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PIONEER

Students respond to call for help in South

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

Pennies, nickels, dimes and dollars — it all adds up when it comes to helping Hurricane Katrina victims.

Student Life has set out three containers for money donations of any amount, said Jon Horinek, Student Life community engagement coordinator. He said the money will be sent to the American Red Cross.

"There are lots of people who need help," Horinek said.

"We started with the jugs last year during the tsunami. The idea was that there are a lot

of folks with loose change or a couple of dollars they can spare. "Take a look at your daily expenses," Horinek said.

"Let's say, for a week, forget about that Coke you buy every day at 10 a.m. and [instead], give that money to Red Cross or a charity of your choice."

He said students, faculty and staff helped raise about \$300 for the tsunami relief effort.

"I can almost guarantee you that we have more than \$300 in our jugs right now," Horinek said.

People also may bring checks, made out to the American Red Cross, to the Student Life office, located on the first floor

of the main building, Horinek said. Student Life will forward the checks to the American Red Cross.

Horinek said people also can donate money through the American Red Cross website at www.redcross.org.

Student Life plans to collect through Sept. 16, but if the effort continues to go well, collections may continue through the end of the month, he said.

Donation jugs are located inside the college union, bookstore and Student Life office. Other campus offices also are collecting money and turning it in to the Student Life office.

Folks can drop off donations at the Pioneer office located in 2M6 of the main building, just off the elevator, and the Arts and Humanities office, located on the first floor of the arts and humanities area.

Money and checks also can be dropped off at the Social Sciences office, on the first floor near the Aquatics Center.

The Communications Lab has set out a container to collect donations as well. It's located on the first floor of the main building, just outside of the college's dining area.

"People need the money right away," Horinek said.

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End-of-summer fun



Photo by Holly Jones

Ana Kobriger contemplates the distance to the bottom of a slide. The 4-year-old is a pre-school student at the college's Child Development Center and Lab School and the daughter of OKCCC Admissions Officer Lesa Kobriger.

Ouch! Gas prices painful

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Gas prices used to be the least of Oklahoman's concerns. Today paying for gasoline has become a struggle with the average price of gas at \$3 per gallon. A year ago, regular unleaded in Oklahoma City was \$1.64 per gallon, according to www.gasbuddy.com.

OKCCC students are feeling the impact of the prices, especially since many commute several times a week to the college from places as far as Purcell.

Dorothy Caulford, history major, drives from Purcell three times a week. She said although she doesn't come to OKCCC every day, it's still hurting her pocketbook.

"I have a good car and everything," Caulford said. "But [gas is] just really expensive now and I only have a part-time job."

Sophomore Treshelle Daniels said she's thankful she lives close to the college.

"I only live about 10 minutes away," Daniels said. "It's not a bad drive, but the old gas prices were a lot better."

Still, Daniels said, she has other expenses and the gas increase is making her budget tighter. "I have rent and bills to pay," she said. "I don't make that much money to begin with so having to put more money here and less money there is getting tough."

Some students are looking for carpool buddies as a way to save on gas.

Student Clayton Dorris lives in Norman and commutes to OKCCC six days a week. "I drive a Honda Accord and it used to cost \$32 to fill up but now costs about \$46," Dorris said.

To help battle the prices, Dorris is going to start riding his motorcycle and is hoping to start carpooling with other students from Norman.

He joined an OKCCC group on www.myspace.com, an Internet community site, to seek

volunteer carpoolers.

Economics Professor Marty Ludlum said Oklahoma will be severely affected by high gasoline prices. "If the prices stay this high or go higher for the next several months, it'll impact Bricktown and farmers," he said.

Ludlum said Bricktown exists because of tourism, but if people find it too expensive to travel, the Oklahoma City hotspot may burn out. And farmers rely heavily on gas, he said.

"Most of the equipment farmers use runs on gasoline," he said. "There's been no increase in farmer's produce sales, but there has been double the increase in gas prices."

Ludlum said high fuel costs could be enough to drive many farmers out of business.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Make plans for the future

Has anyone ever asked you where you want to be in the next five years? Did you think you would be here five years ago? Where will our society be in the next 100 years?

Archeologists of the future will be uncovering a plethora of Wal-Marts, football stadiums, cell phones, AOL disks and multiplexes. Is this how we want generations of the future to remember our society?

"There are some people who leave impressions not so lasting as the imprint of an oar upon the water," wrote author Kate Chopin in her novel "The Awakening."

Our society should be taking into consideration what we want to be remembered for in the future. What do societies today have that is worth passing on to future generations?

Our system of education, theory of government, ideas on advanced technology and our rich culture are a few items that our generation has to pass on, but what about individuals? How will the children of future generations learn about the individuals of today?

The pursuit of a higher education is the easiest way to leave a lasting impression. The professors you have in college will become your mentors, and the knowledge you acquire is what they have left for you.

College is a privilege some people take for granted. Some students are not attending classes that are paid for, ignoring work assigned by the professors or dropping out because that is easier than persevering.

Some people don't realize how far a college education will take them. A higher education may allow you to make changes and advancements in the scientific world, political arena, technology field or by helping others to succeed in their individual goals.

The potential for higher achievement is in each of us. If you list what goals you want to meet in the next five years, those goals will become more attainable and meaningful.

Once the list is complete, set down the steps you must take to reach those goals. Now is the time to start down that path.

I will leave you with a challenge to make a difference and leave a lasting impression for the future. When you are gone, what will you be remembered for?

—**Holly Jones**
Staff Writer

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Hurricane Katrina racism outrage

To the editor:

America's racism, brewing under the surface, has shown itself. Hurricane Katrina only served as a setting in which the racism was able to surface.

To be honest, lack of preparation, classism, and socio-economic disparities were factors in the slow response to the hurricane by the federal government, but the faces I see on the television screen are disproportionately black.

Further, in recent statistics, found on the U.S. Census website, almost 70 percent of the New Orleans population is black and 30 percent of that number live below the poverty level; therefore, if it is classism that is the primary culprit, then it is still racism, but only by default.

I guess I should feel better about that.

Musician Kanye West simply verbalized the anger he felt at the time. I would not go so far as to agree with his statement that President Bush doesn't "care about black people," but I would say the poor blacks in New Orleans are not exactly high on his to do list. His actions are simply an example of the way America deals with the covert racism that is so embedded in this country that we often forget it exists.

The response to the hurricane is typical of the way America deals with its race problem:

The problem is under the surface, but little is done to address that problem.

There is a cataclysmic event in which the problem under the surface is brought to light (Selma Civil Rights March, L.A. Riots, Hurricane Katrina, etc.).

The white liberal media show the white middle

"I don't need to wake up to a cross in my front yard to know that blacks are victims of this silent aggression; all I need to do is wait for a disaster to strike, and see how long I can go without water."

—**Lawrence Ware**
OKCCC and Oklahoma City University Graduate

class the problem and there is outrage.

There is a response to the initial issue by the federal government, but it is actually a response to the outrage not the problem.

It is clear this is not new. We, as Americans, often lie to ourselves — and each other — and think racism is a thing of the past. Yet, every now and again, something arises that shows us just how far we have to go.

Sept. 6, the city of Yukon had a town meeting during which they discussed the possibility of housing a few of the refugees in a building in the city. Many were against housing the displaced, citing traffic, the inability of their children to play outside, and crime as primary concerns. I wonder if their reasoning is influenced by the fact that the majority of the displaced residents are black, and the news media has, as West said, called the blacks walking the streets of New Orleans "looters" and the whites, "individuals seeking food."

Hurricane Katrina is the best example of the effects of the covert racism practiced by the powerful elite in Washington. I am not a fan of overt racism, but at

least blacks knew where they stood. I don't need to wake up to a cross in my front yard to know that blacks are victims of this silent aggression; all I need to do is wait for a disaster to strike, and see how long I can go without water.

—**Lawrence Ware**
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Comments and Reviews

Ghost Recon 2 guns it up

When it comes to Tom Clancy games, there is one thing you can always be assured of — a gripping story of military powers and evil-doers.

Some things never change but that's a good thing when it comes to first-person shooters.

This time Ubisoft has you battling in Kazakhstan 2012 in Ghost Recon 2 Summit Strike.

A Pakistani warlord has assassinated the president of Kazakhstan and moved his troops there to rule with corrupt power.

Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to infiltrate the Pakistani ruler's headquarters and capture the mad man.

Several weapons along with the ability to call in air strikes will make sure you come out on top.

The game's graphics are some of the best when it comes to FPSs. Many of the maps on the game offer realistic environments.

When the trees sway in the distance, or the long grass moves with an uncanny realism, you will swear you're right there in the field.



Along with the graphics, the maps themselves are huge which add to the big team battle experience. Many games that are FPS can have good graphics and have good settings but the maps are usually smaller. This one is not.

Another mode that has made this series popular is the Xbox Live multiplayer options.

If you like playing online but hate getting destroyed by some mouthy little youngster, then you will enjoy playing the game on the co-op mode. This mode allows groups of up to 16

members to play through the story mode with friends.

If you're a seasoned veteran to first-person shooters, then you will have no problem jumping right into the action and delivering some hot rounds into the other players.

This game is another great addition to the long list Ubisoft has already given enthusiasts.

So, stop jumping around with a plasma rifle and get Ghost Recon 2 Summit Strike today. I rate this game an 8 out of 10.

—**John Savage**
Staff Writer

'Constant Gardener' rakes in an A

Fernando Merirelles' new film, "The Constant Gardener," isn't nearly as boring as the title implies.

Littered with suspense and an intriguing story, the movie follows British diplomat Justin Quayle (Ralph Fiennes) as he pieces together the puzzle of his wife, Tessa's, (Rachel Weisz) mysterious death in Africa.

As the story, of "The Constant Gardener" based on the novel by John Le Carré, develops across the span of three continents, Quayle discovers Tessa has been investigating pharmaceutical companies who test their products on impoverished Kenyans and ends up finding more than she bar-



gained for.

Deep to the roots of this movie lies Director Merirelles' sophisticated and intense filming style.

Known best for "City of God," Merirelles offers a re-

alistic and hard-hitting portrayal of the many Africans who suffer from illnesses and those who walk all over them.

Fiennes, from "Red Dragon" and the upcoming "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," works great alongside Weisz.

Having been less than an admirer of Weisz due to her choice of roles in films like "The Mummy" and "Constantine," I went in thinking, "Well, maybe one-half of the lead cast will be good." I was wrong.

Weisz handles herself really well and blossoms as an actress in a role that seemed to be inked more for an A-listener like Nicole



Around Campus with the President

I want to welcome all the new and returning students to Oklahoma City Community College and hope your academic year is off to a great start. You are sharing classrooms and parking spaces with approximately 12,000 students this fall semester. Our continued growth demonstrates the need for quality education in this state and our desire to target student success for life-time goals.

We know you already have met outstanding faculty members and experienced state-of-the-art facilities and technology. As you may have seen and read about, the first of three major campus projects is in the beginning construction phase. The Science, Engineering and Mathematics Center currently under construction will provide additional classrooms and labs for growing career fields in these areas. The two other facilities, which are in the final design stages, include an Arts Education Center and expansion of the Health Professions Center. The growth we will see on this campus in the next few years will be amazing. These projects are integral parts of the "Vision of the Future" for this college.

Another area emphasized in the college's community component of the "Vision of the Future" is the student employee program. More than 100 students already are working in various positions on campus. Student employment will provide valuable work experience that can be helpful in future careers. I hope many of you will take advantage of this great opportunity.

On behalf of the College's Board of Regents and our faculty and staff, we are glad you chose to attend one of Oklahoma's most innovative institutions. We are glad to be a part of your educational experience.

—**Bob Todd**
OKCCC President

Kidman.

The screenplay, by Jeffrey Caine, is one of the most intelligent scripts to come out of Hollywood in a long while.

It's funny and suave with a good measure of romance, and is far better than 1995's "GoldenEye," the James Bond highlight Caine also wrote.

What I thought was going to be a generic drama turned into something much, much more even

though the love scenes came off really abrupt and sometimes served as speed bumps to the story.

"The Constant Gardener" is one part action and three parts nail biter. If plot-driven films aren't your fancy, then don't bother.

But if you enjoy great movies, check out one of the summer's best films.

"The Constant Gardener" earns a well deserved A.

—**Richard Hall**
Staff Writer

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Deaf Awareness Week promotes deaf culture

By Richard Hall
Staff Writer

Mark your calendars — Deaf Awareness Week starts Sept. 19 and ends Sept. 23.

Services to Students with Disabilities Interpreter and Captioner Wren Criss said, while there are no activities scheduled because of other college activities going on the same week, she wants students, faculty and staff to learn the significance of Deaf Awareness Week.

“Deaf Awareness Week is to celebrate the rich culture, heritage and language unique to the deaf community,” Criss said.

She said posters with facts about deafness will be found around the campus during the week.

Criss said OKCCC will have an information table set up at the Oklahoma State Fair from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Interpreting Services Coordinator Tammy Earl said a display of books and articles featuring deaf authors will be on the first floor of the library during Deaf Awareness Week.

Earl said she has a passion for the deaf community since she is a Child of Deaf Adults.

“As a CODA,” Earl said, “it’s given me an affinity for a group of people that’s traditionally underserved.”

She said because of her experience, she has gained a love for the language and her profession.

Earl and Criss both said they enjoy being involved with the deaf community and are always eager to offer their services to those in need.

Earl said OKCCC has been celebrating Deaf Awareness Week since 1990.

Services to Students with Disabilities Director Pat Stowe said past activities included everything from a deaf poet to information booths.

“In the past, agencies have come out to teach students about assistance technology,” Stowe said.

She said assistance technology includes things like special door bells and alarms that use lights or vibrations to warn or wake-up those who are deaf.

“Trained hearing dogs also have made an appearance on campus during past Deaf Awareness Weeks,” she said.

“We’ve also had a drama group made up of deaf and hearing actors perform.”

Stowe said she’s excited about the upcoming Deaf Awareness Week.

“It’s going to be great to bring more information about the deaf community to college students,” she said.

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Pottery made easy



Photo by Holly Jones

Sophomore theater major Michelle Alimoradi, 19, enjoys making a pot for her ceramics class. “I’m not sure what I will do with it,” she said. This is Alimoradi’s first semester working with ceramics.

College offers enrollment to hurricane survivors

By Christiana Kostura
Editor

While OKCCC’s administrators still do not know what may be necessary to help Hurricane Katrina victims, they are preparing for incoming students from damaged areas.

Marion Paden, Student Services vice president, said the college has begun putting a plan into action to help displaced college students as much as possible.

Students from Louisiana who will be staying in Oklahoma this semester are welcome to enroll at

OKCCC at the same rate as resident students, Paden said.

“We will waive all non-resident fees,” she said.

Paden said, in addition to helping the non-resident students, OKCCC will reach out a helping hand to Oklahoma residents as well.

“Students who are residents of Oklahoma who were attending school in the damaged areas will be allowed to attend here this semester on tuition-fee waivers,” she said.

Additional sections of classes have been added to the second eight weeks, which begins Oct. 18, Paden said.

She said the college is antici-

pating higher enrollment then.

“After two or three weeks, we will be encouraging students to wait to enroll until the second eight weeks,” she said.

“Attendance is important for student success,” Paden said. “[The college] wants our students to succeed.”

More than 100,000 college students have been directly affected by Hurricane Katrina, Paden said.

OKCCC is doing everything it can to make enrollment easier for any of those students who wish to continue their education at the college, she said.

Students who need help enrolling

“Students who are residents of Oklahoma who were attending school in the damaged areas will be allowed to attend here this semester on tuition-fee waivers.”

—Marion Paden
Student Services
Vice President

in classes should feel free to ask, Paden said.

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Give a little blood, save a lot of lives

**By Christiana Kostura
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and Richard Hall
Staff Writer**

On Sept. 12 and 13, OKCCC will sponsor a blood drive, said Jon Horinek, Student Life Community Engagement coordinator.

The drive will take place in college union room 3 of the main building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

During the Oklahoma Blood Institute's visit, free Bedlam T-shirts will be given to blood donors, Horinek said.

While the institute has

not yet had calls for blood due to Hurricane Katrina, they are expecting the call to come, Horinek said.

He said many donor sites were destroyed by the hurricane and that will impact the nation's blood supply.

"This is one way people can help in the relief effort," Horinek said.

While the blood may not be going directly to a hurricane victim, it will help in the overall picture, he said.

"There are always needs in your community."

Horinek said he encourages everybody who is able to give blood to come out and donate.

According to the Oklahoma Blood Institute's

website, www.obl.org, there is a strict set of criteria potential donors must follow in order to give blood.

Some of the basic requirements include being over the age of 17 and weighing more than 105 pounds.

However, other restrictions exist which can prohibit certain potential donors from ever donating blood.

The site states that people who have ever injected blood into their veins, men who have ever had sex with another man and people with blood clotting disorders may never give blood.

For more information

about the blood drive, contact Horinek at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7697 or visit the office of Student Life on the first floor of the main building near entry 11.

For more information about OBI and for a full list

of donor requirements, visit www.obl.org.

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Win an iPod Shuffle by attending upcoming Brown Bag Lunch lectures

**By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer**

An iPod Shuffle will be given away by Student Life as part of the Brown Bag Lunch series.

The Brown Bag lunches are short lectures designed to teach students basic skills, Student Life Community Engagement Coordinator Jon Horinek said.

Lecture topics for this fall include time management and successful interviews.

Employment Services will present the next two Brown Bag lunches in college union room 2.

First is Job Applications and Résumés at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. Second is Interviewing to Win at noon Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Employment Services Director Linda Fay said both lectures are scheduled prior to this fall's job fair.

To qualify for the iPod drawing students must attend at least one lecture, but the more they attend the greater the chances they have at winning.

"Each time a student goes to a lecture, they are entered into a drawing," Hor-

inek said.

He said a drawing for the prize will be held at the end of the semester.

"Every semester we look for something unique students want or need as a prize," he said.

Horinek said Student Life gave away \$100 textbook vouchers in previous semesters. He said the iPod Shuffle costs as much as a \$100 voucher.

Another change to the Brown Bag series this year is its arrangement.

"We shifted our focus this year," Horinek said. "We put the most important information at the beginning."

Horinek said this included core topics such as study skills, test taking and job searching.

He said the reason for change is the busy nature of the semester.

"As the semester progresses, students get busier. These are not complicated concepts, but they are things many people have problems with."

Fay said the lectures are designed to inform students.

Among the information to be discussed will be the

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—Jon Horinek
Student Life
Community
Engagement
Coordinator

things to know when applying for a job.

"A lot of people think they know everything when going for a new job," she said.

"However, many people do the wrong things instead."

"We will talk about the worst thing you can do in an interview and how to prepare for an interview."

The lecture over job applications and résumés will include things to avoid on an application, cover letters, thank-you notes and different types of résumés, Fay said.

Fay said she knows the lectures will help students.

"They are very informative and helpful."

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Arts Festival Oklahoma draws success



Charlotte Hayer of The Laughing Rabbit Soap Co. displays one of her handmade bars of soap. She said the soap is made with herbs, grains and oils. The bars are made at her home in Choctaw. She said she has been making them for nearly 20 years.

Arts Festival Oklahoma 2005 rolled into town and onto OKCCC's campus Labor Day Weekend bringing with it good times for visitors, young and old.

Warm, sunny weather welcomed festival attendees as they browsed through paintings, pottery, jewelry, stained glass and more over Labor Day weekend.

Entertainment for the festival included the Philharmonic Orchestra, a Japanese percussion group and several others.

Kara Cochran, former student, attended the arts festival with her three children ages 2, 3 and 4. "We have enjoyed the music, food and art. Now we are getting ready to go (to) the kids' art tent!"

A children's tent allowed kids the chance to create their own art. Young artists had a chance to make necklaces and signs. A face painting booth also was set up. When the kids were done making art, they could play in a giant sand box.

New to the festival this year was a booth where attendees could paint their own pottery to take home as a souvenir.

There was something for everyone at this year's Arts Festival Oklahoma.



"He's been excited all afternoon about meeting the chicken," said James Phelps about his son Kamden Phelps, 22 months, meeting AFO mascot Seemore Art. "He's been watching him go around to all the other kids."

Zachary Cochran, 4, gets a little wet inside the mist tent. The tent was one favorite way to cool off at the fair. It was located in the shade near the stage.

OKCCC hosts arts fair full of festivities



Percussionists from the Oki Taiko (Japanese Drum Band) performed to a lively audience Saturday afternoon during the arts festival. Every beat could be felt throughout the fair.



Sean Corner has been in the sculpting business for 13 years and has attended Arts Festival Oklahoma for three years. Corner said his clay sculpture took more than a day to complete. He gets inspiration from peoples' faces and emotions. "Seeing the other side of the identity is mainly the theme with my sculptures. I choose the color of the piece from the mood."



Rose Overby peeks out from behind her wares at Arts Festival Oklahoma. She collects old and new bottles and converts them into useful items for hummingbirds to enjoy. She makes her crafts in Muskogee.



Photos and text by Holly Jones and Christiana Kostura



"I'm making a pot for my dad's bedstand so he can put his change and watch and stuff in it," said Morgan Johnson, 7, who participated in the Make it Yourself Art tent at the arts festival. "I've made one before and it came out a copper-colored mix."

Sports

OKCCC faces tough season

**By John Savage
Staff Writer**

A mountain of a season lies before the OKCCC soccer team beginning with a game against longtime rival University of Central Oklahoma on Sept. 10.

Last year, the game came down to a tie in the end.

OKCCC will have more than eight returning starters and a handful of new members as the team embarks on another season, said Coach K.B. Yeboah.

He has been a part of the team in all aspects the last three seasons, but this year he will be a full-time coach.

"I won't be playing this year," he said.

Yeboah spoke of the challenges facing this year's soccer team.

"We have some members that now have a year under their belt coming back to play," Yeboah said.

The team has practiced together a few times, but Yeboah knows they need more work.

"We have had practices, but so far we have had issues with attendance," Yeboah said.

Yeboah said some set of offensive plays, like corner kicks and free kicks, have not been worked on enough due to low attendance at practice.

"It's hard to do those plays when you don't have the players to defend or make a play on the ball," Yeboah said.

"Mostly we are working on getting back in shape and just doing drills."

One of the strengths of the OKCCC soccer club will

be the returning starters.

"We have some good starters so far," Yeboah said.

He said the goalie position will be the big question mark on this year's team.

"You need a goalie at all times to practice everything."

Something Yeboah would like to see is more students coming to the games to support the team.

"We need more support," he said. "We need yelling or something to get us going."

The soccer team will play East Central University at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Sophomore Yuziel Rios will be back to captain this team again, he said.

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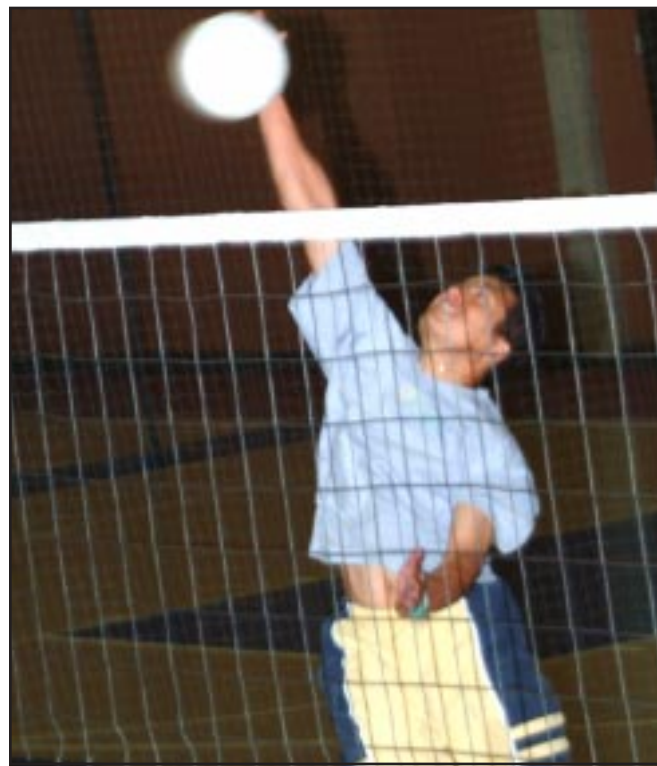


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Tom Ngo spikes the ball over the net. Ngo is part of a team that plays volleyball in the gymnasium daily.

UPCOMING

OKCCC INTRAMURALS SCHEDULE

•**Sept. 12:** Flag football games begin. Games will be played on Mondays and Thursdays until Oct. 13. All games will be played at the athletic field on the south side of campus near May Avenue. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Sept. 13:** Student and faculty coed volleyball games begin. Games are on Tuesdays from Sept. 13 to Oct. 11. All games will be played in the gym on the first floor of the main building. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Sept. 17:** The OKCCC soccer team travels to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater for its second game of the season. OKCCC will play East Central University at 4:30 p.m.

Flag football mysteries revealed to new players

**By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer**

Preparations for the upcoming flag football season are under way.

Intramural Sports Assistant Charlie Tarver has led the way during the early stages of set up.

Although games begin on Saturday, Sept. 17, Tarver held a meeting for team captains on Sept. 6 in the gym.

Rules were a major topic during the meeting.

Flag football is played under different rules than contact football, Tarver said.

OKCCC intramural league teams consist of seven players.

Tarver said there are currently six teams with 40 players between them.

He said there are still a few spots available for interested players.

"Students need a valid student ID to play."

Games consist of two 18-minute halves with a running clock.

This means the clock will only stop during the final minute of the second half, Tarver said.

One rule unique to flag football is the time limit. Teams have seven seconds after the snap to get rid of the ball, Tarver said.

He said referees would use an electronic clock to accurately count the time limit.

"Last year we had some problems with human error so this will help fix that."

Some players welcome the new rule changes.

"Some of the rules are a bit different, but they will make the game go faster," business management sophomore Chris Lusk said.

Other differences include the size of the field and scoring.

A regular football field is 100 yards long, but the field for flag football will be 80 yards long and 40 yards wide, Tarver said.

Scoring in flag football is different because there are no kickers, he said.

A touchdown is worth 6 points, a conversion from the 10-yard line is worth 2 points, a conversion from the 3-yard line is worth 1 point and a safety is worth 2 points.

"During overtime, the defense may return a failed conversion for

a score," Tarver said.

Another major difference from contact football is in the amount of contact.

"Unlike the type of football most people are used to, the contact is limited in flag football," he said.

On offense blockers must place their hands and arms behind their backs. They also are not allowed to use their elbows, knees or feet to block other players.

Subsequently, defensive players must go around blockers, not through them.

Tarver said undue roughness will be penalized and the responsible player will be ejected.

He also said fumbles are not allowed during the games.

"When a ball hits the ground, it is dead and play stops."

Players like Lusk are just excited to play again.

"I haven't played in a while, but I am ready to just play and have some fun."

Games will be played on Mondays and Thursdays from Sept. 12 to Oct. 13.

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Options for students waiting to buy textbooks

**By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer**

College faculty and staff are looking for ways to help students who haven't been able to afford textbooks, said Mark Schneberger, learning skills professor.

Student Services Vice President Marion Paden said more students than usual are without textbooks this semester.

Some students said they are feeling the pinch of textbook prices. "The prices are way too high," pharmacy major Kari Glidewell said. "When it's more than \$100 per book, it's too much."

Arts and Humanities Dean Susan VanSchuyver said this is an important issue because students will not be successful without textbooks.

"It's important to get off on the right foot," she said. "If you get behind, it's hard to catch up."

VanSchuyver offered a few tips for students who do not have the resources to purchase textbooks.

"There are some books on reserve in the library that students may read or copy pages for class."

—Mark Schneberger
Learning Skills
Professor

"Students should check to see if they are on or can get financial aid," she said.

Glidewell agreed. "I was only able to afford my books because of financial aid," Glidewell said.

Another resource students have is Internet textbook websites, VanSchuyver said.

"Sometimes you can find books for less money, but it is something the student needs to investigate."

Students also may check with their professor for help during the first few weeks of class, VanSchuyver said.

"Someone without a textbook shouldn't expect the whole semester's material [will be given to them]."

Schneberger said he pre-

pares each semester for students who cannot afford textbooks by keeping a loaner library.

"At the beginning of the semester I ask the students if they have trouble getting books," he said.

"I noticed more students needed help this time than any of my other semesters here."

Schneberger said he is always willing to help his students find a textbook.

He said a great resource for students is the library.

"There are some textbooks on reserve in the library that students may read or copy pages for class."

VanSchuyver agreed the library is good for students who are not able to buy their textbooks. "The textbooks in the library are like reference books; they can only be used in the library."

A final suggestion to students is to check with the learning labs on campus.

"The Communications Lab has copies of certain English and learning skills textbooks for students to use in the lab," Van-

Schuyver said.

She said the college staff and faculty are ready to help students get the text-

books they need.

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American Red Cross hurricane relief at OKCCC

Last year OKCCC collected nearly \$300 in change from students, faculty and staff to aid the American Red Cross during the tsunami. Now, in an effort to help answer the call for help from the Gulf states devastated by Hurricane Katrina, OKCCC is once again collecting donations for the American Red Cross. Donation jugs are available in the Student Life office, the bookstore and the college union.

Tai Ji Chuan and Ba Gua Zhang

Come and practice the Chinese martial arts of Tai Ji Chuan and Ba Gua Zhang between classes this fall. The activity is held at noon on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information about the location and lesson times or questions about the practice, call UNIX System Administrator Trey Bishop at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7619, or e-mail him at Cbishop@okccc.edu.

State Health Department aids Katrina evacuees

The Oklahoma State Health Department will be assembling two teams to help Katrina evacuees arriving at Camp Gruber and Falls Creek. The teams are composed of OSHD staff and members of the Medical Reserve Corps, including registered nurses, physicians and medical support personnel. The public health and health care volunteer enlistment effort is being coordinated through the OMRC. Health care workers who wish to volunteer can contact OMRC at 1-866-336-5672. Any other volunteers who wish to help can contact relief groups like the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

Great date, cheap rate

The Oklahoma City Philharmonic will be offering a student rush discount. The discount will allow students with a valid college I.D. to come watch the Philharmonic perform for \$5. Students can go to the ticket window at the Civic Center 15 minutes before certain concerts and get in. For a full list of concerts and information, visit www.okcphilharmonic.org.

Oklahoma Global Education essay contest

Oklahoma Global Education Consortium is proud to announce its sixth essay contest for students of member institutions. Three contest winners will each receive a cash reward of \$200 at the fall 2005 OGEC conference held at Northern Oklahoma College, Enid campus. All three winners will be expected to attend the OGEC conference to read essays and receive awards. The essay must be word-processed with a 12-point font size, double spaced and approximately 500 words. A cover page must be provided with the essay's title, author's name and college. All submissions must be in by Sept. 9 and mailed to Dr. Bill Brown, Rose State College, 420 S.E. 15th, Midwest City, 73110, or e-mailed to bbrown@rose.edu. For more information about the essay contest, contact English Professor Michael PUNCHES at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7637.

Hispanic Heritage Week

During Hispanic Heritage Week, Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will have several events. On Sept. 15 there will be a taco sale with mariachi bands, Sept. 19 there will be a Central American showcase, and Sept. 21 a folkloric showcase will be on campus. The week ends with a Hispanic Community forum on Sept. 22. For more information about HOPE, contact Club Sponsor Jessica Martinez-Brooks at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7248, or Club Member Rocky Chavez at (405) 923-1082.

Candy Corn...



Photo by Holly Jones

Yu Da Kim, 20, elementary education major, prepares a bag of popcorn as Travis Meadows, 31, music theater major, prepares cotton candy for the International Students Association. Profits from the sale goes to the Multicultural Dance held later this semester.

Clubs declare fair a success

By John Savage
Staff Writer

The college union had a festive look to it as the OKCCC Organizations Fair kicked off its fall presentation.

Club members kept busy talking to potential new members, and explaining the ins and outs of their clubs.

More than 27 clubs participated, said Karlen Grayson, Student Clubs and Organizations assistant.

She said about 700 students attended the fair. Several signed up to join some of the clubs represented there.

A few of the clubs, new to this year's fair, took full advantage of recruiting members.

One of those clubs is the Biology/Ecology Club.

"The attendance to this year's fair was great. It helped bring in more than 14 members for our new

club," said acting Vice-President Jessica Austin, biology major.

Many students had no idea the college had an environmental club and most thought they had to be majoring in that field to be part of the group, Austin said.

Memberships are open to any students who want to preserve the Earth, Austin said.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministries has had a strong following throughout the years at OKCCC and was at the fair to promote their club.

"Not only did we have a few members hanging around our table, but we were also giving out Bibles to students who came by and signed up," said Baptist Collegiate Ministry Director Darrell Steele.

"Although the numbers were good, it seemed that it wasn't as busy for us on the second day of the fair."

Other groups took advantage of the resources they

had and offered informative club promotions along with visuals of past events.

"We had a good presentation this year," said sophomore Rocky Chavez of the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education.

"Our club sponsor Jessica Martinez-Brooks had made a poster board (sign) that had several group activities that we are involved in," Chavez said.

"We also had a slide show of the group trips that we took [last year]."

For more information about OKCCC's clubs and organizations, students may pick up a Student Clubs and Organizations brochure in the Student Life office.

Student life is located on the first floor of the main building near entry 11.

Students also may contact Grayson at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7185, or visit www.okccc.edu.

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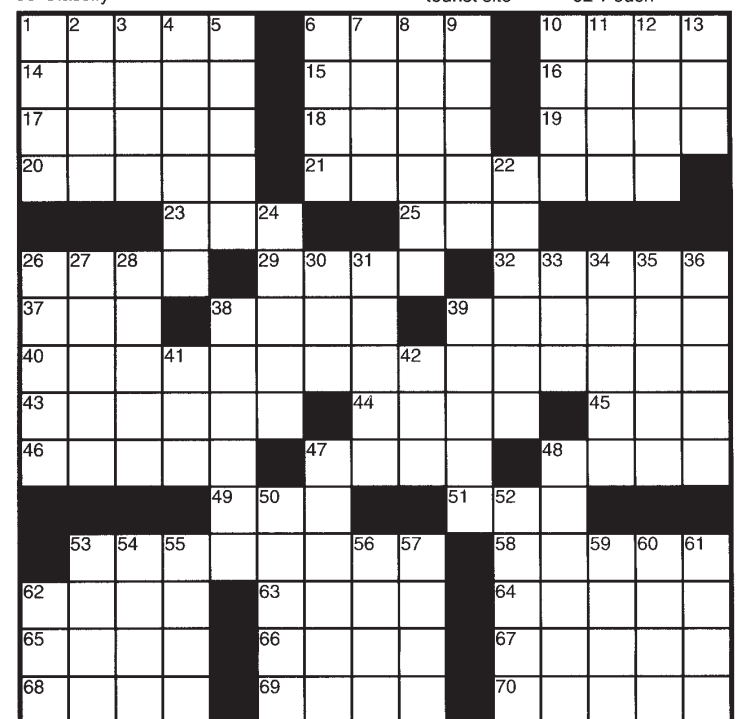
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Gas prices affect college commuters

"Gas,"

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He believes there's no justification for the high gas prices across the nation. In his mind, he said, it's apparent that price gouging is occurring.

"Gas stations are preying on people's fears about the hurricane and the war in Iraq," Ludlum said. "There haven't been major changes in oil production since the Gulf War."

He said the effects of Hurricane Katrina have been exaggerated.

Ludlum said New Orleans isn't the only place from which the nation receives its oil shipments. He believes President George W. Bush's administration hasn't done anything about the high gas prices because they're connected to big oil.

"The administration isn't going to hurt those who back them," he said.

Dorris, a marketing major, said too many people are blaming the president for the gas prices.

"It's not his fault," he said. "I'm just thankful I'm not in New Orleans and that gas prices are the only thing I have to complain about."

Ludlum said, historically, Oklahoma has always had cheaper gas because the state produces and refines its own oil. Although the federal government has tapped into emergency reserves, he said, it won't matter either way because the oil supply isn't stressed.

Despite the prices, Ludlum still goes the distance to get to work and back. He drives a Chevrolet Suburban 250 miles round trip each day. "I work three days a week and I live in Frederick," he said.

Campus employees are feeling the crunch in varying degrees.

Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Bourque said, while campus security patrols haven't suffered from the rise in prices, he personally

has cut back by running his car's air conditioner and taking fewer unnecessary trips.

"It feels like we're living in California," he said.

Testing and Assessment Director Jim Ellis said he's had to adjust his budget for the rising gas prices.

"If gas prices ever get into the \$3.50 range, I'll have to re-evaluate my mode of transportation," Ellis said.

Professors also are complaining about the high gas prices.

Adjunct chemistry professor John Welge has commuted to OKCCC from Mustang for 15 years.

"Prices have me thinking more about my budget," he said. "It's slowly becoming a significant problem."

Welge said he's thinking of purchasing gift cards from Wal-Mart because he can save three cents per gallon when he uses them.

Stephen Richichi, adjunct physics and astronomy professor, said the government should drill for oil in Alaska to help solve the problem.

Richichi said the rise in gas prices even disrupted a homework problem he gave in his physics class.

"When I originally wrote the problem," Richichi said, "I said gas was \$2.59 a gallon. In the space of two days, I had to change it to \$2.89 to make the problem more realistic."

Adjunct English professor Mary Vollmer commutes from Mustang as well, but to two different schools — Rose State College and OKCCC — plus Tinker Air Force Base to teach a class. "I drive a gas-guzzler," Vollmer said, "a full-size van. I fill up twice a week and only use it for work now."

Vollmer said she used to use her van for everything, but now it doesn't leave her garage unless it's strictly for work.

She said she's also in no position to go car shopping.

"I make adjunct pay," she said.

Vollmer also has stopped

driving to Yukon for her bi-monthly recycling trips and has resorted to buying cheaper groceries because of the increase.

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