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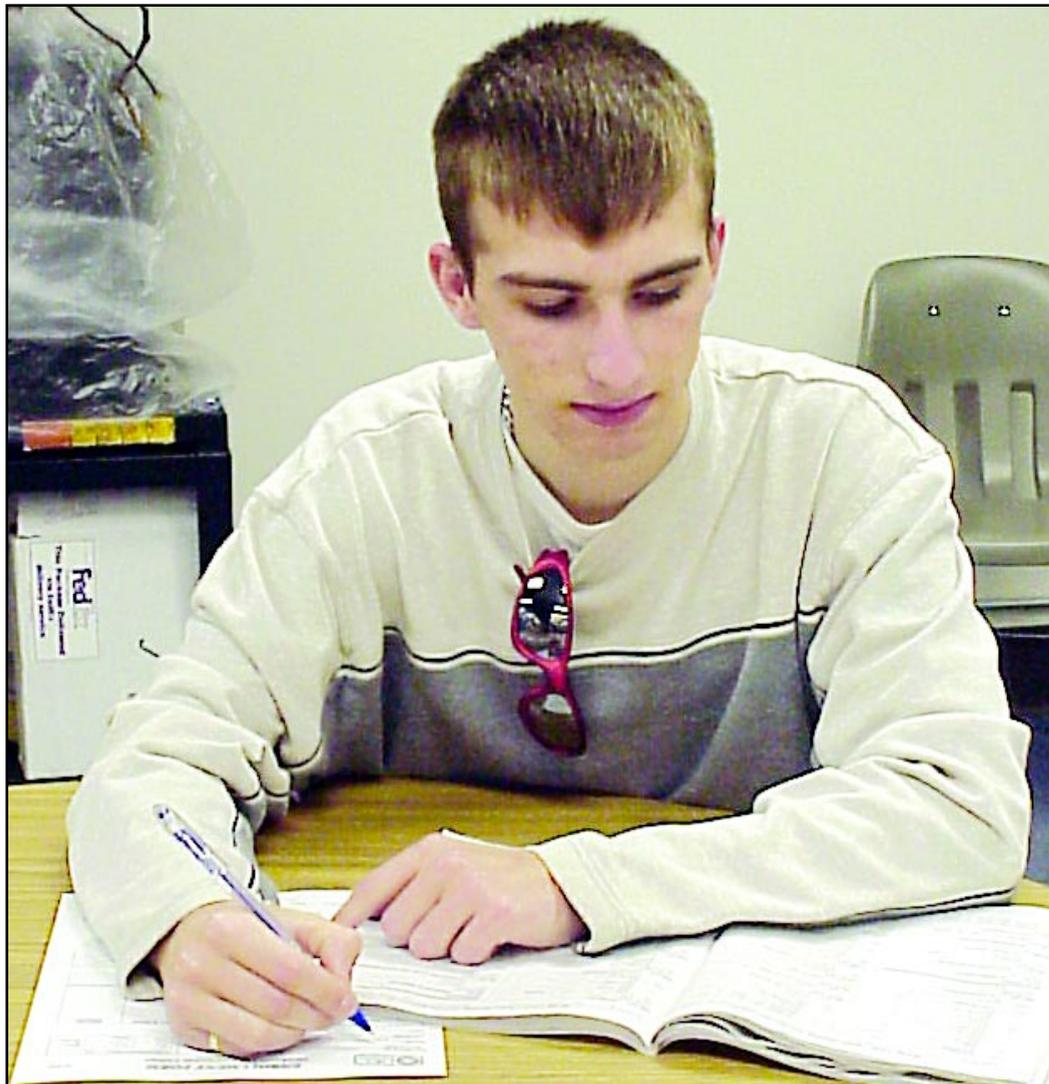


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Buried in paperwork: Dax Rowden prepares to enroll for his first semester. Preliminary numbers are showing that OKCCC enrollment has increased 29 percent for the spring semester, compared to the same time last year.

Parking patience advised

By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

With the start of a new semester, the parking chaos will begin yet again on OKCCC's campus.

John Barker, director of research, said enrollment for this semester is estimated to rise above the number of enrolled students for the spring 2001 semester.

"A lot of students appear to have enrolled earlier, so we estimate about a 10 percent growth from last spring," Barker said. (At press time, preliminary enrollment numbers showed an increase of 29 percent, but Barker said those numbers are expected to decrease.)

That means approximately 10,595 students will be attending classes at OKCCC this spring. The campus has about 2700 parking spaces for students,

and 300 for faculty and staff.

Of course, not all of the students will be attending classes at the same time. But for the first couple of weeks, more students will be on campus conducting business with various departments, enrolling and buying books, Barker said.

With so many students and limited "premium" parking spaces, some may become frustrated in their race to get to class and, as a result, just park anywhere.

Those who think that desperate times call for desperate measures should think again.

Parking in the fire lane or those spaces reserved for the disabled could turn out to be a costly mistake.

Keith Bourque, coordinator of campus

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Budget cuts may leave jobs unfilled

College will lose almost \$200,000

By Mark Stack
Editor

In a surprising move, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has ordered all state colleges and universities to cut their budgets by 2 percent for this fiscal year.

Art Bode, OKCCC vice president for business and finance, said complying with that mandate means the college will have to cut its budget by \$198,255.

"Our dilemma, of course, is doing this at a time when there is a substantial enrollment increase.

"As we look at how we are going to do this, there will be some positions that will not be filled for the remainder of the year," Bode said.

He said OKCCC will submit a revised budget at the end of January that will address these cuts coming primarily

from unfilled and open positions.

"We are evaluating these positions. They are positions needed to handle enrollment increases in terms of providing services, but unfortunately they are positions we will go without in order to fulfill our reductions," he said.

President Bob Todd said, with enrollment continually growing, the biggest impact will come from those unfilled positions and the effect that has on the first week of the semester.

"One of the things we have been very good at is our ability to respond when we have enrollment increases," Todd said. "It's come down to the latter part of enrollment and we need to add sections and classes.

"The budget reduction will limit our capacity to add

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Early figures show enrollment up by 29%

By Mark Stack
Editor

OKCCC enrollment is up an estimated 29 percent as of Jan. 17, showing the economy continues to struggle.

"I believe there is a direct correlation between a bad economy and enrollment growth," said President Bob Todd.

He said when the economy is in a recession, people become worried about their future and return to school. Despite the current economic woes, Todd said he is

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Who needs facts to make a good story?

Trustworthy, believable. A willingness to accept something as true. This is the definition of credibility as defined by Webster's Dictionary.

This is the number one quality every reporter must possess. Well, good reporters anyway.

It is what gets you hired, and it's what keeps you employed. It is the reporter's duty to investigate and report back to the public.

Early in my life I found out the media is to act like a watchdog, letting John Q. Public know about a crooked politician, a company merger, serial killer or even a local person being recognized nationally.

The media must be a viable and competent source to inform the public of what's going on around them, and what might impact them and their lives.

Some reporters never received the memo. Apparently there are no fax machines in Kandahar, or Tora Bora or wherever our good friend Geraldo Rivera is reporting from these days.

It's not as though Rivera was born with credibility, being as he is the Godfather and innovator of such crap that is daytime television.

But the moustache man had to go that extra mile. It was a few weeks ago when he reported from Tora Bora that the previous day he had walked around what he termed "hallowed ground where friendly fire hit."

The hallowed ground Rivera was speaking of was in Kandahar, where several American Marines and Afghan civilians had supposedly been killed.

CNN's Aaron Brown later reported there was no way Gerry boy was in Kandahar as he filed the report hundreds of miles away in Tora Bora.

A spokesman for Rivera's employer FOX said Rivera never really claimed he was in Kandahar, and was speaking about an incident near him in Tora Bora. Government officials were asked if any combat had occurred in Rivera's location, and they said no. What a shock.

If this had been any other news anchor or reporter, they would have been canned faster than George O'Leary. And getting work in that field again would be next to impossible.

But not Rico Suave. Leave it to Rivera to single-handedly ruin the credibility of journalists who do put their lives at risk to give us the news.

Take for instance Ashleigh Banfield. Here's a reporter so dedicated that she has spent about two months in Afghanistan. She has put her life at risk just so she can educate a few people in America about what life is like for the Afghan nation.

This is a reporter who traveled roads in Afghanistan where just days earlier journalists, like her, had been killed. This is a reporter who rode around a soccer field where mass executions had taken place a few days prior to her visit. And let's not forget she is a woman reporting from a place where men reign supreme. That, my friends, is dedicated and credible reporting.

I know, never let the facts get in the way of a good story right? Is that Edward R. Murrow I hear rolling over in his grave? Goodnight now.

—Mark Stack
Staff Writer

Birth defects prevention month upon us

To the editor:

In Oklahoma, approximately 150 babies are born with birth defects every month. January is Birth Defects Prevention Month and the Oklahoma State Department of Health is concerned that not enough women know what they can do to increase their chances of having a healthy baby and preventing birth defects.

The U.S. Public Health Services recommends that all women of childbearing age (14 to 50) consume 400 micrograms (400 mcg or 0.4 mg) of folic acid each day. Folic acid, a B-vitamin, taken before pregnancy and in the early weeks of pregnancy, can reduce a woman's risk of having a pregnancy affected by a neural tube defect. In the United States, neural tube defects affect an estimated 4,000 pregnancies each year. The most common of these defects is spina bifida, the leading cause of childhood paralysis. Babies with anencephaly are still-born or die within a few hours of birth.

The best prevention is for women to consume the recommended amount of folic acid. OSDH experts advise women to take a multivita-

min or folic acid pill every day and eat foods that are rich in folate. It is difficult to get enough folic acid from foods without supplementing a woman's diet with multivitamins or folic acid pills. Certain breakfast cereals are now fortified with folic acid, as are enriched grains and pastas.

Although this recommendation was made almost 10 years ago, many women still are not aware of the role of folic acid in the prevention of spina bifida and anencephaly. Recent surveys by the March of Dimes and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have shown that while most of the women surveyed reported that they had heard of folic acid, fewer than 25 percent knew that folic acid helps to prevent birth defects, and less than 20 percent knew that they should take it before pregnancy.

Other birth defects and infant health problems are preventable because they are associated with behaviors such as smoking, substance abuse and poor nutrition. Fetal alcohol syndrome, one of the leading causes of mental retardation, is 100 percent preventable.

Public health efforts to

prevent neural tube defects and provide information and education include "Ready-or-Not", a folic acid campaign by the Oklahoma Coalition on Folic Acid. For more information about birth defects prevention, contact (405) 271-6617.

—Dick Gunn
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Department of Health

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Awaiting rescue during a power blackout on the escalator



Comments and Reviews

Spoonfed Tribe surviving life on their own

Music is constantly evolving. Bands and musicians are always trying to push the norm but only a select few ever succeed.

Spoonfed Tribe is one of those bands who will be responsible for taking music to another level.

Spoonfed Tribe took the crowd by storm on Jan. 12 at the Flamingo Cantina in Austin, Texas.

Spoonfed enraptured the crowd with their intense stage presence and fanatical drum beats.

Every member of the band bounced around the stage with such enthusiasm that it was impossible

not to be captivated by their music.

The Tribe's intoxicating energy made you lose all control and dance around like a drunken madman.

I hadn't ever heard of Spoonfed Tribe until I saw them play at the Flamingo Cantina. To put it mildly, I was blown away.

I'm glad I got to see Spoonfed Tribe live before I listened to their CD. Live performances are the true test of a band's talent.

A band's live performance is everything, because if they don't have good energy then intimacy between the fans and the music is lost.

Spoonfed's performance was more than just music. It was an experience.

Spoonfed is so versatile it would be impossible to label this group of performers in a particular genre.

The Tribe describes their "art" as a mixture of classic psychodelia, Blue Man Group, stomp and guerilla performances.

The Tribe is composed of seven core members which include: ShoNuff (guitars, drums, vocals, visual assassin), Egg Nebula (vocals, flute), Katsuk (acoustic and electric guitar, vocals, recorder), Gouffahtts (percussion, drums), Jerome

57 (everything), P. Green36 (DJ, drums, bass, comic relief) and Kaboom (drums, vocals, and bass).

At times, though, there can be up to 15 participants that play with the Tribe.

The Tribe's refreshing style is evident not only in their music but in the name of the band itself.

"[Spoonfed Tribe] refers to all the advertising, billboards and information we're bombarded with on a daily basis," notes Kaboom.

"You know, we're all being spoonfed something everyday. So the people we're

playing for are also the Spoonfed Tribe," Kaboom said.

Members of the Tribe can best be described as street musicians who experiment with music by combining several different instruments and rhythms.

Kaboom stated, "Our influences come from unity as a band, both internal and external, and unity of the world and nature."

One thing is certain: Spoonfed Tribe knows how to give a filling performance and still leave their audience starving for more.

—Kat Mohr
Staff Writer

'Pardon the interruption,' but this show is good

They don't look like brothers, nor would they ever be confused as such. But don't let their arguing and bickering fool you.

"Pardon the Interruption," which can be seen at 4:30 p.m. weekdays and 9 p.m. on Sundays, is hosted by two of the Washington Post's best sports writers, Tony Kornheiser and Michael Wilbon.

Both are regulars on ESPN's Sports Reporters

and Classic Sports Reporters, while Kornheiser has his own radio show on the ESPN network.

Wilbon and Kornheiser both use their combined 50 years in the business to create one of the best debate shows on television.

The pair discuss and debate around 15 to 20 current sports topics each day, and each topic has a time limit of anywhere between 45 seconds and a minute.

They usually bicker back and forth about the current day's hot topics. They agree with each other about as often as Johnny Carson is seen in public.

Usually on the agenda is role-playing, better known as the "heads on sticks" game, where they pretend to be the celebrity or athlete in question. The best part of this game is the crazy facial expressions of the celebs on the sticks,

such as Mo Vaughn.

They also play food chain where they rank the best of whatever, whether it be quarterbacks, teams, coaches and so on.

An interview section called "Five Good Minutes" usually has a great interview with people such as Norm Chad, Jay Bilas, or John Riggins, formerly of the Washington Redskins.

The show has tremendous chemistry, even when

David Aldridge fills in for "Wilbun," as Steve Spurrier graciously called him.

The show is like a verbal column, giving viewers a chance to hear their opinions without having to wait days to read their columns.

If ESPN has enough sense, they will keep this show on for many years to come. At least for my sake, I hope it is.

—Mark Stack
Editor

Indian history, tradition uncovered in Kingsolver's book series

"The Bean Trees" and its sequel "Pigs In Heaven," by Barbara Kingsolver, are two compelling, addictive pieces of work.

"The Bean Trees" introduces Taylor, a young woman from Kentucky who decides she needs a change of scenery.

Taylor heads west, figuring where her beat-up car gives out on her is where she'll settle down.

While traveling through

the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Taylor takes on her biggest responsibility yet in the form of a three-year-old Cherokee girl, which forces her to take control of her life.

Taylor finally settles down in Tucson, Arizona, and becomes part of a makeshift

family through fate and circumstance.

"Pigs In Heaven" continues to follow the lives of Taylor and her family as their seemingly perfect existence starts to unravel at the hands of the Cherokee Nation.

Both of these books are extraordinary pieces of work.

"The Bean Trees" will capture the audience and will make readers fall in love with the characters, complete with an ending that leaves the reader wanting more.

Thankfully, the sequel is almost twice as long and has a much deeper story

line.

"Pigs In Heaven" introduces many more characters who are all connected in some way to one another.

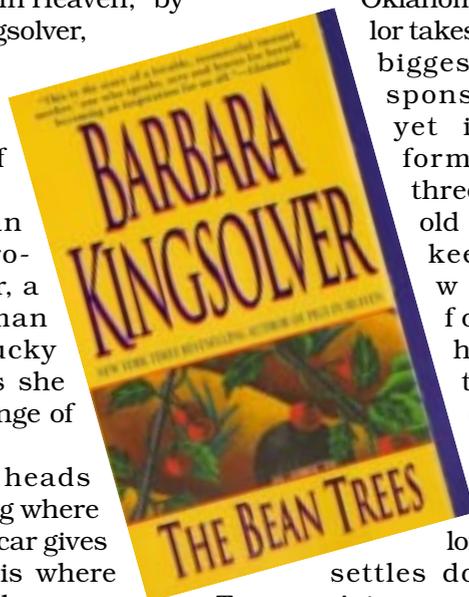
The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma plays a role in both books, but it plays a bigger role in "Pigs In Heaven."

Not only is the book a dramatic page-turner, it also lets the reader in on a lot of Chero-

kee Indian history and traditions.

Kingsolver's writing is funny and heart-breaking all at the same time, and she has developed characters that readers can easily relate to and become attached to.

—Ashley Martin
Staff Writer



CPR saves lives...



Photo by Kat Mohr

Physical Science Professor Gary Houlette checks to see if the victim is breathing before he administers chest compressions. OKCCC offered professors and staff members the opportunity to take CPR classes so they would know what to do in the event of an accident.

Auditions for musical review 'Closer Than Ever' to begin

**By Amber Bowie
Staff Writer**

All students, whether a singer, an actor or a behind-the-scenes person, are urged to audition for the musical review "Closer Than Ever," said Ruth Charnay, OKCCC drama professor.

Scholarships in the form of talent fee waivers will be available to students who participate in this musical event.

Technical and house management positions are available to students who feel singing is not their best attribute.

Auditions for "Closer Than Ever" will be held from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28 and from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Auditions will take place in the college theater located in the Arts and Humanities building.

Cindy Herrod, a professional actress, will be directing the musical, said Charnay.

Herrod has extensive experience directing and is anxious to work with OKCCC students in presenting a high-quality production.

To audition, students will have to perform 32 bars of an up-tempo song or ballad.

Charnay said students should bring sheet music with them, and a piano accompanist will be provided.

If necessary, a cassette tape may be used, she said, but it is not recommended.

"This is a great opportunity to work with a talented lady on a fun musical project," said Charnay.

"Closer Than Ever" will be performed March 1 through 3.

Charnay said forms for the student fee waivers are available on the Drama bulletin board in the AH building.

For further information students should contact Charnay at 682-1611, ext. 7246.

Forensic classes offered at Downtown Consortium

**By Amber Bowie
Staff Writer**

The Downtown College Consortium will offer forensic computer science courses beginning Jan. 21.

These specialized courses will be taught on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings during two eight-week sessions.

The course will lead to an associate in applied science degree in criminal justice with a forensic computer science emphasis from Redlands Community College.

Class sizes are limited to 16 students, with preference being given to those working toward the degree.

Students may take one class at a time or enroll for all six classes, which will be taught over the entire 16-week semester.

This highly specialized program is geared to prepare graduates to properly investigate computer-related crimes.

Such crimes include espionage, narcotics trafficking, child pornography, computer misuse and abuse and telecommunications fraud.

Forensic computer sci-

ence involves the preservation, identification and analysis of computer evidence that is stored electronically.

"This exciting and innovative program is on the very cutting edge of technology and offers exciting career opportunities to graduates," said Joel Drury, director of the Downtown College Consortium.

For additional information, or to inquire about enrollment please call the Consortium at 232-3382, email dblack@okc.cc.ok.us or visit their website at www.downtowncollege.com

WANTED

Who: Students of OKCCC

What: Auditions for the musical "Closer Than Ever"

When: Jan. 28 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and Jan. 30 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Where: College Theater, located in the AH building

Why? To show off your talents and have fun!!!

Contact Ruth Charnay at ext. 7246 for more information.

Have a story idea? Have a complaint? Want to share your opinion? e-mail the editor:

editor@okc.cc.ok.us

Chili competition heats up Winter F.A.I.R.

The sound of rumbling stomachs filled the college union on Tuesday, Jan. 15 during the chili cook-off.

Audra Main, financial aid loan assistant, and her husband were awarded Grand Prize in the chili cook-off.

The grand prize winners received an electric roaster oven and a T-shirt in honor of their accomplishment.

"I was shocked that my husband and I won Grand Prize," said Main.

"We had fun in the contest and I'm glad everybody enjoyed our chili."

The chili cook-off was part of the Winter F.A.I.R. (Festival of Academic and Instructional Resources) — A Fair of the Mind — that was held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"The purpose of the Winter F.A.I.R. was to showcase products and services of an educational nature to educators from high school through college," said Martha George, professor of psychology.

The Winter F.A.I.R. featured an exhibit hall and a conference.

The conference made it possible for people to share their ideas with one another.

At the conference, a range of presentations were addressed in a variety of settings, from workshops to roundtable discussions.

In addition to the exhibit hall and conference, refreshments and hot dogs were served throughout the day.

Games and door prizes completed the day's activities.



Above: Biology Professor John W. Perry helps dish out chili during the chili cook-off contest at the Winter F.A.I.R. The Winter F.A.I.R. consisted of exhibits that showcased major publishers of textbooks and instructional technological resources.



Above: Audra Main, financial aid loan assistant, and her husband were awarded grand prize in the chili cook-off Contest. Main and her husband received an electric roaster oven and a T-shirt in honor of their accomplishments.



Left: Mike Ledbetter makes sure to try every batch of chili in order to make an informed decision on which chili is the best. Ledbetter's final decision was that No. 6 was the tastiest chili on the table. In addition to chili, there were also games and door prizes offered throughout the day.



Above: Myra Decker, professor of accounting and business, tries #9, one of the hottest bowls of chili in the contest.

**Photos and stories
by Kat Mohr**

Highlights

Twister Challenge brings Twister music and games

Challenge yourself to participate from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, during the Twister Challenge in the college union. Enjoy a live remote from 101.9 FM the Twister while competing against students for prizes on a giant Twister board.

OKCCC presents the Texas Boys Choir

OKCCC Cultural Awareness Series presents the Texas Boys Choir at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 in the College Theatre. A free lecture on the Historical Aspects of Boys' Choirs is offered at 3 p.m. in room 1C5 in the Arts and Humanities building. Performance tickets are available for \$10, \$6 students and senior citizens. Parking is available in Lot C, Entry 5 on the day of the performance.

Spring enrollment hours extended

Enrollment is still under way for spring semester. Student enrollment hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, Jan. 7 through 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 and 26, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday Jan. 20 and 27. To enroll go to Admissions and Records. Previously admitted students may enroll by phone at 682-6222 or online at www.okc.cc.ok.us. For further information, call 682-7512.

Starbuck's coming to OKCCC

Seller's Catering will introduce Starbuck's coffee to the OKCCC College Union beginning with a sampling at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24.

Spring graduates, listen up

Students planning to graduate in the spring 2002 can apply now. Forms are available in the admissions and records office, information center and graduation/transfer evaluation office. Students can also apply online at www.okc.cc.ok.us. Students wishing to participate in the commencement ceremony on May 10 should apply by Feb. 8. Summer 2002 candidates can also apply for commencement.

Time to find scholarships

For scholarship information, visit the Office of Prospective Student Services located by entry 2. There are many new scholarships available. Contact Linda Sapp at 682-7580 for more information.

Land and Aquatic Aerobics have open spaces

\$10 is all that stands between you and that new body you promised to start working on. Aerobic sessions begin in February. Aerobic classes are offered through Recreation and Community services for students. Water Aerobics and Classroom Aerobics get your heart rate going and burn unwanted calories. To enroll or to get additional information, go by the Recreation and Community office on the first floor by the Aquatic Center or call Kelie at 682-1611 ext. 7205 or Stephanie at ext. 7662.



Gettin' stuff organized :

Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities and promotions, and Toni Long, work study students for Student Life, compile the organization manuals for OKCCC club officers in preparation for the Organization Workshop on Jan. 26.

Photo by Kat Mohr

Welcome Week to include Twister and ice cream

By Amber Bowie
Staff Writer

Student participation is needed, everything else is covered.

Welcome Week begins this semester with free special events and several opportunities for students to break the ice with one another.

The fun begins with the Twister Challenge from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, in the College Union.

Personalities from 101.9 the Twister will be doing a live remote along with Fox 25 personalities, playing Twister on a giant board and giving away prizes.

"Games will be set up during this challenge and fun is guaranteed," said Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, the Campus Activities Board

"This semester, welcome back sundaes are only happening one day, so do not hesitate to stop and let a club officer scoop you up a sundae."

—Mike Jones

Coordinator of Student Activities

welcomes the musical talent of Michael Gulezian to the Union.

Welcome Back Sundaes will be served in the breezeway to the union from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24.

"No one can say no to ice cream," said Jones.

"This semester, welcome back sundaes are only happening one day so do not hesitate to stop and let a club officer scoop you up a sundae," said Jones.

"A Leadership Workshop is available to students who are officers of an existing club organization," said Jones.

Officers get their chance

to get back into the swing of things from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 in the training center on the fourth floor of the library.

This workshop is geared toward teaching and discussing professionalism in the office or workplace.

As Welcome Week comes to a close, there are still other opportunities to get involved if it takes you a while to warm up.

The Organization Fair is a great opportunity to join a club or organization.

The Organization Fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday Jan. 30 and 31 in the union.

Got club news?

Call Amber at
682-1611, ext. 7676.

Classifieds

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

AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE: '99 Pontiac Firebird. T-tops, CD player, power locks, alloys, keyless entry and anti-theft system. 42,000 highway miles. \$13,900. Call 226-5329.

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WANTED: Roommate to rent one room of house. Prefer male. \$200 a month, all bills paid. Located @ S.W. 82nd and Penn. Call 684-9378.

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FOR SALE: 1960's EBO bass guitar with case. Can be seen at my office, in computer lab on the

third floor of the library. \$500. Call Dale at 682-1611, ext. 7174.

FOR SALE: 19-inch computer monitor. Excellent condition, original package, and manual specs. Out pitch 0.26 mm, viewable image size 17.9 in. maximum resolution 1600x1200. \$150 OBO. Call 344-6959, e-mail: oklapike@hotmail.com.

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WANTED: Couple seeking right person to share house. Free rent in exchange for housework. Carpool to school if schedule allows. Call 912-2389, leave message.

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- 1 Jar
- 5 Tropical fruit
- 10 "Get outta here!"
- 14 Cambodia's locale
- 15 Oak nut
- 16 Corridor
- 17 Quibble
- 18 Pignons
- 19 Pennsylvania port
- 20 Short-necked kin of giraffes
- 22 Young plant
- 24 Tub
- 25 Intellectual
- 26 Dick or Jane
- 28 Indian prince
- 32 Steep rock
- 35 Be indebted to
- 37 — of: happened to
- 38 Dawn goddess
- 39 Pack animal
- 41 Poorly lit
- 42 Ran fast
- 45 Be a thief
- 46 Intense
- 47 Sea eagles
- 48 Admirer
- 50 Luxurious boats
- 54 Bowler hat
- 58 Ribbed fabric
- 61 In abundance
- 62 Classical

theaters

- 63 Actor Flynn
- 65 Matinee man
- 66 Small horse
- 67 Cherish
- 68 Kind of tide
- 69 Son of Aphrodite
- 70 Cantaloupe or honeydew
- 71 Zeus and Thor

DOWN

- 1 Financier John — Astor
- 2 Japanese port
- 3 Italian coins
- 4 Knocking softly
- 5 Hunk
- 6 Emulate
- 7 Meryl Streep
- 7 Din
- 8 Unripe
- 9 Beginning
- 10 Varnish
- 11 Mata —
- 12 Lena of film
- 13 Designer
- 21 — nutshell: briefly
- 23 Be bold enough
- 25 Whimper
- 27 Shape
- 29 Carver's stone
- 30 Pierre's girlfriend

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Construction projects right on schedule

By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

OKCCC's appearance changed a lot over the winter break, thus, bringing the college's construction

project a few more steps closer to completion.

In fact, some phases are complete.

Art Bode, vice president for business and finance, said, as of Dec. 17, the Board of Regents accepted the Automotive Technology

Remodel Project as complete. He said this project also included the AC/Delco Knowledge Center.

The brick walkways have been removed from a large portion of the commons and hallway areas.

As the first floor remodeling project progresses, Bode said, those areas will

be replaced with ceramic tile and carpet.

The installation of brick walls, ceiling tiles and built-in counters also will continue in the south half of the first floor.

Bode said the contractor, Gail Armstrong Construction, Inc. anticipates the area will be ready for occu-

pancy by late February.

The work on the three new classrooms and the hallway in the courtyard, near the Arts and Humanities area, will continue.

He said that work should be finished by fall 2002. The hallway will include a viewing area for the murals in the courtyard.

Budget cuts to determine number of staff openings

"Cuts,"

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those needed sections."

Because of the reduction students will find they may not be able to enroll in the classes or times they want.

Harve Allen, Media Relations director for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, said the Office of State Finance ordered \$9 million to be cut in higher education spending, with another \$66 million to be cut in all other state offices.

"Office of State Finance director Tom Daxon ordered colleges and universities to cut 2.1 percent of their budget for the current fiscal year," Allen said.

Several reasons have been discussed as to why the budget reduction was implemented.

Enrollment numbers up

"Enrollment,"

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excited about the upcoming semester.

"The enrollment increase is positive because it means people... want re-training or they are looking to start their education.

"I think it's reinforcing in that it says this is the place where people's educational needs are being met."

Todd said the 29 percent is an early estimate and is expected to drop some after students drop classes.

Allen cited the sluggish economy and 5 percent less-than-expected tax revenue as reasons for the cuts.

Todd also blames the decreased tax revenue for the budget problems.

"Besides the income and sales taxes, and perhaps a few others, all tax revenue, such as the oil and gas tax, have declined," said Todd.

It's projected that next year's budget will decline as well, so colleges are looking for ways to continue their current programs.

Bode said, so far, no discussion has taken place about raising tuition for the fall semester, but said it would eventually be up for discussion by the regents.

In the meantime, Todd said, OKCCC will do what needs to be done.

"It's a major challenge for us," he said. "I am confident that the quality of people that are here, like faculty and staff, will meet and exceed this challenge. I have no question about that.

"We are going to continue to do everything we can to make sure that classes are available, quality instruction is going on and that students are successful in their classes."

Ignoring parking rules will be costly

"Parking,"

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safety and security, said it's a bad idea for students to park in areas zoned for fire lanes and disabled parking.

He said OKCCC will hand out citations of \$50 to students who park in the disabled parking area without the proper required permit displayed on their car.

Those who decide to park in the fire lanes will face a \$25 citation.

"[Campus security officers] will be out the first week of class, directing traffic to where parking is available," Bourque said.

He also said students will not be cited for parking in the grass when it is not snowing.

OKCCC campus security officers are not the only people who can cite students for parking violations.

By state law and ordinances, Oklahoma City police officers are allowed on private and public property to write citations for illegally parked vehicles.

Geraldine Gourley, administrative coordinator and parking supervisor for

the Oklahoma City Police Department, said handicapped civilian employees of the police department also could come onto campus to check for people violating parking laws.

Citations from the Oklahoma City Police Department are considerably more expensive than those

given by OKCCC.

Gourley said a person parking in a disabled parking area will be fined \$60. If the ticket is not paid within 10 days, the price will go up to \$100.

For those parking in fire lanes, the fine will be \$50 and, if unpaid in 10 days, will go up to \$70.

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