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# PIONEER

## Summer numbers increase by 23%

Enrollment up in all areas

By Vu A. Vu  
Editor

Computer science major Mohsin Rizvi likes summer school.

"Summer is cool. It's easy and the teacher is good," Rizvi said, who is taking one three-credit course this summer.

"I want to complete my course early. Maybe I'll take two next summer."

Management Information Systems major Danielle Johnson likes summer school better than the traditional fall and spring session.

"Class goes by faster. It's not long and drawn out," Johnson said.

This summer, she's taking accounting and economics.

Although the grass is thin-

ning and browning, OKCCC's summer population is growing because of students like Rizvi and Johnson.

According to enrollment records provided by Dr. John Barker, OKCCC director of research, 4,647 students enrolled for summer school, a 23 percent increase from last year's 3,781 students.

"The college is doing the right things to attract students," Barker said.

He said growth in online courses has helped fuel the increase.

"This summer's 34 online courses have 872 enrollments, which is an almost seven-fold increase over the enrollment in last summer's eight online courses," Barker said.

Also, he said, the number

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John Barker



Photo by Melissa DePew

**Future dreams:** Curtis Sterling, graphic communications major, finds a comfy place for a noontime nap. Rest areas, such as this area by the theater, provide great snooze opportunities between classes.

## First floor remodeling equals lots of room changes

By Ashley Martin  
Staff Writer

Just when it seemed things couldn't get more chaotic around campus, they did.

As everyone is probably aware of by now, the student bookstore has a new, temporary home in the gymnasium.

Admissions and Records is now taking up residency in the space vacated by all those books.

All of this is part of the massive

remodeling project, known as the master plan, that began back in January with the college library.

"Our goal right now is to finish the library by July 9 and commence moving into the library July 11," said J.B. Messer, assistant director of the Physical Plant.

Messer is also hoping to have the entire space from the Science complex to Entry 1 on the first floor of the main building empty by Aug. 3, so remodeling can begin in that area.

"Our second goal is to have the science complex completed by Aug.

12, in preparation for fall classes," Messer said.

Messer said Admissions and Records was completely moved last week without one minute of down time. The front desk of the admissions office was the last item to go.

"Everyone's excited about it," said Carlos Herrera, an admissions clerk from the department.

Herrera said it should be a nice change.

Messer said the largest move will be transporting the Information Technology division, the training center, and the center for learning

and teaching to the library.

Those moves will take place July 11 through 31.

When everything is said and done, the main building will be almost unrecognizable.

Entry 1 will have been transformed into a glassed-in student atrium, complete with tables for studying and socializing.

Drop-down ceiling fans will also be installed in the planned atrium.

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

# Lighten up, leadfooters

As a student who commutes to OKCCC from Norman nearly every day of the week, I am fully aware of the reduced speed limit on Interstate 35.

I am also aware of the reduced speed limit on the Broadway Extension between the north side of Oklahoma City and Edmond.

I'm sure there are plenty of others as well.

These new speed limit signs, posted due to road construction in those areas, speak loud and clear.

They read 55 mph on the stretch of highway between here and Norman. Their numbers drop as low as 45 mph on the Broadway Extension.

Speed limits in these areas are normally in the 60 to 70 mph range.

So why are so many people blatantly ignoring the new limits?

I know it may not make sense to some people. Why should we have to drive 45 mph at night when there are no road crews out working?

Heck, why should we have to go 45 mph at all?

Simply put, because it's safer. Those signs are there for a reason. The conditions of the road obviously cannot handle 60 or 70 mph.

Those service roads that have been converted to highways put drivers in pretty close quarters.

However, some people don't even notice them. And it's the driving of those people that makes driving 45 and 55 mph dangerous.

Driving on the same highway everyday, I know where the construction and the reduced speed limit begins and ends.

I slow down because I want to avoid a ticket.

I see a few other drivers do the same, but for the most part, people are riding up on our bumpers, whipping past us, and cutting us off.

I wish someone could explain to me how this type of behavior is safe. Can anyone who drives this way justify it?

I know it's irritating to have to take it slow, especially if you're one of those people who is constantly five minutes behind on your life.

I know the drivers aren't the only people at fault.

Where are all those undercover police officers in their unmarked cruisers who were supposed to be cracking down on speeders?

I've seen them around, waiting behind walls or at the end of the construction zones. I've even seen them pulling over a few people.

But they don't seem to be around often enough.

I think if more tickets were being handed out (fines double in work areas), maybe all of this defensive, dangerous driving would stop.

The next time you are driving in one of those road construction areas, read the signs.

There are babies in those cars you're cutting off. People who have places to be, just like you.

Do the law-abiding citizens a favor. Slow down.

—Ashley Martin  
Staff Writer

# New-car smell great smell to smell, especially at old college

## To the Editor:

I just want to say that it is an honor to watch the college remodel the first floor of the main building and the library.

While reminiscing one day, I was looking at past issues of the Pioneer and watched, before my eyes, the evolution of the college.

I think that once, in its history, OKCCC even had an arcade tucked away somewhere.

I remember reading stories about the construction of the Aquatic Center and the health science center also.

Quite a bit has changed in the last three decades. Slowly, the brown and or-

ange-carpeted walls will vanish from the college and we will miss them, despite how much we hate them now.

And professors have spoken about how the students become younger and younger every year.

In another 30 years, when I'm old and gray, when my future grandchildren are old enough to attend OKCCC, they'll get a chance to see what I saw.

But it won't be orange-carpeted walls or old orange carpet, but the same blue carpet (that will be old and dirty to them) my feet walk on today.

Change is a good thing, but it's nice to have some-

thing to look back on.

Speaking of change, the vending machine on the second floor ate my money without giving me my Juicy Fruit bubble gum.

I would like that change back.

—Anonymous  
Student

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## Comments and Reviews

# All dogs go to heaven

"Best in Show" best on DVD. From the co-writer and star of "This is Spinal Tap," comes the hilarious new mockumentary from Christopher Guest just released on DVD.

Guest, who directed and starred in his first picture since "Waiting for Guffman," does a fantastic job looking into the neurotic and pathetic world of dog shows and their handlers. This satirical comedy follows several couples and individuals preparing for the dog show of all dog shows in Philadelphia.

Also starring in the movie is Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara, Parker Posey, "Spinal Tap" alum Michael McKean and the always-witty Fred Willard.

Willard plays the wise cracking and sarcastic dog show announcer who keeps the viewers entertained during the tedious and boring procedure of the dog presentations.

Guest, who plays Harlan



Pepper, a fly fisherman from North Carolina, begins the journey with his bloodhound.

Pepper's best moments come when he is practicing ventriloquism with his wooden puppet. There's nothing funnier than a redneck trying to be a side-show.

Levy, who also co-wrote the movie, and O'Hara play Gerry and Cookie Fleck, a white trash couple living in trailer paradise.

The hilarious rendition of "God Loves a Terrier" by the Fleck couple is a frightening hit.

Hamilton and Meg Swan are another hilarious yuppie couple who continually seek the best for their dog by taking him to a dog therapist.

Seeing a dog lying on a couch being analyzed is the epitome of the extent that psycho dog owners will go through to make their pup "happy."

Much like "This is Spinal Tap," this DVD contains 17 even more hilarious deleted scenes, which is a movie unto itself. This DVD also contains featured commentary by the writers Levy and Guest.

Moviegoers vastly overlooked this movie, but it is a real treat for any mockumentary fan.

This dog deserves a second chance. I give it five bones out of five.

—Mark Stack  
Staff Writer

## Childhood vaccine rationed

A nationwide shortage of a common childhood vaccine, DTaP, has prompted the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) to postpone at least one required shot until the DTaP supply is reestablished.

The combined diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine is in short supply as a result of two manufacturers abruptly ceasing production. With only two other manufacturers continuing to produce DTaP, the shortage period is expected to last between 12 to 18 months. It takes about 11 months to make it.

DTaP vaccine is recommended as a five-dose series: three doses given to infants at 2, 4 and 6 months of age followed by two boosters at 15 to 18 months and 4 to 6 years. As a result of not having enough

vaccine to meet summer needs, the OSDH is recommending providers temporarily suspend the fourth DTaP dose unless the child is over 4 years old. Oklahoma school and day care immunization requirements currently mandate five doses; however, an effort will be made to ensure that no students lacking in the fourth dose due to the temporary vaccine shortage will be refused admission.

In an effort to assure that no state runs out, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has instituted vaccine rationing among state and territorial immunization programs. Health department officials acknowledge that they are already "feeling the pinch" with respect to their public vaccine providers.

"Oklahoma's DTaP allocation for May through Au-

gust will be 20 to 40 percent lower than what was received last year during those months," said Don Blose, OSDH director immunization.

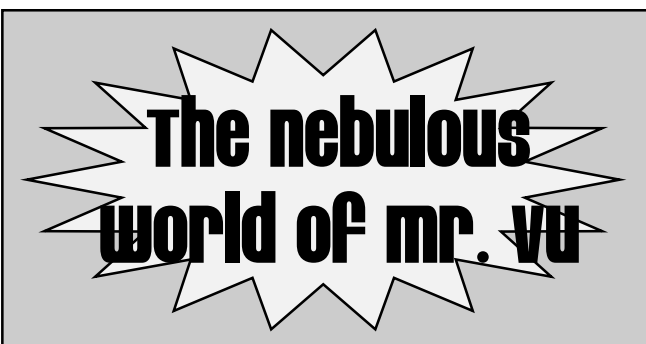
"In order to assure that none of the more than 700 providers who receive public vaccine run out, we have no choice but to cut orders beginning immediately."

Blose said the postponement of the fourth dose is recommended to assure that babies receive base immunity.

"We want to place our highest priority on vaccinating infants with the initial three doses and our second highest priority to the pre-kindergarten booster at age 4 to 6 years."

DTaP is the only childhood vaccine that is currently affected.

—Oklahoma State  
Department of Health



## Remedies for ashy elbows, nasal hair

On Tuesday night I lubricated myself with what I believed to be premium peach lotion.

Not only did it leave my skin feeling silky smooth, but also I felt like I was in a peach orchard in Georgia basking in the southern summer heat.

I wish someone had come into the office and said, "Vu, you are just so peachy today!"

"Girls don't like ashy elbows!" a speech professor enlightened me.

Although I was moisturized, my elbows still looked like the remnants of a 500-acre forest fire.

"Girls don't like ashy elbows!" echoed through my subconscious.

Then I instinctively tucked my elbows into my shirt, hoping not to scare away any more ladies.

Sure, I looked like I didn't have a neck, but the ladies couldn't say they didn't like me because of my ashy elbows.

"After you shower, don't dry off with a towel. Massage baby oil on your elbows. It'll keep the moisture in," someone else said.

The best baby oil, I learned, was Johnson's Baby Oil. "It makes you smell like a baby," the speech professor said.

Let's go to nose hair, shall we?

I remember seeing an old man with a prairie of nasal hair that looked like grass growing in two flower pots. It was the coolest thing I've ever seen. The hair was gray, too.

I remember telling my friend about him.

But then last week, I noticed that my nasal hairs were growing outside the boundary of no return.

The hair must serve some purpose, or else it wouldn't have grown as long as it has. My dog, a border collie, was born with a rough, hardy nose, capable of smelling things like eggrolls covered in plastic wrap on our counter. I justified my choice not to trim my nose hairs because of this reasoning. Truthfully, I just like tugging on my overgrown nose hairs.

(If anyone has been disgusted with this week's column, please write a letter to the editor at editor@okc.cc.ok.us or pioneer\_ed@po.okc.cc.ok.us and please include your name and how you're affiliated with the college. Also, if you're female and like ashy elbows and long nasal hair, drop by the office and we'll talk. If you don't like ashy elbows and long nasal hair, I can change. One more thing: REO Speedwagon RULES!!! )

—Vu A. Vu  
Editor



## New Humanities course offers good conversation, reading

By Ashley Martin  
Staff Writer

Anybody in need of a Humanities credit? If so, Professor Mary Punches would like to see you... in her Women in Literature class next fall, that is.

Unfortunately, the class was not printed in the schedule for next fall due to a clerical error. As a result, only eight students are enrolled, most of whom are literature majors.

The good news is, because of the mistake, the class didn't fill up quickly.

So, the opportunity to learn about such inspiring female authors as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Maya Angelou, and Amy Tan is still available.

Punches values her experiences teaching the class.

"I really think it is one of the most enjoyable Literature courses we offer," she said.

The class hasn't been offered to students since the summer semester of 1997.

"We have to teach it in rotation with African American Literature and Native American Literature," Punches said.

"This was the next time for it to come around."

Punches would like to see male students enrolled in the course as well.

"It gives [men] further insight into the way women think and why we do things

the way we do," she said.

But men, have no fear. You will not be entering a lioness's den, waiting for the attack.

Punches wouldn't hear of it.

"I don't allow male bashing at all in the course," she said.

Punches said although the class is geared to women, the presence of some men would really balance things out.

For those students who delight in a little good conversation, this is the place to engage in some.

"We do a lot of discussion," said Punches.

Tina Hale, a former OKCCC student, is returning to the college to take Punches' course.

Hale said Punches' enthusiasm for literature encouraged her to change her major from Elementary Education when she took Punches' Introduction to Literature course in 1999.

"I'm definitely excited about [the class]," Hale said.

"[Punches] is such an excellent instructor," she said. "I think anyone would benefit from the class."

However, if there's not enough interest expressed in the class by students, it will be dropped from the schedule.

That is something Punches doesn't want to see happen.

Women in Literature will meet on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. until 2:20 p.m. during the fall semester.



Mary Punches

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## Student loan interest rates at all-time low

By Mark Stack  
Staff Writer

For those students paying off those federal college loans, relief is headed your way.

Pamela Jordan, the director of Federal Student Aid Programs, said the government has cut Stafford loan rates by two percentage points on both subsidized and unsubsidized loans.

The new rate for the unsubsidized Stafford loans is now at 5.39 percent, a drop of over two points from the previous rate.

Students must pay the interest on unsubsidized loans while in school, or else it will accumulate and there will be more to pay off when school is over, said Jordan.

The new subsidized loan rate is 5.99 percent, a two point drop from the previous 8.19 percent rate of last year.

Subsidized loans require no payments while a student is still in school, said Jordan.

"Students who have regular subsidized loans where the interest is paid by the government, this new rate won't affect them," said Jordan.

"What will matter to them is what the interest rate is when they go into repayment."

Jordan also said that the PLUS parent loan dropped to 6.79 percent.

The new loan rates will take effect on July 1 and will last until June 30, 2002.

Jordan said that every year the government views the 91-day Treasury Bill and the economy and makes the recommended interest rate adjustments to loans.

No matter what the productivity of the economy is, the rate will never exceed 8.25 percent on Stafford loans, and won't exceed 9 percent on PLUS loans.

"I have never seen rates this low in 18 years for federal loans," said Jordan.

"It's a good time to be repaying those loans," she said.

Jordan said the lowest she had previously seen was around 6.7 percent.

She also said that loan consolidation, however, would not get a lower fixed rate because it depends on an average of previously paid interest rates as well as the lender.

For more information on Stafford and federal loans, contact Financial Aid at 682-7525.

**"I have never seen rates this low in 18 years for federal loans. It's a good time to be repaying those loans."**

— Pamela Jordan  
Director of Federal Student  
Aid Programs

# OKCCC and Tinker Air Force Base team up

By Vu A. Vu  
Editor

Almost 50 percent of Tinker Air Force Base's employees will be eligible for retirement in the next five years.

Tinker hired almost 1,000 new employees in the year 2000 and projects to hire over 7,000 new employees until 2006 to replace retirees.

Due to the need for new workers, Tinker and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education partnered together for a workforce development project.

Colleges like OKCCC and the University of Central Oklahoma will help with training, along with vocational and technical schools like Metro Tech.

Hugh McCrabb, of the Oklahoma State Regents

for Higher Education, said the project was moving ahead strongly.

"[OKCCC] will be a major contributor to providing programs of study for developing a highly skilled workforce for Tinker, not only in the Associate of Applied Science degree pathways, but also in the Associate of Arts and Science degrees.

"That may be part of a transfer matrix for students to be hired at Tinker with their associates degrees and then work towards a baccalaureate degree while working at Tinker," McCrabb said.

Dr. Ann Ackerman, associate vice president for economic development, said one of the college's priorities is economic development.

"Workforce development is the heart of economic development and is an integral part of the college's

mission," Ackerman said.

The partnership is still in its initial stages, Ackerman said.

"It is too early to tell if there will be any new degrees or new emphases to existing degrees or a combination of both," Ackerman said.

Tinker's main workforce needs are blue-collar workers. They project to hire over 4,000 new workers like electronics mechanics, electricians, machinists, aircraft painters, engine mechanics and aircraft mechanics. Workers' wages will range from \$25,816 to \$35,729 annually.

Tinker hopes to hire about 1,300 administrative workers specializing in fields of human resources management, general analysts, computer specialists, cost/budget analysts, quality assurance and equipment specialists.

Administrative workers

will earn about \$20,395 to \$50,139.

McCrabb said Tinker identified 22 baccalaureate degree pathways, into which OKCCC's associates degrees will articulate directly, except for two.

Tinker will need about 1,000 technical workers, whose salaries will range from \$20,395 to \$50,139.

Professional jobs, for which Tinker hopes to hire 579 workers, like aerospace, electrical, mechanical and software engineers will make \$22,819 to \$50,139.

**"Workforce development is the heart of economic development and is an integral part of the college's mission."**

—Ann Ackerman  
Associate Vice President  
for Economic Development

McCrabb said that Tinker is the largest employer of engineers in Oklahoma and many of the degrees needed by new workers start in community college associate degrees and then transfer into the bachelors programs at universities.

He said that six regional universities expressed interest in the Tinker workforce project.

Ackerman said the types of workforce demands Tinker is experiencing are similar to what other Oklahoma employers in Oklahoma are facing.

## Summer calls for shorter hours at the food court

By Tamitha Hues  
News Writing I Student

Students who attend evening classes at OKCCC may have noticed the shorter hours at the food court.

The food court, a popular eating spot on campus, offers a variety of food to serve the students and professors who wish to eat on campus during the daytime hours.

During the summer semester the food court closes two hours early due to fewer students on campus.

The early hours remain the same with beverages being served at 7:30 a.m. and hot breakfast available at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Lunch is available until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday until 2 p.m.

Jim Sellers, of Sellers Ca-

tering, said the main reason the food court is opened two hours longer during the fall and spring semesters is to accommodate the nursing students who arrive on the campus at 5:30 p.m.

Now that the hours of the food court are shorter, there

are not as many options for the students who attend the evening classes. These students may wish to bring their own meal for dinner, or eat before they arrive on campus.

Many of the students prefer to eat at one of the restaurants located near

OKCCC.

Vending machines are available to all students.

Mercy Cherisseril, a student at OKCCC, said she buys snacks and drinks from the vending machines located on campus.

Cherisseril said the vending machines are nice be-

cause they are convenient. Many students, like Cherisseril, enjoy the vending machines because of what they have to offer.

From chips to candy the vending machines offer a fast and inexpensive way for students to get a bite to eat before going to class.

## BMW, motorcycle collide in parking lot

By Mark Stack  
Staff Writer

An accident occurred around 11:30 a.m. last Wednesday, June 27, on the J. Keels Boulevard inside parking lot A.

The OKCCC incident report said that the first vehicle, a 2000 BMW X5 was headed east on J. Lee Keels when the driver, Ping Tsai, crossed into the left lane to make a wide right turn in an attempt to park.

The second driver, Michael Chang, was driv-

ing his 1999 Yamaha motorcycle leaving the school headed east on J. Lee Keels as well.

When the BMW made the wide right turn, Chang never saw the vehicle and crashed in the front passenger side of the BMW.

The BMW suffered dam-

age to the front passenger's side front fender and door estimated at \$2,000.

The Yamaha suffered damage to the front fender estimated at \$4,000.

Neither driver suffered major injuries, but Chang complained of a headache and sore ankle.



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# College for Kids keepin' busy at OKCCC



Andrew Patterson, center, bounces along with his friends Madelynn Huff, 3, and Richard Riedl, 5, during the 10 a.m. class of Tiny Tots Tumbling. The class began in June and will end in July.



Bailey Vaughn, 8, rests with a friend during a break time at soccer camp. The College for Kids Soccer Camp was held on the OKCCC campus June 11 through 15.

Hunter Zinke, 8, takes off for the goal while Sierra Price, next in line, waits with the others for a turn.

College for Kids classes are boomin' at OKCCC this summer. Children have a variety of camps and activity classes to choose from, and best of all, some classes don't just benefit the children, but the parents as well.

Sports camps provide an all day atmosphere where the kids can have fun and be in the company of others while mom and dad are at work.

Sports camps are for ages 6 to 15. Each sports camp lasts one week, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. everyday. There is also an early-morning and after fun-time at an additional charge for those parents needing a little extra time for work.

College for Kids Discovery Series camp classes will run through the end of July. Classes left in the series are Wonderful Watercolor and Musical Theater.

Other College for Kids classes for the months of June and July include (but are not limited to): Tiny Tot Tumbling, Beginning Guitar, Cartooning, and Drama.

For a complete list of classes, visit the office of Recreation and Community Development to pick up a list of classes.



Shadell Chang, 3, prepares to jump around the tumbling block. The youngster had two brothers that were also in the Tiny Tots Tumbling class.

Photos  
and Text  
by  
Melissa DePew





# Regional meet makes big summer splash



**R**yan Delair, 15, from Overland Park, Kan., was upset that the University of Kansas dropped their swimming program. “I was thinking about going to KU,” Delair said.

Iowa State University also announced recently that it will drop its swimming program next fall, leaving only the Universities of Missouri, Texas and Texas A&M as the Big 12’s sole swimming schools.

Despite the drought in the Big 12, 436 young swimmers including Delair, from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas competed in the Kerr-McGee Summer Splash in the OKCCC Aquatic Center, June 22 to 24.

Teresa Bockus, clerk of course, said it was one of the largest turnouts in the meets history.

“The kids are having a great time,” Bockus said.

“The facility looks the best since it was built and they’ve done a great job.”

The event was hosted by the Kerr-McGee Swim Club.

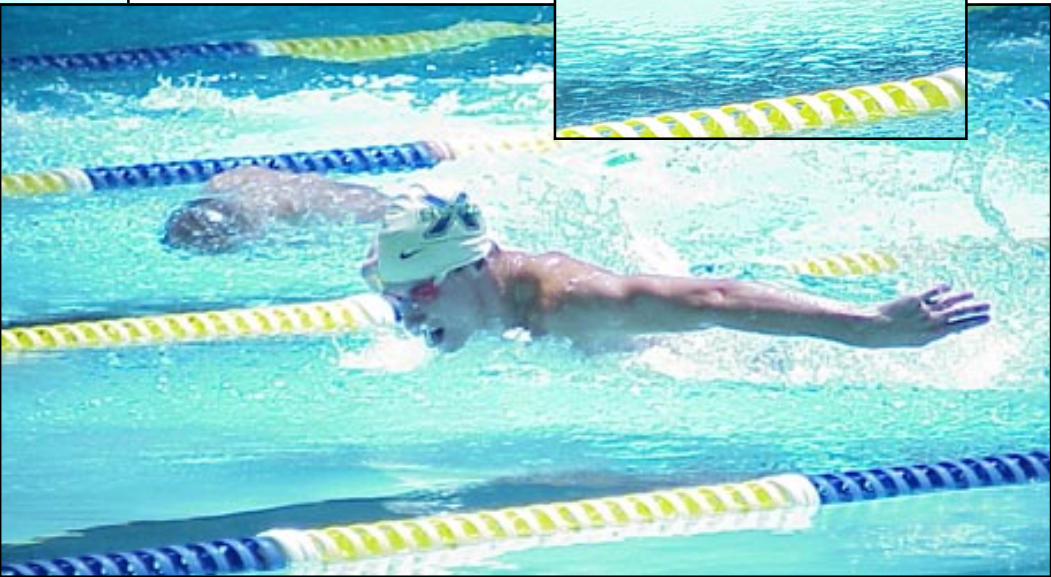
Seventeen-year-old Leah Musch of Missouri warms up for the 200-meter breaststroke on June 24, the final of the Kerr-McGee Summer Splash. Over 400 swimmers, ages 6 to 19, from four different states participated in the Summer Splash.



**Above:** Swimmers in the men’s 100-meter butterfly, leap into the water, hoping to win the gold.

**Right:** Tommy Brown, 16, of Texas, edges one of his opponents during the men’s 200-meter breaststroke.

**Right:** Doug Haden, 14, from Missouri competes in the mens 13 to 14-year-old 100-meter breaststroke.



Text and photos by Vu A. Vu



# Class teaches kids social, life skills



Preschool and kindergarten Learning Series teacher Diana Killgore pours paint into Holden Anderson's dish. Painting is just one of the activities children in the class participate in.

**By Shanna King  
News Writing I Student**

**W**alk through the union toward the recreation wing at just the right time, somewhere around 9:40 a.m., and you will hear giggles and laughter.

Glance down the hallway, and you will see the source of the merriment.

A train of 3- to 5-year-olds, just out of the swimming pool, will be holding onto a long string so as not to wander away from their leader whom they call "teacher."

Diana Killgore, also known as "teacher," has spent her summer working with the College for Kids program. It's her first summer with the program.

During the regular school year, Killgore is a family fa-

cilitator at the Putnam City Schools. She works with a program called Even Start.

She said rearing her own children inspired her interest in teaching young children.

"It just calls to me," she said.

Killgore teaches the Preschool and Kindergarten Learning Series, one of College for Kids newest programs.

This learning series in particular prepares young children for preschool and kindergarten by teaching social skills, manners, consideration for others and how to properly follow directions.

Reading and math are also taught in a fun and exciting way over a two-week period to prepare children for school.

Edith Estes said her grandson, Andy Fellowes, 4, is enrolled in this pro-

gram because it teaches him how to interact with other youngsters, along with preparing him for school.

Jonie Welle, community coordinator, has worked with the College for Kids program since September of 1997.

Welle said it is easy to get teachers to work with the College for Kids program. Advertisements are sent out to local schools and throughout the college to employ teachers for the summer.

The Kindergarten Series is over, but other classes are just beginning. Welle said schedules can be picked up around campus as well as outside the recreation offices for a listing of summer activities and camps that are still being offered.

For more information call 682-7560.

Photos by  
Melissa DePew



**Above:** Sheena Nguyen, 5, waits patiently for the painting fun to begin with classmates Wilbert Johnson, 5, and Holden Anderson, 3.



**Right:** Three-year-old Ashley Jackson enjoys splashing in the pool. With her are friends Wilbert Johnson and Sheena Nguyen. The Kindergarten Series is over, but other classes are just beginning. For more information regarding College for Kids call 682-7560.



# Bookstore employees adjusting to new home

By Austin Davidson  
News Writing I Student

The college bookstore has relocated to one half of the gymnasium. For most, this is a fairly simple relocation — walking a few extra steps to buy books and supplies.

However, for employees of the college bookstore, the change is a little more than that.

It's a real readjustment. And it's a loud one.

"Oh, this is quiet," said bookstore clerk Paula Jackson, over the sounds of bouncing basketballs and shoe soles screeching across the floor on the other side of the gymnasium.

It seems that in the gym, the quietest time of the day is not so quiet.

The bookstore is in a makeshift area in the gymnasium, separated from the other side by a thin wooden wall and a few nets to keep rogue Frisbees and volleyballs from coming over.

Jackson said most students don't mind the disturbances. She said they're in and out before it becomes a noticeable problem.

But, Jackson and bookstore clerk Amber Darter say, so far, it's been difficult to get used to the change.

"Yeah, I do like the old location a lot better," Darter said as another three-point shot echoed in the background and sounds of triumph seeped through that thin wooden partition.

Jackson said she would like to see the wall extended to the ceiling or have thicker walls put up so bookstore shoppers and employees have less noise



Paula Jackson

to deal with.

On the plus side, Darter said, the move to the gymnasium was a smooth one.

Darter said, in the process of moving, books for previous classes that are not listed on this fall's curriculum were given away to whoever wanted them. Out with the old, in with the new, she said.

Darter said, in 16 to 18 months, the bookstore will return to its original location.

Until then, she said, if no changes are made, the sound of dribbling will become just a regular part of the book buying routine.

## Numerous changes in store for college's first floor areas

"Remodeling,"  
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Messer said the remodeling project will provide the college with more efficient mechanical equipment, improve the heat and air system, and improve the electrical distribution to each division.

All of this, he said, will make each division more functional as further upgrades are needed.

The cost for the entire construction project comes to more than \$7.5 million.

The money comes from the sale of bonds, which are paid for in part by the stu-



Photo by Ronna Austin

J.B. Messer, physical plant assistant director, goes over construction plans with electricians Brian Terry, center, and Jeff Freeman of Allstate Electric. Messer said the college will go through many changes over the next few months while the first floor is remodeled.

dents through the student facility use fee.

That may seem like a lot, but Art Bode, vice president for business and finance, thinks it will be worth it.

"I believe that when stu-

dents, staff, and patrons of the community see the end result of what has been accomplished with this construction project, they will agree that it was a wise decision to move forward and

make these improvements," Bode said.

The project is set to be completed by Jan. 1, 2003.

*The Pioneer will provide updates as needed regarding area relocations.*

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# Highlights

## Volunteers needed for swimming championships

OKCCC needs volunteers to work the hospitality area, sell tickets and perform several other duties during the Southern Sectional Western Zone USA and Central Sectional Western Zone USA Swimming Championships. Volunteers are needed for the following shifts: Thursday, July 19, 4 to 8 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, July 20 to 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday, July 25, 4 to 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, July 26 to 28: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m.

## Intersession classes still available

Students still have the opportunity to earn college credit during the August Intersession. Classes begin July 30 and run through Aug. 17. Numerous sections are available in courses such as biotechnology, computer science, economics, English, history, nursing, political science, psychology and sociology. Students can enroll in person, on the phone by calling 682-6222 or they can enroll online at [www.okc.cc.ok.us](http://www.okc.cc.ok.us).

## Summer building hours set through July 27

Weekday hours are: Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

College will be closed Saturdays and Sundays except as follows: Entry 6 will be open for computer lab (1S7) and the testing center (1V7-Saturday and Sunday only).

Weekend hours for computer lab and testing center: Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Print Shop summer hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## New music class for part-time musicians

A new music course is being offered at OKCCC. Fundamentals of Music, taught by Dave Archer, is a music course for non-music majors who love music and would like to know more about the theory but know they aren't ready for Music Theory 1. People who like to sing in church choirs but can't read music, those who play a little guitar or piano and would like to play better, but need some theory to do so can all benefit from the class. The class will be offered in the fall from 9:30-10:50 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. If you would like to know more about the class, contact Dave Archer at 682-1611, ext. 7245.

## Substance abuse help available

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services has established a speaker's bureau to help promote awareness about substance abuse in Oklahoma. Speakers are available on a variety of topics such as addiction, treatment and recovery, family issues, gender-specific issues, methamphetamine, alcoholism, inhalant abuse and other issues related to addiction. Civic or school organizations, ministerial alliances, businesses and other groups throughout the state can arrange for a speaker by calling Pam McKeown, ODMHSAS Substance Abuse division at (405) 522-5102.

## Fall Fee Waivers applications being accepted

Tuition Fee Waiver Applications for Fall 2001 are now available from the Student Financial Aid Center. To be eligible, the student must: be in good academic standing and maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA; maintain enrollment of at least 6 credit hours for fall; obtain a current "Academic History" at the admissions desk. Deadline to the Student Financial Aid Center is by 5 p.m., Aug. 3.

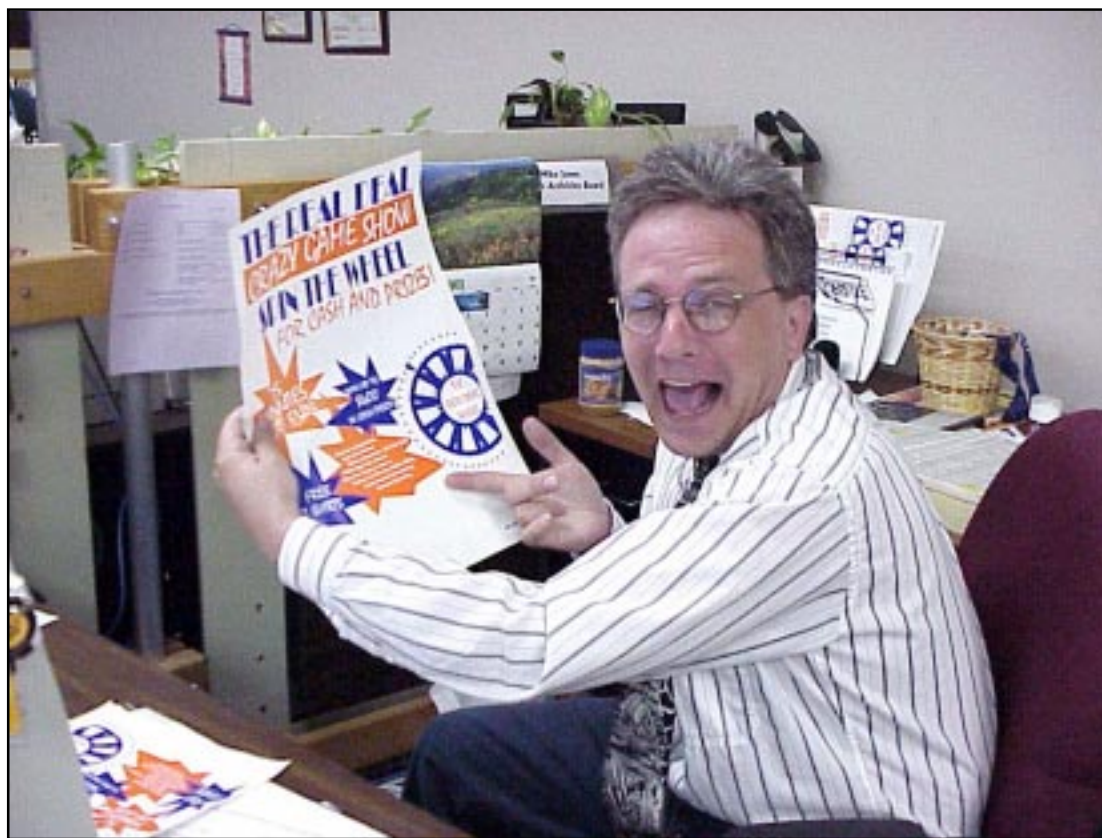


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**Crazy fun on the way:** Student Life Coordinator Mike Jones puts on his craziest face when discussing the upcoming Crazy Game Show. Student Life will host The Real Deal Crazy Game Show on Sept. 11.

# Student Life provides fun and activities for students

By Kelly Wyatt  
News Writing I Student

Direction.

It's something that most students come to college lacking. It's what Director of Student Life Staci McPhearson said her office offers every curious student at OKCCC.

"Student Life teaches skills that students will need once they leave our school or even while they are at our school to help them be better prepared to face whatever meets them next," McPhearson said.

The four main categories in which student life operates are student clubs and organizations, activities, employment services, and the leadership development program.

The student clubs and organizations are compiled into four different categories with more than 30 different clubs and organizations to choose from.

Clubs range from special interests such as the Chess Club, to an area of specialization, like the Psychology Club.

Student clubs and organizations are provided to encourage more students to become involved with campus life and to provide support for students when they need it.

Student activities are also a part of student life. The activities happen throughout the year and help provide a fun college life environment.

The activities include live bands, carnivals and even game shows.

"The activities are campus wide where all of the student body can be involved if they choose to," McPhearson said.

Aside from the fun and games, student life also offers help with part-time and full-time employment whether it is during a student's college life or afterward for their career.

Employment services

maintain current job listings of local positions available to help job searching go smoother. It provides resume-writing assistance and interview skills coaching to help prepare students for future jobs.

Along with employment services is the leadership development program.

The program is available to assist students in developing the skills that will help them be better prepared to enter the next phase of their life.

Through active involvement in student life, students have the opportunity to develop leadership skills, interact with other students and increase their opportunity to social, educational and career-oriented supportive activities.

"There is something for every student here at OKCCC," McPhearson said.

"A student just simply has to get involved to receive the benefits that student life offers."



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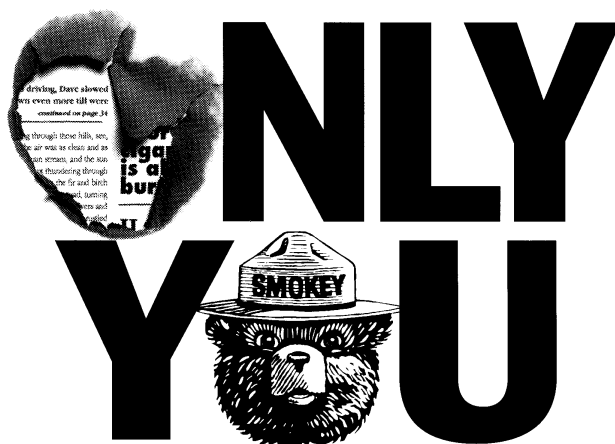
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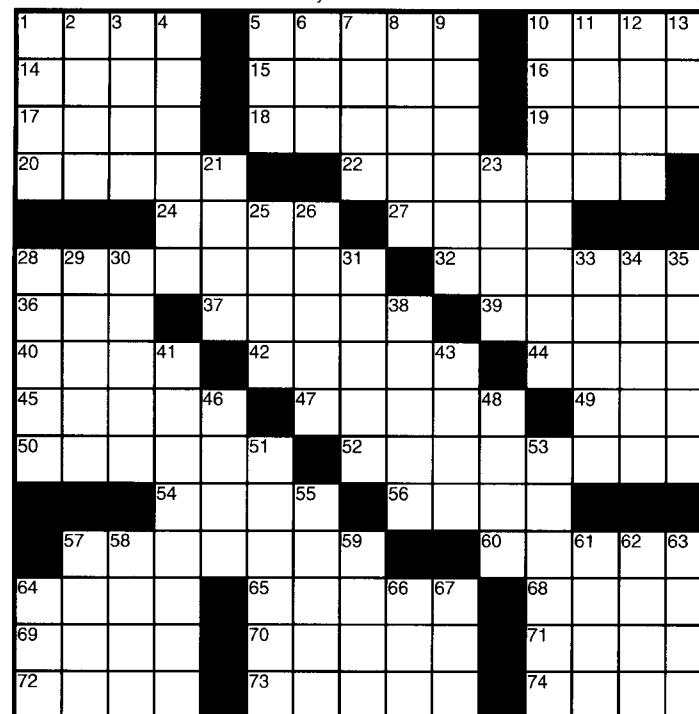
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## Summer enrollment increases

"Students,"  
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of traditional college students, ages 18 to 25, has increased.

May intersession enrollment also increased from last year. Barker reported that 646 students enrolled, compared to 508 students last year, an increase of 27 percent.

Barker projects that the August intersession will be successful as well.

He said the average age of OKCCC students is 26. About 49 percent of students are ages 18 to 22.

Approximately 50 percent of OKCCC students are older than 23 with 4.9 percent of students being older than 49.

"The college is  
doing the right things  
to attract students."

—John Barker  
OKCCC Director  
of Research

Females attending summer school outnumber male students 54.7 percent to 45.3 percent.

Students attending May intersession, summer school and August intersession are projected to take 25,252 credit hours, an increase of 26 percent from last summer.

Students take an average of 4.7 credit hours.

Students taking six credit hours are considered full-time. More credit hours can be taken with a college counselor's permission.

## Student scholarships available

By Ashley Martin  
Staff Writer

A scholarship for Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics majors will be available for the fall semester.

According to Engineering Professor Masil Masillamani at least five scholarships will be offered.

Each scholarship will be worth \$3,125 and will be available to full-time students.

The scholarships can be used for expenses such as fees, books, supplies, and equipment.

Certain criteria will

have to be met for students to be eligible to apply for the funds.

The student must be in financial need and must be enrolled full-time in computer science, computer technology, engineering, engineering technology, and/or mathematics degree programs.

Students wishing to apply for the scholarship must also have declared a major in one of these programs.

The student must be a U.S. citizen, or alien admitted as a refugee at the time of applying for the scholarship.

A GPA of at least 2.5 in higher education is necessary as well as 30 or more

credit hours earned toward an under-graduate degree.

Three letters of recommendation as well as an essay written by the applicant will also be required.

The money comes from a newly-formed scholarship made available by the National Science Foundation. The total grant amount is \$31,250.

Applications, available from the Science and Math Division Office, must be turned into the office no later than noon, Aug. 31.

For more information, contact Masilamani at 682-1611, ext. 7394.



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