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In the know: Amanda Giles and Carly Fugate sit at the news broadcasting desk at the University of Central Oklahoma. The teens, from OKCCC's Teen Xtreme summer camp, took a trip to the station to see how a news broadcast is run. The teens got to sit behind the desk, read the teleprompter and even see what happens in the control room during a broadcast. For more on Teen Xtreme, see page 7.

Drive safely, park legally

Parking, traffic fines range from \$5 to \$50

By Kate Brennan
Staff Writer

As the Fall 2002 Race for the Closest Parking Space gets under way, campus safety and security officers anticipate even more traffic headaches than last year.

Keith Bourque, coordinator of campus safety and security, said, as in the past, security officers will be out the first week, making certain everything goes smoothly, keeping everyone on campus safe, and ticketing the speeders and parking violators.

"It's gonna be tight. As far as I know, enrollment is up again this year," Bourque said.

One noticeable difference will be new paint recently applied to the faculty and staff parking areas. Bourque said it is meant to more clearly differentiate the faculty and staff parking from student parking.

"The staff parking has been restriped so they

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Campus day care site of shoot-out

By Mark Stack
Editor

Oklahoma City police arrested a man on the OKCCC campus Aug. 5, after he fired five shots at them from the OKCCC Child Development Center playground.

Police jailed Timothy Joe Flippo, 32, on multiple felony charges after he evaded the officers when they attempted to stop him near S.W. 97th and Blackwelder.

A report filed by the Oklahoma City Police Department shows that Flippo jumped the southeast fence of the Child Development Center playground around 9:30 p.m., then fired several gunshots toward officers chasing him.

Moments before the shots were fired, OKCCC security officers Dan Pottle and James Springer saw the Oklahoma City police entering the campus with their lights on.

Springer said all OKCCC security on duty went to help out as soon as they saw police enter the campus.

Soon after, a police officer and an Oklahoma State Highway Patrol Trooper climbed the northeast fence of the day care playground.

According to the report, they approached Flippo from behind, and saw him lying on the ground with a blue steel revolver lying 10 feet away.

Flippo did not resist being placed under arrest.

According to the report, Flippo first gave chase after police spotted him in a stolen

white Lincoln Navigator, similar to one used earlier that day in a bank robbery.

He has been charged with numerous felonies including two counts of discharging a weapon on a police officer, possession of a firearm in commission with a felony, attempting to elude authorities and possession of the controlled substance methamphetamine.

Charlotte Wood-Wilson, director of the Child Development Center, said the only damage to the center was to a portion of fence that was knocked down during the chase. She said no stray bullets hit the center.

"I'm just thankful we weren't here at the time it happened," said Wood-Wilson.

"I'm glad that it happened after we were closed."

Well-loved retiree dies

By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

George "Buster" Dunn, a retired employee of OKCCC, had accepted the invitation to attend the all-college brunch and convocation Aug. 13. Instead, the assembled crowd of college employees learned of his death.

Dunn, 63, worked as a mechanic in the Physical Plant for nearly 20 years before retiring due to ill health. He died Monday,



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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Crime breeds imitation

I hate copycats. One should always strive to innovate, never duplicate.

As a youngster I always hated when others played the copycat game by imitating my motions. I hate when competing companies put out copycat products. I hate when screenwriters copy ideas and write movies about the same thing.

The thing I hate the most? Copycat criminals.

There are always going to be copycat criminals, from people who called in phony bomb threats post April 19 and Sept. 11 to the many school shootings; from the anthrax hoax after the real scare to the local banks that have been robbed in the last month.

This latest epidemic of baby snatching and kidnapping couldn't be more terrifying and horrendous.

Understand I do not have a kid. Therefore I do not understand the plight of my coworker who preaches that no child should be left to play outside without parent supervision.

I scoff at her and proclaim that children are fine playing outside because they can handle themselves. I did.

Times have changed faster than Superman in a phone booth. These days, it's not even safe leaving your kids in the car to go put a shopping cart away, thanks to the Texas baby snatcher.

It seems each and every day when I log onto cnn.com, there's certain to be a new case concerning a young child being kidnapped or stolen. Most of the time girls seem to be the victim. I don't know why. I could never explain why.

This obviously is nothing new. Kidnapping seems to be an ancient crime. It didn't just pop up, and it certainly won't fade into oblivion like I wish it would, along with every sick and twisted individual who even thought for a moment about kidnapping a child.

I have two nieces, soon to be three. I wouldn't be able to get to a shotgun quickly enough if I ever heard either had become a victim.

I cannot comprehend the pain and angst that parents go through when their child has disappeared.

All of it for what? To be famous. One person sees the attention a certain crime can get, so they emulate it, hoping to garner the same attention.

A precedent must be set, so let us start with the Texas baby snatcher. Anyone who is found guilty of kidnapping or attempting to kidnap should automatically serve life in prison without parole, or possibly even the death penalty. Eye for an eye, life for a life. Stiffer laws need to be created to enforce these penalties, so the guilty can't skate after serving a portion of their sentence.

We must give the harshest penalty to people who steal people.

In the meantime, make sure we educate our kids. Run from strangers, and no matter how hungry you are kiddo, don't touch that candy. Goodnight now.

—Mark Stack
Editor

Lines, lines, everywhere are lines

To the editor:

The beginning of the academic year is always an exciting and hectic time.

With the implementation of a new computer system this year, it was especially challenging for both students and staff.

This was apparent by the long line of students simply trying to pay for their fees through the Bursar's Office a few weeks before classes began.

At this time, I want to offer my sincere apologies to

the students.

The implementation of this new system and procedures is designed to improve student services.

However, as with many new systems, there are challenges.

We realize this is no excuse for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

Your time is valuable, and student satisfaction is a high priority of all faculty and staff.

You are guaranteed that we are addressing the situ-

ation and, in the future, we will strive for convenient and quicker service.

Please know that we are constantly working to improve the way OKCCC serves its students and the community.

Thank you for your patience, and again, my apologies to you.

—Dr. Bob Todd
OKCCC President

Dunn remembered

To the editor:

Georgie "Buster" Dunn was a man full of compassion and concern for others and came to know so many of us here at OKCCC not only as coworkers, but as friends.

In the maintenance department where he was employed, many of us considered Buster a father figure.

He always took time to see that we were prepared for any situation at hand, and always gave his total support, mentally and physically, to solving problems. Buster was entirely dedicated to the mission of the college.

When the success of students depended on things working right, Buster never hesitated to give his all.

If longer hours were required, he was there.

On more than one occasion, he purchased tools and materials necessary to complete a job with his own money, rather than waiting for the items to arrive.

Buster was special to us and our love for him is great. He was an ideal employee, a true friend and will be deeply missed by us all.

—Chris Snow
Building Operations
and Maintenance
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Comments and Reviews

Alien thriller 'Signs' deals more with why than who

Director M. Night Shyamalan uses the perfect mix of cynicism and scare tactics to make "Signs" a box office success.

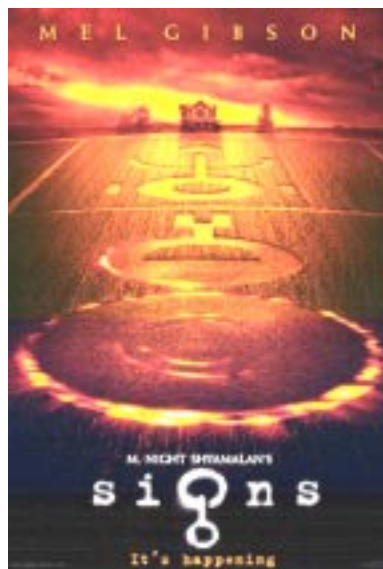
The life of Rev. Graham Hess (Mel Gibson) changes forever when his wife is killed in a car accident by Shyamalan's character.

He not only loses his wife, but quickly his faith as well.

As Hess struggles with his religion and life, he tells his brother (Joaquin Phoenix) that there are two kinds of people, ones who believe in signs from above and those who only believe in luck.

Which are you?

The movie begins when Hess is jolted from sleep by his screaming son Morgan (Rory Culkin) and daughter Bo (Abigail Breslin) who find a large crop circle in their cornfield.



Is it aliens or a hoax? Unlike other extraterrestrial thrillers, this isn't the question that is meant to vein throughout the movie. "Signs" is a must-see thriller that taunts the audience into the world of what-ifs and strange phenomenon.

The audience only later realizes that all the weirdness has its purpose.

There isn't a shortage of laughs as the movie sways between light-hearted and seat-clenching. Humor is often used in awkward scenes to display a human and childlike quality that accompanies fear.

Shyamalan, like Hitchcock, plays bit parts in all of his movies, giving the character his own personal touch in front of the camera, while his unique vision for the film stays behind it.

"Signs" gets an A+ in my book. I suggest going to see it in the theater. The effect will not be quite the same on the small screen at home.

—Kate Brennan
Staff Writer

Family film not suited for all

An action adventure on a faraway island, the latest in fancy gadgets, and unsuspected bad guys are everything a fan of spy movies could ask for.

Add in a couple of kids, a "toy" making scientist, some silly creatures and then you have "Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams." Juni and Carmen Cortez, played by Daryl Sabara and Alexa Vega, are the original spy kids.

They have competition in another brother and sister duo, Gerti and Gary Giggles, who have been getting all the good gigs and have managed to make the Cortez kids look bad.

So through some fine computer hacking, Juni and Carmen Cortez manage to get the Giggles kids' latest big job and then the Cortez kids disappear.

After being told of their kids' disappearance,

Gregorio and Ingrid Cortez, played by Antonio Banderas and Carla Gugino, rush off to search for their beloved children.

They all end up on a mysterious island with the main search being for each other and a device that renders all electronic equipment useless.

The only person who knows where the device hides on the island is the creator of the device, played by Steve Buscemi.

This mad scientist also created an array of unusual animals and booby traps that make finding the device difficult.

It is those strange creatures and the jumpiness in certain scenes that will scare very young children.

In the first "Spy Kids" movie, the issues of trust



and family are taught in a smooth well-written manner.

In this sequel, the issues of identity and ethics are also taught along with the importance of family, but it seems very scripted and not quite as natural as in the first movie.

"Spy Kids 2" is a great

Burden Brothers blow through town

I could feel it as soon as I walked in the door of the old drug store-turned-bar.

There was excitement in the air. Someone important was about to perform. It was apparent by all of the pretty young things eagerly awaiting the bands' entrance.

Finally the Burden Brothers took the stage on Saturday, Aug. 10 at VZD's, located at 4200 N. Western in Oklahoma City.

Todd Lewis, formerly of the Toadies, and Taz Bentley, formerly of Reverend Horton Heat, comprise the Burden Brothers.

The house was full at VZD's the night of the show, always a good sign.

Even before Lewis and his crew began, the crowd was assembled in front of the stage, eagerly awaiting the performance.

Lewis' stage presence was amazing. He stood on the very edge of the small stage, getting as close to the fans as possible.

Many had video cameras focused directly on his face, but he stayed focused and intense, raging through one song and on to the next.

The Burden Brothers don't appear to have one distinct sound. Their songs range from loud and screaming rock to rockabilly.

I was fortunate enough to catch the Burden Brothers' performance at Stubb's Barbeque when they were a showcased act at South by Southwest in Austin in March.

They originate from Dallas, and play there regularly, as well as in Austin and Houston.

When I heard they were coming to Oklahoma City, I knew theirs was a show I could not miss.

Instinct is a wonderful thing. The Burden Brothers show was one of the best I have seen at VZD's in a long time.

For sale at the show was a four-track CD for only \$5, so I couldn't pass it up.

Delighted to see that my favorite song from their set, "Beautiful Night," was on the disc, it went into my CD player when I left the show and it hasn't been removed since.

The Burden Brothers will be performing at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Deep Ellum Music Festival in Dallas.

The festival begins at 5 p.m.

Visit burdenbrothersmusic.com for additional tour dates.

I'll see you in Dallas.

—Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

family film for the lessons, appropriate, for children under 8 or 9 years old. But for those very reasons it probably isn't ap-

—Grace Allen
Staff Writer

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Aquatics Center host to training program

By Mark Stack
Editor

The OKCCC Aquatics Center was taken over by police for several days last week, but for good reasons.

The Aquatics Center was host to the "Underwater Explosion Recovery Specialist Course," which included 20 adult students from all over the world.

Rockie Yardley, founder of the program and an Edmond police officer for the past 22 years, said the training program is intended solely for police officers in the United States and military from another country who are bomb technicians with advanced scuba diving skills.

"This is a program that takes bomb techs who are certified scuba divers, and we train them to recover underwater explosive devices that have been discarded, hidden or just

placed underwater," said Yardley.

"We teach them certain techniques with the right technology that help them do their job more safely.

"It's bad enough [disabling] explosives from shore, but when you put them underwater, particularly black water, it is extremely dangerous."

Yardley said black water is the hardest to navigate, so if they can navigate in water with no visibility, then they can do it anywhere.

"We train them for black water by having them keep their eyes closed and let their senses do the work," said Yardley.

He said tin foil is also used in the divers' mask to restrict their vision.

"Everyone starts out the same, first day in the classroom, two days in the pool, and three days in the lake," said Yardley.

Chris Budde, fellow Edmond police officer, said

the week-long program can be very taxing on the students.

"We do three months of instruction in one week's time, so it is very intensive and physical," said Budde.

Some of the techniques that divers practice include line communication, entanglement, and explosives retrieval.

Budde said divers communicate with their tender by certain tugs on the line they are tied to.

"The diver just swims. It's the tender who is telling the diver where to go," said Budde.

Yardley added that they do have radio communications, but they must first learn to communicate without the radio in the event that the radio fails to work.

"We can control them in the pool, but once they're in the lake, we lose sight of them, so they have to know how to communicate if there are problems."

Budde said they also

"We train them for black water by having them keep their eyes closed and let their senses do the work."

—Rockie Yardley
Edmond Police Officer

practice on entanglement and how to get free if tangled up in something.

"There are numerous things in the bottom the water that divers can get tangled up on, including fishing line and barbed wire," said Budde.

Once a bomb has been located in the water, it must be removed somehow, he said.

"We have developed lift bags through this school that will raise explosives from water," said Budde.

"This program is incredibly beneficial not only to us, but also for the communities we serve because it will help us respond quicker during dangerous times," said Kevin Sziegiel,

deputy sheriff for Brevard County in Florida.

Started in 1996, Yardley said this program is the only one like it in the world.

Although in its sixth year, it is the first time OKCCC has hosted the training program.

Before, Yardley said, the training was held in Oklahoma City and Edmond area pools.

The larger pool at OKCCC has been a real asset for this class that continues to grow each year.

"This is a fantastic facility, top of the line," said Jay Summers, deputy sheriff for Seminole County, Fla.

"It really accommodates to the size of facility we need to practice and learn."

Public Relations employees honored at annual meeting

By Mark Stack
Editor

The OKCCC offices of Marketing and Public Relations and Instructional Video Services received several awards from the Oklahoma College Public Relations Association during their annual meeting held July 14 through 16 at Quartz Mountain.

The two offices competed against all other state two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

OKCCC won two Grand Awards, and one Award of Achievement for the "Associate Yourself With Success" ad campaign which was started last year.

April Jackson, graphic design specialist, walked away with an Award of Excellence for the work she did on the 2002 college catalog as well as an Award



Photo by Mark Stack

Amy Smith, Tim Whisenhunt,
April Jackson, Jessica Martinez-Brooks

of Achievement for her work on the college's print advertisements.

Media relations coordinator Jessica Martinez-Brooks received an Award of Achievement for her feature writing.

"I'm excited that we won against other colleges and universities," she said.

"I'm very happy to be rec-

ognized for the work we do."

Coordinator of instructional video services Tim Whisenhunt and videographer Amy Smith both received an Award of Achievement for their work on the biotechnology television commercial.

"It is a credit to my staff for all the hard work they put in," said Whisenhunt.

Datatel system making a world of difference

By Josh Monk
News Writing I Student

A new system called Datatel saves students time and trouble. It is helping students who have filed for financial aid receive their awards for tuition or books faster via the Internet.

Students may now log on to the OKCCC webpage and find out if their money is in for tuition or if they have been accepted by financial aid, said Pam Jordan, director of Federal Student Aid Programs.

Before the Datatel System was installed students had to come up to OKCCC and check on the progress of their application.

Jordan said students should begin filing their applications in early spring. Students are helped on a

first-come first-serve basis.

"Well over 4,000 students apply for financial aid each year," Jordan said.

More than 1800 of those applicants receive some kind of federal aid in the form of Stafford loans, Pell grants, or student loans, which the student can choose to accept.

In order for a student to become eligible for financial aid, he or she must come by the new financial aid office on the first floor of the Main building and pick up the (FASA) Federal Application for Student Aid.

The student must complete the form and provide their latest tax return.

Jordan wants students to know that the sooner they start the process the better. If a student decides to put it off until late summer, it may be too late.

OKCCC prof: Don't fear West Nile — yet

By Ashley Martin
Staff Writer

With five confirmed West Nile virus deaths in Louisiana and countless others displaying symptoms, some may think Oklahoma will be next in the infection of humans.

One OKCCC expert on the subject thinks there is no need to worry about that yet.

Ron Scribner, professor of biology at OKCCC said the chances of human infection in Oklahoma are minimal, but "that may not hold true in the future."

"[West Nile virus] is moving from east to west," said Scribner.

"There have been no hu-



Photo by Ashley Martin

Ron Scribner

man cases [of West Nile virus] in Oklahoma as yet, but it is certainly possible that there will be," he said.

"The numbers will probably be low."

Mosquitoes are the insects that transmit West Nile virus. Where they live,

the chance for spreading disease is always present, Scribner said.

"Even if a human were bitten by an infected mosquito, there is a less than 1 percent chance that person would get sick," he said.

West Nile virus can cause

encephalitis, a disease that causes swelling of the brain and can potentially be fatal.

Scribner said the chances of developing the deadly disease are extremely unlikely.

"Those who have a higher risk of illness are those who have weakened immune systems, such as the elderly, AIDS patients and transplant patients," he said.

Scribner said he feels West Nile virus fear has been over-blown in this area, but people should still take precautions to be on the safe side.

"Practice typical mosquito precautions.

"Wear repellent that contains the chemical DEET, avoid being outdoors at

dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active, wear long sleeves and pants," he said.

Scribner also had a word of caution about the use of repellent.

"DEET is a powerful chemical and when used it is absorbed into the skin," he said.

"Although there have been no long-term studies on the negative effects of repellent, I would advise that it be applied to clothing and used sparingly on bare skin."

Scribner also said that 100 percent DEET hasn't proved to be more effective than repellent containing only 33 percent.

"I would recommend using the lower percentage if it works just as well."

Dead birds could be a sign of West Nile virus

Wild birds may be infected with West Nile virus by the bite of an infected mosquito. Not all birds become sick when infected. Some infected birds, especially crows, blue jays and birds of prey, frequently get sick and die. An increase in dead birds of these types has proven to be a good indicator that West Nile virus is present in a new area.

How do I report a dead bird?

Call the 1-800-990-CROW (2769) toll-free line Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Instructions will be provided on how to submit a dead bird for testing.

1. Although West Nile virus is not spread by touching dead birds, it is recommended to avoid bare-hand contact when handling dead birds.

2. Use gloves or an inverted plastic bag to cover your hand to pick up the dead bird. Each bird should be placed in a Ziploc or tied plastic bag, and then placed inside a second sealed Ziploc or tied bag.

3. Refrigerate birds in an ice chest or refrigerator not used for food, or put ice packs on top of the bird and invert a pail over it, weighted down to avoid being dislodged, until the bird can be picked up. Keeping the bird tissues cool will help prevent decomposition and aid in accurate testing.

What information will be asked when I call 1-800-990-CROW?

The operator would like to get as much of the following information as possible: the species (type) of bird(s) that you have seen, the date and time it was first noticed, the street address where it was seen, whether there was any obvious injury to the bird, and the condition of the carcass (decayed or rotted, eyes visible, body still whole).

What should I do if I find a dead bird on the weekend or at night?

The reporting hot line only operates from the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a bird is found on the weekend or after business hours, residents are asked to aid in the prevention of decomposition by using gloves to double bag the carcass and place it in a refrigerator or other cool area until the "On Watch" Line opens again.

— information provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Health

The word on campus about West Nile virus



"I'm not really worried about [West Nile virus.] Honestly, I haven't really thought about it much."

— Richard Krone, major undecided

"I've heard about it, and I've been wearing long sleeves and pants. Staying away from birds."

— Stacie Thompson, biotechnology major



"I haven't been bothered by [mosquitoes.] I think [West Nile virus] has been hyped up, for the most part."

— Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities



Photo by Ashley Martin

International couple calls Oklahoma home

By Molly Morgan
News Writing I Student

International students come to Oklahoma from thousands of miles away every year to receive an education within the United States.

Two OKCCC students, Valentina Sobórzano, 23, and Oscar Vazcátequi, 26, were married in Caracas, Venezuela, just 10 months ago.

They came to Oklahoma with hopes to start their new life as a couple in a

quieter and less populated area than Caracas.

Sobórzano and Vazcátequi have been in Oklahoma for two months.

Sobórzano is studying public relations and Vazcátequi hopes his hard work studying engineering will help him find a job in the industrial engineering field.

Before arriving in Oklahoma, the couple did not know anyone else from their country.

Now, they have made friends with another couple from Venezuela, also living in Norman. The four of

them have gone to dinner and have spoken of the many differences between where they grew up and where they live now.

"We really enjoy all the open spaces of Oklahoma," Vazcátequi said. "Caracas is such a large city that everything is always crowded there."

"We love to be able to walk across the street and play basketball whenever we have time," Vazcátequi said.

"Caracas is too crowded and noisy for us to have a lot of fun outside."

"I really like not having to

stand in lines for hours just to go to a movie," Sobórzano said.

The long distance from home has not kept them from speaking with their families in Venezuela.

They occasionally call their families, but usually they keep in touch through e-mails, because of the high phone charges, Sobórzano said.

No plans have been made for the couple to go home soon, but they are hoping to return home and see their relatives and friends next March during spring break.

The couple hopes to someday see Las Vegas, New York and Los Angeles, but said this is the place for them while they are in the beginning stages of their marriage.

"I wish I could take home the tranquillity and peace Oklahoma has, so Caracas could experience it," Sobórzano said.

"The people here in Oklahoma are just so kind."

"This has been a wonderful experience for us both so far," Sobórzano says, "We are looking forward to where this great adventure will take us in the future."

Old-fashioned periodicals available in library

By Mike Wheeler
News Writing I Student

For magazine readers, OKCCC library's selection includes everything from Chemical Engineering News to Sports Illustrated. John Rosenhamer, director of technical services in the library, said there are over 570 magazines available on the shelves and on microfiche.

The library keeps paper issues of the magazines on the shelves for one year and on microfiche dating back to 1973.

The OKCCC library also offers a wide range of newspapers. Rosenhamer added that there are 25 to 30 different national and local newspapers. The newspaper selection spans from coast to coast including the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times. The New York Times is offered on microfiche dating back to 1980. The Christian Science Monitor, an international newspaper that dates back to 1976, is also found on microfiche in the library.

To add a local flavor, the library offers the states two largest newspapers, The Daily Oklahoman and The Tulsa World. Both of these papers are also available online at the library's web site.

The state's smaller newspapers like The Oklahoma Observer and The Norman Transcript are also available. These state newspapers are available online the same day in which they are printed.

Rosenhamer mentioned that it usually takes two to three days for papers without a national distributor to arrive in the library.

Forensic computer classes offered at consortium this fall

By Lindsey Law
News Writing I Student

A new development is occurring in the field of criminal investigation.

Evil-doers can run but cannot hide from an evolving form of crime tracking called Forensic Computer Science.

Forensic Computer Science enables the recovery of documents, e-mails, and files from any computer system. Classes are available at the Downtown College Consortium for anyone interested in this field.

Deidre Black, academic coordinator for the Consortium, said the program is designed for computer-enthusiasts wanting to work in specific areas of investigation.

"This specialized program trains and equips people to preserve, identify, and analyze computer evidence stored in the form of magnetically encoded data."

Black said many graduates of the program begin careers in law enforcement, corporate investigation, as well as other areas where computer expertise is needed.

Frank Connell, former OKCCC student, said his experience with the Forensic Computer Science program has been very beneficial.

Connell said his amazement with the capabilities of computer technology continues to grow.

"I have worked with computers for years, but was surprised to learn that in less than 30 minutes a person can assume a new

identity."

Connell went on to explain that because of Forensic Computer Science, files or messages that are "deleted" on the computer are never really gone, unless the computer system is completely destroyed.

He claims this crime tracking is extremely helpful in cases of pornography and fraud.

The Downtown College Consortium offers this class in association with Redlands Community College.

Five of the six classes offered for fall 2002 are already full, but a waiting list is available.

For more information on Forensic Computer Science and for a complete description of the class, call 405-232-3382 or visit www.downtowncollege.com.

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Teens spend summer learning, having fun

By Adam Graham
News Writing I Student

The Teen Xtreme camp ended the summer successfully by treating campers to a big send off. The teen leadership program started May 28 and ran until Aug. 2, and had different events planned for each week.

Sports and Recreation Specialist Karen Hartline said the camp enjoyed success over the summer by keeping most of the camps full.

"We had an awesome turn out," she said.

The teens who attended the camp were able to make a lot of new friends and, at the same time, learn the importance of community service, Hartline said.

The community service projects were added to the camp this summer and included working at the Boys Ranch and the Oklahoma City Zoo.

"We tried to make the projects fun, and the kids seemed to really enjoy them," Hartline said.

Russell Kabir said the camp was terrific. He said if he had not attended, he probably would have spent the summer playing on his computer or in bed.

The campers ended the summer with a bang, by spending the last day of the camp — during the week titled "The Big Send Off" — at Six Flags.

The campers had worked for the day throughout the summer, raising money at car washes and Pampered Chef parties.

The campers who threw the Pampered Chef parties were able to keep 15 percent of their total sales for pocket money at Six Flags. They sold \$2,700 in products.

The Teen Xtreme camp also will be offered next summer, for teens, ages 12 to 15. Hartline said she plans to work on the program again next summer. For more information, call 682-1611, ext. 7786.



ABOVE: The teens of Teen Xtreme after they completed their community service project at the Edmond Boys Ranch. The teens helped clean the gym to get it ready for a family reunion the following weekend. They also hosted a hot dog cookout for the boys at the ranch.



Photo courtesy of Karen Hartline

LEFT: J.T. Thompson, 12, performs an Egg Drop for his group. The teens were put into groups, given equipment such as toothpicks, straws and tape, and were given the project of creating a structure that, when dropped, would protect the egg from breaking.

BELOW: Thyler Payne, Eric Cameron, Ian Finley and Zach Mesarick work on their strategy during the Teen Xtreme Mock Trial. Assistant District Attorney Peter Haddoc came to visit the teens and help them through a mock trial, complete with evidence, attorneys, witnesses and a judge.



LEFT: Russell Kabir, Shawn Peters, Alexandria Gary, Zach Mesarick, Christian Moler and Shannan Peters prepare their fort for the Water Wars battle during Stars and Stripes week of Teen Xtreme.

Library director carries weight in free time

By Ryan Herrmann
News Writing I Student

Library Director Barbara King might weigh about 97 pounds but she is definitely no weakling.

With a weightlifting past of 20 years and a drive to succeed, there is no doubt King means business.

King, 47, said weight-lifting is more of an addiction than a hobby. Aerobics and weight training are her two main passions.

She can commonly be found working out at the OKCCC weight room five days a week, twice a day.

When she first began, King said, weight training was not a common hobby for women, yet she found it satisfying.

"It's not just a male sport," she said, chuckling.

King started lifting weights in her desire to stay fit and increase her bone density. Osteoporosis runs in her family she said, so she does what's necessary to prevent herself from getting it. She said weight training helps strengthen the bones, making them less apt to develop a bone weakness.

King does not use a trainer and relies on books for most of her tips.

Competitive weightlifting has no appeal to her, she said.

"I compete against myself and for myself, not to try and beat others."

Her schedule has her lifting weights during her lunch hour and doing aerobics at night.

Not only does she do both cardiovascular and weight training, but King said she also targets certain areas of her body when she trains.

In the past, King said, she worked out more often. But in 1987, she began to suffer from burnout and sustained an injury, prompting her to take a year off.



Photo by Kate Brennan

Barbara King

Something for all at college library

By Josh Monk
News Writing I Student

The OKCCC library provides services for students and the public alike.

On the first floor of the library, students have access to reference materials, the Internet and a counter that holds national best-seller books.

The general public is allowed to use the computers on the first floor but must have a student ID in

order to print.

Free copy cards also are available to students in the fall and spring which gives students 60 copies for free.

The public can receive a courtesy card at the front desk of the library for no fee, which will enable them to check out books.

An OK sharecard is also available at the front desk.

According to Circulation Librarian Linda Boatright, "The OK sharecard allows the general public and students to check out books at most state-run libraries."

There also is no charge for the sharecard.

On the second floor of the library, circulating material is available to everyone.

On the third floor is the computer lab, which is open only to students and operates during normal library hours.

Special education major Kathryn Edgar spends a lot of time in the library.

"The OKCCC Library has many resources to choose from and has been very helpful for my research papers," she said.

Nursing program receives help from area hospitals

By Kristen Whitnack
News Writing I Student

Because of a continuing demand for registered nurses, Integris Health Center and Southwest Medical Center have recently contributed money to OKCCC's nursing program.

The hospitals donated the money to fund a faculty position that will set up new programs for Licensed Practical Nurses to advance to Registered Nurses.

"The new program will be

more user friendly," said Lea Ann Loftis, OKCCC Nursing Program director.

"This will help licensed practical nurses to become registered nurses much faster so they can get back into the work force faster."

Before the \$50,000-per-year contribution was made, the nursing program took two years to complete, and could only admit a limited



Lee Ann Loftis

number of students.

Starting this fall, the nursing department will create a separate program just for LPNs. The school will be able to enroll 30 additional students each semester.

"All classes are [taught] here one day a week for eight hours a semester," Loftis said. "When [LPNs] start their clinical work, they will be working in the hospital as nurses but with

faculty supervision."

Many individuals have seen the shortage of registered nurses coming for the last five to ten years. Loftis said the aging older nurses and the ever-growing population have brought about this shortage that now

leaves hospitals desperate for nurses.

"The nurse is the patient's friend," she said.

"The position still holds a lot of prestige and one can make as much as \$30 per hour in a short amount of time."

Bursar's office extends hours

The Bursar's office will observe extended hours during the week along with Student Services offices. Hours will be as follows:

Monday, Aug. 19, through Friday, Aug. 23:
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 25: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



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OKCCC Recreation and Community Services secretary trains swimmers, sons to compete

By Ryan Herrmann
News Writing I Student

Kathy Plummer, secretary of Recreation and Community Services, rules the pool when it comes to swimming. With a past in swimming and a skill to teach the sport, she's training a new generation to compete.

Plummer, 46, began swimming for the Sooner Swim Club while in junior high school and continued in her sport by becoming a swim coach for the Oklahoma Aquatics Alliance.

Her job for the OAA is to train swimmers ages 5 to 10 for positions on the OAA team. Currently, she said, she has two swimmers showing promise: Kimmy Reneau, 7, and Kelsey Cavic, 10.

Plummer said, in order for swimmers to appear prom-

ising, they must be able to perform the butterfly stroke, breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle.

Plummer began coaching to help pay swimming dues for her sons, Roy, 23; Ryan, 20; David, 16; and Nate, 10, all of whom are swimmers.

Ryan, currently on the University of Minnesota swimming team, placed 12th in the NCAA Division I championship 400.

David is a swimmer for Westmoore High School and the OAA. He has been the state champ in the 100-yard backstroke for the past two years and recently returned from Rome, Italy, with the 2002 National Junior Team. David was also ranked number two in the nation for the 100-yard backstroke and number six in the 200-yard backstroke for the 15 to 16 age division.

Youngest son Nate is currently on the OAA team and a member of the Oklahoma City Dive Club. He is still training to compete more aggressively.

Boot camp provides incentives

By Nicole Gibson
News Writing I Student

For those needing that extra push to get going on their workout, Boot Camp may be just what the drill sergeant ordered.

The OKCCC fitness class is taught by drill instructor Gary Larrison, a certified personal trainer and former member of the Army's 101st Airborne Division.

Boot Camp is designed to get participants toned and lean, and also to promote teamwork and leadership.

"If someone misses a class, the whole class has to do push-ups," said Blue McInnish, head cage attendant of the college's Wellness Center.

Farhana Sharmin, Wellness Center cage attendant said she takes Boot Camp classes when they are held and really enjoys them.

She said everyone is eligible to attend.

"Boot Camp has all ages involved."

She said classes fill quickly so anyone interested should call 682-7860 for more information on how to sign up for the next session which starts Sept 4 and continues through Sept. 30.

Telecourses convenient for many

By Lindsey Law
News Writing I Student

Television is not always a waste of time, contrary to popular belief of parents everywhere. It can be used for learning in a form of distance education called a telecourse.

A telecourse is a college-level course based on print materials that coincide with video lessons. The videos can be viewed at the student's convenience as opposed to attending an on-campus class at a designated time. Even so, students who participate in a telecourse must meet the same requirements and objectives as traditional campus classes.

The research of Dr. John Barker, OKCCC director of Institutional Research, shows an increasing interest in telecourses within the past year. Barker said there were 789 telecourse enrollments in fall 2001. The enrollment number jumped in spring 2002 to 895 telecourse participants.

Emily Freeman, housewife and mother of two, found her participation in the OKCCC science telecourse to be educational as well as convenient.

"It was great to be able to view the lectures at my home,

"It was great to be able to view the lectures at my home, especially since I was expecting my first child at the time."

—Emily Freeman
Telecourse Student

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At OKCCC, an instructor is assigned to each telecourse to assist the student through the completion of the course and to answer any questions the video might not cover.

The lecture videos can be viewed in several ways.

The OKCCC library has copies of all videotape lessons that students can use during regular library hours. The local OETA channel, as well as the Cox Cable educational access channel, provide lessons that can be watched at the assigned times or recorded for later viewing.

The OKCCC distance education website contains many helpful hints that can contribute to successfully completing a telecourse. For example: start assignments early, establish a regular schedule, contact the instructor, and know exactly what is required from beginning to end.

College computers available for many uses

By Mike Wheeler
News Writing I Student

The OKCCC library offers a wide range of computer services.

The library has 40 student computers. Twenty are used for Internet browsing and 20 are for library research.

Barbara King, library di-

rector, said students are allowed to print free copies, up to 60 pages per semester.

King also added that the computers offer a program called Inter-Library Service. This allows students to borrow materials from other libraries.

Rachel Butler, reference librarian, said this free service is available to any student.

All the student has to do is go to the OKCCC website and fill out a form, then send it to the reference desk via e-mail.

After the form is sent to the reference desk, the librarian logs on to a giant database and searches for the item needed.

This is a nationwide search which includes big and small libraries. Butler said that not one library

has everything.

Most material offered in the library can be accessed from home. Just go to the OKCCC website, located at www.okccc.edu, click the library link and begin searching.

King said there are 10,000 electronic books on the website. She said electronic books at other libraries that are public domain could be pulled up as well.



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Highlights

Free ice cream sundaes

Welcome back sundaes will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Aug. 21 and 22 in the college union. Stop by and get your free ice cream.

Student volunteers needed to be Seemore Art

Student volunteers are needed Labor Day weekend, Friday, Aug. 30 through Monday, Sept. 2. Volunteers will serve in teams of two to dress up as Seemore Art, the mascot of the Arts Festival of Oklahoma. One person will be Seemore Art and the other person will be the guide. Volunteer teams will receive a free T-shirt, free drinks, an invitation to the volunteer party and a parking pass for the day. For more information or to sign up please call Scott Tigert at 682-7579.

Writers and artists needed for the Absolute

Submissions for Absolute, OKCCC's literary, art and photography journal are being accepted this semester. Students and staff are encouraged to submit nonfiction, fiction, poetry, black-and-white photography and drawings. The next edition of the Absolute will be published in April 2003. For further information, contact the Arts and Humanities office or Clay Randolph at 682-1611 ext. 7238 or crandolph@okccc.edu.

Workforce Oklahoma now at OKCCC

A representative of Workforce Oklahoma Career Connection Center will be available every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at OKCCC on the second floor of the main building between 2P8 and 2R8 to hand out information. The center will offer a wide variety of services such as job tips and referrals, high demand occupation information, welfare work eligibility and community resource information. For more information call the Career Transitions office at 682-7844.

Singing for college credit

The OKCCC music department is recruiting singers for three choral groups: the concert choir, chamber singers and symphonic singers. All voice parts are needed. One credit hour is available to participating students. Only the chamber singers require an audition to participate. Auditions will be held the first week of classes beginning Aug. 19. Students may sign up for audition times on the bulletin board across the hall from room 1C5 in the Arts and Humanities building. For more information contact Jonathan Stewart at 682-1611 ext. 7249 or e-mail jstewart@okccc.edu.

Join a club or organization

The student organizations fair will be held 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 28 and 29 in the college union. All students are welcome to attend and get information about the active clubs at OKCCC. Members will be present to answer questions and sign up new students.

Join the campus activities board

All students are invited to join the campus activities board. CAB will have its first meeting at noon on Sept. 3 with the place to be announced. CAB plans numerous activities throughout the year and is looking for people willing to participate and help to make OKCCC a fun and enjoyable place for everyone.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer.



Photo by Kate Brennan

Popcorn, get your popcorn: Marissa Shirley, campus activities board member, pops popcorn to feed hungry students waiting in line to enroll for fall classes.

Free activities welcome students

Food and music start off the new semester

**By Kate Brennan
Staff Writer**

"This is our way of saying thank you and welcome to the students."

—Mike Jones

Coordinator of campus activities and promotions

Free food and fun will be available for the students coming back to school this semester along with a list of new activities and events.

Ice cream sundaes will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 21 and 22 in the college union.

"This is our way of saying thank you and welcome to the students," said Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities and promotions.

To get students in the mood for a full fall schedule solo acoustic guitarist Scott Christensen will also be playing at noon on Wednesday, Aug 21 in the student union.

The following week the student organizations fair will be held between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Aug. 28 and 29

in the college union.

"This is the chance to join the club or organization that the [the students] are most fond of," said Jones.

There are over 40 different clubs and organizations to choose from with new clubs forming each year.

Part of that list is the Campus Activities Board, which plans all activities during the year. CAB invites anyone interested in participating or brainstorming for new ideas to join. The first meeting will be held at noon Tuesday, Sept. 3, with the location to be announced.

Other activities are in the works including a flight simulator and a coffee shop music series.

College is a new experi-

ence for some this semester, and Jones hopes that all students will want to participate in some way to make the college experience a more enjoyable one.

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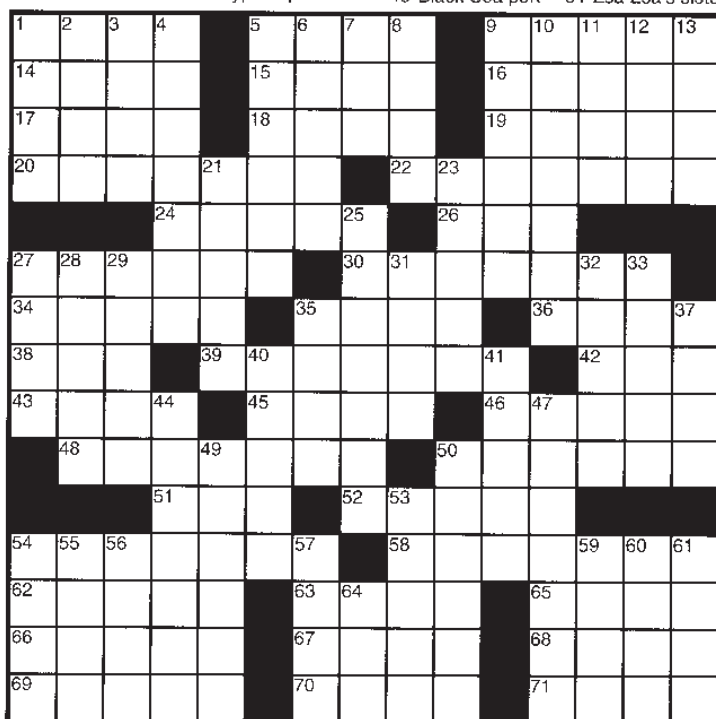
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Arriving early to park a good idea

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Students are urged not to park in the designated spaces in order to avoid a \$5 fine.

"We generally don't ticket the first week unless the person is parked in a fire lane (a \$25 fine)," said Bourque.

The heftiest fine is \$50 for

parking in a handicapped space without the proper parking decal. Most other parking violations carry a \$5 penalty.

Moving violations, such as speeding and reckless driving, carry a \$25 fine.

All fines must be paid in the bookstore within 15 calendar days or notification will be sent to the vice president of student services for further action.

A written appeal can be made against the citation

within the 15-day period. Appeal forms can be found in the office of student life.

Bourque said fines can likely be avoided with forethought and planning.

It's best to leave with plenty of time to spare, since the hike to class from the parking lot will be inevitable.

For more information on regulations and fines, contact the office of safety and security at 682-1611, ext. 7691.

Dunn remembered as 'salt of the earth'

"Dunn,"
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Aug. 12 in Oklahoma City. John Knight, director of the Physical Plant, said Dunn was a valued employee.

"He was a very dependable, loyal, talented, courageous employee," he said.

"He was most definitely a proponent of this college.

"He was all for it. He thought this college was wonderful," Knight said.

"He was committed to this school, and I had the utmost respect for him."

Dunn visited President Bob Todd's office frequently during his time at OKCCC.

"Buster was one of those 'salt of the earth' guys who always had time to share a story and a positive word," Todd said.

Dunn was born April 20, 1939, in Fillmore, near Tishomingo. He graduated from Milburn High School in 1958, then went to work for the Chickasaw Nation.

Dunn moved to Oklahoma City in 1977 and began his long career with OKCCC in 1982.

Dunn is survived by his wife, Jo, of the home; daughter Laura Dodd and her husband David, of Woodbridge, Va.; daughter Shauna Dunn, of Milburn; son Bret Converse and his wife Melissa, of Fillmore; stepson Tracy Clark, of

Tulsa; stepdaughter Stephanie Soward, of Oklahoma City; brother Tim Dunn, of Madill; brother Charlie Dunn, of Shawnee; sister JoAnn McGlocklin, of Milburn; sister Kathy Thomas, of Tulsa; the mother of his children, Maxine Neely, of Fillmore, as well as four grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Dunn was preceded in death by his parents, George and Elizabeth Culberson Dunn; stepson Rocky Clark, and stepson Scott Clark.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Fillmore Nazarene Church. Dunn was laid to rest at the Condon Grove Cemetery in Milburn.

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