catch her next flick any time soon. Of course, maybe this wasn't her best work, either.

Johnny Depp looked fine as always, and he did very well given the way the rest of the film went. A couple

of his scenes, especially in the end, were moving and believable.

However, most of the film was thin and didn't make me feel as if I knew George Jung any better than before I had seen it.

Paul Reubens stood out the most. His scenes were few and far between, which was a shame because his presence really added to the film.

I enjoyed seeing him in a different character other than you-know-who. His performance was superb.

Ray Liotta did a wonderful job playing George's heartbroken father. It was strange seeing Liotta and Depp playing father and son, though, given they are

not that far apart in age. The relationship was believable, which is more than I can say about the portrayal of the relationship between George and his mother. Rachel Griffiths' performance did nothing for me.

Over all, "Blow" is not a bad film, just a film with a lot of holes in it. I was left asking myself "That's all?"

The ending credits gave a "where are they now?" on George (who'll be in the pen until 2014) but there was no update on the rest of the people in the story.

A great appetizer, but not filling enough for a main course.

—Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

New OKCCC employee ready for challenge

**By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer**

Brenda Harrison, the college's newest associate vice president for Academic Affairs, said she likes a new challenge about every five years.

"I need to be challenged," she said. "I need to be in a learning situation and feel like I'm making a difference."

After being in the same place or situation for an extended period of time, where she doesn't feel challenged anymore, Harrison said she would look for new challenges or, in her words, new responsibilities.

Before coming to the college, Harrison was the vice president for Academic Affairs at OSU-OKC for five years.

She said she enjoyed

working at OSU-OKC because she was an employee of Oklahoma State University.

However, one reason she said she left is because OSU-OKC was a branch campus of OSU, which meant less authority or autonomy over her campus.

She said she had an opportunity to work for a true two-year community college that is nationally known when she got the offer for the job of associate vice-president at OKCCC.

Harrison previously worked for Carl Albert State College in Poteau, Northeastern State University in Tahlequah and Rogers State University in Claremore, in the student services departments and academic affairs office.

While at Carl Albert, Harrison said she worked in all

the positions student services had and learned the most about the education system while in Poteau, Okla.

Although she had worked in schools with enrollments as large as OKCCC, she never experienced working at a large college as an executive officer.

Despite the size, she said the college has the feeling of a small institution, which is good.

As associate vice-president of Academic Affairs, Harrison will assist Dr. Paul Sechrist, provost and vice-president of Academic Affairs.

She will also chair the Deans Council, work directly with cooperative agreements and the career technology centers.

Since OSU-OKC was a technology school, Harrison said she will also concentrate on the college's

technical programs. She said she'll have more time to spend counseling on technical occupational programming, or associate of applied science degrees.

Also, Harrison said, she hopes to expand and infuse global education into the curriculum.

She said her role would be similar to her role at OSU-OKC, but on a larger level.

Harrison was born in Ada. Her family then moved to Pryor where she graduated from high school.

Harrison attended college at OSU in Stillwater and NSU in Tahlequah.



Photo by Vu A. Vu
Brenda Harrison

Prof teaches love for theater

**By Mike Sanders
News Writing I Student**

Ruth Charnay, new to OKCCC as a theater arts professor, has always loved the theater.

Charnay will be directing the upcoming play "Everyman" which will be performed at the OKCCC theater in December.

Charnay views the theater as a great way to communicate with the audience.

"There is something about the experience of live theater that is unique and it is important to keep students interested," she said.

Charnay grew up in the Oklahoma City area. Her family moved to Shawnee, where she became actively involved in the drama program at Shawnee High School.

She attended Oklahoma City University where she received a bachelor's degree

in Speech and Theatre. She also received a master's degree in Performing Arts.

She began work on her doctorate in Fine Arts at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

While at OCU, Charnay was nominated for the Irene Ryan Award, an acting award presented by the American College Theatre Festival.

She also won the Wayne Campbell Theatre Award, which the faculty presents to a graduating senior for outstanding performance in theater.

She has performed in more than 40 productions.

Charnay has taken part in many theatre organizations, including the Shawnee Little Theatre, Carpenter Square Theatre, and Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park.

In addition to acting, she has directed several plays such as "The Illusion," "The Country Girl," and "The



Photo by Kat Mohr
Ruth Charnay

Diary of Anne Frank."

She has previously taught at OCU as an adjunct speech and theater professor and as a graduate part-time instructor at Texas Tech University.

She also has taught adult acting classes at the Jewish Federation Theater.

Charnay took the position at OKCCC in August.

Musical act added to awareness series

**By Megan Moore
News Writing I Student**

Calico Winds, a Los Angeles-based woodwind musical quintet, will replace the London-based Haffner Wind Quintet at OKCCC's Cultural Awareness series at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 in the OKCCC theater.

The pre-concert lecture, "The Arts in America," will be at 1:30 p.m. in room 1H5 in the Health Technologies Center.

Travel problems due to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks forced Haffner to cancel their appearance.

Dr. Manuel Prestamo said OKCCC was fortunate to have found such a good replacement for Haffner on such short notice.

The Calico Winds program will be an unusual collection ranging from solid classical music pieces by Bach to more light-hearted 19th and 20th-century compositions from several nations.

The Calico Winds is a group noted for its eclectic image.

They attempt to diverge away from the stuffy, stodgy image often connected with wind quintets, according to the group's website.

Prestamo said students may like this performance for that reason, or because many may have a history in band themselves and therefore already have some interest in these types of music.

Tickets to the performance are \$5 for students and senior citizens, and \$7 for general admission. The pre-concert lecture is free and open to the public.

For further information on the Calico Winds performance, as well as upcoming events in the Cultural Awareness series, contact OKCCC's website.

Season tickets to other events are still available for \$25 for students and senior citizens, and \$40 for general admission.

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Psychology professor explores impact of terrorism

**By Sean Emerson
News Writing I Student**

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have affected individuals in complex and varied ways said psychology professor Cecelia Yoder.

"The psychological implications... on each individual depends [somewhat] upon the degree to which someone has been involved in the attack," she said.

"If, for example, someone has lost a loved one or someone they know has lost a loved one in the attack, the impact is obviously going to be more acute.

"But for those not directly affected... there are still tangible emotional and psychological implications."

Yoder said men will tend

to express their emotions about the attack in the form of anger.

This anger is usually expressed through desires to inflict pain and vindication on those responsible for the attack. She said this is a fairly typical response and can be healthy as long as it is managed properly.

"It depends on how those emotions are directed," Yoder said. "If [they] are acted on in a harmful or violent fashion then you have a problem."

"Managing these emotions of anger is very important in determining whether they are negative or positive," she said.

Yoder said women will typically have a different response.

"There are different cultural expectations regarding women's expression of

"Managing these emotions of anger is very important in determining whether they are negative or positive."

—Cecelia Yoder
Psychology Professor

emotion as it relates to sadness and despair."

For this reason, Yoder said, women tend to be more in touch with their emotions.

"[This allows] them to more easily express their emotions publicly and visibly."

However, she said, not everyone fits the stereotypical profiles.

For example, in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, there was a drastic departure from this stereotypical reaction for males directly affected by the disaster.

She said viewers have

seen many men on television who are visibly emotional about the situation and their resulting grief.

This is true for women as well, Yoder said.

She said some women have expressed feelings of rage and vengeance against those responsible for the attack.

Yoder said the implications of the tragedy also can be more extensive and complex for people who have gone through previous emotionally catastrophic events in their past.

Those feelings of loss could resurface because of new trauma.

For some, she said, this becomes extremely painful and may require professional help.

Children are likely to be the most susceptible to such an event.

For that reason, Yoder said, it is important for parents to look for warning signs indicating problems. Those are: nightmares, difficulty sleeping and not wanting to go to bed, Yoder said.

Other, less obvious, signs may include an increase in fearfulness of a child and showing fear of an activity after the attack that wasn't present prior to the event.

Math professor likes challenges

New to OKCCC, Lisa Buckelew says, she sees 'great things happening here'

**By Jaimi Lentz
News Writing I Student**

Mathematics Professor Lisa Buckelew left Rose State College to take a position at OKCCC in August because, she said, the college's progressive philosophy on education attracted her.

She said she sees lots of great things happening at OKCCC that she hopes to be a part of.

"I feel that a good set of circumstances brought me here," she said. "It's good to be in this part of town again."

Buckelew teaches elementary algebra, intermediate algebra, college algebra and trigonometry.

According to Buckelew, teaching mathematics is challenging because so many students have math anxiety.

Buckelew said she has a favorite website that invites students and teachers to learn more about math anxiety and how to treat the problem through identification.

The website, located at www.math-power.com is based on the premise that students need to realize that their self worth is unrelated to their math skills and that identifying students' learning style can be most helpful in overcoming



Photo by Kat Mohr

Lisa Buckelew, left, helps a math student with a problem.

struggles.

Buckelew said she tries to be aware of different learning styles and enjoys having the freedom to try new things.

Buckelew is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics. She has taught at the University of Oklahoma, Mt. Saint Mary's High School and Rose State College.

Buckelew's family includes her two children — a son, 6, and a daughter, 2, and her husband Paul, a math professor at the St. Gregory's University in Shawnee.

"We're a classic story of two math geeks who met in college."

Sandy Box recipient of Elven Gray award

**By Rockey Humphrey
News Writing I Student**

Sandy Box is this year's recipient of the Elven Gray Award, an annual employee recognition award.

Box has been with the college for 20 years. She is the secretary for Dr. Paul Sechrist, vice president for academic affairs.

Donna Dilworth has worked with Box for four years.

Dilworth said Box is one of the best people at the college. She said Box is extremely helpful to everyone and will go out of her way to find an answer for someone's question.

She described Box as a hard-working, behind-the-scenes woman who is knowledgeable and kind.

The award was named in honor of the late Elven Gray, a college employee noted for his devotion to OKCCC, and his outgoing and cheerful disposition.

Winning the award was a happy surprise, said Box. She said winning the award



Photo by Kat Mohr

Sandy Box

will make her more aware of how her job affects others.

The recipient of the award must have been a college employee for at least five years. The person should manifest the passion that Elven Gray had for OKCCC and for life.

The recipient must do this by having an enthusiasm for his or her work and by becoming an inspiration to others with a pleasant demeanor.

Children enjoy learning through experience

The philosophy at the OKCCC Child Development Center is that children learn best from what they learn first hand.

The program is designed to provide top-quality child care for children of OKCCC students, professors and parents in the community.

Currently, 47 children are enrolled at the center whose ages range from 6 weeks to 6 years old.

Director Charlotte Wood-Wilson said all the classes have the same basic learning activities such as art projects, cooking, reading, writing, and math.

In addition, she said, each class chooses a specific theme every week that is geared toward the interests of the children.

All the classes recently learned about tools and construction.

Since the toddlers and infants are too young to go on field trips, speakers come and speak to their class. One child's parent, a carpenter, is scheduled to talk to the children about building with wood.

The preschool and kindergarten classes are gearing up to take a field trip to Lowe's building center as part of their tool unit. While there, they will buy material for an upcoming project.

Last year the children built a car with the tools they bought.

The other preschool class is learning about community helpers.

While learning about construction workers, the youngsters visited the main building of the college to look at the construction sites.

Next, they will be learning about firefighters.

Some Oklahoma City firefighters will visit the center and talk to the children, and give them a chance to play with the fire hose.

Preschool teacher Connie Pidgeon supports the instruction the youngsters receive at the center.

"I think we have a wonderful program because we have a [hands-on] child-centered philosophy."



Above: Taylor Clanton, 5, and Kali Tevis, 5, practice their counting skills by reading a book. The kindergarten room is set up in stations where children can choose to learn about math, pre-reading, or writing and language.



Left: Marcus Gonzalez, 3, and Terren Shay, 3, cruise around the playground on the center's stylin' new bicycles.



Above: Tyra Robinson, 2, enjoys an imaginary phone conversation. Currently, 47 children are enrolled at the Child Development Center. Ages range from 6 weeks to 6 years old.

Photos & Text
by **Kat Mohr**

New honors director wants students

By April Jones
News Writing I Student

The director of OKCCC's honors program is on a mission this semester to recruit more honors students.

History Professor Melinda Barr Bergin said one of her first objectives is to tell people about the benefits of graduating with honors. She also wants to relieve any fears that honors classes require tons of extra homework.

In May, only nine students graduated with honors. This semester there is already over 30 students enrolled in the program.

Bergin points out that there can be several benefits associated with being in this program, in addition to being proud of yourself.

For some students just out of high school, the honors program is reminiscent of Advanced Placement classes, and many are fearful to enter into such a task, said Bergin. Returning students or adult students who may have work

or families may feel this sort of program is not for them.

Some students like sophomore Kara Keister do not know enough about the program.

"Although I do not know much about the program, I believe it to be a wonderful idea," Keister said. "It also gives the student the opportunity to further their education. Plus it looks good on transcripts."

Honors student Dustin Perkins said the program is not as hard as some people might think.

"The honors program can be challenging, but it's not really that hard," said Perkins.

Perkins also points out the closer connections students build with their professors, the better they will do in class.

"I feel as if the honors program is worth the hour or two of extra work," said Perkins.

Bergin wants everyone to know that the program is not that complicated to accomplish.

Benefits can be reaped, such as: degree with honor,

transfer scholarships, tuition fee waivers, making education more personalized and getting to know professors better, hence making the student less anonymous on campus.

To enter the honors program, returning students must already have 12 hours of college credit with a 3.5 GPA and no prior Fs on their transcript. Students coming directly from high school must have scored a 22 or better on their ACT or have a 3.5 GPA.

Since 60 credit hours are required for an associate's degree at OKCCC, do honors students have to take all 60 hours for honors credit in order to be part of the honors program?

"No," said Bergin. "It's only 15 hours. Not every class you take [must be an honors class]."

To earn a degree with honors, students can meet the requirement with five courses of their choosing, as long as that particular professor provides an honors contract in his or her class.

Bergin also points out

that students can take classes for honors credit in something they are good at or comfortable with, as long as that particular professor offers it. All of a student's honors credit can be taken in one particular area of study.

Overall, for this semester and future semesters, Bergin would like to be able to educate the faculty, so they can spread the word to students.

Bergin wants professors to help her recruit good students for the program.

Bergin plans on starting this process by first educating herself on these topics. From Oct. 31 through Nov. 4, Bergin will attend a seminar in Chicago. She will attend the National Collegiate Honors Conference for first year honors program directors.

There she will be able to "assess other colleges and



File Photo

Melinda Barr Bergin

find out what they do in terms of requirements for the program."

Learning from others in the field and bringing information back to share with fellow professors will be just the first step for Bergin.

Bergin has a bachelor's degree in letters and a master's degree in American history from the University of Oklahoma.

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United Way fund-raiser kicks off with golf

By Mark Stack
Editor

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The month of October kicks off United Way's fund-raising efforts and, this year, people can help out the United Way by attending the Senior PGA Tour Championship.

The Senior PGA Tour rolls into the Gaillardia Golf and Country Club in Oklahoma City Oct. 22 and lasts through Oct. 28.

Paula Belcher, secretary to the Executive Director of Enrollment Management, said tickets can be purchased by going to her office in Prospective Student Services and filling out an application.

Belcher said daily admissions can be purchased and include a practice round pass. Single-day Thursday through Sunday tickets also can be purchased.

The practice round pass includes access to tournament

grounds Monday through Wednesday, and are \$15.

The single-day tickets give access to tournament grounds for one day and are \$20 for Thursday and Friday, \$25 for Saturday and Sunday.

A Champion Club Badge can be purchased for \$175, which will include week-long grounds access, along with access to the hospitality tent with upscale food and beverage, and closed-circuit television coverage of the tournament.

For \$75, the weekly grounds pass may be bought which provides grounds access throughout the week.

Belcher said if OKCCC sells \$500 worth of tickets, United Way would donate a week-long grounds pass to the college.

Belcher said if OKCCC does receive a free pass, it would likely be raffled off to earn more money for United Way.

"I think it would be a great idea to have a drawing for the free pass if we get one, with all the proceeds going back to United Way," said Belcher.

Many of the top money winners on the tour will be on hand for the Senior Championship including Jim Colbert, Hale Irwin, Raymond Floyd and Oklahoma's very own Gil Morgan.

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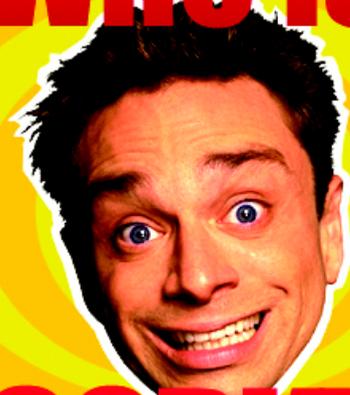
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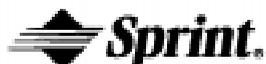
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Students called to active military duty

Several members of the student body have been called to active military duty within the last few weeks. OKCCC, in unison with other state institutions and in compliance with State Regents Policy, intends to fully support its citizen soldiers by offering several options to those who must leave early. Students who are called to duty can contact the office of Admissions and Records at 682-1611, ext. 7512 to determine which option best fits their needs.

Clubs organize fund-raiser for New York

Student clubs and organizations have decided to hold a fund-raising bake sale on Oct. 9 and 10. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will go to a scholarship fund at Borough of Manhattan Community College. Contributions by check can be made out to the OKCCC Foundation and given to the office of Student Life.

Islamic Club discusses future events

Muslim Student Community will have a meeting from noon to 12:50 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, in CU8. The organization will discuss its constitution and future events. The purpose of the club is to inform students about Muslim beliefs and the practice of Islam. People of all faiths are welcome.

Suicide support group has meetings

Survivors of Suicide, SOS, is a support group for the friends and families of suicide victims. The group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at McFarlin Methodist Church at the corner of Apache and University Boulevard in Norman, in room 200. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Linda Schulenberg at 682-7541 for more information.

Nursing class sponsors coat drive

Nursing Process III class members will have a coat drive during the month of October for clients at Griffin Memorial Hospital. Many are homeless and do not have adequate clothing to protect them from the elements. Coats, sweaters or jackets that are no longer being used may be brought to the nursing office in the HTC area of the main building and placed in the collection box. Contact Kelli Capps at 794-1808 for more information.

F8 and be there

Photography Club will have its first meeting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in a room to be determined later. Contact Melody at 722-6262 by Tuesday, Oct. 9 for the meeting location.

Attention all clubs

Clubs, now is the time to make sure carnival booth ideas are turned in to the Student Life office. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 12. Don't forget the student activity request form. The Halloween Carnival will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26. Children get in for \$2 for the first child and \$1 for each additional child. Adults with children get in free. Adults must also accompany all children.

Get your stories published

Students and faculty are encouraged to submit their original stories, essays, poetry, photography or art work for publication in OKCCC's literary magazine, Absolute. Deadline for submission is Dec. 8. Release forms should accompany all submissions. Forms can be found in the Arts and Humanities office or downloaded from the English department's website at www.okc.cc.ok.us. Contact Cathy Hume at 755-3056 for more information.



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Patriotic ribbons: College Republican club members Shad Davis and Brian Knight show their American spirit by selling patriotic ribbons for a good cause. The proceeds from the ribbons went to the rescuers that are being housed at Manhattan Community College.

International Club to discuss goals

By Vu A. Vu
Staff Writer

OKCCC's International Club offers students a taste of what's beyond the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

Student Kim Pham, international business and financial advice major, said the International Student Association started last spring with only 15 members.

This semester, Pham said, the ISA has students from more than a dozen countries from four different continents.

Pham said ISA is about different cultures and languages, sharing customs, making new friends, forming study groups and helping each other adjust to the new American environment.

"We also have a lot of American members and one of them is our vice-presi-

dent," Pham said.

"Through them, we learn about American culture and vice versa."

Pham encourages people of all cultures, especially Americans, to join the club.

This year, the ISA's major goal is to learn about and serve the community. Pham said the ISA hopes to work on a winter holiday project for a nursing home.

They also plan to share their different cultures with elementary, middle and high schools by teaching students about different countries' social systems, geography, traditions and history.

ISA also plans to have a culture day at the college featuring a world fashion show and traditional dances along with an international film festival.

Later in the school year, the club will also offer dance lessons. In the spring, they will go on a canoe trip to the Illinois

River. Students from China, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Taiwan and Vietnam and European countries represent ISA. They will have their next meeting at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, in room CU8.

Also, they will participate in a bake sale along with other student clubs and organizations on Oct. 9 and 10. Proceeds from the bake sale will go to the relief efforts in New York.

English as a Second Language professor Abbie Figueroa is a faculty sponsor of ISA.

Got club news?
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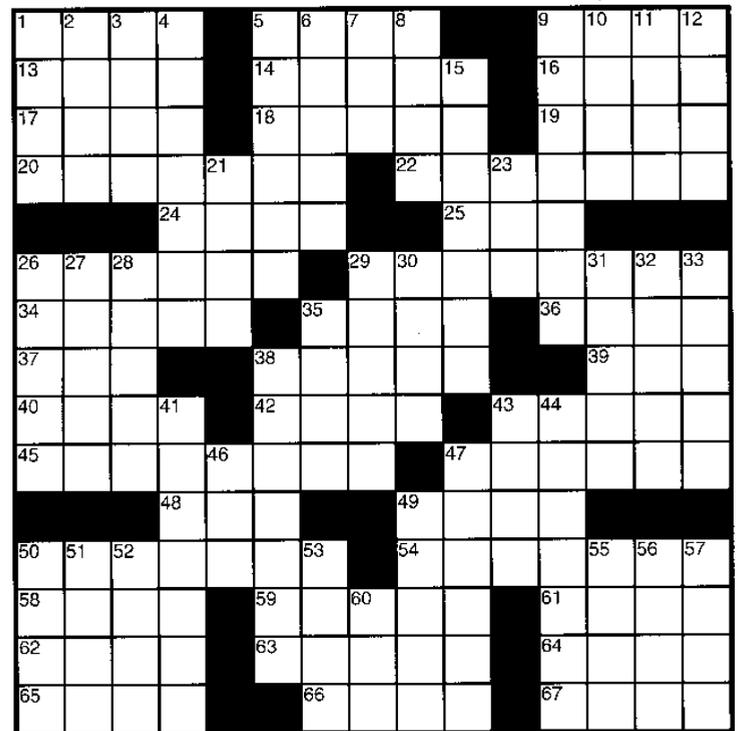
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FBI holds former student

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Ali's last known residence in Norman was contacted, but his telephone was disconnected.

More than 400 people worldwide have been either arrested or detained for connection to the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

Ali graduated from the Indian Embassy School in 1995.

Aquatics center hosts Family night

"Fun,"

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theme. In the past, cowboy and Hawaii themes have been used.

"Last year was a great success," said Roxanne Butler, coordinator of the Aquatic Center. "This year we want to have more family involvement."

The cost is \$3 per person, or \$10 for a family of four. For families of five or more, add \$2 for each additional person. Remaining dates are Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m.

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