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Photo by Holly Jones

Shawn Savuto, pre-pharmacy major, inspects the various specimens of frogs, snakes and other reptiles for his zoology class. The Science Center is open from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Nov. 11 last day to withdraw from classes

By John Savage
and Lizzie Byrd
Staff Writer

The deadline to withdraw from fall 16-week classes without a grade is Nov. 11.

Students have 12 weeks to withdraw with no grading penalty. However, they won't get any tuition money back.

The last day to withdraw with a refund was Sept. 2.

Students often consider withdrawing from classes due to failing grades.

"If the student is [making]

a D or an F in a class that could possibly put them on academic suspension or probation," said Admissions and Records Assistant Mary Jones.

Students also have the option of withdrawing when called away for a civic duty.

"We have had students called away to aid in hurricane disaster relief and with the war in Iraq," Jones said. "A [withdrawal] on your transcript does not affect your GPA.

"For some students it can benefit their transcripts more than hurt them in the long run."

There is no limit to how

many times a student can withdraw and academically, there are no penalties.

Jones recommends students speak with their professors before making the decision to withdraw.

"Students should first find out what it would take to bring up their grade. After you speak with your instructor... make the decision then."

For more information on withdrawals, contact Admissions and Records at (405) 682-7512.

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College lists surplus items at online site

Desks, exercise equipment and more await highest bidder

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Auction-goers rejoice: OKCCC is following the eBay way and has gone online with their surplus auctioning.

Material Control Supervisor Steve Duncan said all kinds of things are up for grabs to the highest bidder on the college's new surplus website at www.publicsurplus.com.

"Basically, anything you have seen in the college is available for purchase on the website," Duncan said.

Items like treadmills, filing cabinets, computer desks and even martial arts kicking bags are offered on the website. As of press time, many desks were going for \$1 and an exercise bike had bids near \$21.50, both auctions with five days of bidding left.

He said the website works a lot like the popular auction site eBay, which pits bidder against bidder as they fight to win an item in a certain amount of days.

Duncan said items like exercise, office and computer equipment, and even college vehicles, can be found on the website.

"There's a good selection of things on the website," he said. "Prices, like any auction, vary."

In the past, Duncan said, the surplus auction was an event held either on- or off-campus.

By turning to the web, he said, the costs of things like security, parking and restrooms are done with.

"By going online," he said, "the college also opens itself up to a broader market."

The website, which covers all of America and Canada, offers surplus auctions from companies and schools alike.

Best of all, Duncan said, the website is updated constantly, runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and has descriptions and photos for every item listed.

"The website, like eBay, tells the condition of the item, buying details and current bid," he said.

However, unlike many sellers on eBay, Duncan said the college won't ship items and has strict buying and payment conditions.

"Winning buyers are responsible to pick up the item within 10 days of purchase," he said. "Winners also must pay the Bursar's Office within 10 days of a win and the

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Music artists sell out

Every aspect of entertainment is for sale these days. Everything from DVDs, CDs, posters, T-shirts and school supplies, to private intimate moments taped via night vision camera by celebrities themselves.

The music industry is no different, and possibly the worst of all entertainment forms when it comes to "selling out."

Album sales have fallen 7 percent in the first six months of 2005 and digital music sales are at an all time high, according to Rolling Stone magazine. Record labels are having to come up with new ways to market in order to make buying the whole album — cover art and all — more appealing.

Plagued by lip-synching, fake personalities created for the sake of publicity, and gossip of who is dating whom, the music industry has many obstacles to overcome.

While considered an art form, music has become more of a spectacle than a means of providing quality albums to the masses.

Milli Vanilli hit the world with the first lip-synching controversy in November of 1990 and Ashlee Simpson continued the tradition on her October 2004 Saturday Night Live performance.

While Milli Vanilli's vocals were provided from an outside source, Simpson was responsible for the vocals on her album to begin with. At least when the public found out about the scandal, Simpson didn't have a Grammy to explain.

No major branch of music is safe from becoming a cliché; they all have something that prevents them from being taken seriously.

When live performances feature a lip-synched song with a dozen dancers, pyrotechnics, and a projection screen, it becomes less about the music and more about the entertainment.

The public is beginning to care less and less about whether the music is original, artist-written and artist-produced, and more about the entertainment or novelty that goes into the performance.

It all goes back to "you get what you pay for." The higher the ticket price, the more special effects and extra production you'll have to endure.

If artists would focus less on special effects and more on their music and its quality, all of the extras would not be needed. Then, people would want to attend shows because the music is original and good.

An artist worth listening to should write and create his or her own material, and not simply perform material written and produced for them.

Listeners would much rather attend a boring venue without all of the glitz and glam, and hear quality music from a quality artist and not a performer created in an image of what a recording company thinks the public will buy into.

—Lizzie Byrd
Staff Writer

Looking for the perfect medicine

To the editor:

Here's the rest of the story. After calling two more times to see if my meds were on the way, after being assured they were going to call my doctor and get it taken care of, I called my doctor and he hadn't heard anything.

I called Aetna back and asked for a supervisor, who informed me it had been done, but my doctor wasn't in. I told her I had just gotten off the phone with the doctor and he was there now.

She then told me she would personally call him. I asked if she would call me back and she said she got off in an hour. I asked her to call while I was on the phone and I'd hold. She did and she got the doctor's office on the line with us both. They gave her the Rx and she assured me she

would overnight it.

During all of this, I had the occasion to ask several members of the faculty and staff if they used this system and had any problems.

One just rolled his eyes, one told me hers had never been right. One professor told me he had so many problems, Aetna told him to have his doctor call in a year's worth of a three month Rx so he would have no more problems for a year and then he could do this yearly.

So he did and they filled, shipped and billed him for an entire year's supply of medicines, which they charged him \$300 or so in co-pays.

Now, most of us don't have enough room to store a year's worth of five to 10 meds, let alone pay for them all at once. What if the doctor discontinues one or

changes one?

I was in the midst of changing meds when I had my stroke because the insurance company wasn't going to pay for what I was presently taking.

I hope this new "Easier, quicker system" don't kill me.

—Lloyd Kingsbury
Health Lab Director

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Comments and Reviews

Illegal student speaks out

To the editor:

We all have our opinions regarding the previous two articles regarding illegal students receiving financial aid, let alone allowing them to enroll in colleges and universities.

As educated college students and adults, we must base our opinions on facts.

I am a descendant of undocumented parents and I myself am undocumented.

Therefore, I know many illegal workers file a W2 form and pay taxes.

If I'm not mistaken, every single job requires a Social Security number. Regardless of whether the number is real or fake, the number is there.

Even illegal workers file a

W2 form before starting a job, so that means they are being taxed.

Most of the time, these people choose not to claim their tax returns because they are afraid their illegal status might be disclosed.

Illegal immigrants are also sustaining the Social Security fund. They are paying millions of dollars each year, and not withdrawing any funds.

Those who are not paying taxes, it's because their bosses or business owners are not requiring a Social Security number.

Let's also not forget most of the people who do attend college and are undocumented were raised here in this country, growing up

with morals, values, education and a history that does not belong to us and yet we have adopted and learned to appreciate.

Still, we're looked [at] as intruders who are here to take the benefits of every single "real" American citizen.

So, what's worse? An undocumented person trying to receive education and who indeed pays taxes or a business owner who evades the IRS and abuses cheap labor?

If denying people the right to further their education and career goals is fair, I wish not to know what unfair is.

—**Undocumented
OKCCC Student**

Disaster in financial aid

To the editor:

I am a senior nursing student and wanted to reply to the financial aid disaster letter in the Pioneer.

The problem experienced by Mr. Donnelson is not an isolated incident. I took a summer class (4 hours) this past summer and had applied for a student loan as I had the previous summer.

According to Sallie Mae and OKCCC websites, the loan was approved and pending disbursement. As the summer went on, I got worried and checked with financial aid several times. I even went to the Bursar's Office to pay for the class, not once, but three times.

I was told on all occasions the check was pending disbursement. Fall classes started and I again went to check and try to pay for the summer class. I was worried it would interfere with either getting my grade or my fall registration. Once again, I was told the check was pending disbursement and would probably be disbursed with my fall money.

Three weeks into the fall semester, I came home to a

letter from a collection agency hired by the college for this same summer class. I had not received one letter from the school.

I was bounced back and forth from the bursar's office to financial aid. Finally, financial aid told me they canceled my loan since I was not enrolled in the mandatory 12 credit hours.

I attempted to explain to the gentleman that you can't take 12 hours in the summer, but he insisted he was correct and if I wanted this off my credit I just needed to pay my bill. Evidently this 12-credit hour minimum for financial aid only applied this past summer as the new spring schedule states that full time is considered 12 credit hours (except in summer).

If the loan was canceled, it seems the Bursar's Office, Sallie Mae and I should have been kept in the loop.

The communication between departments is poor at best. The Bursar's Office personnel were polite and tried to help, but again they were still showing pending

disbursement. The man in financial aid only served to aggravate the situation and make me more upset.

I did pay the outstanding balance and oddly enough, before I was finished, there was a check being held in the bursar's office for my fall Pell Grant. While we were going around and around about \$200, there was a check for more than \$900 of my money in the office.

What still upsets me is I have received no apology (other than from the Bursar's Office) and no explanation.

I just got a copy of my credit report and the incident is still showing. Most of the people I know here are working people, or single parents. We don't need the increased aggravation of fighting for the aid we have applied for and been granted.

Mr. Donnelson is correct in that this is definitely an area needing to be addressed. Sooner, rather than later.

—**Angy Buihner
OKCCC Student**

Q: How many presidents has the college had since it opened?

A: There have been eight different college presidents.

—**Janice Phillips
Executive Administrative
Assistant to the President**

Q: Are there any plans for a relief effort for Hurricane Wilma victims?

A: Currently, there is no organized effort to host a fund drive on campus for those affected by Hurricane Wilma.

If students are interested in starting a relief effort on campus, we would be more than happy to support those efforts. The American Red Cross continues to accept donations. To donate call 1-800-HELP NOW or donate online at www.redcross.org.

—**Jon Horinek
Student Life Community
Engagement Coordinator**

Q: Why can't the television in the cafeteria be tuned to a major news network, so that students and faculty can keep current on world events while dining?

A: It depends on what time of day it is. The Food Service turns it on when the cafeteria opens in the morning and the Evening Administrator controls it in the evening. It should be on a national news network all of the time. The only guideline is that offensive content will not be seen on the televisions.

—**Jack Kraettli
Extended Services
Administrator**

Q: Why is the emblem in the main entrance sometimes roped off, and other times not?

A: The College's logo emblem at the Main Entry is roped off when the weather dictates. When personnel enter the College on days of wet conditions, the terrazzo logo can tend to be a slick surface for certain types of footwear. Physical Plant will erect barriers around the logo for the safety of those on campus.

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

Q: Will the fountains be turned off in the winter?

A: Fountains will continue their operation throughout the winter.

—**Chris Snow
Physical Plant
Assistant Director**

Comments and Reviews

Get wasted with Tony Hawk

Legendary skater Tony Hawk is back and has brought "American Wasteland" with him. This year's installment from Neversoft Entertainment, a game developer, will have you grinding to your heart's content.

Along with some new-school skaters, "Wasteland" also has some familiar faces. Tony Alva is included in the game and at times will have players completing scenarios straight out of the summer hit "Lords of Dogtown," the movie about the legendary Z-boys.

The game itself is a blast to play and the graphics look better than the last installment. Neversoft has added several new tricks to

the game that will have players performing some insane moves. Along with special moves and flips, Neversoft also included the old-school Bert Slide, which is a move made popular in the late '70s.

The game has several different modes including newly-acquired online play for the Xbox. Modes like trick attack and capture the flag will have players skating for hours.

The story mode is back along with classic mode. One noticeable change is the option of riding a BMX bike in "Wasteland." Neversoft should realize this is called "Tony Hawk's American Wasteland," not Mat

Hoffman's American Wasteland. The bike moves are awkward and unresponsive but thankfully, it is only needed for a quick stint in the game.

Another change to the game is the lack of silly non-responsive vehicles that loomed in past games like a bad joke. Gone are the golf carts, lawn-mowers and tricycles, and they won't be missed.

In "Wasteland," the mission is to build a skate park. As missions are completed through the story mode, the player grabs landmark pieces to be assembled in his or her skate park.

The story mode is a blast



to play but is a bit on the short side. Experienced T-hawkers will have no problem beating this game in a weekend.

If you're into acid dropping from tall buildings or

going blunt side 360 and manualing into an impossible, then get off the couch and go get wasted.

Rating: 4.5/5

—John Savage
Staff Writer

Limit freedom of speech at funerals

To the editor:

This letter is in response to last week's editorial about the God Hates Fags rally Oct. 16. I'd like to give the viewpoint of someone who was actually there for the rally, and did not just hear about it on the evening news.

First of all, the entire truth behind the bill presented by Rep. Wesselhoft was not written. The bill would not make it illegal to protest at funerals.

It would place time and distance restrictions that would allow mourners to grieve for a loved one at a church, synagogue, graveside, funeral home or wherever, without being badgered, as they were at Spec. Hartley's funeral.

Secondly, the basis of the editorial was that the hate protesters were in their legal right to protest because of their right to freedom of speech, and that Rep. Wesselhoft's bill would in-

fringe on their rights as American citizens. The editorial later goes on to include a paraphrased quote, saying that common sense makes good law.

Common sense tells us that allowing hate to permeate society is wrong, as we have seen with the recent slew of letters to the editor dealing with racism.

Common sense tells us that we as civilized people should not allow a soldier's memory, or a mother's or friend's or stranger's, to be desecrated by hatemongers.

Would the tone of the editorial have been different if it had been a black person's funeral and a KKK rally out front holding up signs and yelling phrases with racial epithets? Would anyone object to them having to be held back from forcing their hateful views on a grieving family? Of course not. Why, then, should this be any different?

Also, the 20 or so people from Kansas were met with over 200 people in opposition to their views, which the editorial carefully left

"Common sense tells us that we as civilized people should not allow a soldier's memory, or a mother's or friend's or stranger's, to be desecrated by hatemongers."

—Jaci Dake
OKCCC Graduate

out. The Kansas group, whom the editorial very politely called "unwise," constantly tried to provoke their opponents into violence, as well as verbally attacked many churchgoers who had no idea what was going on and were on their routine trip to Sunday morning service.

I have visited this "unwise" group's website, and

while I do not encourage others to do the same, because the content is extremely offensive regardless of your sexual orientation, seeing what they have to say for themselves makes me think that "unwise" is much more than a gross understatement.

So, just one last comment for you, staff writer. I was there that Sunday morning. I had to drive into my church with people, on both sides, holding up signs and screaming, "God hates you!" and "God hates you more!"

My friends had to drive down Sooner Road with these people verbally attacking them, calling them "sodomite whores" and demon-possessed.

Hug it out? Be my guest.

—Jaci Dake
OKCCC Graduate

Harassment illegal

To the editor:

I'd like to remind Staff Writer Matthew Caban that even though the U.S. Constitution protects the rights of free speech and freedom to peaceably assemble, those rights are null and void when they begin to infringe upon the rights of others. That's exactly what's happening in this situation.

I'm personally opposed to the war in Iraq, but the families of fallen soldiers have the right to mourn their loss peacefully and without provocation.

Those Kansas protesters have the right to protest homosexuality if they see fit. They do not, however, have any right whatsoever to harass mourning families. Harassment is not protected by the U.S. Constitution, and the last time I checked it was a punishable offense.

—Laurie Rosenbaum
OKCCC Student

Comments? Opinions?

Let us know.

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or call (405) 682-1611, ext. 7409.

Writing workshop works wonders

By Lizzie Byrd
Staff Writer

A term paper workshop sponsored by the Communications Lab gave students essential knowledge on how to research and write a term paper.

The lecture, which was part of the Brown Bag Lunch Series, taught students it is better to allow a long period of time to write in order to alleviate the stress that comes with last-minute planning.

Communications Lab Assistant Rebecca Weber said she follows what she preaches.

"I don't like to write under pressure," Weber said.

Planning, and setting aside time for research and writing, are keys to a successful term paper, said Elizabeth Childers, Communications Lab assistant.

The presentation covered various research, organization and writing techniques.

Childers said the first step to term paper writing is choosing a topic.

She recommends the professor approve the topic before students research and write the paper.

"You don't want to do all of the research and write the paper only to find out that it does not meet your professor's expectations," Childers said.

The second step is researching the topic.

"You have to do the research to make yourself credible," she said.

The third step is actually putting the research onto paper.

When writing a term paper, Weber said, you have to follow explicit rules.

"You have to cite everything, whether you use direct quotes, paraphrase or summarize," Weber said.

Citing helps combat possible plagiarism in a term paper, she said.

"If your professor catches that you have plagiarized, you can get an F for the paper, an F for the class or you can even be placed on academic probation," Childers said.

After finishing your paper, Childers said, it's good to read over and revise it.

She said waiting a couple of hours before revising a paper is a good idea because a writer's perception is one-sided, and his or her desire to be finished can cloud judgment.

She said a clouded judgment often allows mistakes to slip through proof-reading.

The Communications Lab hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday; and 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Piece by piece



Photo by David Morgan

Volunteer Shannon Carter pieces together one of the nine walls to the mural that will be installed along the canal in Bricktown. "We are working on this elaborate mural of mosaics for the canal," said Visual Arts Professor Mary Ann Moore. "Dr. Todd [OKCCC President] asked me to put together this project for the centennial in 2007. It is an honor to do this." Moore said about 40 individuals, ranging from students to volunteers, are working on the project. The mosaic is expected to be completed in 2007.

Trio of Korean musicians coming to perform

By John Savage
Staff Writer

What do you get when you mix traditional and modern classical music, and three of People Magazine's 50 most beautiful people? The answer is a pair of twins and a sister who are simply called the Ahn Trio.

The Ahn Trio consists of three sisters: Maria, Lucia and Angella, who were born in Korea and educated at the renowned Juilliard arts school in New York.

Maria plays the cello, Lucia plays the piano and Angella plays the violin.

The three sisters will perform at 7 p.m. Nov. 8, in the college theater.

At 11 a.m. Nov. 8, in the college theater, the trio will lecture about their origin and why they play music.

This will be the trio's first visit to the campus.



Ahn Trio

"They are considered by anyone to be a top-drawer performance," said Scott Tigert, Cultural Programs and Community Development assistant.

"Although they sound true to the classical music form," Tigert said, "they are able to play a wide range of music including a Doors track called 'Riders on the Storm.'"

He said the trio brings youth and technique to their performances. They

want to get young people interested in their music.

"The group loves to perform music of living composers and they want to get more young people excited about classical music," said Manager Amelia Harper of Joanne Rile Artists Management Inc.

Although the trio is able to perform many styles of music, Tigert said, it may be hard to label them.

"They can be compared to some of the contemporary

trios and quartets who are presenting the works of the modern composers."

Tickets are \$15 for faculty, staff, alumni and students with current ID. General admission is \$20. No cameras are allowed.

For more information about the Ahn Trio or other events, call Tigert at (405) 682-7579 or visit www.ahntrio.com.

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OKCCC helps depressed students

By **Matthew Caban**
Staff Writer

OKCCC staff members from various departments worked with students for a depression screening. The screening took place on Oct. 26 with six participants.

The screening was designed to explain various mental health issues and locate any potential mental health problems, said Mary

Turner, Student Development counselor.

"It was not a diagnostic, but a way to help people talk about a sensitive issue," she said.

The first step in the depression screening was having students fill out a form about how the participants feel and behave, Turner said. The form was designed by Screening For Mental Health, which is a non-profit organization.

Then, the student would visit with a staff member to

discuss the results, she said.

The results and related discussion is kept private to protect the student, she said.

Four other OKCCC staff members assisted Turner in visiting with depression screening participants.

Test Center Director Jim Ellis, Student Development Counselor Ed Williams, Students With Disabilities Adviser Jenna Howard and Student Support Services Counselor Maurisa Mahan

offered their services to the depression screening.

Mahan, who is new to OKCCC, said she is glad to help students.

"I like the idea because it gives students the opportunity to ask for help," she said.

"This way they can get help in their comfort zone."

Turner said anyone who needs further treatment after the screening will be referred to off-campus help.

"We do some limited personal counseling, but we

are not set up to do therapy," she said.

Turner said the depression screening has been an annual event for the past six years.

"We are here to help them get over the embarrassment because of the stigma associated with mental health," she said.

For more information, contact Student Development at (405) 682-7535.

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Prof offers advice on managing stress

By **Amanda Jones**
News Writing Student

How to live life with less irritation and more happiness is the theme of Psychology Professor Richard Anglin's stress management class.

Eating a daily breakfast, exercising regularly and getting enough sleep are three simple ways a person can reduce their stress level, Anglin said.

Not only are there physical solutions for reducing stress but there are mental solutions as well.

"It is not the event alone that causes your stress," Anglin said. "It's what you tell yourself about the event."

Anglin offers advice when a person is having a day where everything seems to go wrong. Give yourself some helpful thoughts such as these:

"This is one of those days."

"This, too, shall pass."

"I'm not OK today, but tomorrow I will be."

School, relationships, finances or

"It is not the event alone that causes your stress. It's what you tell yourself about the event."

—Richard Anglin
Psychology Professor

a combination of these can cause a person stress, Anglin said.

"You'd be surprised of all the different reasons that cause stress," Anglin said.

He said former OKCCC students have told him his class helped them in their personal lives and careers.

In Stress Management, students use a regular textbook, take exams, have group projects, learn the direct problems that cause stress, the results of stress and how to deal with it.

PSY 1123, Stress Management, is a 3-credit hour course available in both the fall and spring semesters.

For more information about this course and its objectives, or to enroll, visit www.okccc.edu.

Beat-boxing with Fourth Avenue

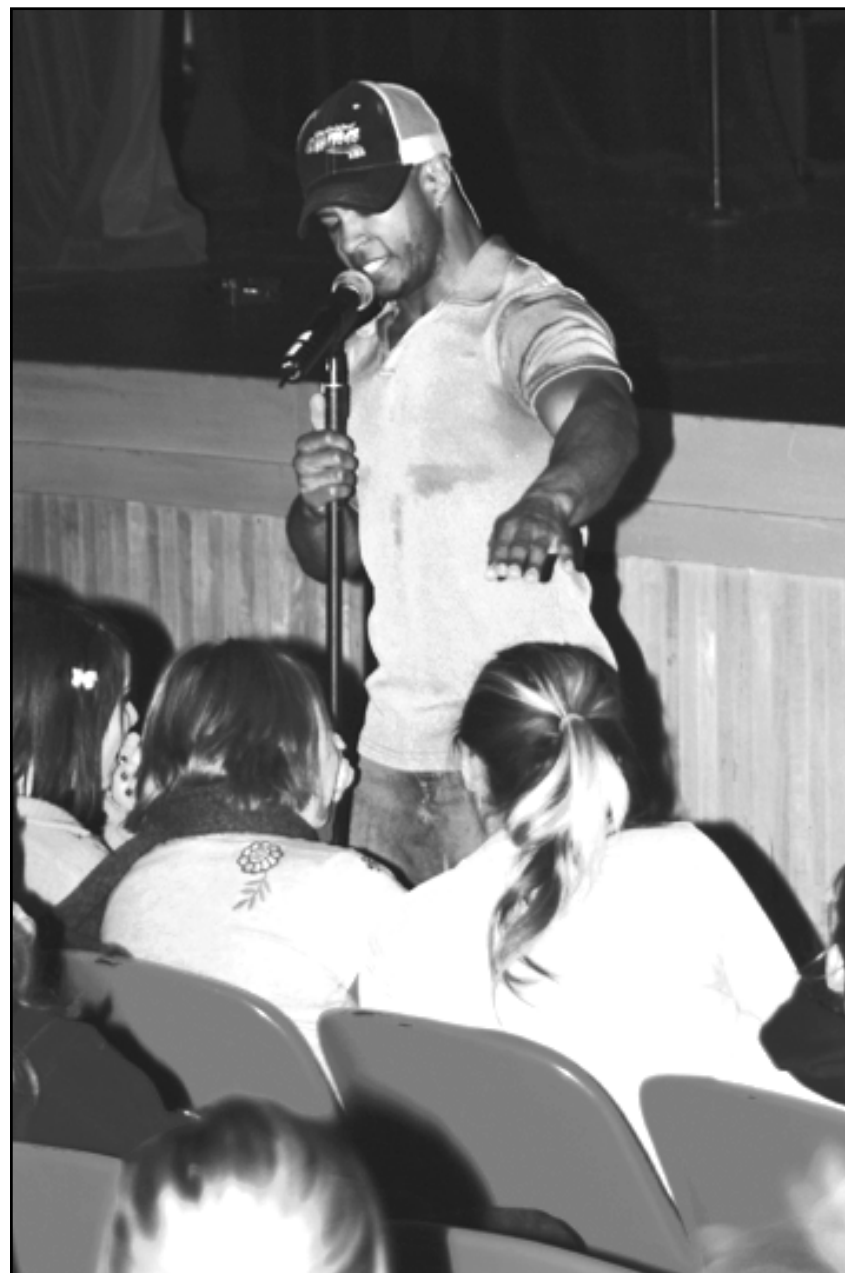


Photo by Holly Jones

Maurice Harris from the a cappella group Fourth Avenue performed for students at the OKCCC theater on Oct. 25. Harris demonstrated beat-boxing technique with his vocal chords.

**Need somebody to talk to?
Call the National Hopeline Network
at (800) SUICIDE,
(800) 784-2433.**

Test Center needs student volunteers

By Traci Reiserer
News Writing Student

Instead of complaining about rules of the testing policies at OKCCC, students are being invited to do something about it.

Student volunteers are needed for the Test Advisory Board, a voluntary group formed by OKCCC faculty and staff who want to make the Test Center better.

All the students on last

year's board graduated, leaving spots open for current OKCCC students to fill, said Jim Ellis, Testing and Assessment Services director.

"We are looking for three or four students who want to improve the quality and services of the Test Center," Ellis said.

The board is looking for students of any age who are familiar with OKCCC and the Test Center, said Brian Nguyen, GED and Testing Programs coordinator.

Alexa Mashlan, Coopera-

"We are looking for three or four students who want to improve the quality and services of the Test Center."

—Jim Ellis
Testing and Assessment
Services Director

tive Technical Education coordinator, said the board should consist of students who show interest in the improvement of the Test

Center.

"It's a very significant and important group," Ellis said. "It's a great opportunity to take part in something that influences so many people."

Students and other members of the board talk about everything from testing policies, like the new electronics policy, to the time the Test Center should be open.

Students on last year's board came up with the idea to extend the hours of the Test Center when mid-

terms and finals roll around. This suggestion was put into action and has been extremely beneficial to many students, Ellis said. The idea is credited to student input.

The Test Advisory Board meets at 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. every second Thursday of the month in the Student Services conference room.

Any OKCCC student who is interested in joining the Test Advisory Board can contact Ellis at (405) 682-7531 or visit his office near the Test Center.

Furry friends lend a paw to help owners each day

By Stevie Emerson
News Writing Student

OKCCC students may have seen some furry friends accompanying students around campus. These are helper dogs. Their purpose is to assist visually and hearing-impaired students.

While it is fairly obvious what the helper dogs functions are to the blind, some may be confused about how the dogs help the hearing impaired.

"The dogs that help the hearing impaired will direct them in the event of a fire or some other event that requires a person to hear some type of noise," said Jenna Howard, Students with Disabilities adviser.

There are several different programs throughout the nation through which students can receive helper dogs. Leader Dogs for the Blind is a company based in Rochester, Mich. which is fully equipped for training dogs and their owners for a life of service.

The first step in the process of obtaining a service dog is to find

out who is eligible to receive a helper dog, or leader dog, as the program refers to them.

The four basic requirements for a sight-impaired person to receive a dog are that the person is legally blind and in good health, is at least 18 years old and out of high school, is emotionally stable and of good moral character, and has basic mobility skills.

The next step involves the dogs themselves. Stacy Benmark, who works for Leader Dogs for the Blind, had some information about where the dogs come from.

"A majority of the dogs come from our own breeding programs. At eight weeks, the dogs are sent to foster homes

for about one year, at which time the dogs will return to our facilities to complete a 16-week training cycle."

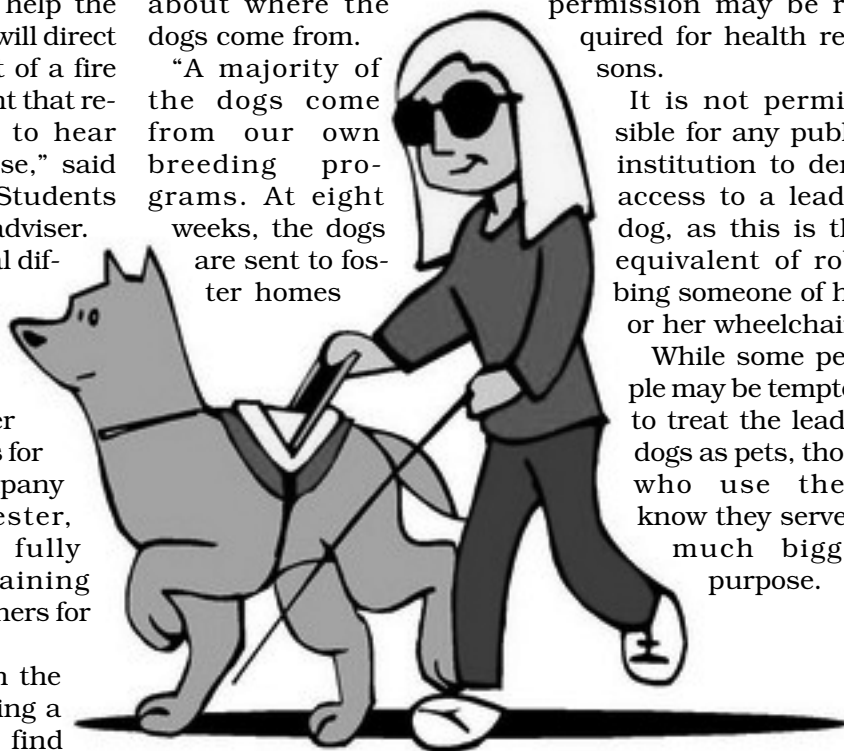
From that point, the person receiving the leader dog is brought to the facility where they remain in a dormitory for 25 days of training with their new companion.

Benmark also had some information on some of the standards for where the dogs are permitted to be. Leader dogs are allowed in any public setting by law.

The only exception is hospitals, where some type of permission may be required for health reasons.

It is not permissible for any public institution to deny access to a leader dog, as this is the equivalent of robbing someone of his or her wheelchair.

While some people may be tempted to treat the leader dogs as pets, those who use them know they serve a much bigger purpose.



OKCCC offers diversified studies

By Kristin Crane
News Writing Student

For some students, simple formulas just don't fit.

For these students, OKCCC offers tailor-made degree plans through multi-divisional programs, said Bertha Wise, English professor. Multi-divisional programs are made for students who do not know what to concentrate on specifically.

"[The program] helps the decision-making process because it allows a student to explore different opportunities," Wise said.

There are three majors for students with diverse interests or backgrounds. One major is Liberal Studies. This major can be accomplished online if carefully planned, Wise said. It gives students the opportunity to discover what they would like to do in the future.

The second major is Diversified Studies. This major is for students who would like a university-parallel degree that will allow them to further their education somewhere else, Wise said. An associate degree in Diversified Studies satisfies these students' general education requirements.

The third major is pre-education. This program allows a student to teach elementary, special education or early childhood development, Wise said.

In May 2005, 158 graduates earned associate degrees in Diversified Studies. Of those, 16 were Liberal Studies graduates and 15 were pre-education graduates.

Wise said she enjoys being able to help the students.

"I love my job because I have the opportunity to communicate with the students to help them find the right direction toward life."

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Find old treasures in lost-and-found

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Ever wonder where you left that gift certificate you won to the Honey Baked Ham Company? Or where your lost textbook may have ended up?

Take a look in the college's lost-and-found department and act quickly — come the end of the semester, everything will be gone.

Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas said the Safety and Security Office, located on the first floor of the main building near entry 11, is the college's central depository for misplaced items.

He said people have until Dec. 17 to claim any property they may have lost on campus before the item is either donated, handed over to the state treasury or destroyed.

Sloas said items like clothing, cell phones, eyeglasses and books are donated to various organizations. Valuable items like jewelry and money are handed over to the state treasury, which then attempts to find the owner.

If the item has the owner's name on it and is unclaimed after a year, then it's destroyed to keep the previous owner safe from fraud.

"All kinds of things end up here," Sloas said. "Some of the things to come through are kind of funny."

He said the funniest item he's come across is a \$53 gift certificate to the Honey Baked Ham Company.

"It's just odd that someone would lose this on campus," he said.

Sloas said the college keeps the items for a year before donating, destroying or handing them over.

"If the item is reusable, we'll donate them to the appropriate people."

He said the cell phones usually go to phone companies who provide the phones to battered women.

These phones, Sloas said, only are capable of dialing emergency calls and have helped abused women in the past.

As for clothing, Sloas said it's given away to the American Red Cross.

Sloas said the most expensive items to be left were a couple of rings.

"We once had a pair of state championship wres-

ting rings in the lost and found," he said. "They were pretty expensive, around \$400 apiece."

Sloas said, when it comes to jewelry and money, Safety and Security is a little more cautious.

"We keep very valuable items in a safe located in the office," he said. "When people come in wanting to claim a certain piece of jewelry, we make them describe the piece to see if they're really the owner."

Some of the items waiting to be claimed are watches, wallets, credit cards, and textbooks.

A recent addition includes a money clip with personalized inscription found in parking lot B on Oct. 25.

Sloas said if a student ever loses something on school grounds, he or she should give the item a couple days to turn up in lost-and-found.

"We receive displaced items by the basket all the time from the cleaning crew and other college departments," Sloas said. "If you lost something, it's bound to turn up here."

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Lost&Found

The following people are known to have unclaimed property in lost-and-found located in the Safety and Security Office.

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| Cephus, Amanda C. | Mullins, Rikki |
| Cole, Geoffery M. | Munoz, Maria E. |
| Cooks, Kimberly | Nazario, Juan |
| Davidson, Melissa A. | Nett, Thomas J. |
| Diallo, Ahmadou | Ngo, Duy D. |
| Digregorio, Cecily A. | Nguyen, Ashley |
| Doe, Amy | Perez, Anna |
| Downey, Nickol | Ramsey, Brady or Vanessa |
| Easterling, Charles L. | Reyes, Brandon T. |
| Ferguson, Connie J. | Rich, Kamille M. |
| Ford, Marcus | Roller, Cody D. |
| Fowler, Jason L. | Ross, Kristeena |
| Grande, Michelle L. | Russell, Dana J. |
| Hamilton, Jeffery | Seewald, Katie R. |
| Henderson, Ebony | Shepard, Jennifer A. |
| Hill, Rolanda M. | Sherman, Abigail |
| Huerta, Nickol C. | Shields, Tiffany |
| Jackson, Andrew M. | Smith, Alisha |
| Johnson Jr., Gregory R. | Stroup, Anna M. |
| Kinn, Mary C. | Stutson, Larry E. |
| Laday, Charnee D. | Thornton, David |
| Lawson, Anita D. | Tran, Cind N. |
| Lunsford, Deedra L. | Turner, Russell L. |
| Lynes, Justin C. | Webb, Valerie G. |
| McCarty, Dana | Whitney, Treva L. |
| McCoin, Krisen | Winters, Jenny K. |
| Montgomery, John M. | Zouga, Hassan |

The people listed will need some form of photo identification to claim property. Any property not claimed by Dec. 17 will be donated or destroyed according to state guidelines governing found property.

Student questioned for drug possession on campus

By Diz Gates
News Writing Student
and Richard Hall
Staff Writer

OKCCC student Paull Veroulis was questioned by Safety and Security Officers for drug possession Oct. 5.

Veroulis, who was sitting in his car when officers approached him, denied he had been smoking marijuana cigarettes or was in possession of any drugs.

Safety and Security Officers Kevin Tipton and Larry Lundy both said they smelled marijuana coming from Veroulis's car even after he denied being in

possession of the drug.

The two officers were responding to another incident when a student approached them and said he was in an altercation with Veroulis, which sparked them to question him.

Veroulis also denied being in an altercation with a student.

Tipton said he repeatedly asked Veroulis if he was in possession of any illegal substances when he finally admitted he was and said he had a small amount of marijuana on him.

Veroulis then turned over his marijuana to an Oklahoma City Police Department officer after he was

called to the scene.

After Veroulis was issued a citation which is pending with school officials, Tipton said he and Lundy offered Veroulis some advice.

"We advised him it would be in his best interest to seek counseling over the matter immediately," Tipton said.

This is the second incident this semester where a student has been questioned over drug possession.

Earlier this semester, Safety and Security Officer Rod Harden confronted a student after Harden smelled marijuana coming from his vehicle.

Like the past student,

Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas said Veroulis could face suspension or expulsion for drug possession, among other repercussions such as fines or time in jail.

"Depending on the amount of marijuana found or if the possessor intends to distribute," Sloas said, "penalties can range from a misdemeanor to a felony."

Sloas said misdemeanors

are accompanied by a fine no more than \$1,000 and up to one year in jail. Felonies, he said, have fines starting at \$1,001 and no less than a one year jail sentence.

"[Safety and Security] recommends to follow state laws and college rules," Sloas said.

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the college to hear?
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Students celebrate abilities week

Abilities Awareness Week was celebrated with a wheelchair challenge course, a blind walking course, a wheelchair basketball demonstration and basic instruction in sign language for the hearing impaired. Student Life organized the events held Oct. 17 through 21 in the OKCCC student union.

"It was a great challenge course this year," said Jon Horinek, Community Engagement coordinator.

"We had about 50 students try out the different courses," he said.

"It was a very successful week. We'll probably have the challenging course back next year."

The challenge course for wheelchairs included going around tables and chairs, up a ramp and other obstacles.

This is the second year Student Life has sponsored Abilities Awareness Week.

"It gets bigger every year," Horinek said.

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Students Yu Da Kim and Diep Pham practice maneuvering skills in the wheelchair obstacle course.



Joseph Saunders, a University of Oklahoma student, along with Jared Landon, an OKCCC psychology major, demonstrate their basketball abilities during Abilities Awareness Week. Saunders shoots, while Landon is going for the rebound.



Abilities Awareness Week allowed people to see obstacles and challenges that disabled people deal with on a daily basis. The demonstration of basketball gave people a new outlook on the sport.

Honors Program offers many benefits

By Zach Niesman
News Writing Student

The Honors Program headed by Coordinator Melinda Barr, is now in its 15th year at OKCCC.

The Honors Program is designed to help students currently enrolled at OKCCC receive honors credit for advanced study through the college, while corresponding with a designated professor.

"There are currently about 50 students enrolled in the Honors Program at OKCCC," Barr said.

Students interested in receiving honors credit must first enter into a contract with a professor in a specific course area, Barr said.

These course areas include American history, humanities, English Composition, science electives, as well as many other options, she said.

The contracts are designed to specify additional requirements, which must be fulfilled in order to receive honors credit.

Following this, the Honors Council must then approve the contracts.

The Honors Program is designed to help students receive credit for honors study at OKCCC, as well as honors credits that can transfer to a four-year university for further study.

"The Honors Program has so much to offer to our students," Barr said.

"One of the major benefits is the establishment of strong relationships with professors in the student's field of study.

"These relationships can set up for strong recommendations by the professors in the future."

Eligibility for honors credit requires entering freshmen to have at least a 3.5 high school GPA, or a composite ACT score of at least 22.

Students who have already begun a college education must have more than 12 current credit hours and a cumulative college GPA of at least 3.5.

The Honors Program is designed to help its students achieve credit for advanced studies at the college level, Barr said.

"The Honors Program features small personalized classes, excellent faculty, innovative learning techniques and a talented student body," she said.

"I [had discussions] with people in the admissions departments for many four-year universities and all have told me that students with honors credit usually get moved to the top of acceptance piles," Barr said.

Honors graduates also have a better chance of receiving academic scholarships, she said.

Graduating from OKCCC with honors requires a minimum of 15 honors credit hours receiving grades of B or higher, as well as a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and completion of 75 percent of all OKCCC class enrollments.

"We have averaged about 10 honors graduates per year over the last five years," Barr said.

In addition to that, she said, about 80 percent of the students in the Honors Program complete their contracts with their professors.

For more information on the Honors Program, contact Barr at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7171, or e-mail her at mlbarr@okccc.edu.

Popcorn, presents, fun



Photo by Holly Jones

The Health Professions Club made and sold homemade cookies, and popcorn and cotton candy to help raise money for the Children's Center in Bethany.

"We have raised over \$700 and our goal is \$1,000. The money is going to [the charity] to buy Christmas gifts," said President Kendra Draper along with member Amanda Bittle.

OKCCC student believes in college honors classes giving him an edge

By Zach Niesman
News Writing Student

Chris Heide, 23, is a first-year honors student at OKCCC studying to get two associate degrees in Visual Arts and Graphic Communication.

He is currently working on research to receive honors credit in English Composition II, studying the effects of academic intelligence on individual success later in life.

Heide's research methods focus on three aspects of intelligence including social, emotional and academic.

From these, Heide is attempting to find out if what is learned at the college level really affects how far one succeeds at the professional level following college.

"So far from my research I have discovered that most people with academic intelligence lack the social in-

telligence they need to succeed on a professional level later on in life," said Heide.

Heide's argument will be presented in essay form at the end of the semester to an English professor with whom he has entered into a contract to receive honors credit for his research.

In addition to English Composition II, Heide also is studying to receive honors credit in Advertising Layout and Contemporary Mathematics.

Heide believes the honors program at OKCCC has offered him many benefits, which will prove to have great payoffs in the near future.

"I feel that the honors program is going to really give me an edge to get into a four-year university following my study at OKCCC," Heide said.

"Also, it has really helped

me in receiving academic scholarships, which I feel I would not get the chance to receive if I was not in the program."

Heide will continue his research and plans to continue his college career at a four-year university following his two years at OKCCC.



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Students take stage in 'Agnes of God'

By Kody Dollins
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The three actresses who performed in the drama "Agnes of God" on campus found that the story, which revolves around a dramatic plot, stretched their acting ability.

"Agnes of God" follows a simple-minded nun named Agnes, who is found unconscious and suffering from blood loss in the same room where a newborn baby is found dead, its umbilical cord wrapped around its neck.

Agnes has no memory of the conception or the details surrounding the child's birth and death. She is questioned by her peers and a psychiatrist named Dr. Martha Livingstone.

The story touches on questions of religion and sex in society, as it revolves around Agnes, Mother Miriam Ruth (the convent's Mother Superior) and Dr. Livingstone.

"Agnes of God" ran Oct. 20 through 22 in the college theater. Though the play involves only three characters, the emotion was in no way inhibited.

Crystal Ecker, who

played Agnes, said she had a difficult time preparing for such a dramatic role.

"It was very hard to prepare for Agnes because she's so out there," Ecker said. "She's very childlike and naïve, so I tried to play off that aspect of her."

Jean Windham played Dr. Livingstone who, in the play, is a chain-smoking atheist. Windham said she too had a difficult time settling into her role.

"It's not something that came very naturally," Windham said. "I'm very religious and I don't smoke at all."

Playwright John Pielmeier raises questions regarding the durability of faith in the face of modern science, but also suggests that the loss of faith may be viewed as a detriment to mankind.

Valerie Jobe, who played Mother Miriam Ruth, also was not initially accustomed to acting in such a setting.

"I've been acting since I was about 8," Jobe said. "But I'm not religious; I'm not Catholic. It took me a good three weeks of rehearsals to put myself in that role."

Despite the challenges, Director Richard Nelson



Photo by Lawanda LaVarnway

Jean Windham as Dr. Martha Livingstone, Valerie Jobe as Mother Miriam Ruth and Crystal Ecker as Sister Agnes. The three performed in the play "Agnes of God" at the OKCCC theater Oct. 20 through 22.

said his actresses were prepared.

He said the cast re-

hearsed for two hours a day for about five weeks. Nelson said he has been drawn to

"Agnes of God" for some time.

"For me, part of the reason I like it is the theatricality of it all," Nelson said. "It doesn't put you in a movie set or a scene where you know exactly where you are."

"There are occasions where you're in a doctor's office or in Agnes' memory and the stage is the same. So its abstract quality is one of the primary reasons I was attracted to it."

OKCCC freshmen Greg Guevara was in attendance opening night.

"I thought it was very well done," he said.

"I liked the simplicity of the set. It put the emphasis on the acting and the dialogue."

That same dialogue won Pielmeier national praise when he wrote the play in 1979.

Nelson said the character development aids in driving the viewer's interest in the outcome, aside from the abstract elements.

"It's also about the struggle of the doctor coming from a strict intellectual background and frame of mind, then seeing her open up some and question her beliefs," Nelson said. "It wasn't an easy play."

Advisers help with student success

By Morgan Byram
News Writing Student

Everyone needs a little guidance now and again. With the help of advisers, succeeding in one's college career can be made easier.

OKCCC Student Development Counselor Mary Turner said advisers help students be successful with selecting courses and graduating.

"Having a faculty adviser, but never discussing your degree plan with him or her, is like buying a roadmap for a trip you plan to take but never looking at it

to see where you're going," Turner said.

"You will wind up someplace but not necessarily where you want to be or when you want to be there," she said.

Admissions and Graduation Director Barbara Gowdy said the process of advising starts with students seeing an adviser in Student Development.

Gowdy said once the student has declared a major, the student transfers to a faculty adviser, who then help student with a degree plans.

Some students swear by their college adviser's help. "With my adviser's help

my transition from high school to college has been a lot easier," said OKCCC student Anthony Ikpa.

Gowdy said it's important to keep close contact with advisers because they can approve electives and course substitutions.

"Advisers stay up-to-date with changes in transfer institutions' program requirements and can advise students accordingly," Gowdy said.

For more information on what counselors and advisers can do for students, call Gowdy at (405) 682-7528 or Turner at (405) 682-7544 or visit www.okccc.edu.

Take A Test, Win Three to Six Tuition Credits

The dates for the annual Academic Profile Test are Oct. 31 through Nov. 11. It is a voluntary test that is one hour in length and is mostly multiple-choice. Score in the 95th percentile on multiple-choice questions measuring college-level reading, mathematics, writing and critical thinking in the context of humanities, social science, and natural science and qualify for three credits of free tuition.

As a bonus, students who excel on the open-ended question concerning their experiences with other cultures will be awarded a three-credit-hour fee-waiver for the spring 2006 semester. In short, students could be awarded a three-credit tuition fee waiver on either or both sections of the test with six credits being the maximum award per student!

Students should go to the testing center to take the test during normal testing center hours. Anyone who has taken 45 hours at the college who is interested in participating can contact Institutional Effectiveness Assistant Jane Hinojosa at (405) 682-7577 to set up an appointment to take the test.

Sports

UPCOMING

OKCCC INTRAMURALS SCHEDULE

•**Oct. 31:** Open registration for the fall Hot Shot Contest. The competition is only open to women. A men's contest is scheduled for the spring semester. Sign-up for the fall Hot Shot Contest ends Nov. 18. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Nov. 3:** Bring your muscles for the bench press contest at 2 p.m. in the weight room. The contest is open to students with a valid ID. Registration ends Oct. 31. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Nov. 4:** Sign-up ends for 2006 youth basketball. Games will begin in January. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

Workin' hard



Photo by Holly Jones

Physical Therapy Assistant Director Peggy Newman and Learning Skills Professor Carlotta Hill participate in the Pilates class instructed by Marlene Shugart. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Coordinator Jack Perkins at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7205.

Life after war for army veteran turned athlete

By **Matthew Caban**
Staff Writer

Like most college students, Glenn Fretz goes to class, studies and takes tests.

However, in other ways he is different. Fretz is an army veteran and a paraplegic. He was injured during the Gulf War in 1991.

The political science major was an evacuation specialist who moved people and equipment away from the front line.

Despite his hardships, he remains competitive and is an athlete. Fretz, 35, competes annually in the Veterans Wheelchair Games.

It is an annual competition featuring veterans from across the United States.

He also plays with the University of Oklahoma's wheelchair basketball team.

"When you are in a wheelchair,

it is not about your disability, but what you do with your life," Fretz said.

Fretz said his main reasons for competing are his wife and kids.

"I want to lead by example and show my son (age 10) how to live," he said.

Fretz also is inspired by his wife. "She is the force behind me, literally," he said.

"Whenever I get down, I go to her. When my world gets dark, I look at pictures of my family."

In addition to his physical wounds, Fretz must deal with emotional scars. Fretz has PTSD, or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, following his time in the Gulf War.

Fretz said he does not like discussing his wartime experiences.

"It's a place you don't want to be."

However, Fretz said, he knows his injuries happened for a reason.

When he is not spending time with his family or studying, Fretz is working on his game.

"On the OU team we work on conditioning and communication," he said. "If you are not in the best shape possible, you will not reach your potential."

"We work on communication because it is key to team sports."

Fretz said he is beginning his second season with the OU wheelchair basketball team after living in California.

Although he is an experienced wheelchair athlete, Fretz said, many people are able to play wheelchair sports.

"Anyone with a leg injury that cannot be rehabbed can play wheelchair sports," he said.

Fretz said he enjoys playing with the OU wheelchair basketball team although he is often the target of opposing defenses.

"I get double teamed a lot because of my height (6 foot, 4 inches)," he said.

Fretz said he does not mind the double teams because he just

wants to make his team better.

The team receives some support from OU's Huston-Huffman Recreation Center, Fretz said.

"They bought the team new game wheelchairs and hosted the Arkansas Valley Conference Preseason Tournament recently," Fretz said.

He said it would be nice if the team were supported by the OU Athletic Department.

"Other wheelchair basketball teams have scholarships or out-of-state fee waivers, but OU doesn't."

Oklahoma State University offers its players out-of-state tuition waivers, said Stacy Pinney, OSU Adaptive Sports director.

Fretz said he would soldier on and help build the OU team because it is not about him.

"I'm doing this for the kids who will follow me, even though I am one of the oldest guys out there."

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Computer-Aided Design degree opens doors

**By Megan Myers
News Writing Student**

The computer-aided design department is currently working on becoming recognized (by other universities) as an accredited program.

The two-year process should be completed in fall 2007, CAD Professor Doug Gregory said.

By obtaining this national achievement OKCCC would demonstrate its program's commitment to providing its students with a quality education, he said.

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, is used by employers and other universities to identify the quality of the school's curriculum and education their students have received.

Computer-Aided Design, also known as CAD, has been taught at OKCCC for more than 20 years, Gregory said.

"In general, CAD is any image or graphic that can be manipulated with a computer.

"It is a growing field and also an enjoyable field," Gregory said.

The main focus of the

CAD program is to prepare students to do well in their profession.

CAD students at OKCCC have secured jobs with a variety of employers, Gregory said.

Some of the employers include Tinker Air Force Base, Cox Communications, Federal Aviation Administration, Triad Design Group and OG&E.

Almost all students are already working in the field before they graduate, Gregory said.

Derek Finkel, OKCCC graduate, was able to get a job as a drafter at Route Tubing Solutions while still

working on his degree in applied science.

"Graduating from the program was a great accomplishment. I use the training I received at OKCCC in my job every day," Finkel said.

Many companies use CAD techs at some level which can be seen in the company's fliers, reports or website, Gregory said.

"Anywhere there is a large facility, there is most likely a CAD director working there," said John Helton, CAD program coordinator and professor.

Courses in CAD also are used to train students in

related fields such as engineering and art majors, Gregory said.

After completing his certificate of mastery in Computer-Aided Design at OKCCC, Mike Willis worked for SHC, a civil engineering firm in Edmond.

Willis described CAD as "taking the engineer's idea and designing the plans."

Anyone can take the Computer-Aided Design course to find out what part of CAD they are interested in, Helton said.

For more information, visit the CAD program web page at www.okccc.edu/jhelton/caddept.

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Highlights

Student Life hosting seminar on transfers

Student Life will host a seminar on how to properly transfer credits to another college at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 1, in room CU2. For more information, contact Community Engagement Coordinator Jon Horinek at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7697.

Health Professions Club meets

The Health Professions Club will have a general meeting with club sponsors as speakers from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Nov. 3, in 1C4. The meeting will address students who are transferring to a four-year university. Students wanting information about transcripts, applications or letters of recommendation should attend the meeting and ask questions.

Reading Club getting together

The Reading Club welcomes and encourages all students who share the joy of reading and discussion to join the club. Meetings are at noon Nov. 2 and 16. Students are welcome to bring a book and share it with the club. For more information on the Reading Club, contact Club Member Jenny Bryan at (405) 313-4903 or e-mail 74jenny@sbcglobal.net.

Engineering Club to host book sale

The Engineering Club will hold its annual book sale Nov. 3 to 4, in the main lobby. The club is accepting donated books as well. For more information, contact Engineering Professor Gregory Holland at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7163.

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, and must include contact information. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 18. Dates for the contest will be announced. Cash prizes will be awarded for both contests. For more information about the contest or club, contact Club Sponsor Andre Love at (405) 863-5951.

Environmental Club to host bake sale

The aroma of cookies, cupcakes and muffins will fill the air 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7 as the Environmental Club hosts their first fund-raiser in the main building lobby. The club is raising money to help a needy family with holiday costs. For more information, contact Club Sponsor Ronna Austin at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7307.

International Student Association

The International Student Association invites all students to audition for the ISA Multicultural Show 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Nov. 8, in room 1C8. Any students who want to participate in playing a instrument, singing, dancing and all other performances are welcome to audition. All students are welcome to attend even if not in the club. For more information, contact Club President Yu Da Kim at (405) 412-4090 or e-mail nascle_man@yahoo.com.

Pathways Middle College Night

Pathways Middle College invites all students and faculty to College Night at 7 p.m. Dec 2. Come see the NO/OKC Hornets take on Allen Iverson and the Philadelphia 76ers. Tickets are priced at \$15 and a small portion will go to the Pathways Middle College High School. For more information, contact Pathways Middle College Administrator Carol Brogan at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7722.



Photo by Holly Jones

Students at OKCCC take the stairs during the "Take the Stairs" month through the month of October. Student Life tried to encourage the students to use the stairs and let the elevator be accessible to the disabled.

Stair stepping is the way to go

By Kristin Crane
News Writing Student

Have you ever stopped to think about whether you should take the stairs or the elevator? During the month of October, OKCCC Student Life launched an effort to promote walking the stairs.

October was Ability Awareness month. Jon Horinek, Community Engagement coordinator, asked everyone who is able to take the stairs to avoid using the elevator.

"It is understandable that students are tired and have a lot of books to carry but try and think of the disabled.

"There is a lot of overcrowding in the elevator and the disabled are late to class because they cannot fit in the first ride in the elevator," he said.

Horinek said other students would receive health benefits from taking the stairs as well.

"Taking the stairs results in a better lifestyle," Horinek said. "Obesity and high blood pressure result from people always taking

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—Jon Horinek

Student Life Community
Engagement Coordinator

the easier way to get to places."

Greg Moris, a diversified studies major, is a student who always takes the stairs.

"I try to avoid the elevator unless I am hurt," Moris said.

Blake Allen, a communications major, prefers the elevator.

"I take the elevator because the stairs get too crowded," Allen said. "I feel like I should be able to take the elevators since they are

available to everyone."

Faith Bates, public relations major, said she takes the stairs only if the elevator is too full.

"I prefer taking the elevator," Bates said. "If I do see someone who is disabled, I let them go and I take the stairs."

Although the elevators are for students and others to use, Horinek suggested making sure people are not taking the ride someone else who might need but cannot get upstairs.

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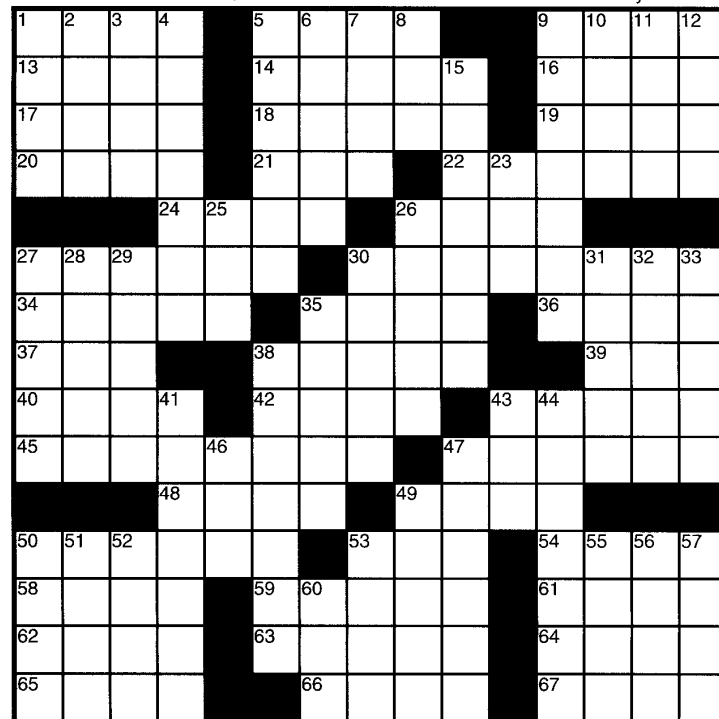
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Some offices being relocated

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

Some offices are being temporarily relocated due to Science, Engineering and Mathematics Center construction, said Eddie Cox, Physical Plant project manager.

"The Science and Math division office is now located in 2N1 on the second floor of the main building," he said.

Several faculty offices have moved as well, he said.

The faculty offices were behind the division office near the biotechnology area, Cox said, but can now be found in 2R0.

"All that area (where the offices were) is being demolished due to construction of the SEM Center," Cox said.

He said an elevator and staircase are being placed in the vacated areas.

For more information, call Cox at (405) 682-7554.

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Online site lists college bargains from surplus

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college only accepts certain forms of payment."

Credit cards, money orders and cash are several ways a winner can pay, he said.

The items also are sold in as-is condition and have no warranty or guarantees.

This is the first year OKCCC has gone online with its surplus auction, Duncan said, and he's looking forward to it.

"We're all very excited about this and we can't

wait until the public gets wind of it."

To visit the college's auction site, go to www.publicsurplus.com, select Oklahoma as the region and select Oklahoma City Community College as the agency.

Once that is done, click "View All Auctions for Oklahoma City Community College." This will take visitors to the college's site.

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