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PIONEER

Second round of college budget cuts totals \$300K

By Mark Stack
Editor

Forced to cut the budget for the second time in four months, OKCCC officials have shaved approximately \$300,000 more off the budget for the current fiscal year.

As the Oklahoma economy continues to fall on hard times, the state government is seeing less tax revenue generated than was originally projected.

The decrease in tax revenue means less money distributed to OKCCC in state appropriations through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

In September, OKCCC was forced to cut nearly \$900,000 in state appropriations from the budget. Both cuts together total approximately \$1.2 million that officials have cut from the budget this semester alone.

President Bob Todd outlined in an e-mail to all employees the numerous ways the college plans to meet requests to reduce their budget.

A strategic hiring freeze, a reduction in the non-personnel budget and the contingency budget and a decision to close OKCCC on Sundays are all ways the school has devised to cut \$1.2 million from the budget.

Art Bode, vice president for business and finance, said the hiring freeze should not create any problems even when some positions are left unfilled.

"What we have done is called a strategic hiring freeze," Bode said.

"Any position that is vacant, we look at it very closely and ask if it is something that needs to be done right now or, in hard times, is that something that we might wait to do when we are financially capable."

Bode said the college is also looking to current employees to take the workload of vacant positions.

"We look at it in terms of 'is this a job that could be done on a temporary basis by someone else in the college assuming it as part of their job?'"

Bode said the hiring freeze has saved the college about \$454,000 so far and could possibly save an additional \$150,000 throughout the fiscal year.

The greatest amount of savings could come from the non-personnel budget.

Todd said all areas of the college have reduced their budget, mainly coming from a reduction in supplies and equipment.

Every computer on campus is normally replaced every three years. Due to the budget reduction, the installation of any new computers will be delayed.

Reducing the non-personnel budget will save the college ap-

See "Cuts," page 12



Photo by Kat Mohr

Sweet sounds fill the air: Cellist Sara Male of The Newstead Trio concentrates on her music. Male, along with violinist Michael Jamanis and pianist Xun Pan performed in the college theater recently as part of the college's Cultural Awareness series. For more information about the ongoing series or to purchase tickets, visit okccc.edu/globaled or call 682-7579.

Student killed in auto accident

By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

OKCCC pre-nursing student Tracy Lynn Chambers Carpenter died Nov. 19 as the result of an automobile accident in Oklahoma City.

Carpenter, 33, also worked at Integris Baptist Hospital, where she had been employed for four years.

John Sigle, pre-nursing student at OKCCC, not only was a classmate, but also worked with Carpenter at Baptist Hospital.

Sigle said she was a friendly person who would do anything for

anyone.

"You always wanted her around," he said. "She never met someone she didn't like."

Annmarie Shirazi, psychology professor at OKCCC, had Carpenter as a student.

"She was a really nice, very responsible student," she said.

"Her sister had started to go to school here and Tracy was the motivating force behind that.

"From my perception, she was a very hard-working person."

Born May 1, 1969, in Chickasha, Carpenter graduated from Chick-



Tracy Chambers
Carpenter

asha High School before moving to Oklahoma City in 1992.

Carpenter was preceded in death by her grandmother, Mary Best and father-in-law Charles Carpenter.

She is survived by her husband Michael, of the home; daughter Alexis Skye, of the home; numerous stepchildren, and

many other family members and friends.

Funeral services were held Nov. 23 at the Bible Baptist Church in Chickasha, where Carpenter was a member. Interment took place at the El Reno Cemetery.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

It can't be said enough. Drink, but don't drive

While on my way to school around 11 a.m. Nov. 19, I rear-ended a 16-year-old kid.

My pride was the only thing hurting that day, because I was lucky enough, as was the young man in the other car, to escape unscathed.

The same cannot be said for Tracy Carpenter, a student from OKCCC.

On that same day, about six hours later, Tracy was in a car accident far worse than my own.

While driving through the intersection at S.W. 119 and May Avenue, her vehicle was struck by a man who ran the stop light, reportedly at 85 miles per hour.

According to an article published in the Daily Oklahoman three days later, Kenneth Scott Pitt, 27, was arrested on complaints of driving under the influence and manslaughter in connection with her death.

I know, I know. I've preached about drinking and driving in this very space before, but I'm infuriated.

I don't know much about who Tracy was or what she was like. By writing her obituary, I learned she had a huge family, a young daughter and a husband of 10 years.

The tears in the eyes of her classmate as he talked about her spoke volumes. She was a special person. And some guy, who for whatever reason was allegedly drunk in the middle of the day, took her away. How wrong is that? How unfair?

I for one am not going to tolerate any of my loved ones drinking and driving. I've been slacking and giving up trying to get keys in order to avoid an argument, but no more. If one of my friends killed someone, I would feel responsible, because maybe I could have prevented it.

I have a dear friend who owns a 1974 Fleetwood 75 Cadillac. It can hold eight people, probably more if they're really packed in.

Just about every weekend, he can be found on Campus Corner in Norman with a carload of friends, transporting them between the bars, parties and eventually home, all the while remaining sober himself.

He knows how vital it is for people not to drink and drive, and he values the lives of his friends. Everybody needs a friend like him, and I'm lucky to have him.

People make bad decisions, and that is a fact of life that one editorial in the Pioneer won't change.

But people like Tracy Carpenter don't have to become victims of others' bad choices, because keys can be taken away. Lines can be drawn. The choice has to be made to do it.

Good luck to the almost all-new Pioneer staff. It's been grand.

—Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

Evacuation plan in place for disabled

To the editor:

I would like to commend the students who assisted their fellow student on crutches during the most recent emergency evacuation of the building.

Ensuring safety is critical to all of us, and the letter from Ms. Wilson prompted me, as Director of Services to Students with Disabilities, to take this opportunity to provide evacuation procedural information to students with disabilities.

This information can be found on the web at www.okccc.edu/disability/handbook.htm. Under Section I, and additionally, in the Accessibility Faculty Handbook, Safety and Security procedures and of course, the Accessibility Handbook for Students with Disabilities.

To the editor:

The winner of the "Name the Flag" contest held during International Education Week was Ms. Julie Smith, OTA student. There were two runners-up, Mr. Simon Gallegos, AV Media Technician, and Mr. Lloyd Kingsbury, Health Lab Co-

ordinator. All winners received movie passes. OKCCC T-shirts were also given as prizes. Thanks to all who participated and especially to all who assisted in the contest.

—J.C. Hughes Sr.
Political Science
Professor

The condensed version is: College faculty and/or staff members are responsible for individuals who are in their class, activity, event, or work/office area that require assistance in order to safely evacuate the buildings due to an emergency.

From the first floor the student will be escorted to the nearest exit.

If additional assistance is needed, the college personnel should call ext. 7747 for security personnel.

To evacuate upper floors the student shall be placed on the stairwell landings that have been designated by the Fire Marshall as an area of safe refuge.

College personnel will use the emergency phones located in the designated stairwells to notify emergency personnel.

These stairways are designated by appropriate signage stating "Safe Refuge" and professional assistance will respond.

These procedures can apply to students who are temporarily disabled, as was the student in Ms. Wilson's letter.

—Pat Stowe
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Comments and Reviews

Professor never been prouder of students

To the editor:

The thing I love about this college is that it has a lot of bright spots.

I am proud of a particluar bright spot. This bright spot is the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program under the direction of Tom Kraft. During the weekend of Nov. 8 through 10, this program hosted a camp for the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled.

The students, along with Tom Kraft, designed and implemented the camp for 23 campers. These campers were adults with various mental and physical challenges. The activities for the three-day camp consisted of tropic shades, sand

jars, leather leis, pineapple bowling, tourist pictures, tropic tees, a nature hike and a talent show.

This is just a small sample of activities that were hosted at the Tropic Fest Camp. I watched as the students reached out to the campers and looked past their disabilities and saw the abilities that many do not take the time to find.

I watched the OTA students take the time and effort to find the abilities of each individual so that everyone at the camp shined. The OTA students opened their minds and hearts to embrace individuals with more heart and courage than the average person.

The campers that attended the camp were wonderful individuals.

As one student stated: "They do not see color, race, whatever. They just love." Not many people take the time to see that love. The OTA students from this college took the time.

I have never been prouder of a group of students. A worker from the foundation asked me if this was a class assignment, and if the students were required to attend the camp. I was very proud to tell him that all the work, time and effort were not required as a class assignment. The OTA students volunteered their time.

I believe they learned a lot about the ability to touch others and how one simple smile can encourage others.

They learned what it meant to touch another life and to be touched by others. I was fortunate in that I attended the camp along with the students. I experienced a wonderful, exhausting, exciting and challenging weekend. I left on Thursday as one person and returned on Sunday as a different one. I can never put into words what this weekend meant.

Words can not describe the feelings, smiles or the

effect that we all experienced that weekend.

We were all sad to see the weekend come to a close. We all met people that we will never forget.

These students shine in their efforts to touch others.

They took the time to make a difference and saw that with each person we touch we are also touched in some way.

I am very proud to be a part of this program and to teach these fine bright students.

—**Fonda Scott**
Adjunct Occupational
Therapy professor

Writer wrong with his assumption

To the editor:

I am writing to counter a letter printed in the Dec. 2 issue of the Pioneer. The article was titled "Faces not needed to report news" and was authored by a Jonathan Nimo. I too went to high school with Chris and Dustin. I did not know Dustin but Chris and I were acquainted, and yes, he was a "good guy."

When I saw his picture in the Pioneer, I laughed. A lot of my fellow alumni found the article Kate wrote quite amusing also.

But, I digress. I am not writing this to support my

viewpoint on pictures in the news. It was the Pioneer's constitutional right to publish those pictures.

My main point is to simply argue a huge fallacy in Mr. Nimo's writing. He challenged the readers of the Pioneer to name one college student who hasn't smoked pot or done other forms of drugs.

He also said "if they haven't [done drugs] they sure as hell drink." I find both of these statements very offensive.

Yes, statistics might lean toward a rise in drug and alcohol abuse, but I myself

do not smoke, drink, or do drugs and I know many fellow students who are the same.

Furthermore, Mr. Nimo, I did not immediately classify Chris as a "pothead" and anyone who does is probably not someone Chris would want talking to him in the first place.

So, please do not classify all college students based on your personal lifestyle. I do not appreciate your nearsightedness or your bias.

—**D'lyn Kiser**
Employment Services
Representative

Profs mustn't be embarrassed

To the editor:

I can't believe that you published the photographs of the two professors who won the crossword puzzle contest. I know both of those guys (slightly) and they are good guys. Now everyone will be snickering behind their backs and probably laughing out loud when they are not around.

I don't see why you had to put their pictures in the paper. Everybody at some time has worked a crossword, so to point the finger of shame at these two is not fair. Lots of us have been as puzzled as these two look in this unflattering photograph.

Better yet, why don't you not even use their names

in the article. Why not just tell us that somebody won a contest, that's enough! Then nobody is going to be embarrassed for what they have done.

Clay Randolph, er...make that Name Withheld By Request (NO PHOTO PLEASE).

—**Clay Randolph**
Professor of English

Leave all the judging to God

To the editor:

People say God does not make mistakes, yet they believe homosexuals will not go to heaven. Clearly whoever started this rumor was not affiliated with gays and has not the slightest clue what being gay is like.

First of all, being gay is not a choice; therefore, God must have dubbed these people gay while their chromosomes were still combining.

Furthermore, who are we to put words in God's mouth? We all will have

to stand before God someday and be judged by his words.

This is the day of truth and guessing what the judging will be is as big of a sin as any.

Throwing the Bible at gays will not get you an A+ with God. Only love of your fellow humans and trust in God will. Instead of worrying whether gays will get into heaven or not, worry if you will go or not for second guessing God.

—**Elizabeth Narbuy**
OKCCC Student

Vietnam being singled out

To the editor:

Since the college is doing a "special tribute to the troops" this year at the Christmas Luncheon, I was wondering why, on the application for employment, it asks if one was a member of the Armed Forces?

Then it asks if it was during the Vietnam era. Not

World War II, Korea, Granada or Desert Storm, but specifically Vietnam.

Why? Doesn't this sound a little discriminatory to you?

As a Vietnam Veteran, I find it offensive and troublesome.

—**Name Withheld**
by Request

Comments and Reviews

War should be a last resort, not first

To the editor:

I'm responding to an editorial in the Pioneer of Dec. 2. I was shocked and speechless when I read "Time to make good, get things done." This article was filled with twisted facts, narrow-minded arguments and statements that cannot be left unaddressed.

Before I start, let me get clear on one thing: I am not a supporter of Saddam Hussein, or anything he is doing. I simply oppose open calls for violence.

First, is it really this country's business to shape the world to the extent where it evolves solely around the advancements of American interests?

Secondly, the article stated that United Nations inspectors are only allowed to inspect areas previously approved by Hussein. Has the author been keeping up with recent news at all? It is self evident that the Security Council of the United Nations would not have settled for anything but unrestricted access to all possible sites of interest.

On Dec. 3, one of the palaces belonging to Hussein himself was inspected in Baghdad.

Third, I fail to see the connection between war on Iraq and the war on terror. After all, Saddam Hussein's

Bush, administration going about it all wrong

regime is a secular one, which is detested by Al Qaeda and other related fundamentalist groups.

If the threat of military attack by Iraq is so imminent, why did it go unnoticed for the past few years? Before 9/11, none of this was on Bush's agenda. Why do none of Iraq's neighboring states feel the threat of Saddam, yet support a military operation against him?

I won't even get into the lack of international support, which may require a unilateral strike by the United States. Recent polls show that in this case a majority of the American people would oppose war.

Additionally, I think that the global consequences of a war against Iraq have not been addressed by the current administration. Much more is at stake than the price of gas in the United States. Military action would play right into the hands of terrorist organizations, providing them with even greater numbers of recruits.

To most Muslim countries, it would be yet another example of attempted American global control, and I'm sure that certain religious leaders would elaborate on that to an ex-

"I appeal to every American to continue to ask questions, to critically observe what we are being told. We are the people and we should know what is going on. This government is here to serve us, not the other way around."

—Jonny Koerner
International Studies Major

tent far beyond what is read here. To them, war would not be seen as an attempt to make the world a better place, but as an attack on Islamic values and the religion itself.

Furthermore, the administration has failed to outline a scenario for the time after Hussein. Sure, a democratic government is to be installed. But just what would that government consist of? And could it enforce democracy?

After all, these people have no concept of democratic values. They are used to being ruled, not governed. The compatibility of Islam and democracy is yet to be proven. It doesn't end with simply killing off the current leadership of Iraq. You can't just walk away after that.

A very long, extensive and committed effort to rebuild the economy and support

the new democratic institutions (along with the new leadership) would be required. Are the American people really willing to make that commitment?

Thanks to articles like yours and the ignorance of the mainstream press, they are probably not even aware of the incredible effort this would take.

I also wish you a lot of fun always "being on red and staying on high alert." Long live the police state, because who needs individual rights anyway?

What you propose is the victory of terrorism. Goodbye, American way of life. It was fun while it lasted.

One also needs to consider that, yes, the Iraqi people hate Saddam, but there is one thing most of them hate even more: The United States of America. So, while the government officials promise cheering crowds waving U.S. flags as tanks roll into Baghdad,

reality might actually witness extreme civil unrest and continued resistance against the American "liberation" of Iraq.

To the Iraqi people, a U.S. takeover would simply be the switch from one tyranny to the next, and I doubt whether they would, if given a choice, favor the latter.

I even doubt the likelihood of an Iraqi attack on the United States. Saddam Hussein certainly is a cruel dictator, but he is not an illusionist.

You cannot tell me that he doesn't know that the United States could, if attacked, annihilate him and his entire country in a matter of weeks. But can this ability serve as a valid justification for bloodshed?

Tell me, do you walk around shooting people on the streets, just in case one of them tries to pull a gun on you? If you don't, then I suggest you reconsider promoting war in the manner you do.

I appeal to every American to continue to ask questions, to critically observe what we are being told. We are the people and we should know what is going on. This government is here to serve us, not the other way around. Peace, Mark, I'll see you in 1984.

—Jonny Koerner
International Studies
major

More spice needed in commercials

To the editor:

I think we could all use a break from the gay rights vs. Jon issue so I would like to divert our attention to a new matter: the new OKCCC radio and television commercials.

No offense to our PR department, but the commercials are appalling! They are cheesy, drab, and more importantly non-effective. If I had not attended OKCCC before hearing and seeing these commercials, I might not have attended at all.

How is it that we had a schoolwide audition and

the television commercials I have viewed so far only include professors who look so uptight and robotic they could pass for Al Gore?!

I have heard many suggestions that would greatly improve the public view of OKCCC. We have so many talented Film and Video students who are doing their Capstones. Why not have those students make a creative commercial that would actually grab students' attention? They could complete their degree and bring wonderful media to OKCCC at the same time. As my friend Mark says,

"It's win-win, baby!"

I realize that I am just a student and cannot even begin to equal the education or experience of our PR department. However, a degree is not going to bring people into this school. If we really want people to "associate themselves with success" (yet another mistake by the PR department), we should not throw blocks of mismatched colors on everything and expect that to win students' adoration.

—D'lyn Kiser
Employment Services
Representative

Hate not the issue

I applaud Jon Kuhlman for his bravery in expressing that homosexuality is wrong. It is a truth that is not declared in newspapers, radio or television because it is "politically incorrect."

People like Jon and me do not hate homosexuals because they are homosexuals.

What we hate is that it is so wrong and no one is openly opposing it.

By the way, homosexuals writing the Pioneer and calling Jon names are not

exactly showing love for others either.

Why can't people agree to disagree? I know homosexuality is wrong, but if you don't, that's your business.

If I leave you alone, you should leave me alone. Keep it to yourself and out of my face.

What if I proposed everyone who is against homosexuality wear a red shirt on Dec. 13? What would you think of that?

—Heather Condict
OKCCC Student

Students flock to enroll in online courses

**By Jessica Beauregard
News Writing I Student**

Online courses are becoming very popular for OKCCC students.

Currently, there are 1,541 students enrolled in an online course, and there are a total of 2,140 online courses being taken.

"We anticipate over 6,000 students enrolling in online

courses at OKCCC this year," said Kathy Wullstein, coordinator of the Instruction Technology and Online Learning Department.

Online courses have been available at OKCCC since 1998.

"I chose to take two online courses this spring because I have to work full time," said Mindy Wright, OKCCC student.

"Online courses enable me to further my education

while working."

Wullstein said students need to be self-disciplined, possess good reading skills and should definitely have basic computer knowledge.

Online courses have become so popular that the OKCCC online learning staff has doubled since August 2002.

Faculty who decide to teach an online course are required to take a 12 to 15 hour online training course

at the OKCCC Instruction Technology Center. They are instructed through workshops and one-on-one training.

Students who want to take an online course should know that they are required to fulfill the same responsibilities as classes on campus. Technical assistance for online students is available online seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Students may also communicate with their instructors through e-mail, telephone, voice mail or office visits. Many instructors also have office hours online.

For more information go to the distance education website at www.okccc.edu/Distanced/faq.html, and read the frequently asked questions or contact Wullstein at 682-1611, ext. 7413.

Pinning ceremony planned

**By Mark Stack
Editor**

The nursing department will celebrate the end of yet another semester with a pinning ceremony for 50 expected graduates of the registered nursing program.

The ceremony will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13 in the college union. A cookie and punch reception will follow the ceremony.

Connie Kuebeck, nursing professor, said the event is a celebration for those students who will be graduating from the program.

"It's a traditional ceremony among the faculty and students to honor

them for all they have accomplished," said Kuebeck.

Kuebeck said the pinning ceremony is similar to graduation.

The nursing students will wear their white nurse uniforms to be pinned.

"The pinning signifies what they have accomplished in the program and that they are no longer students," she said.

Kuebeck said that of the 50 students in the program, she didn't know how many would be pinned since some might not be eligible for graduation.

Along with the ceremony, Kuebeck said the nursing students, with a little help from the audio/visual de-

partment, will show a remembrance tribute video.

"The students do a fabulous job putting together their video with highlights set to their own music," said Kuebeck.

Three awards will also be given out to the students. The three awards include: Outstanding Clinical Performance, Outstanding Academic Performance and Best All-Around Student which is voted on by faculty members of the nursing department.

Kuebeck said the ceremony is open to the public and is always heavily attended, so those who plan to attend need to arrive early to get a good seat.



Nursing majors pass license exam

**By Laurel McLaughlin
News Writing I Student**

About 85 percent of OKCCC nursing students passed the National Council Licensure Examination in December 2001, said Nursing Director Lea Ann Loftis.

Of the 88 students who took the test, 75 passed on the first try.

The percentage of students who have passed the NCLEX test has increased Loftis said.

In December 2000, 102 students took the test and

70 passed.

Fifty-four students are accepted each semester into the program.

In fall 2001, OKCCC had 43 graduate, while 54 students graduated last spring.

The NCLEX is the national test the students must pass in order to be licensed as registered nurses.

The test takes between

one and five hours, depending on how many questions the student must answer to pass.

"They begin preparing for the test as soon as classes begin," Loftis said.

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Mini hospital depends on donations

**By Laurel McLaughlin
News Writing I Student**

The Nursing Department's budget makes it difficult to keep the Mini hospital up with modern technology, said Debbie Myers, lab director and instructor.

"It is hard to keep everything modern since after two years it will be out of date," Myers said.

It is very easy for the equipment to begin falling behind because the budget does not allow for purchases every few years.

The Mini hospital is located in the Nursing department. Students use it for learning purposes.

Most of the equipment is donated by local hospitals.

Many universities have medical schools and have an affiliation with a University Hospital. This puts OKCCC at a disadvantage.

"If we had a multi-disciplinary lab that all the health professions share," said Myers, "we could pool the money."

This would allow for a larger budget and more equipment.

The Mini hospital is necessary to the department. First semester students use it on a regular basis every week. Second, third and fourth semester students do not have scheduled class time but still use it regularly.

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Graduates ready for next step in life

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Holiday happenings

Many holiday events are taking place in Oklahoma City and the surrounding areas this month. Here is a list of some of the events going on.

Santa Delivers!

When: 10:30 a.m., Monday, Dec. 9

Where: Oklahoma City Zoo, located at 2101 N.E. 52nd St. in Oklahoma City. Call 602-6664 for more information.

Come see Santa as he delivers holiday goodies to his friends in the children's zoo and discovery area. Enjoy free hot chocolate while listening to carolers and having pictures made with Santa Claus.

Holiday Tree Fest

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10 through Friday, Dec. 13; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15.

Where: Omniplex, located at 2100 N.E. 52nd St. in Oklahoma City. Call 602-6664 for more information.

Visit the Omniplex and view over 40 beautifully decorated Christmas trees, each representing a different culture, country, craft or home.

Under the Christmas Tree

When: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10 through Friday, Dec. 13; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15.

Where: Oklahoma Children's Theatre, located at 3000 General Pershing Blvd. at the State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. For more information and directions, call 951-0000.

Bring the whole family and find out if Tommy Trooper, Raggedy Andrea and Bowser can save Christmas. The toys under the Christmas tree overhear Candy's plan to steal the joy of Christmas. Find out if they will be able to stop her.

The Nutcracker

When: 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14; 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15. Also showing at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22.

Where: Civic Center Music Hall, located at 201 N. Walker Ave. in Oklahoma City. Call 848-TOES for tickets.

Bring the whole family and see the most popular ballet of all time, also Oklahoma's most celebrated and anticipated holiday tradition. The Nutcracker Prince, the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Mouse King are just a few of the characters that treat Clara to the greatest adventure of her life.

Sounds of the Season

When: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19.

Where: Yukon Fine Arts Auditorium, located at 850 Yukon Ave. Call 354-2587 for directions.

In the mood to see a great Christmas concert? If so, attend this seventh annual holiday performance by the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra. The event will feature some Christmas favorites guaranteed to lift your holiday spirits. Don't miss out on this holiday fun!

— Information courtesy of www.accessokc.com

Holiday spirit, patriotism blended



Above: Marilyn Monroe regales the troops for the holidays in the college bookstore. "Entertaining the Troops" is the theme for this year's annual College Holiday Office Decorating Contest.

The bookstore display consists of models dressed in military uniforms along with a Christmas tree and a fireplace. There was also a memory wall constructed to pay tribute to veterans.

Bookstore cashier Pam Simonds said all of her colleagues who had veterans as relatives contributed any mementos that pertained to their service.

"Some employees brought pictures of their relatives, while others brought dog-tags and military IDs," she said.

"This is a time when people should remember those men and women who have risked or lost their lives in the past serving our country and those who are risking their lives currently serving our country today."



OKCCC student Tanner Nicholson decorates the fireplace, which is part of the bookstore's Christmas display. OKCCC student Jeremy Davy and Nicholson collaborated in the creation of the fireplace.

Photos by Kat Mohr

Fond memories, plans mark holidays

By Kate Brennan
Staff Writer

The semester is coming to a close and, with the holidays nearing, students are beginning to get in the spirit with memories of family traditions.

Just a mention of the holidays brought smiles to faces and a glimmer to students' eyes, inspired, no doubt, by the fond memories of the season.

Von Show, child development major, said her family celebrates both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

"We open our presents on Christmas Eve and have the family dinner Christmas Day," she said.

Many students plan to take it easy over winter break.

"I'm going to relax," said Robert Allen, OKCCC student. "I've earned it."

Allen plans to spend time with his family, then go to Colorado for a little fun and snowboarding.

Tanner Sunderland, political science major, is looking forward to going home to Woodward to spend some time with his family.

"We always go to Grandma's house," Sunderland

said.

"The gatherings used to be a lot bigger, but now everyone kind of does their own thing."

Amber Bowie, journalism major, said she wants to have the best Christmas she's ever had.

"This holiday season I want to take the time to send Christmas cards to all my friends and family," Bowie said.

"Most of all, I want to avoid the last minute holiday hustle bustle."

Maybe the holiday season isn't just for kids — or more likely — maybe it's a time to bring out the kid in each and every one of us.

Food service caters to disabled students

**By Pepe Villafranca
News Writing I Student**

When Will Spang eats lunch in the Student Union, the experience is somewhat different for him than most other students. Spang is disabled and requires assistance.

On Friday, Nov 15, the OKCCC Food Service Advisory Board met to discuss several issues. One of the topics they discussed was how to better serve customers with disabilities.

The students, faculty members and Sellers' catering representatives, who attended the meeting, focused on how to improve food services in general.

One of the topics was the request from a disabled student to have more easily accessible facilities in the food court area, such as the food condiment area.

Heather DeShazo, food service manager, said as a result, they put the ketchup, mustard and bar-

becue sauce in the cooler next to the grill. Now it is easier for students in wheelchairs to reach these items.

They also are planning to put signs on any objects designed for disabled people.

DeShazo said most of the time students in wheelchairs receive unconditional help from Sellers' employees.

Spang, left paralyzed and in a wheelchair after a traffic accident seven years ago, is one of those students. He uses an electric wheelchair and can barely use his hands.

"People here are very polite," Spang said. "They ask me if I need any help at all times."

DeShazo explained how Spang uses the food services.

"Will can't do anything by himself. We help him with everything," she said.

"One of our employees will stop what they are doing and go help him through the entire pro-

cess."

Linda McMurtry, assistant director of finance at OKCCC, said she has witnessed firsthand the generosity of the employees.

"They help him get his drink, help him take his pills, help him with his spoon and they help him get to his table," she said.

"They even [help him] to get his money out every time he eats there."

Although happy with the improvements, Spang would like to see one more change.

"I would like to have a

designated special area just for the tables."

Sometimes students don't notice the handicap labels on some of the tables in the food court area.

Non-disabled students often sit at them leaving disabled students without a place to eat.

Sometimes the special tables are scattered among the others.

Other students with disabilities agree that the food service at OKCCC is good.

"I think they provide a good service," said Amanda Smith, a student who is

hard of hearing.

For the hearing impaired, DeShazo has put signs on the boards up above the grill with descriptions of the food, explaining what types of items are found on the hotline and the salad bar.

Numerous people with disabilities use Sellers' Catering services.

"We receive between eight to 12 people who come in wheelchairs everyday," DeShazo said.

McMurtry said all of the comments in the advisory meeting were positive.

"There only were some suggestions on food variety," she said.

Those who have suggestions or concerns about the food service facilities for people with disabilities or other issues can write them via e-mail to collegeunion@okccc.edu or call 682 1611, ext. 7232.

Consortium adds language classes

The Downtown College Consortium will offer English as a Second Language classes for the convenience of the many minority workers in the downtown area.

Workplace English will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 5:20 p.m. and pronunciation on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The ESL classes at the Consortium will begin Monday, Jan. 20 and runs for 16 weeks.

Classes are \$67.50 per credit hour for the freshman and sophomore level classes. Financial aid is available.

The Consortium focuses on the improvement of workforce skills that will

help people succeed in their place of employment, said Joel Drury, director of the Downtown College Consortium.

"Our main goal is to improve communication skills for the workforce," Drury said, "and to give people the language tools they need to be successful in the workplace."

The Consortium is located in the First National Center building at 120 N. Robinson, suite 500C in Oklahoma City.

For more information about classes offered contact the Downtown College Consortium at 232-3382, or visit their website at www.downtowncollege.com.

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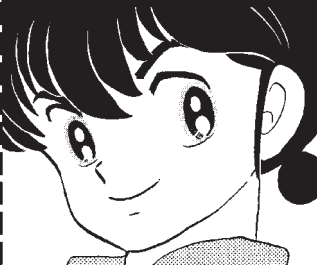
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Young Oklahomans, politics not a priority

Philip Douglas
News Writing I Student

Political Science Professor Dr. Rick Vollmer spoke about why people under the age of 30 don't vote during The Leadership Council meeting Nov. 7.

Dr. Vollmer offered a number of reasons why young people in this country vote in such small numbers compared to older Americans.

"Young people think that issues that are at hand don't effect their lives, so why vote," Vollmer said.

Vollmer also talked about a survey by political science students at OKCCC.

The survey indicated that 55.7 percent of students did not plan to vote in the November election. Only 32.8 percent could name all three candi-

dates for governor, only one percent could name both candidates for U.S. Senate (75 percent could not name either), and only one percent could name both candidates for Oklahoma attorney general.

Some other numbers from Oklahoma were as follows: 14 percent of those age 18 to 24 voted, compared to 44 percent of those 25 and over. Although 47 percent of people age 18 to 24 are registered to vote, only 32 percent actually vote. By comparison, 73 percent of those 25 and over are registered to vote. Of those, about 65 percent do vote.

Oklahoma is below average in all areas of voting, Vollmer said.

The number of young people voting is far less than older Oklahomans.

One of the main reasons for this trend, Dr. Vollmer said is "lack of interest by young people."

Korean dancers to perform

By Jennifer Hutchings
News Writing I Student

A Korean children's dance troupe is next on the Cultural Awareness series lineup at OKCCC. The Little Angels from Korea will be performing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28.

The Angels will bring their traditions along with their vivid costumes to the OKCCC theater. The Little

Angels are children ages 8 to 16 who dance to the beat of a drum. Tickets will be \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students and seniors.

Pianist Ruth Serrao will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11. Serrao, an internationally acclaimed pianist, has performed throughout the United States as well as in Brazil.

The Simbirsk Trio, an accordion group from Russia, will perform folk songs

and traditional pieces, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11.

The final program of the spring is Brad Richter, a classical and international guitarist. Richter will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15.

All shows except the Little Angels are \$8 for general admission and \$6 for students and seniors. All events will be held in the college theater.

Braving the elements



Photo by Kat Mohr

OKCCC student Bobby Tran weathers the winter storm that draped the trees around campus with icicles on Dec. 4.

Minorities increase

By Philip Douglas
News Writing I Student

The number of minority students here at OKCCC has doubled in the last 10 years. This is right on track with other universities and colleges in the United States, as reported in a study by the American Council on Education.

The study found that despite the increased number of minority students in college, African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans are still behind Caucasians and Asian-Americans in graduating.

At OKCCC, for the fall 2002 semester, the student body was 11,043 with 74.4 percent Caucasian, 8.4 percent African American, 7.8 percent Asian, 6.3 percent Hispanic and 6.1 percent Native American, said Dr. John Barker, director of

research.

Last year's graduation numbers were 76 percent Caucasians, 7.7 percent African American, 6.1 percent Asian, 5.9 percent Native American and 4.9 percent Hispanic.

At Oklahoma State University OKC, Annette Lopp, director of research, said the numbers were about the same. With the enrollment of 4,899 students, with 72 percent are Caucasian, 13 percent are African American, six percent are Native American, four percent are Hispanic, three percent are Asian, one percent are Non-Resident Aliens and 2 percent unknown. They did not have the numbers on graduating minority students.

Sellers' Café
New prices go into effect Jan. 2, 2003 on limited items. See café signs for details.



Rehabilitation begins: OKCCC students Paul Cannon and Karen Wiechman screw bolts into their Theraband tree that will be used in the college's physical therapy association program. "Theraband trees are used as rehabilitation tools to strengthen people's muscles after a stroke or an accident," Cannon said. "People exercise with these trees by pulling on the therabands that are strung through the bolts."

Photo by Kat Mohr

Highlights

Holiday payday

December payday is Friday, Dec. 20, with paychecks available at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19.

Donate for the Jesus House

The Campus Activities Board is collecting donations for the Jesus House to give "Hope for the Holidays." All donations are welcome and should be dropped off in the college union by Thursday, Dec. 12.

Give some holiday cheer

Adopt a grandparent for the holidays, and bring some holiday cheer. Preferred Hospice needs Santa helpers to help deliver ornaments and care baskets to hospice patients and to light their rooms with a smile. Call Patricia Kriegel at 602-6473.

Put some Christmas spirit in your step

Join in the "Festival of Lights Volkswalk" from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, in Chickasha. The walk is free. Registration will be held at the University of Science and Arts Oklahoma student union foyer in Chickasha. The walk is open to the public. There will be both a 5K and a 10K trail. For more information contact Ross or Sheila Kiddie at 387-3231, ext. 6043 or e-mail at phferd@aol.com.

The Communicator needs your stories

During the month of December, The Communicator will run a special feature entitled "Ho Ho - Uh Oh!" People are asked to submit their funniest or most unusual holiday story. One will be picked each week to be featured and the selected entries will win a small prize. Please e-mail stories or send via campus mail to marketing and public relations.

Payment plan to be offered online

Students wanting to enter into a payment plan agreement for spring will be able to do so online very soon. In order to enter into the agreement, the following must be provided: student information, billing information and the \$25 charge paid by credit card. The Pioneer Online will provide updated information at <http://pioneer.okccc.edu/>.

Scholarship available

The Datatel Scholarship is now available. Information can be picked up in the office of Prospective Student Services. The application deadline is Jan. 31.

Answer your questions about financial aid

Financial Aid Night will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in room CU3. Scholarship opportunities will be discussed and representatives will be available from financial aid, career counseling, the international office and graduation. For more information call 682-7525 or visit the website at WWW.okccc.edu/FinancialAid.

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

Happy holidays from the
Pioneer!



We will return Mon,
Jan 20.



Photo by Kat Mohr

What's a one-hour photo lab?

OKCCC student Jeff Sparks bleaches his black and white print before toning it with a brown Sepia tone to give the picture an old-fashioned look. Students interested in taking Photo I or Photo II can contact LaWanda LaVarnway, photo lab assistant at 682-1611 ext. 7329 or check the spring schedule of classes for more information.

Students needed for survey

By Kate Brennan
Staff Writer

MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express have become popular words to the average college student. According to the Council on Student Affairs, debt is another word in the student vocabulary.

The practice of credit card companies offering their services on college campuses in Oklahoma is currently under review, said Mary Johnson, director of student relations.

It's the opinion of the council that credit card companies soliciting on campus increases the indebtedness of the average student, Johnson said.

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—Mary Johnson

Director of Student Relations

"The information will be used to compare OKCCC with other colleges and the public. We believe that the college will fare very well," said Johnson.

An online survey has been supplied to seek as much information as possible on the relationship between credit cards and college students.

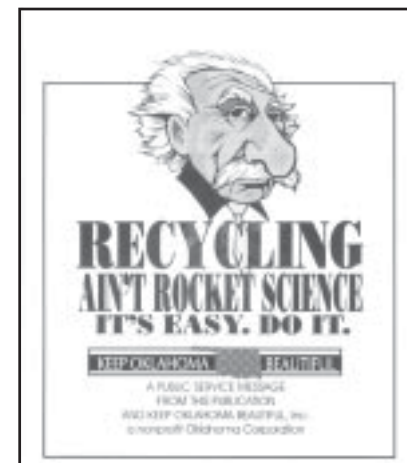
"We would like to encourage students to take the online survey," said Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities and promotions.

Jones said that it's in the students' best interest to take a small amount of time and do the survey.

The credit card sur-

vey can be found at WWW.ou.edu/education/csar/creditcard.htm.

The council serves as an advisory council to the chancellor for higher education, the State Regents and other state officials.



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FOR SALE: Jenny Linn-style baby crib. Excellent condition with new mattress. Asking \$65. If interested leave message at 895-6542.

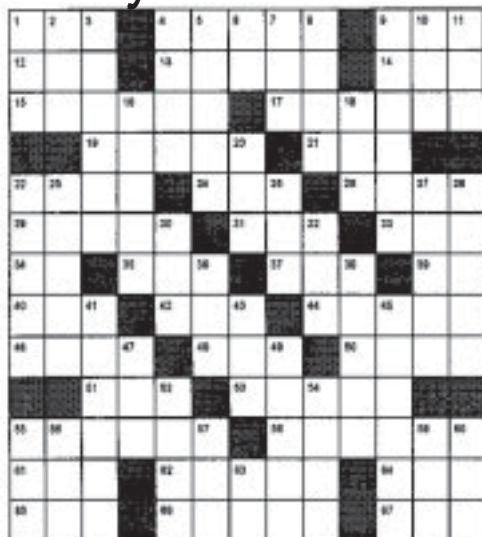
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ACROSS

- 1. Flaw
- 4. Plebe
- 9. Cap
- 12. Metal
- 13. Odor
- 14. S.E. state (abbr.)
- 15. Household (Literary)
- 17. Beetle
- 19. Happening
- 21. _____ Carson
- 22. Wise
- 24. Help
- 26. Tableland
- 29. Utilizers
- 31. The Raven (Poet)
- 33. Green
- 34. Indefinite pronoun
- 35. Price
- 37. Tree
- 39. Eastern state (abbr.)
- 40. Number
- 42. Water Barrier
- 44. Pro
- 46. Great lake
- 48. Rove
- 50. Concern
- 51. Against
- 53. Jury
- 55. Beautiful view
- 58. Medicine for cuts
- 61. Var. of -al (suf.)
- 62. Hanging rope
- 64. Watch
- 65. Pig pen
- 66. Angi-knock fluid
- 67. Auricle

DOWN

- 1. Mother (slang)
- 2. Form of be
- 3. Back out
- 4. Close in
- 5. Stadiuim
- 6. Perform
- 7. Uncle (Prov. Eng.)
- 8. State
- 9. Former
- 10. Indicating ileum (comb. form)
- 11. Daughters of the American Revolution (abbr.)
- 16. Veer
- 18. Goal
- 20. Edge
- 22. Group of rooms
- 23. Flower
- 25. Male deer
- 27. Flavor
- 28. Knowledgeable
- 30. Unhappy
- 32. Fairy
- 36. Sack
- 38. Clubbed
- 41. Pleasantly
- 43. Chart
- 45. Luggage
- 47. Age
- 49. Flower
- 52. Number
- 54. Carol
- 55. Relative (slang)
- 56. Feline
- 57. Bed
- 59. Edu. Group (abbr.)
- 60. Ever (poetic)
- 63. Exclamation

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Employees, students hit hard in latest round of budget cuts

"Cuts,"

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proximately \$416,000 with an anticipated \$370,000 more coming later in the year.

The other area of the budget that has been trimmed is the contingency budget.

Bode said this portion of the budget is used for faculty stipends, unexpected utility costs, additions of new courses and all other things not foreseen by the college when developing the budget.

"The cuts hurt us in terms that we are not able to reward faculty and staff

that continue to get their job done," said Bode.

Bode said the cuts also hurt technology and the availability of new and different course selections and programs that students can choose from.

"It impacts everything you would like to do to help things around the college get better," said Bode.

The reduction in the contingency budget will save \$313,000 for the college.

The final way the college is looking to save money is by closing its doors on Sunday. Dec. 15 is the last Sunday the college, including the library, will be open.

Bode said the college would save the most in

utilities and security costs by closing its doors on Sunday. Nearly \$30,000 will be saved by the college closing on Sunday.

With all the budget cuts taking place, and another one possibly in the balance, Bode said it makes things difficult in propelling OKCCC into the forefront as one of the quality institutions in the nation.

"The college, along with the Board of Regents, [is] extremely interested in OKCCC becoming one of the premier community colleges in the United States," Bode said.

"And when the college is trying to do that while at the same time being hampered with budget reductions, it makes it very difficult.

"We will continue to seek grants from several places that allow us to implement different programs, and we

will continue to seek partners like we did with Integris to help supply the college with the things it needs."

One of the concerns addressed by both Todd and Bode are furloughs, which would require employees to take a leave without pay.

Bode stressed the college

would do everything in its power to avoid anything of that nature.

"We are working very hard to make sure we can make these adjustments without having to tell somebody that they have to take a day off and not get paid for it, when it wasn't their choice," said Bode.

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