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Controversy arises in illegal student issue

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Currently, more than 200 students enrolled at OKCCC aren't legal American citizens, yet are paying in-state tuition and are eligible to receive state financial aid.

Oklahoma law states undocumented residents are allowed to receive in-state tuition and financial aid as long as they have attended a state high school for three or more years, graduated from high school and have signed an affidavit promising to legalize their status as soon as they're eligible.

Since 2001, eight other states have voted to allow in-state tuition and financial aid for undocumented immigrants who meet the criteria, including California, Texas, New Mexico

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Acting president focuses on plans

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

Technology and community outreach are Dr. Paul Sechrist's main goals while in the position of acting president at OKCCC.

He said while he doesn't have any plans to change the direction of the college while in his current position, he would like to continue moving forward with plans made under OKCCC President Bob Todd's direction.

"I think we want to accelerate our plans to respond to our changing dynamic of our institute," Sechrist said.



Paul Sechrist

This would include establishing programs to help Oklahoma City's growing Hispanic population, Sechrist said.

"I think we really have to recognize that, at our doorstep, we have a growing expanding Hispanic population that is going to be the next generation of students at Oklahoma City Community College."

Sechrist said OKCCC also will help other areas of the community in need.

"We want to be responsive to all our areas of community that are growing."

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A day in someone else's life



Photo by Christiana Kostura

"You get overlooked quite a bit," said Jennifer Cochnaver, sophomore occupational therapy student (top left), referring to the way disabled students are sometimes treated at OKCCC. Cochnaver is part of Professor Reeca Young's Occupational Therapy Assistant class that took part in an exercise to help able-bodied students understand what it's like to navigate the halls of OKCCC in a wheelchair. Classmates Nyree Chandler, sophomore (bottom left); Niki Morgan, freshman (bottom right) and Tiffany Barnes, sophomore (top right) agreed with Cochnaver.

Test Center hours extended

The Test Center will extend its hours from Oct. 10 through 14 for midterm test-takers. Extended hours will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students must be in the Test Center one hour prior to closing to receive an exam.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Boom or Sooners?

As if the University of Oklahoma football game Oct. 1 wasn't enough excitement, a manic engineering student had to go out with a bang.

The event goes to show one thing: Sooner football is more important than personal safety. After the explosion happened, stadium officials were vigilant in their efforts to keep game-goers safe — exactly what I would expect by some form of authoritarian entity.

The day after the game, I talked to a considerably large group of people who were at the game when Joel Hinrichs III's bomb went off. The majority of them sat apart from each other, in different sections of the stadium, yet all of them said they heard and felt the explosion.

They also all told me the same thing — officials didn't announce the explosion to the fans, which is less than estimable.

Telling 80,000-plus people a bomb went off less than a block from the stadium wouldn't have made them any safer. It simply would have given people an opportunity to make up their own minds if they wanted to stay at the game or not.

Of the same group of people I spoke to, several said they didn't know the cause of the boom they heard and shake they felt until they arrived home later that night.

Some even said, while listening to post-game chatter on the radio, no one mentioned it.

And those who found out about the explosion while still at the game praised their cell phones for the information, since friends and family called or text messaged them with the news.

As far as television goes, only a couple times during the game did local NewsChannel 4 break into the game to report on the incident, but only briefly. Fox Sports Network, which broadcasted the game, was generous enough to lend a scrolling line of text at the bottom of the screen to let those sitting at home know what had transpired.

Considering the care the Oklahoma City bombing still receives, it would have seemed the OU bombing would have had the media's undivided attention. Maybe I'm naïve to think so, and maybe I shouldn't hold my breath.

I just find it odd that the bombing was secondary and only touched upon after the excitement from OU's win subsided. At the time the bomb went off, officials weren't sure if there were other explosives hidden on campus or at the stadium.

It wasn't until Oct. 4 that the Federal Bureau of Investigations concluded there is no more threat.

Some of the people I talked to said they would have left the stadium had they known what happened; others said they would have stayed. All that's certain is there are quite a few lucky Sooners who didn't bleed crimson that day.

I understand OU football is Oklahoma's personal Mecca, but next time something like this happens, I only pray people are sensible about it.

—Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Offender editorial offensive

To the editor:

When dealing with an unthinkable crime, it's often tempting to not think. A reactionary response feels good and, because it tends to be based in hyperbole from the start, seems like it only affects the bad people.

The reality is we are complex creatures in a complex world who require complex answers.

If we want to pretend to be rational creatures building a permanent social system we need to examine exactly why we do things and what will come from those actions.

The best reasons I have found for punishment are avoiding future offenses, gaining what was lost, and deterring future offenders.

The opinion voiced by the editor, whether her action opinion or bait for reader responses, seems to attempt to fit into the first and last category.

Here is where the issue gets tricky.

We at the same time wish to extend the ethical boundaries of rightful and just punishment to accommodate the derangement of an individual while holding

to the logic imposed on a healthy mind.

We want rapists to pay and we want them to stop so we punish pragmatically and stigmatize and vilify offenders. We often wish to ruin or end their lives in the process based on the laws of conscious decisions. But ask yourself the following question: "Could I rape someone if I so chose?"

To say a violent sex offender must pay for his or her actions is one thing, but to then shut down the mind and introduce the hypocrisy that the rapist has a sick and diseased mind unlike your own is a crime.

Only one reality can exist, if one is to assume punishment is based on willful and sane disobedience.

What is a sex offender to learn in so diseased and disoriented a mind as to require violations of privacy and human rights if their thought processes are diseased and disoriented?

To sum up my argument, I offer the following: either you are the rapist or the rapist is deaf to the punishment and you are a tyrant disposing of unworthy life. I'm not calling for amnesty. I'm only asking for careful

thought, thorough study, and better understanding beyond mere reaction.

As an afterthought food item for thought, could it be that our collective fear and shame regarding sex and our bodies is partially to blame for the extreme and enigmatic nature of sex crime and victim hood?

—Albert John Stichka
OKCCC Student

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Comments and Reviews

Student bickering tiresome

To the editor:

This is in response to the letter in Oct. 3 issue of the Pioneer, "Student revisits racism issue."

I actually am responding to the individual who responded to Lawrence Ware's letter.

[Editor's note: Ware is an OKCCC student who has written two letters to the Pioneer about racism affecting Hurricane Katrina relief

efforts. Russ Friday is an OKCCC student who responded to Ware's first letter, saying racism is not the problem].

This way of thinking is exactly what enslaved African Americans for so many years and still holds people back to this day.

Until you walk a mile in someone else's shoes, then who are you to judge? I guarantee if it were his

family being hung from trees, beaten to death, and burned to death, he would have a totally different outlook.

My advice to this person is: go back into the class [where] you were learning about Malcolm X and open your ears and your heart and you might actually learn something.

—Name withheld
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Quartet releases rockin' album

Scotland has exported another treat in four lads known as Franz Ferdinand.

This alt rock quartet first made a major splash with their self-titled debut in February of last year.

The album featured "Take Me Out" and "This Fire."

With the Oct. 4 release of "You Could Have It So Much Better..." Franz Ferdinand has returned with another batch of great songs.

Some say that the best albums start off strong, but not over the top.

If that is the case, "You Could Have It So Much Better..." is a textbook example.

The first track is a fun yet strange song called "The Fallen." It begins with a fuzzy, almost punk sound.

A trait of Franz Ferdinand is changing guitar and vocal sounds during their songs.

"The Fallen" is one of these songs. It goes from punk to alternative to indie in a short span.

Following "The Fallen" is the album's first single, "Do You Want To."

These days some casual music fans put more emphasis on singles than albums themselves.

There is reason to like "Do You Want To" both as a single and another song on the album.

It is a fun rock song in the vein of "Take Me Out," but with a better beat.



The band continues to use its formula of rock, pop and alternative throughout the album.

Songs like "This Boy," "What You Meant" and "You're The Reason I'm Leaving" mix this formula with the band's version of punk rock.

One song that takes the band to another extreme altogether is "Evil and a Heathen."

The song sounds like a weird mix of big band beat, twangy guitar and vocal effects played through a megaphone.

Another song that is totally different is "Eleanor, Put Your Boots On."

First, it is one of the few, if not only, times the band

uses acoustic guitars and a piano predominantly.

The departure from loud music is nice. It begins to fit when the song gets going at a fast pace.

Also, it has a sort of '60s vibe to it, which can be heard on another track, "Walk Away."

This semi-1960s sound is not as clear as today's average recording.

Plus, "Walk Away" contains a good Doors impression for a good part of its duration.

Overall, there is not much to dislike with "You Could Have It So Much Better."

Rating: 5/5

—Matthew Caban
Staff Writer



One of the great honors in my life recently occurred when the Oklahoma City Community College Board of Regents asked me to serve as acting president. I want to thank them for this opportunity.

As acting president, I follow a man who helped create this institution. Dr. Bob Todd's commitment to this college is tremendous and is admired by many, including myself. I have been privileged to work with him for 10 years and wish him all the best as he continues to recover. I am humbled to serve this dynamic college during this period of transition. I look forward to working with our outstanding faculty, staff, and our talented students.

I am always impressed at how much our students do for the community, both individually and through student organizations.

Recently, I was invited to welcome panelists and guests to HOPE's Hispanic Community Forum. This Hispanic Heritage Month event was well attended, and the panelists were particularly knowledgeable about the issues facing this growing community. The discussion was presented and moderated by OKCCC students. It is quite remarkable how students have such an impact.

Also, did you know that OKCCC raised over \$2,800 for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts? This could not have been accomplished without a student leader who said, "We need to do something to help, to make this situation better." Fund-raising events were quickly established throughout campus. The Pioneer created an interoffice challenge to raise money. Student Life organizations had buckets at the Arts Festival site collecting donations for the American Red Cross.

These student accomplishments all started with one person's idea. I believe these student initiatives are what make this institution a true community college.

Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." I encourage you to become involved, knowing that you in a small way or big way can change the world and make it a better place.

Students are the foundation on which this college was built 33 years ago, and students remain our future.

—Paul Sechrist
OKCCC Acting President

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Comments and Reviews

'History of Violence' a gory good movie

Director David Cronenberg cleaned house in the '80s and early '90s with a handful of movies like "Scanners," "The Dead Zone," "The Fly" and the great adaptation "Naked Lunch."

After hitting a slump and taking a few breathers from major films, Cronenberg has regained his bragging rights with his newest go-around, "A History of Violence."

Starring Viggo Mortensen from "Lord of the Rings" as Tom Stall, the film orbits Stall's life as an average small-town guy who turns into a hero overnight after taking out a couple of would-be burglars at the local diner.

Performing the good deed comes with a price — Stall gains the unwanted attention from a group of Philly mobsters who creep into town and begin harassing Stall and his family.

Throughout the film, Stall experiences all the guilt a human heart can stock first-hand, as his puzzling history is put together piece by piece, creating a horrific picture for his family.

The film itself is peppered with memorable characters.

For starters, you have Ed Harris ("The Truman Show" and "Apollo 13") playing head mobster Carl Fogarty — the man with one good eye, since his other was almost taken out with barbed wire.

He's quite the threat to Stall since he seems to know a lot about him and has his entourage of goons always by his side.

Secondly, there's Stall's wife, Edie, played by Maria Bello ("Payback" and "Secret Window").

As kinky as she is courageous, Edie becomes one of her husband's biggest critics all the while remaining a good bedfellow.

And then you have the great supporting cast like youngling Ashton Holmes ("A Million Miles to Sunshine") who plays Stall's son Jack, and William Hurt ("The Village" and "Lost in Space") as made mobster Richie Cusack.

The two lend a considerable amount of talent to the already bulbous line of worthy credentials "A History of Violence" has.

The film is based loosely on a graphic novel of the same name, but it's not your run-of-the-mill "comic book" movie.

"A History of Violence" is anything but run-of-the-mill.

It doesn't throw pebbles at anyone. With this film, we're talking boulders.

There is graphic violence like I've rarely seen in wide-released films.

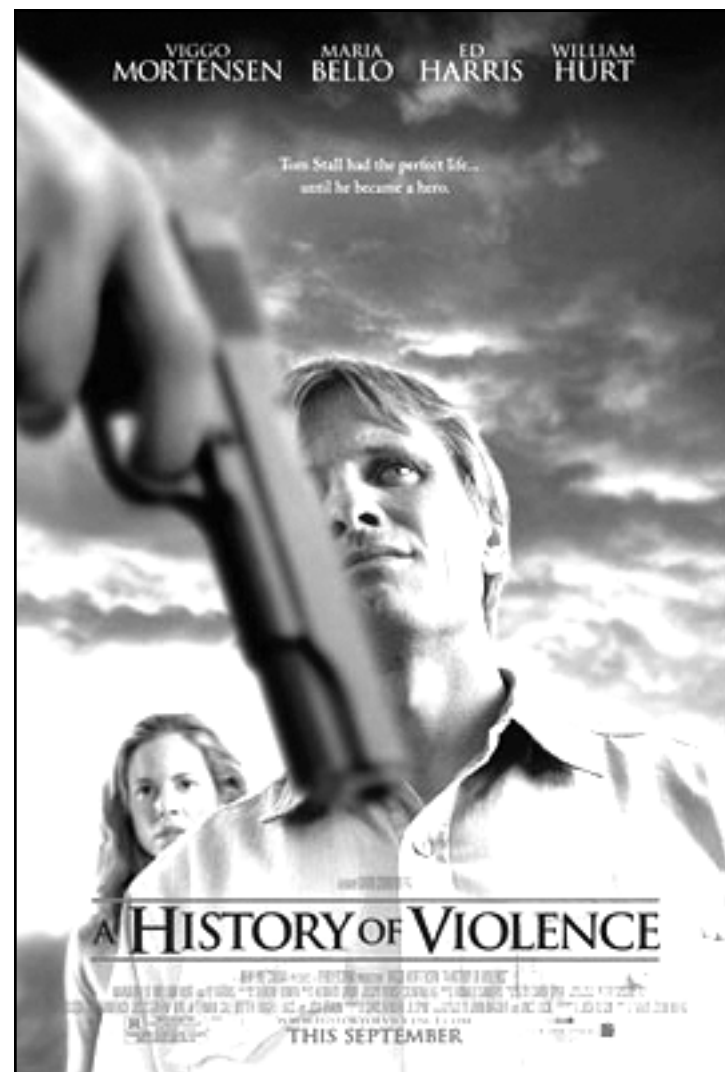
For a taste of how graphic it is, there's a glimpse of a man's face after he's been hit with a hot pot of coffee, and a short glance at what a face would look like after its nose is removed by a fist.

There also are vivid sex scenes that leave little to the imagination.

Let's just say I always thought kanoodling on a set of hardwood stairs would hurt.

And despite the film's gutsy demeanor, it's actually quite funny, but not entirely in a cheesy mediocre way.

"A History of Violence" is a beautiful movie-going experience. The film shows Cronenberg isn't pulling his jabs one bit, and still has a few hard-hitting tricks up



his sleeve.

While people will have their gripes about the film, it's still a gutsy move on everyone's part who was

involved with the film, and it sure pays off.

Rating: A

—Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Classic reading with 'The Lovely Bones'

"The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold is an excellent first-person story of a teenage girl who was raped, then murdered.

Susie Salmon, the victim, tells the story from her heaven. She takes the reader through every emotion she experiences — before, during and after the torture she endures.

Susie narrates the book, describing her feelings while watching her family and friends grow and change in a way she'll never be able to.

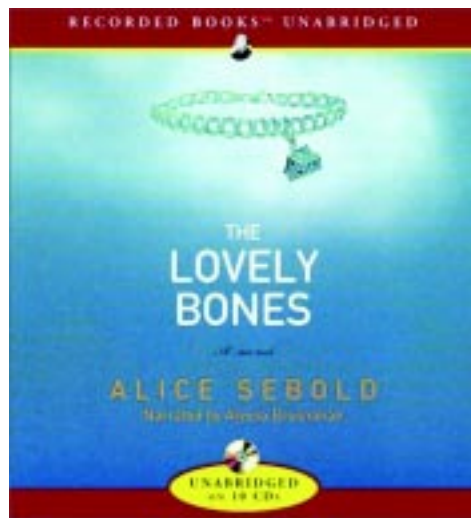
The format of the book I chose to read was the unabridged version on audio

CDs.

The woman who voices the story, Alyssa Breshnahan, has an omniscient voice that helps bring the listener into the story.

Actively listening to a story is much different from reading a book.

There are pros and there are cons. While reading a book, a person is allowed to imagine voices and sounds in their mind. However, with an audio book,



the voices of people are already there for you.

"The Lovely Bones" is an excellent introduction to

audio books because it is a story that grabs the listener within the first five minutes.

You will find yourself lingering in the car and looking forward to traffic jams to be able to listen to just one more chapter of Susie's life-after-death experiences.

The Lovely Bones is a can't-hit-pause sort of book. I highly recommend this story to any adult who has loved and lost someone.

"The Lovely Bones" was released on CD in August 2002. If you haven't read it yet, there still is time. The

book is still on shelves in most area book stores and also is for sale at many websites.

OKCCC students can check the novel out for free from the college's library. They have one copy of the book available in large print.

Rating: A+

—Christiana Kostura
Editor

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Engineering Club spaces out

By Keri DeKinder
News Writing Student

Everyone who wanted to be an astronaut when they grew up may have the chance to travel into space in the next few years, the Engineering Club learned Sept. 30.

The group toured Rocketplane Limited Inc., the company working on making that dream a reality.

Club members drove to Will Rogers International Airport, where they were able to tour the offices of Rocketplane Limited, meeting the engineers who are working on developing a rocket that will eventually offer commercial space flights.

Club members also attended a presentation about the aircraft before driving to the airport in Guthrie to see a 78 percent-scale model.

Rocketplane Limited Inc. is building a rocket, the Rocketplane XP, out of the body of a Lear jet. The launch site of the aircraft is the Oklahoma Spaceport at Burns Flat, in western Oklahoma.

Rocketplane XP will be able to take four people, including the pilot, into space. The rocket will travel into space and then immediately return to Earth.

Megan Kirby, Philip Sinnett, and Mike Kirby were all present on the field trip that lasted most of Friday afternoon.

They agreed that space travel being available to everyone who can afford it is a positive step for the field of engineering.

The tickets for the ride in space will cost around \$200,000, but that includes training similar to astronaut training, the actual flight, and a reception, said Tad Theno, a spokesman for Rocketplane Lim-

ited Inc.

The trip to Rocketplane was just one of many activities the Engineering Club is planning for this semester.

Other plans involve robot wars, more field trips, T-shirts, and a book sale.

The Engineering Club is open to everyone and has a one-time \$5 membership fee. Meetings are every other Thursday at 12:30 p.m. and include free pizza.

Megan Kirby, the club's secretary, urges anyone who is interested to join.

"No one should be intimidated, because we're learning just like everyone else," she said.

Kirby said anyone who has T-shirt design ideas for the Engineering Club can submit them to Engineering Professor and Club Sponsor Greg Holland.

For more information, on the Engineering Club, visit www.okccc.edu/gholland/engineeringclub.

Transfer planning crucial

By Patricia Roberts
News Writing Student

George Maxwell, Student Development counselor, said transferring courses from OKCCC to other colleges shouldn't be difficult for students – if they plan ahead.

"If you know your major and transfer institution," Maxwell said, "there will never be a problem."

"You can work with a counselor, faculty adviser or do it yourself and visit the transfer institution's website."

Academic Adviser Rodger Robinson said most new students are undecided as to what to major in.

Robinson said when students do finally decide, they're surprised by the outcome. "The outcome is usually credits lost."

He said typically, all general education courses will

transfer but it ultimately depends on if the transfer college is public or private.

A lot of the courses OKCCC offers are non-transferable because the college's courses and majors are designed for students to start their career right out of college, Maxwell said.

"The biggest problem with transferring to another institution is planning," Maxwell said.

Every college has trans-

fer guides. OKCCC's are located in the Student Development Office in the main building.

The Student Development office also offers scheduled visits from advisers of the following colleges: Southeastern Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, University of Central Oklahoma, Langston University, University of Texas at Arlington and Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

Students make time to help build houses

By John Savage
Staff Writer

A little sweat, some elbow grease and personal satisfaction will be the driving force Oct. 15 when students and faculty join forces to help Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanities build houses for local families.

"There will be two groups of 12 and 13 members," said Community Engagement Coordinator Jon Horinek. "One group will go with Central Oklahoma Habitat and stay here in Oklahoma County."

The other group will work on a house in Moore, he said.

This year's build day has a full cast but Student Life is still taking names on a waiting list in case some members cancel.

"We have about 25 people that will be going," Horinek said.

"But we are still taking names so they can replace the members that can't be there."

Helping with build day is a way that students can help out and realize how much they can make a difference, Horinek said. He said not only is it fun but also it is rewarding.

Groups could be working alone or with other groups Habitat for Humanity has provided to help, he said.

This event starts at 8 a.m. and runs to 4 p.m. OKCCC provides transportation to and from the job sites. Lunch will be provided for the students.

Students are asked to wear comfortable clothes that they don't mind getting dirty and closed-toe shoes.

No prior experience is required to help.

"There is something that everybody can do," Horinek said. "We will be working with the volunteers from Habitat for Humanity and going over safety issues as well."

OKCCC was involved with the build day for Habitat for Humanity a couple years ago but plans fell through last year.

"We haven't done one in two years," Horinek said. "We tried to do it again last fall and we didn't have the support so we had to cancel that one, but we're excited about this one."

In the past, students and faculty have helped with painting, framing and some landscaping.

For more information, contact Horinek at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7697.

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—Jon Horinek
Community Engagement Coordinator

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History prof has a heart for stray animals

**By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer**

Adopting stray animals is normal in the life of one professor on campus.

History Professor John Ehrhardt and his family have a habit of taking in unwanted animals.

"We like to take in stray animals," Ehrhardt said.

"We have been taking them in since we were married.

"Right now we have three cats and a three-legged Siberian husky," he said.

Ehrhardt came to OKCCC from Lambuth Uni-

versity in Jackson, Tenn.

Ehrhardt joined the full-time faculty in August. Ehrhardt is originally from Alton, Ill., which is near St. Louis, Miss..

He is married and has a 6-year old son.

He teaches United States History to the Civil War, Early Western Civilization and the History of the Middle East at OKCCC.

Prior to his time at Lambuth, Ehrhardt was a teaching assistant and lecturer at Southern Illinois University.

He studied at SIU and received a bachelor's degree



John Ehrhardt

in History in 1992 and a master's later in History in 1995.

Ehrhardt is working on his doctoral dissertation from SIU.

In class, Ehrhardt said he

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**—John Ehrhardt
History Professor**

likes to challenge students in different ways.

"I like to get students to challenge their deep-rooted convictions in order to see how the present relates to the past," he said.

"Some students enjoy this and other students don't, but it can get interesting."

He said he likes the campus because of the positive work environment.

However, Ehrhardt did admit to one fear about life in Oklahoma.

"I am terrified of tornadoes, so I tell people how excited I am to have a home with a tornado shelter."

Ehrhardt said some of his fear comes from experiencing a tornado in Lambuth in 2003.

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Instructor believes in OKCCC

**By Holly Jones
Staff Writer**

Reeca Young has a long history with OKCCC even though this is her first year as a full-time professor of Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Young has been with the school for nearly 20 years.

Sixteen of those years she spent as an adjunct professor in the same field.

She graduated from the OTA program from OKCCC in 1983. She received her bachelor's in Gerontology and Family Studies at Southern Nazarene University.

Young said she also has worked in a variety of places as an OTA: hospi-

tals, nursing homes, home health, school systems and more.

"I picked up a brochure and had never heard of the OTA program. But I knew I wanted to help people and the OTA program encompassed so much of that."

Young entered the program while working at a local bank and raising a family.

"Right now I have three classes: Intro to OTA, Psychosocial Conditions and Treatments and Program Support.

"I am also the fieldwork coordinator."

Young grew up in the Oklahoma City school system and has enjoyed her stay at OKCCC.

"I have attended larger universities and feel that



Reeca Young

connections can't be made between students and their professors.

"OKCCC has a whole different atmosphere, which enables students to be successful and reach their goals," Young said.

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Familiar face to say goodbye to college

By John Savage
Staff Writer

Experience is a valued commodity and one that Vice President for Business and Finance Art Bode has plenty of.

Bode will retire from OKCCC Jan. 9, after serving as vice president of the Business and Finance department since 2000.

Bode is being remembered for his service on and off the campus. He said he feels he brought all he could to the college.

"I brought experience primarily from my times in the Air Force, from my time with Oklahoma City public schools and Choctaw pub-

lic schools," Bode said.

As the head of the Business and Finance department, Bode has dealt with financial matters on a grand scale. He's also dealt with Physical Plant and security issues at OKCCC.

Bode said he's played big roles in construction projects and funding.

"I have served as an adviser on how much funding would be needed for various specific projects like the Science Engineering and Mathematics Center," Bode said.

Other faculty and staff members around the col-



Art Bode

lege have noticed the job Bode has performed.

"I think during his five years here we have roofed almost the entire campus which needed to be done," said Acting President Paul Sechrist.

Some qualities Bode has, but may not show, have been seen by people close to him.

"Bode has a great sense of humor and a great love of animals," said Adminis-

trative Assistant Susan McCullers.

"I will miss the time we spend talking about sports and politics in the mornings."

Bode said his life won't end with his retirement.

Bode said his wife will retire at the end of this month from Integris Southwest Medical Center.

He said his wife plans to work only part-time after that so he plans to keep busy himself.

Bode said he wants to lend a helping hand in his community by raising funds for Harrah public

schools.

"The Harrah public school district does not have an education foundation so I am helping them," Bode said.

As for his spare time, Bode plans to hit the golf course and travel.

One thing Bode will miss about OKCCC is the challenge. "I'll miss knowing that the work we're doing here is truly impacting a significant number of lives in the Oklahoma City area," he said.

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Accident injures one in two-car collision

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

A two-car accident injured one person on J. Lee Keels Drive on campus about 9 a.m. Oct. 5.

Lindsey Stacy, nursing major, was turning left onto Keels Drive from Faculty Circle, headed toward May Avenue, when Sara Griffey hit the right side of Stacy's car.

Griffey, wife of OKCCC Computer Lab Assistant Mike Griffey, was headed east on Keels Drive toward May Avenue. She said she saw Stacy pause in the middle of the two lanes of traffic, then pull out in front of her.

"I had just dropped my husband off at work and was leaving," Griffey said.

OKCCC Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas said Griffey hit the car so hard it made it do a complete 180-degree spin. He said the car was hit coming from the north side of Faculty Circle and ended up on the south side after the accident.

Griffey said she hit her head on the steering wheel when she made impact with the Honda Accord.

Griffey said she was going to the doctor later that day to have her injury examined.

Stacy was uninjured in the accident yet said she was left a little shaken.

"I didn't see her. It scared the hell out of me," she said.

Griffey's Toyota Carolla was hauled off by a wrecker service. Stacy's vehicle only sustained some scrapes, a dent and a flat tire.

Griffey said seeing her car being towed away was a little unnerving.

"It's our only car," she said.

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OKCCC students explore native sites

By Karissa Nall
News Writing Student

From the great mountains of Wichita to Fort Sill, some international students from OKCCC saw a new world of running buffalo and historic military settings Oklahoma style.

On Sept. 28, Abra Figueroa, English as a Second Language professor, and Patricia Brooks, Modern Languages/ESL professor, took their international students on a field trip to see some historic parts of Oklahoma.

Many of the students are from different areas of the world such as Europe, the Philippines and Iran.

Most of the students have only been in the United States for a couple years and haven't seen different parts of their new home state.

The field trip started with a drive to the top of Mount Scott near Lawton. There, the students saw buffalo, longhorns and some prairie dogs.

OKCCC student Mahla Mohsenzadeh is from Iran. She said she has lived in Oklahoma for almost a year and has attended OKCCC for one semester.

"I really liked being at the top of the Wichita Mountains where you could see everything around and feel a nice cool breeze," Mohsenzadeh said. "Seeing buffalo for the first time was pretty cool too."

After a stop for lunch, the students continued to Ft. Sill.

While at the U.S. Army base in Lawton, students saw historic military establishments.

Students learned the first



Photo by Karissa Nall

Abra Figueroa, English as a Second Language professor, and Patricia Brooks, Modern Language/ESL professor, took a group of about 20 international students on a tour of some of Oklahoma's landmarks Sept. 28. The OKCCC students enjoyed visiting the Wichita Mountains and Ft. Sill. "I really enjoyed seeing the military post at Ft. Sill," said student Farah Maleki. The OKCCC freshman is from Iran and has lived in Oklahoma for two and a half years. "I liked seeing all the old military beds, Indian clothing and hearing about the Comanche code talkers."

telephone in Oklahoma was established at Fort Sill. They also learned about Comanche code talkers used in wars.

Code talkers used their secret language to defeat the enemies during war.

Farah Maleki from Iran has lived in Oklahoma for two and a half years. This is Maleki's first semester at OKCCC.

"I really enjoyed seeing the military post at Fort Sill," she said. "I liked seeing all the old military beds, Indian clothing, and hearing about the Comanche code talkers."

The 20 attendees all agreed that a day out of the classroom was nice and the trip was a great experience for everyone.

China trip discussed over lunch

By Megan Myers
News Writing Student

During a Brown Bag Lunch Series lecture about China Oct. 4, Marty Ludlum, OKCCC business professor, discussed China's economy compared to the United States.

China's exchange rate is causing more U.S. companies to relocate and produce goods there, Ludlum said. Almost every Fortune 500 Company can now be found operating in China.

Ludlum compared the recent commercialization of China to the 1849 Gold Rush in California.

Cheaper wages are a factor for relocating, Ludlum said.

A Motorola cellular phone factory worker in China, for example, makes the equivalent of \$98 a month in

U.S. dollars.

The prices in China are lower than in America and many tourists take advantage of the difference in prices.

For example, a DVD movie can be purchased in China for \$1.25, while the average cost in the United States is \$20, Ludlum said.

Popular products in the United States, such as Coke and Pepsi, are heavily marketed in China, although they aren't as popular there, he said.

China also has its own version of Wal-Mart, known as Home World, Ludlum said. The store sells everything, even automobiles.

Ludlum, who has visited China four times, said he is treated like Prince Charles when he is there, as if he were royalty.

"As a tourist you are treated very differently," he said. "You are the first one

to be offered anything."

Ludlum showed students souvenirs he had from China such as a box of cereal, and cans of Pepsi and Coke. Ludlum also offered souvenirs such as Chinese charms and candy to the crowd of about 20.

OKCCC student Catherine Tran said she enjoyed the lecture.

"The speaker was good and entertaining," she said. She also was happy to take home a few souvenirs.

The Business Department will be hosting a student trip to China in 2006. The travel dates have not yet been determined, but the trip will occur either in late May or early August, Ludlum said. The trip will last 10 to 14 days.

For more information, contact Ludlum at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7412, or visit his website at www.okccc.edu/mludlum.

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Awareness week to showcase life with disabilities

By Krista Burrell
News Writing Student

Students can find out what it's like to have a disability during Abilities Awareness Week Oct. 17 to 21.

"It's a week where we show students what people with disabilities can do," said Jon Horinek, Community Engagement coordinator.

He said able-bodied students don't always consider the daily challenges students with disabilities face.

"It's not that people don't care," said Jenna Howard, Students with Disabilities adviser. "It's that they're just not aware."

"Once you make someone aware, they're usually genuinely caring."

The week starts with a sign language Brown Bag lecture at 12:30 Tuesday, Oct. 18, in CU2.

Things swing into high gear on Wednesday, Oct. 19. That day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., students can experience how cumbersome getting around in a wheelchair can be during the wheelchair challenge course in the college union. Able-bodied students will go through an obstacle course in a wheelchair, Horinek said.

During the Challenge Course, an adaptive technology display and a rolling Power Point presentation on all of the disabilities will be set up for students to look at.

In addition, OKCCC student James Arnold will present a Braille-writing demonstration as well as a blindness exercise where students will be required to find items in a book bag while blindfolded.

The week winds up on Thursday, Oct. 20, with a wheelchair basketball team demonstration at 12:30 p.m. in the college union.

An abilities awareness display also will be set up in the union all week, Horinek said.

And, he said, keep in mind the month of October is "Take the Stairs" Month.

Tammy Griffin, Abilities Galore club president, believes able students should take the stairs and leave the elevators open for students with disabilities.

"It would just be courteous to those who can't take the stairs," said Griffin, "and it's good exercise."

Horinek said taking the stairs burns 10 times more calories than taking the elevator.

For more information about Abilities Awareness Week, contact Horinek at (405) 682-7523.

"It's a week where we show students what people with disabilities can do."

—Jon Horinek
Community Engagement Coordinator

Life flight



Photo by Holly Jones

Tami Griffin, nursing major, jumps in the seat of the University of Oklahoma Medical Center helicopter as her class peeks inside. The pharmacology class was able to coordinate with the OU Medical Center to provide a medical helicopter for a hands-on experience.

Ability Awareness week *EVENTS*

**Sign Language
Brown Bag Lecture
12:30 p.m., Oct. 18
College Union Room 2**

**Wheelchair Challenge Course
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 19
College Union**

*During the challenge...
watch an adaptive technology display
and Power Point presentation about different types of disabilities...
ALSO... Braille writing demonstration and blindness activity by
OKCCC student James Arnold...*

**Wheelchair Basketball team
demonstration
12:30 p.m., Oct. 20
College Union**

October is "Take the Stairs" month!

Professor likes OKCCC's focus on students

By John Savage
Staff Writer

Child Development Professor Cecilia Pittman taught for more than 20 years in public schools including teaching first grade at a Mustang Public School. She brings that experience to OKCCC.



Cecelia Pittman

"I like working with children and I loved working with the first graders, but this is really what I wanted to do."

Pittman said she likes the way OKCCC operates. "The focus here is 100 percent on the students."

Pittman worked at OKCCC for five years as an adjunct professor before being hired full time.

She said teaching at different levels presents different options and rewards. "At this level, I enjoy getting to know the students because most of them have young kids," Pittman said. "I want them to understand that learning begins at birth."

The staff is pleased to work with Pittman.

"She is wonderful," said Child Development Professor Susan Tabor. "She is already very well liked by her students and her colleagues."

Former student Phil Corbett said he enjoyed being taught by Pittman.

"She has the passion to teach children, and it really shows," he said.

Pittman said some professors have less traditional yet effective styles for teaching. "My teaching style is less lecture, less book knowledge, more student input, student involvement."

When Pittman isn't teaching, she spends time with loved ones. "I am a single mom," she said. "I have three daughters; 21-year-old Lisa is a student here. I have a 17-year-old senior named Laura and 16-year-old Anna is a junior in high school."

Along with reading books, Pittman and her daughters like typical female activities. "We like to go shopping and get our nails done..." she said.

Pittman received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from East Texas A&M University, and received her master's degree in early childhood from the University of Central Oklahoma. Pittman is currently working on her doctorate at the University of Oklahoma.

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Students land jobs and have fun doing it

**By Jason T. Kirby
News Writing Student**

An estimated 1,500 people attended OKCCC's job fair Sept. 28, said Employment Services Coordinator Linda Fay.

More than 40 employers were on hand to give out

goodies, and talk with people about career opportunities and part-time work, she said.

Fay and Employment Services Assistant Porsha Webb both put in many hours preparing for the job fair. "We sent out e-mail registrations about three weeks ahead of time," Webb said. "We also posted an

employment listing on the job board."

Fay and Webb used news advertisements, the local Chamber of Commerce and the Pioneer newspaper to promote the event.

At the event companies such as Sprint Nextel, Fox 25/WB 34, and RehabCare had displays for potential employees.

"We are looking to hire about 200 folks by the end of the year," said Steve Gavette of Sprint Nextel.

Stephanie Nelson of Sinclair Broadcasting Group said her company was attempting to hire camera people, on-air talent and interns.

At least one company offered a lucrative package.

"We offer a tuition reimbursement program for our employees who are still in school," said Angie Tambi of RehabCare, a rehabilitation clinic with more than 15 locations statewide.

"This is a big attraction for prospective employees."

The next job fair will take place March 8.

Some believe undocumented students getting too much help

"Students,"

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and Utah.

Oklahoma Immigration Attorney Douglas Stump said, when it comes to undocumented students, most of them are brought here as young children by their parents who don't have legal visas to live in the United States.

"Most of the time families come over here to seek a better life," Stump said. "Then you have these innocent children who become students, excelling to get a better opportunity."

Stump said Oklahoma is just looking for the brightest of the bright when it comes to students, and that's why the state allows undocumented students to attend colleges for the same cost its residents are paying.

"The idea of providing in-state tuition for undocumented students gives the state potential access to a better-educated workforce," Stump said.

He said many people argue that the federal government should stop the influx of illegal workers here in the country. His argument is to find a way to make those already here legal.

Stump said the in-state tuition law fully complies with federal law.

"Federal law can't stop states from providing in-state tuition for undocumented students," he said. "Many in the federal government have tried to dictate what a state can and cannot do but, in the end, it's a state's rights education issue."

OKCCC Financial Aid Dean Harold Case said undocumented students are allowed to receive state financial aid such as the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program and Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program.

"If undocumented students want financial aid," Case said, "they must meet all the criteria set for legal students."

Case said it's up to undocumented students to take the initiative if they want financial aid.

Prelaw major Guillermo Gonzalez is an undocumented student from Mexico, yet doesn't receive in-state tuition or financial aid because he moved to a different state a year before graduating high school.

Although he pays out-of-state costs, Gonzalez said, he's grateful for the chance to earn an education in the States.

"I've been here since I was 12," Gonzalez said. "I moved here with my mom to better my education."

Gonzalez said he feels Oklahoma is giving undocumented students the chance to prove themselves.

"Contrary to belief, we're not all thugs," he said. "We want to be thought of as someone who contributes."

Gonzalez said his mother decided relocating to the United States was a good move for her child.

"My mom couldn't afford to pay for high school in Mexico, so we moved here."

Jessica Martinez-Brooks, Hispanic Organization to Promote Education sponsor, agrees with Gonzalez.

"Most undocumented students have been [in the

United States] almost all their lives," she said. "It'd be a shame to stop them in their tracks for a better education after high school."

She said Oklahoma's decision to offer in-state tuition to undocumented students opens up doors of opportunity.

"If someone is seeking to better their education, states shouldn't punish them for it," Martinez-Brooks said. "It's not their fault they're here."

But what about life for those students after college? How are students like Gonzalez expecting to get a job if they don't have legal residency?

Gonzalez said he's covered.

"My mom is a permanent resident, and she's becoming a legal citizen in three years," Gonzales said. "When she does, I'll become a citizen automatically."

"Until then, I'll focus on school, becoming an immigration attorney and helping out my community."

To some students, the idea of giving illegal residents in-state tuition and financial aid is a hard one to swallow.

Sophomore Calvin Tipper said he can't believe it.

"I can't even get financial aid because my parents make too much money," Tipper said. "And I'm here legally."

Sophomore Lisa Colt feels the same way.

"That's wrong," Colt said. "If you're here illegally, you shouldn't get a single benefit."

Colt said she didn't know undocumented residents were allowed to go to college.

Freshman Kevin Gills didn't know either.

"I knew some in high school," Gills said, "but I didn't know they could go to college, let alone have the state help them out."

That's where the federal government comes in — many critics of the states' decision to help out illegal aliens are pushing for change.

In July 2004, 24 out-of-state college students enrolled at the University of Kansas knocked on the door of the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas.

The students' argument was, if illegal aliens can receive in-state tuition, they should be able to as well, since they're legal citizens.

The judge presiding over the case declined it and the students have since filed an appeal.

Organizations like the Federation for American Immigration Reform are backing the students and hope to use the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which states the laws of a state must treat people with equal application of the law.

If the ruling is in the favor of the students, it will most likely overturn state laws since authority to regulate immigration belongs exclusively to the federal government, according to www.finaid.org.

Another major criticism states face is from international students who can't receive financial aid even though they're attending college legally under student visas issued by the federal government.

Case said international

students don't receive financial aid because of several reasons.

"Exchange students are here to study, get their degree and go home," Case said. "They're supposed to be able to support themselves and shouldn't have to work."

Case said many exchange students are supported by family members from their homeland and don't require extra income to survive in the United States.

International student Karim El Ouchami from Morocco is studying engineering at OKCCC.

He isn't happy that illegal residents are allowed aid and resident tuition while he isn't, and he's here legally. "I feel bad that no one helps me with school," Ouchami said.

He said any other international student likely would feel the same way since they all face the same struggles.

Ouchami said he feels even worse knowing he can't do anything to fix the problem.

"No one will listen to me because I'm not from America. I'm not a citizen," he said.

No matter the criticisms and arguments against the state's decision to offer benefits to illegal residents, Stump said, he has an argument of his own.

"Many undocumented students are paying into the state and federal government systems," Stump said.

"Why not allow them the chance to better their education?"

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Sports

Illest Crew gets healthy win over the Raiders

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

There was nothing sick about the Illest Crew's 28-8 defeat of the Raiders in flag football on Oct. 3.

The team lived up to their name by stopping the Raiders' offense for most of the game and showcasing their fireworks instead.

Illest Crew player Brian Jones said the team focused on the game and played to win.

"That's what happens when everyone on the team shows up," he said.

The Illest Crew focused their attention on a strong passing game early on.

Early in the game Larry Thompson threw a 45-yard touchdown to Jones. The ball was thrown to the middle of the field where Jones caught it.

"I jumped over three people and then I was off to the races," Jones

said.

Later in the first half, Winfred Dupree quarterbacked the team to two more scores. He also played quarterback for the team in the second half. He threw three touchdowns and three interceptions in the game.

Dupree threw one touchdown each to Jones, Anthony Easterling and Tyrone Jones.

Dupree's interceptions did allow the Raiders a few late scoring opportunities.

However, they could not capitalize on the Raiders' errors and were only able to score once in the second half.

Art Chansombat threw a high pass to the right corner of the end zone, which Matt Sedghi bobbled before he held onto the ball for the score. Chansombat then threw a short pass to Matt Mead for a two-point conversion.

However, this was too little, too late, as the Illest Crew held its ground on defense.

"Our defense just stepped up in the second half," Brian Jones said.

The Raiders did move the ball to the Illest Crew's five-yard line late in the game, but was stifled once again.

"They got close and ran four plays, but we held them on defense," Brian Jones said.

Raiders player Carl Jefferson said his team hurt themselves by dropping two passes in the end zone.

"They played rougher than other teams, but regardless, we couldn't get it done," Jefferson said.

Brian Jones said his team worked together for the win.



Photo by Lee Boyd

After receiving a handoff, Raiders player Matt Mead tries to escape from a defensive player of the Illest Crew. Mead also played quarterback for the Raiders during the game. The Illest Crew defeated the Raiders by a score of 28-8. It was the meeting between the two teams this year.

Sedghi said his team, the Raiders, were disappointed to lose, but will be back in their next game.

The Raiders will face the War Eagles at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, on the field near parking lot C.

The Illest Crew will play the Chiefs at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, on the field near parking lot C.

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UPCOMING

OKCCC INTRAMURALS SCHEDULE

•**Oct. 10:** OKCCC gets its own version of Monday Night Football when the Raiders play the War Eagles at 6 p.m. The game will be played on the athletic field north of parking lot C. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Oct. 15:** The OKCCC soccer team will face Rose State College at 4:30 p.m. The game is hosted by East Central University in Ada. For more information, contact League Coordinator Jalal Daneshfar at (405) 974-2377.

•**Oct. 16:** A schedule change has moved two intramural flag football games. The first game will pit the Raiders against the Bulldogs at 3 p.m. A match between the Chiefs and the Illest Crew will follow at 4 p.m. Both games will be played on the athletic field near parking lot C.

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Highlights

Fall Concert for OKCCC choirs

OKCCC Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Symphonic Choir will perform a fall concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Graceway Baptist Church located at 1100 S.W. 104th Street. For more information, contact Music Professor Ron Staton at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7249.

Health Professions Club to host speakers

The Health Professions Club will host two guest speakers from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Heath Burgess will speak to pre-pharmacy students from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Oct. 11. Jim Albertson will speak to premed students from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Oct. 13. Both speakers will be in room 1C4 across from the science lab. All interested parties are invited. For more information, contact Physics Professor Steve Kamm at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7268.

Get a job, win a Wal-Mart gift certificate

Through the end of October, OKCCC students have a chance to win a \$50 Wal-Mart gift certificate. To be eligible for the contest, students need to upload their résumés to the Student Life Employment Services job board at www.collegecentral.com/okccc. For more information, contact Employment Services Coordinator Linda Fay at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7683.

Psychology/Sociology Club meeting

The Psychology/Sociology Club will be having a meeting about upcoming fund-raisers from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 13, in the Student Life conference room. Psi Beta members are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Club Sponsor Kayce Ratliff at (405) 514-5142.

Absolute publication accepting submissions

Absolute literary and art journal is accepting fiction, non-fiction, poetry, artwork and photography. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 1. Submission forms are available in the Arts and Humanities office. For more information, contact English Professor Clay Randolph at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7238, or Student Editor Anna Rodriguez at (405) 640-5152.

Poetry and Open Mic Contest

The Writing Club will host a Poetry and Open Mic Contest. Submissions may be turned in to the Arts and Humanities office beginning Oct. 11. Submissions must include contact information. Dates for the contest will be announced. Cash prizes will be awarded for both contests. The Writing Club meets at 10 a.m. every Wednesday near the stairwell in the Arts and Humanities building. For more information about the contest or club, contact Club Sponsor Andre Love at (405) 863-5951.

HOPE meeting

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will have a meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 in 2N7. All members are required to attend. For more information, contact officer Rocky Chavez at (405) 923-1082.

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Photo by Jon Horinek

OKCCC students Megan Wright and Miranda Noakes pick up litter along OKCCC's adopted street, South May Avenue. The event was held Oct. 1 as part of Student Life's Service Saturday program. For more information, contact Community Engagement Coordinator Jon Horinek at (405) 682-7523.

Don't trash Oklahoma; adopt it

By Rocky Chavez
News Writing Student

The cleaner roadsides along May Avenue between Interstate 240 and Southwest 92nd Street can be credited to a group of OKCCC students.

No more view-obstructing signs that say, "Work @ Home for \$2,000/month," or "Repair Computers 4 \$99/hr." Eighteen participants did their part to repel street spam on Oct. 1.

As part of Student Life's Service Saturdays, volunteers met at 12:30 p.m. to walk over to May Avenue.

The group split up. Part of the volunteers headed north to I-240, gathering litter from streets, gutters, sidewalks and the retention pond along the way. Others cleaned their way south to 92nd Street before heading west to Interstate 44. The crew collected everything from litter to illegal signs.

Miranda Noakes, sopho-

more member of Chi Alpha, said upon arrival the volunteers broke into four groups. The groups were tested on about how much they knew on biodegradable, decomposable and other trash.

Noakes said she learned every piece of trash is litter from cigarette butts to orange peels.

When asked if she would volunteer again, Noakes said, "I would definitely do it again. I was not aware how much people are insensitive to the land."

This is the first time the college has done the Adopt-A-Street event.

"Last Saturday went extremely well," said Jon Horinek, Community Engagement coordinator. "The weather was great, just a little windy."

Oct. 1 was one of the four times this year the college has committed to cleaning that stretch of road, Horinek said.

The next opportunity for students to participate in Adopt-A-Street is on Nov.

4, he said.

Volunteers should remember to wear clothes they do not mind getting dirty, Horinek said.

Those who are interested in signing up for the next event or any of Student Life's activities should go by the Student Life office by entry 11 and ask for Horinek. He can be reached at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7697, or e-mail jhorinek@okccc.edu.

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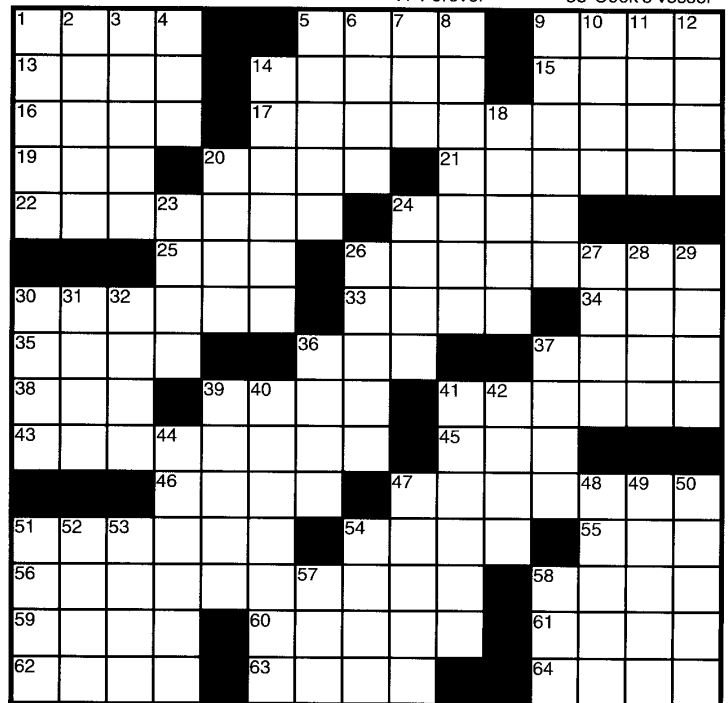
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Child care teacher sees own car stolen

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Lisa Young, Child Development Center and Lab School teacher, watched her 1993 Oldsmobile drive out of parking lot H Sept. 22.

Only problem was, she didn't know the driver behind the wheel. "I felt totally violated," Young said. "I thought, 'Holy cow, that's my car!'"

Young said she rushed inside the lab school building to call campus security.

"It was traumatic to see my car drive away," she said.

Young said security officers arrived quickly. "They were very helpful," she said. "They did all they could do."

After an Oklahoma City Police officer arrived at the scene, Young said, she found out some interesting news.

"The police officer told me Oldsmobiles are easy to steal," she said. "He said the oldest ones are easiest because they don't have a computer or alarm system."

Young said her door lock was broken, which was why the car was a prime opportunity for a thief. She also didn't know her tag numbers, Young said.

"If I could have known my tag number, the police department could have found my car much quicker than they did."

Young said her car was found Sept. 28, abandoned and with damage to the steering column and dashboard.

Young said she isn't planning to fork over the dough to get her car fixed. "It's not even worth it," she said. "It's what I call the 'Big, Blue Box'."

Young said, next time, she'll do things differently.

"I'll know my next car's tag number by heart," she said.

"And I won't leave all my paperwork in my car."

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Technology on front burner for college

"Sechrist,"
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He said one area the college plans to improve is technology.

"We are going to continue to push technology," Sechrist said. "We have an obligation to prepare this community to live, to work and to thrive in this technological society."

When not planning for the future of OKCCC, Sechrist said, he does have some hobbies outside the college.

"I would consider myself an avid recreational bicyclist," he said. "I ride maybe 10 to 15 miles every Saturday."

"I also am sort of an amateur pianist. I spend a little bit of every day at the piano."

Sechrist said in addition to his hobbies, he enjoys spending time with his family.

"Family is important to me," he said.

He often has dinners and picnics with his parents, sister and brother. Sechrist said he also has two more siblings, a sister and a brother, who live out of state.

Oklahoma was not Sechrist's first home, he said.

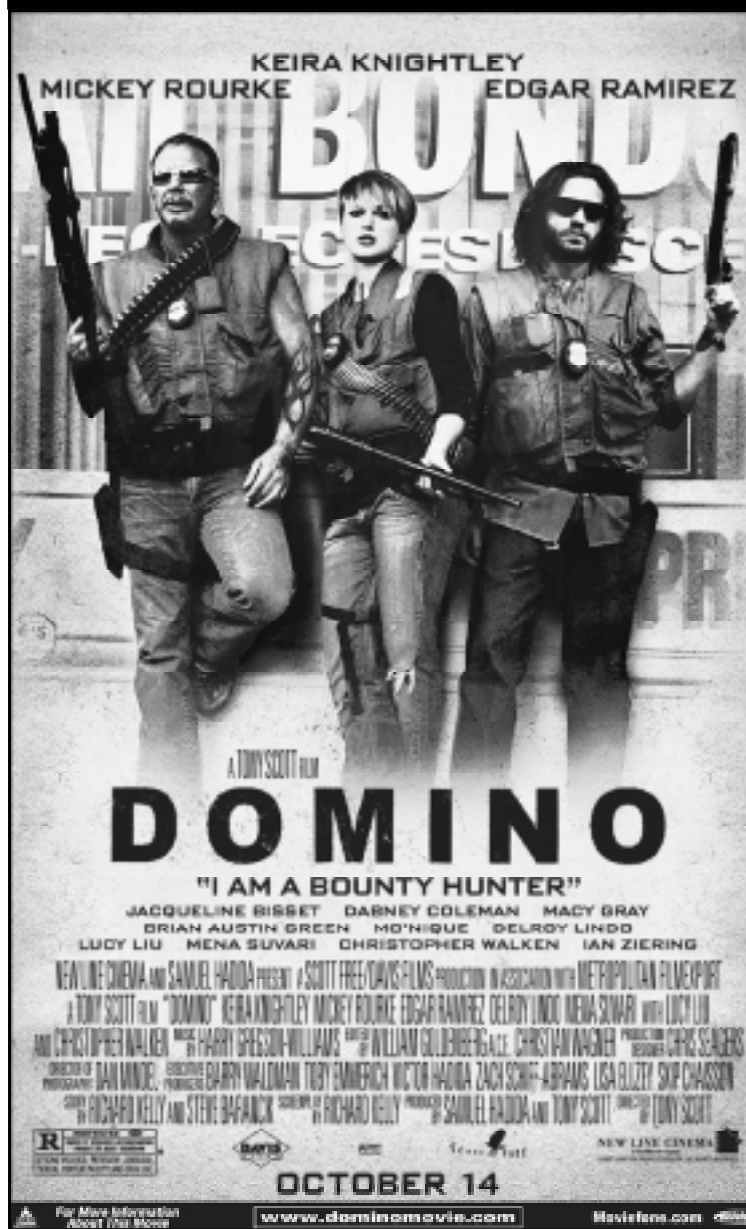
"I grew up in upstate New York on a dairy farm," he said.

Sechrist moved to Oklahoma to attend Southern Nazarene University.

There, he earned his bachelor's degree in speech communication with minors in education and psychology.

He also earned a master's from SNU in speech communication with a minor in psychology.

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Sechrist said he later earned a doctorate in communication from the University of Oklahoma.

He focused on interper-

sonal communication and minored once again in psychology.

Sechrist said he looks forward to leading the col-

lege while serving OKCCC as acting president.

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