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Photo by Kat Mohr

All that jazz: The OKCCC Jazz Band entertains students in the college union. Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities, said he enjoyed the show immensely. "I really like the lead singer's voice and the band seems to be coming together rather nicely," he said.

College Halloween bash safe alternative to haunting streets

By Kate Brennan
Staff Writer

OKCCC offers a safe alternative to trick-or-treating.

The Annual Family Halloween Party will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, in the college union.

Admission will be \$2 for the first child and \$1 for each child thereafter and free for adults with children.

"All children must be accompanied by an adult," said Mike Jones, coordinator of campus activities and promotions.

Face painting, a haunted house and many other fun activities will be available for children to participate in and receive candy.

"If you come without a costume, we'll put one on you or if you come with an unpainted face, we'll paint it for you," said Jones.

Jones said he wants everyone to leave with some Halloween spirit.

All kids in costume will be able to enter the costume contest that will be held throughout the evening.

In addition to the child-friendly events, adults and kids alike will be able to get free wax-hand castings taken as an unusual souvenir of the event.



Students without children have an opportunity to get a free wax-hand casting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

With the party occurring on Halloween this year, Jones hopes to get more participation from

the community and expects an increase of attendees from last year's 800.

The Halloween party has been an OKCCC tradition for 13 years and continues to grow every year, Jones said.

"It wouldn't be possible without the many student organizations that come together. We have a really great time for the children in the community."

Party-goers should park in lot D and use Entry 6.

Student fees to hit all-time high next fall

By Mark Stack
Editor

With a projected state revenue shortfall for the next fiscal year, OKCCC students will be asked to dig deeper into their wallets and bank accounts for the fall semester.

Come next fall, students will be paying increases in four different fees. The OKCCC Board of Regents authorized the fee increases during its Oct. 21 meeting.

Every student in the fall semester will pay at least \$16.45 per credit hour in fees — including a \$5.15 per credit hour student activity fee and a \$2 per credit hour library fee. That compares to \$14.10 the students pay now.

The library fee will be double the current \$1 fee, while the student activity fee will see a \$1.35 jump from \$3.80 to \$5.15.

The \$5.15 per credit hour student activity fee is the statutory limit allowed by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The electronic media fee also will increase, double from its current \$6 credit hour fee to \$12. This fee only applies to those students taking a telecourse.

In addition to the increases, the college has established a science lab fee, which will cost a student taking a science class with a lab \$15 per course.

Both the electronic media and science lab fees will apply only to students taking certain courses.

For example, if a student is enrolled in two math classes and a biology course with a lab, the student will have to pay the \$15 science lab fee.

If a student takes a math class along with a telecourse class, the student will pay all fees, except the science lab fee.

Art Bode, vice president for business and finance, said there are multiple reasons for the increase in student fees.

"The increases in student activity and library fees were requested so that the college can continue to offer the highest quality educational programs possible," he said.

More importantly, Bode said, the college is trying to regain some of the funding lost in September's budget cuts.

"The revenues which will be generated as a result of these increases will help in offsetting the impact of state appropriation reductions the college has received and future reductions for which we must plan."

Bode estimates the college will generate an additional \$308,000 a year from student activity fees, \$228,000 a year in library fees, and a combined \$227,000 per year from the electronic media and science lab fees.

That is an estimated \$764,000 the college hopes to gain from the increase in student fees. The college has seen a \$798,000 reduction in state appropriations so far this year.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Exercise that right to vote

Twenty minutes and the ability to connect a straight line. That is all that is needed for a registered voter to make a statement come Nov. 5.

In one of the most heated non-presidential elections in recent memory, there's no reason in the world that 75 percent of Oklahoma's 2.1 million voters shouldn't turn out. That might be wishful dreaming, but it would be a great sign if it happened.

Just look at all the seats that are up for election, and the mudslinging going on amongst candidates.

There's a close three-way race for governor between Democrat Brad Henry, Republican Steve Largent and independent Gary Richardson. Outside that, we have a hotly contested Senate race between Republican incumbent Jim Inhofe and former Oklahoma governor David Walters.

Then there's the 4th Congressional district seat left open by J.C. Watts, one of Oklahoma's most prominent congressmen ever. That race has become very intriguing between Democrat Daryl Roberts and Republican Tom Cole. There is the war of words from Roberts' camp disputing Cole's campaign ads which claim Cole is a military veteran when Roberts says Cole was nothing but a draft dodger. That looks to be a great one.

Then we have races for the Attorney General's seat, the superintendent of Oklahoma schools and the lieutenant governor. Not to mention the numerous state questions including the ban on cock-fighting. All of these could come down to the last reporting precincts before a winner is projected.

For all those political fanatics, Nov. 5 will be a day of reckoning. It's the Super Bowl of the political world, if you will.

But for those who don't get out, vote and let their voice be heard, then you are wasting your right as an American. You lose your right to complain about any politician or the way things are being handled in the capitol.

If you do not exercise your right to vote, you do not get to exercise your thoughts and opinions about politics.

And for those who claim that one single vote won't make a bit of difference in the world, you couldn't be further from the truth. The 2000 Presidential election and Oklahoma's Democratic runoff for governor back in September both proved the weight of just a few ballots.

That excuse doesn't work, so don't use it.

Every vote does count. This isn't Iraq, where only one candidate is up for election. We have the right to choose who we want to represent us. That's something that is always taken for granted, losing sight of why the Pilgrims settled this great nation to begin with.

Goodnight and go vote!

—Mark Stack
Editor

Letters more credible with names

To the editor:

It's been wonderful to see so many letters in recent editions of the Pioneer.

I hope the Pioneer continues to receive lots of feedback from readers expressing their views on campus issues.

This is a good time to talk about the Pioneer practice of withholding names of letter-writers when the person requests it.

The policy was designed to protect writers who feel they might be the target of reprisal if they express their views openly.

Certainly, the Pioneer does not want to discourage open, honest debate on controversial subjects.

In a free marketplace of ideas, which the Pioneer is, every voice should be heard.

On the other hand, letter-writers may be unaware that withholding their names dilutes the effective-

ness of their arguments. People who stand behind their convictions by signing their names get more respect from readers.

Journalism researchers have confirmed that anonymous sources have lower credibility with readers, one of the reasons why most newspapers minimize this practice.

One last point, the Pioneer has a policy against printing personal attacks.

A writer can disagree with another person's point-of-view, but needs to address the issue rather than criticize the person who expressed the idea.

The Pioneer guidelines on letters-to-the-editor are consistent with the practice of most newspapers.

I know The Pioneer wants to publish all of the letters that are received, but are sometimes constrained because the letter-writer did not follow the policy stated

in the box on this page. These guidelines were established through the work of OKCCC's Student Newspaper Advisory Board.

That board will be meeting this semester from 3 to 4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 28, in CU 7. Anyone is welcome to attend.

—Sue Hinton
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Comments and Reviews

Smoke-free entrances hard to come by

To the editor:

I'm responding to the letters from Ms. Bowman (Oct. 7 issue) and Name Withheld (Oct. 14 issue), written in the last two issues of the Pioneer.

First, it is unfair to compare smoking to eating. They have nothing in common.

Smoking hurts everyone, where over-eating only hurts the person who is doing the eating. I do know that when some people stop

smoking, they use food as their crutch and become obese.

Yes, smokers and non-smokers have been coexisting for years, but not by choice. It's because we non-smokers were forced to put up with smokers.

I, for one, am happy to see the laws about smoking. The best response I can give to Name Withheld is "Amen," brother or sister. When you said "The Smoking in Public Places Act is a

real law, intended to be followed by all, not a select few or only if a person feels like following it," I agree with you. But, I guess the smoking laws only apply to everyone except for those at OKCCC. It seems to me that OKCCC smokers are a part of the select few who do not feel like following the law.

I know of one faculty person who smokes in his/her office.

Since OKCCC is a higher learning facility, everyone

here should be showing examples to the students by obeying laws. But, I guess obeying laws is a thing of the past.

Every time I come through an entrance, I have to walk through at least three to six smokers (students, faculty and staff). Even if I use several different entrances. I have allergies and the cigarette smoke takes my breath away.

But I guess I have no right to breathe.

When I say something to the smokers who are standing in front of an entrance, I remind them of the law and point to the signs. Their response is a few cuss words or that I would still have to walk through the smoke no matter where they stood.

My prayer for you is that one day you will be able to wake up and smell the roses.

—Name Withheld
by Request

Smoking shelters could allow smokers to get their fixes

To the editor:

I'm a Film and Video Productions student here who has been following the debate over smoker's rights vs non-smokers.

Having smoked for a couple of years myself and then quitting the habit years ago, I understand what it's like to need a cigarette.

Since smokers are now not even allowed to stand any closer than so many feet from the building while

smoking, it would seem appropriate that a shelter be constructed for them to make their life a little more comfortable during cold or otherwise bad weather.

It seems to me that this shelter should even be heated during the coldest months, if that's not too outrageous an idea for some people to accept.

Since the school is still in the process of being remodeled, I'm thinking maybe

one or two shelters, which should, of course, be made to blend with the overall landscaping and architectural themes already in existence at this facility, could be added to the list of construction projects.

After all, smokers are still first-class citizens just like everyone else.

—Gordon Butler
OKCCC Student

Dreams do come true for some

To the editor:

This quote stands out like a sore thumb. It's the old saying by Will Rogers.

"I never met a person that I didn't like."

But indeed I have met a professor here at OKCCC that made a dream come true, because all of my life I wanted to be a history major, but my dream never came true.

To sit in my teacher's class and hear him talk about the American government, that itself has made my dream come true.

"To sit in my teacher's class and hear him talk about the American Government, that itself has made my dream come true."

—Carlene Harris
OKCCC Student

Every once in a while he makes this remark and it touches my heart every time.

"You cannot teach what you do not know."

The power of the words and the power of the teaching indeed stand out like a

sore thumb.

Be very careful what you wish for, it might come true.

Hats off to you, Professor J.C. Hughes. Thank you.

—Carlene Harris
OKCCC Student

Letter shows a lack of knowledge

To the editor:

Your letter-writer last week was correct. People do have a tendency to bully smokers, and he is a part of the reason they do so.

I don't have anything against smokers, just the problems that the smoke causes me trying to breathe.

The letter-writer should do some research on the harmful effects of secondhand smoke on healthy people, and then on people with existing respiratory problems.

If you think this is silly, I hope I have the occasion to ride the elevator with you.

You see, I have a problem with flatulence, so if I pass gas, let's see how silly you think that is. It isn't harmful to your health, just repulsive and offensive, much like your article.

—Name Withheld
by Request

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Veteran actor speaks on life in the theater

**By Derek Strong
News Writing I Student**

Entertainer Jack Eddleman spoke last week about his 40-year career as a Broadway actor, director, singer and dancer.

Eddleman was invited to OKCCC by Dr. Manuel Prestamo, dean of cultural programs and community development at OKCCC, whom Eddleman had worked with years ago.

Eddleman was outfitted with a microphone, but it seemed unnecessary because of the way he was able to project his voice.

Later he mentioned he was saving his vocal chords, so he was holding back a little when he sang. He explained that the vocal chords aren't like the muscles in your legs and

arms.

"A person may be able to dance all night, but they can't sing all night," Eddleman said.

He belted out a humorous tune from "Taming of the Shrew." If he was holding back, one could barely imagine going all out.

When he sang he moved about the stage just as he would in a performance, demonstrating the importance of hand gestures and facial expressions in theater. The way he moved, he said, was the way he imagined the character would move. He then demonstrated the importance of posture in stage performances.

With just a few move-



Photo by Kat Mohr

Jack Eddleman

ments he was able to transform his body into that of an old woman, then to a proud young man.

Next he sang a piece titled "I'm Glad I'm Not Young Anymore" with a French accent.

Eddleman stressed the importance of learning new skills in theater. For example, an actor could benefit from learning choreography.

"They all overlap and make the others better," said Eddleman.

Eddleman had plenty of advice for those interested in pursuing a theater career.

Respect for other performers is an important part of theater, he said.

He spoke of one instance where the star of the show turned her back on the audience so she wouldn't divert their attention during someone else's solo.

Eddleman spoke of getting started. He said that beginning actors can't be

too picky.

The worst a part could do is give you exposure, and in this business that isn't a bad thing, he said.

"Getting a job in theater is all about networking," Eddleman said.

"Someone may remember you and one day call upon you. That's why it's important to always give it your best.

"This profession is enormously demanding," Eddleman said.

"It's important to get healthy with your neurosis and embrace your craziness.

"It's important to bring the audience into your world so that if even for an hour, they can forget the outside world.

"For however long the performance is, the audience is yours. Make it count."

International Studies proves popular choice

**By Kat Mohr
Staff Writer**

Students waiting until the last minute to enroll might overlook the new International Studies program, which has recently been incorporated into OKCCC's degree offerings.

The International Studies Program was implemented in the fall 2002 semester.

More than 400 students have already taken advantage of this new program.

"Students interested in International Studies now have the opportunity to receive an Associate in Science in International Studies," said Vijay Ramachandran, professor of business.

The program will transfer to the baccalaureate programs at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, the University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma City

University.

The associate program is designed so students can major in a wide variety of areas involved in international studies.

"This associate is easy to transfer to a four-year college because it is designed with the same general education requirements, major courses and support courses," Ramachandran said.

The nine hours of major courses that are required can be geared towards any specific area that students are interested in pursuing.

Some of the majors incorporated into International Studies include Business, Political Science and Languages.

The program also offers a certificate in International Studies to anyone already working in the field who wishes to gain knowledge in International Studies.

During their last semester students are required to participate in an Interna-

tional Capstone in order to complete their degree.

The purpose of the International Capstone is so students can use all the knowledge they have gath-

ered in the program by studying abroad, engaging in an internship or case studies.

"This program works well because it is flexible,"

Ramachandran said.

"I think students will enjoy this program because it allows students to concentrate on their area of interest."

Touchdown!



Photo by Kat Mohr

Black Shirts teammate Chad Tsotigh charges down the field to make the winning touchdown. Six flag football teams competed for the championship this season. "I had a lot of fun playing this season," Tsotigh said. "I am definitely going to play next semester." The cost for students to engage in any intramural activities held at OKCCC is free and \$5 for non-students. Students interested in participating in any intramural activities should contact Karen Hartline at 682-1611 ext. 7786.

Panini sandwiches all the rage

By Pepe Villafranca
News Writing I Student

The OKCCC food service has added four types of Panini sandwiches to its menu this semester, said Robbie Stephenson, Sellers Catering main chef.

"The Sellers Panini sandwiches are European sandwiches served on Ciabatta bread, which is like a hoagie roll but is a special bread that comes from the French type bread," Stephenson said.

Jim Sellers, owner of the catering company which contracts to OKCCC, said he is optimistic that customers will like the new items.

"These sandwiches are quite the rage around the country," he said.

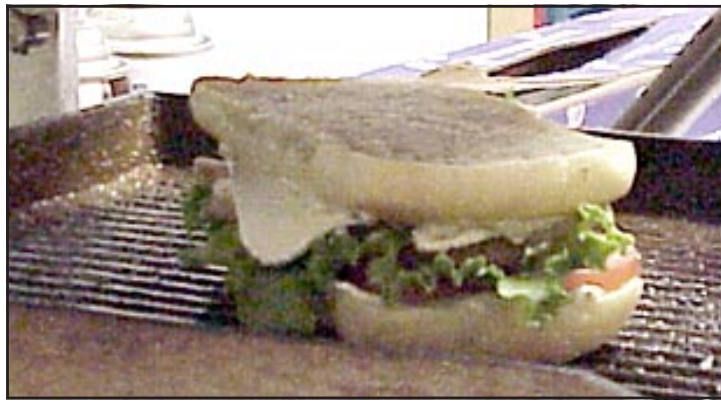
Stephenson said the Panini sandwich is usually grilled with cheese and meats, but it can also be vegetarian.

The four types of Panini sandwiches have different ingredients, all served on the Ciabatta bread.

The Italiano Panini is a sandwich with pesto mayo, pepperoni, salami, provolone cheese, roasted red peppers and spring mix, which is salad greens.

The Tuscany is made with prosciutto ham, fresh mozzarella, pesto mayo and spring mix.

The Roma contains tomato slices, fresh mozzarella,



pesto mayo and spring mix.

The fourth sandwich, Grilled Campagnola, has pesto spread, chicken breast, provolone cheese, roasted red peppers and spring mix. The sandwiches cost \$3.99.

Stephenson said Sellers strives to keep up with what customers want. He said fresh food, sanitation and variety are important factors.

Sellers said variety is the key to keeping customers happy.

"We have three different entrées every day in the hot line and four side items and a hot dessert every time," he said.

Food service is located on the first floor of the main building.

Aviation class offered

By Michael Craig
News Writing I Student

From the Wright Brothers' first flight over North Carolina, to man's trip to the moon with John Glenn, aviation has finally landed at OKCCC.

Luther Trent, director of Oklahoma City Airports, will teach a course on Aviation History Tuesday nights this spring.

Trent said he is excited about the class.

"It is amazing how fast [aviation] has developed, from the bicycle shop to space travel in a relatively short period."

Trent comes to the college from his present duties as director of airports for the city of Oklahoma City, a job he has held for 10 years.

With 20 years experience in aviation, Trent said he has a real love for aviation and a passion for what he does.

Aviation History will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m., on Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 21.

Senior health care luncheon Oct. 30

By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

St. Michael's Hospital and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma are co-sponsoring a luncheon for senior citizens at OKCCC.

Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin and Dr. Dick Howard of Blue Cross Blue Shield will be

speaking at the event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Kelly Solis, sports and recreation specialist for Recreation and Community Services at OKCCC, said the speakers will address health issues that pertain to senior citizens.

"[Fallin] will be talking about health care costs, prescription costs and the

cost of insurance for seniors," Solis said.

Howard will be advising seniors on the rising cost of health care for seniors and address what they need to look for when seeking care.

Solis said although the lecture is geared to senior citizens, everyone is invited to attend.

Door prizes will be given away during the event. The

cost to sign up for the drawing is 25 cents.

Solis said those who plan to attend the event need to bring a lunch.

Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Solis said about 50 participants are expected to attend.

For more information or to register to attend, call 682-7560.

Editor offers advice to aspiring journalists

By Daniel Lapham
News Writing I Student

Joe Hight, managing editor for The Daily Oklahoman, believes that perseverance is the major contributing factor in a successful career as a journalist.

Hight presented an array of information about pursuing a career as a journalist on Oct. 9 in Professor Clay Randolph's News Writing I class.

Hight offered the journalism, advertising and public relations students suggestions on how to deal with interviewing victims of tragedies such as the Oklahoma City bombing.

Hight explained to the class how to respect the victim's emotions.

"When dealing with such situations, the best thing to do may be to simply give them your card and kindly ask them to call you later if they feel like it," Hight said.

Mark Stack, OKCCC Pioneer editor, said he found Hight's interviewing techniques insightful.

"I found it very helpful when Hight explained to us how to be sympathetic and comforting to a victim when interviewing them," Stack said.

Hight said a reporter should never say things like, "I know how you feel," because no one else really knows how that person is feeling.

Hight also gave the class a demonstration on two interviewing techniques he said he has seen used.

"The first one," Hight said, "is a technique I learned from one of our reporters who used to be an FBI agent."

Hight demonstrated the technique of interrogation by getting right in the face of one of the students, obviously making him feel uncomfortable and defensive.

Hight said he prefers a gentler style. The most effective way he has found to get information from a person is to ask about the person's life and hobbies.

"Get to know them and treat them with respect," Hight said.

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Stipends given to faculty meeting specific criteria

By Mark Stack
Editor

In a year when college employees failed to receive a raise, one department did see a pay increase.

Dr. Paul Sechrist, provost and vice president of academic affairs, said professors in the computer science department received a stipend in addition to their salary, which will last only for one year.

Sechrist said the computer science department was the only one to ask for a market value adjustment approval. He said full-time computer science faculty were given an \$1800 sti-

pend, while adjunct faculty were given a stipend of \$45 per credit hour, raising their salary to \$560 per credit hour.

Each department that submits an application to receive the adjustment must prove they have difficulty retaining faculty, difficulty in attracting qualified faculty for open positions, or that the private sector is paying higher salaries for positions or that other colleges and universities are paying higher salaries for faculty.

"The purpose of the market value adjustment is to attract new faculty to open positions and to make sure we keep the people we have."

"[The department] has to demonstrate before you can apply that they've been unable to have applicants apply because they won't come for the salary we are paying or faculty are leaving because they aren't making as much here as somewhere else," he said.

The amount of the stipend is determined on a formula which subtracts the average salary of the department applying for the adjustment from the combined average of the private sector average salary and the college sector average salary.

Departments have until Nov. 1 to apply for the market value adjustment for the next fiscal year.

Emergency phones shine with blue lights

By Amber Cunningham
News Writing I Student

Small, bright blue lights were originally installed above all emergency call boxes in the OKCCC parking lot approximately five years ago. Two years later, the lights were stolen.

Keith Bourque, head of campus safety and security, said the blue lights have since been replaced by an outside contractor that maintains the emergency call boxes for the school. The approximate cost to replace and rewire the lights was \$6,000. When the company reinstalled the lights, they put them about five feet higher than they were originally placed.

The emergency phones were installed as additional security for students. They provide a direct line to the OKCCC security department 24 hours a day seven

days a week.

Besides the blue lights, all lettered poles have a call box at the base of the pole.

Bourque also said that, in addition to the blue lights, four patrol officers are on duty every weeknight.

"The campus security officers are licensed by the state as security, and must have at least three years of experience in the security field," said Bourque. "They are licensed to be armed and also attend regular training sessions held at the college."

Campus security receives about three to five calls a night, most of which are from people who have locked themselves out of their car, or their cars need a jump. Calls for escorts are also a regular occurrence, usually one to two a night.

Other than the emergency phones, campus security can also be reached by any college telephone by dialing the extension "7747."

Students should know where they stand before withdrawing

By Candace Siddles
News Writing I Student

Time is drawing near for OKCCC students to decide whether they need to withdraw from a class. The last day to withdraw from a 16-week class is Nov. 6.

There are some things students should know about the withdrawal process, said Peggy Jordan, student development counselor at OKCCC.

First, students are responsible for withdrawing themselves from their class.

Students wishing to withdraw from a class should go to the Center for Student Development, request a withdrawal slip and fill it out.

Jordan said students generally should not withdraw until they have visited with their professor.

"[Many times], students talk to their teacher and find out that they are doing fine in that class," Jor-

"When most employers see a withdrawal they think it is caused by schedule change or it's job related."

—Peggy Jordan

Student Development Counselor

dan said.

Students should ask their professor where they stand before withdrawing from class.

The next thing students should remember is that it is better to withdraw and get a 'W' on their transcript than to get a failing grade.

"When a student withdraws it stays on their transcript," Jordan said. "However, when most employers see a withdrawal they think it is caused by schedule change or it's job related."

When students decide to withdraw from a class they can ask to change to "audit."

An audit just means that a student can still attend class, but they are not responsible for any of the tests and do not receive a

grade. An audit is only for a student's benefit.

These are some tips that might help a student decide if withdrawing from a class is in their best interest. After Nov. 6, students no longer have the option of dropping a class.

Students who have any questions about the withdrawing process may contact the Center for Student Development and speak to a counselor by calling 682-1611, ext. 7535.

Students call also withdraw online at www.okccc.edu.

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OKCCC students conquer the urban mountains



Above: OKCCC UPS Representative Julie Farrah's daughter Darien Farrah tackles one of the green level walls.



Left: Ben Babb cascades down the wall after succeeding in climbing all the way to the top.

Many OKCCC students experienced the pangs of exertion that can only be attributed to a strenuous workout on Saturday, Oct. 19.

About two dozen people participated in an intramural rock-climbing event, which was held at OKC Rocks, located in Bricktown on the South Canal.

Karen Hartline, sports and recreation specialist, organized the activity.

"I was very impressed with the turn-out," Hartline said.

"We had a great time."

Most of the students were suprised to discover that rock climbing isn't as easy as it looks.

OKCCC student John Tran didn't expect rock-climbing to be so challenging.

"It's difficult but it's fun," Tran said. "It definitely works out your arms."

Tony Tran was another student who had difficulty scaling the steep rocky inclines.

"If you want a physical challenge I definitely suggest rock-climbing," Tony Tran said.

Even though most students were visibly worn out by the end of the session, no one was heard complaining.

OKCCC Ben Babb felt that it is the challenge endured by rock-climbing that makes the experience memorable.

"Rock-climbing is incredible," Babb said.

"It's not just physically difficult, it's also mentally straining because you have to concentrate and focus before making your next move.

"It tests your endurance, but the feeling you get when you reach the top is a great reward," Babb said.

OKC Rocks was transformed from a grain stor-

age facility into an indoor climbing gym in 1998.

Each wall in the gym is divided up into levels. The levels resemble those found on a ski slope – with blue squares representing the easiest walls.

Green circles are the next level up and black diamonds designate the hardest levels.

Anyone interested in practicing their climbing skills can call 319-4000 or visit www.okcrocks.com for more information.

Hartline encourages students to participate in as many intramural activities as possible while attending OKCCC.

"Sports activities are wonderful because they allow students to interact and meet each other," she said.

Students interested in participating in future intramural activities should contact Hartline at 682-1611 ext. 7786.



OKCCC student Tony Tran takes a minute to catch his breath while attempting to reach the top of a black level wall.



Above: John Tran reaches for the next grip on a black level wall.

**Photos and text by
Kat Mohr**

Sweet melodies to fill the air...



Photo courtesy Oklahoma City Symphonic Band website

The Oklahoma City Symphonic Band, featuring Francis McBeth, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 5 in the college theater as part of OKCCC's Cultural Awareness Series. The Oklahoma City Symphonic Band plays a wide range of music from marches to show tunes to popular songs to classical presentations. McBeth has performed around the world in such places as Germany, Italy, France, Scotland, Iceland and England. General admission is \$8. Student and senior citizens admission is \$6. For more information or tickets, call 682-7579 or visit www.okccc.edu/globaled.

OKC-Go helps lessen college expenses

**By Jennifer M. Jackson
News Writing I Student**

Ebony Smith, a 2002 graduate of Star Spencer High School, knew she wanted to go to college but wondered if she could afford to.

Along with many other students in her position, Smith has benefited from the OKC-GO program at OKCCC.

The OKC-GO program gives Oklahoma City public high school graduates the chance to earn 24 college credits tuition free. It began in 1999.

Craig Robinson, OKC-GO coordinator, said the main goal of the program is to "help students realize college is possible for them."

In 1999, OKCCC President Bob Todd met with Oklahoma City Mayor Kirk Humphreys and Marvin Crawford, then-Oklahoma City public schools superintendent, to discuss how to make it possible for students attending Oklahoma City public schools to go to college after high school graduation.

Stacy Meldrum, director of marketing and public relations, said an answer was found.

"As an institution, OKCCC is allowed to award up to 3 percent of [its] bud-

get in tuition waivers," Meldrum said.

"These tuition waivers come from the Educational and General Budget and fund the OKC-GO program, paying tuition costs for the students who participate in the program."

Lacey Lett, a 2002 graduate of Southeast High School, said she came to OKCCC mainly because of the OKC-GO program.

"Getting money to pay for college was important so I wouldn't have to listen to my parents [worry about money]," Lett said.

Although the OKC-GO program pays for 24 hours of tuition, it does not pay for students' books or fees Robinson said.

"People don't tend to value something that is free."

Lett had to pay approximately \$200 this semester, as opposed to the \$600 she would have had to pay if she hadn't participated in the OKC-GO program.

In order to receive tuition-waiver funding, students must be enrolled in at least six hours and be a state resident.

For Smith, her ability to enroll in her first college classes tuition-free influenced her decision to start college immediately after high school.

"The whole OKC-GO program dramatically changed

my vision to go to college," she said.

"I told myself I should go now, that I might not ever get another chance like this."

Robinson believes that the OKC-GO program opens up a world of opportunity for students.

"The most important thing they gain now is an education," he said.

"An education brings opportunity, and having them get an education now opens up opportunity for their future."

Students can continue to be a part in the OKC-GO program for a second year if they maintain a 1.7 grade point average and complete at least 50 percent of the courses in which they are enrolled.

Robinson said he also believes that the OKC-GO program has positively affected the college itself, making OKCCC a more culturally diverse campus.

"The college has a lot more color to it now," he said.

As for Lett and Smith, both plan to continue their college education once they complete the OKC-GO program.

"After finishing my nursing degree at OKCCC, I might go to a four-year university and get my bachelor's degree in education," Smith said.

"The whole OKC-GO program dramatically changed my vision to go to college."

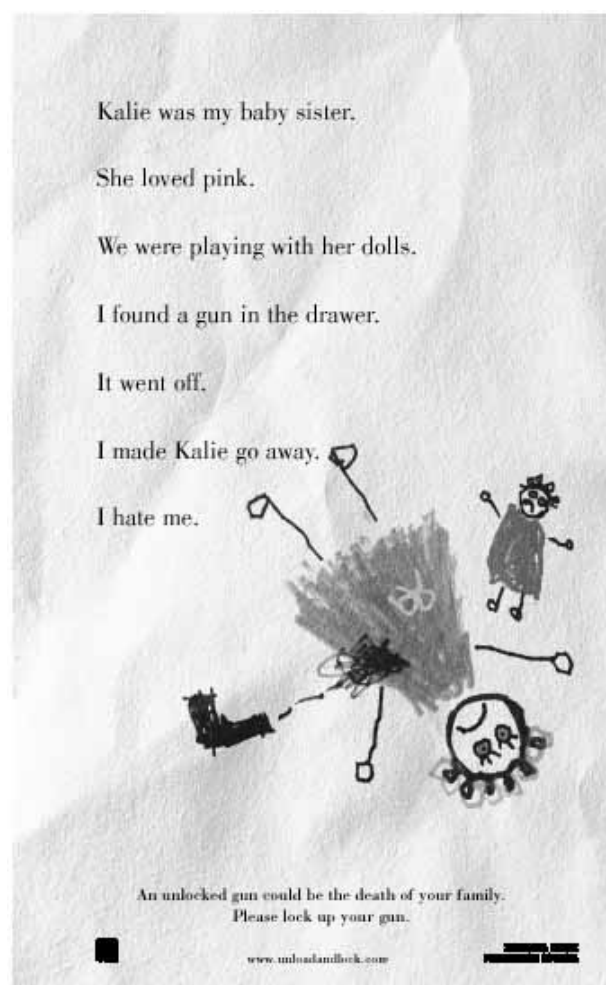
—Ebony Smith
OKC-GO Student

Lett said she will transfer next year to the University of Oklahoma, and pursue a degree in journalism and broadcasting.

Robinson said the OKC-GO program strives to make it possible for stu-

dents to cross the bridge between high school and college.

"If they see a vision in their future of going to college, it makes high school even more important to the student."



Laura Boyd shares view on lottery, tattoos

By David Tarver
News Writing I Student

The election for Lt. Gov. is coming up on Nov. 5.

Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, Laura Boyd, said Oklahomans should get to vote on whether the state should have a lottery.

"With 63 to 83 percent of Oklahomans wanting a lottery, I believe we should give the people a chance to vote on a lottery," Boyd said.

"I [would] like use the [lottery] money for capital improvements only because if we use it for programs we will leave a lot of people with half a bundle," Boyd said.

She projects that after the first four years, the money produced from the lottery would decrease and leave programs suffering for funds.

Asked by a student about her views on tattoos, Boyd said that was a personal matter.

"What you want to do with your body is your business," she said.

"[The] government shouldn't be involved in matters that I do legally and privately," said Boyd.

A 400-person sample poll showed Boyd is five points behind her opponent Mary Fallin.

Boyd said Fallin has already spent \$100,000 on television advertisements, while Boyd hasn't run a single ad.

"We will win or lose by the hair on our chinny chin chin," she said.

It all depends on the upcoming days, she said. Volunteers and campaign workers will be organizing walks, posting signs and even giving out bumper stickers at the next University of Oklahoma football game to support Boyd's Democratic campaign.

Vast information to be found in OKCCC's library

By Christopher Smith
News Writing I Student

It's that time of the semester again. The leaves are falling and the books are calling and you just don't want to answer.

Many students find it difficult to complete that end-of-the-semester research paper because they don't have a clue how to begin their research, said reference librarian Linda Boatright.

The first step in writing a

great paper is locating the right information.

The best place to start is at the OKCCC library.

Reference Librarian Jay Ramanjulu said there are about 75,000 books, nearly 550 magazines and newspapers and 12 databases for searching past news and magazine articles.

But probably most important of all are the librarians.

They hold the key to unlocking the information students need.

OKCCC employs seven librarians who said they ab-

solutely love their jobs.

It is the librarian's job to help students find every bit of information they seek.

"It's like giving candy to a baby when someone comes in wanting information on a very off-the-wall subject," said Boatright.

"We just want to do more and more. The real stumper questions are the best ones."

Another problem people run into when trying to research a subject is their own pride.

Boatright said people would rather be frustrated,

hunting the information on their own than having to ask for help.

This really is an unfortunate situation because "librarians love to help people find information," Boatright said.

Some people may think that librarians are bookworms who inhabit lonely, dusty shelves. That could not be any further from the truth.

Ramanjulu enjoys cooking, tennis, soccer and even dabbles in a little bit of carpentry.

Fellow librarian Shirley

Crosby loves to swing dance and cook. She said she also has a knack for making incredibly beautiful origami sculptures.

Boatright sings in both the OKCCC symphonic and concert choirs and is an avid snow skier.

The next time students are having anxiety attacks due to a research paper, they should remember that the librarians at the reference desk are ready and waiting to help.

In Boatright's words: "The only stupid question is the one you don't ask."

Seasoned actor, director to lend talents to OKCCC

By Lacey Lett
News Writing I Student

Actor, director, producer and screenwriter Chris Freihofer will be directing OKCCC's next theater production.

Freihofer played the assistant basketball coach in the film "O," directed many plays at the Civic Center, appeared in numerous commercials and does lots of voice-over work.

He is now directing OKCCC's production of "Macbeth Redux."

Freihofer has lived in Oklahoma almost his entire life. He was bitten by the acting bug at the early age of 10 when he played Santa Claus on stage.

He went to the University of Oklahoma and earned a degree in theater.

He formed an independent theater production company four years ago called Duty Free Productions and hopes to go further into films with it.

He teaches private classes and gives workshops throughout the year.

His next project will be the direction of a modern day "Romeo and Juliet" at the Civic Center in February of next year.

This is Freihofer's first time directing for a college, and he said he is "stoked" about working in an academic environment.

He said he heard through a friend that Ruth Charnay, OKCCC theater director, likes to bring in guest directors for the college's productions and called her up.

Amara Lett, a second year theater major at OKCCC who plays Malcolm in the play, said, "I think he is en-

ergetic, spunky and brings an entirely new light on a classic."

At the group's first rehearsal, the performers met him and he was so laid back and fun, Lett said.

He made the student actors more comfortable in what they were doing.

"Always makes the performance you're doing the best work you can possibly do," Freihofer said to them.

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Highlights

Tuition fee waivers available

Spring Tuition Fee Waiver applications are currently available in the Student Financial Aid Center. The last day to submit applications will be Friday, Nov. 15. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m.

Take a flight

The Campus Activities Board is sponsoring a flight simulator from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 29, in the college union. It is free to all who wish to participate. There are multiple programs to choose from to make for an exciting experience.

Pathways Middle School needs support

Pathways Middle School is holding a fund-raiser to help buy needed books Oct. 28 through Nov. 1. The group is asking that a \$1 donation be dropped off at the student union counter. In return, donors' names will be entered into a drawing for a Magnavox DVD/CD player. The winner will be notified Nov. 1.

Side-step enrolling difficulties

The offices of Student Development and Admissions will hold an online enrollment presentation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 28 and 30, in the college union to assist students in the enrollment process.

Scholarship available

Applications for the 2003 All-USA Academic Team Scholarships are available. Nominees from Oklahoma will be eligible for statewide recognition and scholarships through the All-Oklahoma Academic Team. The highest scoring nominee will receive \$2,000. Applications can be downloaded from the Phi Theta Kappa website with an access code. Please visit the office of Vice President for Student Services to receive the access code and to turn in applications. All applications must be turned in by Friday, Nov. 22. For more information call 682-7595.

Future teachers scholarship available

Program for Academic Achievement Scholarships are available for the spring semester. They are reserved for students interested in teaching as a profession. Students must also be interested in transferring to a baccalaureate degree program in teacher education. PAA scholarships cover tuition and fees and include a book lending program. For applications see Mary PUNCHES in the Arts and Humanities building in 1E2-B or Sue deCardenas in 2E4-A. The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 1.

Writers and artists needed for the Absolute

Submissions for Absolute, OKCCC's literary, art and photography journal, are being accepted this semester. Students and staff are encouraged to submit nonfiction, fiction, poetry, black-and-white photography and drawings. The next edition of the Absolute will be published in April 2003. The deadline for all submissions is Dec. 1. For further information, contact the Arts and Humanities office or Clay Randolph at 682-1611, ext. 7238 or crandolph@okccc.edu.

Reading mentors needed

The John Glenn Elementary Partners In Education is looking for volunteers to meet weekly with one or two students as a reading mentor. For more information please contact Ronda Sissons at 350-3480 or e-mail her at ronda.sissons@westernheights.k12.ok.us.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer.



Photo by Kat Mohr

Searching the job descriptions: United Parcel Service Human Resources Recruiter and OKCCC representative Julie Farrah explains the opportunities available in the UPS field to OKCCC student James Czikra. "Career Day was very helpful for me because it introduced me to the various possibilities I can pursue in my field," Czikra said.

Jobless students get advice

By Kate Brennan
Staff Writer

"Close to 50 percent of previously participating companies returned this year."

—Staci McPhearson
Director of employment services

The Fall Employment Expo at OKCCC brought out more than 30 different Oklahoma City businesses to recruit students on Oct. 16.

Stage retail stores have been a part of the day for the past few years and continued to participate to gain student involvement in their workplace.

"[The expo] has been beneficial to us in the past," said Shery Burgess, store manager of Stage, Rockwell Plaza.

Staci McPhearson, director of employment services, said the turn out was good but could always be better.

"Close to 50 percent of previously participating companies returned this year," said Staci McPhearson, director of employment services.

With the economy in a slump and some businesses not needing to hire new employees, McPhear-

son said, she is always looking for new businesses to take the place of the ones not returning.

With many companies to choose from, students had the opportunity to find a part-time job or a career for the future.

The next opportunity to participate in the employment expo will be Tuesday, March 12.

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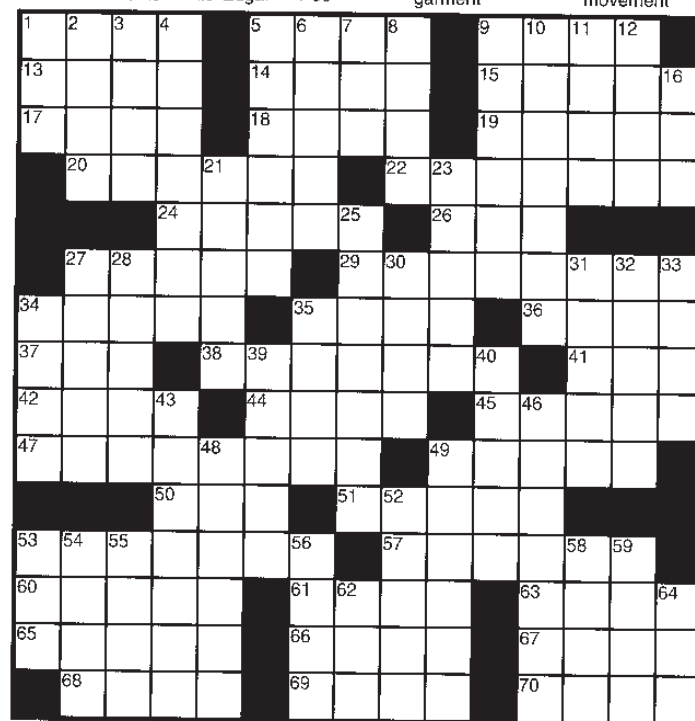
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Some profs keeping online office hours

**By Aaron Newman
News Writing I Student**

The college is testing a new format for faculty office hours this year.

Online office hours, a new pilot program this semester, is providing convenience for professors and students through e-mail, instant messaging, chat rooms, e-conference or phone availability.

A full-time faculty member is allowed two online office hours per week out of the 10 hours that are required.

Adjunct professors are required to have two office hours for every course they teach.

They have the option of doing one of the two hours required online.

OKCCC student David Tarver said he appreciates the convenience of not having to drive to school to meet with his professors. He said it's sometimes easier to communicate with a professor without being face to face.

"I would highly recommend this program to students who have it available," Tarver said.

"A lot of students complain about professors not guiding them, when all they have to do with this system is ask and receive."

OKCCC English professor Clay Randolph is one professor taking advantage of online office hours.

"It formalizes what I've always done since we've had computers at OKCCC — a high degree of interaction with students."

He said only a few of his students have taken advantage of the program, but he thinks it will increase as the semester goes along.

Dr. Paul Sechrist, vice president for Academic Affairs, said the idea of online office hours originated from faculty members.

He said various profes-

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—David Tarver
OKCCC Student

sors were using technology to communicate with students such as e-mail, chat rooms and through online course technology.

Those professors wanted to be able to hold office hours online.

Professors who are inter-

ested in having online office hours must sign an agreement each semester which they may cancel at any time.

It stipulates that the professor must be available during designated online office hours.

Restrooms to get better towel holders

**By Jarrett Henderson
News Writing I Student**

In an effort to cut back on the transmission of germs, a new style of paper towel dispenser will be making an appearance soon in all campus restrooms.

The state-of-the-art paper towel dispensers use a control-roll towel that provides hygienic dispensing without the need for handles or levers said John Knight, Physical Plant director.

Users operate the dispenser by grasping the two corners of the towel that is being dispensed and pulling slowly.

The only part of the machine the user will touch is the towel being used.

Knight said the new dispensers should be more cost efficient to the school.

There are no additional costs to the college, he said.

The company that manufactures the hygienic paper towels also will provide the dispensers.

Knight said the dispensers will operate as easily as the old ones.

He said he believes the new dispensers "will provide economy and customer satisfaction."

Physical plant maintenance personnel have begun installing the dispensers in student union restrooms. Additional dispensers will be installed in other areas as they arrive.

Other improvements also are slated for campus restrooms.

At the current time, new soap dispensers are being installed for all newly-modeled restrooms.

Faucets are new in 10 of the restrooms and others will be replaced on an as-needed basis.

No other projects are being funded at this time for OKCCC's restrooms.



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