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PIONEER

OKCCC sends students out the door in droves

Graduation numbers have increased by 28% in the last five years

By Caroline Ting
Editor

The number of OKCCC graduates has increased by 28 percent in the last five years. The college hopes the number will continue to rise, said Annmarie Shirazi, dean of planning and institutional effectiveness.

Of the 1,089 graduates of 2004, 968 earned an associate degree while 121 completed certificates of mastery.

"Over half of our degrees are transfer degrees," said Joyce Morgan-Dees, institutional effectiveness specialist.

OKCCC counts more graduates than its sister institution Rose State College in Midwest City.

According to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, OKCCC granted 820 associate degrees and 144 certificates in 2002-03 while Rose State granted 659 associate degrees and 12 certificates.

During the year of 2002-03, OSRHE's data shows that OKCCC graduated 11.1 percent of its first-time, full-time freshmen while Rose State graduated 6.4 percent.

More than a decade ago, Shirazi said, Rose graduated more students than OKCCC.

"Back in the early '90s, [Rose was] graduating more people than we were," Shirazi said. "Then we flip-flopped and we've continued to grow."

Shirazi said she hopes the increase will continue in the coming years.

Morgan-Dees said the state regents look at each two-year college's graduation numbers every three years.

She said an example of the way they calculate the figures is, they pick out the first-time, full-time students in fiscal year 2000, and three years later they look at how many have graduated from that group of people. The number of graduates are then calculated into a percentage.

Shirazi said federal law requires all colleges and universities to follow the data on their first-time, full-time freshmen, which doesn't include any part-time students even if they're first-timers.

Morgan-Dees said the percentage seems rather small because the group narrows the total of OKCCC students down to about 1,800 people out of 11,000.

"In five years, it would be really nice if we could be up

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Photo by Billy Adams

Takin' care of business: Construction worker David Morrell, runs electrical wire through the framing of the new photography classroom. This is one of several new classrooms being built on the second floor of the main building.

Some employees get to speak out

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Service skills are extremely important, said Gary Lombard, OKCCC vice president for human resources and support services. Because of that, OKCCC recently hired a training consultant to help improve the services the college provides.

Dr. Tom Massey, a training consultant, performance coach and corporate leadership trainer from Norman, was contracted by

the college to organize and meet with nine focus groups. Those groups were asked to identify what they believed the strengths and weaknesses of the college to be — particularly within their areas, said Sherry Hullet, staff development and risk management director.

Then, Hullet said, Massey held discussions with the different groups on how to target the weaknesses and strengthen the quality of the services the college already provides.

At press time, eight of the nine focus groups had met.

Those were employees from Academic Affairs, Student Services, Business and Finance, Institutional Advancement, Human Resources and Support Services, and Economic and Community Development.

The last group, which includes OKCCC President Bob Todd and the seven members in the president's cabinet, is scheduled to meet at the end of August, Hullet said.

Todd's cabinet members

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Biased documentary

A documentary should be unbiased. Michael Moore's bashing of President George W. Bush and the war in Iraq at the 2003 Academy Awards showed that his work is biased to the left aisle of the political spectrum.

Another indicator of his political leanings comes in the form of his association with the now defunct band, Rage Against the Machine. In the winter of 1999 he directed the video for their song, "Sleep Now in the Fire" on Wall Street in New York City.

Not only was the band completely liberal, but during the video shoot they entered the New York Stock Exchange and effectively shut things down. Moore was arrested for the situation by the NYPD.

Moore sells himself as a blue-collar guy, according to www.newsmax.com. It seems odd then that he would be against big business yet live in a \$1.9 million apartment in Manhattan, according to an online biography.

The same filmmaker, who showed America's obsession with guns in "Bowling for Columbine," is a card-carrying member of the National Rifle Association, according to www.imdb.com. The same website also said Moore told Tim Russett he joined the NRA to become the group's president and force it to accept gun control.

Moore has every right to speak publicly about his disagreements with the President or anyone else.

In "Fahrenheit 9/11," Moore claims that Saudi Arabians have given \$1.4 billion to President Bush and his friends.

A Newsweek article said about 90 percent of this or \$1.18 billion came in the form of contracts to U.S. defense company, BDM, from the Saudi government in the 1990s.

The article also said former President George H.W. Bush served on an advisory board for Carlyle, BDM's former parent company, five months after BDM had been sold.

Secondly, the movie attempts to tie the current President to the proposed oil pipeline in Afghanistan. The aforementioned Newsweek article said the Taliban made multiple attempts to gain the support of the Clinton administration after striking a deal with American oil company Unocal.

The article said the company had backed out of the deal in 1998, before Bush's term as President. It also said the planned pipeline was not listed in Vice President Dick Cheney's May 2001 energy plan.

Moore has joined forces with two former President Clinton staffers, Chris Lehane and Mark Fabiani, to handle charges against him.

The evidence is there. Moore simply does not like President Bush and instead of only exercising his right to free speech, he will profit from his beliefs.

—**Matthew Caban**
Staff Writer

Immunization drive to be held

To the editor:

Don't wait until the last minute to start planning for your children's back-to-school needs, especially their vaccinations.

In a campaign called "Immunize for Healthy Lives," parents will be encouraged to make certain they stay on schedule with their children's immunizations so that Oklahoma's children are fully immunized against dangerous childhood diseases like measles and whooping cough.

Oklahoma's First Lady Kim Henry will be featured in public service announcements and news articles that reach out to parents while immunization field staff throughout the state will be reminding parents through telephone messages, written reminders, and child care center visits to get their children immunized now and avoid the back-to-school rush.

Participating Oklahoma McDonald's restaurants will be providing immunization information to their customers on tray liners and bag stuffers. McDonald's will also offer a flier or immunization schedule placemat during the campaign. In addition, McDonald's will provide Oklahoma's participating physicians' offices and

county health departments with coupons good for free "Apple Dippers" to reward children for getting immunized. Apple Dippers are a new product at McDonald's, featuring fresh apple slices and a low-fat caramel dipping sauce.

The Caring Van, sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma, and Fox/WB will assist by setting up special immunization clinics to encourage parents to get their children immunized. The Caring Vans are based out of Oklahoma City and Tulsa and have the flexibility of providing on-site immunizations for child care centers, schools and other facilities across the state.

This is the third year the "Immunize for Healthy Lives" campaign has been conducted in Oklahoma.

"Without immunizations, children may catch diseases that cause heart defects, mental retardation, and pneumonia. Immunizations can protect your children against 12 dangerous diseases," said State Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Crutcher. "I hope all parents and caregivers will join us in our efforts to protect the health of children."

Beginning this fall, first-

time college enrollees who plan to live on-campus will be required to get meningitis vaccination.

For information about childhood immunizations, clinics scheduled in your area, or to find out about the meningitis vaccinations for college students, call your county health department or health care provider.

—**Oklahoma State Department of Health**

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"He calls it domestication, I call it foreplay."

Comments and Reviews

New spin on King Arthur

The latest in Hollywood's constant recycling of subjects for the public's viewing pleasure is here — "King Arthur," opened nationwide July 7.

Arthur (Clive Owen) is the commander of a far flung Roman outpost at Hadrian's wall in northern England. Here Arthur is half Roman and half English. His knights are not native born.

The opening sequences of the film explain the origins of the knights including Lancelot. The group of six knights are from a land east of the Roman Empire called Sarmatia. According to the narrator (Lancelot) the men of Sarmatia have had to fight for the Roman army for 15 years.

First, they must escort Bishop Germanius (Ivano

Marescotti) to their outpost. However, locals attack his convoy. The knights dub the locals Woads.

After saving the bishop and his convoy, the knights expect to be released from their service. But, Bishop Germanius brings unexpected news. A well-off Roman family is trapped at their estate north of Hadrian's Wall.

In order for the men to be freed, they must rescue the family. The men consider it a suicide mission due to the presence of the Woads and a large army of invading Saxons.

Although he is not a villain, Marescotti portrays the bishop as a character you love to hate. Besides sending the knights on a suicide mission, he insults Arthur's support of a Ro-

man philosopher and then destroys an image of the man.

Arthur's beliefs dictate his actions when the group reaches the home of the Roman family. He defies the lord of the manor when he learns of the Roman mistreatment of native Britons.

The action scenes in the film seem to come straight out of "Braveheart." This helps a good story and solid acting.

A few flaws hold the movie back including a predictable sex scene between Arthur and Guinevere (Keira Knightley). Another flaw is the lame crotch joke by Bors (Ray Winstone).

Overall, the changes make this movie worthwhile.

—**Matthew Caban**
Staff Writer

'Butterfly' tunes viewers in

Throughout life, we tend to remember only certain moments while leaving other times behind. What if you were able to remember all of the moments you've forgotten as well as never knew existed? This is the concept "The Butterfly Effect" explores.

This movie is difficult to define because it falls somewhere between a fantasy and horror. It makes you sit at the edge of your seat throughout the movie.

Based on chaos theory, the film illustrates how a butterfly flapping its wings in North Africa has the ability to cause a typhoon half-a-world away. With this premise, time stream could inevitably cause an alternate reality.

Evan Treborn (Ashton

Kutcher) is a college student who finds himself with more problems than the average 20-year-old. Since his seventh birthday, Treborn has been suffering from severe blackouts throughout his life during stressful moments.

Suddenly, Treborn realizes that by simply reading the words from the journals he has kept since he was 7, he is able to relive his past as a child. Because of his choices, there are certain unexpected consequences that the world, the people in his life and he must face.

Treborn learns there are times when he has the ability to make changes and there are moments when he can't. He reworks his life as he also reworks his friend's,

Kayleigh Miller (Amy Smart). As he meddles with their lives, he becomes obsessive as his love for Miller overtakes him.

The film has a little bit of everything, allowing it to be a decent movie. The ending seems like a lazy attempt by the directors to find a means for the conclusion. "The Butterfly Effect" is about mistakes and learning to forgive yourself.

No matter how hard you try to orchestrate your life, life can never be perfect. The movie will leave you with endless thoughts and questions. "The Butterfly Effect" is definitely worth checking out, since it has recently been released on DVD.

—**Christina Tran**
Staff Writer

Quote of the Week:

"Some cause happiness wherever they go;
others, whenever they go."

—**Oscar Wilde**

Q: When is the last day to withdraw from summer classes?

A: The deadline to withdraw from summer classes with a refund has already passed. July 16 is the last day to withdraw without a refund.

—**Dara Zamora**
Bursar Cashier/Clerk

Q: Are there any scholarships available to summer students?

A: There are no scholarships available to help pay for summer classes. The only scholarships we have coming up are for the fall semester.

—**Linda Sapp**
Prospective Student Services Assistant

Q: Why are two areas on the first floor of the main building roped off?

A: They are roped off for safety reasons. We are currently doing construction on both the second and third floors of the main building. The ropes restrict the flow of traffic in certain areas. This is to protect against anything that may fall from the construction areas.

—**J.B. Messer**
Director of Physical Plant

Q: Can the college locator maps be made clearer and easier to understand?

A: The areas of the college provide Physical Plant with information on what areas they would like included on the map. We have a project design specialist to make and update those maps, but there also is a coordination process we have to consider when we make those maps.

One is we can't make the maps too soon before construction or remodeling is done, because we would provide information that's not true. Also, we have to work with Marketing and Public Relations to coordinate the college locator maps that are printed in the college catalogs and schedules.

We attempt to update the maps as much as possible. It's very difficult to change them every time one or two little things happen. Over the last few years we've averaged about two revisions per year. Anyone who has information that they feel needs to be provided on the locator maps, we're open for suggestions.

—**J.B. Messer**
Director of Physical Plant

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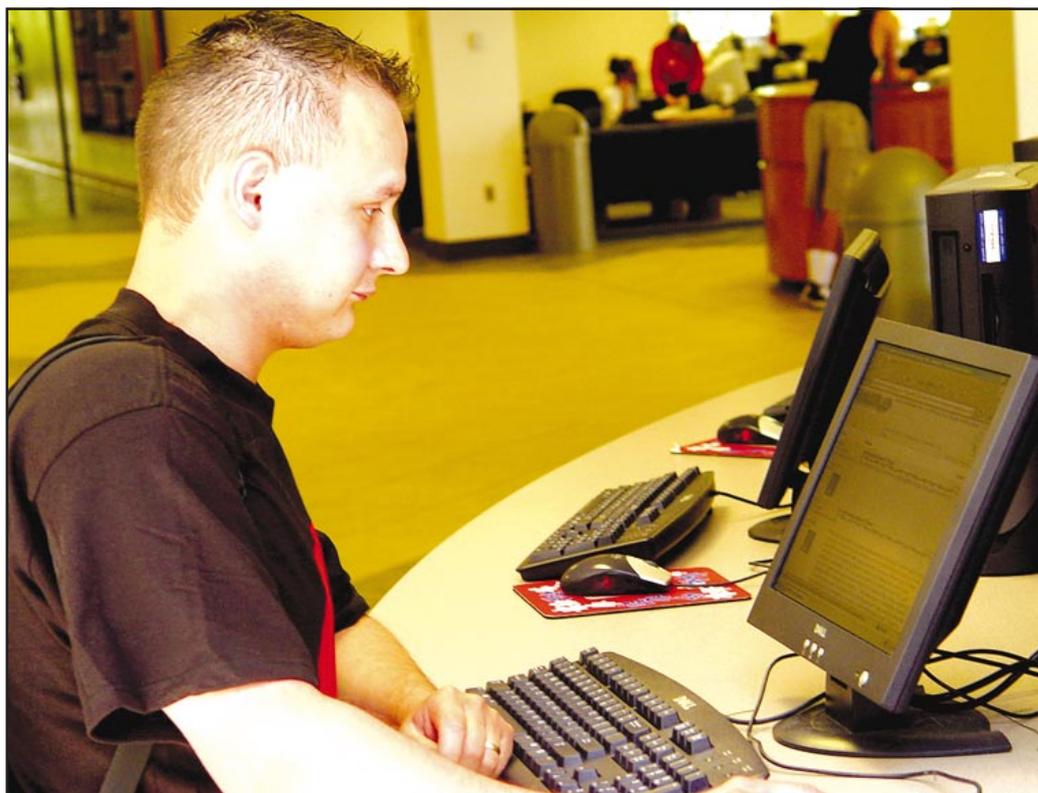


Photo by Billy Adams

You Have Mail: Nursing sophomore James Miller uses a computer in the main building lobby to check in on his e-mail. Several students use the computers in the lobby between classes to check e-mail, schedules and surf the Internet.

System shutdown affects OKCCC

Datatel problems mired many areas, including admissions, bursar's office

By Christina Tran
Staff Writer

Datatel, the system that students and employees use on a daily basis, was shut down July 1 for nearly 24 hours for technical reasons.

Computer Systems Development Director John Richardson said Datatel is used by just about everyone at OKCCC.

Datatel is an administrative informational system that provides students and employees with access to both information and processes, he said.

"The system was shut-down at about 12:30 p.m. on Thursday and [was] back up by 11 a.m. today (July 2)," Richardson said.

"When one part of the system shuts down, then the entire system is shut down as well."

Richardson said this problem does not happen often; however, when it does, it can cause problems for students and employees.

In the bursar's office, many problems resulted because of the system shutdown, said Dara Zamora, bursar's cashier.

"It was definitely hard without the system since there are many students coming in wanting to pay for fall tuition," she said.

"We couldn't really do anything and had to take payments by hand, and students were given receipts."

The admissions office experienced several problems as well.

"We couldn't do anything basically," said Bianca Mejia, admissions clerk.

"We couldn't print transcripts, look at students' records, and other things."

Mejia said the admissions office had many students who needed help on Thursday, the first day of the shutdown. She said the lines were shorter on Friday, possibly because word was out about the problem.

"Nobody knew the system would be down or when it would be back up, so we had students call ahead to find out whether they could be helped or not," Mejia said.

Annette Kolander, financial aid assistant, said the financial aid office also faced problems but were still able to work.

"With the system down, it wasn't too bad at all, being a holiday weekend," Kolander said.

"We weren't able to do a few things that needed Datatel, but we were still able to do our work."

Finance junior Kimberly Nguyen needed to access the system Friday morning.

"I wanted to check my grades on MineOnline and was disappointed when I couldn't do so," she said.

"I'm just glad that the system was back up over the weekend when I checked my grades again."

Richardson said although searches were made to identify the problem, nothing was found. He said there are a number of reasons why the system would periodically have to be shut down and, in many cases, the problem leading to that might never be found, Richardson said.

Nevertheless, he said, it does cause headaches for many people.

"We don't like it when the system is shut down, especially when the students and faculty need it," Richardson said.

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Students respond to situation in Iraq

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Support for the situation in Iraq has declined in recent months as weapons of mass destruction have not been found and American troops have been blamed for the mistreatment of numerous Iraqis at Abu Gharib prison.

With numerous headlines coming in from Iraq, it was time to ask students their opinion of the war and its aftermath.

The majority of students interviewed across campus had little or no idea about the situation in Iraq.

One student even said, "What's that?" when asked about his opinion on the situation in Iraq.

Those who were informed seemed to support the actions of President Bush, the U.S. military and its allies.

"It's not a waste of time at all," said Erin McMurry,

freshman. "People should stop criticizing our President. It was a hard decision that he had to make."

Junior Adam Ballard said, "I think our action in Iraq is justified. The situation we are in now is because we waited too long [to act.]"

Ballard said if America had not invaded Iraq, then another country would have had to.

A group of students expressed dismay over the recent beheadings of Americans in Iraq.

McMurry said the Iraqi insurgents are behead-

ing Americans and televising it while some of our troops are taking crude photographs with prisoners. She said people are making a big fuss over the photographs.



Ballard

Sophomore Jeff Johnson agrees.

"I think they would do a lot worse if they had U.S. prisoners," said Johnson.

Senior Todd Milligan said the be-

headings are crazy.

Milligan also said, "its good that we don't meet their demands. That [would be] a sign of weakness for us."

He said the beheadings are very sad for families.

Ballard said there are many people who oppose the war. Ballard spent two weeks in Germany earlier this summer and said he felt he defended America during the entire trip.

He said the general feeling was President Bush was a chauvinist and he was attempting to conquer the world, one country at a

"I think our action in Iraq is justified. The situation we are in now is because we waited too long [to act]."

—Adam Ballard
junior



Milligan

time. Ballard also said Germans did not think America's actions were justified.

Ballard said he explained that America was defending itself

from future actions and by not acting Americans may have been perceived as pushovers.

Senior Samuel Pettigrew focused his comments on Iraq's liberation. Pettigrew said the war was necessary in order to overthrow Saddam Hussein. He said he does not like the idea of American troops staying in Iraq for too long.

Pettigrew said America reached its goal of overthrowing Saddam. He also said the reconstruction of Iraq, a free Iraq, is best left

to the Iraqi people.

Pettigrew said America should not be too involved in the process, but a little support is good.

According to CNN.com, sovereignty was handed over to Iraqi leaders on June 28 by the U.S. led coalition.

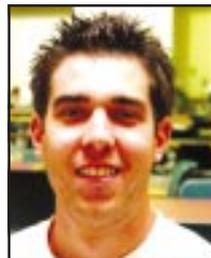
One of the first acts of the new government was to hold a preliminary hearing for former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in which informal charges were read.

The charges read were very broad, but more formal and specific indictments are expected later, according to FoxNews.com. The actual trial is not expected to begin until 2005.

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McMurry



Johnson

Rain delays completion of retention pond

By Billy Adams
Staff Writer

"Rain, rain, go away, come again another day." That is the song that retention pond workers may be singing as they try to finish the final projects.

Two major parts of the pond are left to be completed, said J.B. Messer, physical plant director.

"The outlet wier is having its elevation changed."

The outlet wier is a part of the pond that will allow the water from the pond to drain as the rain water comes in from another source.

"The concrete was [demolished] but then the rain came and they haven't been

able to pour the new concrete," Messer said.

Another piece of construction that needs to be completed is the lying of sod. While this may seem to be a simple task, it is actually very complicated.

Messer said conditions must be just right for the sod to be laid at the pond, but the conditions also must be just right for the sod company to be able to pull the sod from the sod farm.

"So it's a two-prong process," Messer said.

Construction on the pond began in August of 2003 and was originally scheduled for completion in late February of 2004.

The project is a joint project between Oklahoma City and the college. The



Photo by Billy Adams

After almost a year of construction, the retention pond is very near to completion.

pond will store excess rain water so it can drain more slowly into area creeks and rivers.

According to a press release, the college's responsibilities are to provide an easement to the city for construction, provide \$100,000 for construction

and provide long-term maintenance of the facility.

Other small things on the to-do list that must be completed before the pond is finished include clean up of the site and walk throughs with the city and the engineers.

At press time, there was

no definite completion date. "It's always weather dependent," Messer said.

For more information about the pond, contact the physical plant office at 682-1611, ext. 7554.

Photographer Billy Adams can be reached at Pioneer Photog@okccc.edu.

Highlights

Leadership retreat available to students

Student Life is sponsoring its annual Student Leadership Retreat at Roman Nose Resort in Watonga from Aug. 13 to 15. The retreat is open to all OKCCC students and club members. Cost is \$15 and includes lodging, meals and transportation. Registration is due July 19. For more information contact Liz Largent at 682-1611 ext. 7596.

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.

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 for more details.

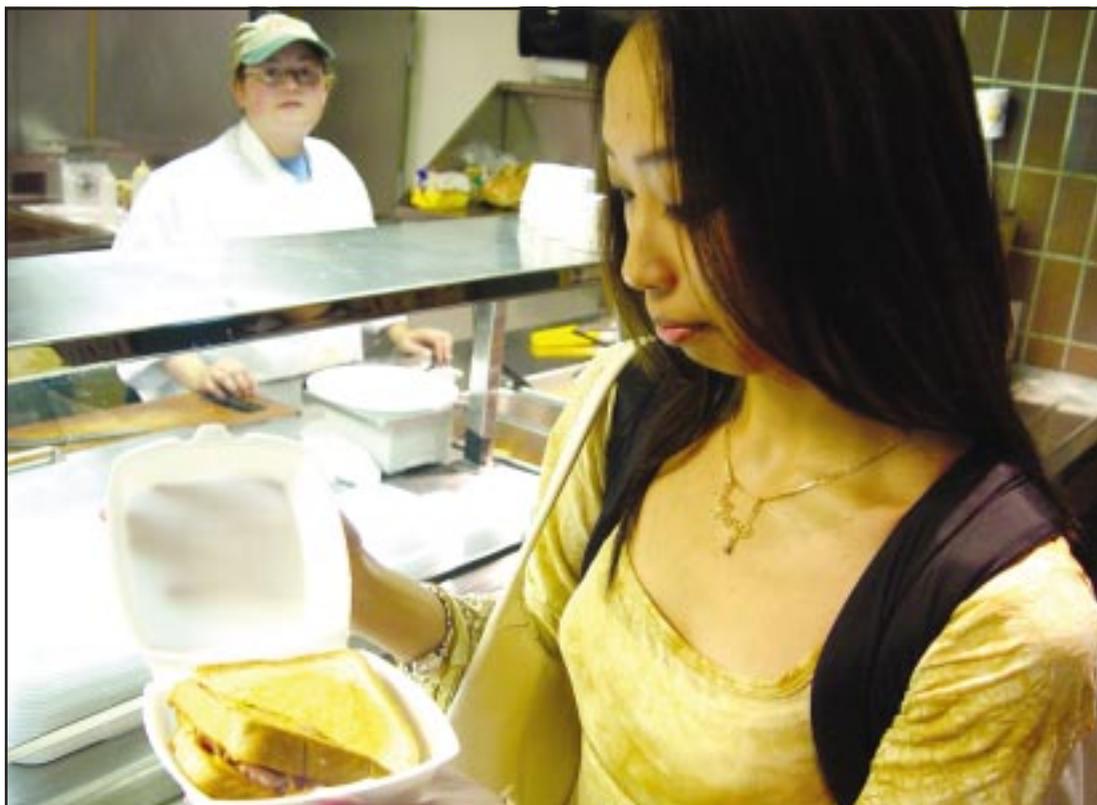


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Bon Appetit: Seller's chef and student Heather Ford looks on as Hong Nguyen checks out her grilled ham and cheese. Many students find that it's easier to get food at Seller's than it is to go off campus to a restaurant. Seller's Cafe in the college union is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

HOPE members return from meeting hopeful of future

By **Matthew Caban**
Staff Writer

Four members of the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education shared the stage with the presumed Democratic Presidential nominee John Kerry at the National Council of La Raza in Phoenix, Ariz.

The students were Omar Lozano, 24, Monica Perez, 20, Sara Saenz, 19 and Rocky Chavez, 20, also took part in a town hall meeting moderated by MTV News Correspondent Gideon Yago. Issues that were discussed at the meeting led by Yago include immigration, jobs and the DREAM Act, said HOPE sponsor Jessica Martinez-Brooks.

"I enjoyed listening to what [Kerry] has to offer," Perez said. Perez said Kerry's willingness to pass the DREAM Act is good for Hispanics.

The DREAM Act or the

Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act would prevent the deportation of U.S.-raised immigrant students, said an OKCCC press release.

Perez said the DREAM Act would help many people get into college. She said the law would help members of her family accomplish their dreams attending college.

Perez said an issue raised by those at the conference was encouraging young people to complete their education. She said the Hispanic club might visit Oklahoma City area high schools to encourage students to attend college.

Perez said she hopes her club's encouragement will inspire high school students to motivate their younger peers.

Martinez-Brooks said another issue raised by students at the conference was the lack of opportunity for many Hispanics to attend college.

Martinez-Brooks said the group watched an independent movie, "The Gatekeeper," at the conference. Martinez-Brooks said the movie is about a group of illegal aliens coming into the U.S. from Mexico. She said HOPE might screen the film on campus during the fall semester.

Perez said she particularly enjoyed the Latina brunch with Judge Mary H. Murguia of the U.S. District Court of Arizona; Janet Murguia, NCLR director and chief operating officer; Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, Democrat 47th Congressional District, California; and Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, Democrat 39th Congressional District, California.

For more information about HOPE, contact Jessica Martinez-Brooks at 682-7590.

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 1 Alter (a skirt)
- 6 Understand
- 10 Kind of roast
- 14 With no help
- 15 Measure of time
- 16 On the Adriatic
- 17 Suburban sights
- 18 — spumante
- 19 Words used after flower or taste
- 20 Naval off.
- 21 Most sensible
- 23 Naughty youngster
- 24 Ties (the score)
- 26 Baseball hit
- 28 Woodland
- 30 Hudson Bay people
- 32 — for All Seasons
- 33 Nantucket, e.g.
- 35 Sault — Marie
- 38 Desert plants
- 40 Can. province
- 41 Railroad station
- 43 Before, to a bard
- 44 Sudden storm
- 47 Rave's partner
- 48 Pleasure trip
- 49 Locust tree
- 51 Kansas capital
- 54 Extinguish a fire
- 55 Lion's sound
- 56 Frank

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- 59 Used a chair
- 62 Ostriches' cousins
- 63 Store sign
- 64 Avoid adroitly
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- 67 Whale herds
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- 69 — Were Sisters'
- 70 Loafer, for one
- 71 — pole

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- 61 Pour
- 65 DiCaprio's nickname

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OKCCC's enrollment increases attributed to a number of factors

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to...13 percent instead of 11 (in terms of first-time full-time freshmen graduates within the institution)."

Shirazi said much of that depends on making sure the college gives its students what they need to succeed — and keeps them until they graduate.

Several things factor into that she said.

One is whether students are pursuing two-year degrees and how long they'll attend OKCCC before they actually receive that degree. Shirazi said state regents look at two-year colleges' graduation numbers every three years. Since many students don't receive an associate degree within that three-year timeframe, the reported graduation percentage would look rather small.

Also, the location of a college plays a role in retention. Schools located in

metropolitan areas — such as OKCCC, Rose and Tulsa Community College — have more competition. Because of that, they are more prone to losing students to other area two-year and four-year colleges, Shirazi said.

Those attending two-year colleges in rural areas are more likely to be full-time degree-seeking students, Morgan-Dees said. So it's more likely they'll finish at that college in two or three years and then transfer to a university.

The long-term goals of a student also factor in on how long it takes to graduate or whether graduation is even a goal.

"[OKCCC] tends to have more part-time students," Morgan-Dees said. "[It] also [has] students with other educational goals besides getting a degree and transferring."

Morgan-Dees said she is trying to help change the mindset of some of those folks. She said two-year colleges, including OKCCC, are trying to educate people

about the benefits of getting an associate degree, even if they plan to transfer to a four-year college.

She said students should look at an associate degree as a safety net — one that would be there in case something happens that prevents a student from completing a bachelor's degree. In that case, she said, at least he or she would have an associate degree to be more marketable.

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Focus groups meet to help identify college's strengths, weaknesses

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also chose the participants from within the areas that took part in the focus groups, Hullet said.

Hullet evenly distributed the number of people into classified and professional employees to create nine groups.

Hullet said the main reason for organizing the focus groups is to eventually have campus-wide service skills training.

"We're trying to create our own curriculum, because we wanted to have a feel of

the culture of this college," she said.

Hullet said she eventually wants to bring in other types of training that will meet the needs of each department. "I'm trying very hard to bring training in a different way to employees," Hullet said. "I want it to be more relevant to what they're actually doing."

A committee called WOW! Faculty & Staff Development also has been formed to help develop the curriculum, Hullet said. The individuals serving on the committee include Hullet, and seven other college faculty and staff.

Todd likes the idea of the

focus groups. "I think this is an occasion for people to share thoughts and ideas, and to learn more about how to be more effective," he said.

Todd said, with help from the focus groups, more thoughts and ideas will be exchanged for OKCCC to continue better serving students and the community.

Hullet agrees. And, she said, there are quite a few people, or clients, the college strives hard to please each day. That includes both internal and external clients she said.

An example of an internal client would be when the bursar works with students, or employees in Admissions and Records, the

college bookstore or the financial aid area, Hullet said.

An example of an external client would be an outside vendor that the college's purchasing employees deal with.

Hullet said just about everyone at the college is a client at one time or another. "In my opinion, anyone that requests a service is a client," she said.

Lombard agrees.

"To provide an excellent service to our students, and to each other as faculty and staff is an extremely important issue," he said.

Hullet said, as far as future training, she hopes to have a curriculum ready to begin the training during

this fiscal year.

Massey will be paid approximately a little more than \$2,000 for his services, Hullet said. The money will come from the college's staff development budget.

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