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# PIONEER

## OKCCC's nursing, journalism degrees among top in nation

By Christiana Kostura  
Editor

OKCCC ranks in the top 100 associate degree-producing colleges in nursing and journalism according to a report printed in the June 20 issue of Community College Week.

The college's nursing program ranked number 48 with about 135 graduates annually. Health Divisions Dean Jo Ann Cobble said she is happy to hear about the rankings.

"We have made a great effort to be flexible in our programming to meet Oklahoma City's nursing

needs," Cobble said.

She said, in addition to this new report, OKCCC's nursing program pass rates also have continued to exceed others in the state.

"In 2003, we graduated more nursing students than any other college in the state," Cobble said. "In 2004, we were second behind the University of Oklahoma."

She said pass rates are important because they prove OKCCC is not only graduating a large quantity of nursing students but nurses high in quality as well.

"Quality patient care starts with quality education," she said. "That's our

goal."

The article states OKCCC ranks 18th in the nation for producing journalism and communications associate degree graduates with an estimated 27 graduates in 2004.

Journalism professor and faculty adviser Sue Hinton was thrilled to hear of OKCCC's ranking in the lists.

"I think we have a program that built slowly but with a firm foundation."

Hinton said she is extremely pleased to know many of OKCCC's journal-

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## It's time to prepare for fall

By Christiana Kostura  
Editor

Eight-week summer sessions go by fast, leaving many students scrambling to get everything taken care of for fall semester. Are you ready?

Enrollment for the 16-week semester ends on Aug. 26, said Lesa Kobriger, admissions officer. Identification cards are already being stamped for fall semester.

For many students, it's a good idea to see a counselor before enrolling, while some students must consult a counselor, said Mary Turner, student development counselor.

Concurrent students, in-

ternational students and students on academic probation are required to see a counselor prior to enrolling in classes, Turner said.

She said there are a variety of reasons a student should see a counselor.

Some of the reasons Turner said students should see a counselor include: to discuss degree and career options, to get an education plan and make sure that all of the courses are appropriate for the degree, to change majors and to request a faculty adviser.

Early-morning enrollees

usually get the short lines.

"Early mornings (8 to 9 a.m.) tend to be much slower right now," Turner said. "If you can get up that early, there won't be much competition for our time."

Once students are enrolled in classes, they must pay for the courses. The deadline to pay for classes without any late fees is Aug. 12 for the 16-week fall semester, said Nancy Spradling, student account assistant in the Bursar's office.

Students who have not paid their summer balances in full by July 18 will have their future enrollments canceled, said

### Aqua guard



Photo by Holly Jones

White Water Bay lifeguard Lauren Winston, 18, oversees the happenings at the wave pool. Six Flag's White Water Bay was the site of the Southwest Lifeguard Games July 8 hosted by the OKCCC Aquatics Center. See page 7 for more.

Brandi Henson, bursar.

She said students would then be put on financial hold. This causes students not to be able to access grades, receive transcripts, or be enrolled until the financial obligation is fulfilled.

This is not deregistration, she said. She said students who have their balances current will stay enrolled in fall classes and will not be automatically dropped from the courses they enrolled in.

Students will be respon-

sible for paying for any classes they have enrolled in, Spradling said.

Any students who do not pay for their classes in full by Aug. 12 will automatically be set up on a payment plan, Spradling said.

"The plan no longer costs students \$25 to set up," she said. "Instead, finance charges are assessed on the balances."

The first due date for stu-

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

## A concert is not a sacrifice

While millions of music fans were rejoicing during the concert event Live 8, thousands of people were dying a world away.

Live 8 consisted of eight simultaneous concerts, each in different countries, featuring some of the world's best musical acts.

However, the goal of the concerts was to increase awareness of poverty in the world's 18 poorest countries.

This goal was to be accomplished by putting pressure on world leaders at the annual G8 Summit this month.

Famous musicians from Stevie Wonder to a reunited Pink Floyd came together to show how much they care for the world's poor.

The event seemed to be a success as 18 million viewers watched coverage of the concerts on MTV and VH1.

Unfortunately, the success did not last long.

Days after its end, viewers and media critics alike bashed the television coverage of Live 8. The primary complaint was: MTV kept cutting away from live performances to go to commercials or hosts.

"In the wake of our coverage [on July 2], our viewers have resoundingly told us on line they want to see full performances from their favorite artists," MTV Networks Music Group president Van Toffler said.

The reason both MTV and VH1 cut away from the music was to educate viewers about the concert's cause, Toffler said.

This sense of awareness and education was supposed to lead to protests at the recent G8 summit.

In the June 25 article "Whose Jubilee?" World Magazine's Mindy Belz said Live 8 organizers were expecting nearly 250,000 poverty protesters at the recent summit.

That was too much to ask of a group of people who are more interested in hearing a song in its entirety than saving lives.

Only 6,000 protesters came to this year's summit, said Martin O'Hanlon, of the Canadian Press.

Holding a rock concert will not solve world poverty. Each year, more than 8 million people around the world die because they are too poor to survive, according to [www.netaid.org](http://www.netaid.org).

It seems this is less important than watching 23 uninterrupted minutes of Pink Floyd or a total of three Madonna songs. This is not a problem that will be solved by awareness alone.

"The problem is a problem that has to be solved not by governments but by people — people giving to people," said Greater Exodus Baptist Church Pastor Herb Lusk of Philadelphia.

This means people giving up money and time. Volunteering in an impoverished country will solve this problem faster than standing in a protest line.

—Matthew Caban  
Staff Writer

## Animal lover defends pit bulls

### To the editor:

Thank you so much for the editorial "When good dogs go bad" by John Savage.

It seems to me that he is the only one with media influence that remembers that animals will be animals. Whether you own a dog, cat, parrot or rat, where there is an animal there is a risk.

So again, thank you, but my main concern is that the general public conveniently forgot that the recent injury received by this 3-year-old child happened

when the child put his arm through not just one, but two, fences.

Why are the parents of this child not being charged with child neglect? It is the responsibility of parents to teach children proper dog safety, and yes, a three-year-old is more than capable of putting this knowledge to use.

On "The Rant with Kevin Ogle," some uneducated idiot said, "All pit bulls should be killed." This is the same close-minded thinking that Hitler and the Nazis practiced. So much

for progress.

And one more fact, all animals can be taught aggressive and violent behavior. It is rare to have an animal that is born with "Charles Manson traits."

Just as humans must be taught proper behavior, so must all animals.

—Jennifer Fudge  
OKCCC Student

## Tech program helps

Thirteen Hispanic women in southwest Oklahoma City recently completed an information technology program sponsored by OKCCC and the SBC Foundation.

The "From Information Technology to Work" program at the OKCCC Capitol Hill Center provides basic computer knowledge and job readiness skills, such as résumé preparation and interviewing techniques. The program also provides instruction in English as a second language.

Karina Jaime, Maria Mendoza, Rosalba Torres,

Liliana Palomino, Margarita Flores, Alicia Plummer, Magdalena Becerra, Antonia Martinez, Eulalia Saldana, Julia Acevedo, Maria Marquez, Maria Garcia and Maria Del Carmen Hernandez completed the program on Friday, June 3.

Each student was awarded a certificate of completion and a \$200 stipend to help them in their job search.

—Jessica Martinez-Brooks  
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## Comments and Reviews

# Vaughn, Wilson crash theaters

There aren't many movies that are truly funny from start to finish.

"Wedding Crashers," starring Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson, is absolutely one of those movies.

It seems like most romantic comedies usually have a few scenes of real comedy crammed into two hours of boredom.

Not this one. The audience literally starts laughing with the opening scene and continues to do so until the credits hit the screen.

This is a movie that has everything right where it should be.

The script and actors are hilarious in their own right. Combine the two and you have the most clever movie

of the summer.

Vaughn and Wilson play divorce mediators who spend their off-hours attending weddings they weren't invited to so they can pick up chicks.

They have a set of rules for freeloading at a wedding that are gut-busting to watch in action.

These two are actually a comic duo whose chemistry is easily comparable to that shared by Gene Wilder and Richard Prior.

Vaughn is a personal favorite of mine. Wilson, before this movie, was anything but.

Wilson's movies have been so bad in the past I used to think the Screen Actor's Guild should put a

hit out on him.

However, this performance has changed the way I feel about him as a comedian.

The dialogue these two share when discussing their plan of attack was priceless.

There also is some of that "American Pie" type sexual humor that raises the bar and brings down the house.

Christopher Walken and Will Ferrell only add laughs to this side-splitter.

I seriously doubt there will be another movie this funny for a long time.

If you don't mind laughing like a schoolgirl, this is a must see.

—**Shawn Bryant**  
Staff Writer

# Original 'Bears' movie full of laughs

In 1976, Walter Matthau and Tatum O'Neal led a group of zany characters in "The Bad News Bears."

To celebrate this cherished sports comedy, a new version, starring Billy Bob Thornton, will be released in theaters July 22.

Before Thornton and his cubs take the field, it's time to open the vault and watch the original little league delinquents.

In the 1976 version of "The Bad News Bears," Matthau portrayed Morris Buttermann, a former minor league pitcher who struck out Ted Williams twice in a spring training game.

Buttermann is hired by Councilman Whitewood to coach a ragtag bunch of young players.

The team is laughed at and treated miserably from the get-go.

Before the first game, a ri-

val coach, Roy Turner [Vic Morrow], tells Buttermann his team does not belong in the league.

The Bears constantly fight among themselves and regularly argue with their coach.

The kids are perfect for their roles. These include the rebel, the quiet one and the bully. Each has his own quirks and traits.

After losing their first two games by a combined score of 44-0, it is obvious the Bears are more potent with their words than their bats.

The baseball action is funnier than the war of words.

The Bears make dozens of errors in their early games.

The pace of the movie is slow in many places to let the characters tell their own stories.

This is a dialogue and

character driven movie.

With that said, if you plan to watch "The Bad News Bears" with younger children, be warned. There is plenty of foul language from the Bears and their coach.

Despite this, some valuable life lessons are learned in the end.

The characters learn to have faith in themselves and to play their best. They even make it to the league championship game.

Another great part of the movie is watching the development of the relationship between player Amanda Wurlitzer [O'Neal] and Buttermann.

Their father-daughter kind of relationship adds a nice sense of drama.

This summer enjoy America's pastime with one of its craziest teams.

—**Matthew Caban**  
Staff Writer

## Counselor's Corner

*"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."*

—**Helen Keller (1880 to 1968)**

We've reached the point in another semester at which some of you are saying, "Omigosh! Will this torment never end?" Conversely, others are saying, "Omigosh! I need more time to get this stuff done!" Regardless of which side of the torment you're on, there are some strategies for dealing with the end-of-the-semester-feeling-stressed-and-overwhelmed-blues.

First of all, breathe. It's amazingly good for you... especially if you take slow, deep breaths. Feel free to close your eyes, too.

Secondly, get organized. If you've spent the semester just sort of flying by the seat of your pants, now is the time to take some time getting it all together. Sit down with your calendar and syllabi, and plot out what you have left to do and by when. Calculate how much time you need to devote to each task (writing the paper, studying for the test, etc.) and block that time out on your calendar. Try to divide the time up so that it is evenly distributed. Remember that it's better to overestimate how much time you will need than to underestimate it.

Pace yourself. Marathon sessions often do more harm than good. If you find that you are re-reading the same passage several times, or that your notes seem to blur together, then it's time for a break. You can't force more into your brain than it is willing to take. Information forced in may scramble so that it makes little sense when you try to remember it in a meaningful form later.

Take care of yourself. Neglecting to eat and sleep will only wear you down. You'll be much more efficient and productive if you eat properly and get enough rest.

Keep it all in perspective. Falling down sometimes hurts our knees, but it usually hurts our pride more. If your performance this time was less than stellar, evaluate what went wrong and plan to correct your mistakes in the future. In time, this will all be a memory.

Laugh. By the time we're adults, life has whipped most of the joy out of us. We live our lives in exaggerated melodrama with glasses that are always half-empty and where dark clouds perpetually block the sun. So, make a funny face at yourself when you walk by a mirror. Think about all the times you scared your mom when she checked your pants pockets on laundry day. E-mail a silly joke to yourself and act surprised when you read it. Savor the flavor of a cookie. Visualize your own success.

Above all, love yourself and be at peace. Best wishes from the Counselors in the Center for Student Development.

—**Mary Turner**  
Student Development Counselor

## Quote of the Week

"It is pretty hard to tell what does bring happiness; poverty and wealth have both failed."

—**Kin Hubbard**



# Student ensembles to perform concerts

**By Ross Smith**  
News Writing Student

The choir, jazz and guitar ensembles will entertain OKCCC students and community with free concerts this fall.

These performances are an opportunity to see fellow students showcase their musical abilities, said Music Professor Dave Archer.

Musicians such as Edgar Cruz, world renowned classical guitarist, have performed at OKCCC in the past year.

However, some OKCCC students said they would like to see more fellow students doing the performing.

"I really enjoy it when I get to see famous musicians but seeing someone that you know makes it a lot more exciting," said Sam Kennamer, OKCCC art major.

OKCCC's music program has always had a good performance schedule, Archer said.

"We really want to bring more students to our performances and further people's knowledge of our program," Archer said.

He said the college will host several shows during the fall semester.

These include a Fall Choral on Oct. 6, a jazz and guitar ensemble performance, and Christmas show on Dec. 2.

Dates have not yet been set for the jazz and guitar ensemble performances.

Students wanting to travel off campus also are encouraged to attend Southern Nazarene University's Choral Festival Oct. 14.

For more information on the performances, contact Archer at 682-1611, ext. 7245, or by e-mail at [darcher@okccc.edu](mailto:darcher@okccc.edu).

# Campus trees receive fungicide treatments

**By Holly Palmer**  
News Writing Student

Students probably never realized just how many pine trees there are on the OKCCC campus.

Building and Campus Services Supervisor Gary Phillips said 521 pine trees on campus received two applications of a fungicide in June.

Many of these trees are at the tree farm located the near the aquatic center, while others are spread around campus.

"The spray kills pine blight, which damages or kills pine trees in Oklahoma," Phillips said.

He said the fungicide is not harmful to humans, although it may have a chemical odor.

The cost is \$1,800 per treatment. This money comes from the Physical Plant's budget. Landscapes, Etc. was contracted to spray the trees, Phillips said.

The trees receive this treatment two times a year.

Each treatment consists of two applications, 14 days apart.

Phillips said the second treatment would be in the fall. Students said they appreciate the trees.

"I like the pine trees around campus," said Zac Lovato, nutrition major.

# Building the future



Photo by Holly Jones

Candelario Martinez along with Jose Fonseca of Chambers Golf Construction set a valve control box and a quick connect for the pond's new irrigation system on the corner of May Avenue and S.W. 74 Street.

# Win an Apple iPod shuffle at the Brown Bag Lunch series this fall

**By Earl Kenneth Sneed Jr.**  
News Writing Student

Student Life will continue free admission for the Brown Bag Lunch series in the upcoming school year, said Jon Horinek, Community Engagement coordinator.

The Brown Bag Lunch series is an educational series of seminars offered 12 to 15 times each semester, Horinek said.

This year students will be eligible for prizes once they attend a session.

Drawings for prizes are planned for each session, Horinek said.

He said the final prize of the semester will be an Apple iPod shuffle.

Each seminar equips students with skills not offered in the classroom, Horinek

said.

"It is one of our more successful programs," he said.

Horinek said sessions are scheduled to range from information on car insurance to studying and test-taking skills.

Sessions are taught by a variety of people including professionals such as Benny Mitchell with Farmers Insurance and college employees such as Student Development Counselor Mary Turner.

Turner's test-taking session was a popular session last year, Horinek said.

"I think it is a wonderful opportunity for students to prove their skills without being obligated to a class," Turner said.

The first session of the semester is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 1.

Sessions will be offered nearly every week of the semester on Tuesdays,

Wednesdays, Horinek said.

Each session lasts for 45 minutes in the college union. The sessions begin at either noon at 12:30 p.m.

Students do not have to sign up prior to the session to be admitted, he said.

During the program's first year, each session averaged 20 people, Horinek said.

"The department has measured their success on positive student response."

"As long as someone gets something out of it we have been successful."

For students who are not able to attend, Student Life hopes to have the information provided via the college's website, he said.

For more information on the Brown Bag Lunch series contact Horinek at 682-1611, ext. 7697.

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# Retired business professor dead at 68

**By Christiana Kostura  
Editor**

Many tears and lots of laughter filled OKCCC's theater on July 7 as retired professor Connie Nieser's family and friends gathered to honor her during a memorial service.

Nieser, 68, died July 2. She was visiting her son in Las Vegas, Nev., when she succumbed to heart failure.

Nieser worked for OKCCC for 24 years before retiring in 2002.

"Her death was sudden," said Mark Nieser, her son. "It was peaceful."

While at OKCCC, Nieser's accomplishments included founding the accounting lab and winning the faculty-of-the-year award in

1991.

"My mother was a great planner and problem solver," her son said. "My mother's goal was to prepare children for life on their own."

Nieser's daughter, Susan Nieser, said her mother had many special qualities. She said her mother loved her family and loved to travel. Connie Nieser was a strong role model of a successful woman, her daughter said.

Nieser had many friends at the college. Three of them spoke about Nieser at the memorial.

Myra Decker, professor of accounting and business, played several songs on the piano in honor of Nieser.

She said she wanted to thank Nieser for befriending her in Decker's first years at the college and al-



**Connie Nieser**

lowing Decker into Nieser's family.

"What a model of an excellent teacher she was for me," Decker said.

Kayla Fessler, accounting professor, said Nieser loved to travel and have fun.

"Through Connie, we got to travel," Fessler said. "Connie loved to laugh, and she loved to laugh at her-

**"Connie loved to laugh, and she loved to laugh at herself."**

—Kayla Fessler  
Accounting Professor

self."

Anita Williams, business professor, read aloud a letter she wrote to say goodbye to Nieser.

"You were such a blessing to us all," Williams said.

All three women, along with Nieser's children, told the audience of funny stories involving Nieser.

Connie Nieser's son told a story about his mother making him be a responsible adult.

Her son said when he was 16, his mother was having trouble getting him to do his Saturday chores. So, he said, she decided to hold

his car keys "hostage" until he completed his chores. The "ransom" for his keys was completion of his chores.

A photo tribute of Nieser's life, showing her growing up, sharing fun times with family and friends, and traveling was shown at the end of the service.

Mark Nieser said there would be a scholarship in Nieser's name. Her family requested that donations be made to her scholarship fund in lieu of flowers.

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## Apply to nursing program as soon as possible

**By Amy Sullivan  
News Writing Student**

Nursing applications for the spring semester are now available, said Mary Turner, Student Development counselor.

Turner said students could get a nursing school application at the office of Admissions or the office of Student Development.

The application must be returned by noon, September 16, Turner said.

Students can apply to the nursing program, "as soon as they meet the basic application requirement," said Claire Echols, Student Development counselor.

"Having a passion for helping the sick is definitely a step in the right direction," said Echols. Applicants must be eligible for admission to OKCCC and eligible for placement in college level math, English and science courses, Echols said.

Application requirements also include a high school

graduation GPA of 2.75 or total college retention GPA of 2.5 or GED average score of 530. The student also needs a minimum COMPASS reading score of 86, she said.

Echols said, according to the Health Professions and Admissions Committee, there is no set number of preference points.

Nevertheless, the student wants as many preference points as possible because of the high level of competition for admission in the program, she said.

Those who are competitive with their preference points will have a greater chance of being accepted into the nursing program, Echols said.

She said the number of preference points that are acquired is what admits students. Echols said an associate degree in registered nursing helps the student learn the technical aspect of being a nurse. She also said a bachelor's degree in nursing helps the student learn management and community health in

addition to the technical aspect of nursing.

OKCCC has students applying for the nursing program from other institutions, said George Maxwell, Student Development counselor.

"It's a tough program to get into," Maxwell said.

"OKCCC's nursing program has better than an 86 percent pass rate [on the state nursing exam,] which is higher than the national

pass rate," Echols said.

The nursing program requires 72 credit hours to complete the degree, excluding the preference-point-only classes. Those classes are pharmacology, overview of nursing and medical terminology, Echols said.

The student can take these preference-point-only classes before applying or being accepted to the program, she said.

Echols said many courses will transfer to a four-year institution. However, it is very important that the students check with their prospective institutions as soon as they become aware they will be transferring, she said.

Students who want to be in the nursing program should understand what being a nurse is about and why they want to be nurses, Maxwell said.

## Tree transplant flawlessly finished

**By Erin Sanchez  
News Writing Student**

Six trees were transplanted near the Leftwich Memorial Library from the OKCCC tree farm June 21.

A new irrigation system also was installed to water them.

Five water oak trees were planted along the north side of the library next to parking lot B.

Water oaks have drooping

branches, grow moderately fast and can reach a maximum height of 75 feet.

The other tree, a lace bark elm, replaced a tree that died in the plaza, said Gary Phillips, Building and Campus Services supervisor.

Lace bark elm trees grow rapidly to a maximum height of 50 feet.

The cost of the six tree transplants was \$875, Phillips said.

"The trees are going to be really pretty once they're

full grown," said Courtney Davis, sociology major.

A \$750 bubbler irrigation system also was added to water the six trees. Each tree now gets its own supply of water.

Phillips said, when the bubbler system turns on, "[the water] just runs over and bubbles over."

Money for both of these projects was supplied by the Building and Campus Services department budget, which is used to make improvements on campus.



# Student Life now hiring

**By Megan Bryce**  
**News Writing Student**

Student Life Employment Services said goodbye to Jessica Jones, part-time assistant who graduated this summer. Jones worked for the department for two years while she took classes at OKCCC.

Jones will be truly missed, said Employment Services Coordinator Linda Fay. But, the vacancy will be filled.

"We will be hiring within the next couple of weeks for

this position." The position is listed in Human Resources for students interested.

It is not required that the applicant be a student at OKCCC, but it is preferred. Since it is a part-time job, it is only 25 hours a week.

There are a few requirements for this job including communication skills.

"We need a people person," Fay said.

The position also requires grammar and computer skills.

The part-time assistant will assist other students and help them find jobs.

The position also requires small tasks like listing jobs on the job board.

It is an ongoing position so students can work there until graduation if desired.

The part-time assistant will work in the Student Life Employment Services office along with Fay and her assistant Sheila Aldridge.

The part-time assistant will have his or her own desk to work from.

Interested students need to fill out an application before July 22, Fay said. No applications will be accepted after that time.

# Procrastination doesn't pay off

**By Rosa Conner**  
**News Writing Student**

Enrollment at OKCCC is expected to rise by 4 percent this fall, which may translate into longer lines and scheduling conflicts.

Last fall, the number of students enrolled hit a new high at about 12,000. It's expected to top near 13,000, said Gloria Cárdenas Barton, Dean of Admissions/Registrar.

With this increase of enrollment, the peak of students coming to admissions will increase around mid-July through the beginning of the fall semester, she said.

"With so many students coming in late to enroll, they will be running a risk of having to spend at least three or more hours getting enrolled," she said.

"Enrollment applications are available online or at the front desk of the Admissions/Records office," said Megan Stephens, Admissions clerk.

Barton said one of the most common problems students may face when enrolling is not having their transcripts with them. If students have been out of high school three years or fewer they will need to bring

a high school transcript with them along with their SAT/ACT scores, or they will not be able to complete the enrollment process, she said.

Stephens said another common problem students run into, whether they are new or returning, is making sure they bring in transcripts from other colleges or universities they have attended. They will be able to complete enrollment but will not receive credit for the classes they have taken.

"When students enroll they visit with an enrollment counselor and will be informed if they are missing any paperwork or testing requirements," Stephens said.

Some students have already experienced long waits. "It took me about one to two hours to enroll, then about one and a half hours to take the COMPASS tests," said Amanda Fisher, a respiratory care therapy major. She enrolled in OKCCC two weeks ago.

Stephens said, "The longer students wait to enroll, the longer they will end up waiting in line."

Students who wait to enroll also run the risk of fewer classes being available.

"This makes it harder for

**"The longer students wait to enroll, the longer they will end up waiting in line."**

—Megan Stephens  
Admissions Clerk

us to help the students build a suitable and convenient schedule for them, because classes they need are no longer available," she said.

Some students have found ways to begin the enrollment process without coming to campus. Melissa Raiford, visual arts major, said she enrolled last week. Raiford said she received her application at her high school, completed it and sent it in with her transcripts.

Barton said there will be extended hours for Admissions, but students should not wait until the last minute to come in.

"Students need to plan to spend some time here. The earlier in the day the better," Barton said.

Classes begin Aug 22. The last day for enrollment is Aug 26.

For more information, and extended summer hours, visit [www.okccc.edu](http://www.okccc.edu) or call Admissions at 682-7515.

# College offers new bioinformatics degree

**By Catherine Tullos**  
**News Writing Student**

Students interested in biology or computer science will soon have a new degree option. This fall, OKCCC students can obtain a degree in bioinformatics.

John McMurray, a leader of the bioinformatics program, said the most simplified definition of bioinformatics is, "The application of computers to answer biological questions. Any biologist who uses a computer could be considered a bioinformatician."

Bioinformatics specifically analyzes the discoveries from the last decade of the Human Genome Project, said Charlotte Mulvihill, biotechnology director. The word genome is defined as the genetic material of an organism. Basically, the Human Genome Project has tried to discover the structure of the human genetic material, DNA.

"Bioinformatics uses computers to help mine all this data to look for parallels among gene sequences known and unknown to help assign functions," Mulvihill said.

"Our program is pretty special, receiving grants from private sources as well as state and federal agencies," said Max Simmons, Science and Mathematics Division dean.

OKCCC is one of two community colleges in the United States to offer an associate degree in bioinformatics, McMurray said. None of the four-year universities in Oklahoma offer a degree in bioinformatics.

The bioinformatics degree program at OKCCC requires a minimum of 65 credit hours. The courses in the program focus on biotechnology, computer science and, of course, bioinformatics, according to the bioinformatics page of the course catalog.

There are many job opportunities in the field of bioinformatics. McMurray said much molecular data has been collected in laboratories over the last decade.

Both private- and government-funded laboratories need people to analyze this data, which someone with a background in bioinformatics would be qualified to do. There also are many institutions that offer bioinformatics graduate degree programs, McMurray said.

A bioinformatics web page is in the process of being constructed, said McMurray, creator of the web page. It will be available at the end of August at [www.okccc.edu/binfo/index](http://www.okccc.edu/binfo/index).

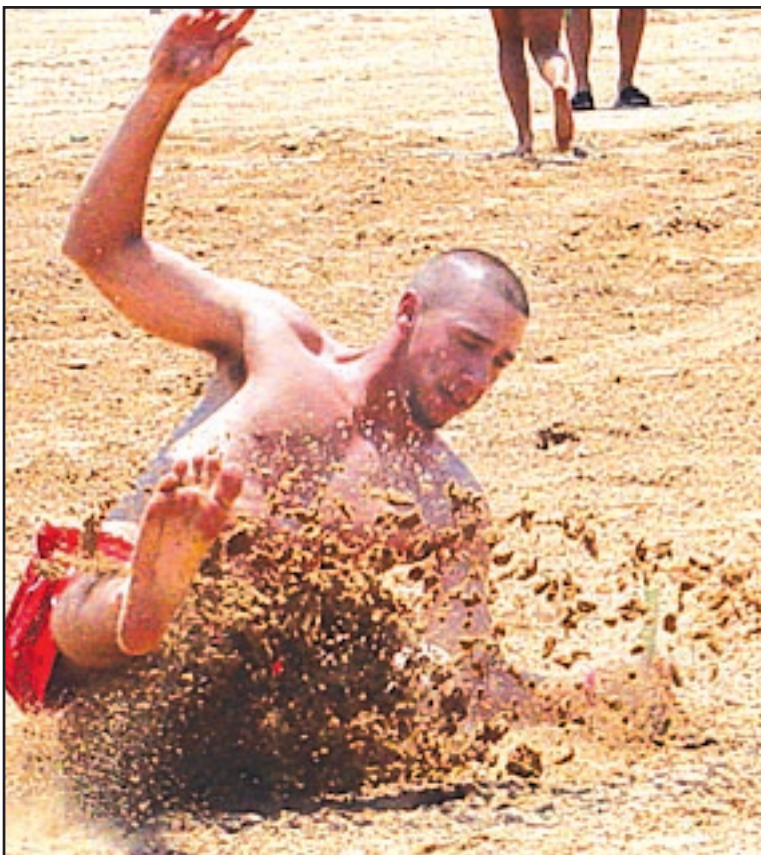


**Ever Get Somebody Totally Wasted?**





Lifeguards from more than five states take time to cool off between games. More than 250 lifeguards participated in the games.



Matt Schane, of Rose State College, slides for the green stick in the pick-up sticks competition.



Kelsey Reneau, OKCCC's head lifeguard, judges the competition at Six Flag's White Water Bay. The competition, called Spinal Injury Management, consists of one lifeguard feigning injury in the water while four others dive in and try to save him or her. The rescuers have different tasks during the game: one straps the victim onto a stretcher while the other three quickly analyze the situation and harm done.

# Guards hit the waves

OKCCC junior lifeguards hit the water as they competed against more than 15 junior and senior teams from more than five states in the 20th annual lifeguard games July 8, at Six Flag's White Water Bay in Oklahoma City.

The games began at 8 a.m. as the juniors and seniors split into teams. Junior teams were made of lifeguards ages 15 and younger, while the senior teams consisted of those ages 16 and up.

Two junior teams competed for OKCCC, the Red and Blue teams. Each team had a total of four members.

Many of the contestants had catchy and funny slogans hand-written in marker on their backs, representing their team.

OKCCC student Mandy McDonald said she was competing for the White Water Bay senior guards and that her team had an incredible name.

"Our team name was The Incredibles," McDonald said.

The team got their name idea from the hit 2004 animated film of the same name.

"We even have the insignia," she said.

One of the most popular events of the day was tug-of-war.

This placed the lifeguards in a four-on-four match-up of strength and stamina.

OKCCC junior lifeguard Chris Vu, 11, and his teammates won the first heat of the tug-of-war but were out-pulled in the later rounds.

"This was my first time competing in [the lifeguard games]," Vu said. "And I plan to be back next year."

The Red team took 7th overall while the Blue team took 12th.



OKCCC junior lifeguards Katie Davis, Robert Griffey, Mathew Bumgarner and Natthapume "Ping" Attamakulsri took 5th in the tug-of-war competition at the 20th Anniversary Southwest Lifeguard Games held at Six Flag's White Water Bay.

Text by  
John Savage  
Photos by  
Holly Jones



# Sports

## UPCOMING

### SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS

•**July 18 - 22:** OKCCC will have coed basketball from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, July 18 to 22.

Campers will meet in the gymnasium near entry 7. Ages for this camp are 6 to 8. The cost is \$60.

For more information, visit [www.okccc.edu/rcs](http://www.okccc.edu/rcs).

•**July 18 - 22:** OKCCC will teach coed golf from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, July 18 to 22. Ages for this camp are 9 to 11. Campers will meet by entry 7.

The cost for this camp is \$60. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Coordinator Jack Perkins at 682-1611, ext. 7205, or e-mail [jperkins@okccc.edu](mailto:jperkins@okccc.edu).

•**July 18 - 22:** OKCCC will offer coed tennis from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, July 18 to 22, for ages 9 to 11 and 12 to 14. The cost for this camp is \$60.

For more information, contact Community Education and Health Coordinator Jack Perkins at 682-1611, ext. 7205, or visit [www.okccc.edu/rcs](http://www.okccc.edu/rcs) or e-mail [jperkins@okccc.edu](mailto:jperkins@okccc.edu).

•**July 25 - 29:** OKCCC will offer coed water sports from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, July 25 to 29, for ages 11 to 14. Campers will meet by entry 7, the cost for this camp is \$60.

For more information on the coed water sports contact Community Education and Health Coordinator Jack Perkins at 682-1611, ext. 7205, or visit [www.okccc.edu/rcs](http://www.okccc.edu/rcs) or e-mail [jperkins@okccc.edu](mailto:jperkins@okccc.edu).

## Youth camp swings for the green

Coach Bost teaches youth campers the basic techniques of golf

By John Savage  
Staff Writer

Kinks were being ironed out as golf clinic campers practiced hitting golf balls in the practice field on the southwest side of the campus July 11 to 15.

Coach Fred Bost, a golf coach at Western Heights Junior High School, had the campers practicing various kinds of shots.

"We will do full swing, how to hit a driver and mid irons," Bost said. "We've already practiced chipping and putting."

"We try to do drills that won't have them swinging as hard as they could," he said.

The golfers, aged 9 to 11, lined up like a firing squad as they blasted golf balls onto the practice field.

During the exercises Bost would stop the campers at times to coach them on the right way to hold the club, and the right speed and angles.

The campers were taught to use touch on some of the chipping exercises.

Practicing these exercises allows the campers to be able to get the ball to the right height, Bost said.

This allows the ball to stop on the green instead of hitting the green with low projectile and having it roll off.

During the practice Bost had to keep an eye on where the balls were flying and move out of the way accordingly.

Ball pitching was practiced. Pitching involves having the ball hit similar to a chip shot but with more force.

After the pitching shots were practiced, Bost then had the campers practice a three-quarter swing.

Bost instructed the boys of the group not to "kill the ball" or hit with all their strength as they practiced the full-swing drill.

The golf balls were hit full swing, then it turned into an Easter egg hunt as the campers searched the area for their balls.

Campers practiced this a couple of times before moving into the gym to complete the camp for the day.

Nick Pallotta, 11, has been involved in playing golf for about a year and is coming to the golf camp for the first time.

"I'm trying to get better with my pitching," Pallotta said.

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Photo by Holly Jones

"Bost is a good coach," said Meagan Roy, 11. "He makes golf fun." OKCCC hosted a golf clinic for players ages 11 to 14 taught by Fred Bost, who has been coaching golf clinics for the last five years.

## Wellness Center delivers customer service with a smile

By John Savage  
Staff Writer

Athletes who use the OKCCC gym will find a stricter admission procedure beginning this summer said Gary Johnson, wellness attendant.

Johnson said the area has upgraded from a punch card to a card that can be scanned.

"We can now scan the card and it shows the picture of the card holder," Johnson said.

Johnson said, before this new sign-in procedure was used non-OKCCC students could use student's punch cards.

The photo check cuts down on identity theft and people not wanting to pay for use of the gym, Johnson said.

During the new check-in procedure,

the wellness center is there to make the new change as pleasant as possible.

"We really emphasize customer service and to sell memberships to non-students," Johnson said.

All faculty and students can enjoy the gym and its equipment for free.

All others can purchase a punch card worth \$40.

The card is good for four months [if punches still remain] or 20 punches on the card, which breaks down to \$2 per visit.

"We have many membership plans but our most common ones are the punch cards," Johnson said.

One-day passes can be bought for \$6 per adult, \$4 per child and \$2.75 for senior citizens.

Anyone with a military ID can get a 15 percent discount.

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# Test Center sets new electronic rules

**By Chelsea Villet**  
News Writing Student

Beginning in August, electronics such as cell phones and pagers won't be allowed in OKCCC's Test Center, due to the many distractions they cause, said Testing and Assessment Director Jim Ellis.

"We are trying to maintain a distraction-free en-

vironment," Ellis said. "We are having a very difficult time with cell phones in the testing center."

Ellis wrote to the Dean's Council about the problem and they all agreed with him that electronics should not be allowed.

This new policy also will help with test security, Ellis said.

He said although he has a digital recording of audio and video from eight differ-

**"We are having a very difficult time with cell phones in the testing center."**

—Jim Ellis  
Testing and  
Assessment Services  
Director

ent angles of the Test Center and lobby, cell phones could offer a discreet way

of cheating.

This past spring, two students were taking the same test across the room from one another and sending text messaged answers back and forth, he said.

Although the Test Center workers did not catch them, a student informed Ellis of seeing them.

"I've been doing this for seven years and it always astounds me when people cheat," Ellis said.

However, this new policy brings up a major concern, Ellis said.

"What about the non-English speaking students," said Crystal Reitz, a nurs-

ing student.

Some of these students use electronic dictionaries to translate the test directions, she said.

"I hadn't even thought about those [devices]," Ellis said.

He will bring this question up to the Dean's Council soon for clarification on the policy's details.

Because of this new policy, Ellis said, the center is planning to get lockers for the students' electronics and other belongings.

Where those will be located has not yet been determined.

## Pump drive-offs to cost more

**By Courtney Crosbie**  
News Writing Student

Gas prices are at an all-time high in the Oklahoma City metro area and are expected by many to rise over the next year. That may create financial hardships for some.

However, if you are tempted to drive off without paying, a new law passed in June quadruples the fine for stealing gas at the pump.

Gas prices last week averaged \$1.99 per gallon for regular unleaded. This week gas prices hit \$2.23 in Oklahoma City and may rise as a result of Hurricane Dennis slamming into the Gulf of Mexico, according to a News 9 report.

The 12 percent increase in gas prices is hitting OKCCC staff hard.

"It has been hard to adjust to the higher gas prices," said Liz Largent, Student Life director. "But there is not much we can do."

Students also are upset about the gas price hike.

OKCCC education student Kristin Poe said she



does not like the gas prices being so expensive and is dreading the dollar jump within the year.

Another OKCCC student, Kelly Baublits, said she hates the prices being so high but will never steal gas no matter how high the price gets. She drives a Toyota 4-Runner.

Baublits' decision to always pay may be exactly what legislators hoped for

when they increased the fine from \$100 to \$500.

The law also imposes a possible 60-day jail sentence.

Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry signed the new law recently.

This year, \$234 million has been lost at the pump, according to USA Today. This statistic has doubled since 2004 and is continuing to rise.

## Parking problem eased, 195 spaces added in lot C

**By Rebekah Smith**  
News Writing Student

July 5 marked the end of the expansion project to parking lot C.

Daniel and Justin Dill, electricians for Dan Dill Electric, installed and finished wiring the last two light poles.

The expansion allows for 195 more spaces for students to park in.

Construction on parking lot C began April 22.

Dill said the completion of the expansion has been a long time coming.

"It's been a five-step process and we just happened to be finishing up today," Dill said.

He said the poles and lights were put together July 1, completing most of the work on the lighting project.

Dan Dill Electric was contracted to complete the lighting for the parking lot.

"As of right now, the lights are working and the parking lot is now open for use," he said.

Physical Plant Project Manager Eddie Cox said the total cost for the expansion, including the lighting project, was \$334,134.

This includes new construction and the repair of existing spaces in parking lot C, Cox said.

Safety and Security Officer Rod Harden said the addition of the light poles makes the new parking lot safer.

"Two 60-foot tall light poles adds a tremendous amount of light for the new 195 spaces," Harden said.



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# Highlights

## Spanish job fair coming up

Oklahoma's #1 Spanish Job Fair is taking place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20 in the union. For more information, call Cash Riley, Jr. at 616-9900, ext. 128.

## Calm Waters seeks volunteers

Calm Waters Center for Children and Families is seeking volunteers to help co-lead support groups that help children deal with death or divorce. Upon completion of a training program that teaches children's responses to grief, the healing process, communication, healthy coping skills and group leadership skills, volunteers will co-facilitate groups on Monday or Thursday evenings for eight-week sessions or lead groups in elementary schools. The next volunteer training begins Aug. 5 and enrollment is under way. For more information or to become a volunteer, call 946-2264.

## College Democrats seek members

The College Democrats are looking for members to revitalize the club. Anyone interested should contact club sponsor David Charlson at [djcharlson@okccc.edu](mailto:djcharlson@okccc.edu) or club sponsor Rick Vollmer at 682-1611, ext. 7302, or e-mail [rvollmer@okccc.edu](mailto:rvollmer@okccc.edu).

## Writing Club to hold summer meetings

The Writing Club is holding meetings at 12:15 p.m. on Thursdays and 11:15 a.m. on Fridays in the Arts and Humanities building's lounge area, near the staircase. Meetings will include discussion of a school-wide writing anthology and offer a chance for club members to display their original pieces. For more information, contact Publicity Officer Weston Mize at 204-6392.

## Baptist Collegiate Ministries active this summer

Baptist Collegiate Ministries will hold meetings at noon every Wednesday in room 3N0, located in the main building. All students are welcome and free lunch is provided. For more information, contact club sponsor Mike Barnett at 323-0583.

## Cultural Arts Series tickets on sale

Pre-season tickets for the upcoming school year's Cultural Arts Series are now on sale. Prices are \$65 for students, seniors, alumni, faculty and staff, and \$85 for general admission. Eight program concerts are currently scheduled. On Sept. 13, Flamenco dance troupe Zumbamba; Sept. 29, guitarist Brad Richter; Oct. 25, four-man vocal band Fourth Avenue; Nov. 8, Korean band Ahn Trio; Jan. 31, Tom Tiratto and His Big Band; Feb. 21, four-man percussion ensemble So Percussion; March 7, pianist and Van Cliburn silver medalist winner Valery Kuleshov; and April 4, San Francisco's Sonos Hand Bell Ensemble. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 682-7579 or visit [www.okccc.edu/ca](http://www.okccc.edu/ca).

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OKCCC's Baptist Collegiate Ministries members will visit the town, Glorieta, N.M. from Aug. 3 to 9, attending National Collegiate Student Week. More than 1,000 students are attending the retreat from around the nation. The week will include worship, outdoor events and much more.

## Venturing to New Mexico

### Baptist organization to attend conference

**By Patrick Kitchen**  
**News Writing Student**

OKCCC's Baptist Collegiate Ministries organization will be visiting Glorieta, N.M., from Aug. 3 to 9 for National Collegiate Student Week.

Club sponsor Mike Barnett said the retreat is for growing closer to God and to one another.

"We're going to join 1,500 students from around the U.S. in worship, spiritual training, outdoor activities, sports and fellowship," Barnett said.

He said seminars on many topics dealing with spiritual growth and life issues will be offered.

"This is a Christian experience for those seeking God's purpose for their lives."

Barnett said any OKCCC student can attend for \$175, which covers meals, hotel and trip expenses.

He said space is limited and there already are 50 students signed up.

There is a \$25 deposit to reserve a room, Barnett said, and the remaining

\$150 is due before the group leaves on Aug. 3.

Barnett, who's been a BCM sponsor since 1979, said the club has more than of 100 students attending events at any one time.

He said BCM is going to have two more retreats scheduled for the 2005-2006 school year, one in late September and the other in January.

Having gone to Glorieta the past 20 years, Barnett said, it's a popular place for retreats.

"Our students who went last year have talked about going back all year long," he said.

Public Relations Officer and Special Events Coordinator Jeremy Barr said he can't wait to go back.

"Last year was amazing," he said. "I've got a video of everything we did and I'm excited to be a part of it again."

Barr said the trip helped him strengthen his relationships with God and those around him.

"The entire retreat was a highlight," Barr said. "Everything was great."

For more information on

the retreat, visit [www.life-way.com](http://www.life-way.com), call Barnett at 525-3535, or attend one of BCM's weekly meetings at noon every Wednesday in room 3N0.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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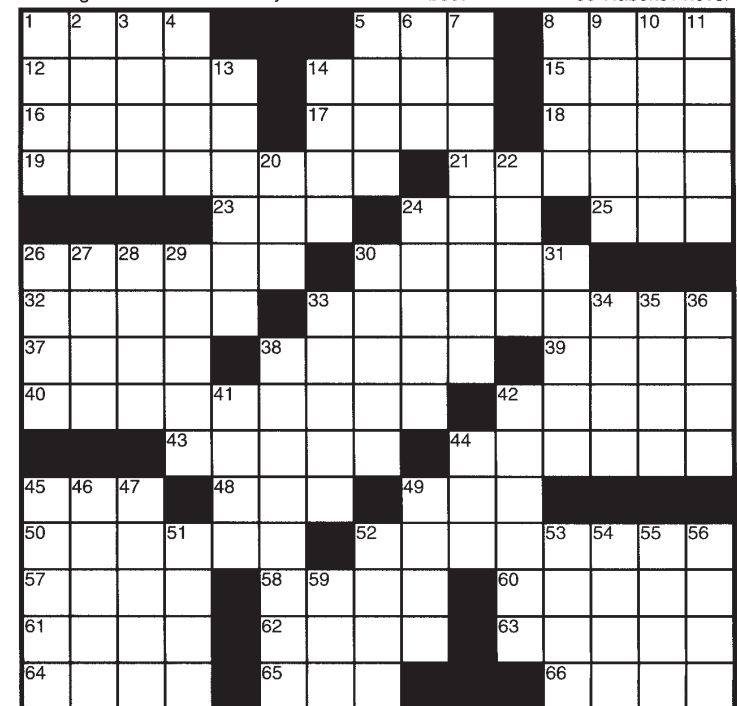
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# Thefts occur on campus

By Matthew Caban  
Staff Writer

Parking lot A was a target for thieves earlier this month.

According to Safety and Security reports, two vehicles were broken into in parking lot A during the first week of July.

On July 6, student Jamie Varcas reported his vehicle had been broken into.

According to a Safety and Security report, Varcas said the driver's side vent window was broken open and some property was missing.

According to the report, the missing property included a Motorola V300 cell phone, the faceplate of a Pioneer stereo and a 1000-watt Vibe amplifier.

The total value of the missing property was \$650, according to the report.

Varcas could not be reached for comment.

College employee Trey Bishop also was a victim of theft earlier this month.

Bishop reported a pair of missing items after he returned to his vehicle at 11 a.m. July 1. The items were a Lilliput 7-inch LCD touchscreen television monitor and a pack of 50 recordable DVD disks.

"I usually don't leave stuff like that in the car," Bishop said. He said he left his

Jeep Wrangler unlocked during work hours in parking lot A.

Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director, said people should take a moment to check their vehicles before leaving them. "You should always lock your doors and turn on your car alarm, if you have one."

Bishop said more should be done to secure the college's parking lots. "We need to have some video cameras outside in the parking lots," he said.

Sloas said outdoor cameras would be expensive because of technology costs and the manpower needed to operate them. "For us, cameras would be a major funding project," he said.

Stolen property has not been limited to stereo equipment this month.

Psychology Professor Cecelia Yoder reported 12 3.5-inch floppy disks and two or three zip drive disks missing from her office on July 8.

In a report filed with Safety and Security, Yoder said she last saw the disks on June 1.

According to the report, Yoder said she always locks her office door. Yoder was not available for comment.

Sloas said people should always be aware of their valuables and not leave them unattended.

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## Profs laud college degree rankings

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ism graduates have gone on to obtain higher degrees and work in the field.

Professor Mark Schnerberger teaches beginning reporting classes.

"It's not a surprise to me," he said.

"We have some of the finest faculty, staff and writers. Our ranking proves

that."

Erin Sanchez, OKCCC journalism student, was happy to hear the news.

"I think that's awesome," Sanchez said.

"It kind of surprises me," she said. "You never think of Oklahoma being in the top 20 in something nationwide."

OKCCC also ranked number 32 for the number of American Indian graduates.

Through the U.S. Depart-

ment of Education, according to Community College Week, colleges provided the sources used to create the rankings.

A survey is sent to the colleges. The survey is compiled by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics.

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## Students need to make plans, get prepared for fall semester

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dents using the payment plan option is Sept. 5.

Some students pay for classes through financial aid, said Janis Armstrong, student aid programs coordinator.

The deadline for turning

in financial aid paperwork in time for first disbursement has passed already, she said, but it's not too late to fill out financial aid applications for fall.

She said students are welcome to continue submitting financial aid applications throughout the semester.

"We continue to operate and produce awards as

quickly as possible," Armstrong said.

"The later [students] wait to turn in paperwork, the later the disbursements."

Students who have received Pell Grant awards may use those funds to begin purchasing supplies from OKCCC's bookstore Aug. 15, Armstrong said.

She said students must have their IDs validated

prior to using this service.


The bookstore will be open extended hours the week before classes begin and the first two weeks of classes to handle the increase in traffic, said Brenda Reinke, bookstore director.

Book buy-back may help students come up with some of the much-needed money for books, she said.

She said summer's buy-back session would be from July 27 to 29. July 27 and 28, hours for buy-back will be from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The hours on July 29 are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Reinke said. "To get the best price, come to book buy-back," she said.

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