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Kids of all ages invited to annual Halloween bash

By Cindy Davis
News Writing I Student

Hosts, goblins and witches will gather at the annual Halloween Carnival Friday, Oct. 31.

The carnival, sponsored by Student Life, will be open to the public from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the college union.

Liz Largent, director of Student Life, said the night promises to be a fun, safe evening for children.

"We are expecting [between] 1300 to 1500 kids this year," she said.

Largent said a deejay will be at the carnival, playing fun songs for everyone to enjoy.

"We have been hiring the same company for around 10 years. The deejay will be from Chameleon Entertainment," she said.

Largent said kids will not only get free candy, but also will have fun at the dif-

Play time: Seamstress Popeye Jackson (Stacey LeGrange) looks over sketches that beauty contestant Carnelle Scott (Jacqueline Vincent) drew of a dress for a competition. The play, 'The Miss Firecracker Contest' ran from Oct. 9 to 11 in the college theater.

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OKCCC enrollment rises in every area

By Daniel Lapham
Editor &
Caroline Ting
Staff Writer

It's the ninth week of the fall semester and the parking lots are still packed. There is good reason for this, said Annmarie Shirazi, dean of planning and institutional effectiveness.

The official numbers are in and enrollment this semester is up 10.5 percent or 1,114 students from last fall, according to the fall '03 Enrollment Report.

Shirazi said online course enrollment has increased 13 percent over last fall.

Overall enrollment is not the only thing that has increased, she said.

Ethnic diversity has continued to rise at the college as well.

The report shows that minorities have increased to 29 percent of the entire fall enrollment — an increase of 1 percent.

Shirazi said the statewide tuition increase may have contributed to a 7 percent increase in traditional college-age students.

"It is possible that students who had planned to attend the University of Oklahoma or another four-year institution decided to attend a less expensive college after the tuition increase," Shirazi said.

Despite the tuition increase this semester, the numbers for higher education are up significantly statewide, according to a press release from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

"Two-year institutions are seeing

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—Paul G. Risser

State Chancellor of Education

increases of 7 percent in total headcount this fall," according to the report.

"The state's comprehensive universities are experiencing an enrollment jump of 2.7 percent in total headcount compared to last fall."

Chancellor Paul G. Risser said he is pleased with the increase.

"It's exciting... that so many Oklahomans are seeing the value of... a college education, and also recognizing the high quality of education they will receive at our state's colleges and universities,"

he said.

OKCCC students also have felt the rise of enrollment on campus.

Microcomputer sophomore Dennis Plavilapadinjattethil said he wasn't able to get into a computer class this fall due to the high number of students enrolled.

He also said he's seen an increase in minority population at the college.

"There are more international

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Reality TV a bore

MTV's new reality show "Newlyweds" has caused a lot of talk among its viewers.

Most of the conversations center around pop singer Jessica Simpson who's married to Nick Lachey, ex-member of the boy band 98 Degrees. The reason viewers talk so much about Jessica is simple. She is a plain, inexperienced dumb blonde with plenty of stupidity — or at least she acts that way.

It seems reality TV shows with average Joes may no longer be enough to satisfy viewers' appetites.

People want to know and crave to see what celebrities do in their daily lives. Nick and Jessica very likely realized that being the focus of a reality show about their married life would likely breathe life back into their once-upon-a-time fame. They certainly are getting attention — but it may be for the wrong reasons.

According to the press, Jessica doesn't do anything very brightly except sing.

She gets confused about what's really inside a can where the label reads Chicken by the Sea. She asks Nick: "Is this chicken, what I have, or is this fish?"

Jessica doesn't eat buffalo. That's fine, but why not buffalo wings? Oh, because Jessica thinks buffalo wings really come from a buffalo. Most people her age would know there are no 'wings' on buffaloes, but she is just that different.

Some guys, Nick for instance, probably think girls like Jessica (if any can be found) are cute and innocent, and that her unique stupidity makes her extra attractive.

Jessica seems like she was brought up in her own world and maybe will remain there. Her father was even quoted in the press saying she isn't dumb. She's just "playing into" her role as a stereotypical empty-headed blonde. It'll be scary to see if she's still the same when she reaches old age. Would that behavior still be seen as cute and innocent?

On one episode, she is browsing in a lingerie store and doesn't realize until she is paying that she has just spent \$750 on two bras and two pairs of underwear. She later feels guilty and calls Nick. He suggests that she look at the price tags next time. This is serious common sense a grown-up needs to have, but obviously, Jessica doesn't know that.

People who do watch the "Newlyweds" regularly seem to find it entertaining, which is a plus since that's what a reality show aims to do — entertain.

Nick and Jessica seem very much in love with each other, which is good.

But Jessica's silly behavior and lack of knowledge about almost everything in the world makes people think it's OK to be stupid and careless about what's happening in the world outside of their mansion which is not good.

Good luck to Nick and Jessica on rescuing their fame and success.

—Caroline Ting
Staff Writer

It's not the college's fault

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the article "Enrollment problems made students unhappy, again" that was in the Sept. 1, issue of the Pioneer.

I have been a student at OKCCC since the spring of 2002, and I haven't had any problems enrolling or making sure that my fees are paid. We are all college students, and therefore should be responsible enough to get things done.

I have found that enrolling as early as possible allows you to have better course selection, and you won't have to worry about not being able to take the class you want, because

you're not waiting until the last minute. For those who pay their tuition in full, try looking in the front of the schedules for all the payment/drop deadline dates.

Those who are waiting on financial aid, make sure you complete all the necessary paperwork as soon as possible, and if your funds won't be available before the payment/drop due date, just set up a payment plan until your financial aid comes in.

Regarding all the online system complaints, why don't you do what you did before we had the online system, take care of your business in person. Then you can take care of any

problems right then, instead of depending on technology to do it for you.

The staff here at OKCCC (Financial Aid, Bursar, and Admissions) are extremely helpful so give them a break. They do a wonderful job considering how many student accounts they have to process.

So what's your excuse? You only have yourself to worry about!

—Morgan Jackson
OKCCC Student

Mickey needs help

To the Editor:

Walt Disney World representatives will be on campus Monday, Oct. 27, to recruit students interested in an internship at Walt Disney World in Orlando.

Students will be given ACE college credit at no cost except for materials with a choice of classes. There will be subsidized housing available and training for a paid internship working at one of the theme parks.

The internship will be for either five or seven months starting after Jan. 4.

An information booth will be in the College Union Foyer from 9 to 11 a.m. Students wishing to apply for an internship must attend the presentation from noon to 1 p.m. held in library room 407.

Follow-up interviews will be scheduled from 1:30 to 6 p.m. in the Student Life conference room.

For more information on the program, visit wdw-collegeprogram.com or call Employment Services at 682-7519.

—Linda Fay
Employment Services
Director

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Comments and Reviews

World harmony through music

Musicians from all over the world including Morocco and Israel filled the stage at Oklahoma City University Oct. 9 for an evening of peace and world music.

Thirteen people took the stage with their instruments in hand to stop hate crimes through diverse music. This gathering was called Diversity Celebration and Candlelight Vigil. It was incredible.

It was amazing to see the diverse instruments on stage.

Not that many people would think to put an accordion with a djembe (a small drum the shape of an hour-glass) or an úd (a guitar look alike), with a keyboard.

The full sound of five dif-

ferent kinds of drums made for a unique and spiritual experience.

The flute added to it, making the sound dream like.

World music is an exciting cultural experience for those who haven't heard it before.

The performance showed the power of music no matter where it originates from.

Music from Syria, Spain, Iraq, Israel, Morocco and Algeria.

Hearing music from the different countries helped the audience to appreciate other countries at least a little bit more... I hope.

Callen Clarke played the úd and gave a description and history of each song.

It was really awesome that he knew so much

about tons of countries around the world.

The audience was very receptive. On each song they clapped ferociously. It was a warming experience except for the goosebumps it gave me.

According to the Diversity through Music brochure, the FBI's Uniform Crime report stated 9,726 hate crime incidents happened in 2001 which was an increase of 19 percent from 2000.

Their mission is to stop hate violence, whether it's race, religion, sexual orientation, nationality, gender or disability and move on to peace with the world.

I think music is a great place to start.

— **Lacey Lett**
Staff writer

Old-fashioned thinking and proud

To The Editor:

Why do smart girls lose their common sense behind men with too many negatives? Like for instance, no income, no education and no goals or ambition.

Why are these men comfortable with allowing women to provide them with the basic needs and wants in life? Why are women allowing themselves to be "Lost Souls"?

I, as a man, desire an education, have an honest steady income and am currently working to attain my

educational goal. I was taught that you do not live off of a woman. You be a man and make your own way.

Women as little girls are taught to be independent, self sufficient and not to settle for less. However, some women are settling for less. They are hanging onto these deadbeats like it was their last dollar. Also, these girls are showering love and affection that is not given back equally.

These deadbeats only gain employment to quiet their

mate's tongues and to prevent a break up. Once this is done, being employed is no longer an option or a goal. The positive educated working man is slowly becoming a dying species. Before long, this species will be extinct and the crotch grabbing, slang talking and no-job-having man will dominate this planet. The only way to prevent this from happening is if women get back that which they have lost: common sense.

—**Thomas Stevenson**
OKCCC Student

Quote of the Week:

"I dreamed I was a butterfly, flitting around in the sky; then I awoke. Now I wonder: Am I a man who dreamt of being a butterfly, or am I a butterfly dreaming that I am a man?"

—**Chuang Tsu**

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Ranting about life's delusions

So, here I go writing for myself wondering what's going on in my world today. Gotta focus, gotta focus, I gotta freaking focus on something, but you know what I'm tired of focus. I'm tired of living in one state — I want to travel again. I'm tired of the bullshit of a confused society. My wings feel like they've been clipped by a society that has no clue what the heck it wants. Yet, every day it's trying to tell me what I have to do to be a success.

The punks aren't punk anymore, they're mainstream, but hey, isn't that what we wanted. I mean, when I was a kid, or at least younger, we couldn't wait 'till everyone looked like us. You know, walking around all pierced up and tattooed. Why does the reality of a dream never work out to be anywhere near what the ideal of that dream started out as?

What kind of hope can one hope for in a jacked-up world?

When you're a kid, you look around at a bunch of trees and sticks and you see a fort or a jungle where you are Tarzan. Then you grow up, look around at the same trees and sticks and all you see is brush. Brush you have to move if you want to build that new house. What happens to the imagination and dreams of childhood? Is this really what "growing up" is all about — responsibility and lack of imagination. This brings me to another point or at least the exploration of a question.

Technology permeates our every breath from the time we wake up to the time we close our eyes to sleep. Wait, no, they have our sleep too. With this saturation of technology, where has the internal imagination gone? One may say, "But art schools are alive and technology simply increases our ability to be more artistic." This is true to an extent. Yes, there is a percentage of our society that still has a creative imagination, but the next question is how far can we go? When a computer can make an anatomically correct man or woman, how far away are we from "The Matrix"?

OK, so maybe we haven't lost our imagination, just our sense of reality. This excites me and frightens me at the same time. Think about the repercussions of a society where we not only can't believe everything we hear and read, but also now we can't even believe anything we see.

Don't lose your sense of imagination, but hold on to some sense of reality while exploring the depths of that ever-blurring line between reality and delusion.

—**Daniel Lapham**
Editor

Cyber security studies ready in spring

By Daniel Lapham
Editor

Hackers — we've all seen the movie, but in the dependent technology boom of modern society, hacking is now more than just a harmless nuisance.

OKCCC is one of a handful of community colleges in the state preparing to train the future protectors of America's privacy and its computers.

OKCCC will begin its cyber security program this spring with a pilot online class taught by Al Heitkamper, information technology division dean.

He said the class this spring will be an introductory curriculum to get a better understanding of the amount of interest in the course.

"This will be the first of five curriculum classes that will be taught for this course," Heitkamper said.

"By fall '04 we will offer at least three of the five classes.

"There are a lot of things going on in this area. It is huge. The concern is huge," Heitkamper said. "The potential of what could happen to the infrastructure of this country without this kind of protection is frightening."

Heitkamper said there are thousands of attacks from hackers on the Internet daily.

"It's scary how fast things can move through the system now and bring it down."

Heitkamper said there will be a prescreening process in place for this program including a background check through the OSBI because of the high level of security involved.

"The students in this course will learn computer forensics," Heitkamper said. "They are going to be able to go in and hack into peoples computers; they're

going to be able to hack into peoples networks."

"They're going to learn software tools that the general public doesn't know about.

"Hackers know about all of this stuff. That's the problem. The hackers know about them but we don't know about them. So, in order to be able to counteract it you have to be aware of those tools and be able to use those tools yourself. So, those are the sorts of things being taught in these classes."

Pedro Serrano, cyber security professor, is pioneering the program along with Heitkamper.

Heitkamper and Serrano agreed that cyber security is becoming increasingly necessary in today's world.

Serrano said he is attending an advanced cyber security course at the University of Tulsa to gain the information and skills necessary to teach the course. Serrano said the program

began as a partnership with the U.S. government's national security office to train brilliant students.

"The government has developed a partnership with the University of Tulsa along with four other universities in the nation," Serrano said.

"They provide students with a quality four-year education. In turn, students are required to work for the National Security Office for two years."

Heitkamper said the government has given a grant to the University of Tulsa to train community college professors like Serrano to teach others the inner workings of cyber security.

Serrano said he will graduate the program in May. He will then return to OKCCC to develop the three classes he will be teaching in the fall.

"This program will be on the leading edge of this market in the nation," Serrano said.

Holocaust survivor to speak

By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

The Office of Student Life is bringing the story of the 1930s and 40s horror of the Holocaust to OKCCC by survivor Nesse Godin at 3 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23 in rooms CU1, 2 and 3.

Godin dedicates her life to teaching mainly students about the traumas and memories of the Holocaust and works at the Holocaust museum in Washington D.C., said Liz Largent, Director of Student Life.

Godin was born in Shauliai, Lithuania, where she lived until the Nazi's invaded in about 1933.

She is a "survivor of the Shauliai, Lithuania Ghetto, the Stutthof Concentration Camp, four labor camps and a death march," according to the Educational Lecture Series brochure.

Largent wanted to bring Godin to OKCCC "to bring history to life."

Largent said she believes Godin will give something that textbooks can't—a strong impact.

Largent said her office had a variety of different options.

"We just felt like... [the Holocaust] was an interest to a lot of people," Largent said.

This is the first year for the lecture series. Largent plans to continue it as a yearly event, she said.

Another lecture this semester is from an Ombudsman at National Public Radio.

Jeffrey Dvorkin will speak at 3 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 6 in rooms CU2 and 3 about responsible journalism. He has a lot of experience with broadcasting and reporting. He has reported from London, Amsterdam, Prague, Budapest, and Eastern Europe.

Healthcare seminar hosted at OKCCC

By Mike Selbo
News Writing I Student

The third of a five-part satellite seminar series titled Keeping Our Promises: Improving Care at the End of Life will be held in CU3 on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

The issues that will be discussed deal with how to prepare for the end of life—not only the elderly, but also all people nearing the end of life. The seminar is from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Students are invited to stay and participate in a discussion over the issues presented following the seminar.

Dr. Diann Uustal will be speaking. She is a clinical ethicist, and the founder and president of an educational consulting firm, Educational Resources in HeathCare, Inc. She has both a master's in nursing and a doctorate in ethics and values in health care from the University of Massachusetts.

Uustal consults with hospital ethic committees and has established new ethics committees. She has published numerous articles and authored four books.

Richard Rouillard, English professor, believes these seminars give students a chance to explore real world issues. "These topics may or may not come up in the classroom," he said. "We deal with textbook issues while the world is going on around us."

Voters presented with awards, banners

By John Chappell
News Writing I Student

A voter registration contest resulted in 75 new voters on campus. The contest took place among all colleges and universities, both two-and-four-year schools, in the state, said Suzie Rooker, student in charge of organizing the contest at OKCCC.

Initiated by a national campaign called "Raise Your Voice," the contest set a goal to raise political awareness among college students. Vocal Oklahomans in Civil Engagement (VOICE) is the local effort to raise awareness.

The VOICE campaign is a student-led attempt to encourage students to take an active role in addressing problems they see in public life. The message of the campaign is "Change Starts With You." This year, 21 campuses competed in the voter registration contest. All together, 2,539 new student voters were registered in the state.

This year's contest winner was Langston University. They registered 445 new voters on their campus. This amounted to nearly 12 percent of their student body.

For winning the contest, the student body of Langston University will receive a free concert on their campus by the band Spider Douglas, as well as an official 2003 Voter Registration Champions banner.

Day care chef satisfies kids' hungry tummies

By Ashlie Henderson
News Writing I Student

When stomachs begin to roar with hunger, the children at the Child Development Center and Lab School need look no further than the comfort of their own classrooms. Maryanne Daetwiler, the center's chef for the past 16 years, makes certain of that.

Daetwiler said her daily routine begins at 7 a.m. when she arrives at the center and begins preparing the morning meal. She said breakfast generally takes 45 minutes to prepare. Then, after clean up, she begins preparing the noon meal which takes two hours to get ready.

Because the center is part of the Child Nutrition Program which is managed by the Oklahoma Department of Education, Daetwiler said there are certain regulations she must follow.

Guidelines for each of the different meals that Daetwiler serves include: one bread, one juice and milk for breakfast, the same for lunch with the addition of a meat, and an afternoon snack consisting of one bread and milk. She also makes sure the children receive a daily serving of vitamin C, along with vitamin A every other day. The Child Nutrition Program also requires Daetwiler to have a 30-day pre-planned menu, which requires her to know what she is going to need for the meals that she will be cooking ahead of time.

The center receives commodities through the Child Nutrition Program, which helps Daetwiler serve a variety of foods. Through that program, the center receives food such as whole turkeys, different types of roast, fruits, rice and a spaghetti sauce that, Daetwiler said, "is incredible."

Her involvement doesn't stop with the children's nutritional needs. Daetwiler said as she goes into each room every day to count the number of children she'll be feeding, she always interacts with them on a personal level. She knows each child by name.

She said she makes sure the children enjoy what she is serving them and tries to broaden their tastes by encouraging them to try new foods.

In the spring and summer, when the children grow gardens, she harvests their food for them and makes sure to include it in one of their



Maryanne Daetwiler, Child Development Center and Lab School chef, has been cooking for the youngsters there for 16 years.

She said she tries to broaden the children's tastes by encouraging them to try new foods.

She said she even occasionally cooks food harvested from the gardens the children grow at the center.

Photo by Keah Roggow

meals so that they can see what they have done and how it tastes, which makes them feel important, she said.

Daetwiler majored in psychology but said the main reason the center hired her was because of her strong bookkeeping skills. She said a great deal of clerical work is involved in figuring the kitchen budget and expenses so bookkeeping skills are a must.

In 2003, Daetwiler received the Elven Gray award from OKCCC. She said she was honored.

"I was really happy to get that. I'm pleased that they like my work and was thrilled for the recognition for the Child Development program."

The award is given each year to an employee who has worked at the college for at least five years and who shows exemplary service.

Teacher, student learn together at conference

By Stephanie Conduff
News Writing I Student

The enchanting sounds of warriors dancing graced festivities at the annual Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans conference in Albuquerque, Oct. 1 through 5.

Teresa Randall, adjunct biology professor and Pathways High School instructor, and Frank Tanner, 17, Pathways student, attended the conference on a grant from the National Institute of Health.

The grant funds technology and bioinformatics research, and education for teachers and students, Randall said.

"Our grant is giving a lot of training in biotech for the students here," she said. "We have a fully-developed sequential program at OKCCC. Once the students leave here, they are needed in labs and very specialized fields of gene study."

Randall said the increasing job opportunities in Oklahoma stem from the biomedical field.

"We have students working on new drugs, gene studies and cell cultures," she said. "We are training a work force for all those new companies. Our students have academic knowledge and lab skills.

"They do not need to be retrained, just pointed in the right direction once in the workplace."

Randall said the teachers and students were separated for individual sessions at the conference.

"We did the teacher things and the students were able to take time to talk with scientists, researchers and universities," Randall said.

She said the breakout sessions showed students how to give a scientific presentation and how to create large research posters.

"The conference showed the students how to best portray their ideas in research," she said.

For Tanner, the conference added to his professional future.

"It will aid me professionally because it opens the doors to all the individual parts of neuroscience degree programs at different universities," he said.

A Delaware tribe member, Tanner said he enjoyed the opportunity to interact with other Native Americans in a career setting.

"It was important for me to attend because I could talk to other Native Americans about the same kind of work that I want to eventually do — that is neuroscience," he said.

The strong point of the SACNAS lies in its mentoring abilities.

"These students now have role models to see," Randall said. "Each student can communicate with a person in their field that has achieved success and a position in the field."

The weekend included a powwow and traditional Latino dancing. With cultural integration of the medical field, SACNAS has spent 29 years striving to provide strong national leadership in improving and expanding opportunities for minorities in the scientific workforce and academia, the organization website stated.

They use a base of mentoring college students within science, mathematics and engineering, and support quality pre-college science education, the website stated. Following the conference, Randall has added a new personal goal for herself and OKCCC.

"I think the conference has given me an idea to start a SACNAS chapter here. Their vision... is wonderful," she said.

Randall said there is an educational need to integrate learning with cultural sensitivity.

"We need to learn as educators how to work more efficiently and effectively with this large growing demographic of students."

Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra wows crowd with old hits

By Brad Johnson
News Writing I Student

The world-renowned Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra performed Oct. 14 in the OKCCC theater.

The band played tunes ranging from the late '30s and '40s up to the '70s.

They played to a full house, which consisted mainly of an older generation of fans.

Evelyn Maxwell, 69, of Oklahoma City, attended the concert.

"I used to love the original Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra and I still listen to them on record," she said.

Maxwell said she hoped the new orchestra was still playing the same music she referred to as "standards."

Highly-regarded trombonist Bill Tole leads the current Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra.

Tole received ovations throughout the night for his outstanding performances.

Tole gave the audience the history of the band and the meaning behind the tunes after each song.

Accompanying Tole was his sister Nancy Knorr, the singer for the orchestra. She performed the songs of the late Helen O'Connell, even singing a tribute in her honor.

The band started the evening with the

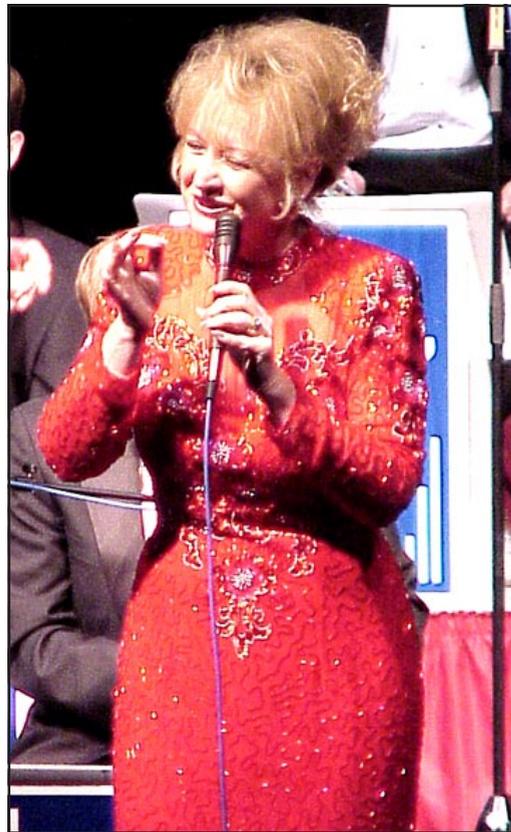


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Nancy Knorr

famous song "Contrast," the theme song for the group.

Other crowd pleasers included "It Had to be You," "So Rare" and "Johnson's Rag" which is still a popular song to swing dance to today.

Lab helps students understand writing

By Ben Donihoo
News Writing I Student

The communications lab is a place for learning about writing, not just for a quick fix of a paper, said lab supervisor Alice Tillinghast.

Located on the first floor of the main building outside the main dining area, the lab offers students help with just about anything that has to do with the English language, she said. She said students who are writing a paper for history, English, economics or nursing will find help in the the lab.

Three full-time staff, one part-timer, and four part-time tutors are ready to help students with proofreading and more. Tillinghast said they will do their best to show students how to avoid and correct writing mistakes.

"I find the staff very helpful and willing to work with me," said diversified studies major Becca McGarry.

The lab offers several learning resources: tutors who can give one-on-one help, computerized learning programs, listening labs and paper handouts.

In addition, computers are available for students who need to write papers. If needed, a student can spend an entire day at a computer, Tillinghast said.

More than just basic writing skills are offered at the lab. The staff also can help with reading, grammar and pronunciation.

The lab also offers French and Spanish tutors four days a week.

Lab hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

College sees enrollment increases in a number of areas

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students...," he said.

Plavilapadinjattethil said a lot of people are now out of work so they likely have come back to school to pursue studies in a particular field to look for another job.

Education sophomore Charlotte Bradshaw said she can tell by the parking that the enrollment has gone up.

She agrees with Plavilapadinjattethil that many people are going back to school because of financial reasons and the hope of finding a better job.

Bradshaw said it seems the college has been able to offer more classes because of enrollment increases.

Another student, pre-education sophomore Cheryl George, said more high school graduates might

choose to go to two-year colleges before transferring to a four-year college. She said doing this saves them a lot of work once they move on to their senior years in other four-year institutions.

George also said she believes female students outnumber male students at the college.

"A lot of [the female students] are single mothers [who try] to get a degree so they can take care of their families."

She said she doesn't think the enrollment increase has affected the teaching quality because her professors are still able to visit with her during office hours.

Plavilapadinjattethil and Bradshaw agree with George that there are more female students than male students at OKCCC.

Shirazi said the numbers show the students are correct.

This year's enrollment consists of 58 percent female and 42 percent male.

Bradshaw and George said they haven't noticed an increase in minority population but George said she likes the variety of ethnic groups on campus.

Business sophomore John Shaw has seen an increase in enrollment at OKCCC as well as in the state.

"I think it's great," he said.

"If people want to go to school, let them go to school."

However, the college does get

crowded at times, Shaw said. He said he had trouble trying to sign up for a class which was already full.

Shaw said he can see the increase in minority population at the college, but he disagrees with the other students about the numbers of male and female students on campus.

He said he feels that the numbers are equal and stable.



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Kids learn fire safety from area firefighters

By Dana Hatfield
News Writing I Student

To observe National Fire Safety Week, OKCCC's Child Development Center had a special visit from the Oklahoma City Fire Department.

The visit began with five firefighters from station No. 25 teaching the kids fire safety basics. The children got the chance to see firefighters in a breathing mask so they could become familiar with how it looked in case of an actual fire. This way, the kids wouldn't be frightened of the masked person in a real-life situation.

Firefighters also showed the kids the famous "stop, drop and roll" procedure.

When asked what to do in case of a fire, Hailey Thomas 4, yelled "stop, drop and roll," and proudly demonstrated the maneuver for her classmates.

Later, the youngsters went outside to check out the fire truck.

A few children got the chance to wear the firefighter's gloves on their tiny hands.

In the midst of the visit, an emergency call came in, causing the firefighters to leave early. However, this allowed the children to hear the sirens and see the intensity of a typical day in the life of a firefighter. The classes waved goodbye and the firefighters waved back.

When asked what his favorite part of the visit was, Christopher Hall, 3, said, "I really liked looking at the fire trucks and I wasn't even scared."

Connie Pidgeon, preschool teacher, said the fire department "did a great job of making the children understand they would help them in case of a fire."



Gabriel West, 4, tries on one of the fireman's gloves while Jacob Fay, 3, waits his turn.



Hailey Thomas, 4, shows her classmates how to stop, drop and roll.

The firefighters of station No. 25 in Oklahoma City wave goodbye to the kids at the Child Development Center and Lab School. The firefighters were at the school teaching the kids fire safety when they were called away to an emergency.



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Teaching award: OKCCC President Bob Todd presents Anita Philipp, professor of computer science, the Teaching Award for Incorporating Global Awareness in her curriculum Oct. 3 at the OGEC (Oklahoma Global Education Consortium) held at Redlands Community College in El Reno.

The award mostly applied to Philipp's website development class where students pick a subject and research it on four different countries and build a website to be viewed online.

Instrumental lessons available

OKCCC has a variety of music lessons to offer

By Kristen Carey
News Writing I Student

OKCCC offers private lessons for people who are interested in pursuing a music career and for people who want to better themselves on their instrument of choice.

There are four areas of music that are offered for private lessons.

They are voice, piano,

guitar and some woodwind instruments. Clarinet, flute and saxophone are the woodwind instruments offered.

All music majors are required to take private lessons.

Private lessons can be taken for credit hours or for noncredit. With a one-credit-hour course, a person will have a 30-minute lesson a week.

Each person who takes private lessons will be ex-

pected to practice in one of the four practice rooms each week.

It is imperative students practice in between lessons so that they can improve their ability to play or sing, said Jonathan Stewart, music professor.

Along with piano lessons, organ lessons can be arranged at another location, said piano teacher Eileen Fox.

Fox also teaches lessons to students in her home.

Former employee dies

By Caroline Ting
Staff Writer



Sarah Granger

Former OKCCC employee Sarah Granger died Oct. 3. She was 71 years old.

Granger worked at the college in many capacities from 1983 to 1997.

She continued to work on a part-time basis for Dr. Manuel Prestamo, dean of Cultural Programs and Community Development after retiring.

"She was always very helpful," Prestamo said. "Everybody knew her."

Prestamo remembers when Granger was asked to do something special for the arts festival. Granger designed and made a huge cake in the shape of Oklahoma for the celebration of the festival that year.

"She was very good at [cake decorating]," Prestamo said. Although Granger had stopped doing cake decorating professionally, she'd still make cakes for many special occasions such as a co-worker's birthday.

Prestamo said when he had just come to Oklahoma from Wisconsin, he brought a cat with him, which he and his wife had had for about 14 years. He was mostly here by himself because his wife had to stay and sell the house in Wisconsin.

Unfortunately, he said, his cat had to be put to sleep. Granger offered to go with him on the final journey, which was very helpful, Prestamo said.

"She would go out of her way not only to do her job, but also to help people when they were in need of help," he said. "And she took great joy in her grandchildren. She loved her grandchildren."

Tammy Duncan, microcomputer support technician, was a close friend of Granger's and credits her with her success.

Duncan said she didn't have her high school diploma when she came to OKCCC. She was involved in a program which helped students become confident enough to take the GED test. Granger was the secretary of that program at the time.

Duncan said Granger helped her believe that she could achieve anything she set her mind to. She later received her associate degree in computer science and bachelor's degree in business management.

"Sarah was a very special person," Duncan said. "She always made sure that everybody knew that they were a special person."

Granger is survived by two sons, two daughters, her brother, three sisters, 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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Breast cancer awareness focus in October

By Lacey Lett
Staff writer

Breast cancer strikes people all around the world, but no one knows the exact numbers, only estimates.

What is known is that breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women and the second leading cause of death, Imaginis.com website reported in 2001.

More than one million people worldwide were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2001 with Oklahoma reporting 2,400 cases and 500 deaths that year the site reported. California had the highest number with more than 18,000 cases diagnosed.

Who gets breast cancer? Nobody is immune.

According to a report at the website cancer.org, caucasian women are more likely to get breast cancer than African-American women, but have a higher survival rate. African-American women are more apt to get breast cancer at an earlier age and in a more aggressive form.

And, although it's less likely, men are not safe from breast cancer. In 2001, an estimated 1,500

men were diagnosed with the cancer.

As people age, their chance of getting breast cancer increases, according to imaginis.com.

By the age of 30, a woman has a 1 in 251 chance of developing breast cancer. Women over the age of 50 see an increase of 77 percent. And, cancer.org reported, by the age of 70, a woman has a 1 in 23 chance of being diagnosed.

However, numbers have been on the decline in the past decade.

According to cancer.org, between the years of 1990 to 2000, breast cancer decreased by 2.3 percent.

Still, the odds remain too high. Often, there are lifestyle changes that can be made which will lower those odds.

Lifetimetv.com lists a couple of those: decreasing alcohol consumption (it is suggested that two drinks a day may increase breast cancer by 21 percent), losing weight (if diagnosed, obese women have a 60 percent greater chance of dying from the cancer), not smoking, exercising regularly, and reducing the amount of red meat a person eats.

Other factors that may increase the likelihood of getting breast cancer, but that are out of a person's control, include: age, family history, personal history (15 percent of women treated for breast cancer get it again), and giving birth later in life rather than at a young age.

Early detection is the key.

According to somethingwithin.com, the earlier the detection, the less harsh the treatments. Imaginis.com reported that if breast cancer is discovered in stage one, there is a 98 percent survival rate.

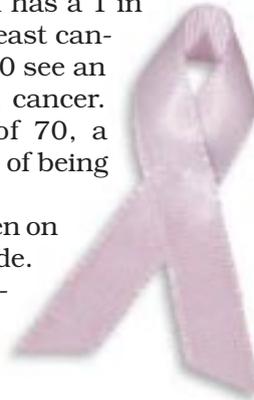
On the other hand, cancer discovered in stage four gives a person only a 16 percent survival rate.

Research continues but it takes money.

With October named as Breast Cancer Awareness month, several breast cancer awareness shows are being televised in an effort to raise some of the money needed for continuing research as well as to help raise awareness.

The "Women That Rock" concert will air on Lifetime at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23

"Breast Cancer and Intimacy" will be shown on Discovery Health Channel at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, to help women explore various aspects of the disease.



Survivor offers advice

By Brent Hodges
Staff Writer

In the winter of 1992 Linda Sapp stepped onto the OKCCC campus to begin work as the Prospective Student Services assistant, a challenging position helping incoming students.

Almost a decade later, Sapp faced a new challenge — one that she bravely refers to as a "hurdle" in her life.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer.

The cancer was discovered through a mammogram. Sapp had a lumpectomy in January of 2002. She started chemotherapy treatments in March of 2002 and radiation treatments in October of 2002.

"The chemo and radiation wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be," Sapp said. "My hair didn't fall out, but it did thin."

Sapp said she would take Thursday afternoons off and have her treatment, then be back at work on Monday morning.

She said it helped to have co-workers who were understanding, helpful and concerned.

Sapp was recently involved in the Race for the Cure in Oklahoma City which ended at the Southwestern Bell Bricktown Ballpark, where cancer survivors ran the bases.

"It was a very heartwarming and inspiring event," she said.

The walk had more than 10,000 participants.

Sapp said she has learned from experience some ways to help avoid breast cancer or at least detect it early when treatments are most helpful.

"Keep yourself on a good low fat diet," she said. "The most important thing is to check yourself once a month.

"One in every eight women will get breast cancer... so always be aware of your body."



Linda Sapp

Information equals power in cancer fight

By Daniel Lapham
Editor

There are many things women should look out for when it comes to breast cancer. The American Cancer Society has listed several ways women can help themselves in the fight.

- Women should start getting a mammogram annually starting at age 40.
- Clinical breast examinations should be given every three years for women ages 20 to 39, and annually for women 40 and older
- Women should give themselves breast cancer self-examinations monthly starting at age 20.
- Women should report any breast change promptly to their healthcare provider.
- Beginning in their 20s, women should expect to be told about the benefits and limitations of self-examinations by their doctors.
- Women known to be at increased risk of breast cancer should discuss guidelines with their doctors.

Additional information about breast cancer awareness groups are available on these websites:

- SELF's Breast Cancer Handbook, www.self.com/features/handbook.
- National Breast Cancer Coalition, www.stopbreastcancer.org.
- Breast Cancer Research Foundation, www.bcrfcure.org.
- The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, www.komen.org.
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- American Breast Cancer Foundation, www.abcf.org.
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Highlights

International Student Association

A meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22 in room 3P0 in the main building. The ISA will discuss the schedule for the rest of the semester. It will be a good opportunity to see what's going on around campus, especially regarding the international community. For more information call Michael Hudson at (405) 323-0102.

Tuition fee waivers

Monday, Oct. 20, the Student Financial Aid Center will have Spring Tuition Fee Waiver Applications available. Friday, Nov. 14, by 5 p.m. will be the last day to submit applications to the Student Financial Aid Center. Monday, Dec. 8, the Student Financial Aid Center will have a determination of whether a student is approved for the Academic Tuition Fee Waiver award. For any questions call (405) 682-1611, ext. 7524.

Engineering Club

A meeting will be held from noon to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22, in room 1C5 to discuss the Halloween Carnival, the next Rockwood Elementary visit and a possible guest speaker. For more information e-mail Debra Burris at dburris@okccc.edu.

Student Art Guild

The movie "The Ring" will be showing at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, in the college theater. The cost is \$1. The movie is a Dreamworks picture and is rated PG-13.

Literary Excursions

A discussion will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, in 3E1 in the Arts and Humanities building. Literary Excursions is a newly-formed book club that seeks members from English majors, future teachers of English and people who love to read. The schedule consists of a book of poetry, two plays, a novel and a work of science fiction. For more information e-mail Wendi Jewell at wendij45@msn.com.

Walt Disney World

Anyone interested in a Walt Disney internship should come from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 27, to the college union foyer. Students will be given ACE college credit at no cost except for material with a choice of classes. Subsidized housing is available as well as training for a paid internship for working at one of the theme parks. For more information visit wdwcollegeprogram.com.

OKCCC intramural activities

Rock climbing is offered for any student who wants to attend from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8 at OKC Rocks. The cost is \$5 for students. Rock on! Students may sign up in the Wellness Center or call (405) 682-1611, ext. 7310. Students must bring a valid college ID to participate.

Be very afraid... haunted warehouse

The 19th annual Bricktown Haunted Warehouse will be going on nightly from Friday, Oct. 10, to Friday, Oct. 31, at 101 E. California Avenue, adjacent to the Bricktown canal. The warehouse offers a terror theater, collapsed mineshaft, mad man isolation room, junkyard mayhem and, new this year, the toxic dump. The haunted trek through the three-story tall warehouse is 40 minutes long and costs \$10 dollars. For more information call (405) 272-9294 or (405) 236-4143.



Photo by Keah Roggow

Cookies... Get your cookies: Julie Wright, visual arts major and Jeremy Williams, psychology major, sell baked goods to raise money for the Student Art Guild. Jeff McLaughlin, physical therapy major, and Josh Craig, engineering major, bought some of their delicious-looking foods. Students who are interested in joining campus clubs can contact the Office of Student Life at 682-1611, ext. 7792 for more information.

Abilities Galore plans many events

By Lacey Lett
Staff writer

Abilities Galore will be hosting many events in the last week of October.

Meredith Dunkeson, club president, said Abilities Galore is a club that provides social opportunity information on the abilities of the people with disabilities.

She said the club also gives information about the best teachers for the differing types of disabilities.

"[The club] has been around for 10 years," Dunkeson said.

Dunkeson said, in the mid '90s the group changed its name from the Deaf and Hearing Association in order to focus on the abilities are of the disabled.

The five-year member said, this year, the club has more members who are willing to be active.

"This better ables us to promote ourselves," she said. "We have a couple of really active members.

"We are lucky. We have about 10 active members," she said.

Abilities Galore is hosting a basket sale Thursday and Friday, Oct. 23 and 24 and also Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 27 and 28 in the main foyer, said Dunkeson. She said they make baskets for each season and can personalize one.

The prices range from \$10 to \$30, depending on the accessories included. The money goes toward the club's scholarship fund.

On Oct. 25 club members plan on attending the NAACP banquet to represent OKCCC, Dunkeson said.

Abilities Galore also will be helping the campus activities board at the annual

"There are more people willing to be active...We are lucky."
—Meredith Dunkeson
President of
Abilities Galore

Halloween carnival which will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31. They will be handling the bean bag toss.

They also have several bake sales planned throughout the year.

They also plan to attend an off-campus meeting in November. The topic for the event will be Accessibility Assessment Opportunities.

Anyone may join the club. The meetings are from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. every first and third Tuesday of each month.

Dunkeson said they are usually held in room CU7.

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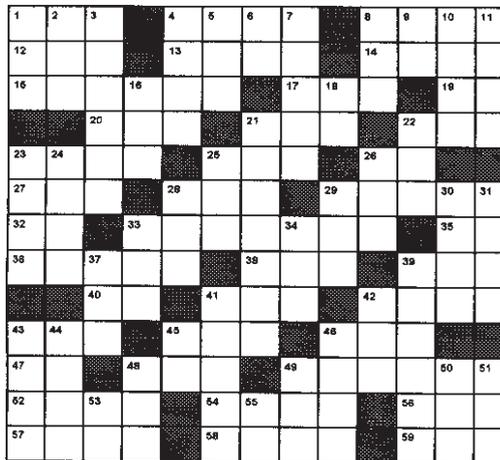
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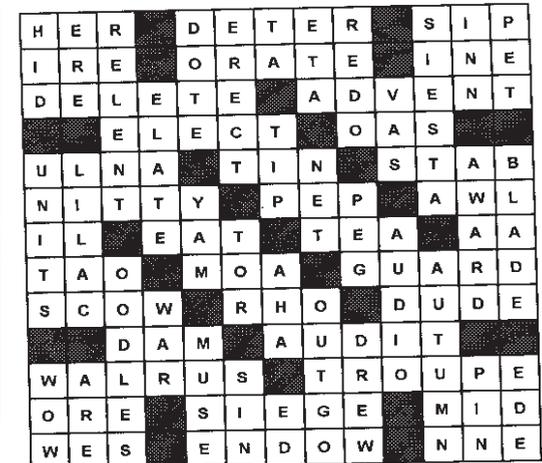
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- 26 Equally
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- 29 Bury
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- 33 Special prep school
- 35 River in Italy
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- 41 Unit
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- 22 Time zone (abbr.)
- 23 Game played on a course
- 24 Small brook
- 25 Fabric made of goat's hair
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- 28 Fall month (abbr.)
- 29 Mischievous child
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ferent carnival booths staffed by college organizations.

Children can be scared out of their costumes at the haunted house put on by the Scholars League, English Club and the Student Art Guild.

Ghosts and goblins can satisfy their monstrous appetites at the cotton candy booth sponsored by Chi Alpha.

Abilities Galore will sponsor the bean-bag toss, while Literary Excursions will be letting spooks pick a colored tootsie pop and win a prize.

The Health Professions Club will help create mummies at the carnival with fake wounds.

Kids can get sparkly at the glittering graphics booth put on by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance group or come by the Campus Activities Board and Photography Club's booth to make a spooky Halloween button.

There will be something more than fish at the Phi Theta Kappa's Fish for Candy booth.

The Psychology and Sociology club will be painting scary pictures on all the goblins' faces.

Largent said admission to the carnival is \$1 per child.



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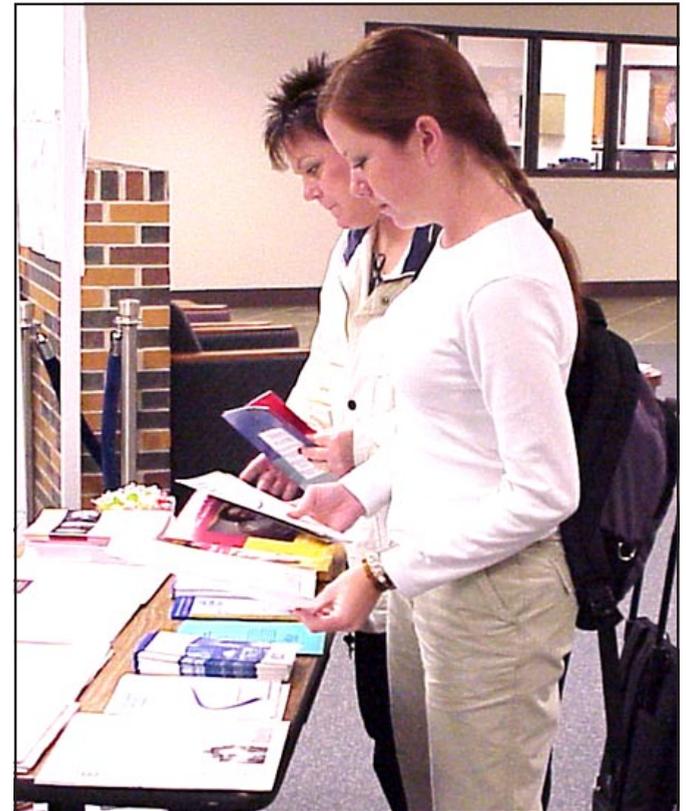


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Anna Caddell looks over some material during the National Depression Screening day. Caddell, 24, will graduate in December with a degree in biotechnology.

Mary Turner, coordinator of Student Support Services, said depression screening for students is free and confidential. Students also can go online to www.okccc.edu/StudentDevelopment/Screening for information.

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