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Photo by Keah Roggow

Big money, big money: Stephen Cumberworth, zoology major, gets ready to spin the wheel while playing The Real Deal Crazy Game Show with host Preston Albert. OKCCC's Campus Activities Board sponsored the event which gave students opportunities to win various cash prizes. All contestants won a T-shirt.

Grads need to complete forms

By Chris Vasquez
News Writing I Student

Students who have completed at least 45 hours toward their degree should apply for graduation, said Barbara Gowdy, admissions officer.

Students planning to graduate in May should turn in a completed application form, along with transcripts from any other colleges attended, to the graduation office by Feb. 6.

Gowdy said meeting the early deadline will ensure students a place on all graduation lists.

"You may not be in the commencement program if you apply after Feb. 6, be-

cause we have to have all that in for publishing purposes," said Gowdy.

Turning in application forms early is a good thing, she said.

"If there's a class you need to pick up, you will still have time to enroll in it."

After an application is received, the graduation office will run a final degree check. Students will then receive a letter stating what hours they need to graduate.

Students also should stay in contact with their faculty adviser, said Gowdy.

"Some degrees have approved electives that the faculty has to sign off on," she said.

"A lot of students don't

know who their faculty adviser is until it's time to graduate," Gowdy said.

Students are assigned a faculty adviser by Student Development.

Sally Smith, diversified studies major, said she has no idea who her faculty adviser is.

Smith, 22, said she knew she had to apply for graduation but did not know when the deadline was.

"I thought I had more hours [toward my degree]," said Smith.

After checking with Student Development, Smith found she lacked 12 hours to finish her degree.

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Updated system improves online student access

Datatel upgrade leads to better management of records, fewer glitches

By Daniel Lapham
Editor

Students at OKCCC may notice a different look when accessing student records online this week.

Gloria Cárdenas Barton, dean of admissions and records, said the department has installed new hardware and an updated version of software during the Thanksgiving break, Nov. 24 to 28.

She said the system was upgraded from Datatel 16 to Datatel 17. Barton said the new system should be faster and have fewer glitches than the previous version.

"The software upgrade should make just about anything we are running on the system faster," Barton said.

"We are hoping that this will result in increased access. Students will be able to access records, enroll and utilize the new degree audit program."

Students also will be able to access records which show how many credits they need to complete their degree.

Barton added that another feature in this section is the degree shopping scenario.

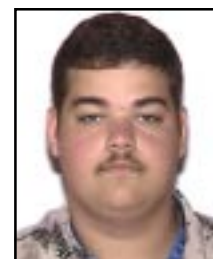
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Student charged with campaign embezzlement

By Caroline Ting
Staff Writer

OKCCC student, Jeremy Vaughn Pinson, is in the Oklahoma County Jail, charged with five felony counts and one misdemeanor count of embezzling nearly \$28,000 from U.S. Rep. Ernest Istook's campaign during October.

Kyle Loveless, Istook's campaign manager, said Pinson stole about 50 checks, several credit card numbers,



Jeremy Pinson

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Pop-ups soon to lose pop

There's going to be a day to proudly say goodbye to those pop-up ads that Internet users absolutely hate to see.

Computer users can't always make them disappear before another one pops out on the screen.

Pop-up ads are not only bothersome, but also a complete waste of time, especially when people are on the run trying to search something important or send an e-mail.

They have to race with the frequency of pop-up windows at the same time.

Once there are too many windows popping up on the toolbar, people's first reaction is to close them down immediately.

Some may then find themselves in a very frustrating position because they just accidentally closed down the window they actually needed.

Let's start all over again, thanks to pop-ups.

On the other hand, pop-ups are advertisers' best friends.

According to Advertising.com, pop-ups are 13 times more likely than a standard banner ad to result in a clickthrough.

There needs to be a better way to market online besides letting ads ruthlessly pop up on everyone's computer.

So far, the only solution is to install software to block pop-ups.

Money magazine reported that sometime in the first half of 2004, Microsoft will come out with a pop-up-blocker application to a Service Pack upgrade for Windows XP.

This means consumers won't have to download the software because it will be shipped with Internet Explorer very soon.

It's about time a convenient product like the pop-up-blocker comes along and it's also about time that advertisers work on a better way to market online.

Consumers shouldn't have to tolerate the interference of pop-up ads while they surf the web, and they sure deserve to have more protection.

According to Nielsen/Net Ratings, poor Internet surfers had to go through approximately 20 billion pop-up ads in just the third quarter of this year. Go figure the total time it'd take to close up 20 billion pop-up windows.

The worldwide web is invented to be used as a time-saver.

Even with help from special software to terminate pop-ups, smart advertisers ultimately have to reduce the number of those irritating ads that tire eyes and fingers.

So farewell to pop-ups. May they soon disappear from the world of the Internet.

—**Caroline Ting**
Staff Writer

Spotlight on political corruption

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter you published by John Van Dyke in the Nov. 17 issue of the Pioneer.

First of all, no amount of money can repay what was exacted from the American people on September 11, 2001.

Second, the funding that President Bush asked for concerning the rebuilding of Iraq is money that comes out of our pockets and goes into the pockets of Bush's corporate sponsors, Halliburton, Bechtel and the boys — without debate in Congress or competitive bidding. The recent article in Time magazine sheds grave doubt on the efficiency of the administration of the funds in Iraq and leads one to believe that this is a huge corporate

payday without the corresponding value in terms of rebuilding anything in Iraq.

Third, John maybe you should go into politics as a Republican. You throw around words like "fascists and Nazis" which is redundant and quote President Kennedy, draping yourself in the American flag and patriotism as your Republican heroes put the money of the American people into their corporate bank accounts.

And you even state that President Reagan's economic policies created the economic climate of the '90s (there is no scholarly work that credits Ronald Reagan with anything concerning the economy of the United States except the creation of the largest deficit that our government has ever experienced. Read

David Stockman's book about the Reagan administration. He was head of the Office of Budget and Management).

So in the final analysis maybe Tory Ervin never was a Republican and maybe you, John, should read some history books and stop making statements born out of ideological ignorance.

—**Stanford Lester**
History Major

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Comments and Reviews

Acoustic sounds hit OKC

Have you ever been somewhere and felt like you were in the wrong place.

I was at the John Mayer concert last Friday, and I felt like I should have been at an N'Sync concert.

I really enjoy John Mayer, and I thought most of his fan base was college and young adults, but the teenyboppers were out in force for this concert.

The concert itself was pretty good for the most part. Of course, he played his famous songs like "No Such Thing" and "Your Body is a Wonderland." He also played some of his lesser known stuff from his first album, and he really did not try to push his new album and shove it in our face shamelessly like most musicians do.

One of the things that I enjoy about concerts is when musicians come out before they sing and share



Photo courtesy of

how they wrote a particular and what inspires them to write.

I think it is great when the performer can be that intimate with the crowd. John Mayer did a great job of doing this. He told some great stories before some songs.

Before the song "83" he told how he wishes life were as easy as it was when he was younger. I think most everyone can relate. I know

I can.

I only have two criticisms for John. The first one is that between songs the lights went out, and we were sitting there waiting for the next song, which felt like an eternity, but it was only 20 to 30 seconds. This is just a pet peeve of mine.

The second one is a big one. The encore. I think an encore is supposed to be energetic so when you are walking out, you are just so pumped up and singing.

John Mayer played two slow songs for his encore, and I left feeling kind of let down.

But, hey, what do I know? John Mayer makes millions I make a step above minimum wage.

All in all it was a great concert. John Mayer is truly one of the great musicians of our generation.

—**Brent Hodges**
Staff Writer

Honesty rewarded by OKCCC prof

To the Editor:

Am I lucky? On late Tuesday evening, Nov. 18, I discovered the employees in Security were not only my friends, but they were also excellent and well qualified employees.

PBX Operator/Dispatcher Patti Keasling, Security Officer Ron Morehouse, and a very caring and honest pre-engineering student, Ty Bouse, came to my rescue.

What happened? I lost

my purse. It fell out of my carry bag. Not until I reached my home, did I notice the loss. I immediately returned to campus. While en route, my daughter called me on my cell from home informing me of Patti's phone call. Patti had my purse in Security due to Ron's quick retrieval from Ty.

Ty found my purse and sought the campus security van where Ron was working, doing surveillance of

the parking lots.

The result of the evening was definitely positive. A purse, once lost, was found and returned. Displaying professional excellence, our OKCCC Security employees were and are readily available to assist employees and students.

Furthermore, excellent, honest students attend OKCCC, too. Again, thanks to all.

—**Virginia Hovda**
Biology Supervisor

Quote of the Week:

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is to try to please everyone."

—**Bill Cosby**

Counselor's Corner

Necessity of math

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will." —**Vince Lombardi**

This is the time of year when students come to the Center in ever increasing numbers to be advised for the coming semester. Many of those who come in at this time entertain hopes of graduating by May, of giving closure to their semesters of hard work and devotion. After the holidays, our own students with such hopes will be joined by students from our sister institutions to the north and to the south. These students also will come to us with dreams of a spring graduation.

Unfortunately for a number of these students, the dream will be just that — a dream. These are the students who have lived their lives in denial that the day would come when they would have to face their fears and complete their math requirement.

"I only need one math course to graduate," they will plead. "Perhaps," we will reply, "but you need three courses to get to that one course." When we ask why they have put off taking the course for so long, many will shrug and say something novel like, "I don't like math." This is usually followed by much weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Math is single-handedly responsible for the overwhelming number of struggles we face with our students (and with other college's students). No matter how much we urge, encourage, cajole, and strongly suggest that students take their math as soon as possible, many will still wait until the very end. When told that they will have to retest, the protests begin. "I know I can do that class, but I can't test into it." Hmmmm. Probably not. Some of you have spent enough money on math courses that you've paid for and then dropped to take a nice cruise in a warmer climate.

"Math isn't easy!" OK. Life isn't easy. "I can't do it!" Of course, you can't with that attitude. Life isn't a wacky reality series on MTV. It isn't always fun, and it certainly isn't always easy. School reflects that fact. Learning is hard work. Some subjects may require more of it from you than others. Plan a schedule that will allow you to spend the necessary time to learn the material and do well with it. Also, accept the fact that you may not make an "A" in that class. Remember that there is a difference between being able to "do" something in a satisfactory manner and in setting the top of the curve. In the great scheme of life, nobody is going to look back on your academic experience and comment on the grade you made in math.

So, if spring is supposed to be the last semester you spend in college, and if you have put off that math class until now, take a deep breath and get yourself into the math lab to review formulas and dust off algorithms. Use the computer tutorials and view the videos. Then go take the Compass math test and bring your score to us. Hopefully, the reality won't be too painful and we can help you find an option that really will get you out of here with a degree by May.

—**Student Development**

Large attendance, little satisfaction at conference

By Daniel Lapham
Editor

About 75 students attended the last Phi Theta Kappa teleconference of the year to hear a debate about marijuana.

More than 335 colleges were the audience for the "Heads vs. Feds" program Nov. 18 at OKCCC.

A debate between Steven Hager, former editor-in-chief of High Times Magazine, and Robert Stutman, DEA agent for more than 20 years, covered the men's personal views on the controversial topic of the legalization of marijuana.

Following the hour-long debate, a third party entered. Dr. Billy Martin, who served as the first president of the International Cannabis Research Society, briefly covered the research he and his colleagues have been working on.

The debate was a disappointment to many attending.

Many of the students felt that,

although many facts and figures were thrown around, the debate was based more on opinion than fact.

OKCCC public relations major Shaun Six, 22, said he had expected to hear more scientific evidence to support both sides of the debate.

"The lack of scientific proof was the most disappointing element of the debate," Six said.

But, Six said, it was nice to see the pro-legalization side of the issue getting some coverage because many times "you only get one side of the story in the media."

He added he is not necessarily an advocate of its legalization; he simply believes both sides should be portrayed.

Another OKCCC student agreed.

LouDonna Jefcoat, 20, psychology major, said neither one of the speakers had a clear point.

She said the debate seemed more like a personal advertisement for each of their opinions than a logical debate pointing out the facts.

Jefcoat said she doesn't think

marijuana should be legal, but that it should be decriminalized.

"I would like to have seen a better debate with more evidence on one side or the other," Jefcoat said. She said her stance on the issue wasn't swayed either way by the debate.

Phi Theta Kappa adviser Richard Rouillard also agreed on that point.

"It was the Stutman and Hager show," Rouillard said. "I don't know that it was a real debate."

"The debate was a show that was preplanned as to what issues were going to be discussed."

Rouillard said regardless of the fact that the debate was a little weak on new material, he did learn some valuable information.

The professor found Martin's presentation helpful; however, he said parts were too scientific.

"I got a lot of information from Dr. Martin," Rouillard said. "I am very interested in the use of marijuana as a medicine."

Rouillard said there are two medical marijuana prescription drugs on the market right now —

Marinol and Megace.

"The person I received that information from said she regularly writes prescriptions for that, under the supervision of the doctor she works for," Rouillard said.

"She said she has never ever had any difficulties."

To sum it all up, Rouillard said, "There is a big issue being made out of something that shouldn't be an issue."

"If Steve Hager wants to smoke marijuana to get high as part of a religious ceremony, it should be his business."

"Although I do not nor have I ever used marijuana, I do not think there should be any legal sanctions against the use of marijuana," Rouillard said.

John Vincent, a 38-year-old community resident who introduced himself as a classical libertarian, attended the satellite conference. He agreed with Rouillard.

"I think people have the ability to decide for themselves whether to use or not to use marijuana," Vincent said.

OKCCC student loses home, neighbor to fire

By Lacey Lett
Staff writer

One OKCCC student was roused from an evening of watching Howard Stern at 1:30 a.m. Nov. 16 to find flames shooting into his apartment at Pickwick Place, S.W. 74th and May.

Varun Figaro, 22, computer science major, said he was home, watching television when he heard his neighbors being loud.

"They are always loud so I didn't think anything of it," Figaro said. He later heard them screaming, "Call 911! Call 911!"

About that time, he said, he saw flames coming through his front door.

"So, I went through my bedroom window because it had a ledge and I jumped out."

Figaro was not injured. However, Maj. Brian Stanland of the Oklahoma City Fire Department said, there was one fatality — Figaro's neighbor, 25-year-old Jimmy Pymm.

"He was found dead in the bathroom," Stanland said.

Figaro lost his computer, CDs, citizenship papers and his passport. His mother and a close friend of the family are helping him bear the cost of the fire.

He is currently staying with his aunt but has found a new apartment in the same complex. He said he is in no rush to move.

Stanland said the cause of the fire is still under investigation. He said a total of eight apartments sustained damage.

"We had two upstairs apartments that were totally engulfed in flames, two sustained major damage and four others sustained smoke and water damage."

Stanland said damages reached \$125,000.

Figaro moved to Oklahoma more than seven years ago from Trinidad. He has lived in Pickwick Place apartments for three years.

Mini-opera to be performed by college chamber singers

By Shaun Six
News Writing I Student

A little boy, a big dragon and a valiant knight come to life in "The Reluctant Dragon."

The OKCCC Chamber Singers will perform the "mini-opera" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 in the OKCCC college union.

The knight is sent to kill the dragon by the villagers who fear the dragon, said Jonathon Stewart, professor of music and director of the production.

"The performance will be complete with Renaissance costumes, and a fight between the knight and the dragon, almost like a bedtime story with cocoa and music," said Stewart.

"An Evening of Sweet Dreams" reads the Chamber Singers informational flier.

The night will include music, songs, a story, hot cocoa and cookies, he said.

The night will start with songs from the Chamber Singers followed by a short break for cookies and drinks.

During the break, classical guitar player, Paul Schwartz, will be performing "Ballads of Paul Bunyon," written by Benjamin Britten. Stewart will provide the vocals.

The night will be finished off with a performance of "The Reluctant Dragon," written by John Rutter, Stewart said.

"It's a really charming story over 100 years old."

The story has a good ending, Stewart said.

"It will be a good night out for adults and children," he said.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids 12 and under. RSVP is required by Monday, Dec 1.

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'Glass Menagerie' on theater schedule for Dec. 11 through 18

By Billy Adams
News Writing I Student

The OKCCC Theater Arts Department will present performances of "The Glass Menagerie" from Thursday, Dec. 11 through Saturday, Dec. 13.

The play, written by Pulitzer-Prize-winning playwright Tennessee Williams, centers on the Wingfield family in 1937 St. Louis.

The play will star Jessica Ball as Amanda Wingfield, the mother; Ace Burke as Tom Wingfield, the son; Sharin Tucker as Laura Wingfield, the daughter; and Ian Clarke as Jim, a friend of Tom's and Laura's gentleman caller.

"[The Glass Menagerie] was Tennessee Williams first major hit," said director Rick Nelson.

"It's probably his most performed piece."

"He won the Pulitzer Prize for 'A Streetcar Named Desire' but 'The Glass Menagerie' was what got his name out there."

Nelson is an adjunct theater arts professor at OKCCC.

The first performance on Dec. 11, is the student preview.

Admission will be free for all OKCCC students, faculty and staff.

The two other performances, Dec 17 and 18, will cost \$4 for students, faculty, staff, and \$5 for all others.

All performances will be at 7:30 p.m., according to Ruth Charnay, theater arts professor.

Student prices apply to all students from any school and tickets may be bought at the door before each performance.



Photo by Keah Roggow

Angelic voices enjoyed by many

By Heather Simpson
News Writing I Student

People of all ages came to the OKCCC theater to listen to the angelic voices of the Moscow Boys Choir.

The theater, which can hold up to 285 people, had a person in every chair and then some on Nov. 18.

Dr. Manuel Prestamo, dean of Cultural Programs and Community Development, introduced the choir. He said that it was a great honor to have the choir perform at OKCCC as part of the Cultural Awareness Series.

"The choir usually won't perform in a hall of our size," said Prestamo.

The Moscow Boys Choir performed Christmas songs from countries such as Russia, Spain and England.

"Jingle Bells," "Silver Bells," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas" were just a few of the songs performed by these talented youngsters, some as young as 9 years old.

The choir was only one performance in the Cultural Awareness Series.

The next performer Edgar Cruz, a guitarist, will be coming to OKCCC at later dates.

Tickets are \$8 at the Office of Cultural Programs and Community Development in the Arts and Humanities building near the theater.

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Highlights

Nursing Student Association gives pizza cards

The Nursing Student Association is offering discount Pizza Hut cards that allow you to receive a free medium pizza with the purchase of a large pizza. This discount card contains 20 stamps that offer this free pizza deal. They are only \$10 each and have no expiration date. To buy one see an NSA member or contact nursing professor Connie Kuebeck at (405) 682-1611, ext 7370.

OKCCC classified ad board

A new classified ad board is located in the Science and Math connection hallway near 1A2. Items need to be dated, and will be removed 30 days after the posting date. Any inappropriate items will be removed as well as items for sale placed on other boards. All used books need to be placed on the board next to the Student Life Office and all job postings need to be submitted to the Student Life Employment Services Department.

OKCCC Chamber singers present show

Chamber singers will present An Evening of Sweet Dreams at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 in the college union. Classical guitarist Paul Shwartz will be presenting "Ballads of Paul Bunyan" with Jonathan Stewart. It will end with a presentation of "The Reluctant Dragon" by John Rutter. It will feature the Chamber Singers and soloists Bonnie Montgomery, Gavin Beck and Tracy Peters as the boy, the knight and the dragon and tickets are \$10 for adults and students and \$7 for children under 12 each. They are located in the music office at (405)682-1611, ext. 7249 or jstewart@okccc.edu. RSVP is required by Monday, Dec. 1. Make checks payable to OKCCC foundation.

School journal still accepting submissions

A last call for photographs, drawings, poems, short stories and essays. Student editors are still looking for submissions to the Absolute, the college journal that will be published in the spring. Items may be submitted until Dec. 1. Submission forms may be picked up in the Arts and Humanities office or found at www.okccc.edu/ah/absolute/submission_form.html. Contact Clay Randolph at crandolph@okccc.edu for more details.

Health Professions club meets

A representative from the OU College of Medicine, Jim Albertson, will be speaking at OKCCC to inform students about the application process and the OU College of Medicine program. It's from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4 in 1C4 in the main building. For more information call Marcus Williams at (405) 677-8684.

Alpha Omega Christian fellowship

For good Christian fellowship and teaching, come to the meetings. They are held from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. every Tuesday in room 2P7 in the main building.

International Student Association meeting

There will be a meeting to discuss what we will be doing next semester. We also would like you to joining if you are an international student or have an interest in another culture. Come stop by and say hello. For other information or questions e-mail Michael Hudson at djpayload@hotmail.com.

**psst... If you have club news
contact Lacey
at 682-1611 ext.7676.**



Storyteller gives new perspective:

Marilyn Hudson telling a story of a meadowlark who hated his huge ugly feet. The story concludes with the bird using his feet to rescue a mother turtle's eggs from a grass fire and then changing his perspective of his feet to huge ugly heroic feet. Hudson told her story for family week in the College Union Tuesday Nov. 18 sponsored by Student Life.

Photo by
Keah Roggow

Artists sell for Phi Theta Kappa

By Cindy Davis
News Writing I Student

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Chapter Alpha Theta Alpha held their first Arts and Crafts Fair Saturday, Nov. 15.

The art festival was held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and was open to the general public.

Booths were rented for a tax-deductible donation of \$60 to all who were interested in promoting their artistic talents. Others rented booths to come to OKCCC and share information about their companies. Heather Clinkenbeard, Oklahoma City resident

rented a booth at the festival so she could promote interest in fund-raisers for other organizations and breast cancer awareness.

The \$60 booth rental fee was a donation to Phi Theta Kappa.

"This fund-raising event is intended to raise money for our chapter members to attend the educational seminars, conferences and conventions throughout the year, and to give local artists a chance to get funds for the holiday season," according to an e-mail sent out to all faculty on Thursday, Nov. 6, by Richard Rouillard, club sponsor.

Oklahoma City resident Alice Bengé said she rented

a booth because her husband is a local artist, and she came to support him.

Oklahoma City resident Tara Brewer said, "I rented the booth to try and sell my Deco wall art." There weren't many in attendance, but Phi Theta Kappa still raised some money, according to LouDonna Jefcoat, psychology major and head of the event.

"A total of seven booths were rented amounting in \$420 being raised for Phi Theta Kappa." They hope for a better attendance next year.

"We plan to have this fund-raising event next year, but plan to have a lot more PR with the public next time," Jefcoat said.

International Education Week 2003 giveaway

In honor of International Education Week, celebrated last week, Nov. 17-21, OKCCC will hold a drawing. Prizes to be given away include CDs, gift certificates, magazine subscriptions, clothing items, and more. To enter, fill out the form and return it to the IEW2003 box located in the Pioneer offices, 2M6 MB. Entry deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 3.

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WANTED: Spanish tutoring offered. Do you need help with your homework or business letter? Call 249-2455 any time.

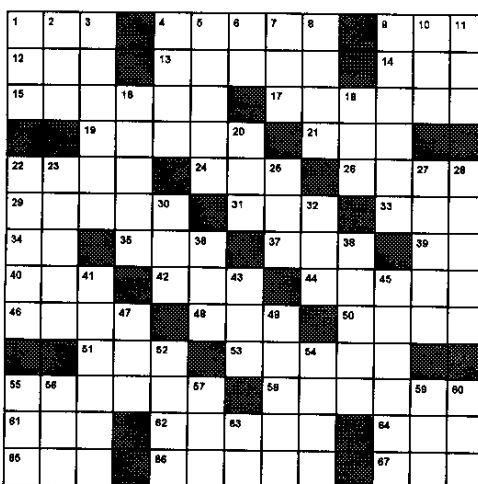
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Weekly crossword

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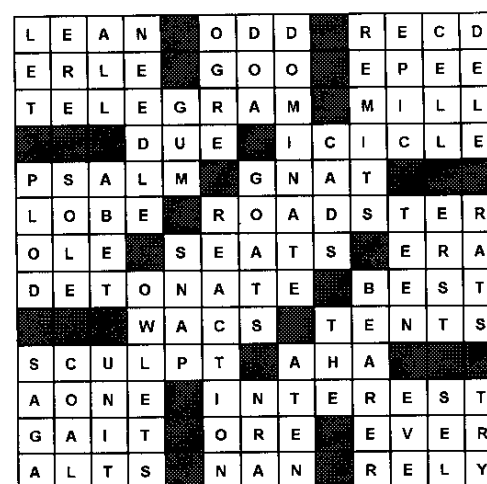


- ACROSS
 1 Tree fluid
 4 Vegetable
 9 Exclamation of contempt
 12 Glide over snow
 13 Tom ___
 14 Indian
 15 Baby eagle
 17 Spring celebration
 19 Involving legal punishment
 21 Small child
 22 Space
 24 Unhewn felled tree
 26 Dispatched
 29 Compacted
 31 Good ___
 33 Fish eggs
 34 News organization (abbr.)
 35 Large deer
 37 Mother (slang)
 39 NE state (abbr.)
 40 Obtain
 42 Cat sound
 44 ___ is an island
 46 Or ___
 48 Affirmative

- 50 Small amounts
 51 70s rock band
 53 Sober
 55 Skin liquid
 58 Social event
 61 Newspaper chiefs (abbr.)
 62 Striped animal
 64 Cushion
 65 Prepare golf ball
 66 Diner
 67 Direction (abbr.)

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 1 Direction (abbr.)
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 6 Two (Roman)
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 8 Tidy
 9 Animal fat
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 11 Feminine pronoun
 16 Rent
 18 Distress signal

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Students checking records online to see improvements

"Datatel,"

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It will allow students to select any major they have considered changing to and find out how many of their credits will transfer.

The only drawback students should be aware of, Barton said, is that the department is slightly behind in their records of transfer students.

"We were without a system for a while when switching over to Datatel. It

took us a while to get everything switched over to the new system, so we are behind.

"Students must keep in mind that when doing a degree audit if their transfer credit does not show up we either have not processed their transfer credit yet or we do not have those transcripts."

If all of a student's credit hours have been taken at OKCCC, the system should work flawlessly, Barton said. Another advantage to the new system, she said, is the password recovery

program. She said as long as the office of admissions and records has a current e-mail address for the student their password can be reprogrammed online.

"If they forget their password, there is a form on the site the student can fill out and the system will automatically make them a new password and e-mail it to

them, but only if we have their e-mail address in the system," Barton said.

Students can still access their records from the college webpage at okccc.edu.

Student arrested in California brought home to face campaign embezzlement charges

"Pinson,"

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and campaign letterhead stationery.

According to the Associated Press, Pinson used those items to make several major purchases at businesses such as Wal-Mart, Glamour Shots, Best Buy and Men's Warehouse.

Loveless said he hired Pinson on a part-time basis to be responsible for the campaign computers. Pinson had no financial authorization at all.

But Pinson told Eyewitness News 5 that he had permission from Loveless to write the checks, and said he had e-mails and other documentation to prove his case.

Pinson's mother was the first to alert authorities of a potential problem.

On Oct. 31, three weeks after Pinson was hired, Debra Pinson visited the campaign office and questioned whether her son had been paid. She said he had several campaign checks and a large amount of money, according to the Oklahoma City Police Report.

Pinson did have a key to the office, but wasn't authorized to use either the checkbook or the letterhead, Loveless said. He said Pinson was stealing checks from the back of a checkbook and used campaign letterhead to write a letter to the bank authorizing the checks to be cashed.

"He was never authorized to use any campaign checks," Loveless said. "He hadn't even been paid yet because we get paid once a month."

Loveless said Pinson

threatened him via a text message on his cell phone after Loveless spoke with the Secret Service and a warrant was issued for Pinson's arrest.

Because this case is still under investigation with authorities including the Secret Service, Loveless said he could not reveal the content of the text message.

"It's very frustrating," Loveless said. Pinson has accused both Loveless and Istook of illegal activities.

Loveless said Pinson accused him and Istook of "missing money," but there is no missing money.

"Every penny that comes in and every penny that goes out, we have to report to the federal government.

"It's another one of his lies that he's using to cover up his crime," Loveless said.

He said Pinson is a very personable and neat guy, but it was all an act, as the Secret Service told him. Loveless said Istook views the situation as sad.

He said those at Istook headquarters like to have young people in their campaign because they have a lot of energy and want to make a difference, but Pinson seems to have used it as an excuse.

According to The Oklahoman, Pinson used one of the stolen credit card number to buy an airline ticket to Los Angeles on Friday, Nov. 14, a day after being charged with the embezzlement.

Pinson told The Oklahoman on Nov. 14 that he went to Los Angeles because he feared for his life. He said he received a threatening telephone call, and he was going to ask the Los Angeles FBI for help.

Pinson also told the Oklahoman he didn't take any money from the Istook's reelection campaign office at 712 N. Broadway Ave. Further, he denied buying the plane ticket with the campaign credit card.

"This guy's been playing a game with the media," Istook told the Oklahoman. "Just like he's trying to scam us. This is not a game. He used us as the vehicle to steal thousands of dollars."

The U.S. Secret Service tracked Pinson down and arrested him at the Radisson Hotel in California Friday night, said Stephen Rhymer, news director for KKNB.

Rhymer said Pinson committed a similar crime in U.S. Rep. Sue Myrick's Charlotte, N.C. campaign office, when he volunteered for her. He was 15 at the time. He was arrested and tried as an adult in that case. He pleaded guilty to six felony counts, the Associated Press reported.

Loveless said he doesn't think Pinson's crime would affect the 2004 election.

"A campaign is a private entity, not government funded," he said. "Any private entity has to be watchful and has security measures for illegal activities (such as Pinson's)."

Loveless said he's glad that Pinson is in custody. He said the crime has caused terrible inconveniences and has been a shame to the campaign.

"Everything is going to be restored to the campaign."

Pinson has been returned to Oklahoma. Judge Susan P. Caswell has denied any bond. At press time, a video arraignment was scheduled for Nov. 21.

Degree check important step

"Grads,"

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Students will soon get a cyber-helper for graduation planning. Web Adviser, an Internet-based "degree shopping" program, should be available on the college website by spring, said Gowdy.

"You'll go into your webpage and it will have

what degree you're seeking. You can run the degree check for yourself."

Students will be able to run multiple degree checks with Web Adviser to see what degree program is most applicable to them.

"That's important for a lot of students who haven't decided what they want to do."

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