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Enrollment continues to increase

Spring numbers show an 11% rise

By **Kate Brennan**
Editor

The economy may be in a slowdown, but enrollment is up.

OKCCC has posted an 11 percent increase in enrollment over last spring, according to a report prepared by John Barker, director of institutional research.

It is a common trend that enrollment in higher education increases when the economy is soft, said OKCCC President Dr. Bob Todd.

"OKCCC has continually had an increase in enrollment for the past six years," Todd said.

The report shows that the number of students taking online classes has increased dramatically, showing a 27 percent increase from last spring.

It also indicates the other large program enrollment increases over last spring were business at 25 percent and film and video production at 17 percent.

The only decreases were in computer-aided design and computer science, which fell 7 and 11 percent respectively.

In spite of the increases in enrollment, state appropriations are down from last year by approximately \$1.2 million dollars said Todd. Additional cuts of \$775,000 also are expected this fiscal year.

OKCCC measures much of its enrollment by using a scale that counts the number of students on a per-credit-taken basis called a full-time equivalent student. Thirty credits earned per year equals one FTE student.

The amount of money spent per FTE student has basically stayed steady at a little more than over \$4,000 from 1998 to now, according to a report prepared by Vice President for Business and Finance Art Bode.

At this amount, OKCCC spends only 75 percent of what most other two-year colleges spend per FTE.

That makes OKCCC a bargain in higher education, Todd said.

According to the Fact Sheet of Economic Im-

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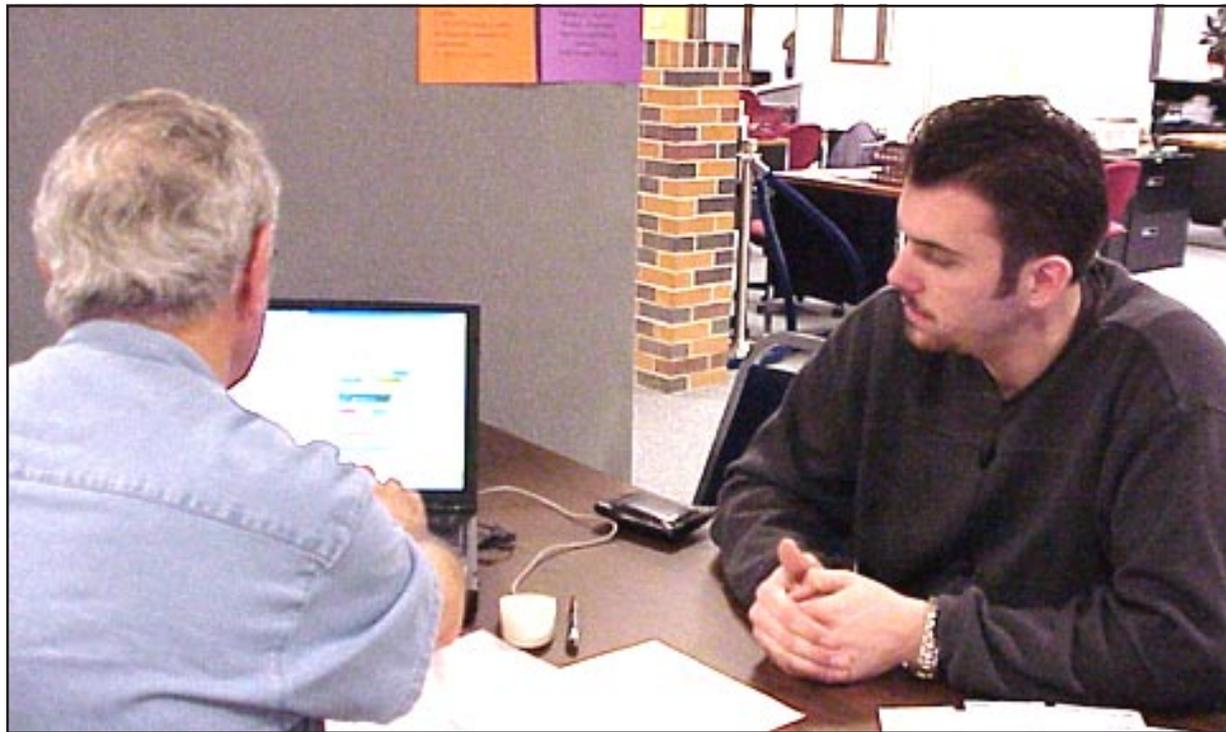


Photo by MB Doescher

Tax help: Chris Dawson, Business sophomore, gets help on his taxes from VITA volunteer Bill King, left. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is currently on campus to help students and area residents file their income taxes. VITA asks that people wanting to file their taxes bring their tax return from last year, Social Security cards for everyone on the return and a driver's license.

Hackers penetrate college server

By **Daniel Lapham**
Staff Writer

On Jan. 30, someone hacked into the college's computer network, creating temporary trouble with its servers.

Gary Lombard, vice president for special projects and information technology, said the hacker penetrated four servers.

"There was no reported loss of data," he said.

"However, there was the inconvenience of shutting down and rebooting the system which took approximately five minutes."

Lombard said all indications point to the use of a robotic hacking system over the Internet.

"This robotic system is a computer program that searches the Internet for any weaknesses in security," Lombard said. "When it finds one

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Former student's murder charge reduced

By **Kate Brennan**
Editor

Former GED student Paul David Duran Jr., 17, made a deal with Oklahoma County prosecutors Jan. 28 that will keep him from being tried for murder.

Duran was arrested on campus April 3 in connection with the



Paul Duran

death of a 19-year-old Oklahoma City man, Billy Wayne Ray.

Duran made a deal

with prosecutors to plead guilty to a lesser charge of robbery in return for testimony against Jessie James Dalton, identified by witnesses to be the shooter in the murder.

Duran originally was charged with first-degree murder along with co-defendants Jessie James Dalton and Warren Allen Plank. Ray was killed during a home inva-

sion March 26.

Ray's parents Darnell and Stella Mae Ray also witnessed the murder.

Assistant District Attorney George Burnett said he will be asking Judge Ray Elliott to sentence Duran to 28 years in prison on the robbery charge.

Sentencing will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 7, at the Oklahoma County Courthouse.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Columbia woes should not hinder future

Once again an entire nation's focus is upon an event that is shocking and unbelievable. The shuttle Columbia breaking apart during re-entry is not the shocking, unbelievable part of this story. That 105 other shuttle missions have landed fine is the most remarkable aspect of a story that is being told from the wrong point of view.

NASA is being attacked about safety issues including heat tiles and its management. Engineers and scientists that have put men on the moon and saved three astronauts aboard a space capsule that suffered a debilitating explosion in space are being portrayed as inept and incompetent.

These same engineers and scientists will be paraded before countless government inquiry boards and will be hounded to appear on an endless stream of news magazine shows to be asked what went wrong and what they should have done differently. The answer to both these questions is nothing.

People smarter than any news anchor or investigative reporter determined the debris that fell from the fuel tank left negligible damage to the shuttle Columbia and would not pose any threat to the crew of the shuttle. Maybe they were wrong. Or perhaps the piece of foam rubber hitting the wing of the shuttle had absolutely nothing to do with the breakup upon re-entry. Whatever did happen, the American media and citizens should not blame the employees of NASA. In fact, everyone should be applauding them.

Every other travel company in the world would love to have the safety record NASA has. Only two mishaps in 107 shuttle missions is remarkable. Only the Concorde airline has a better safety record. However, Concorde does not have to plan for flights flying six times the speed of sound at more than three miles over the surface of the earth.

NASA sets the standard for the way safety issues should be handled in a company, minus cost effectiveness and efficiency. The astronauts are pushing the limits of known existence for mankind. Crossing boundaries often comes with a steep price. To the families who paid that price, America gives her deepest sympathies.

America must listen to the families of the fallen astronauts who say the exploration of space must go on. So, instead of focusing on finding a scapegoat for this tragedy, America should strongly support NASA and its astronauts, engineers, scientists, and technicians in finding the solution.

It would be great to see the next shuttle mission go on as scheduled and have all of its mission, national television. Too bad Washington and the national media will never let it happen.

—**MB Doescher**
Staff Writer

Test Center serves students

To the editor:

The Test Center staff is prepared and committed to meeting the testing needs of the students and faculty of the college. In its newly remodeled space, the 132-person capacity Test Center was designed to handle the demands of a diverse and growing institution. In the past six months, almost 40,000 tests have been administered in the center; a 25 percent increase over the same time period last year. During the Fall 2003 final examination week, the Test Center served approximately 800 students in a single day, with a wait time of no more than four minutes per student.

The reductions in the college's operating budget requires a review of staffing, processes and services to increase efficiency. We have been responsive to this challenge and have found an innovative way to con-

tinue to offer the best possible testing venue.

A cross-training initiative with the full-time staff of Career and Assessment Services has created the flexibility and the additional human resources necessary in the Test Center while producing a significant annual savings in staffing expenditures. We strongly believe that the quality of the service provided and the integrity of the testing environment will not be adversely affected by the recent changes in personnel.

A state-of-the-art video and audio surveillance monitoring system was recently installed in the Test Center. This system supplements the staff's ability to proctor exams with additional high-tech monitoring of test-takers and it serves as a management tool to help to ensure quality customer service within the Test Center.

If you would like to discuss this matter or have any recommendations for how we may continue to improve our services, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jim Ellis, Director of Career and Assessment Services, who has agreed to provide direct supervision for the Test Center and its staff.

—**John Hockett**
Dean of Student
Development

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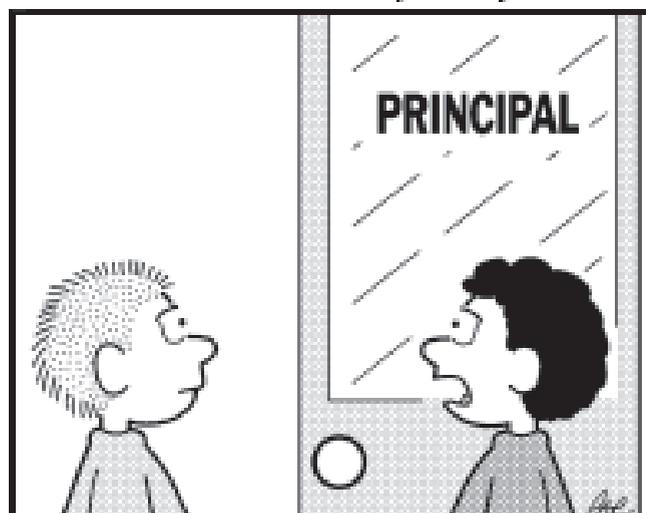
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Comments and Reviews

Top dollar 'Satisfaction' in OKC

Hey! Hey! Hey! They had us rockin' then. On Tuesday, Jan. 28, the Rolling Stones thrilled us all again at the Ford Center in Oklahoma City.

While some detractors balked at ticket prices, ranging from the basement of Heaven at \$50 to actual Heaven at \$300, it was worth every penny. Believe it or not, the guys have actually become more reasonable. For the 1999 No Security Tour, the Stones stopped by the former Myriad on April 10, asking \$500 for floor seats.

The Stones' opening act was Ryan Adams, whose show was uneventful for the most part. He defined the term opening act.

After his set, Adams tried to embrace his inner Pete Townshend by drop-kicking the microphone and just making a mess.

There were no flinging guitar arms, as was

Townshend's trademark; however, this kid was not all right. To Adams' credit, of course, he did open for the Rolling Stones, while the rest of us are still in school avoiding real life.

For this tour, the Forty Licks Tour, the Stones chose an album a night to highlight. Exile on Main Street from 1972 was the choice of the evening. Standards like "Tumbling Dice" and lesser-known tracks like "Loving Cup" dazzled us. While somewhat of an abridged show, it was still a great one.

There were some changes to the act as well. Instead of opening with "Satisfaction" or "Start Me Up," the guys opened with "You Got Me Rocking" from 1994's Voodoo Lounge, for which

the guys won a Grammy for Best Rock Album.

If ever a man can control a crowd, it is Mick Jagger. Think not of Altamont,



tragedy hits everyone. Mick had us imitating his every move, from simple hand claps during "Satisfaction" to the woo-woo-woo of "Brown Sugar."

The Stones' show was yet another good one. From the first strut to the last, Mick and the boys showed us once again that it's only rock 'n' roll... but we like it!

—**Jennifer Vigil**
Contributing Writer

Joe's Crab Shack a seafood hit

Got a craving for crabs and seafood? If the answer's 'yes,' then you'll definitely want to pay a visit to the new Joe's Crab Shack right here in the neighborhood.

Joe offers their customers a happy and friendly environment first, and then with great selections of seafood specialties on the menu.

The rich and creamy Blue Crab Dip served with tortilla chips is full of crab and cheese. This appetizer will sure open up your appetite.

More crabs? Sure, at Joe's you can have your crabs barbecued, garlicked, or steamed with sides.

You may choose snow crab directly from the North Atlantic, crab cake dinner with roasted red pepper sauce and south west corn relish, Dungeness crabs from the northwest coast or even crab legs from Alaska.

Crab lovers can even have

a sampling of king, Dungeness, and snow crab for \$24.99.

They also offer several types of fish that are available blackened, grilled, or lemon pepper seasoned, such as Harvest Bay mahi and halibut. Both dishes are served with tasty cream sauce on top, and they also come with rice pilaf and vegetables of the day.

Steaks, on the other hand, make a delicious entrée either on its own or paired with seafood. The top sirloin with choice of fried or grilled shrimp and the 12 ounce tender and juicy ribeye are both good choices with reasonable prices.

Joe's steaks are grilled and served with Joe's Famous mashed potatoes, house salads, and vegetables of the day.

Great deals for students are Joe's sandwiches, salads, and Joe's Favorites

\$9.99 and under.

You can substitute a twice-baked potato to any \$9.99 and under entrée for only 99 cents or add a salad for only 89 cents.

If you really don't have any interest in seafood whatsoever, try their signature pasta with chicken, tomatoes, green onions, and choice of alfredo or roasted red pepper cream sauce for \$9.99.

To satisfy your sweet tooth after dinner, indulge yourself with bananas foster. It's two crepes filled with ice cream and topped



Dear Penelope,

I have a problem that I can't seem to get over. I date loser guys. I know they're losers and yet I'm still attracted to them. I've tried dating nice guys, but I don't seem to have any chemistry with them. There is just no spark. I'm like an addict, but even though I can admit I have a problem, I can't seem to get over it. There are so many great guys out there. Why can't I just be happy with one of them?

—**Loser Magnet**
OKCCC student

Dear Loser Magnet,

It sounds to me like you're not quite ready to settle down. There is something inside of you that realizes an affair with a man that does not fulfill your needs is not going to work. You set yourself up for a failure. So instead of dating a man with a sound relationship in mind, you avoid commitment. This is certainly a way to stay alone and miserable. You may want to take some time away from the male gender and figure out what it is you want in your life and in your relationships. There will be a time when you are ready for the frightening commitment and interdependence that comes along with a healthy and forward-moving relationship.

—**Penelope**

Write to Penelope. Drop off your letters in the Pioneer office in 2M6 of the main building or E-mail to editor@okccc.edu.

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Joe's Crab Shack is a wonderful place to hang out with friends and families.

It's a spot where you can have fresh and delicious seafood, luscious desserts,

and maybe join the servers for a dance with songs like Car Wash and YMCA.

You can find the new location of Joe's Crab Shack at 1508 SW 74th. Their phone number is 681-1200.

—**Caroline Ting**
Staff Writer

Quote of the Week:

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter."

—**E.E. Cummings**

Sundance gives new insight to student

By Daniel Lapham
Staff Writer

The dream of hanging out with movie stars and famous directors may appear to be anything but reality for many students at OKCCC, but last month film and video production major Jonathan Denmark lived that dream.

He just returned from the famed Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, which takes place the first week of January.

"Two nights before I left, my friend Jesse Feldmen, from high school at Cassidy, called me from California and asked if I wanted to fly out there and drive with him to the festival," Denmark said.

Denmark and Feldmen drove out to Sundance three days later.

Denmark said it was a non-stop party in Park City. There were people everywhere and no one really knew who was who.

"Everyone was friendly. All you had to do was just ask someone what their fa-

"The difference between being a student in class today and involved in a feature film tomorrow could be a decision away."

—Jonathan Denmark
OKCCC Film Student

vorite movie was, and it was an instant conversation," Denmark said.

Denmark said everyone was there to have fun partying at the festival. "A lot of the Hollywood stigma was broken down."

The most interesting person Denmark met was the lead singer of a band called Vortex. She introduced herself to them as Chlorine.

"She was the most fun person to talk to," Denmark said. "She went on and on about how everyone you meet is important. She said that my friend Jesse and I were just as important as meeting a celebrity because we could be the next people to make it. Up here you never know. She was really encouraging to us."

Denmark explained that a common misunderstand-

ing about Sundance is that you have to buy a ticket or pay a lot of money to attend the festival.

"It's an open festival in the town, and there is a lot to do around that doesn't cost anything," he said.

The main costs at the festival are movie passes, food and lodging, Denmark said.

"People can buy tickets for \$10 at the festival or in advance, but I wouldn't suggest advance tickets because something else might come up that is more fun and then you're stuck with a ticket.

"Food and lodging can be fairly inexpensive if your groceries are bought in advance and you don't mind crashing on a floor," Denmark said.

Some of the most valuable knowledge Denmark gained from the trip was the understanding of how to



Photo by MB Doescher

Jonathan Denmark

present himself as a person with potential and the realization that almost anyone can give himself the opportunity to succeed.

"The difference between being a student today and involved in a feature film tomorrow could be a decision away," Denmark said.

When Denmark graduated from Cassidy High School in 2001, he wanted

to be a writer. He then got involved in film with the thought of being more visible so he would have a platform to present his poetry.

Now in his fourth semester at OKCCC, Denmark has newly invigorated dreams of success. "I think everyone should go to Sundance. I know it made a difference in my life."

Bear needs good home...



Photo courtesy of OKCCC Bookstore

Kyron Smoot, left, and Jessica Wallace, bookstore cashier, hold the Valentine's Day Bear that will be given away by the bookstore this week. A trivia contest will determine the winner of the bear. The contest starts Monday, Feb. 10 and ends Feb. 13 at noon.

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Professor's artwork inspired by loss of pet

Intricate beadwork adorns bags, buttons and jewelry

By Katherine Swisher
News Writing I Student

For 10 years, Cecelia Yoder, OKCCC psychology professor, considered her black chow dog to be her companion and friend.

Since Ming was Yoder's first pet after she reached adulthood, she had a special attachment — one so strong, Yoder said, that she could never imagine life without her.

Then, one day in 1992, Yoder had to face the fact that she would outlive her best friend. Ming was running a high fever. The veterinarian said she was very sick and needed to be put to sleep.

Yoder said that tremendous loss gave her the urge to do something with her hands, something creative.

She owned an Iroquois bag decorated with beads that her mother had bought her 35 years earlier in Niagra Falls. Yoder had grown up admiring the bag.

"It was truly the most amazing thing I had ever seen," Yoder said.

The intricate beadwork inspired her to turn to art as a way to deal with death.

She said she tried to imitate the delicate design of the beaded flowers sewn onto the bag.

She was making something as a memorial for her late companion but, during the process, she discovered a true love all its own.

Just months after she began to express her talent, she was selling it at art galleries such as the Oklahoma Art Gallery in Oklahoma City.

"I enjoy sharing my creative view with others," Yoder said.

Creating art was one thing Yoder could do to manage her grief over losing her pet but found it was also something she had a

"It is so rewarding to create something beautiful and to have someone else think it's beautiful. It is extraordinarily satisfying, being able to share my vision of beauty."

—Cecelia Yoder
OKCCC Psychology Professor

talent for. Her determination to succeed increased. A passion she had from childhood had been rekindled.

In her younger days, Yoder had dabbled in needlepoint, knitting and other creative activities that involved using her hands but they didn't hold her interest for long. Her interest resurfaced with the death of Ming.

She began buying fabrics and stringing beads in 1992. She was attracted to covering surfaces with the Iroquois beaded flowers that she had admired for so many years. For her first project, she covered a vest in beaded flowers.

Next, she began making heart broaches. Then, she found patterns for lizards that she developed a particular interest in. With that, she created her logo, a lizard with a collar around its neck, inspired by the boomer lizard that had made an impression on her.

Yoder said she began making flat vessel bags — full and round in the bottom and flat on top, pinched together near the top by a string — adorning them with many different beaded designs such as flowers and birds. She said those gave the bags a soft, gentle look.

Yoder said she also enjoys decorating antique buttons with beads.

She said it's enjoyable to make something interesting out of something plain.

One favorite piece she created is a Victorian button covered in navy blue beads that cause it to "glis-

ten and shine."

After a couple of years, Yoder said she wanted to do something new.

Thus began a jewelry-making venture. She strings necklaces out of vintage glass and beads from India. She said each necklace has a different design, each simple yet complicated.

Yoder said she doesn't think of her talent as a hobby or a therapeutic escape but as a second vocation.

"It feels natural," she said. "It just feels like the right thing to be doing."



Photo by MB Doescher

Cecelia Yoder wears a piece of her beaded work.

"I take it as seriously as I do my job. It's a priority in my life," Yoder said.

"It is so rewarding to create something beautiful and to have someone else think it's beautiful. It is ex-

traordinarily satisfying, being able to share my vision of beauty.

"While I enjoy creating, the real joy comes from other people responding to that vision."



Ever Get Somebody Totally Wasted?

Columbia disaster leaves students stunned

By Caroline Ting
Staff Writer

The space shuttle Columbia was expected to return home safely on Feb. 1 with a crew of seven astronauts on board. Instead, the craft disintegrated 12 miles above the Earth, scattering pieces of the shuttle across parts of Texas and Louisiana. All aboard were killed.



Millie Jacobs

OKCCC students expressed their reactions about the accident.

"I was so sad," said freshman Millie Jacobs, photography major, who heard the news from a co-worker. She said she feels sorry about those who lost their loved ones.



Heather Clark

Heather Clark, a pre-law student, said she was in disbelief after hearing the news.

"[I thought], 'Oh my gosh! Why is something else bad happening in the United States?'" she said.



Justin Jones

She said the first question that went through her mind as she watched the news on CNN was whether terrorists might have been responsible.

Justin Jones, history major, said he feels sad about the event.

"I kept thinking what caused it," he said. "I feel bad for the families as well. I just can't believe it happened."



John Huggins

John Huggins, a sophomore majoring in public relations, said he woke up and saw the news on CNN Saturday morning. He said he was very distraught.

"It took me a while to figure out what was going on because I just woke up," Huggins said. "I hope none of that [debris] comes down and kills anyone."



Photo by MB Doescher

Flags are lowered to half-staff across the nation to mourn the deaths of the seven astronauts aboard the shuttle Columbia. The space shuttle disintegrated on its return to Earth Feb. 1. Pieces of the craft were scattered in Texas and Louisiana.

Former employee explains his departure

By Kate Brennan
Editor

Budget cuts and a smaller workforce weren't the only reasons Jeff Beed decided to leave his position as Testing Center coordinator Jan. 27.

Beed said the bigger issue for him was upper management not discussing any needed reductions or cuts with him before final decisions were made.

Beed announced his resignation in a campus-wide e-mail that was later removed by direction of Vice President for Student Services Marion Paden from the inboxes of those who had not yet opened it.

Paden said the e-mail was retracted because she felt "[the e-mail] was not an appropriate use

of college resources."

Beed said he had attempted to explain the problems in his area with his bosses.

"Upper management had candidly admitted to me in the past that they did not understand the work involved with the testing center," he said.

"I had statistics and knowledge that could have been a benefit to them in their decision-making."

Beed said a managerial position generally comes with a certain amount of authority, but he felt he had none.

Beed said, after having several negative experiences with a test center employee, he twice recommended firing the employee. Beed said, his request was denied.



Jeff Beed

He said the employee "created a hostile workplace for both employees and students."

"It got unbearable and was to the point where I had to leave," he said.

The deletion of Beed's resignation e-mail only affirmed his reason for quitting he said.

"This is only one more example of the elitist attitude that I have, at times, encountered at the school being micro-managed and overly controlled by superiors," he said.

Beed said he still doesn't understand why his e-mail was deleted. He said he sent the e-mail campus-wide so his colleagues and the faculty he had served for a year and a half would know he resigned and

where he could be reached.

"I feel that some of [the upper management] are largely out of touch with the needs of students, subordinates and the day-to-day operations of the school," Beed said.

"My wish is that a light would be shone on those areas that I have addressed and that students become more of the real focus at OKCCC."

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Practice makes perfect

Melissa Richard, Child Development major, works at the Child Development Center in the lab area. Richard is close to graduating and is training for a job in the field of child development. The lab at the center is used by students to practice their teachings. Richard reads to the kids,

plays games, and sings songs in a happy, healthy atmosphere. She said the best part about working in the Child Development Center is being able to tie together all of her lessons and philosophies from all of her classes and use them in an actual working environment.



Above: From top to bottom: Brooklyn Howard, Lauren Foley, Terren Shay, and Logan Loyd gather around the computer to play interactive and educational games.

Below: Singing songs and dancing are two of Brooklynn Howard's favorite activities.



Above: Esther Gilbert, left, and Kacee Kernell play with an assortment of blocks and games that are available during free time. A favorite is the block house complete with people and furniture.



Above: Counter-clockwise from right: Richard plays blocks with Miles King, Esther Gilbert, Kaycee Kernell, Lauren Foley, and Brooklynn Howard as they dig into the block collection.



Esther, above, and Selah Gilbert, right, listen intently to Richard as she reads them a story about a trip to Grandmother's house.



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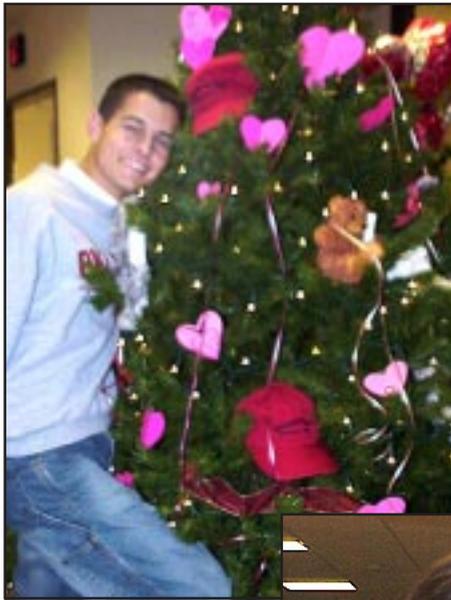


Above: Melissa Richard reads to all the children, pictured left, at the Child Development Center.



Valentine plans — past and future

Students recall best presents



“There’s a church fellowship going on so I’ll probably go to that.”

—OKCCC Student and Bookstore employee Mike Sanders, who is currently single.



“I’m scheduled to work. But that’s all right. It’s a good money-maker day. I’ll probably go out to eat on another day with my fiancé.”

—Premed freshman Nicole Skill



“We’ll be sitting on a bench in the window of the college bookstore, eating Jelly Bellies jelly beans.”

—OKCCC Bookstore groupies Cindi Lou and Bobby Joe



“I’m single and looking for a date. If you see me in the halls, stop me so we can make a date.”

—OKCCC Nursing major Trung Nguyen

By Caroline Ting
Staff Writer

What was one of the best things you’ve ever done on Valentine’s Day? The Pioneer asked this question to several people on campus and learned that many people are quite creative about their plans on this special day.

“We [my boyfriend and I] went for a picnic at Lake Hefner, and before that I gave him half a dozen roses,” said Christina Grant, a sophomore studying pre-dentistry.

She’s also expecting her loved one to cook for her on Valentine’s Day this year, and she’ll probably take him to a concert as a gift.

“He cooks for me all the time,” she said.

Kyle Sheppard, a freshman majoring in construction science, said he and his girlfriend attended a friend’s wedding one year. His girlfriend actually thought it was

quite romantic.

Another student did a good deed.

“I donated blood on Valentine’s Day last year,” said Tracy Choate, freshman.

The reason she donated blood on that day was because her niece needed blood badly and she thought there must be other little girls who needed blood as well.

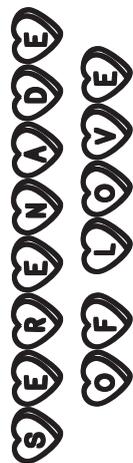
Choate’s mother is a social worker who works with many children coming from poor families. She said they would drop off candies at each kid’s door the night before Valentine’s Day.

Then they’d ring the door bell and go hide somewhere just to see the surprised looks on the children’s faces.

“We put the parents’ names on the candies too so they could take credit as well.”

Nabeel Arshad, a sophomore from Pakistan majoring in marketing, said he once gave his girlfriend a dozen roses and was glad she was happy and excited.

“But this year I’ll probably call my mom and tell her I love her because I don’t have a girlfriend,” said Arshad.



A thoughtfully romantic gift from the OKCCC Chamber Singers is the singing telegrams they’re offering this year, which will add a little touch of musical romance to Valentine’s Day.

The men will dress up in black tuxedos and the women will wear formal dresses for the telegram. Either the men’s or women’s quartet will serenade your sweetheart with an a cappella song plus a single red rose.

The cost will be \$20 for telegrams on the OKCCC campus and \$25 off campus. Singing telegrams will only be offered on Friday, Feb. 14.

For more information regarding singing telegrams, please contact music Professor Jonathan Stewart at 682-1611, ext. 7249.



Day of lovers historical one

Mid-February in 5th Century Rome was traditionally the time of the Lupercian festival, an ode to the god of fertility and a celebration of sensual pleasure, a time to meet and court a prospective mate.

In AD 496, Pope Gelasius outlawed the Pagan festival. But he was clever to replace it with a similar celebration, although one deemed morally suitable. He needed a “lovers” saint to replace the Pagan deity Lupercus.

The martyred Bishop Valentine was chosen as the patron saint of the new festival.

Saint Valentine had been beheaded for helping young lovers marry against the wishes of the emperor Claudius. Before

execution, Valentine himself had fallen in love with his jailer’s daughter. He signed his final note to her, “From Your Valentine,” a phrase that has lasted through the centuries.

Pope Gelasius didn’t get everything he wanted. The Pagan festival died out, it is true, but he had further hoped people would emulate the lives of saints.

Instead they latched onto the more romantic aspect of Saint Valentines religious life. While not immediately as popular as the more passionate Pagan festival, eventually the concept of celebrating true love became known as Valentine’s Day.

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Highlights

Different gift for Valentine's Day

OKCCC Chamber Singers are offering Singing Telegrams to loved ones. A men's or women's quartet will serenade someone's sweetheart with an a cappella song and a single rose. Cost will be \$20 on the OKCCC campus and \$25 off campus. For more information, contact music professor Jonathan Stewart at 682-1611, ext. 7249.

Valentine's Day Basket

Abilities Galore is inviting everyone to come earn a chance to win a Valentine's Day Basket valued approximately \$40, through Feb. 14. See table near College Union foyer. For more information, contact Katherine Wagner at 706-9919.

Date Auction and Valentine Basket Raffle

The Black Student Association is organizing two special upcoming events. The Date Auction will be held from Feb. 10 to 14. It includes a dinner for two and a free limo ride (for one couple). Tickets are available for a \$1 donation. Valentine Basket Raffle will be held until Feb. 13. Basket display will be shown at the bookstore display window. To purchase tickets for the auction, contact Craig Robinson at 682-1611, ext. 7616. For more information, call Tawanna Lawrence at 819-3202, or attend their welcome back meeting from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, held in Room 3K4 of the main building.

Environmental Science Club meeting

The Environmental Science Club meeting will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, in Room 1G7, next to the Students with Disabilities office. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to discuss and plan future club activities. For more information, contact Teresa Randall at 682-1611, ext. 7685.

Free child safety seat checkup

Car seats will be checked free of charge by a Certified Child Passenger Safety Specialist, and questions concerning this will also be answered. The event will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Child Development Center. For more information, contact Lee Ann at 682-1611, ext. 7561.

Visit with your legislators

Higher Education Day at the Capitol is set for Tuesday, Feb. 25. It's sponsored by the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma. This is an opportunity to thank the legislators for their continued support of OKCCC and let them know about all the great things going on at the college. Visits with the legislators will be coordinated. Those who have legislative contacts or need additional information about the event, please call Pat Berryhill at 682-1611, ext. 7591.

Women's Rugby team wants players

The Oklahoma Women's Rugby team is looking for women who are interested in being part of a winning team with the possibility of an athletic scholarship. They'll also travel to New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas and Kansas. Practice times are at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call coach Tracy Curtis at 820-4977.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer. Highlights turned in after Tuesdays will be considered only if space is available.



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Win a basket: Willow 'Marissa' Shirley pauses while raising money for the Abilities Galore scholarship by selling Valentine's candy. The fundraiser runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Feb. 14 outside the cafeteria. Students who buy one item become eligible to win an Ultimate Valentine's Day Gift Basket.

Come to the gym, pool

By Caroline Ting
Staff Writer

They may be hidden at the back of the college union, but that hasn't stopped the Recreation and Community Services office from trying to get the message across to students about the free services they offer on campus.

Students are encouraged to use all their facilities including the gym, pool and weight room for free, as long as they have a current valid student ID, said Stephanie Scott, Aquatics and Health and Safety Training Specialist.

Scott has been working full-time on the position for two years, and before that she was the head lifeguard for the pool.

She is also currently a graduate student at University of Central Oklahoma studying Adult Education.

"Students can also take most of our classes at a discount," Scott said.

She also said a lot of students don't realize they are here.

But when students are in college, they're paying for a lot of things. "If you have it free, it's a good idea to use it," Scott said.

Compared to private gyms, the weight room and the cardio room at the college are a bit smaller and provide no tanning beds. But one thing they do have is a basketball gym, which can't be found at many other places, Scott said.

On top of informing students about using their free facilities, Recreation and Community Service is also looking for volunteers for the upcoming 2003 Mountain West Swimming and Diving Conference on Feb. 19 to 22.

Scott said she really encourages student clubs to join them. Whichever club comes up with the largest contribution of hours, not necessarily the most people, will be given a free pool party.

This event is being organized by Scott and Roxanna

Butler, Coordinator of Aquatics, will be needing timers, runners, hospitality aides, ticket takers, ticket sellers, merchandise sales people and national anthem singers.

A Volunteer Registration Form can be picked up at the RCS office at 1C6. The form needs to be completed and returned by Friday, Feb. 14.

For questions students might have while they're using the facilities, Scott emphasized students are welcome to stop by their office during office hours and ask one of the staff.

"Just bring your ID and come down here and check it out," Scott said.

To find out more information, please visit their website at www.okccc.edu/rcs or call the Recreation and Community Services Help Line at 682-1611, ext. 7560.

For questions concerning the 2003 Mountain West Swimming and Diving Conference Championships, please contact Scott at 682-1611, ext. 7662.

Classifieds

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

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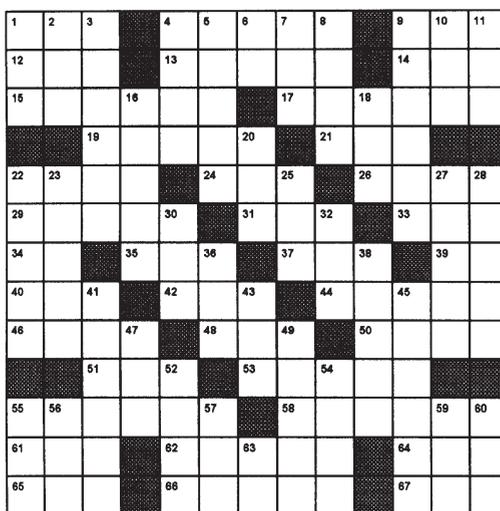
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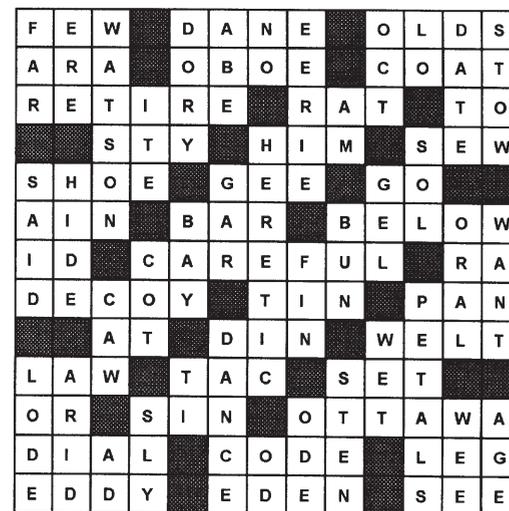
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pact of OKCCC, students here enjoy a 27.4 percent rate of return on their OKCCC educational investment and recover all costs — including wages forgone while attending school — within 5 and a half years after graduation.

The Board of Regents agree that although many students may not think in

terms of rate of return, the realization of a tougher job market is part of what draws them to higher education.

Todd said he believes many students choose OKCCC for its convenience, cost and quality.

"I think the major factor [of increased enrollment], is being recognized as a quality place that's accessible, that has quality faculty, relatively small classes and is quite a bargain in terms of tuition."

Student records not affected by robotic hacking system

"Security,"
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it breaks in and sets up accounts."

Lombard said the college has a high level of security that is constantly evolving to keep ahead of hacking technology.

Denny Myers, TCP/IP applications specialist, and Dave Anderson, hardware and software specialist, are the two men responsible for keeping up with this technology, Lombard said.

Myers said the college receives a staggering number of attempted hacks into its system each day.

"I would be confident in saying that on some days we may receive hits in the hundreds. It is less on other days."

The college does have many safeguards to detour potential hackers, Myers said.

"We have a number of procedures in place to block and catch hackers."

Myers said he could not comment further on the college's security procedures because of the security risk involved.

A number of employees reported not being able to access the college server from late afternoon Jan. 30 until Friday morning, Jan. 31. Myers said that might have been a result of the

hacker but said he couldn't confirm it.

Students should know that Datatel, the system that contains student records, was not affected at all. It uses a completely separate set of protocols, which makes it highly secure and almost impossible to break into, Myers said.

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Tasty snowflakes



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OKCCC Electrician Floyd Moore stops shoveling long enough to enjoy the snowfall. Snow started falling early Thursday morning, just days after Oklahomans enjoyed temperatures in the low 70s.

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