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Photo by Keah Roggow

Enjoying the sun: Student Bryan Huffman relaxes and reads a book between classes outside of the library. Temperatures have continued to soar into the '90s most days as the new semester begins.

Traffic light to reduce congestion

By Caroline Ting
Staff Writer

OKCCC has a new welcome light — the traffic signal at the intersection of Drexel/Regent's Blvd. and S.W. 74th Street.

Due to heavy traffic at this location, the college has worked toward having the traffic light installed for several years, said Art Bode, vice president for Business and Finance.

"As the city did various traffic counts and accidents research," Bode said, "[the college] had risen to a level of traffic flow that required a signal."

According to the Traffic Commission, certain factors had to exist in order to justify the installation of the light. The conditions were that the signal had to be for use at a location where the traffic is heavy on the main street based on a minimum of one hour on an average day.

Before a written request was submitted to the Traffic Engineering Division on Jan. 31, the college met with representatives from the city of Oklahoma City and the Traffic Planning Commission, as well as city council members regarding the issue, Bode said.

The request was approved by the Traffic Commission March 17. There was no cost involved for OKCCC, Bode said.

Director of Safety and Security Ernest Machado said the city was "helpful and cooperative" in planning the light.

Bode said the college will work with the city in watching traffic flow — especially during the first two to three weeks of the semester — to ensure the timers set on the traffic lights will allow traffic to move steadily on and off the campus.

"[The college sees] the benefits as being, first and foremost, safety as it relates to students, faculty and staff and visitors coming to campus in terms of [a reduction] for potential accidents," Bode explained.

Machado said the traffic light will be very good for traffic control.

In addition to the ongoing construction of the drainage pond project, Bode said, the light will also help control the traffic as the dump trucks remove the dirt off the campus.

Computer virus clogs system

MS Blast, Nachi, SoBig create headaches first week of school

By Daniel Lapham
Editor

Three computer viruses thrown in the mix with the usual rush week headache — now, that's a formula for stress.

Students enrolling in classes may have noticed the systems running slower than usual.

According to Lisa Davis, director of technology support services, three major viruses have hit the college computer systems network within the past two weeks. She said the first virus to attack the system was called the "MS Blast" virus.

"MS Blast" was the first virus but it didn't do any damage to our systems," Davis said. She also said it was taken care of fairly quickly.

The second virus called "Nachi" actually started as a good virus designed to patch the hole in the network created by MS Blast. This worm virus actually did the most damage.

They said the virus itself did not do any damage to the servers, but the traffic it created significantly

slowed down the entire network.

The third virus attempting to cause havoc to the college was the "SoBig" virus. This virus is primarily an e-mail virus that shows up as a link to patch a person's computer, said Dave Anderson, hardware and software specialist. Because it shows up through e-mail, Anderson said, it was taken care of at the server level.

Davis said they have caught most of these viruses at the server level but "Nachi" is the one that hit them hard.

"That's the one that someone brought in on a laptop," Davis said.

Anderson explained how this one got in.

"We get hit by viruses all the time but the server takes care of them. This time the virus came from the inside from a laptop," Anderson said. "So by the time we knew about it, it was already on our network."

"What this virus does is, it has all of these

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Gays receive special ed

The Harvey Milk High School, in existence for almost two decades in New York City, has caused lots of talk and controversy.

It is the first school in the nation designed to meet the needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth (LGBTQ), who are at the highest risk for experiencing harassment and fears in a mainstream school.

Apparently, some conservatives as well as civil libertarians are quite concerned about such a school being separate and distinct from other public high schools. Comments like "discrimination" and "segregation" both have been brought against Harvey Milk. But the truth is that the Harvey Milk School was not established to discriminate against straight students.

In fact, the admission is open to all, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or physical abilities. These criteria sound awfully familiar because they are the same as any other public institution's admission requirements. And it is certainly not segregation wanting to place children in a safe place where they belong. They deserve a chance to learn and identify themselves the way they want to.

The New York State Conservative Party Chairman Michael Long made a comment about Harvey Milk to CNN. He said: "If you want to protect them by creating a special school, yank out the bullies and create a special school for them."

What a rash comment Long had made, without thinking straight. Imagine if all the bullies were really 'yanked out' and put into a special school. What would they all be doing? The bullies would probably start fighting with one another for their needs to be met.

What Harvey Milk is trying to do is help as many students as it can, students that don't feel safe in a traditional high school, to achieve their goals in a safe learning environment. This doesn't mean that the students are separated from the real world.

Harvey Milk has the same curriculum as any other high school, and they also offer a high school diploma program, which enables students to receive a high school diploma upon completing the New York City Department of Education requirements for graduation, according to www.hmi.org.

Not only does the school provide a safer place for students to study and learn, but it also provides counseling to help those who might be struggling with any type of behavior and mental health problems, gender identity and much more.

Even though Harvey Milk is only available to assist a small portion of at-risk youths, it has made many students' lives much better than they would have been without the school.

Some might still think that the existence of Harvey Milk is a waste of taxpayer money but in an imperfect world today, Harvey Milk actually creates a happy family for many LGBTQ youths.

—Caroline Ting
Staff Writer

Another view on discrimination

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the letter to the editor in the July 21 issue regarding discrimination "only" being illegal for 39 years.

I beg to differ. Discrimination against minorities still exists in affirmative action. Is it OK to think of blacks and other minorities as less capable or less intelligent than whites? Personally the thought sickens me. This is in fact exactly what affirmative action does.

If I am white, I am required to make a higher score on the GED, SAT, ACT and many other educational tests to pass or in the case of the SAT and ACT, I must score higher to ensure admission to college. Now, since public schools have been desegregated for far longer than any high school senior would be affected by, then

you can safely conclude that both whites and minorities receive the same education.

This being the case, then I must be dumber by being of a non-white race since less is expected of me to pass a test. This has nothing to do with equality, but with intelligence and the ability to learn.

Next, we must define race. How dark does my skin have to be to be "black" or African American or Hispanic? In the United States we are all a part of interracial relations for years dating back to slavery. There are very few pure blood Africans that are not recent immigrants. As well, there are few pure blood Europeans that are not recent immigrants. We are just one big melting pot.

Isn't that part of what makes America beautiful?

How can we then judge

someone's intelligence based on race that doesn't exist? We may try to slip in that minority communities have poorer education. Sorry to burst your bubble, but there are poor white folks in those same communities. So if you're going to discriminate, do it on income, not on race.

Thank you for letting me have a voice.

—David Lapham
Former OKCCC
Student

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Comments and Reviews

'Le Divorce' is le lamest

Kate Hudson, Naomi Watts, Glenn Close, Stockard Channing and Bebe Neuwirth star in this French comedy-drama-romance film based on a best-selling book by Diane Johnson, "Le Divorce."

The only thing going for this movie is the big names. These great actresses didn't have the script nor the storyline to let them use their talent to their advantage. Hudson had little personality and Naomi Watts' performance seemed rather weak.

Time moved by too fast. One minute Watts was one month pregnant and then seven months pregnant in

the very next scene.

The story is about a woman named Isabel (Hudson) who visits France to see her sister Roxeanne (Watts). When she gets there she finds out that a pregnant Roxeanne has been left by her adulterous husband. Throughout the movie Roxeanne is trying to persuade her husband to come back to her before she signs for a divorce.

As time rapidly passes by, Isabel learns French and immerses herself in the French culture, including being a mistress to her uncle-in-law. The only twist in the movie has to do with the family heirloom, a pic-

ture.

The picture hangs in the home with Roxeanne and her husband. It is worth a bundle because it is thought to be a La Tour painting. Everyone on both sides of the family desire the painting, but in the end only one family gets it.

The scenery and the Art Nouveau feel in the movie are beautiful. You actually get to see the Eiffel Tower from the inside. Other than that, I highly recommend people to avoid this film.

It is rated PG-13 for mature elements and sexual content.

—Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Second notch in Costner's gun

Kevin Costner has aged, but he seems quite comfortable with it. His wrinkles are not what one pays attention to in the new film presented by Touchstone, "Open Range."

What the viewer sees in the film is how amazingly talented he is both as a director as well as an actor.

The film starts at a rather slow pace but then the story gets you right into it without even realizing it. Compared to Costner's first-directed film, "Dances With Wolves," which is also a western, "Open Range" probably wouldn't get as much appreciation from the general crowd.

But still, "Open Range" is worth viewing for its one-of-a-kind beauty.

What strikes the audience the most is how simply each character's own values are expressed throughout the film.

Except for Costner, Robert Duvall and Annette

Bening, the rest of the cast are relatively unknown. This also makes the film more interesting to watch. Choosing the right actors for the right characters is definitely a challenge for the director as well.

The story is fairly simple and straightforward. Boss (Duvall) and Charley (Costner) have been riding together for 10 years. Their group includes two other members, Mose (Abraham Benrubi) and Button (Diego Luna).

Costner meets and forms a romantic relationship with Sue (Bening) when they take Mose to the doctor after he gets hurt badly in a town where he was sent on an errand.

Obviously, cowboys like Boss and Charley ain't gonna let nobody tell them what to do or where to go. This is why when the Marshall of a small town tries using violence as a tool to run them out of town,

they take a stand.

They come to the small town and prepare for a gun battle. The story might sound as if it'd bore you to tears, but the fight scenes are well directed and exciting to watch.

Boss and Charley usually don't agree on every decision but their personalities do match. Boss is more of a calm person, who doesn't like to use unnecessary violence. While, Charley was born with a killer attitude, which he tries to hide under the taming of Boss.

In the making of this film, Bening deserves lots of credit as well. Even though she seems soft at first, she's tough. The fact that she acted the whole film with no makeup on impresses me as well.

This film was written by Craig Storper and based on the novel by Luran Paine. It's rated R for violence.

—Caroline Ting
Staff Writer



Belief is necessary

This country was founded on the premise that everyone should be free to believe what they want, whether they be atheist, agnostic, Buddhist, Muslim, Christian or whatever.

After watching the removal of the Ten Commandments from the Alabama state courthouse on the news a couple of days ago, I started thinking (I know it's scary, me thinking).

What has this country come to? Yes, I firmly believe that every individual should have the right to believe what they want as long as it does not harm another individual. I also believe that there must be a separation between church and state. But at what point does the separation of any and every belief structure from the fabric of our laws become self-destructive? 180 degrees from extreme is still extreme.

I have concerns with this ever increasing plight to completely dissect everything to do with a belief structure from anything to do with the operation of our nation. At what point do the basic principles that allow us to operate as a society become so skewed, that the only thing to believe in are laws and government?

It appears to me that a belief in nothing but government is what our forefathers were trying to escape. The main reason our forefathers came to this country was to escape the oppression of their government. Yes, their government used the Church of England to oppress them. However, do you really think that a government needs a religion to oppress its citizens? The exact same thing can and will happen if the entity in power is given the right to decide where, how and what we choose to worship or not worship. It is the same thing for a government to force its citizens to refrain from any sort of religious expression in public as it is for the government to force its citizens to subscribe to only one religion.

Think about this. The absence of all belief is still a belief within itself. The Constitution was originally intended to protect the rights of the nation's citizens to freely express themselves. We must demand the freedoms of all belief structures. To promote the absence of belief is still promoting a belief. This is a belief in nothing. I am not saying that one religion is better than another or that those who are atheist are less than those who believe in a higher power. All I am saying is that if you as a person truly believe in something, why does it matter that someone else believes differently than you?

If you are truly worried about someone telling you what you should believe, then think about the fact that they are. The citizens of this country are being told to believe nothing, or at least don't show that you believe in anything. Just keep it to yourself.

I don't know about you, but I believe that the diversity of cultures and religions in this country is what makes it beautiful. I urge you to support expression, not oppression. If you don't like what you see, don't look.

—Daniel Lapham
Editor

Quote of the Week:

"The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work."

—Emile Zola (1840-1902)

Scholarship winners honored at reception

By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

The 2003 to 2004 scholarship reception was held on Aug. 19 to honor current students and incoming students who received scholarships.

OKCCC President Bob Todd congratulates all the scholarship winners.

"Congratulations to each of our scholarship recipients. We are honored that they have chosen Oklahoma City Community College and wish them every success as they pursue their educational and career goals."

The scholarship recipients are as follows:

Academic Scholars: David Anderson, Lindi Criswell, Craig Hunter, April Brewer, Jacqueline Dake, Wade Mooring, Valerie Carlson and Kristin Dunlap.

Regents Scholarship: Amy Banu, Justin Feese, Megan Richardson, Charles Beavers, Shannon Fralish, Robert Simpson, Dewayne Bell and Lauren Hakim.

President's Scholarship: Brenda Arens, Jon Blice, Heather Conduct, John Giles, Chi Huynh, Natalie Pham, Trent Tarp, Daniel Wortham, Barbara Biggers, Jared Brown, Nicole Dodson, Thanh Hoang, Beth Johnson, Phu Pham and Jason Waugh.

Melissa Yarbrough, Toby Blair, Christopher Clay, Nicole Estes, Jennifer Horton, Summer Moore, Stephanie Russell and Amanda Williams.

Freshman Scholarship: Ashley Aldridge,

Justin Ast, Megan Barrett, Matt Caban, Jessica Carnes, Staycey Chandy, Julie Coker, Derrick Cummings, Isaac Dominguez, Daniel Dumbleton, Brenton Ehlinger, Reuben Fredricks, Thomas Ha, Brandy Herman, Matthew Johnston, Garret Aldridge, Brandon Bales, Melissa Barton, Jennifer Cantrell, Janetta Carr and Kyle Choate.

Shaun Cosby, Joshua Curliss, Micah Downey, Jonathan Edwards, Jordan Evans, Christy Garrison, Jarod Hale, Becky Jackson, Amanda Judkins, Ahsan Ashfaq, Miranda Bandy, Mike Bergstrasser Jr., Christine Cao, Phillip Chandler, Ashlee Church, Jason Crouch, Huong Doan, Kendra Draper, Stephen Edwards, Jennifer Folmar, Jerry George, Krista Hamm, Madison Johnson, Leah Kahue, Rachel Kinyon and Lindsey Laurent.

Jenny Liles, Danah Love, Jeremiah Mattox, Chris Miler, Nicole Novotny, Holly Palmer, Cheryl Phillips, Jessica Russell, Kira Schmull, Jarrod Simmons, Tamra Starr, Lindsey Stratton, Sean Tolbert, Thomas Vasquez, Jana Westberry, Geoff Willis, Monica Wright, Brandon Laib, Kim Le, Holly Lloyd, Lindsey Love, Fraconda McGregor, Chris Morrow, Ashley Obermeyer, Fonzie Paredes and Dylan Post.

Randy Sanders, Cara Seikel, David Smith, Sean Stebler, Amber Strong, Jonathan Valentine, Bethany Warn, Nick Williams, Justin Wilson, Joe Zais, Lindsay Lauderdale, Kara Lee, Norma Lopez, Michael Mathew, Jacob Merrill, Jennifer Nguyen, Ajith Oommen, Jeremy Pearson, Amanda Powders, Scott Sanders, Selena Seraj, Ashlee Standridge, Chelsie

Straka, Jason Terry, Benjamin, VanNess, Brecca Wells, Trent Williams, Justin Wright and Jessica Zettl.

Alumni Association Scholarships: Meagen Attebery, Heather Conduct, Phong Hoang, Tracey Medrano and Kim Pham.

Faculty Association Scholarships: Jeffery Amos, Laura Arbetello, Kristie Bradley, Gina Casey, Melissa Frazier, Jan Hoepfner, John Mansera, Dustin Perkins, William Rice III, Julie Shatswell and Mary Vick.

Nursing Scholarships: Kathryn Clarkson and Kelly Hemphill.

Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship: Dianne Wilkes.

Susan Clowers Memorial Scholarship: Lawrence Attebery.

Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarships: Jessica Ball, Markisha Gates and Carlos Robinson.

Bobby D. Gaines Scholarship: John Brady.

Larry D. Golden Memorial Scholarship: Lori Lowe.

Mary Ann Merz Memorial Scholarships: Michelle Blackwood and Jessica Larson.

Sharon Robinson Memorial Scholarship: Patrick Billen.

Matt Skvarla Journalism Memorial Scholarship: Daniel Lapham.

Linda Thornton Memorial Scholarship: Angel Owen.

Peter Wright Memorial Scholarship: Christopher Pitts

Women of the South Scholarships: Jackie Alaniz, Casey Close, Marla Copeland, Sojourna Henry, Lisa McLain and Teresa Staggs.

Enrollment problems made students unhappy, again

By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Disorganization was what students were complaining about last week.

Students all over the main building were heated about how long it took them to enroll online. Jeremy Thomas, 21, said he sat at the enrollment computers for one hour and 45 minutes and was still having problems.

Amanda Owen, 21, said she was dropped from classes even after

paying her expenses.

"They said they didn't get my payment." Owen also said the Bursar's office told her they couldn't do anything because she had already been dropped. She had been waiting for two and a half hours. She said she never had problems enrolling before.

Raelyn Wilkerson, 19, also said she got dropped after paying her entire payment for the fall semester. "This is a hassle.

This is like the seventh time I've had to come up here."

Gloria Barton, dean of admissions and records, talked about the

problems college workers were experiencing.

"It has to do with the system. We've had an increasing demand upon our computer system.

All the traffic has slowed down things. There are provisions and software that should make things considerably better for spring."

When asked about the situations that Owen and Wilkerson were having, Barton said: "We've had isolated cases. We had a huge number of payments along with fee extensions that students attempted to process.

"Because of the number of those

being processed at the same time, we manually placed those students on hold. When you do it manually, there is unfortunately always room for human error."

Students who have problems with enrollment should talk to the office of Admission and Records to correct the errors, Barton said.



UPWARD BOUND

Tutors in History and Science. Apply in Human resources. Deadline is September 5, 2003

EOE

Mental wellness fair visits OKCCC Sept. 5, 6

By Caroline Ting
Staff Writer

The Festival of Hope Mental Wellness Fair will come back to the OKCCC campus for the second year on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 5 and 6.

Several exhibits will be set up in the conference rooms and the general dining area from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Resources on mental health will be available at the fair, said Mae Williams, chair of mental wellness fair 2003.

"When you call the CONTACT

[Helpline]," she said, "they're there to listen to you and direct you to the people that can really assist you with your problems."

Participants may park in lots D and E and enter from entry 6.

The fair is free and open to the public.

For more information call CONTACT at (405) 840-9396.

Classified Ads **FREE** to students, faculty, & staff. Go by the Pioneer office (2M6) and fill out a classified form by 5 p.m. Tuesday for the next issue.

Retention Pond construction started

By Daniel Lapham
Editor

The montage of dump trucks and heavy digging equipment on the northeast corner of the OKCCC campus has students wondering what's going on.

There is a good reason for all the commotion. Wittwer Construction, under contract with the city of Oklahoma City, is digging out more than 225,000 cubic yards of dirt for the purpose of constructing a pond on campus.

Sean Rosales, psychology major and student employee for student development, said he wasn't sure what the construction was for at first but had heard bits and pieces about it.

"I knew it was for a specific reason," Rosales said. "I just wasn't sure what reason."

The pond is designed to hold water runoff from the campus and its surrounding neighborhoods during heavy rains, said OKCCC Vice President for Business and Finance Art Bode.

Bode said he thinks the pond will be a beautiful addition to the campus after its completion, projected for February.

"Aesthetically, the pond will have a significant effect on the college," Bode said. "The area will have a permanent pond that will retain water at all times and then it will have an area beyond that which detains the water and slows the flow off campus [during] severe rains." The pond will add beauty as well as utility.

"There will be the pond, with an island and a fountain. There will be jogging and walking trails around the pond as well as around that entire quadrant," Bode said.

Students are excited about the idea of a new place to relax and exercise.

"I will definitely use the trails to jog," Rosales said. "It's definitely closer than having to go to Earlywine."

Bode agreed.

"I would envision that, after completion of the pond, not only students, faculty and staff at the college will utilize this area but also members of the community will be able to walk and jog without having to contend with the traffic... in their neighborhoods."

Sonography sophomore Gaylynn Dixon also agrees the pond will be a very positive addition to the community.

"I think it's a good idea for the community because people from the neighborhoods can use it too," she said.

The only thing Rosales is worried about is the safety of the ducks and geese that may decide to reside at the pond.

"Hopefully [the college] will do something to protect the ducks from traffic," he said. "I have seen some get hit and it's not pretty."

Although the pond will be excellent for the community, Bode said, he does not foresee it serving the purpose of fishing or swimming.

"I do not know of there being any plans to stock the pond with fish but... swimming would definitely not be a proper use of the area," Bode said with a chuckle.

He said the college executive council would meet later in the year to establish the exact procedures of use once the construction nears completion.



This rendering shows what the retention pond, being constructed on the northeast corner of the campus, will look like after it's completed. The area will be home to the pond, a center island, jogging and walking trails and a fountain.



Dirt is loaded into a truck to be hauled off to another location as construction takes place on campus for a retention pond. The pond is designed to hold water runoff from the campus and its surrounding neighborhoods during heavy rains, said OKCCC Vice President for Business and Finance Art Bode.

Photo by Keah Roggow

Smoking law effective Sept. 1

By Daniel Lapham
Editor

Ignoring the signs around campus that state "Oklahoma law requires no smoking beyond this point" could hit students in the pocket book as of Sept. 1.

Revisions to the Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act were signed by Gov. Brad Henry on June 6 and go into effect as law Sept. 1.

The law states in Oklahoma Statute, Title 21, Section 1247, subsection M: "Any person who knowingly violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100."

OKCCC officials are not

sure how the college will respond to the legislation.

"I have not yet had the opportunity to review these new statutes," said Ernest Machado, director of Safety and Security. "I will be waiting for some guidance from my superiors."

"We will do the best we can to uphold the law and the best interest of the students," he said. "It's going to be interesting to see how this will work out."

OKCCC students have mixed feelings.

Business major B. Agha disagrees with the law and sees it as an infringement upon his rights as a smoker.

"I would run away from the cop if he tried to give me a ticket for smoking outside," Agha said.

Merissa Jackson, undecided

major, said the new law doesn't bother her at all even though she is a smoker.

"It doesn't bother me because even though I choose to smoke, I don't feel I have the right to infringe upon another's choice not to smoke."

Karen Boatmun, diversified studies major, has a different take on the smoking issue.

"It's another control issue," Boatmun said. "You hear [the government] saying it's because smokers are costing them too much money in health care."

She countered by explaining that somebody will have to pay for the special task force in charge of enforcing these laws.

For more information on the new Smoking in Public Places and Indoor Workplaces Act, log on to www.breatheeasyok.com.

Highlights

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship will be meeting in CU7 this year instead of in the theater lobby. Meetings will continue to be on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. Special speakers Greg Tiffany, the state coordinator of the club, the OU campus pastor and Jenean Jones will speak at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 3. Snacks will be served and new students are welcome. This fellowship is not a fraternity or sorority. For more information call LaWanda LaVarnway at (405) 682-1611 ext. 7329.

OKCCC theater auditions

OKCCC Drama Department will hold auditions from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 2 and Sept. 3 in the college theater for the first play of the season. "The Miss Firecracker Contest" is a comedy with four women and two men. All students are encouraged to audition. Scripts are necessary and are available in the Arts and Humanities office. No experience needed and crew positions are also available. The play will be performed Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 9 to Oct. 11. Contact Ruth Charnay at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7246 if you have any questions.

Phi Theta Kappa meeting

Phi Theta Kappa will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3 and at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 in room CU8.

Community chorus

OKCCC Community Chorus for the fall semester is set to perform "Vivaldi's Gloria" on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Rehearsal starts Tuesday, Sept. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m in room 1C5 by entry 5. No audition is required and people can take the class for credit or noncredit for \$20. The last day to join is Tuesday, Sept. 23. For more information, contact Jonathon Stewart at jstewart@okccc.edu or (405) 682-1611 ext. 7249.

Customer service seminar

The Training Center at OKCCC has scheduled two seminars of paramount importance to the success of businesses both large and small. The Training Center will offer "The FISH! Philosophy: A Guide to World Famous Customer Service" on Tuesday, Sept. 16, and "WOW Your Listeners and WIN the Business" on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Both classes are held in The Training Center. For enrollment information, call (405) 682-7562.

Civic-minded website

Vocal Oklahomans in Civic Engagement is sponsoring a new website to help students gain information about civic activities on their college campuses. The site will allow colleges and universities to post activities on an online calendar and participate in online forums. Visit the site at www.okvoice.org.

Wheelchairs available

Miracle on Wheels makes power wheelchairs available to nonambulatory senior citizens. The wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home or living quarters. For information and qualifications call 1-800-749-8778.

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come by room 2M6.**



Photo by Keah Roggow

Newcomers welcome: Director of Baptist Collegiate Ministries Mike Barnett talks with Reinaldo (Rico) Rivera (second right) and Jahmila Jackson about the club at the Organizations Fair held Aug. 27 and Aug. 28 in the college union.

Free candy for everyone

**By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer**

The start of the new school year began with booths set up all over the college union. The Organizations Fair was held last week to sign people up for the clubs and organizations that will be active throughout the 2003 to 2004 school year.

Sponsors, current members and hopeful members of clubs crowded the union to share information on organizations and clubs. The fair let newcomers know that OKCCC is full of diverse clubs and organizations.

Some clubs that participated were Abilities Galore, Photography Club, Gay Alliance and Friends, Scholars League, and Christian Fellowship. One brand new club this year is called Literary Excursion, created to promote different literary works from such authors as Maya Angelou and Anthony Burgess.

Inactive clubs such as the Native American Cultural

Awareness Organization attended the fair to try and get enough new members to be active this year.

Jessica Martinez-Brooks, sponsor of the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education, also known as H.O.P.E., set up a dance floor in the union and held a short salsa lesson for those interested.

Even with all the excitement in the room, there was some seriousness. Third semester student, Kim Kettle, wanted to get involved with the Baptist Collegiate Ministries, also known as BCM, to be more involved with God. "God wants people involved and I want to obey him," she said. She also helps with Chi Alpha Christian fellowship when her time allows.

Tim Moser, Vice Presi-

"People are receptive to free stuff..."

—Tim Moser

Vice President of
Chi Alpha Christian
Fellowship

dent of Christian Fellowship, said they already had five pages of sign-ups by noon on Wednesday. He said, "People are receptive to free stuff..." Moser said. They gave out books, cds, and candies.

If any student missed the Organizations Fair, have no fear. Students can sign up online all year round. Go to www.okccc.edu and click on Student Life. Go to clubs and e-mail any of the sponsors for more information.

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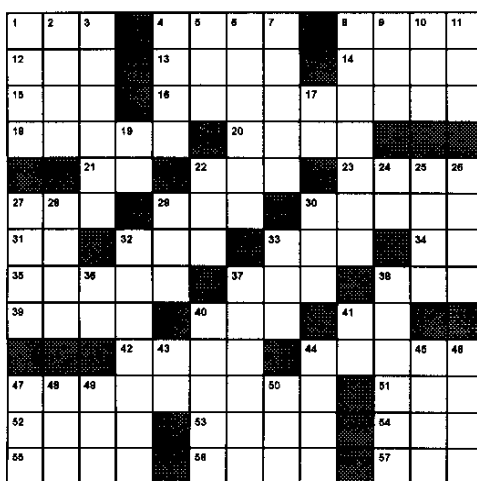
FOR SALE: TI-89 for \$80 in good condition. Call 682-1611, ext 7269.

WANTED: Calling all parties interested in joining a Christian dance/step team. We conduct all kinds of dance and incorporate stomping, clapping, dancing, singing and chanting. We want to show that there is more than one way to praise God. For more info. Contact 503-7807.

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Weekly crossword

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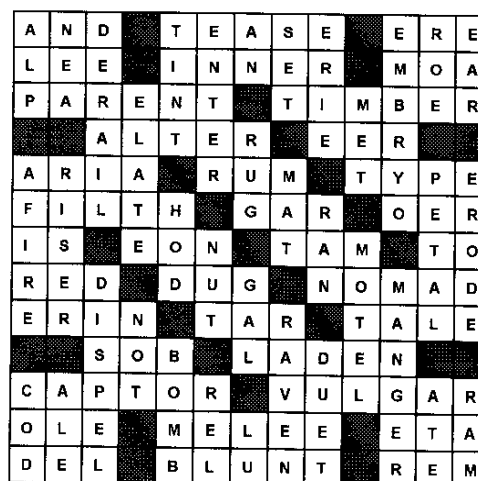
ACROSS

- 1 Pork
- 4 Asterisk
- 8 Simple
- 12 Collection
- 13 Fork prong
- 14 Press
- 15 Office holders
- 16 Remove
- 18 Recover
- 20 Not yours
- 21 Position upon
- 22 Rug
- 23 Measure
- 27 Picnic pest
- 29 Pass between two peaks
- 30 Fast
- 31 In the event that
- 32 Place for bathing
- 33 Sun
- 34 Midwestern state (abbr.)
- 35 Station
- 37 Cat sound
- 38 Place
- 39 Blue pencil
- 40 Female hog

DOWN

- 1 Near
- 42 Climb down
- 44 Likeness
- 47 Gradual process
- 51 Fancy shooting marble
- 52 Acute angle
- 53 Always
- 54 Relationship with (suf.)
- 55 Prepared golf ball
- 56 Withered
- 57 Vehicle

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- 22 Unruly crowd
- 24 Newsgathering organization (abbr.)
- 25 Duration
- 26 Prepare for publication
- 27 Helper
- 28 Want
- 29 Slice
- 30 Aline
- 32 Added
- 33 Mend
- 36 18th Greek letter
- 37 Reason
- 38 Electricity
- 40 Place of an event
- 41 Be
- 43 Lutetium symbol
- 44 In the case of (two words)
- 45 Festive occasion
- 46 Large pitcher
- 47 Time zone (abbr.)
- 48 Compete
- 49 Unit
- 50 Over (poetic)

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FOR RENT: Roommate needed to share a 2-bedroom apartment on the northeast side of OKC. Bills included in rent. For more info call 755-1867.

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Anti-virus software good investment

"Virus,"

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computers talking back and forth to each other. It looks for any open ports it can find.

"It goes through every open IP that it can find and hammers it until it finds an open port," Anderson said.

Anderson also explained that on a small network, this search for data between computers is not as significant of a problem but when there are hundreds of computers talking to each other more than they're supposed to, it starts to cause problems.

Davis said none of these viruses were really dangerous ones meant to crash a system, but they are definite nuisance viruses.

Davis said an estimated 2 to 5 percent of the computers did strange things like reboot or freeze but this was fairly isolated.

Anderson said on-campus traffic is not the only factor slowing down campus computers. Heavier-than-usual usage also has contributed.

"When I checked one of our ports the other day," Anderson said, "there were about 12,000 hits on that one port within a three-hour period."

Davis and Anderson said they encourage students, faculty and staff to "bite the bullet" and pay the money to keep the latest anti-virus software on their computers.

"If you just can't buy the software, you can download free patches from McAfee at us.mcafee.com."

He said there are some other virus protection services that have free scans too but McAfee is what the college currently uses.



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