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PIONEER

Summer enrollment up by 8.8%

More students taking more credit hours

By Mark Stack
Editor

Enrollment has been on the rise the last several semesters, and this summer is no different.

John Barker, director of research, said OKCCC has seen an 8.8 percent increase in summer enrollment compared to summer of 2001.

A total of 5,720 students are enrolled in summer courses at OKCCC, which is an increase of 8.8 percent, or 463 students, over the previous summer, Barker said.

Credit hours taken by students of OKCCC is up 10 percent. OKCCC students are enrolled in 27,630 credit hours for the summer, up 2500 from last summer.

This summer, Barker said, is the third highest credit hour enrollment in OKCCC's history. Only the summers of 1991 and 1992 saw students enrolled in more credit hours.

The average credit hour load per student equals out to be 4.8 credit hours.

Barker said in the last several years, online course enrollment has been a major factor in OKCCC's continued enrollment growth.

This summer saw a 25 percent jump in online course enrollments over last summer.

Thirty-six online courses generated a total of 1,087 enrollments for this summer.

Barker said telecourse enrollments also experienced some growth. OKCCC has increased from 372 telecourse enrollments last summer to 403 telecourse enrollments this summer.

New students enrolled in summer courses generated an increase of 6 percent with 1,233 students enrolled.

Two-hundred seventy-seven more returning students have enrolled for summer semester. The 8 percent increase in returning students totals 3,576. The average age of the summer student is 26.5 years old.



John Barker

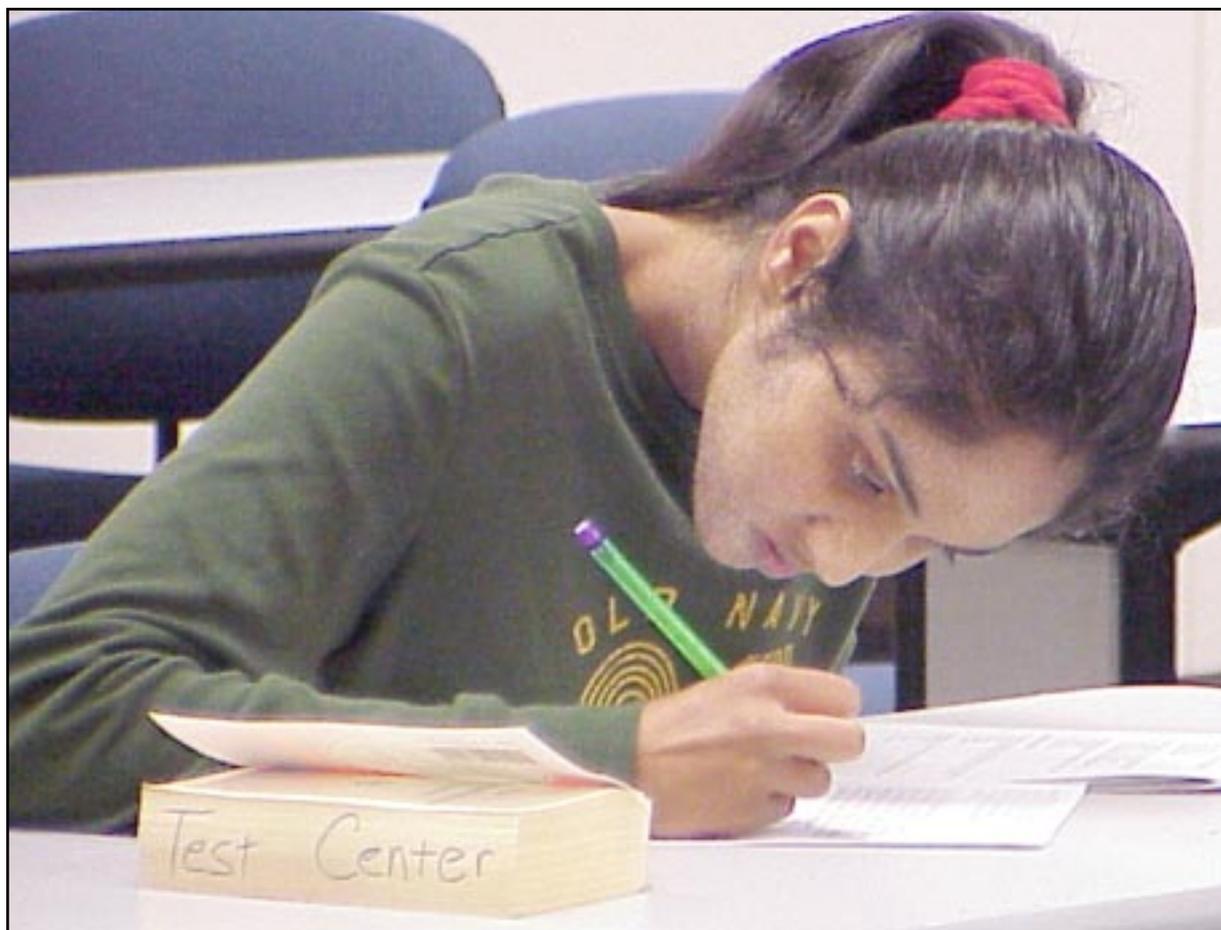


Photo by Kat Mohr

Take a deep breath: Student Binu George concentrates on taking a Developmental Psychology exam in the new testing center located directly across from the Financial Aid center on the first floor of the main building. Summer Test Center hours through Aug. 11 are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, closed. Students must be in the Test Center one hour before closing to receive a test and must be finished with all testing by closing time.

Former student named Ms. Wheelchair Oklahoma, competing for national title

By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

Former OKCCC student Kristin Garrett is going to represent Oklahoma at the Ms. Wheelchair America competition July 31 through Aug. 4 in Washington, D.C. Garrett, who attended OKCCC in 1990, was chosen as the first runner-up in the Ms. Wheelchair Oklahoma pageant last April.

After the winner could not fulfill her

duties, Garrett was given the crown three months later.

"[The original winner] didn't make public appearances or give speeches," she said. "That's part of the job, and I'm willing to do it."

Garrett has a congenital birth defect called arthrogryposis, which affects the muscles of the legs.

"Basically, I have no muscles in my legs," she said.

Garrett has been in a wheelchair since she was 13 years old.



That, in addition to her involvement with the disabled community and extensive public speaking experience, makes her feel she has a good chance at the Ms. Wheelchair America crown.

Garrett said she had never heard of the Ms. Wheelchair Oklahoma pageant when a friend of hers from Florida told her about it.

"My friend sent my name in, and after some thought I decided to go for it."

When Garrett was

notified that her runner-up status was going to be upgraded to Ms. Wheelchair Oklahoma, she said she was excited.

"I was ready to take on the challenge."

Garrett's symposium for the competition will be child care for children with disabilities.

Garrett said she will be proud to represent the United States with 23 other women when she competes in Washington, D.C.

"They all have wonderful things going for them."

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Where can I donate stress?

Stress. It's a feeling we're all familiar with. Everyone has experienced the pressures of stress at some point in their lives.

Stress is not reserved for any certain age group.

There are a number of reasons why people stress out.

Some of those reasons include money, school, work, family and relationships.

Students are definitely no strangers to stress.

It's even more difficult when you have to deal with school along with all the other pressures of life.

I know I stress out at least once a week, usually over some deadline I have due for school or the paper.

Sometimes I think it would be so simple to take the easy road and give up on school.

I toy with this idea every now and then when it feels like my knees are going to buckle under the pressure that is weighing on my shoulders.

Sometimes I feel like the walls are closing in on me and I begin to feel really claustrophobic.

It's hard to not want to succumb to the strains imposed by school and life.

Once I step away from the situation and clear my head, I realize it would be a big mistake to quit school.

I know my life would be a lot more stressful without having a good education as a crutch to hold me up.

When I reflect back at the end of each week, I know that it was all worth it. Stress is definitely not something to take lightly, though.

Stress has been proven to have a great deal of influence upon our body. According to www.aboutstress.com, stress can effect the cardiovascular system in numerous ways.

Stress can cause an increase in blood pressure even in those people who don't suffer from high blood pressure.

Studies also show that men whose blood pressure rises in response to stress have an increased chance of developing a stroke.

Stress can also suppress the functioning of the immune system in various ways. Persons under stress are at risk for delayed wound healing and frequent infections such as the common cold.

Although many studies have shown that stress has a negative effect on our body, there also might be some positive effects to stress.

Sometimes stress actually acts as a motivator. If it wasn't for stress people might not push themselves to excel. I know if I just blew off an exam or a deadline and didn't stress out about it I probably wouldn't be doing as well as I am in school right now.

—Kat Mohr
Staff Writer

Smoking ban in effect for restaurants

To the editor:

Health officials announced that a 30-day implementation period for the state smoking rule will be provided to help ensure a reasonable education process towards reaching full compliance. Public places and workplaces affected by the rule are still encouraged to comply on July 1.

A toll-free information number and free decals are available to assist the public with implementation. "Our staff will be available immediately to help public places and workplaces come into full compliance during this 30-day implementation period," said Rocky McElvany, chief of the Consumer Protection Service at the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

A toll-free number, 1-866-665-9247, has been established and is operational to handle questions or to request information to be sent by mail. The toll-free line is automated with a recorded message, but callers may leave a telephone number to receive a personal call back.

The toll-free number may

also be used to order free Breathe Easy decals. The Breathe Easy decals, for display at entrances to places that are smoke-free or "effectively smoke-free" as described in the rule, are also available through county health departments.

Voluntary compliance and public education will be the first course of action taken by health department officials.

"Those establishments that have not yet determined how they will comply with the rules may want to consider going completely smoke-free," said McElvany.

"This is the simplest way to comply with the rule while also providing the greatest level of protection for both workers and the public."

The public is also encouraged to help promote compliance in all public places and workplaces affected by the rule.

Voluntary compliance will be sought whenever possible and good-faith efforts to comply will be recognized and appreciated.

"After the 30-day implementation period, multiple, continued violations could

result in fines. License suspensions would only be used as a last resort," said McElvany.

A complete copy of the rule or general information on the health effects of secondhand smoke exposure can be obtained on the web www.health.state.ok.us.

—Pamela Williams
Oklahoma State
Department of Health

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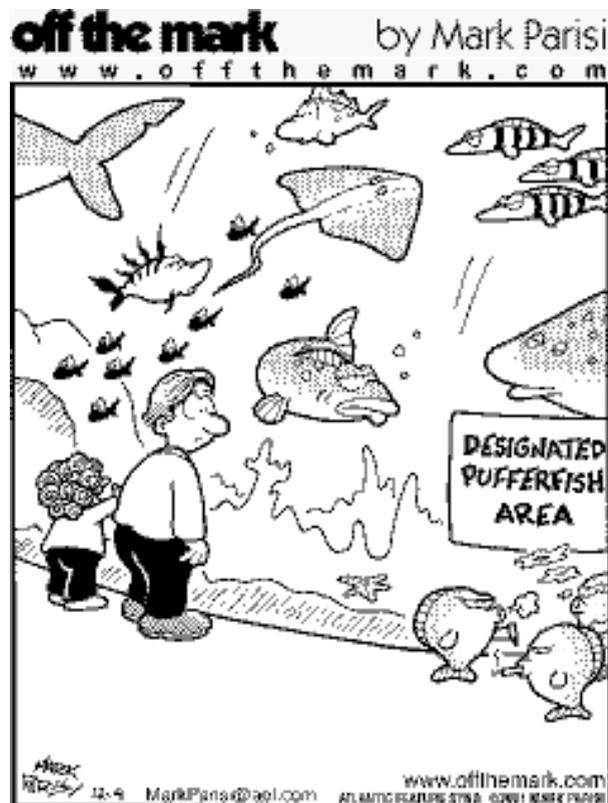
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Comments and Reviews

A guide on 'How to be good'

What is it in our society that gives us the desire to be good?

Is it religion? Is it guilt? Or is it a genuine concern for others?

What do you do when everything you perceived about yourself as being good, is disintegrated in front of your eyes?

Katie Carr considers herself a good person, at least in comparison to her grumpy husband, David.

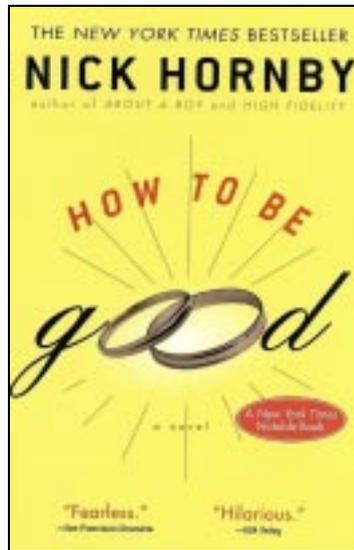
She cares about others through her work as a doctor. She makes sure her kids are fed and go the dentist regularly. The only thing bad in her life is her relationship with her husband, David.

Her husband makes his living through his column as "The Grumpiest Man in Holloway."

He complains about slow old people in his column and uses expletives in every other word in his daily conversation, much to the chagrin of his "good" wife Katie.

Comparing herself to David, she realizes she can't be married to such a miserable human being. She asks for a divorce and then waits.

"When he's asleep, I can turn him back into the person I still love. I can impose my idea of what David



should be, used to be, onto his sleeping form."

Then one day David received some "GoodNews."

Frustrated with his consistent back pain he went to see a young man named GoodNews and his life was forever changed.

GoodNews invades their life with good deeds and encourages David to change his life. David gives their money away to complete strangers and invites homeless people to live with them, including GoodNews.

This drives Katie crazy. She starts to desire having the old David back.

She tells David, "Get drunk. Get stoned. Have sex. Don't give our bloody money away."

She starts to believe that

she really was not the good person she originally thought.

She is no longer able to compare herself to her horrible husband.

"One of the reasons I wanted to become a doctor was that I thought it would be a good — as in Good, rather than exciting...thing to do. I like how it sounded... I thought it made me seem just right."

Nick Hornby wrote this witty, charming story of self-realization through the point of being or not being a good person. He asks the reader through the characters, what makes a person good?

"How To Be Good" is the author's first effort to write through the perspective of a woman. He does this with imaginative force and realistic dialogue.

"How To Be Good" charms the reader into laughing about the characters while pointing out the unrealistic expectations of a society to expect everyone to be perfectly good.

Hornby also wrote "High Fidelity" and "About A Boy." He has a unique and fresh style that draws the reader into the story by relating events and thoughts.

—Gracelynn Allen
Staff Writer

Talk show ends after eight-year run

He said it was inevitable of his comments the week after September 11. Obviously Bill Maher was right.

One phrase — saying the hijackers of 9/11 were not cowards — wound up being the end of the most informative and entertaining political talk show on television.

"Politically Incorrect" with Bill Maher ended its run June 28 with his four favorite guests: Michelle Phillips, Ann Coulter, Christopher "Kid" Reid and Arianna Huffington.

Maher strayed from his

typical format, and used the time to tell his side, say thanks to the guests, and most importantly to the ones that kept the show afloat, his fans.

The accused playboy Maher teasingly proposed to Ariana Huffington, bending down to one knee, asking her to be — the first guest on his new show.

For five years on ABC, and three on Comedy Central, Maher informed his viewers with a bipartisan view with no blinders that make you see one way, and one way only.

"Politically Incorrect" will be sorely missed. It mixed guests with views from the far left to the extreme right. MSNBC, FOX and CNN can only dream of producing a show this informative and open.

Maher is a true gem, telling it exactly the way it is, with no sugarcoating and no regard for what anyone else thinks.

Maher will land on his feet somewhere, but will it be as enlightening as "Politically Incorrect?"

—Mark Stack
Editor

'Medal of Honor' true to WWII

The best thing about video games is the fact that you can be there, without having to actually be there.

This is exactly what EA Sports has done with the creation of "Medal of Honor: Frontline" on Playstation 2 and PC.

Now you can simulate a little bit of what it was like during World War II and the "Invasion at Normandy," as you get to storm the beach in the very opening sequence. It's eerily reminiscent to the opening scene in "Saving Private Ryan." Obviously not a fluke.

As 24-year-old Lieutenant James Patterson, gamers get to battle through six different missions, fighting multiple battles to help single-handedly turn the tide for the United States by destroying the Nazi regime. Gamers will be happy to know that EA stuck to the authenticity of WWII by featuring weapons used during this time period.

Gamers get the chance to use shotguns, bazookas, colt .45s, Webley and Scott silenced pistol, MP40 sub-machine gun,

Mark II Frag Grenade launcher and, my personal favorite, the Springfield '03 sniper rifle.

There's nothing like piercing a bullet through the head of an unsus-



pecting soldier 400 yards away.

The cinema and cutscenes are some of the funnest aspects of the game, almost like watching another movie while playing the game.

This is truly one of the best role playing games the PS2 has ever seen. The graphics are astonishing, and the gameplay is really easy to become accustomed to. This game is for everyone.

—Mark Stack
Editor

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Number of associate degree graduates climbing

State Regents impressed, want to exceed national rate

**By Mark Stack
Editor**

Oklahoma has seen an increase in students earning associate degrees in state.

According to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the 2000 U.S. Census shows the percentage of Oklahomans earning associate degrees has increased from 5 percent in 1990 to 5.4 percent in 2000.

During the same 10-year period, the national average for people earning associate degrees only increased one-tenth from 6.2 in 1990 to 6.3 in 2000.

Harve Allen, public rela-

tions director for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, said the regents expect to exceed the national average.

"State Regents hope to exceed the nationally projected rate of graduates by 2010, and they are on pace to meet that goal," said Allen.

"These latest census figures demonstrate that we are progressing in our economic development efforts to attract and produce more college graduates in Oklahoma," said Chancellor Hans Brisch through a press release.

"More needs to be done, however, if we expect to meet the national [rate] by the year 2010," said Brisch.

The concern is that al-

though Oklahomans have improved in earning associate degrees, more needs to be done to produce, attract and retain graduates with bachelor's degrees.

Oklahoma's population of bachelor degree holders rose from 17.8 percent in 1990 to 20.3 percent in 2000.

Although the increase of 2.5 percent was a good sign, it was nowhere near the national posted average of 24.4 percent.

"Reaching the Brain Gain 2010 goal is critical for Oklahoma if we hope to have intellectual capital necessary to compete in this global society," said Brisch through his press release.

Allen said Brain Gain

"State Regents hope to exceed the nationally projected rate of graduates by 2010, and they are on pace to meet that goal."

— Harve Allen, public relations director
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

2010 was an initiative developed by state regents in 1999 in order to raise the number of college graduates in the state of Oklahoma.

Brain Gain helped implement successful programs such as OHLAP and GEAR UP that help low income students attend college.

OHLAP, or the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program, helps eighth, ninth, and tenth grade stu-

dents receive free tuition at any Oklahoma public college or university. To be enrolled for OHLAP, a student must maintain a 2.5 grade point average in 17 core courses, abstain from drugs and alcohol and refrain from delinquent acts.

"Programs like OHLAP and GEAR UP have substantially helped increase the number of students graduating in Oklahoma," said Allen.

Strange and wonderful art to be seen in local show



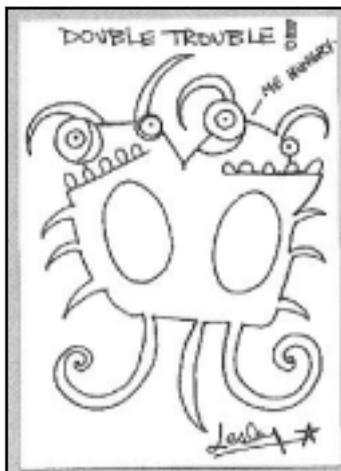
Reppeteaux's illustration "Princess Cactushead and her brother Kyle" in addition to many of her other works can be viewed at www.altpick.com.

**By Kat Mohr
Staff Writer**

California artist Lesley Reppeteaux will be showing her artwork from July 13 through Aug. 10 at Against the Grain, located at 2412 N. Shartel in the Paseo District in Oklahoma City.

The exhibit is entitled "The Strange and Wonderful Work of Lesley Reppeteaux."

The opening reception will be held from 7 to 10



"Double Trouble"

p.m., Saturday, July 13.

Against the Grain is owned by local artist and former OKCCC student Rick Sinnett.

Sinnett describes Reppeteaux's art as wacky, far out, crazy, Far Side-like stuff.

"I think her art is very inspirational."

Reppeteaux is an artist and a commercial illustrator.

She paints, creates skateboard decks and does illustrations for children's books.

Reppeteaux will be showing 20 of her paintings, 10 skateboard decks and two signed, limited edition screen prints.

Sinnett says he is bringing her in because she is a young, successful artist.

"She should be a source of inspiration for aspiring artists," Sinnett said.

"She's a living example of how a person can make anything happen if they put their mind to it."

To view Reppeteaux's work, visit her site at www.reppeteaux.com or contact Sinnett at 525-6684.

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Former student wins American Book Award for latest work

'Shell Shaker' a fictional account of two Choctaw families

When Choctaw author and lecturer LeAnne Howe was attending an Oklahoma middle school, a school counselor told her the best she could ever accomplish in her life would be to become a teacher's aide.

"When I think about what she said, I realize I was tracked for failure," Howe said. "There's nothing wrong with being a teacher's aide, but why wasn't I capable of teaching?"

"I'm proud to say that I've exceeded those expectations."

Howe has recently been awarded one of the highest honors that writers can receive in this nation.

She received the American Book Award for her novel "Shell Shakers."

"It was a really nice surprise," Howe said. "It was one of the highlights of my career to be recognized by the American Book organization."

"Shell Shaker" is a story that connects the lives of two related fictional Choctaw families the Billys, who live in present-day Durant, and the family of Koi Chitto, who lived in the traditional Choctaw homesteads in Mississippi during the 1700s.

The story centers around three accomplished sisters who are responsible for uncovering the truths about the assassination of an eighteenth century Choctaw warrior named Red Shoes and the 1991 murder of a Choctaw Chief named Redford McAlester.

Howe's accomplishment has an even richer meaning for her since she is not only a Native American but also a woman writer.

Howe concedes that it is more difficult for Native Indian authors to succeed in American society.

"I think it is difficult for all women to succeed in our society."

While Howe recognizes that the road to women's success can be congested with obstacles, she also acknowledges that both Native American men and women continue to face similar difficulties when it comes to writing stories that society views as unorthodox Native American literature.

"It is extremely difficult for Native Indian men and women who don't want to write about the Indian wars on the Plains to get published.

"People always want to read about the bad aspects of Native American history such as the Indian wars or alcoholism."

Howe explains that although Indians have endured hardships in the past, there is much more to Indian culture than suffering.

She believes Choctaw history is about the strength

and resilience of a culture in the face of adversity.

Howe said she wants to write about the positive aspects of Native American culture rather than focusing on the defeated and discouraged Indian that is so often portrayed in books.

Her next book, which is about a Choctaw baseball team that was formed in 1910 in Ada, Okla., is a topic that few people know about and has rarely been covered in any books.

Howe wants to introduce the world to all facets of Native American culture because she constantly encounters people from all over the United States who know little or nothing about this culture which is a major part of American history.

Howe is of two minds when it comes to whether Native American literature is becoming a stronger voice in American society.

"It feels like we're becoming a more well-known group."

But, as Howe has discovered on her latest book tour that lasted from October to February, there are still many people who have no idea who Choctaw Indians are.

Some of the questions and comments Howe has frequently been confronted with over the years include, "Are there any American Indians left?" "I've never heard of Choctaw Indians. Are there any still alive?"

Howe says she is never surprised by the ignorance people possess about Indian cultures, especially Choctaw Indians.

Howe has even had people ask her questions like "do Choctaw

Indians have cats?"

"We're seen as so exotic that we might as well be aliens. People don't understand that there could be any commonalities among our cultures."

Howe believes that Native American literature is becoming prominent in the university setting but in terms of the general public it is still growing.

"I'm elated when I lecture or do a reading and I ask if anyone in the audience knows anything about Choctaw Indians and two or three hands are raised. Usually when I [pose] this question, no hands are raised."

During Howe's book tour, a man in North Carolina asked her why he should want to read about Native American Indians when he's not interested in them.

Howe responded by saying, "Well, we read literature about people who are different than ourselves in



Lee Anne Howe

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Quest for learning a passion

Despite Howe's struggle in elementary school, she never wavered on her pursuit for a higher education.

Howe began her college career at OKCCC in the fall of 1974.

"College was very hard for me because I had to juggle being a student, a single parent and working full-time," she said.

Howe often found herself fighting to stay afloat.

However, she said, she encountered several professors who refused to let her drown.

One of those professors was Ray McCullar, OKCCC history professor.

"I've never forgotten how Professor McCullar supported me and took an interest in my future."

Howe showed her appreciation for McCullar's guidance by naming him in the acknowledgement page at the beginning of her book.

"I thanked him for always believing in me and [instilling] in me the courage I needed to continue going to school."

Howe transferred to the University of Oklahoma in 1975 where she attended school for a year before she transferred to Oklahoma State University, where she graduated with an English degree in 1977. In 2000, she received a Master's of Fine Arts degree from Vermont College of Norwich University in Montpelier, Vt.

Howe's advice to aspiring writers is to never give up.

"It took me 10 years to finish my book but hopefully the journey was worth it. [In life] we are all just trying to finish the journey."

In addition to being an American Indian author, Howe is also a scholar who has read her fiction and lec-

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Highlights

Swim into summer with family fun on Fridays

Friday Family Fun Nights will be held throughout the summer from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Friday in the Aquatics Center. Participants should bring swimsuits and snacks. There will be games and prizes. Cost is \$2.75 for adults and \$2 for children ages 14 and under. For more information, contact Kelsey Reneau at 682-1611, ext. 7442.

Apply now for fall fee waivers

Fall tuition fee waiver applications are available in the office of student financial support services in front of the test center by the science area. Aug. 2 will be the last day to submit applications. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. that day. Fee waiver recipients will be posted in student financial support services on Aug. 16.

OKCCC sponsors an automotive job fair

OKCCC will host a job fair for those interested in the automotive industry. More than 20 automotive repair shops will be recruiting employees on July 17. The fair begins at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Automotive professors will also be available to answer questions concerning the college's automotive program. For more information about the job fair or the automotive program contact Larry Grummer, professor of automotive technology at 682-1611 ext. 7581.

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Donate your used cell phone to City Rescue Mission and get a tax deduction on your 2002 return. Call (405) 843-2355 for phone pickup or drop off at 2921 W. Wilshire Ave. or 800 W. California Ave.

Fall 2002 tuition to be paid in Bursar's office

All fall 2002 tuition and fees will be accepted only in the Bursar's office, now located in 1S7 of the main building. Payments for tuition and fees for semesters prior to fall 2002 will continue to be taken in the bookstore.

Occupational therapy applications available

Applications are now being accepted for enrollment in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program. Applications for fall are due by noon on Friday, July 19. Interested persons may pick up an application in the office of admissions and records on the first floor of the main building.

Rise and shine with the Oklahoma City Zoo

Beginning July 1 and through Sept. 2, the Oklahoma City Zoo will open its gates at 7:30 a.m. daily and will feature different animal enrichments along with a variety of other activities. Morning Zoo Rise events are free with regular zoo admission. Events are weather permitting and not all zoo exhibits will open before 9 a.m. Krispy Kreme will be giving away free doughnuts on Monday through Wednesday.

Forensic computer science courses begin this fall

The Downtown College Consortium will offer forensic computer sciences courses this fall. These courses will lead to an associate in applied science degree in criminal justice with a forensic computer science emphasis. These specialized courses will be taught on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings with the first eight-week series starting on Oct. 15. Enrollment is now open for these courses. Enrollment preference will be given to those seeking the degree. For more information call 232-3382.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Watch and learn: OKCCC Nursing major Ashley Qualls watches a video for her Anatomy and physiology class.

Clubs lost without leadership

By Josh Lawson
News Writing I
Student

For more than 30 years, OKCCC has served students and education, and given them the tools necessary to become successful in the business world.

One of many opportunities students have is to be involved in student clubs, which can teach them the leadership skills necessary to have to be successful.

Karlen Grayson, the student clubs and organization assistant at OKCCC said, "The clubs on campus

give students the development in leadership, as well as teaching them to be a team player that will show later in their careers."

But many student clubs on campus are struggling for their own leadership to step forward.

With more than 40 clubs recognized by Student Life, a growing number of clubs are becoming inactive due to the lack of leadership to organize club activities.

"The lack of participation is due to the lack of student interest at the time," Grayson said.

She went on to say that many of the student clubs which are inactive already have faculty sponsors, they

just lack student support to maintain active status.

Grayson said, to be recognized, a club must meet all standards set by Student Life and get a faculty adviser to sponsor them.

They also need to be approved by the director of Student Life.

Only about 10 students are necessary to be recognized as a legitimate club.

A list of all clubs on campus, active and non-active, is available in the Student Life office.

Students who are interested in student clubs are encouraged to see Grayson in the Student Life office in the main building or call 682-1611, ext. 7185.

Test Center summer schedule

June 2 through Aug. 11

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Main entry about to close its doors forever

By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

More changes in the appearance of OKCCC are on the horizon.

Art Bode, vice president for business and finance, said entry 2 will be closing permanently on July 8.

"Students who park in parking lots B and C should use entries 3, 4 or 5," Bode said.

The new main entry that was originally scheduled to open next January is likely to be completed by October.

"[Gail Armstrong Construction] is looking to complete the main entry then, and we are hopeful that

they make that schedule."

Also, Bode said, the hallway that goes in front of the theater entrance and connects to Arts and Humanities will be reopened.

"Now those students who need to go the nursing department, arts and humanities, bursar's office or the bookstore can go straight there instead of taking the detour," he said.

Bode said the contractor is busy at work completing the new classrooms that will occupy the former patio area in the courtyard.

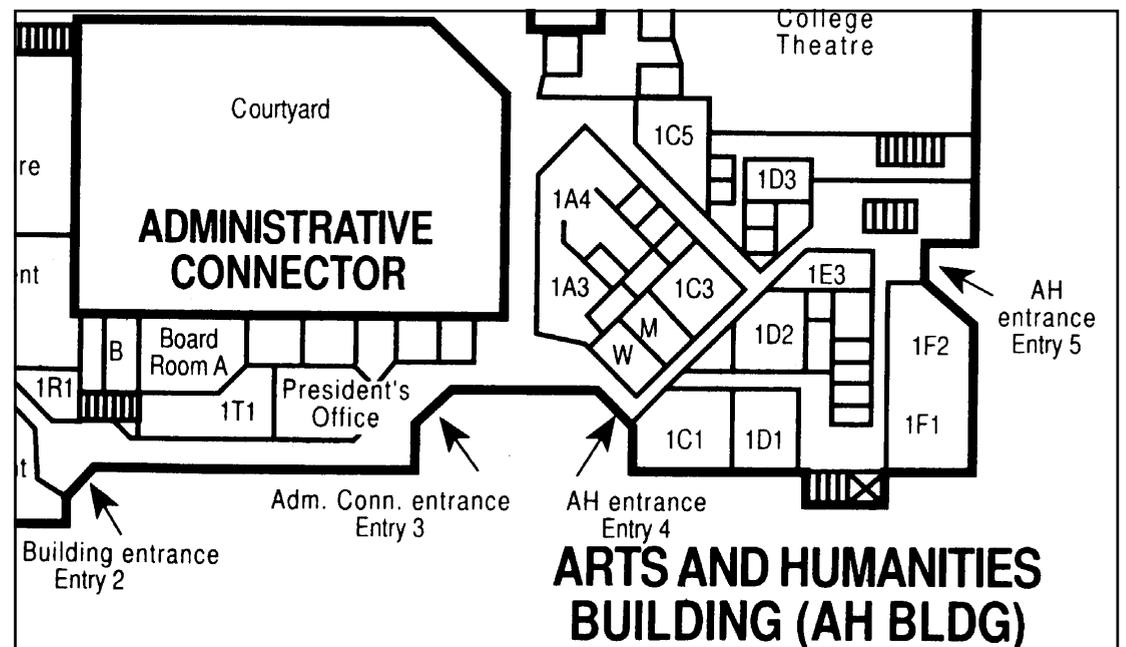
"We are anticipating acceptance of those classrooms as complete in August," he said.

"We'll start to see a lot more [progress] with the

atrium area in the next couple of weeks as well."

The atrium is being constructed where entry 1 once

was on the first floor of the main building.



Native American writer Howe wins American Book Award

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hopes of learning something new."

Howe believes that the purpose of literature is to teach people something about themselves. And in order for a reader to connect with a story they must be able to find themselves in that story.

Howe aspires to use her writing to not only eradicate people's ignorance about Native Americans but also

to write stories that all cultures can relate to on some level.

She also strives to portray to the world through her writing that Native American authors are very diverse.

Howe explains that for a long time Native American Indians have been lumped into one stereotype, which consists of Indians in head-dresses fighting the cavalry on the Plains.

She reiterates that this is just a minuscule part of all the Native American cultures.

"Being a Native American author means that you are from a tribally specific culture."

Howe tries to break this Hollywood stereotype of Native Americans in her writing by creating characters that push the limits of the boundaries that have been stifling Indian characters for years.

Howe decided she wanted "Shell Shakers" to be a story about three strong, independent women.

She used her experience of growing up as an Oklahoma Choctaw Indian as

the basis for her characters.

Howe was always taught that it was very important to go to college and get an education.

Therefore, all three of the women in her book are highly educated and have professional careers.

Howe's motivation to write "Shell Shakers" was sparked by her desire to share a particular part of Choctaw history that ranged from 1738 to 1747 with the rest of the world.

If there were one lesson that Howe would want

people to learn from her book, she said it would be that Choctaws are life everlasting.

She said she wants to extinguish the idea that Indians as a whole are a dying breed.

Howe will never forget how her teachers reacted toward her when she started elementary school.

Howe recalls how her teachers would look at her and say: "There's poor LeAnne Howe."

Howe's teachers would tell her it was sad she was an Indian because her people were all dying out.

When Howe reflects back on writing "Shell Shakers," she thinks that it was her experience as a child that inspired her to create this life everlasting theme in her book.

Writer hopes works inspire

"Howe,"

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tured throughout the United States, Japan and the Middle East.

Howe's numerous publications range from short fiction anthologies to literary journals, and her work has included theater, films and radio.

She is currently teaching in the women's studies department at the University of Cincinnati.

She is the mother of two

grown sons and grandmother of two granddaughters. Daughter-in-law April Craig is working toward a degree at OKCCC.

Howe said she works with a lot of Native American students.

She said she hopes that by winning the American Book Award that her students will be inspired to pursue their dreams of writing.

"If my life has any meaning, I hope it will be to help other Native American authors to pursue their writing careers."



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