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# PIONEER

## Financial aid steps viewed

Dean says there's 'always room for improvement'

By Kate Brennan  
Editor and  
Daniel Lapham  
Staff Writer

Pell grants and loans make up a good portion of some OKCCC students' incomes.

In the past year, many of those students have expressed discouragement with the college's financial aid system.

Marissa "Willow" Shirley, broadcast major, received financial aid for the first time this school year.

"It has been a painful process," she said.

"During the fall semester, I didn't receive my financial aid until the last day of class."

"This semester they delayed it because one of my grades was entered incorrectly and another was on hold until I finished all of the work for that class," Shirley said.

Harold Case, dean of financial aid, said all government guidelines must be met, which includes all paperwork and documentation being filled out correctly and turned in.

Carisa Weeaks, journalism and English major, said she has had problems getting information about her financial aid status and file information.

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—Marion Paden

Vice President for Student Services

"[The financial aid office] didn't have any information on their screen and wouldn't look into it for me," she said.

"I filled out everything, but it took them over a month to find my file and look it over. I knew it would take them longer because I am a new student, but I didn't think it would be this long," she said.

Shirley said she wasn't treated with respect when she tried to get answers.

"The financial aid office treated me terribly," she said. "They misinformed me constantly. I could not get the truth from them until I finally spoke with a work-study [who] helped me out."

Vice President for student services Marion Paden agreed that the financial aid office was not in the best of conditions.

"We knew that we had a fire in the kitchen [this past year]," Paden said.

"We have not been satisfied with the delivery of financial aid."

She said the past has brought problems such as late disbursements of Pell grants

and students being dropped for non-payment, even when a grant has been awarded.

Case said there is also a difference in the timing of disbursement between differ-

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Photo by MB Doescher

**Job hunting:** Sheeja Prasannan, right, talks to Charlinda Kent about employment opportunities at Midwest Regional Medical Center. Kent, a nurse recruiter for Midwest and was on campus April 1 for the Health Care job fair. Representatives from 13 medical institutions were on hand to recruit students.

## Seven employees get pink slips

By Kate Brennan  
Editor

Seven full-time college employees were sent notices that their contracts would not be renewed for the fiscal year that begins July 1. The college will save an estimated \$288,000 annually in salaries alone, according to the staffing plan.

All full-time salaried employees must be notified by April 1 if their contracts will not be renewed, said OKCCC President Bob Todd.

Todd said he does not anticipate any further notifications of non-renewal of contracts unless there is another reduction in state funding.

Other positions may be cut due to the loss of grant money, but there is no plan so far that would reduce any other employees, said Dr. Paul Sechrist, provost/vice president of academic affairs.

Layoffs are not the only solution to the growing budget shortfall. Students can expect a tuition increase next fall, if college regents approve the proposal.

OKCCC students currently pay slightly over

27 percent of the cost of their education, according to a report prepared by Art Bode, vice president for business and finance. Oklahoma State Regents recommend students pay a third of their total college costs.

He said the Board of Regents and the State Regents must OK the raise, which could be a 10 percent increase or more.

OKCCC is currently ranked 14 out of 14 Oklahoma community colleges in total cost of tuition and fees.

Both the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University are looking at a 20 percent increase in tuition and fees, said Sechrist.

Todd said he does not believe that an increase of that magnitude at OKCCC would be in the best interest of the students.

The staff is identifying areas that are less critical to save money.

"[Non-personnel] costs are being adjusted to ensure that we have the things that we need," said Todd.

OKCCC is ranked as one of the most efficient colleges in Oklahoma.

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## Editorial and Opinion

### Editorial

# Sensational media — Arnett and Rivera out

Peter Arnett was a respected journalist with a high profile news operation — until last week. He went on television and told the Iraqi people that they were winning and then was promptly fired from both NBC and National Geographic.

Arnett is not the only reporter with questionable actions and an uncouth tongue.

Geraldo Rivera was embedded with the 101st Airborne, but was promptly ejected when he drew a map in the sand of their location and the destination of the troops during one of his reports for Fox news.

Both Arnett and Rivera seemed to be living by their own standards without regard to the soldiers or the American public.

What has happened to integrity when responsibility gives way to sensationalism?

In a world where time is measured in deadlines, a seasoned journalist needs to be able to make a split-second call if safety is at stake and all words must be chosen carefully.

Ethical standards are taught in the most elementary of journalism and mass media classes, but there are some that must have been absent during those lectures.

Instead, a decision is made by a 24-hour news station to air the Al-Jazeera tape of executed American soldiers, to give an interview to the “enemy” without any factual information or credible sources and to give away the location and destination of American soldiers.

This is sensational journalism at its worst.

With access to confidential information comes a responsibility. There aren't enough ratings to make up for a person put into grave danger or killed because of a news story.

The media has a responsibility to the public as a watchdog, a forum, a teacher and an entertainer. These four functions should be taken seriously. It is a privilege to be able to inform and influence the thoughts and opinions of others, but responsibility is the key.

Although sensationalism may be entertaining, it belongs in, the tabloids and gossip television — not on the news.

When journalists become the news, they can rarely accurately report the news. So bye-bye Arnett, have fun as a tabloid reporter at the Mirror.

—Kate Brennan  
Editor

# Support suicide awareness

### To the editor:

May 4 through 10 is National Suicide Awareness Week. Suicide used to be a taboo subject, but with the alarming increase in suicide deaths in recent years, it is becoming recognized as a subject that needs to be confronted.

There are support groups across the United States now that help with the grief and emotions associated with a suicide death. S.O.S. (Survivors of Suicide) is a support group for people that have lost a loved one to suicide, whether it be a family member, co-worker, or friend. There is a Norman Chapter of S.O.S. that meets once a month. For more information, please contact Linda Schulenberg at 682-7541 or 387-4629.

On Saturday, May 3, there

will be a “Walk for Life + Suicide Awareness” at Stars and Stripes park at Lake Hefner. The walk is to be held from 5 to 8 p.m. and the registration fee is \$25 (this includes a T-shirt, refreshments, and signs). Contact Linda Schulenberg for registration forms. The registration deadline is April 18.

This walk will help benefit the many support groups that help people through the grieving process of losing a loved one to suicide and hopefully bring a new awareness to the devastating increase of suicide deaths. The support groups really work.

I know because I lost my 18-year-old son to suicide six years ago and the Norman S.O.S. group has been a lifesaver for my hus-

band and me.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope you will try to attend the walk.

—Linda C. Schulenberg  
Human Resources  
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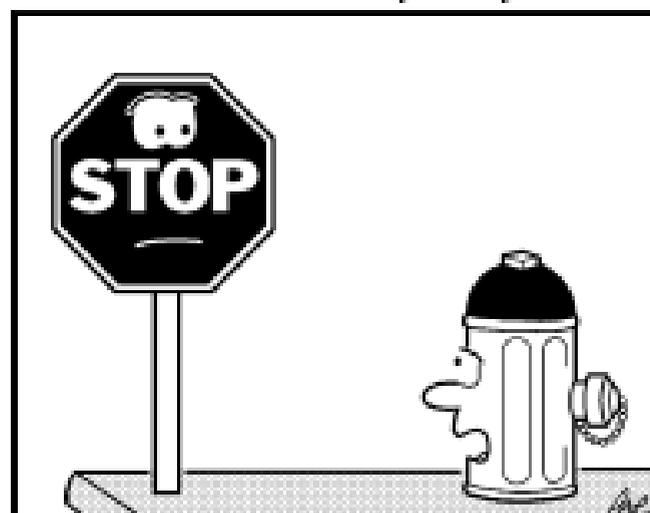
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## Comments and Reviews

# IDs protect all students

### To the Editor:

I have been a student at OKCCC since 1999. Throughout my years as a student, I have seen many things that have frustrated me, but nothing that has compelled me to write until the recent letter to the editor from Kelly Mitchell. As both a student and a tutor in the Communications Lab, I take issue with several points expressed in this letter.

Student ID's are required of every student to use school facilities. It is one of the few responsibilities that we, as students, are expected to comply with outside of the classroom. It is not an arbitrarily enforced rule. By swiping a card, information is gathered that allows the different facilities in the school prepare their budgets, have adequate staff on hand, and ensure they have enough supplies.

It also ensures that the people who are using the lab are students at OKCCC. As was stated in the letter, our fees as OKCCC students pay for the use of the facility. However, we have often had students from other colleges come to the lab for assistance because they wanted the ease and convenience offered at our school compared to their own. Many other colleges require an additional fee for tutoring, use of supplies such as paper, and require appointments a day or more in advance.

In an attempt to avoid the implementation of some of these stricter organizational enforcements, our Communications Lab has in place a policy of requiring a student ID. If a student does not have a student ID, they are referred to the information desk for an override slip. With that slip and a photo ID such as a driver's license, an override can be

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—Barbara Gwinn  
OKCCC Student

done on the computer. However, if the lab is busy and an assistant or tutor is not available to do the override immediately, an override is done at a later time from the information given on the override slip.

Another point to address is the use of paper. To make copies on the copier machines, students pay ten cents a page. To make copies at the library, students pay ten cents a page. To print items off the computer in the Communications Lab, it costs nothing to the individual student, but the paper still has to be paid for. Since it doesn't cost the individual anything, it is not uncommon to find abandoned print left on the printers — 15 copies of an e-mailed joke, 50 pages of Internet text (missing page two), or a quarter of a ream of paper used to print individual slides of a PowerPoint presentation.

The continued squandrous use of paper will ultimately result in all students losing their privilege to print for free if we, as students, do not take some personal responsibility and be conscientious about our actions.

Finally, I must address the personal attack upon Alice Tillinghast's character. Every action and policy implemented by Alice in the Communications Lab has been thoughtfully considered to provide the best

possible service for the students of our college. As a supervisor, she has established high levels of expectations and goals for the lab, and she goes out of her way to help employees and students reach those levels. She is a role model for the rest of the staff in both a professional and personal manner, and our college is a better school due to her contributions.

I can sympathize with Kelly Mitchell in being frustrated when "rules" seem to get in the way of a personal objective. However, if the few expectations that are made of us are not met, we will all suffer the consequences in the form of even stricter rules, increased fees, inadequate staffing, and an enforced limitation and/or charge on print. Imagine the difficulty we will have in using the facilities then.

—Barbara Gwinn  
OKCCC Student

### Dear Penelope,

My family is not supportive of the career path that I've chosen. I'm in school and doing well, but they think that the life that they want for me is better and will hold a brighter future for me. I know they mean well, but it gets old hearing the negative jokes and the disapproving tone of voice.

I'm an adult and actually good at what I do. How can I convince them that this is the right decision for me or even just get them to accept it without all the negative remarks.

—Waiting for a Miracle

### Dear Waiting for a Miracle,

Even more important than gaining their acceptance, is doing what makes you happy. Your family is important and it may be difficult for them to accept whatever career you have chosen, as long as you're not out dancing on a pole or the main act at bachelorette parties. Explain to them what you do and why you do it.

A career is, much of the time, part of who you are as a person. Just stand your ground and be who you are and hopefully your family will recognize your talents and dedication to your profession.

If they want you to be happy they will eventually come around, or at least stop hounding you about taking a position in whatever profession they thought you would be perfect for.

—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](mailto:editor@okccc.edu).

## Quote of the Week:

**“I find it fascinating that most people plan their vacations with better care than they plan their lives. Perhaps that is because escape is easier than change.”**

—Cherie Carter-Scott

E-mail Kate at: [editor@okccc.edu](mailto:editor@okccc.edu)

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# Student projects take top honors

By Daniel Lapham  
Staff Writer

Broadcasting and journalism students caught a glimpse of the future at the Oklahoma Broadcasters Educational Association Conference March 28 in Tulsa.

This conference opened a window to many opportunities and possibilities for students to connect the skills they are learning in college to a future in workplace.

Robby Wagner and Lacey Lett won third place at the conference for their radio commercial.

"Our professor Gwin [Faulconer-Lippert] assigned us to do a commercial for our audio production class," Lett said. "Robby and I won the contest out of our class with our spot Today's OKCCC so Gwin entered us in the OBEA contest for the 30-Second Radio Commercial."

Wagner and Lett said they were surprised and honored to win the award.

"Winning the award came as a surprise because I did not feel that we matched up to the competition," Wagner said. "But the training we received in Gwin's audio production course proved to be a valuable tool for our success, Wagner said.

"I was surprised that we won because there was so much competition, Lett said.

Stacy Meldrum, director of public relations, asked Wagner and Lett if the college could use their commercial as a recruiting tool this summer, said Wagner.

Other than the awards ceremony the conference offered students the opportunity to meet with and listen to professionals that are currently working in their field.

"My favorite speaker was Debra Potter from 'NewsLab' because she impressed upon students how frenetic the news room is and how disciplined they must be to succeed in it," Faulconer-Lippert said.

Kate Brennan, journalism major, believed the conference was a helpful tool.

"I think the conference offered insight to students wanting to get a head start in their career."

## Campus talent show director seeks acts

By Lori Poe  
News Writing I Student

Dust off your tap shoes and pull out your harmonica. OKCCC is offering students and faculty a chance to take a turn in the spotlight during a campus-wide talent at 7:30 p.m. May 2 and 3.

Auditions are the third week of April. Specific times and dates will be announced.

Students are encouraged to participate.

"Whatever the talent,

we'd like to see it," said Ruth Charnay, the show director.

"Rock 'n' roll, country, bluegrass, punk, Christian, whatever style, whatever type of performing talent, we want everyone on campus represented."

Charnay said the talent show is an opportunity for everyone on campus to become involved and a chance for OKCCC to showcase the talents its members possess.

Not only are students asked to participate, Charnay said, but it is highly recommended that



Photo Courtesy of Kate Brennan

Broadcast students win 3rd place at the Oklahoma Broadcasters Educational Association conference March 28. Award winners Robby Wagner and Lacey Lett won for their 30-second OKCCC commercial spot. Back from left, Rick Lippert, Brent Hodges, Dustin Perkins, Kate Brennan, Daniel Lapham, Kelly Mitchell and Gwin Faulconer-Lippert. Front, from left, Alicia Sparks, Robby Wagner and Lacey Lett.

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faculty and staff takes their turn to prove their "coolness" to the student body.

Past talent has included singers, bands and mono-

logues.

Interested students and staff are advised to check the drama board, located in the Arts and Humanities

building for more information.

Any questions can be directed to Charnay at 682-1611, ext. 7246.

# Religion plays role in current Iraqi battle

**By Hayley Miller**  
News Writing I Student

A.J. Faik, OKCCC business major, is originally from the country of Morocco. The religion there is mostly Muslim, and Arabic is spoken, the same as in Iraq, a country a few hundred miles away.

Because of the religious similarities in the countries, Faik has been watching the developments of the Iraqi war closely — especially now that a representative of Saddam Hussein recently called for Jihad.

Religion could now play a role in the current fighting for most Muslims, he said.

In the Arabic language, Faik said, Jihad means striving, and refers to an effort or struggle on behalf of the religion of Islam.

“Jihad is used in the Koran whenever land is being invaded and then it becomes a Muslim’s obligation to defend it,” he said.

Faik said the Qur’an, also spelled Koran, the holy

book for Muslims, discusses the concept of war when the Arabic word Jihad is used.

History shows that, since about 600 A.D., Muslims have engaged in armed Jihad. Muslims who have died in armed Jihad have been celebrated as martyrs.

There has been some debate about the meaning of Jihad, Faik said, but in many contexts it means fighting. Faik said followers of Islam, called Muslims, can view Jihad in different ways.

Some Muslims today have argued that it is acceptable for Islamic states to peacefully co-exist with non-Islamic states and that armed Jihad should be allowed only for self-defense or for the defense of other Muslims, Faik said.

The word Islam in Arabic means surrender or peace, and is the name given to the religion preached by the Prophet Muhammad, he said.

Both the Koran and the Sunna, which is the teachings and practices of

Muhammad, make up the foundation of Islamic law.

Islam is the world’s second largest religion, with more than one billion people, who live in every country in the world.

Soufiane Badaa, OKCCC engineering major and also from Morocco, has his own views about Jihad.

“Jihad means to enter in a battle or in a war with the people that harm you,” he said. “If you have the possibility and the ability to do so, you have to do it — if, and only if, they are really harming you.

“But, if it’s something that you can solve without being in a war or a battle, it’s better for both parties to solve it,” Badaa said.

Both Faik and Badaa hope that Operation Iraqi Freedom will not include too many civilian casualties.

“Lots of people think that the Muslim religion is based on spilled blood,” Faik said. “Throughout the Muslim religion there have been wars but there have always been guidelines,

which are the principles you have to respect during war.”

But, he said, he believes the current war is over interests and conflicts with the United Nations, rather than religion.

“The Iraqi people don’t have anything to do with this war,” he said.

Badaa believes Saddam

Hussein is a very dangerous man who doesn’t care about the people living in his country.

“Civilians are killed everyday even if they are innocent,” he said.

“I think the best thing that needs to be done is to try to take Saddam from presidency in one way or another.”

## Transfer awareness days April 8 and 9

**By Shae Sneed**  
News Writing I Student

OKCCC is sponsoring Transfer Awareness days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 8 and 9 in the college union for students interested in eventually transferring to four-year institutions.

Transfer Awareness days will provide opportunities for students to learn about scholarships, visit with

Oklahoma colleges and universities, and even have courses evaluated for transfer credit. Academic counselors and faculty advisers will be available to answer students’ questions. There also will be an opportunity for students to attend transfer orientation sessions.

“Transfer Awareness day is an opportunity to provide students with an increased awareness about the transfer process,” said John Hockett, Dean of student development.

Hockett said students should make plans to transfer as early as their freshman year. He said the key to being prepared is having a plan and working a plan.

There will be at least 10 Oklahoma colleges invited to Transfer Awareness days. Those include the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma City University, University of Central Oklahoma, University of Phoenix, Mid-America Bible College, Southern Nazarene University, Cameron University and the University of Science and Arts in Oklahoma.

There also will be admissions personnel from the schools available to answer questions.

For further information please call Student Development at (405)682-7535.

## College employees run for city offices

**By Caroline Ting**  
Staff Writer

Two OKCCC employees made a run for city council offices last month — one won, the other lost.

Reference librarian Rachel Butler was elected as the Ward 5 east Norman City Council on March 25.

“It was really exciting,” she said. “There was no way to tell if I would win.”

Butler said she never thought she would get into government because she always thought she was a behind-the-scenes type of person.

She said the campaign and election made her understand the importance of everyone in society being heard.

Butler said it was a lot of hard work she couldn’t have done alone. She said she appreciates the people who volunteered their time and knowledge.

“I met so many wonderful people in a short period of time,” she said.

Butler said she is looking forward to getting more people involved in the process of what the city does.

“A lot of people don’t pay any attention on what city government does,” she said, “but that’s what affects you the most in your daily life.”

Butler said, in the volunteer service work she has done at the state Library Association, she has benefited from meeting people from all over the state.

“In the same way, city council will be definitely

worth all the work.”

Butler has a master’s degree in geography from the University of Oklahoma.

Jim Sellers, owner of Sellers Catering Company, ran for the Oklahoma City Council seat in Ward 2 but lost.

He said he was still able to get his point across in many ways.

“I just wanted to go through the exercise and sincerely wanted to win,” he said.

“My biggest message was creating a positive environment for business opportunities and to expand tourism in Oklahoma City.”

Sellers said he would have also liked to oversee the educational process with the school board and the MAPS for Kids project.

But all is not lost, he said.

While running for city council, Sellers said he had developed a friendship with Ward 2 city council member Sam Bowman, runner-up Susan Johnston and other candidates.

At the moment, Sellers said he’s not sure if he’ll run in the next city council election. It will depend on how busy he is and if he still has the desire, he said.

Sellers has been in charge of catering at the college for five years.

Before starting Sellers Catering Company, Sellers said he was involved in some restaurants in Tulsa.

Sellers grew up and went to school in Emporia, Kansas. He later received his bachelor’s degree in Speech and a minor in Business Administration at Emporia State University.

# Highlights

## Tuition Fee Waiver information

Tuition Fee Waiver applications for summer semester 2003 will be available in the Student Financial Aid Center on Monday, April 7. Applications must be submitted before 5 p.m. Friday, April 25. Students will need to check with the Financial Aid office to find out if they have been approved for the Academic Tuition Fee Waiver award. All waivers are pending until reviewed for eligibility. For more information, call Student Financial Support Services at 682-1611, ext. 7524.

## Join the walk

"Walk for Life + Suicide Awareness" will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Stars and Stripes Park at Lake Hefner. The registration fee is \$25, which includes a T-shirt, refreshments and signs. The deadline for registration is Friday, April 18. To receive a registration form, contact Linda Schulenberg at 682-1611, ext. 7541 or 387-4629.

## Presentation on the Middle East

The OKCCC Cultural Studies Discussion Group will offer a presentation by Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen on "Configuring the Middle East: Where is it? Who lives there? Why is it so hotly contested?" from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Friday, April 1, in Room 407 of the Library. The presentation is open to all faculty and any other interested parties. There will be time for questions and discussion after the presentation. For more information, call David Charlson at 682-1611, ext. 7638 or 366-7877.

## Scholarship opportunity and Police Training

The Oklahoma Police Corps is looking for interested college-educated students for the Oklahoma Police Corps Academy. Each participant's room and board will be paid and will also receive \$400 a week stipend pay. The Oklahoma Police Corps also offers the participants of the Academy up to \$30,000 in the form of scholarship or reimbursement. The Academy is scheduled for June 2003, and the deadline to submit application is Monday, April 21. If any interested students are a graduate or will graduate in May, they must call immediately. Information about applying to the Academy is available by at 1-877-898-2212 or visit [www.dps.state.ok.us/policecorps/](http://www.dps.state.ok.us/policecorps/).

## OU Medical Center Hospital tour

The Health Professions Club will be touring the OU Medical Center Hospital from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Friday, April 11. Areas that will be visited are Medi-flight, labs and physical therapy. For more information, call April Brewer at 354-9667 or Steve Kamm at 682-1611, ext. 7268.

## Free immunizations

The caring van that offers free immunizations will be in the Child Development Center parking lot from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 16. Parents should bring their children along with their shot records to receive any needed immunizations. Immunizations are free of charge. For more information, stop by the Child Development Center office located south of the OKCCC campus facing May Avenue.

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

**Highlights turned in after Tuesday will be considered only if space is available. Thank you for your cooperation. The PIONEER.**



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**Kids' night out:** Summer Cole, left, and Jordan Breelan enjoy their pizza during Friday Night Fever on March 28. For \$10 parents were able to drop their kids off for an evening of movies, pizza, swimming and games.

## A retreat for fun and worship

### Summer missionaries recognized at event

By Shawn Elmore  
News Writing I Student

Looking for a place to unwind and get away from the stressful environment you are in right now?

If you are, then the scheduled Spring Retreat at Falls Creek is the place to be on Friday, April 11 through Sunday, April 13, said Chris Haynes, sponsor of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

"It is a great time for students to get together and worship the Lord," said Haynes. "It is also a great time to get away from all the hectic stress."

The retreat will be held at Falls Creek in southern Oklahoma and the weekend will be filled with music, devotion, breakout sessions and great preaching.

The weekend is designed with missions in mind. "All of the summer missionaries who are going out will be recognized during this retreat," said Haynes.

Speakers at the retreat include James Lankford and Cris Lowery. The worship services will be led by Caleb Carruth.

**"It's a great time for students to get together and worship the Lord. It is also a great time to get away from all the hectic stress."**

— Chris Haynes

Sponsor of Baptist Collegiate Ministries

The retreat is open to everyone and will start on Friday evening and conclude on Sunday morning.

For further information, contact Mike Barnett and Chris Haynes.

Mike Barnett can be reached at 691-5989 or 636-8858 (pager). Chris Haynes can be contacted at 682-1636 or e-mailed at [cjhaynes@shbc-okc.org](mailto:cjhaynes@shbc-okc.org).

**Got club news?**

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**Call Caroline at 682-1611, ext. 7676, with the details!!**

### Test Center spring schedule

*Jan. 21 through May 18*

Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: closed

*Students must be in the Test Center 1 hour before closing to receive a test, and must be finished with all testing by closing time.*

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**FOR SALE:** '95 Ford Taurus Sedan, white, 3.0 Liter V6, a/c, power seats & windows. \$2,800 OBO. Call Eddie at 246-2361.

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**WANTED:** Roommate to share 2-bed apartment on North side OKC. Bills included in cost of rent. Call Marissa at 755-1867.

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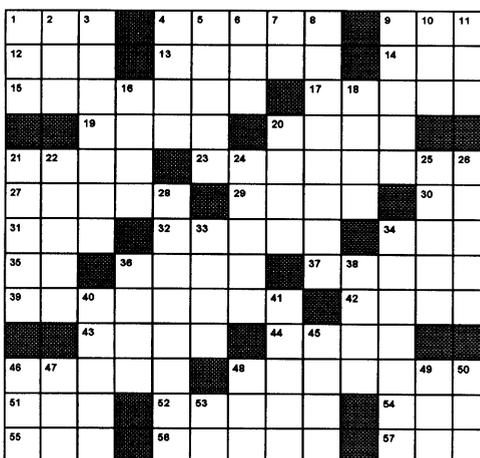
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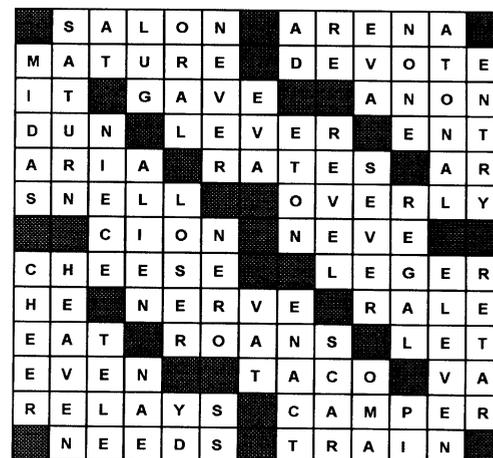
ACROSS

- 1 Aviv
- 4 Remedy
- 9 Belonging to (suf.)
- 12 Is (p.t.)
- 13 Amphitheater
- 14 Give approval
- 15 Sedative
- 17 Correct
- 19 Wan
- 20 Taro plant
- 21 Aquatic animal
- 23 Engine cooling device
- 27 Danger
- 29 Window
- 30 Box Office (abbr.)
- 31 Order (abbr.)
- 32 Smell
- 34 Second smallest U.S. state (abbr.)
- 35 Southern New England state (abbr.)
- 36 Wide-mouthed pitcher
- 37 Rent
- 39 On the same team
- 42 Gr. god of war

DOWN

- 1 Flap
- 2 Mistake
- 3 Spotted animal
- 4 End
- 5 Arrangement
- 6 Born
- 7 Not out
- 8 Red bird
- 9 Molded metal
- 10 Variant of no (Japanese)
- 11 Time standard (abbr.)
- 16 A republic of Africa

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18 Family names in zoology (suf.)

- 20 Cheese
- 21 Game
- 22 Scary
- 24 To the left (naut.)
- 25 Fat
- 26 Positions
- 28 Senator
- 33 In fact
- 34 Blackest
- 36 Prince (Arabian)
- 38 Deserve
- 40 Good at doing
- 41 Make happy
- 45 Head movement (two words)
- 46 300 (Roman)
- 47 Card game
- 48 Cushion
- 49 Feel remorse
- 50 Chinese currency
- 53 Egyptian sun god

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# Students speak out about financial aid practices

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ent colleges.

For instance, the University of Oklahoma gives out Pell grants 10 days before the semester begins but OKCCC's Pell grants are normally distributed in the fourth week of the semester.

Case said this allows charges to be posted against the students' Pell as long as it has been awarded.

Students may then charge tuition and books at the bookstore, which, in turn, causes the delay of the disbursement until the fourth week because of added paperwork and the extra department involved.

Grace Allen, a former OKCCC student who transferred to OU this semester, has received financial aid at both colleges.

She said the system at OU is one OKCCC should try to emulate.

She said, because she receives her money well before classes begin, she is able to shop around for the best book prices.

"I bought my books online this semester and saved 50 percent," she said.

"I can pay for my books out of the Pell grant I receive.

"Therefore, any additional paperwork is unnecessary," Allen said.

Case said, without the current charge system, many students would not be able to afford to pay for books or other necessities while waiting for the government funding.

Allen believes OKCCC financial aid officials delay disbursements until after classes start as a mechanism to ensure students who receive aid are actually attending classes.

"We are all responsible

adults so should be treated as such and not as irresponsible students," she said.

"It's a shame that OKCCC students aren't treated as well as OU students."

Another reason for the delay, Paden said, is that many times students don't turn in all the documentation needed to process and complete their financial aid files.

The average community college student does not fill out the FAFSA until late in the game, Paden said.

Filing late may cause them to get their money at a later disbursement date, she said.

"We are not out to get the students," said Paden.

"The money isn't sitting in the bank collecting interest."

Case said the money is transferred within a 24-hour period of when a grouping of students are approved for a specific date.

Only then is the money there, he said.

Financial aid changes are being looked at, said Case.

Another complaint from students is that tuition is often being taken out of loan checks.

Case said the current system provides that tuition and fees may be taken out of whichever money arrives first — the Pell grant or the loan funds — if a student receives both.

The goal for fall, he said, is if a student is awarded a Pell grant, then tuition and fees will be taken out of it first.

Also, he said, students will not be dropped from their classes even if loan checks have not come in. As long as the student has been awarded, the promised loan will hold their place in classes.

Weeaks said getting enrolled in college, figuring out finances and making good grades can be quite

overwhelming at times.

She believes a time limit may improve service.

"I think [financial aid] should set up a time limit for employees to process folders," she said.

Paden and Case said they are both working to improve customer service.

"There is always room for improvement and that is something we have been focusing on," Case said.

Paden agrees.

"We think that the changes will be responsive to student concerns," she said.

Case said the most important thing a student can do is to file early for financial aid because then if any corrections need to be made, everything can still be completed in a timely fashion.

For more information on financial aid visit the college website at [www.okccc.edu](http://www.okccc.edu) or FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

## College presidents promises quality despite cutbacks

"Cuts,"

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It is either the most efficient or the second most efficient based on our expenditure per full-time equivalent student, said Todd.

"[Despite the cuts] we are going to continue to provide quality to students," said Todd.

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