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Photo by Ana Rodriguez

**The Studying Begins:** Anh Duong and David Nguyen, sophomore business majors, begin the semester by studying in the library. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Volunteers prepare taxes — free

By **Christiana Kostura**  
Staff Writer

**V**olunteer Income Tax Assistance workers will make themselves at home on the OKCCC campus for a while — through tax season anyway.

Funded through the Internal Revenue Service, VITA assists low- to middle-income filers with their taxes, said Jon Horinek, community engagement coordinator for Student Life.

“We just happen to be one of the sites for VITA in the area,” Horinek said.

OKCCC students are encouraged to take advantage of VITA’s services, he said.

VITA booths are located near the Student Life office in the main building.

The government-spon-

sored tax service began helping students and community members on Jan. 24 and will continue through April 14. Hours are Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VITA volunteers suggest arriving early because folks are served on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Volunteer tax preparers must pass a test given through the IRS.

VITA volunteer Gerald Matthews said he has been preparing taxes for 28

years. He has volunteered at the college’s VITA location for the past 13 years.

Matthews said the tax returns are filed electronically and VITA computer hard drives are wiped clean at the end of each year.

“It’s a real good program,” Matthews said. “I like helping people.”

For more information or to find additional sites, call 1-800-829-1040.

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### To have your taxes prepared by VITA you’ll need:

- Photo identification.
- Social Security cards for filer, spouse and dependents.
- Wage and earning statement(s) from all employers. (W-2, W-2G, 1099-R.)
- Interest and dividend statements from banks.
- Bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit.
- Total paid for day care and day care provider’s identifying number.
- If filing a joint married return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.

## Online degree to be offered

Students will be able to earn an associate degree in Liberal Studies

By **Richard Hall**  
Editor

**S**tudents soon will be able to get an associate degree without ever stepping foot on campus.

Beginning this fall, OKCCC will offer an associate in arts degree in liberal studies via online classes.

Brenda Harrison, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, said she believes students are going to welcome this opportunity.

“There are currently 8,000 students enrolled in online classes,” Harrison said. “I feel this is a great chance for students to earn a degree.”

Harrison said there would be no extra cost for students wanting to receive the degree online.

OKCCC student Kyle Sheline, 19, said an online degree plan is a good idea.

“Not everyone can make it to classes,” he said. “So this is good for those people who want a degree but aren’t able to come to school.”

Although the liberal studies degree program is currently the only online degree opportunity planned for fall, Harrison said there are other areas of study that would seem appropriate to offer as an online degree package.

“It’s something [OKCCC] will look at in the future,” she said. “But nothing specific right now.”

Paul Sechrist, provost/vice president for Academic Affairs, brought the degree plan idea to the Jan. 17 Board of Regents meeting.

He said he is hopeful the delivery format will allow students with other obligations to complete a degree.

Sechrist said students with conflicting work schedules, family obligations or personal learning styles could benefit from this online degree.

OKCCC human relations major Tom Brooks agreed on the plan’s benefits, but feels it will suit younger students more so than older students.

“Younger people are used to learning online these days,” Brooks said. “This just shows that OKCCC is moving forward with the times. But I feel classroom interaction

**“Not everyone can make it to classes. So this is good for those people who want a degree but aren’t able to come to school.”**

—Kyle Sheline  
OKCCC Student

## Editorial and Opinion

### Editorial

# Contraception controversy

Unplanned pregnancy could be reduced if the morning-after pill becomes available over the counter.

The Federal Drug Administration seems to be basing its decision on whether to make the morning-after pill available over the counter on moral issues rather than safety issues.

Political pressure should not affect the FDA's decisions whether to approve medications for over-the-counter use.

The FDA already has approved use of the morning-after pill by prescription, according to the website of Barr Laboratories, the manufacturer.

The pill has been legal in the United States by prescription since 1999.

The medication is currently available in 101 countries, 33 of which don't require a prescription, according to the website.

Many critics of the pill claim it is abortion in a pill form.

The morning-after pill actually is a pill containing high levels of the same hormones present in birth control pills.

Critics are requesting there be a label describing to consumers the pill may prevent implantation of a fertilized egg if the morning-after pill becomes available over the counter.

Both supporters and critics agree on the safety and effectiveness of the morning-after pill. They are split on the morality of the pill.

Legalizing the sale of the morning-after pill over the counter would result in fewer unplanned pregnancies and fewer abortions.

In May 2004, the Federal Drug Administration turned down a proposal to make the morning-after pill over the counter due to a lack of information about the effects of the morning-after pill on girls younger than 16, according to the FDA's website.

The FDA agreed to review the request if Barr Laboratories supply further research on the effects of the pill on young girls.

On July 22, 2004, Barr Laboratories resubmitted their request to make the pill available to women 16 or older without a prescription.

Jan. 21 was the scheduled date for the FDA's decision on whether to make the morning-after pill available over the counter.

The FDA has extended their review of the morning-after pill. The decision has not been announced.

If the morning-after pill does become available over the counter, women 16 and older would be allowed to purchase the medication with proper identification. A prescription would still be required for girls age 15 years and under.

The government should not be making family planning decisions for any of its citizens.

—Christiana Kostura  
Staff Writer

# Help a teacher out, nominate

### To the editor:

The President's Award of Excellence in Teaching is presented during the spring of each year to a full-time faculty member who exemplifies teaching excellence.

The office of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs administers the process of receiving nominees and developing recommendations to the President.

To be considered for this award a faculty member may be nominated by a fellow faculty member, by a current or former student, or by a staff member.

Nominees will be asked to complete a reference sheet supplying personal and professional information.

After a review of all nominations, a selection committee appointed by the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs will recommend three candidates.

The Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs will then forward the recommendation to the President who will make the final selection.

Criteria for selection include:

A) a high degree of professional competence exhibited by knowledge and expertise that is extensive and current;

B) effective teaching methods that demonstrate quality, creativity and resourcefulness, as well as clear, accurate and effective communication;

C) enthusiasm and a strong commitment to teaching in general and a genuine concern, commitment and fairness to students;

D) contribution to the teaching profession at the institutional, state or national level.

The recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching will be announced during commencement exercises.

At that time, the recipient will be presented a plaque and cash award of \$1,000 to commemorate this honor.

—Paul W. Sechrist  
Provost/Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

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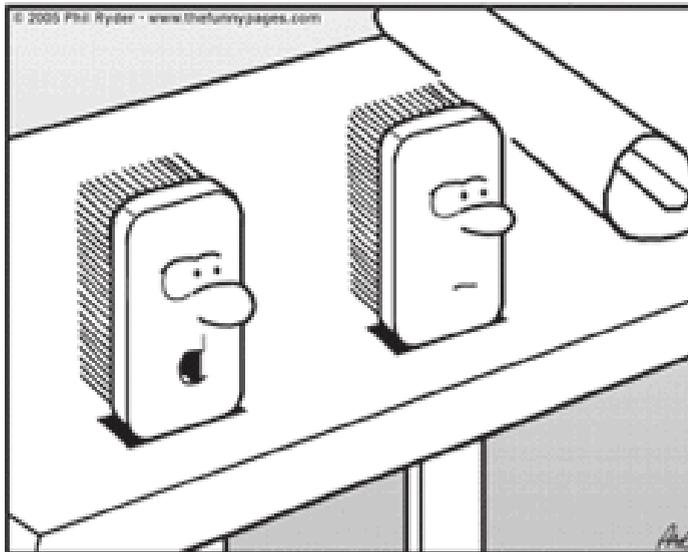
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- Amy Sherman • Glen Ellyn, IL

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## Comments and Reviews

# Rwanda's tragic story

There are no words to describe how emotionally charged "Hotel Rwanda" is.

You will leave the theater feeling weighed down by the thoughts going through your head.

The film is based on true events, which occurred during the 1994 Rwanda genocide.

Two tribes, the Tutsis and the Hutus, lived in Rwanda together. Many people from the tribes were intermarried, worked and played together.

The people from the two feuding tribes look similar. The only difference between them is their roots, their genes.

Ethnic tension had existed in Rwanda for many years. After the plane of Hutu Rwandan president, Juvenal Habyarimana, was shot down, the Hutus be-



Don Cheadle, saves more than 1,000 Tutsis by housing them during the genocide.

The actors in this movie did an exceptional job portraying their characters and working together.

The director, Terry George, did a superb job in putting this film together.

There are a few short segments in the film where humor was inserted to lighten the emotional blow.

The film is rated PG-13. The movie really should be rated R. There is a ton of violence (all of it necessary), strong language and many disturbing images.

Go see the film, but be prepared to sit for two hours and to leave emotionally drained. Leave the kids at home for this one.

—**Christiana Kostura**  
Staff Writer

gan slaughtering the Tutsis.

The Hutus raped, tortured and killed Tutsi men, women and children. The children were heavily targeted by the Hutus to prevent another Tutsi generation.

A hotel manager, Paul Rusesabagina, played by

# This 'Coach' isn't tough enough

Very few sports films manage to balance action and dialogue the way "Coach Carter" does.

This film isn't just about basketball. It deals with many aspects of life.

Social classes, racism, teen pregnancy and abortion are just an examples of topics covered in this drama.

Audiences also are introduced to the lives of student athletes as Carter, played by Samuel L. Jackson, tries to help a basketball team of inner-city boys become men.

Carter is an extremist who is more concerned with a student's academic achievements than his or



her athletic ability.

Jackson, of course, carries the film with his passionate voice and compelling facial expressions.

The supporting cast, which consists mostly of a few first-timers and a couple of fresh faces, seem inexperienced at best.

Most of the younger actors seem inadequate when sharing the screen with

Jackson.

Rob Brown, from "Finding Forrester," is the only actor who didn't seem intimidated by Jackson's star power, but there aren't many scenes with the two together.

This film promotes many valuable beliefs and sends a positive message, but has far too much happening at once.

By the end of the movie audiences may find themselves overwhelmed with unnecessary information.

Jackson fans will love this movie, but others may have a problem with its slow pace.

—**Shawn Bryant**  
Staff Writer

# Counselor's Corner

*"The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function."*

—**F. Scott Fitzgerald**

Getting through a semester of college successfully while maintaining sanity can be a challenge, but there are some things you can do to make the process easier.

First of all, think about why you are here. Without goals to work toward, you really have no direction or sense of urgency about doing well. You're like a ship that lost its anchor and is drifting aimlessly with the current.

If you have some sense of what you want to do with your life, visit a Student Development counselor to discuss what majors might help you get to that end. We can then direct you to an appropriate faculty adviser to help you develop a specific plan for achieving your goals.

Knowing why you are taking your classes and how they can help get you closer to your goal will help you find reasons to attend classes and do well in them.

You're going to meet new people from diverse backgrounds who will think very differently from yourself. You'll have professors who challenge you to think about issues differently. You'll be exposed to information that seems very foreign to you.

In order to grow, some reptiles and crustaceans must shed their skins and shells and grow new ones. They are very vulnerable during this process.

In order for us to grow and change, we must also shed the rigid safety of what we have known in order to have room for what we will know.

This doesn't mean we will abandon our values, beliefs and customs, but we will learn that the world is bigger than ourselves.

Be excited about learning. Allow the child in you to view the world with a sense of wonder and awe (you know, the way you did when you were 2-years-old and discovered bread would float in a glass of milk but peas and corn wouldn't).

And if every learning experience isn't as entertaining as a night in Vegas, remember that it isn't supposed to be.

Life doesn't come to us in 15-second sound bites and music videos. Sometimes it's calm and somber.

And before you fall into the "this is so boring" trap, ask yourself what you're doing to make it any better. You are, after all, the most important ingredient in your life, even your educational one.

College, like life, is not a spectator sport. You're either in the game or you're watching from the sidelines. Being in the game is better.

For help setting goals or learning how to reach them, come by and see us in the Center for Student Development. We want your time here to be time well spent.

—**Mary Turner**  
Student Development Counselor

## Quote of the Week:

**"Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more."**

—**Mark Twain**

## Sports

## UPCOMING

## INTRAMURALS

•**Feb. 4:** Intramural sports orientation in the gym at 6 p.m. Intramural rules will be discussed. Participants may register and put teams together. For more information Call 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Feb. 7 and 11:** A basketball shooting contest called Shoot Out Madness takes place on Monday, Feb. 7, and Friday, Feb. 11, in the gym. There will be free-throw, three-point and spot-shooting contests. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Feb. 8:** The spring season for Men's and Women's Intramural 5-on-5 basketball begins. Games are from 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the gym. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Feb. 21 and 25:** An intramural table tennis tournament will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the gym. It is open to all OKCCC students with a valid ID card. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7786.

## YOUTH SPORTS

•**Feb. 24:** Sign-up deadline for the outdoor Pee Wee Soccer League for ages 4 to 11. The cost is \$55 and includes team T-shirt. Games will be played on Thursdays and Saturdays from March 24 to April 30. For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7786.

If you have an event for the sports calendar, contact Sports Writer Matthew Caban at StaffWriter1@okccc.edu.

## Free 5-on-5 intramural basketball

By Matthew Caban  
Staff Writer

Last-second shots and thrills are just a small part of the intramural 5-on-5 basketball league being held Tuesday, Feb. 8, through Thursday, March 10, in the gym.

Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson said league registration is ongoing and open to men and women. "The teams will consist of staff, students and faculty," Watson said.

He said students, faculty and staff must have a valid OKCCC ID to play.

Watson said he is optimistic that enough people will sign up to have separate men's and women's leagues. He said he expects to have eight men's teams and four women's teams. "The 5-on-5 [league] is still developing teams," he said. "I'll know more about who will play when we get closer to the event.

"We have a lot of interested people, but they haven't all signed up yet. Our intramural sports [program] is still growing. Some people don't know about when the intramurals are," Watson said.

"We haven't seen as many girls as guys in the gym."

Watson said, previously the men's and women's leagues were combined. "Before, we had girls playing with the guys, but they wanted something different," he said.

Watson said if there are not enough teams for a women's league, those players will be placed on the men's teams. "There [are] a handful of girls who want to play no matter what team they are on," he said.

Watson is certain about the league's format for determining a champion.

"There are usually eight games played per team, but it is based on how many teams there are.

"We have a single-elimination tournament to determine the winner," Watson said. "Teams are seeded in the tournament by their win-loss record in the season."

Watson said those interested in intramural sports are invited to an intramural sports orientation at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, in the gym. "People can register, learn the rules and meet others who are involved," he said.

For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7786.

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Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Mike Gram, sophomore dentistry major, takes a shot while practicing basketball in the gym.

## Intramural shootout for all hot shots

By Matthew Caban  
Staff Writer

The basketball shooting skills of the OKCCC student body will be on display from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, and Friday, Feb. 11, in the gym during the intramural Hot Shot Contest.

Health and Education Specialist Eric Watson is directing the event.

"We have people interested [in competing]," he said.

Watson said the contest is broken down into three

different parts: a free-throw shooting contest, a three-point shooting contest and a spot-shooting contest.

He said in the free-throw contest the winner is the person who makes the most free-throws out of 15 tries.

The rules are slightly more complicated in the three-point contest, he said.

"Shooters will have one minute to make baskets by moving around [to different spots] on the three-point line," he said.

"There will be three bins with three balls in each.

Each ball is worth three points and the last ball [in each bin] is worth six points.]"

The spot-shooting contest consists of participants taking shots from different marks on the court, Watson said.

"The variety [of shots] includes free-throws, mid-range, three-pointers and lay-ups."

He said each of these intramural contests is free for students, faculty and staff.

Students must be currently enrolled and have a

valid student ID and employees must have a valid employee ID to participate.

"Entry forms have been placed around the college," Watson said.

"It looks like most of the ones we put out got picked up."

He said those interested could visit the Wellness Center to register or turn in a completed registration form.

For more information contact Watson at 682-1611, ext. 7786.

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# Child center adding second language

By Ana Rodriguez  
Staff Writer

Children at OKCCC's Child Development Center and Lab School may soon be speaking a second language — Spanish.

The center plans to put to good use the bilingual skills of Teaching Assistant Teresita Schutten by incorporating a Spanish program into the curriculum.

The Cultural Infusion Project will introduce the Spanish language into daily activities and lessons.

"We will be introducing words and books, and labeling everything in Spanish in the classrooms," Schutten said.

The center of the program revolves around the Mexico City native.

Schutten first came to OKCCC as an international

student after meeting her then future husband in Cancun, Mexico, and moving to Oklahoma.

She is a graduate of the Early Childhood Education program.

Childhood education came naturally to Schutten, she said, because of her mother's love of teaching preschool in Mexico.

She is excited about the program.

"I hope this program will help the students have more opportunities," Schutten said. "Being bilingual opens doors."

The program will be incorporated into all three of the classrooms — Preschools A and B, and the Infant/Toddler classroom.

The Spanish language lessons will be taught through a number of methods including repetition, recognition, through play, and through reading,"



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Teaching Assistant Teresita Schutten shows Child Development Center and Lab School student Cara Drummond a sign written in both English and Spanish.

Schutten said.

The program will be introduced in the afternoon outdoor portion of class where the children will learn through drawing, art and other activities.

Mary McCoy, center director, said the school also

is applying for a grant from the For All Kids Foundation, established by Rosie O'Donnell.

She said the grant would help purchase material to support the new program.

McCoy said incorporating the Spanish program is

important.

"We have such a large Hispanic community and are so diverse," she said. "Our children need to be familiar with other cultures."

The center has already begun introducing parts of the program by labeling objects throughout the classroom and hanging Spanish posters to encourage reading, Schutten said.

Schutten, who attended bilingual schools, said she believes it is much easier to learn a different language at an early age.

"I hope to develop the program to convince other schools to start early."

For more information about the center and OKCCC's Early Childhood Education Program, visit [www.okccc.edu/ChildDev](http://www.okccc.edu/ChildDev).

Staff writer Ana Rodriguez can be reached at [Pioneer Photog@okccc.edu](mailto:Photog@okccc.edu).

## Couple shares education views

By Shawn Bryant  
and Matthew Caban  
Staff Writers

A husband and wife team from England visited the campus Jan. 21 to discuss the importance of international education with OKCCC faculty and administration.

Chris Webb, retired chief executive at City College in Birmingham, England, and his wife, Dr. Pat Morgan-Webb, retired Chief Executive at New College in Nottingham, England, shared their views of international education.

The couple took turns comparing and contrasting ways community colleges, as well as life in general, differ in other countries.

"We all know a bit," Webb said.

"Every culture has something great to add, but we all have deficits and surpluses."

They discussed life in Jamaica, The Gambia, South Africa, China, Qatar, France, England and the United States — all countries where they have worked with various colleges.

"Between us, we have close to 80 years



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

Professor Chris Webb and Dame Patricia Morgan-Webb held an informational presentation for the faculty and staff to stress the importance of global education.

in community college experience," Webb said.

The pair were full of compliments for OKCCC.

"This is the best community college we've ever been to," Morgan-Webb said.

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## Brazilian sounds to fill OKCCC theater Feb. 8

By Shawn Bryant  
Staff Writer

Brazilian Composer David Burgess will take the stage of the college theater at 7 p.m. Feb. 8.

Scott Tigert, Cultural Programs and Community Development assistant, said Burgess has an incredibly flamboyant style.

"This is an amazing artist to have in Oklahoma," Tigert said.

Burgess said he looks forward to his performance where he expects to play for about an hour and a half. Burgess plans to play works by Ernesto Nazareth, Pixinguinha, Joao Pernanbuco, Luiz Banfa and Antonio Carlos Jobim.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students with a valid ID, Tigert said.

Dave Archer, music professor, said the performance would qualify for one of the concert attendances required for Music Appreciation.

Archer also said anyone enrolled in Music Appreciation can contact him for a free ticket.

Senior Writer Shawn Bryant can be reached at [SeniorWriter@okccc.edu](mailto:SeniorWriter@okccc.edu).



Photo courtesy of [www.ucgs.org](http://www.ucgs.org)

David Burgess  
Brazilian Composer

# Highlights

## Brown Bag Lunch Event

Student Life will sponsor a presentation, "Beginner's Guide to Buying a Home," at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1, in CU3. The event will be presented by Prudential Realty and Santa Fe Mortgage.

## Health Professions Club's first meeting

OKCCC's Health Professions Club will hold its first general meeting from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. on Feb. 3, in room 1C4. Learn what you need to know about your health profession. Free pizza will be provided. For more information contact Steve Kamm at 682-1611, ext. 7268.

## Making your money work for you

Employment Services will sponsor a seminar, "Making Your Money Work For You" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15 in CU3. The speaker will be Ray Hance, education director for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central Oklahoma.

## Spring volunteer opportunities available

Student Life has announced a new service initiative, OKCCC Cares. The first service opportunity is at noon Thursday, Feb. 3, at Southpark Care Center, a nearby nursing home. Come help decorate for Valentine's Day. On Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, come help stock shelves and organize donations. On Saturday, March 5, join us as we clean up litter on campus and surrounding roads. Finally, on Saturday, April 9, help neighborhood services clean and paint houses. For sign up deadlines contact Jon Horinek at 682-7523.

## Applications being accepted for Fleming scholarship

The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2005 Sir Alexander Fleming summer scholarship. This program lets students work alongside scientists in OMRF's laboratories. The application deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 15. Each participant will receive room, board and a \$2,500 stipend. For more information contact Shari Hawkins at 271-8537.

## Employment Services Job Fair in March

Students and alumni should mark their calendars for the OKCCC Spring Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, in the college union. A separate job fair for health occupations will be from noon to 6 p.m. For more information contact Employment Services at 682-1611, ext. 7519.

## Headlands Indian Health Careers Summer Program

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is now accepting applications for its Headlands Indian Health Careers Program, to be held June 5 to July 30. The application deadline is Tuesday, March 15. For more information contact 271-2250.

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance available

Free tax help will be available to students and community members from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to Thursday until April 14, in the Student Life Office. This service is open to all, but intended for students and low- to moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. For more information contact Student Life at 682-1611, ext. 7523.



Photo by Ana Rodriguez

**Sign Me Up:** Cara Hendrix, freshman film and video production student, signs up for the Abilities Galore club on Jan. 26 during the Clubs and Organizations Fair in the college union.

## Black Student Association prepares for upcoming Colorado conference

By Matthew Caban  
Staff Writer

OKCCC's Black Student Association has been invited, along with other regional community colleges, to the 28th Annual Big Twelve Conference on Black Student Government from Feb. 17 to 19, at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Eight club officers and one sponsor, Zakee King, will attend the conference, BSA President Carlos Robinson said.

He said the registration fee is \$100 per person, which the club paid for. Robinson said those in attendance have to pay for their own hotel rooms.

"We raised money all fall semester," he said. "Seventy-five percent of the fund-raisers we did [as a club] have been for this."

King said this is the first time the club has gone to the Big Twelve Conference.

"It is a very big deal every year," he said.

According to the University of Colorado website for the conference, [www.cubig](http://www.cubig)

[www.cubig](http://www.cubig).org, the mission of the conference is to promote leadership by equipping students with the tools necessary for progressive, cultural, social and political change.

"Since we're a smaller college, this gives us the opportunity to broaden our ideas," BSA Parliamentarian Alecia Taylor said. "We can learn and bring new ideas back to the campus," Whitney Wright, BSA campus representative said.

Robinson said participation in the conference would enhance the club's ability to be an effective organization. "The main focus is [to] get more leadership qualities," he said.

Robinson said another reason the delegation is going to the Big Twelve Conference is to help the new officers grow as leaders.

"I have been here for a couple of semesters and been through some seminars. I want to use this opportunity to get them on the level to focus on being a leader."

King said the conference is a great opportunity for students to network with BSA members at other

schools and get an "inside view" of different colleges they may want to attend later on.

Other colleges in attendance will include the University of Missouri, the University of Oklahoma, Kansas State University, the University of Colorado, Iowa State University, the University of Nebraska, Oklahoma State University, the University of Kansas, Baylor University, the University of Texas, and Texas A&M University, according to the Big Twelve Conference on Black Student Government website.

"This will give our students the chance to network and make friends from across the country," King said.

Robinson said the club held its first meeting in January. He said the BSA would meet from 1 to 2 p.m. each Friday in CU8.

"College is more than just reading the books," King said. "It includes being social and enjoying the camaraderie."

Club Reporter Matthew Caban can be reached at [StaffWriter1@okccc.edu](mailto:StaffWriter1@okccc.edu).

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## ANIMALS

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**FOR SALE:** '96 Hyundai Accent, 4-cylinder, automatic, 103K miles, ps, pb, AM/FM cassette player, cold A/C, manual overdrive, economy/normal switch, new tires, excellent gas mileage. Runs and drives like a charm; \$1,950. 524-1085 or 720-2062.

**FOR SALE:** '95 Chevrolet Blazer. Well maintained, 4 door, 4 WD, teal green, gray interior, A/C, 159K miles, asking \$3,800. Call 485-4521 or 370-1400.

**FOR SALE:** '95 Toyota 4 Runner. Auto, 126K miles, sunroof, all power, new brakes and new motor, \$3,250. Call 306-4781.

**FOR SALE:** '94 Mazda Protege. Exterior is white and it is in fair condition; \$1,700. Call 378-3647 after 6 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** '92 Isuzu Rodeo. Exterior is a metallic sand color and it is in fair condition; \$1,700. Call 378-3647 after 6 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** '83 GMC 1/2 ton. Runs and drives good, \$1,000 OBO. Call Bryan at 922-1284.

**FOR SALE:** '78 Datsun 280Z 2+2 and a '79 Datsun 280ZX. Project/parts cars, very cheap. Call 388-5939 for more info.

**FOR SALE:** '76 Datsun 280Z. Runs good, needs paint and body work; \$1,000 OBO. Call 409-9571.

**FOR SALE:** '74 JEEP W-5 Yellow 304c.i. V8, 3spd. New paint Nice soft top, 5 in. of lift, 33X15.50 Super Swamper TSL-SX's. GREAT condition. Must sell \$4800 OBO. Call 329-5642. Must See.

## EMPLOYMENT

**WANTED:** Live-in Nanny. Free-Room and Board. Before and after school care for 2 elementary age children. Nighttime assistance with 2 elementary age children and 1 preschooler. Evening

schedule flexible. Must have childcare/work experience. Must be honest, responsible, and reliable. Must have own vehicle. Located in Northwest OKC. Call (405) 721-8800 after 6 p.m.

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**HELP WANTED:** Part-time Babysitter for 3-year-old girl. Flexible hours, ideal for college student. 4 to 8 hours per week now thru April. 15 hours per week May thru August. S.W. 104th & May Ave. (one mile from OKCCC). EXCELLENT PAY. Experience and references required. Call Jennifer 703-2265.

## FOR RENT

**ROOMMATE NEEDED:** Female roommate wanted to share 2-bedroom and 1-bath apartment located close to OKCCC. Quiet neighborhood, \$270/month, not including electric. 680-9334 or e-mail at mabe1009@msn.com.

**ROOMMATE WANTED:** Three bedroom house in Norman, Two-car garage, nice neighborhood, preferably a college student. \$250 (negotiable) plus 1/3 bills. 488-5705.

**FOR RENT:** 2-bedroom and 1 1/2-bath (newly remodeled), office, 1-car garage with full size washer/dryer, large yard with flower beds and a garden, 15 min. from OKCCC. Roommates welcome, \$250 deposit and \$600 per month plus utilities. 740-0346.

**FOR RENT:** 1-bedroom apartment, fully furnished; \$150 deposit and \$300/month. 740-0346.

**ROOMMATE WANTED:** Roommate needed ASAP to share a 2 bed, 2 bath apartment. Situated on NW 47 & Penn (near Penn Square Mall); \$250/monthly plus bills. Call David at 924-8542.

**RESPONSIBLE ROOMMATE WANTED:** Room for rent in Norman, \$265/month and half the bills. Call Cara at 701-5958.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**EGG DONORS NEEDED:** Are you a female age 21-30? Northwest Egg Donation is working with couples in the Oklahoma City area as well as throughout the U.S. who are seeking egg donors. Would you like to help a couple's dream come true, travel with all expenses paid as well as earn between \$4,000 to \$5,000 compensation? For more information log onto our website at www.northwesteggdonation.com or call 208-866-6491.

**FOR SALE:** Ebony Fashion Fair tickets. General admission \$25. Reserved seats \$30. March 12, 2005. Rose State Performing Arts Theater. Call Linda 632-4407.

**FOR SALE:** Samsung S102 cellphone. Internet capabilities. Lots of options. \$85. Call Thomas 787-1185 or 600-8613.

**FOR SALE:** '94 HD 883 XL Sportster with 1200 kit. Lots of extras, lots of chrome and powder finish. \$3,900. No offers. Runs strong. 401-9137 or 728-5795.

**MISSING:** American Eagle backpack was misplaced Thurs., Dec. 2. The bag was sitting on a couch near entry 14 (close to the science lab). My PASSPORT was inside the bag (passport #: KA346486). If anyone has found or finds my bag or passport, please turn it in at the college information desk or the security office. Call Atif with any additional information at 850-3579.

**FOR SALE:** Brand new Sector 9 Pintail longboard. Great downhill carving board and good for cruising around town. Perfect condition, \$120. 820-1034.

**FOR SALE:** 2 Sony X-Plode 12" subwoofers with box, \$180. 2 Kicker Comp. VR 12" subwoofers with box, \$200. 1,000 watt Xplode amp with bass boost controller, \$150 OBO. 409-9571.

**FOR SALE:** Satellite dish, \$10. Wooden coffee table, \$10. Kodak 2.0 MP camera, \$40. 414-7070.

## FURNITURE

**FOR SALE:** Solid Pine Bedroom Suite: headboard, footboard and rails (king or queen), dresser and mirror, night stand; \$175 OBO. Call 680-7513 or 550-4866.

**FOR SALE:** Wood framed water bed with all accessories necessary, \$350 OBO. Contact Lesley at 826-9705 or e-mail at Lesley2003h@hotmail.com.

## TEXTBOOKS

**BOOK FOR SALE:** Online Public Address book. Took class last semester. Have book and CD. Paid \$80. Still have receipt. Will sell for \$60. Call 310-3132 or e-mail canaria1971@yahoo.com.

**TEXTBOOK FOR SALE:** POLSC 1113 \$45. Call 550-9927 and ask for Jonathan.

**BOOKS FOR SALE:** AHP 1013 Medical Terminology, \$50; AOT 1713 Beginning Word Processing Applications 2002, \$65. Call 820-1988.

**TEXTBOOKS FOR SALE:** MATH 0033, sixth edition. New - still sealed. Bookstore new: \$276.35, used: \$102.25. Will sell for \$75. The Skilled Reader for College Writing I. Excellent condi-

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

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- 5 Cut of meat
- 9 Open a bit
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- 15 Locale
- 16 Java's neighbor
- 17 Wise saying
- 18 Suburban sight
- 19 Business attire
- 20 Actor Lowe
- 21 Important period of life
- 24 Fiber source
- 25 Poker stake
- 26 Like hot stuff
- 29 Handy
- 32 Corporate symbols
- 33 Mongolia's location
- 34 Luau decoration
- 37 Rock-band instruments
- 41 Minuscule
- 42 "Famous" cookiemaker
- 43 — down: move like an eagle
- 44 Part of a wave
- 46 — -eyed: lifeless
- 47 Admirer
- 49 Glamorous wraps
- 50 "Shine On, —": old musical
- 54 Miniature, as a

### DOWN

- 1 Paraphernalia
- 2 Actor Ray
- 3 Thick slice
- 4 Wooden pin
- 5 Synthetic fabric
- 6 Russia's — Mountains
- 7 Pierre's mother
- 8 Cushions
- 9 Not there
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- 11 "Looking Glass" girl
- 12 Ceremony
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## CHILD CARE

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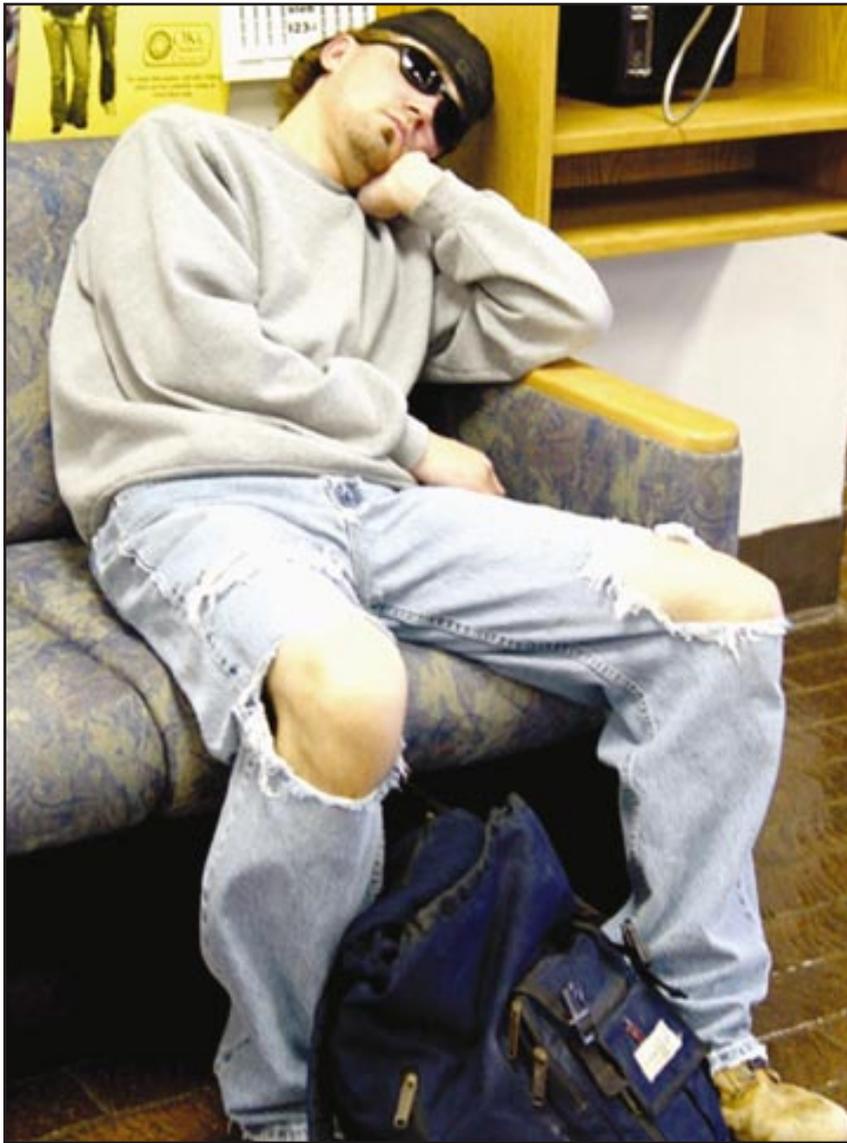


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Sophomore electronics major Richard Raymond Johnson catches a nap between classes.

## Online degree program to be added in fall lineup

"Degree,"

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is more beneficial for the older students who attend classes here."

Harrison said the liberal studies program was chosen as the first online degree plan because it contains more of the general courses, which can help a student build a schedule to meet their needs in the future. "Liberal studies is a general degree that can lead into almost anything else someone wishes to study," Harrison said. "It's basically the first two years of a bachelor's degree."

Harrison said students interested in this opportunity also

should work with an adviser to make sure any institution they transfer to will accept the classes taken through the degree plan.

The degree plan requires a minimum of 61 hours, and the education plan can be found in the OKCCC college catalog.

Catalogs are available in the main building near Student Services and Admissions, or online at [www.okccc.edu/catalog](http://www.okccc.edu/catalog).

Harrison said she is pleased OKCCC is offering this package to students. She said, although OKCCC isn't the first school in Oklahoma to offer an online degree program, she is hopeful of its success.

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## Correction

The Pioneer incorrectly reported the roofing project would be completed Feb. 4. A projected completion date will be submitted for review to the Board of Regents at its next meeting on Feb. 21.



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