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## Oklahoma citizens have a right to know

By Caroline Ting  
Editor

*"It is the public policy of the State of Oklahoma that the people are vested with the inherent right to know and be fully informed about their government."* — Open Records Act public policy.

Because OKCCC is a state institution and funded by tax dollars, a majority of the records it maintains are available to the general public under a state law called the Open Records Act, (Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 301-314.)

According to the act, some of the things that are open for public inspection at OKCCC are employee salaries, the college budgets, incident and accident reports, and employee hiring information which includes a résumé and application for employment.

Pat Berryhill, executive director of institutional advancement, said, by law, the college must provide all types of open records related to the institution to everyone who requests them.

"I feel that we do provide access," she said.

Berryhill said the process for requesting an open record is a simple one.

The college's procedure requires a person fill out a records request form in the public relations office that names — as specifically as possible — the records requested. The PR office will then take that request to the appropriate offices and get the records, usually within 24 hours, Berryhill said.

"Some information may take longer, but we try to accommodate as fast as we can," she said.

There are some items a person may be denied access to, such as records that deal with personnel issues,

### Some open records a person might request at OKCCC:

•**Educational and General Operating Budget:** the primary budget of the college.

•**Staffing Plan:** salaries and benefits for the faculty and staff.

•**Auxiliary Enterprises and Student Facilities Budget:** primarily revenues and expenditures derived from self-supporting activities that provide services to students, faculty and staff.

•**South Oklahoma City Area School District Operational Budget:** shows the projected sources of funds and budgeted expenditures for the college from ad valorem taxes

•**Hiring information of college employees:** includes applications of employment and résumés.

•**Incident and accident reports:** records of all reported incidents and accidents to the Safety and Security office on campus, and PBX logs kept by the dispatcher.



Photo by Billy Adams

**Prime Time:** Sophomore psychology student Melissa Newport takes advantage of a break in the recent rainy weather to study outside.

## Regent plays big role in community

By Christina Tran  
Staff Writer

When Candy Hines was appointed to the OKCCC Board of Regents by Gov. Frank Keating two years ago, she was already deeply involved in helping the community.

Hines has served for the past seven years as state director of Crisis Pregnancy Ministries for the Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children.

She is responsible for two crisis centers, one in Tulsa and one in Oklahoma City.

The program provides free services to women of all ages, including pregnancy tests, sonograms, and les-

sons on how to be a good mother. Women also receive help on how to make good choices and to take responsibility for those choices.

OKCCC President Bob Todd said Hines' dual roles are important.

"She has dedicated her life to the board and the community," Todd said. "She brings a touch of special humanity and a sensitivity to the needs of people."

Hines is no stranger to OKCCC. She said she has been involved with the college for years, having lived in south Oklahoma City all her life. She has attended classes at the college and volunteered for several projects including the Arts Festival. Her daughters,

Chelle and Hayley, also took classes at OKCCC.

"I feel like it has been a learning process for me to see the college's development," she said.

When Hines made the decision to serve on the board, she knew it would be time consuming.

She said a regent must be available for meetings, and community and public relations. The Board of Regents also holds two meetings a year for the Legislature and business leaders.

During these meetings, political and business leaders are allowed to evaluate the college and are shown

## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

# Laziness: threat to health

With summer under way, it's once again the time to perfect the art of couch potatoing. Well, that's what many would like to believe anyway.

Laziness has become an epidemic as many have found it easier to do absolutely nothing, rather than actually do something. Whether it be staring aimlessly for hours at a television set or sleeping for days on end, moments of life are being carelessly wasted and some are just letting them slip away like sand through an hourglass.

According to a study titled "Laziness Makes for Dangerous Fat" by the Public Health website, "Couch potatoes build up dangerous pockets of fat more quickly than anyone thought."

This study also says those who don't exercise can be prone to pre-diabetes, insulin resistance, heart disease, other chronic diseases and maybe even mental problems.

TV-Turnoff Network is an organization that encourages children and adults to watch less television to promote healthier lives and communities. They found in a study that 90 percent of Americans admit to habits like overeating, compulsive shopping, watching too much television, surfing the Internet too often, and other actions that waste time.

Those who are lazy also fall prey to procrastination as well.

Procrastination affects everything we do whether it is school, work or our personal lives. It also can affect the relationships we make as well as our lifestyle. Numerous college websites suggest procrastination is not the way to go about doing things and there is no excuse for it.

With all of this said, there is still hope for those who are suffering from laziness. With a slight amount of encouragement and just a little bit more of motivation, laziness is a habit that can be left far behind.

Those who have fallen victims of laziness could find time to volunteer and give back to the community at the Red Cross, the local hospitals, the Metropolitan Libraries and many other places. Money also can also be made as numerous restaurants, retailers, and other places are always hiring throughout the summer.

Exercising and taking a class also could fill the void of doing nothing. Remember, exercising isn't picking up the remote to switch channels or running to answer the phone.

At first, it will be difficult to get out of bed and face the busy world. But, give the remote a rest and get out of bed. Life is short and not a single moment should be taken for granted.

—Christina Tran  
Staff Writer

# More jobs for graduates

## To the editor:

New college graduates embarking on the job search have reason to be cautiously optimistic. Employers say they plan to hire 11.2 percent more new college graduates from the class of 2004 than they hired from the class of 2003, according to a new report published by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

The new report, titled Job Outlook 2004 Spring Update, confirms an earlier NACE survey that indicated a positive hiring outlook for 2003-04 college graduates.

"When we surveyed employers back in August 2003 about their hiring plans for the academic year, they told us they planned to increase their hiring for the first time since 2001," said Marilyn Mackes, NACE executive director. "Results from our most recent survey show that the class of 2004 is indeed graduating into a more positive job market than classes from the past few years."

Overall, 51.5 percent of employers responding to NACE's Job outlook 2004 Spring Update survey expect to hire more new col-

lege graduates in 2003-04 than they hired in 2002-03.

The hiring outlook is best among service-sector employers; overall, they expect their hiring to be up 16.1 percent over 2002-03. Manufacturers, as a group, are also positive about hiring, predicting an overall increase of 12.6 percent in their college hiring.

Government/nonprofit employers, as a group, expect a 4.5 percent decrease in hiring. Despite this, however, their projections for 2003-04 are better than they were in 2002-03, when they projected a 7 percent decrease.

By region, employers in the Northeast have the most positive projections and expect to increase their number of college hires by 20.9 percent. Employers in the South expect to increase 10.5 percent, and those in the West project an increase of 8.3 percent.

Although they lag their counterparts in other regions, employers in the Midwest also have a positive hiring outlook—they expect to increase college hiring by 2.7 percent.

NACE will begin polling employers about hiring for the college class of 2005 in

late summer and will report results in late August or early September.

*This press release is provided by OKCCC Employment Services. To learn more about the job trends in Oklahoma, contact the office of Employment Services at 682-7519 or e-mail [employmentservices@okccc.edu](mailto:employmentservices@okccc.edu).*

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"Tell everyone that the email about mandatory head-shaving was a hoax."

## Comments and Reviews

# Get ready to cry at 'Notebook'

Based on the acclaimed best seller by Nicholas Sparks, "The Notebook" is about the enchantment of love.

While skeptics who believe this is yet another all too familiar love story, could possibly be right. "The Notebook" promises tears to be jerked from your eyes, lighthearted giggles, and maybe even make you smile a little.

The story takes place in South Carolina, as a man (James Garner) reads from a notebook and visits a woman (Gena Rowlands) in a nursing home. With each word and every page turned, the story of a young couple, Noah Calhoun (Ryan Gosling) and Allie Nelson (Rachel McAdams), evolves.

Together, they spend a

memorable summer falling completely, madly, truly and deeply in love with one another.

Too soon, the lovers' lives change completely as they are torn apart by Allie's disapproving parents, World War II and the inevitability of changes in life. Separated, the two finally meet again after seven years.

Allie faces the decision of whom she will spend the rest of her life with as she is now engaged to a wealthy successful man (James Marden). As the notebook's ending comes, so does the tale of the two young lovers who loved to the depth of their fingertips.

Although the ending is predictable because it is a love story, the acting is still quite believable. The cha-

risma between Gosling and McAdams is amazing as their love seems so real. It's a movie for those who have fallen in love, want to fall in love and wonder about love.

It's in no doubt a chick flick, but there is much more to it than just that. "The Notebook" is about the way we could feel about someone and realize just how special someone could really be to us.

The film has everything from dancing alone under the stars to kissing passionately. It's about the moments that define us and what love truly is. "The Notebook" is a story that has been told a million times, but is worth every moment, every time.

—**Christina Tran**  
Staff Writer

# Band matures, as does its music

In the summer of 2002, Oregon-based rock band Kutless landed a record deal and began touring America.

Their self-titled debut sounded chillingly similar to Creed. For most bands this would signal a plunge into obscurity. After two years of touring, these college-aged men are returned with their sophomore effort, "Sea of Faces." The album displays the band's rhythm and newfound sense of melody.

Growing musically is a good thing for the band, but there are two tracks that seem out of place. Although they may not fit in with the rest of the album, lyrically, "Sea of Faces" and "All the Words" are two of Kutless's most moving songs.

"Sea of Faces" is one of

the album's best songs and the title track. The lyrics deal with humility and feeling small in comparison to God. The chorus brings a sense of peace and satisfaction to the singer as he realizes that someone has died in his place.

Part of the chorus comes straight from the Last Supper in the Bible. Another aspect that separates this song is its heavy use of acoustic guitar.

Another song that fits with the aforementioned song is "Passion." It is one of the more graphic descriptions of the Crucifixion. However, the song is not related to the film "The Passion of the Christ."

Kutless did stay true to their rock roots on the album's remaining tracks. The opening song, "Not

What You See" starts off loud and leads to more rock. "All Alone," "Perspectives" and "It's Like Me" continue the trend.

Besides volume, these three songs point to a personal part of the writer's life. Vocalist Jon Micah Sumrall is the first to receive songwriting credit.

Looking at these three songs, it seems as if he is having difficulties communicating his message to some in his personal life.

Sumrall and Co. challenge the listener with "Treason." The lyrics scream personal responsibility and understanding.

I give this album a B and highly recommend it for fans of Linkin Park, Pillar and Evanescence.

—**Matthew Caban**  
Staff Writer

# Counselor's Corner

## Inner voice

*"It is hard to fight an enemy who has outposts in your head."*

—**Sally Kempton**

It's the day of an important test that you've been stressing over for days. Or perhaps you have to make a presentation in class. Maybe you just have to sit down and complete a project, your homework or any other thing related to your classes. As the moment draws near, you tense up as that little voice inside your head demands to know what you think you're doing.

We all have those inner voices that talk to us from time to time. Much of the time, those voices tear us down and make us doubt ourselves. We may be able to link that voice to a particular person or event in our past, or it may be a compilation of many people and events. Invariably, these people and events have been very negative for us. According to Albert Bandura (1986), self-efficacy, the belief that we can do something that we attempt, is much more important to our success than the skills or abilities we have.

Those negative voices that cause us to doubt ourselves take away our self-efficacy. The result is often a cycle of failure that we don't understand and that keeps us locked into our present time and place, unable to move forward and succeed. So, what can be done about this cycle?

The first step is to recognize the problem in yourself. If you find yourself plagued by self-doubt about tasks that you know you could accomplish, those negative voices may be behind it. If you have ever not done well on an exam that you had studied for and knew the answers to, you may have sabotaged yourself by second-guessing your answers. Become aware of the language you use and the thoughts you have about yourself.

When you catch yourself thinking negative thoughts or saying negative things about yourself, you must stop immediately. Replace the thoughts or words with positive ones that reflect realistically what you can do. Instead of thinking, "I can't do this work because I'm not smart enough," make yourself find something about the assignment that you do understand and can do. If you truly do not understand what is expected of you, speak with your professor to get some guidance and a better understanding. You may also speak with the professionals in the learning labs or in Student Development.

If your current friends and family members tend to be negative, find some new friends who have more positive attitudes in your classes. True friends cheer for each other. You must also learn to cheer for yourself. Once you break the cycle of negativity, you'll have room to grow and be successful.

—**Student Development**

## Quote of the Week:

"Man is what he believes."

—**Anton Chekhov**

# Board of Regents serve OKCCC, community

By **Caroline Ting**  
Editor

The OKCCC Board of Regents currently consists of seven members. They not only serve as the college regents, but also have separate professions and active involvement outside of the board that keep them busy.

G. David Casper, who has served on the board longer than the other regents, also is an orthopaedic surgeon in private practice. Casper was appointed by former Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating in 1998 to serve until 2005.

Casper received his medical degree from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

The two newest regents were both appointed by Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry.

Bob Jenkins, the most current member on the board, was appointed in 2004 to serve until 2011. Now retired, he previously worked as an independent information technology consultant, vice president and was co-owner of Pinnacle Business Systems;

territory manager for Honeywell Information Systems; and president of RF Jenkins and Associates. He has bachelor's and master's degrees from OU.

The second newest regent, Alice Musser, also retired, was appointed in 2003 to serve until 2010. She served as a state legislator in the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 1988 to 1990. Musser attended OU, and also served on a number of community and state boards, as well as many civic organizations.

Helen Camey, business analyst consultant for SunGard Securities Processing, was appointed by Keating in 1999 to serve until 2006.

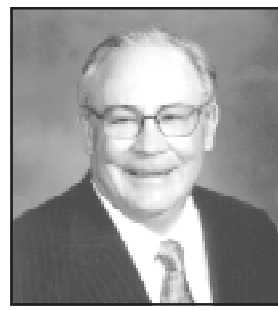
Camey has a bachelor's degree from OU and an associate degree from Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua, N.Y.

Tom Hoskison is the president of a management consulting firm, Eagle Rising, LLC. He was appointed by Keating in 2000 and will serve until 2007.

Hoskison has a bachelor's degree in education from Oklahoma City University. He also has three



David Casper



Bob Jenkins



Edward Chappell



Tom Hoskison



Helen Camey



Candy Hines



Alice Musser

master's degrees, in human resources from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., in business from Webster University, St. Louis, Mo. and in educational administration from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Candy Hines has been a college regent since 2002. She was appointed by Keating, to a term that will end in 2009. She currently serves as the director of Crisis Pregnancy Ministries for the Oklahoma Baptist

Home for Children.

Hines also was an office manager for the South Oklahoma City Leader newspaper and a training manager for AAR Aircraft Services of Oklahoma.

Edward Chappell is the Operations Chief for the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal. He was appointed by Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry in 2003 to serve until 2008. Before Chappell became the operations chief for the state fire marshal, he was

an Oklahoma City firefighter for 20 years and also the owner of Chappell Electric Company for 13 years.

The regents meet twice a month with college President Bob Todd and the administration for the monthly Committee of the Whole and Board of Regents meetings. They work together along to make major decisions for the college.

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## Marriage definition in dispute, hits Oklahoma at back door step

By **Obiora Chima**  
Feature Writer

"Will you marry me?" These are some of the most important words one person can say to another. A marriage is a commitment of two people who love and support each other, bringing a bond of stability to American society.

But, what if a man wants to say this to another man, or a woman to another woman? This issue has left politicians in Oklahoma and across the nation in a quandary.

Gay marriage has become one of the most controversial subjects across the nation, and this issue is hitting Oklahoma at its back door step. In 1997, the Clinton Administration implemented the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), an act that gives state governments

the right to acknowledge gay civil unions.

As the result of a Massachusetts court decision Feb. 16, gay couples are allowed to get married in that state. Many conservative states like Oklahoma are now watching to see how the Massachusetts Legislature proceeds.

Bert Smith, a centralist Democratic candidate for Congress for the Oklahoma Fifth District, said, "I see the gay rights issue, as does Vice President [Dick] Cheney, as an issue that needs to be dealt with by the individual states.

"I do favor a civil union law that would allow citizens of the same sex the right of other straight marriages such as being beneficiaries to company insurance and retirement plans."

"This does not go far enough to please people in the gay community in Oklahoma. Tim Williams,

an openly gay activist, said some people will leave the state to pursue the right to marry.

"I'm going to have to move in order to get married," he said. "To me that does not make any sense. It seems like the United States Constitution is hardly ever equal, whether it is dealing with the gay issue or racism in America. This could cause an all-out battle for something that I feel homosexuals and heterosexuals alike should have the right to share."

Oklahoma Rep. Bill Graves would like to change the state constitution to define marriage as being between a man and woman. Homosexuals and liberals are trying to make Christians and Republicans look like the "bad man," said Graves.

Graves' bill would ban gay civil unions in Oklahoma.

"People have the right to oppose

gay unions," Graves said. "It goes against all Christian moral beliefs."

Some religious leaders also contend that gay unions are opposed to Biblical teachings.

Church on the Rock Rev. John H. Bell said he understands why gays might want to share their love openly.

"God honestly didn't put 'Adam and Steve' or 'Amanda and Eve' when he first created his people," Bell said. "I don't feel that men should marry men, or women should marry women for that matter. Really, that's not how God intended things to be. We were born into sin so that's the only explanation that I have for that. Once we enter into God's new system, he will rid gays of their sinful feelings."

This election year gay marriage is one of the major issues faced by all political parties. How will they handle it? Only time will tell.

# Garden guest cute but costly

By Billy Adams  
Staff Writer

There's a new face in town at the Child Development Center Lab School; however, that new face can be hard to find. The garden belonging to the preschool B class has been the home of a baby rabbit for the past few weeks.

Preschool teacher Jessica Hesseltine said the rabbit is very small, but has eaten a good portion of the plants in the garden.

"He migrates from the big garden to the herb garden," Hesseltine said.

But the rabbit is a welcome visitor for the kids who all get excited when someone spots him in the garden.

The garden has been a part of the curriculum in the preschool class since April of this year. The class began by planting carrot seeds in cups and then moved on to the garden.

The kids get excited about showing off their hard work. They have successfully grown corn, tomatoes, pumpkins, sunflowers

and several different herbs.

Each day the classes go out and water the garden, but are careful not to pick the vegetables until they are ripe.

When asked why they didn't pick the plants too soon, preschooler Dillon Cambron said, "Cause they'd always stay green."

The recent rains have eased the job of watering for the children, but it has not dampened their enthusiasm.

For more information about the Child Development Center Lab School, contact the office at 682-7561.

Photographer Billy Adams can be reached at [PioneerPhotog@okccc.edu](mailto:PioneerPhotog@okccc.edu)



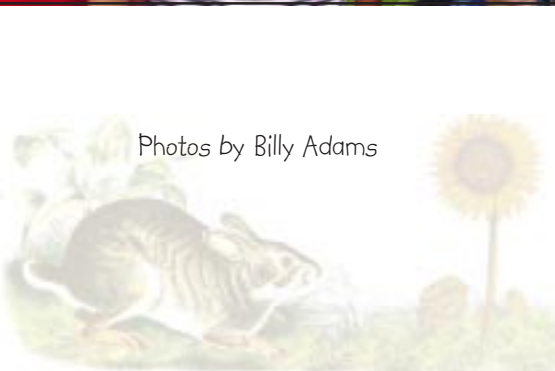
Laith Leger (left) and Dillon Cambron display the biggest pumpkin in the garden at their feet.



Laith Leger (from left), Miles King and Grayson Nebgen show off their new blooming sunflower.



Dillon Cambron, with help from preschool teacher Jessica Hesseltine, tries to find the baby bunny that lives in the garden.



Photos by Billy Adams



Miles King (center) points out some new tomatoes to Denae' Smith (left), Grayson Nebgen and Christopher Hall.

# Highlights

## Oklahoma Film Institute to begin

The 2004 Oklahoma Film Institute begins July 12 at OKCCC. Oklahoma Film Institute consists of three week-long film classes taught by industry professionals. The cost per week is \$500 with a one-time registration fee of \$45, or \$75 if payment is made after July 9. Professional equipment is included in the fee. For more information, call 682-7847 or e-mail [ofi@okccc.edu](mailto:ofi@okccc.edu).

## Science club to meet

The Biology and Ecology club will hold a summer meeting at noon Monday, July 12, in room 1C5 in the main building. Club members will be discussing future plans and fund-raisers. The club is for the environmentally minded. For more information, call publicity officer Jessica Mayberry at 682-1611 ext. 7711.

## Have fellowship, fun and food

Baptist Collegiate Ministries will hold Noonday Fellowship meetings every Monday during the summer semester. Meetings are from noon to 1:20 p.m. in room 3NO. Everyone is welcome to join BCM for Christian fellowship. For more information, call publicity officer Allison Foster at 329-5440.

## Fall tuition fee waivers available

Fall tuition fee waiver applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. No applications will be accepted after 5 p.m. Friday, July 30. If you have any questions, call the Financial Aid Office at 682-7525.

## Listening skills training available

Developing effective listening skills can benefit personal relationships and professional careers. Many university students and faculty testify to the value of the training they received through Contact Crisis Helpline. Pre-registration is required to attend a three-hour information session offered at Mayflower Congregational Church in Oklahoma City. Sessions will be held Aug. 24 and 26 with training beginning Aug. 31. Call Jenny Fenner at 840-9396 for more information.

## Volunteer opportunity available

Preferred Hospice Care on North Shartel Avenue is looking for volunteers to do activities with their patients. Volunteers can do anything from direct patient care to making arts and crafts for patients. This is an internship opportunity and can fulfill community service hours. If you would like to brighten the life of a patient, call Shelly Jackson-Keller at 602-6473.

## GIS hands-on training offered

GIS3 will offer two workshops that focus on the social applications of GIS or geographic information system. The workshops are designed for researchers, planners, analysts, nonprofit organizations and small businesses. Tuition for each workshop is \$245. The workshops are July 19 and 20 in Oklahoma City. Visit [www.gis3.com](http://www.gis3.com) for more details.

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Photo by Billy Adams

**This won't hurt:** Premed freshman Justin Warnock, 22, does his duty by giving blood at the blood drive in CU1 on June 30. There were a total 15 units of blood donated by students, faculty and staff. The blood drive was conducted by the Oklahoma Blood Institute.

## Society sponsors movie discussions on campus

By **Matthew Caban**  
Staff Writer

The Cinematheque Society is a club full of budding filmmakers.

The club hopes to establish a larger film culture in the student body, said former club officer and student Beau Leland.

He said the club's mission is to bring in professionals to lecture, teach, hold movie screenings on campus and raise film awareness in the student body.

Club sponsor and film professor Fritz Kiersch said the club is planning to hold a lecture series in conjunction with the Oklahoma Cinema Studies Consortium, which includes OKCCC, Oklahoma City University and the University of Oklahoma.

Leland said the club is able to contact speakers through personal contacts and professional talent

agencies. He said dealing with an agency is one obstacle, but another obstacle is the speaker's availability.

Leland said, in Hollywood, people are hired either as freelance or contract labor. He said the availability of speakers is unpredictable at times.

Kiersch said professional filmmakers are eager to lecture and the deterrent is not money, but time.

Another activity the club hopes to sponsor on campus is movie screenings, Kiersch said. The particular movies will be left up to club members, he said.

Kiersch said the movies may follow a theme such as a closer look at horror movies or romantic comedies.

"I am tempted to show more obscure films that people don't have access to," Kiersch said.

Kiersch said films like "Boxcar Berth" [an early movie by Martin Scorsese] and "THX 1138" [first movie by George Lucas] featured

new techniques that would later be seen in more prominent films.

"These films inspire students to experiment and make mistakes."

Leland said he hopes to have a filmmaking career in Oklahoma.

Kiersch said movie studios need financial incentive before they will regularly film in Oklahoma. He said the economic development of the past four years is starting to have an impact on the state's film industry.

Leland interned for HBO's "America's Kids" in Oklahoma City in 2002. Leland said he will film an independent movie in July.

Leland said the club is open to all OKCCC students. For more information on the Cinematheque Society, call Fritz Kiersch at 682-1611 ext. 7793.

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**TEXTBOOKS FOR SALE:** Math 0033, PolySci 1113, MGMT 2053, Com 2213; \$45 each. Call 635-9716 or e-mail Cgureia@p.okccc.edu.

**TEXTBOOK FOR SALE:** Psychology/Human Relations book for sale. \$50 OBO. Amy, 820-6263.

**TEXTBOOKS FOR SALE:** Business Ethics, \$35. Business Communications, \$45. Practicing College Learning Strategies, \$25. West's Legal Environment of Business, \$90. Modern Real Estate Practices, \$60. Call 366-6009 or 410-1644. Leave message if not home.

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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 1 Baseball play
- 5 Type of energy
- 10 Ankles' sites
- 14 Toast topper
- 15 Tolerate
- 16 Miss Cinders, of the comics
- 17 Soon
- 18 Airline employee
- 19 Glass bottle
- 20 Gets some sun
- 21 — Forest
- 23 Suffix meaning "sort of"
- 25 Dried-up
- 26 Praise
- 30 Delete
- 34 Cow sound
- 35 Nocturnal "movie"
- 38 Cancels
- 40 Spheres
- 42 Follow
- 44 Great achievement
- 45 Gold weight
- 47 Likewise
- 49 Airport info
- 50 Basketball shot
- 52 Fur dealer
- 54 Encircle
- 57 E.T.'s transport
- 58 Old-fashioned documentaries
- 62 "Mask" star

- 66 Sub shop
- 67 Tomato jelly
- 68 High flyer?
- 69 Clumsy vessels
- 70 Aquarium fish
- 71 Sea eagle
- 72 Medicinal amount
- 73 Actor Hawke
- 74 Furniture wood

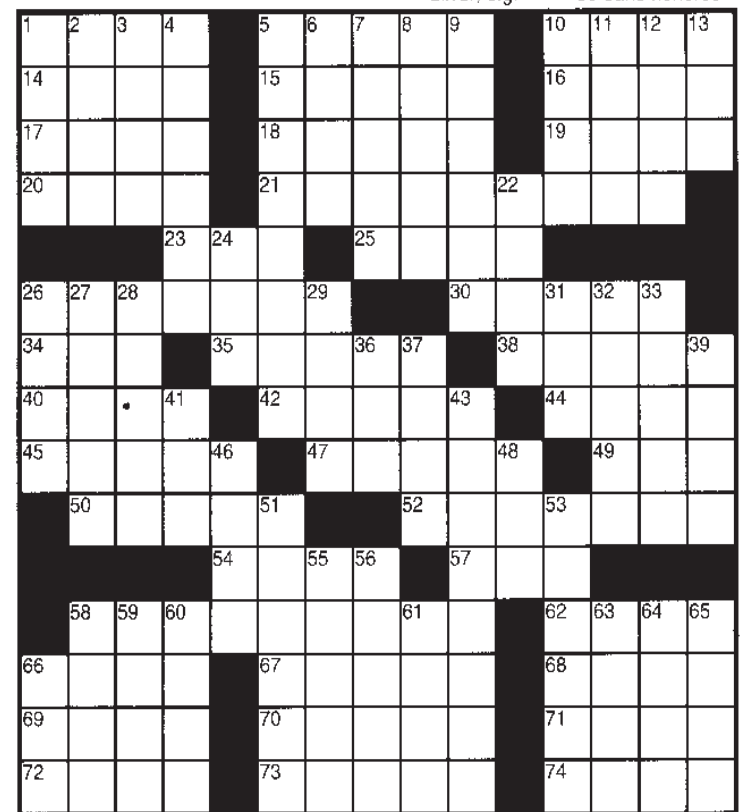
### DOWN

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- 2 Arm bone
- 3 Gas for signs
- 4 Mass of lymphoid tissue
- 5 Blue gemstone
- 6 Emmy's relative
- 7 Swingly tunes
- 8 Cherish
- 9 Hit the hay
- 10 Clothier Strauss
- 11 Writer Wiesel
- 12 Happy
- 13 Actor Mineo
- 22 Houseplant
- 24 Gloomy
- 26 One way to run?
- 27 Reef sight
- 28 Hooded snake
- 29 Heal
- 31 — Wiedersehen
- 32 Doze

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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# Open records protected by law

By **Caroline Ting**  
Editor

The Oklahoma Open Records Act outlines which state records people are entitled to.

Mark Thomas, executive vice president of the Oklahoma Press Association, said there are two categories of open records — government records and law enforcement records.

“Government records are open unless there is a specific statute that closes it,” he said.

“Law enforcement records are closed unless a specific law opens it up.”

He said a person who refuses to provide a requested record must point to a state statute in which the law states that specific record is closed, or else the person requesting the information is entitled to have it.

Law enforcement records are different he said.

Thomas said if a person asks to see a copy of an investigation file, then the requestor must show the statute that states the file is open, or they cannot have access.

What should you do if you're denied a record and the Open Records Act clearly shows you should have been given the record?

First, Thomas said, put the situation in writing and inform the person who refused you the record.

Then, notify the legal council of the body that denied you the record, he said. The legal council could be a city attorney, district attorney, state agency or an agency attorney if there is one.

“If a lawsuit is filed because someone illegally denied access to records, there's a fine and a jail term,” he said.

The Attorney General's office is a good place to contact as well, Thomas said, because they represent many of the state agencies and can get you access to the record pretty quickly.

Spokesman for the attorney general's office, Charlie Price, said another way to solve the problem is to contact the local district attorney's office.

“The DA's offices in Oklahoma are the ones that have the prosecutorial authority,” he said.

Thomas said, above all, when denied a record, it's important to remain calm. He said it's best to try and help the person denying the record understand they've made a bad decision.

Overreacting in that situation won't help move the discussion forward, he said, and it could create an

uncivil environment for the next person requesting open records.

To better understand the public's rights and how to access open records, Thomas said, folks should attend public meetings and stay up to date with the legislatures' decisions regarding open records.

The state's open records act is amended every year, Thomas said, so it's important to have access to the state statute books as well as a copy of “Oklahoma Open Meeting & Open Records Book,” published yearly by Oklahoma Press Service Inc.

It is available at area bookstores or by calling (888) 815-2672.

Thomas explained why having access to records is so important.

Records provide a history he said.

“We can write what we did and what we said, and save it for posterity.”

After people die, Thomas said, their records are the only way for others to learn from and avoid repeating the same mistakes others may have already made.

Online, people can log onto [www.foioklahoma.org](http://www.foioklahoma.org) and click on Laws/AG Opinions on the left side.

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# Access to records important to everyone

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Berryhill said. By law, she said, the college has to be cautious about protecting the individual or the college.

Within the Oklahoma Open Records opening remarks, Attorney General Drew Edmondson encourages everyone to become familiar with the Open Records and Open Meeting Acts. He writes, “When we all know more about what the law says about these important questions, our discussions and even disagreements will be much more productive.”

Several OKCCC employees have never made an open records request. A few even said they aren't familiar with the various open records at the college, because it's not what they deal with on a daily basis.

Lea Ann Hall, business division assistant, said she has never requested anything in her eight years here.

“I don't know what is open [at OKCCC] to the public to ask for,” she said. Hall said, in her area, either the Division Dean Jim Schwark or Business Professor Marty Ludlum makes the requests for information.

John Hockett, dean of student development, said he already has access to many of the records he needs for work but said he knows he also can request various records through the public relations office. He said he would follow the advice from the employees there as to whether he could have the record.

He named the Board of Regents meeting agendas as an open record he thinks he could request and get. He said the college should definitely be open to such requests. “As an institution of public higher education, we want to be open and you don't want to have secrets from folks,” Hockett said.

Computer Aided Design professor John Helton said he heard that college employees have access to some open records through the library.

“From my understanding, I thought we could go to the library and check out books that [have] the budget, salary and stuff like that,” Helton said.

Traci Wheeler, director of recreation and community services, said she's asked for statistics and history relating to past construction, and renovation numbers. She said she has always made her requests directly to the college's physical plant, where the records are kept.

Wheeler said she's never thought about actually going through the procedure of making an open records request. “If I put some thoughts to it, I could probably figure it out,” she said.

She said, being new to OKCCC, she uses the information to decide where to make improvements to her area.

According to the act, when a person makes an open records request, it's illegal for that person to be asked how the information will be used. The exception is if the information will be used for solicitation purposes that could lead to financial gain, but only because the requestor can be charged a search fee in such cases.

To become more familiar with the open meeting and open records acts, visit [www.foioklahoma.org](http://www.foioklahoma.org) and click on Laws/AG Opinions on the left side of the page. The “Oklahoma Open Meeting & Open Records Book” published yearly by Oklahoma Press Service Inc. also is available for purchase at bookstores, including the college bookstore.

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# Civic-minded regent excited to serve state

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all the new developments. Through the business leaders, the Board also can find out how the students who are hired into their prospective fields have been prepared and what changes have been made to prepare them.

“The board members are valuable because they bring experience to the college level of what our community represents,” Hines said.

Currently, the board is

working on plans for the new buildings and expansions.

“The plans for the future are definitely the most exciting,” she said. “They will not only serve educationally, but also through the community and take the college to a much higher level in many ways.”

Hines said it is her humor and compassion that make her who she is.

“I usually try to find humor in most things because it's fun to laugh, good to laugh, and God likes us to laugh,” she said. “As a board member, I have compassion and great listening

skills.”

When Hines isn't busy with her civic duties, she enjoys gardening and singing with a group of 300 women called the Singing Church Women of Oklahoma. The group sings in different towns across Oklahoma once a month.

Hines has five more years to serve as a regent. She said, in that time, she hopes to complete most of her personal and business goals.

“My retirement plan is to die at my desk.”

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