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Who understands all those fees anyway?

By **Michaela Marx**
Staff Writer

Tuition, books, fees, school supplies...

The beginning of the semester burns a hole in the pockets of many students.

It is hard to understand all the extra fees that show up on the student class schedule printout.

First, there's the regular tuition, called enrollment fee, of \$31.50 per credit hour, which is the standard cost of tuition for all two-year colleges in Oklahoma. Then other fees are added.

Take for example the student activity fee. This fee of \$3.80 per credit hour covers parking permits, sports on campus, recreation equipment and the student newspaper, said Director of Student Life Staci McPhearson. Also paid from

this budget are special events and activities.

"There will be a number of concerts and events coming up," she said. On Sept. 6 the band Super Freak will play in the Student Union. On Sept. 13 the Celtic Rock band Cuillin will be there.

A nationally known speaker will give a lecture called "Better grades in less time" on Sept. 23. Guest speakers are also funded from the student activity fee, McPhearson said.

Annual favorites such as the Crazy Olympics and other student organization events are supported with the student activity fee.

OKCCC student David Badders said the fee is a great idea.

"I am part of a club and this fee supports this club," he said.

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College remodeling plans to be realized by 2002

By **Kathi Etherton**
Editor

Even the old-timers may have trouble finding their way around in the college's main building after a \$7 million renovation is completed in 2002 — especially if alternate plans are also realized.

Aside from the planned remodeling of the first floor and the library, members of the OKCCC administration have also constructed alternate plans to add to the current remodel plan.

At the Aug. 14 OKCCC regents meeting, Gary Lombard, vice president for Business and Finance, said the alternates are not considered necessary, but are options if extra money is available.

The original design

At the meeting Lombard and Walt Joyce, the college architect from

Triad Design Group, presented the Board of Regents a preliminary plan to remodel the first floor of the main building.

Architects for the college estimate the cost of the essential changes, the base bid, to be \$7,410,000.

Within this amount, the science center will be completed and from there, the construction will progress to the main building. This includes:

- Financial aid will be moved adjacent to the new admissions and records. They will be moved near the main building entrance leading into the science center.

- Admissions and Records office will be moved near the current Student Development.

- Student Development will be transferred to the current Admissions and Records area.

- The training center and the training center classrooms will be

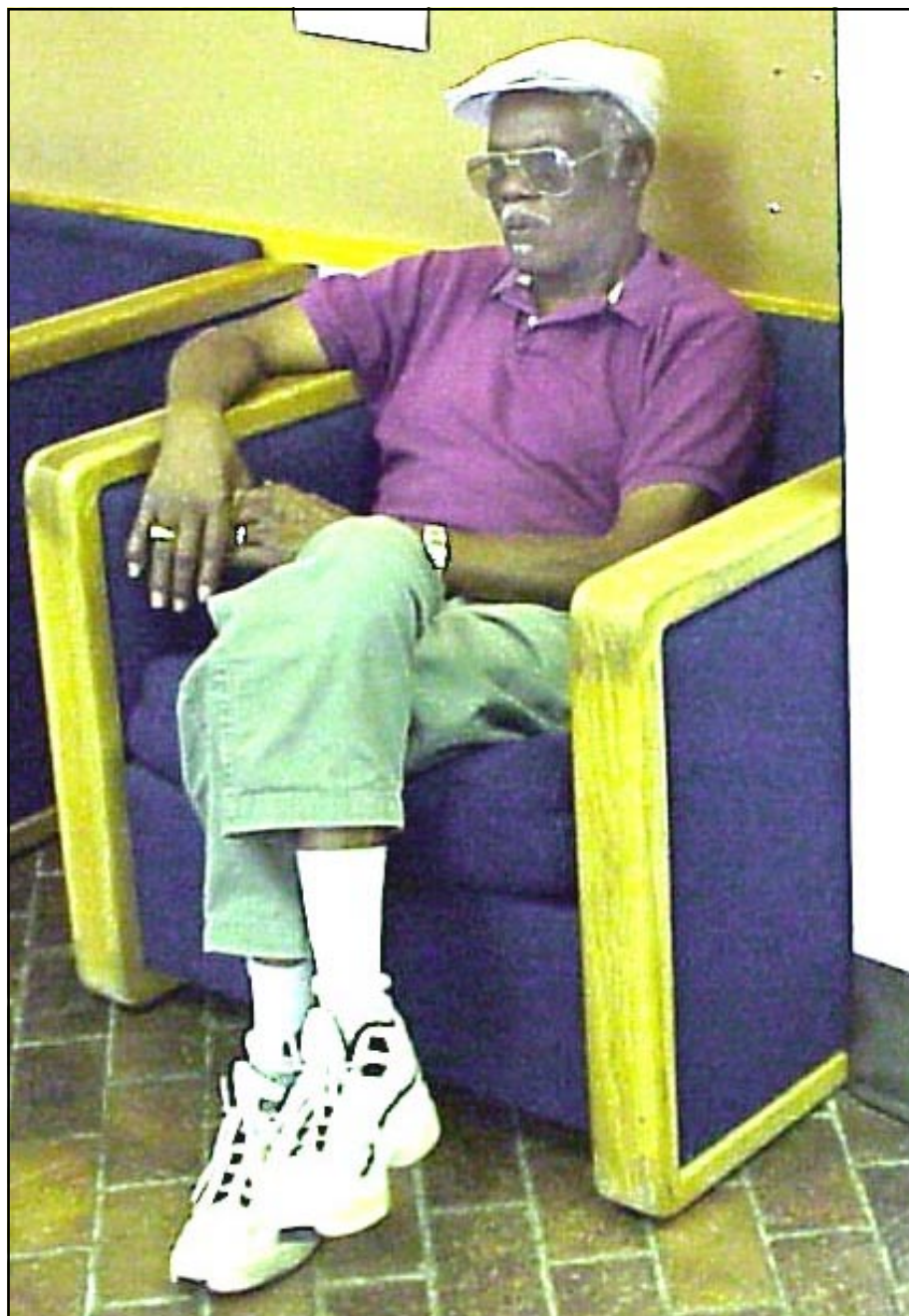


Photo by Vu Vu

Special delivery: Skeeter Hamilton hangs out in the arts and humanities building after driving adjunct professor Linda Crabtree to the college. Crabtree, who is disabled, depends upon Hamilton to get her safely to OKCCC each Tuesday and Thursday to teach English classes, then home again.

moved over to the current technology connector area.

- Enrollment management areas will be relocated to the right of the new welcome center currently located at entry 2. The current main entrance will be transformed into an atrium.

- Safety and security will be moved across the hall next to entry 11.

- The student life office will be relocated to where the current Student Organizations office is located.

- The bookstore will be enlarged

into the current student life offices.

This amount, the base bid, will also replace the gymnasium floor.

The total amount \$7,410,000, represents only part of the \$7.9 million available.

Source of the money

The money will come from \$1.2 million in state bonds and \$6.7 million in the sale of revenue bonds by the college.

Lombard said college administrators made certain that the costs

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Battle wounds shouldn't result from driving

The law of the Wild West still seems to be word on Oklahoma roads.

Even though traffic fines were raised on July 1, people still disregard speed limits, traffic signs, and other things they learned to pass their driver's test.

People speed on the highway, just to be slowed a mile down the road by traffic congestion. People speed, cut off and honk at fellow drivers, and this leads to wrecks. Deadly accidents happen and the speed devils not only endanger their own lives but also the lives of others.

Traffic violations are simply not seen as criminal behavior by society.

Another point that puts a bad light on Oklahoma drivers is that cops, who write tickets for these felonies, are disrespected, and are almost as unpopular as the dentist. Nobody notes that the drivers screw up first. One does not get stopped for no reason at all.

Not only does the law and expensive punishments mean anything to drivers, but also common courtesy seems to be a missing word in their dictionary.

When did it become OK to make your own road rules? Who decides what should be treated as a gentleman's delict and what is criminal behavior?

Two months with higher traffic fines have not changed the attitude of some drivers. What can be done to keep people from breaking the law is the big question.

It is not only the fault of speed devils that driving in Oklahoma is a mess. There are drivers who aren't violating any laws but still add to the traffic chaos. These are the notorious I-stay-in-the-left-lane-no-matter-what drivers, who block the traffic, because it is impossible to pass them. Then there are the undecided ones, who never can figure out where to go or how fast to go. Finally, there is the kind of driver who is too busy to drive, because they are socializing with passengers or talking on the phone.

I believe the key is to send violators back to driver's school and remind them that they are not alone on the road. Anger management and a defensive driving class should be a part of that, too. Some insurance companies even offer discounted rates for people who took a defensive driving class.

The road is not a battlefield and rage does not make the traffic jam go away. The road isn't a place to dream, either. Laws are made for a reason: your safety!

Traffic violations may save you a couple of minutes in the morning but they can mean the difference between life and death in other cases.

—**Michaela Marx**
Staff Writer

Role reversal played in parking lots

To the Editor:

When this college opened its doors in 1972, everyone shared the same parking spaces. The faculty and staff had no special parking privileges, no designated parking spaces in prime locations.

When faculty and staff parking areas were set aside about 10 years ago, my egalitarian principles dictated that I'd share the student parking spaces. No special status for me. Then one day I heard a student complain about the faculty and staff stickers on cars in the general parking areas while staff parking spots sat empty.

The student correctly

called my attention to the fact that others had to park farther from the door because faculty and staff vehicles were taking up student spaces. Since then I've made a point to use faculty parking.

I raise this issue now because the parking shortage this semester is forcing some students to cruise the lots for 15 to 20 minutes while they wait for a space.

In the meantime, I have observed about 10 empty faculty and staff parking spaces just north of the library. This isn't the most convenient location for many college employees, but it's not too far for some. In fact, I suspect many

employees are unaware of these empty spaces.

Others may choose the general parking lots because they are a few feet closer to the door.

To ease the parking shortage, I'd like to see college employees taking those empty slots. That would leave a few more openings for students. Just save one space for me.

—**Sue Hinton**
Professor of English

Thank you, Student Life

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the people in the office of Student Life who helped make this year's Student Organizations Fair such a great time for students, community members, staff, and faculty.

As sponsor of the Campus Greens, I enjoyed the time I spent at our recruitment table immensely, and I saw some great interac-

tion at other tables too.

OKCCC is dedicated to student success, and one special road to that goal might travel through our student clubs and organizations. They provide for a life beyond the classroom, and they're fun.

Thanks again, Student Life, and good luck to all the clubs.

—**Dave Charlson**
OKCCC English

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Comments and Reviews

Destiny's Child singer heated up concert — unintended uproar

Lead singer Beyonce Knowles ran off stage clutching her costume together during the group's first number at the Myriad Arena on Aug. 18.

While performing the five time platinum album "The Writings on the Wall," Destiny's Child had a rocky start when Beyonce's costume ripped completely apart on one side while the group was running onto stage.

She continued to sing using one hand to hold her costume until the first chorus of "Temptation," when she ran offstage to fix the problem. By the end of the song she had rejoined the group on stage sporting a very large safety pin.

The trio continued to sing and dance for the cheering fans. Entertaining the crowd during the break, the Destiny's Child dancers experienced costume problems of their own.

As the energetic dancers began, one of the male dancers almost lost his pants when the waist broke. He did manage to finish the number holding up his baggy pants.

The "Writings on the Wall" tour kicked off to a rocky start when Christina

Aguilera cancelled as the opening act. Singing sensation "Sammie" Haynes was chosen to replace her.

Sammie was greeted by cheering fans rushing towards the stage to touch him. Security quickly got the situation under control by the end of his first song.

After his performance, Sammie, joined by his mother on stage, picked out one girl from the audience to be the recipient of an a cappella "Happy Birthday" encore.

This created a ruckus of fans running over each other trying to get a glimpse of the 12-year-old boy. Security once again stepped in, and asked Sammie to return backstage in order to keep people from jumping off the second level of the arena or crushing each other on the floor.

Destiny's Child is now a trio after losing 19-year-old Farrah Franklin.

Farrah, who had only been a part of the group since February, was asked to leave as a result of a



Kelly Rowland

"group decision." The trio now consists of founding sisters Beyonce Knowles and Kelly Rowland and the new addition Michelle Williams.

They are one of the top selling female groups with 6 million copies of "The Writings on the

Wall" sold worldwide. They have written soundtracks for movies such as "Big Momma's House" and the soon to be released "Charlie's Angels."

Their tour will end on Sept. 25 in West Palm Beach where the group will be able to get some well-deserved rest.

On the website www.destinychild.com fans can read the most recent news on the group, listen to music off the CD or watch concert videos.

The group also threw fake money into the crowd during their song "Bills, Bills, Bills."

—Amy Barringer
Newswriting I Student

German Fest—not Wunderbar

Beer, brats and Oompah music! That is how the annual Bricktown German Festival on Aug. 25 through 27 was advertised.

It sounded like a blast, I thought, so I made a trip to the setting of the festivities.

What I saw was disappointing. Under a fairly small tent, the organizers had set up a stage, some plain tables and food and drink stands.

Bored looking people were sitting down staring at the Oompah band. Usually traditional German music in combination with beer turns most people into happy, polka dancing fel-

lows, but the spark just would not jump over to the crowd.

That may be explainable considering the hot weather. Besides the band was not the best, but what really put a damper on the German Fest was the prices. Admission after 7 p.m. was \$7. A bratwurst with some potato salad and bread was nearly \$8 and beers as well as soft drinks were expensive, too.

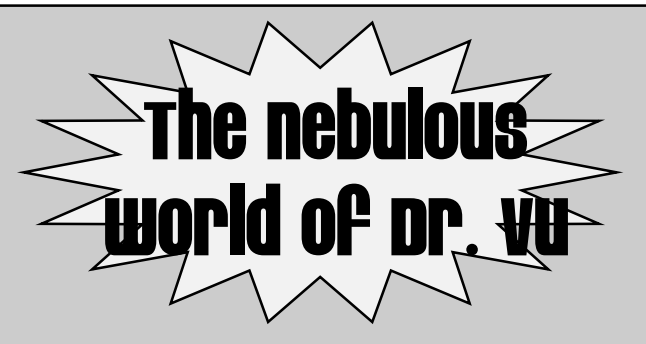
There was not really anything to do for kids, even though the German Fest was advertised as fun for the whole family.

Compared to the October

Fest in Tulsa, which is larger, more fun, and cheaper, Oklahoma City's attempt to celebrate German style failed.

The setting and atmosphere were disappointing, but a highlight was to see many older couples of German heritage enjoy a night out showcasing their traditional Lederhosen and Dirndels. A lovely older man spun his wife around on the dance floor. The two had a great time. I just wish some more of this fun would have caught on with the rest of the people.

—Michaela Marx
Staff Writer



Who wants to be the scapegoat?

Everybody's so freaking sorry for things they didn't do.

Everyone with a TV has seen the ads.

Bridgestone/Firestone is sorry about its tires for the second time this century.

Ford is sorry about the tires and the fact that their SUV line pollutes more than their car line.

United Airlines is sorry for booking too many people.

President Vladimir Putin is sorry about the sub tragedy.

I'm sorry for leaving the toilet seat up at home and upsetting deans.

Everybody is freaking sorry.

My excuse is that what I'm sorry for doesn't injure or kill people, doesn't cause excessive pollution and doesn't anger thousands of folks on vacation.

I just make people angry. I guess that's just what journalists do.

And as a journalist, I am a disciple of Murphy's Law, *What can go wrong, will go wrong* (Murphy was a pessimist).

When I do something negligent, I make sure that the outcome only makes a maximum of five people mad at me.

Mitsubishi tried a variation of my concept.

People complained about their cars, and Mitsubishi would fix them.

But they kept the problems *hush-hush* internally for 20 years by not telling the Japanese government about the problems (this occurred in Japan only, not the United States).

Now they're recalling over 500,000 cars (about 40,000 cars in the U.S. are being recalled), and may have to pay court fines.

And that's why they're in big trouble.

Murphy's Law...

In my case someone could fall into the toilet (Murphy's Law).

The only injury would be maybe a bruise to the caboose, and a bruise to the ego.

No serious fines or jail time there, but maybe my mom will yell at me.

She's had her eye on a sprinkler system.

In the end, there is no excuse for negligence.

I've learned my lesson.

—Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Disco, Celtic music on events calendar

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

The office of Student Life is bringing REAL alternative music to OKCCC students Sept. 6 and 13.

The polyester-wearing, afro-sporting, platform-shoe dancing band Super Freak of Oklahoma City will perform from noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6 in the Student Union.

Super Freak will dish out disco classics like "Car Wash," "I Will Survive," "Staying Alive," "Celebration" and of course, "Super Freak."

"It's really the type of music people remember," lead singer Donnie Lee Rothchild said.

Super Freak has performed at the Bricktown Brewery, the Bricktown Pub, Russell's and several clubs in Tulsa.

They also do weddings.

The members, Tony Bravo, on bass; Hugh Hefner Jr. on guitar; Idzo Long on bass; and

Rothchild have known each other for many years.

As Super Freak, the band has been together for about one year.

When asked how to describe the era of disco, Rothchild replied, "Super freaky."

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, the Celtic rock band from Canada Cuillin will return to OKCCC for their sophomore performance in the Student Union.

Cuillin, which means "majestic peak or point," hails from Nova Scotia.

The band has six members

who play a multitude of instruments to the tune of traditional Scottish, Irish and rock music.

Their newest CD, "Cool-In," released in February, sports a track written by Dave Matthews (Orange Crush).

Cuillin's sound is warm with fiddles, percussion, and a certain uniqueness seldom heard in Oklahoma.

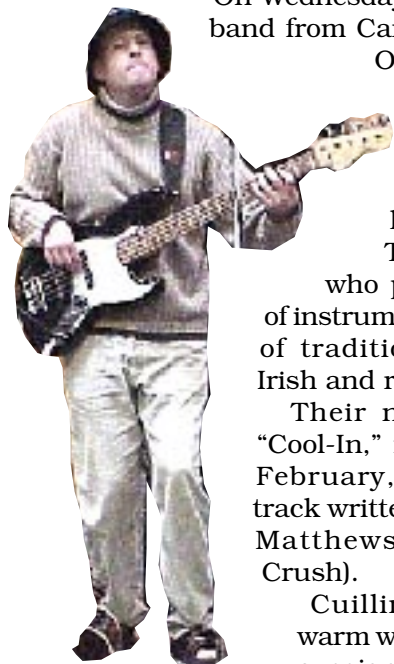
Cuillin even has 1997 Junior World Bagpipe champion Matt MacIsaac.

For more information on Super Freak, contact David Box Talent in Norman at 360-2263.

For information on Cuillin, go to www.cuillin.com, the band's website.



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Rothchild



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ACT testing scores on the rise

Math still underdog when it comes to national averages

By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer

More Oklahoma high school students are taking the American College Test (ACT) and scoring higher than ever before. Oklahoma's gain in 2000 is the most significant raise in the nation, according to information released by the Oklahoma State Department for Education.

The average ACT scores among the 71 percent of high school seniors who took the test was 20.8, 0.2 points up from last year. By comparison in Texas only about 32 percent took the ACT and the average score was 20.3.

However, educational leaders believe what is most significant is that Oklahoma's scores are up 0.8 from 1990, whereas the national average of 21 has gone up only 0.4 points since 1991.

Jim Ellis, OKCCC director of career assessment services, said, in his opinion, better ACT scores in Oklahoma indicate that students come better prepared to college.

Being prepared is crucial to being successful in college. Well-prepared students tend to stay in college and not give up, he said.

Especially minority students seem to be better prepared than in the past. The annual evaluation showed that the scores among minority students in Oklahoma have gone up substantially.

Since 1999 African American students' scores went up 0.4, Native American students' scores were 0.2 higher and Hispanic students' scores increased by 0.5 points.

J.P. Johnson, director of Early College Awareness at OKCCC, said in order to increase the test scores of minority students, those students should take the test more than once.

"The key is to give them

experience with standardized tests and help them prepare for them," she said.

Ellis said he hopes better scores among minority students also mean that the test instruments have become more multi-cultural.

Problems continue to be found in math. In Oklahoma the math ACT score is 19.9 this year, while the national average is 20.7.

The same problem plagues OKCCC.

Math Professor Christopher Oehrlein said the number of students enrolled in pre-college courses such as elementary and intermediate algebra indicates that students come to OKCCC unprepared.

Currently 1,024 new students are taking zero-level math courses this fall.

Math Professor Keith Wilson said the preparedness of incoming students has even gone down.

But who is to blame for the problems in math?

Wilson said one of the possible reasons is that some students do not take math continually and their skills deteriorate.

Oehrlein said some students do not take math past their sophomore or junior year, because their requirements are covered. He said it is not only important to remember the facts but also to stay active in the subject.

Wilson said another reason students come to college with unsatisfactory math skills has to do with social pressure put upon a teacher by parents and administrators to pass a



J.P. Johnson

student.

"I don't think students in high school are expected to perform as well as on college level," he said.

Wilson said math is a difficult subject. In order to perform better, students must be expected to learn more. However, he added, the blame can't be put anywhere in particular.

Sandy Garrett, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said since the state now requires stronger credentials for mathematics certification for teachers and since elementary teachers have to take more math in college, she expects to see improvement in math scores soon.

Garrett said better scores in all areas of ACT testing are evidence that the school reforms of the 1990s are paying off.

Over the past decade significant amounts of money have been dedicated to prepare students early for college, resulting in programs such as GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs).

OKCCC does its part for ACT readiness

By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer

Preparing high school students for college is important and OKCCC does its part to help out.

A good ACT score is not only important for college freshmen. OKCCC is home to a large number of concurrently enrolled high school students, said J.P. Johnson, director of early college awareness. These students juggle high school and college work at the same time.

A pilot program that helps prepare students to take the ACT and get them ready for college was established with Capitol Hill High School last fall, said Johnson. This program also uses the option of concurrent enrollment. One requirement for concurrent enrollment is an ACT score of 19 for seniors or 21 for juniors.

Brian Staples, principal at Capitol Hill, said the reason why this program was started was that many of his students were not successful in advanced placement programs. A new way was needed to give students a chance to earn college credit while in high school.

Then, last fall, he gave Paul Sechrist, OKCCC vice president for academic affairs, a call, said Johnson. A planning team was formed. The

first action: OKCCC staff went to Capitol Hill and administered a residual ACT test, Staples said.

About 40 Capitol Hill students took the test and approximately 20 qualified for concurrent enrollment.

That was a surprising outcome. In the past only one or two students per year had been doing concurrent enrollment, he said.

As a result OKCCC started teaching general education college classes at the high school, Staples said.

Staples was amazed by how many students took the test and how many actually qualified.

Other ACT residuals will be held at Capital Hill this October and in March.

Practice tests will be given to everybody from grade nine to 12. The practice will help to make the students more successful, he said.

A factor that may have made the test more attractive to Capitol Hill students was that the residual ACT was free, Staples said.

Johnson said it is important to help students take the test more than once. Practice promises success, she said.

This program is fairly unique, said Staples. There are only two other schools in the metro area who have similar programs, he said.

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Staying awake is the key in this picture. This is one of the illustrations in "Jasper's Magic Blanket."

Jasper and his friends are working out a plan to find the secret behind the magic blanket. Not sleeping is the plan.



Danny Gordon, holds a piece of his artwork. This drawing shows the main character, Jasper and his dog Goliath, from the book "Jasper's Magic Blanket" that Gordon illustrated. The book is due out in October.

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Former student brings childrens book to life

Book illustrator speaks to kids through artwork

While he may be an adult, he is just a big kid at heart. Danny Gordon, a former OKCCC student, illustrates children's books and his most recent accomplishment was a book titled "Jasper's Magic Blanket."

"Jasper's Magic Blanket" is written by Debbie A. Atwood of Kansas City, Mo., and is the story of a curious boy named Jasper.

Jasper notices that even though he kicks off his blanket at night, it always ends back on him the next morning. Jasper concludes that his blanket must be magic and tells his friends.

However, his friends don't feel the same way about the magic blanket and they laugh at his discovery. Finally Jasper and his friends team up to solve a mystery.

Each page of this 32-page book is colorfully designed with artwork done by Gordon.

Within each illustration, there is a disguised Bible scripture reference. Each one of the scriptures relates to theme of the book — love.

Atwood and Gordon's desire is for a series of eight more Jasper books. Each book will be centered around a different moral theme.

Gordon used colored pencils to create the images. He said that he likes pencils the best because they look clean and they aren't messy.

"I learned that if you want to stand out from the rest, you need to be consistent with your

style," Gordon said.

Gordon's depiction of Jasper won him the opportunity to illustrate these books over 57 other applicants. Atwood said in a previous press release that she knew that Gordon was the lucky one.

"Contestants were asked to read the 'Jasper' manuscript and draw a picture of the main character," Atwood said, "When I received Danny's entry, I knew immediately that he was the one for the project. Danny has managed to create characters with personality that readers can't help but fall in love with."

"Jasper's Magic Blanket" was published by Novel Approach Publications, LLC in Kansas City, Mo.

Gordon attended OKCCC from 1995 to 1997 as a graphics communications major and has worked his way through the illustrating business creating greeting cards for Comstock Greeting Cards and publishing artwork in the Connecticut magazine, Better Nutrition magazine and Graphic Design USA Magazine.

Gordon marketed his talent by purchasing a page in a National Talent Directory. The book is distributed to approximately 15,000 art directors across the country. An artist can put a piece of work in the book that best illustrates their artwork style.

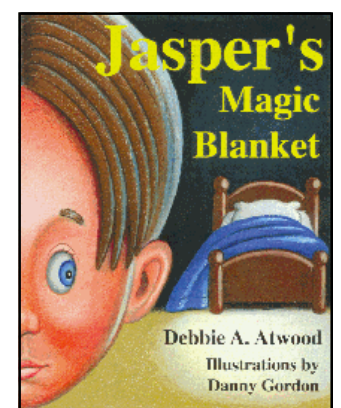
He has won numerous awards including an American Graphic Design Award for excellence in illustration. He is also a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

Gordon resides in Oklahoma City with his wife Sandra. He is currently working on a cassette cover and a CD cover for the book-on-tape. He hopes to host workshops in libraries and elementary schools for students interested in illustrating.

He will be appearing at Borders bookstore on N.W. Expressway Oct. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. and at the store in Norman Oct. 27 from 7 to 8 p.m. He will also be selling limited 11 inch by 17 inch prints of his artwork.

"I realize that children can become connected with a particular character and they want to hang them on the wall," Gordon said.

Visit www.novel-approach.com for more of Gordon's artwork.



Small packages now delivered to childcare center

Eight infants have filled the latest vacancies at OKCCC's Child Development Center, putting to good use some of the \$173,000 grant the center received from the Department of Commerce earlier this year. The First Start program supports the care of children in the age group of 4 weeks to 3 years.

CDC Director Charlotte Wood-Wilson said the spots filled fast. There is already a one to two-year waiting list. However, she said, the center will need to apply for another grant next spring in order to continue taking care of the younger children.

Below left: Child Development Center Director Charlotte Wood-Wilson feeds Tyler Dorman, 2 months. Wood-Wilson said many of those attending the center are the children of students at the college.

Below right: Megan Molnar, 8 months, Elijah Rodgers, 1, and Sage Snow, 8 months, frolic in the cool of the morning at the Child Development Center.



Above: Brooklynn Wilkerson, 2, gets some morning exercise in the Child Development Center. The center received a \$173,000 grant from the department of Commerce to care for babies. Wilkerson is one of the first infants to be enrolled at the center.



Photos by Vu Vu

Student fees a mystery worth unraveling

"Fees,"

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Donna Nance, director of Budget and Management, said the student activity fee is projected to total \$630,221 this year.

OKCCC student Bill Brown said he agrees with the fee covering parking. However, he said, the student activity fee also covers lots of things he does not take advantage of and he believes he should not have to pay for that.

Even though OKCCC student Gibran Lacey does not take advantage of everything that is funded through the student activity fee, he believes that everybody should contribute, so everybody can take advantage of offerings to get the best education.

All students find a facility use fee on their class schedule printout. This fee, \$4.30 per credit hour, is dedicated to keeping up buildings and facilities and paying debt that paid to build several facilities, said Nance.

In order to build the Wellness Center, College Union and the Aquatic Center among other buildings, revenue bonds were sold, said Nance.

"The facility use fee helps to pay for that," she said. Approximately \$713,144 in the budget comes from this fee.

Another fee is the student technology fee of \$4. It goes toward the purchase of student computers, upgrading computer systems and computer maintenance, said Nance.

This fee will add up to approximately \$667,279 according to the budget, said Nance.

Two other fees are to be found on the printouts of all OKCCC students: the assessment fee and the library fee. Both are \$1 per credit hour. The library fee helps to keep the library up-to-date through the purchase and maintenance of books, newspapers and magazines, as well as items for the video and audio sec-

tion. This fee is estimated to total \$160,000 for the fiscal year 2001, said Nance.

The assessment fee covers the placement tests for new students. Also the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education requires entry level, mid-level, satisfaction and outcome assessments for students. This fee also pays for the paper work.

Brown said, because he uses all the facilities as a student, it is right to help the college pay bills.

However, he thinks the add-on fees are too high. "An average of close to \$42 extra per three-hour class seems a lot considering that about 10,000 students go here."

Together student fees are estimated to make up 22 percent of the 2000-2001 Educational and General Operating budget for the college. Student fees are estimated to total more than \$6.5 million.

Most of the fees apply to all students, but some affect only a certain percentage of OKCCC students. In addition to the regular tuition and standard fees, non-residents of Oklahoma have to pay out-of-state tuition of \$67.50 per credit hour. Usually American students achieve resident status after a year of residency in Oklahoma, but for international students it is required throughout college, said Melanie Scott of admissions and records.

International students also have to pay a \$15 per semester maintenance fee, she said.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service requires the college to keep the agency updated on the status of international students, Scott said. The fee covers paperwork, immigration documents and monitoring student enrollment.

Not only international students pay special fees. For certain classes the college charges extra money, said Nance. Telecourses cost \$6 in addition to the

regular tuition. The money goes toward videotapes, costs related to offering this kind of class over cable broadcast systems and on educational TV.

Gloria Barton, dean of Admissions and Records, said an on-campus exam and advanced standing fee of \$5 applies to students who take advanced standing tests. The fee covers the cost of the exam and posting of the credit hours.

Zero-level courses, which are pre-college level, have an additional fee of \$13. These are classes, such as elementary algebra or college reading. According to the college catalogue small class sizes and individual attention in Developmental Education classes generate a greater cost for the college.

Brown disagrees with that fee. He said students shouldn't have to pay more money for classes that do not even count toward their degree.

Gary Rankin, vice president for external educational programs, said classes offered away from the OKCCC campus cost \$18.50 per credit hour extra. He said that this fee takes care of renting outside facilities and other additional costs for faculty and instruction. For these classes, all the other fees, such as the student facility fee and student activity fee, are waived, he said.

Students who take part of a cooperative agreement program, for which the college works closely with several metro vo-techs, pay an additional \$6 per credit hour, said Nance.

Finally, applied music lessons have an extra charge of \$50 per credit hour, said Nance. These are for private music lessons for degree-seeking students or \$180 per course for non-degree students.

Students often don't know where the fees go to, but overall the fees are reasonable, said Lacey. "The college has to pay bills, too," he said.

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of the necessary changes would fall below the amount they had to work with.

That way, he said, they would be assured those changes would be made with extra money left over.

That leftover money, college administrators hope, will help pay for the alternate plans.

Alternatively speaking

Aside from the base bid, six other plans, referred to as alternates, are being reviewed or considered.

The amount of the alternates exceeds the total available construction funds, when added to the base bid, so the Board of Regents will review the plans and determine the priorities of the alternates.

The cost for all of these is preliminary and could be higher or lower once contractors set their prices. The architects will present revised cost estimates and discuss the construction documents at the College Regents Committee meeting Sept. 11. The alternates being considered are as follows:

- **Gymnasium:** The alternate plan would include new lighting, acoustics and paint. Cost is estimated at \$106,000.

- **Enrollment area:** A new area would be constructed that would add 3,900 square feet to the area next to the new main entrance. Estimated cost, approximately \$432,000.

(There is money in the base bid to relocate the enrollment office within its existing space.)

- **Patio enclosure:** This would enclose the patio in the Arts and Humanities building on the opposite side of the mural.

A walkway and a student gathering area would be added about 16 feet beyond the enclosed patio. This enclosure would cost about \$439,000.

- **Technology Connector Remodel:** The current computer classrooms will be relocated to the third floor of the library in the base bid. With the alternate plan, that area would be remodeled to become the Center for Teaching and Learning, the college attorney's office and computer training center offices. Cost is estimated at \$242,000.

- **Underground Building Ramp:** The current ramp, which leads into the science center is somewhat steep. If the alternate plan were to be approved, it would be remodeled to have a gentler slope. The current ramp does not meet American Disabilities Act standards, but because there are alternate routes into the college, this remodel is not required. It would cost about \$85,000.

- **Ceramic Floor Tile:** The alternate plan would be to

replace the floor in the main building around the stairs, in front of the bookstore and admissions with ceramic floor tiles. If not approved, the floor will still be remodeled within the base bid with brick pavers and carpet. Cost is estimated at \$234,000.

The total for all six alternate plans is \$1,538,000. The total for the base bid and the alternates together is estimated at \$8,948,000, \$1,048,000 over the available reconstruction funds.

The final synopsis

"These alternate plans don't have to be done, but if the bids are low enough, then we can go ahead and award everything on this list," Lombard said. "It is unlikely though, given the difference [in cost]."

Alternates not selected for construction may be completed at a later time, Lombard said.

"I would say that the first

five would be addressed in some way as separate projects or within other projects," he said.

"The ceramic floor tiles — if we aren't able to do that now, I wouldn't see that being done because we are investing money for the brick pavers."

From the sale of the revenue bonds, the college will receive approximately \$6,700,000.

Lombard said the college will be pledging the student activity fee and the student facility use fee funds to pay off the bonds over a 22-year period. This does not require an increase in student fees.

"The current fee rates are sufficient to pay the debt service for the new revenue bonds issue and therefore require no increase," Lombard said.

This remodel encompasses a large part of the campus, but Lombard said

that construction will be completed in stages so only a few employees will be displaced at a time.

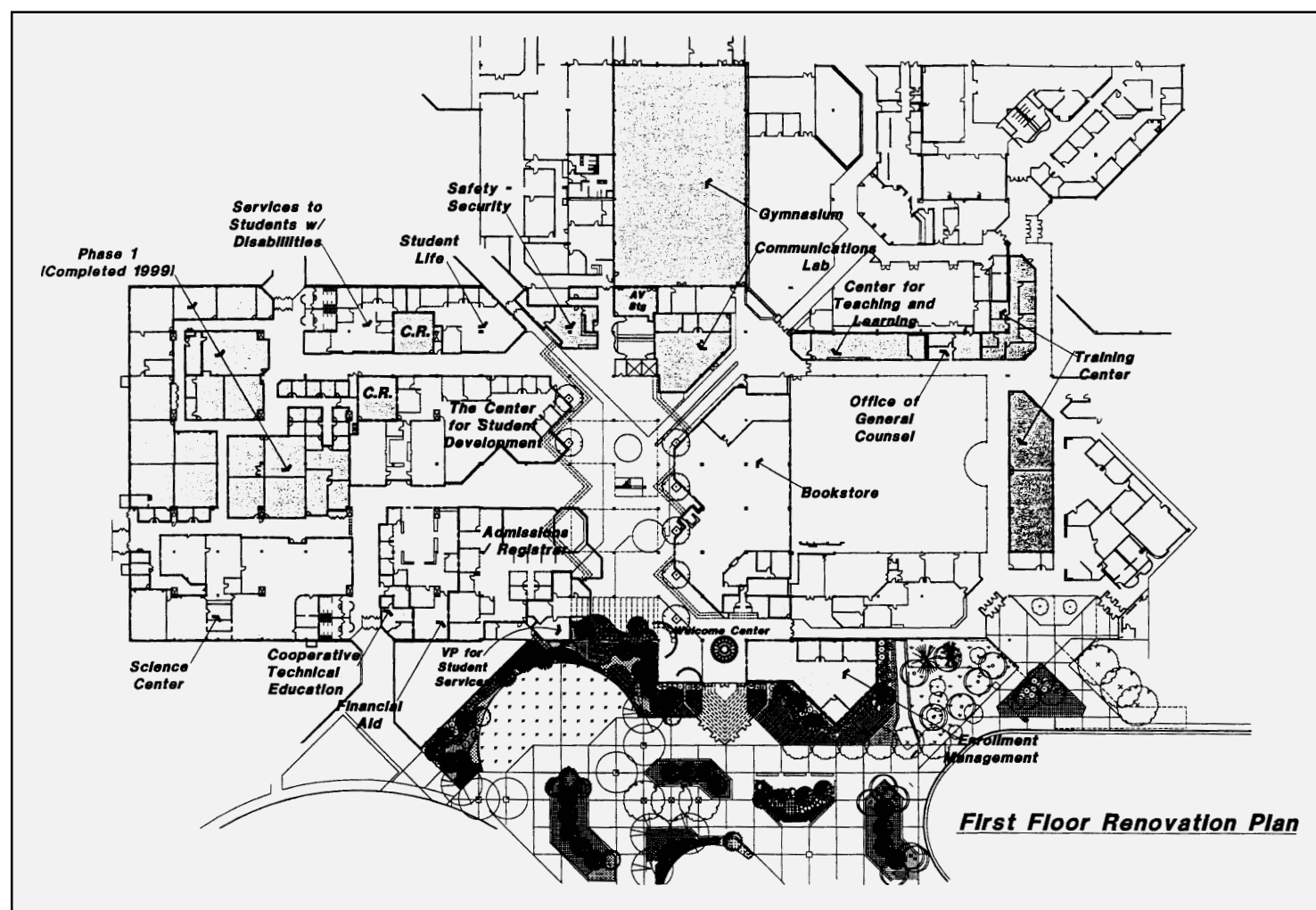
According to Lombard, this project is scheduled to last approximately 18 to 24 months. Before the contractors begin work, there are other steps for the college, the board and the architect to take.

On Sept. 25, the college will be asking the board to authorize the solicitation of bids. This means that various contractors will submit bids for the project with what their cost would be.

In late October the college will receive those bids.

In early November the bids will be discussed with the Board of Regents and the Board Facilities task force.

At the November regents meeting, the board is expected to award contracts for construction to begin in December.



Above is a rendition of what the college will look like when renovations are completed in 2002. These plans show only base bid renovations — what the OKCCC Board of Regents has approved so far at a cost of \$7,410,000. However, college administrators have also asked for funding for additional changes, or alternate plans. If approved, some of these changes will differ. Authorization to submit bids will be requested at the September Committee of the Whole meeting.

Highlights

Health Professions Club ready to meet

The Health Professions Club is holding its first general meeting of the semester at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14 in room 2N5 of the main building. For more information, contact science instructors Steven Kamm 682-1611, ext. 7268 or John Perry at ext. 7330.

Recreation and Community Services needs you!

The office of Recreation and Community Services is looking for adjunct instructors to teach the following classes:

College for Kids needs a teacher for Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Drama for ages 6 to 13 years on Saturdays from Sept. 16 to Nov. 4. There will be four classes — 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and noon to 2 p.m. Must be 18 or older and have extensive experience in drama and working with youth. Pay is \$20 per hour.

Adult Community Education needs someone to teach Traveler's Spanish for adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 12 to Oct. 17. Must be 18 or older, speak fluent Spanish and have some experience teaching. Pay rate is \$20 per hour.

Contact Jonie Welle at 682-1611, ext. 7205 or e-mail at jwelle@okc.cc.ok.us for more information.

Phi Theta Kappa meeting

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society is holding its first official meetings of the semester at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13 and 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14 in room 3P5 of the main building. Come and find out what great things are in store for this year! For more information call 682-1611, ext. 7771 and leave a message, including a phone number.

Scholarship opportunity

The Sorosis Scholarship is available in the Office of Prospective Student Services. Qualifications are: Must be an Oklahoma resident, graduated from Oklahoma high school, have a GPA of 3.2 or above and be enrolled in 12 credit hours per semester of college work. The deadline is Sept. 15. For more information call Linda Sapp at 682-7580.

Semester gets into full swing with noontime concerts

Dust off the disco ball and squeeze into those elephant bells, and join the '70s disco-retro band Super Freak for booty-shaking music at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 6 in the Student Union.

The Celtic rock band Cuillin skirts into the Student Union for a return engagement at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 13. Everyone is encouraged to drop by and listen to some great music. The event is sponsored by Student Life.

Attention all sharp-shooters

Laser Storm laser tag will be on campus Sept. 19 and 20. Details will be on the Student Life webpage at www.okc.cc.ok.us/studentlife/calendar as they are available.

Blood Drive seeks donors

Help save lives by donating 45 minutes of your time and a pint of blood. The Oklahoma Blood Institute will be on campus from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 6 and 7 in the general dining area.



Your move:

Pre-pharmacy major Mark Pogue watches as Public Relations staff writer Julie Dye and Biology Professor Dennis Anderson ponder their next moves.

Anderson is sponsor of the chess club, which participated in the Organizations Fair Aug. 29 and 30.

Photo by
Ronna Austin

Hundreds of students show interest at organizations fair

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Clubs offered everything from candy and popcorn to voter registration cards and mini-erasers to entice students to join the many clubs represented at the fall student organizations fair Sept. 29 and 30.

The first floor of the main building was packed with hundreds of students looking for clubs.

"It's going great," said student Arthur Vasquez, Chi Alpha representative.

He said Chi Alpha, one of OKCCC's religious organizations, will showcase live music, praise and worship, and a special speaker at 8 p.m. Sept. 22 in room CU3.

Chi Alpha meets every

Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. in room 3N4 of the main building.

Abilities Galore was also there in full force.

According to the college club brochure, Abilities Galore "provides mutual support for the academic and career goals of students with disabilities." Health majors are also encouraged to join the club.

The student political clubs, Campus Greens, College Republicans and the inactive Young Democrats, pooled their efforts in order to register new voters.

"It's important for students to register so they can participate in government and use their votes to make a difference," said student Michelle Misner, Campus Greens representative.

The club also asked that

former Young Democrats consider joining the Campus Greens.

About 26 clubs participated in the fair. For more information about joining a club or organization, visit the college's website at: www.okc.cc.ok.us

CORRECTION

In a summer edition contact numbers and e-mail addresses for Campus Green's president Adrienne Johnson, and sponsor David Charlson were incorrect. They are: AJohnson@po.okc.cc.ok.us for Johnson, and djcharlson@okc.cc.ok.us or 682-1611 ext. 7638 for Charlson.

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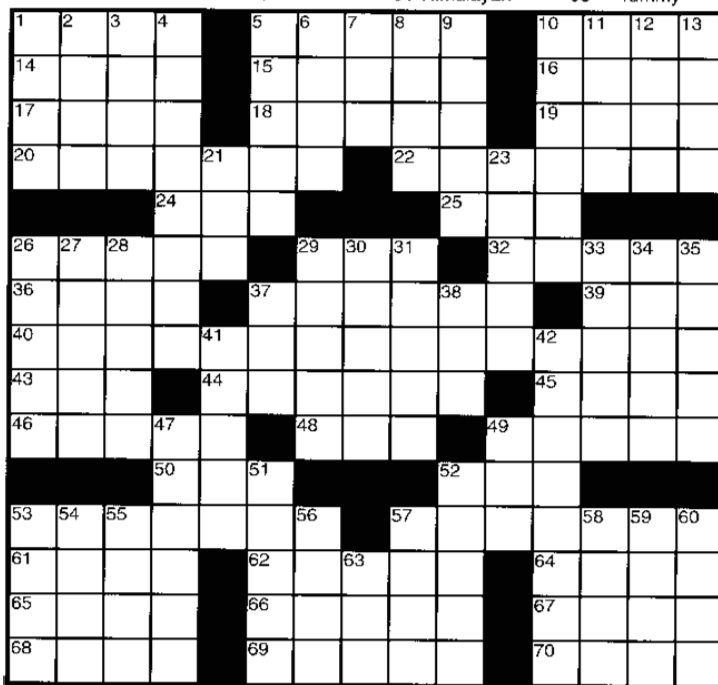
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Worker bees: Hundreds of students swarm into the hallways of the main building after Monday morning classes. Stairways and elevators were packed, and students stood at a dead standstill waiting a turn to get on either one.

At a Glance...

• **Super Freak** performs in the college union at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 6.

• Celtic rock band **Guillin** entertains noon, Wednesday, Sept. 13.

• **Oklahoma Blood Institute** draws blood from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 6 and 7 in the general dining area.

For up-to-date information about college happenings, visit the college website at www.okc.cc.ok.us

Security officers respond to numerous calls

By Vu Vu
Staff Writer

Medical problems, thefts, a near hit and run, a stolen vehicle and several fender-benders created a busier-than-usual week for campus security.

OKCCC employee Patrisha Whitehurst was unconscious when OKCCC Safety and Security officer James Springer responded to a call Aug. 22 in the Child Development Center.

According to an incident report, Whitehurst partially regained consciousness as EMSA arrived.

She told the responding security officer she had fainted and had chest pain

but declined transportation by EMSA. She was taken to her personal doctor by her husband. Whitehurst was not available for comment.

In another incident, a visitor to the college said a car nearly hit her and her nephew on the loop road next to the Aquatics Center at 9:45 p.m. Aug. 23.

She told campus Security officer Kevin Tipton she was unable to get a tag number due to the car's speed and poor lighting, but said it was a newer model emerald green

Pontiac Sunbird driven by a white male.

No one was injured and the victim requested anonymity.

Student Travis Robbins discovered his 1989 black Chevy stepside pickup missing from parking lot A at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 28.

Robbins said he locked the pickup before going to class. Glass was found on the ground where it had been parked. The value is \$4500.

Several traffic accidents occurred during the week.

A Geo Prizm and a Honda Civic collided Aug. 21. Both cars were traveling eastbound on J. Lee Keels Blvd. The Civic suffered \$1000 worth of damage and the Prizm received \$500 in damage.

On Aug. 28, a 1998 Ford Mustang and a 1995 Buick LeSabre traded paint to the tune of \$400.

Also on J. Lee Keels Boulevard on Aug. 30, a 1996 Pontiac Sunbird and a 1997 Hyundai Accent scraped each other for about \$2600 worth of dam-

age on both cars.

Hoping to avoid a too-hot car, student Shereen Walters said she locked her car doors but left the windows down about an inch when she left for classes Aug. 24. When she returned, \$590 worth of books and equipment had been stolen from her car.

Student Kristie Thompson's 2000 Nissan Quest may have been a victim of the heat Aug. 23.

When Thompson returned to her car, she said, she found her passenger side window had shattered.

Car temperatures can reach as high as 192 degrees during 100-degree weather according to Kidsource.com website.

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