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# PIONEER

## Clamming up



Photo by Carrie Cronk

George Petsalis, nursing sophomore, dissects a clam for his zoology lab in the science center. Zoology students study a number of preserved specimens from the kingdom Animalia and dissection is a required part of their studies. Students must be able to identify the various organs and anatomy parts of animals such as clams, squids, nightcrawlers, insects and fetal pigs to pass their lab exams.

## College gets extra money, raises tuition

**\$6 million in state funds plus a tuition increase will keep OCCC on top**

**By Holly Jones**  
Editor

The State Regents for Higher Education recently increased state appropriations to OCCC by \$6 million over last year; nevertheless, students are still looking at a 5.8 percent increase in resident tuition and 7.8 percent in non-resident tuition for the 2006-2007 school year.

The college's share of state appropriations rose to \$25 million for fiscal year 2006-2007, compared to \$19 million for fiscal year 2005-2006. That is an increase of more than 30 percent.

Even so, President Paul Sechrist said, the tuition increase is needed to help keep OCCC a top-notch college.

Sechrist said it's a given that, as college costs continue to rise, the source of revenue also must increase. Revenue sources include student tuition, he said.

"Tuition pays the operation costs of the institution," he said. "If our sources of revenue don't increase, the quality of what we provide will decline."

Sechrist said when given the option to either improve quality or maintain quality, the college must choose to improve. Otherwise, he said, students aren't getting what they deserve.

"OCCC is one of the best bargains in higher education," he said. "We want to be able to have a well-maintained faculty and staff that encourages our students to be successful."

When reporting on the budget to the OCCC Board of Regents June 26, Donna Nance, Business and Finance vice president, said OCCC hasn't had a budget this good since 2001.

Linda McMurtry, Finance director, said the tuition increase is one of the lowest in recent years.

Nance's report backed that up, showing that, in 1987, state allocations were paying for 81 percent of the cost of attending OCCC, with students paying just 15 percent.

For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, state allocations will pay 56 percent of the cost of attending college while students will pay 33 percent.

The increase in state funding didn't happen by accident, said State Representative Al Lindley (D-OKC).

He said the extra \$6 million came about because the college was well represented when it came time

## College going paperless

**By Eric Nguyen**  
Staff Writer

Job seekers looking for work on campus now can save a lot of time by filling out résumés and applications online.

Applicants can create job applications and apply for positions at [www.occcjobs.com](http://www.occcjobs.com), a new employment service set up for the college, said Gary Lombard, Human Resources vice president.

The new online application process is replacing the previous way of applying for jobs at the college, which required applicants to either drive to the John Massey Center to turn in applications or to mail them.

"[Now], people will be able to apply from any computer with Internet access," Lombard said.

To create an online job application, a Social Security number and personal information are needed, along with a created username and password.

"It's a very positive move for both the ap-

plicants and the college," President Paul Sechrist said. "It will allow a process that will be helpful to prospective employees by making sure their material gets to the right place."

Sechrist said the move will reduce application errors and lost paperwork.

Any mistakes or information left out by the applicant will be flagged electronically, Lombard said.

"There are approximately 200 colleges and universities using [online application service]," Lombard said. "After we did reference checks, they all said [errors] were not a problem."

The new system is convenient for everyone, Lombard said. Along with saving job seekers the travel to the Massey Center, they also can view job descriptions online and update their applications with a password-protected file, Lombard said.

As OCCC gained more employees and job

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

## My, my MySpace

An ambitious mother-daughter tandem from Austin, Texas, is suing [www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com). The networking giant was hit with a \$30 million lawsuit on grounds that it fails to protect the safety of young users.

The 14-year-old daughter claims she met 19-year-old Pete Solis through the website. The girl also alleges Solis lied about his age, picked her up from school, took her on a date and, subsequently, raped her in his car.

The child's attorney Adam Loewy is quoted by the Austin American-Statesman as claiming MySpace to be "more concerned about making money than protecting children online."

Funny, I thought the same thing about this mother, who seems more concerned about pointing the finger than pointing her daughter in the right direction.

The mother is calling for better security measures to ensure age verification. That seems like a simple fix, but you can't make people tell the truth, and that's the problem with this would-be solution.

In fact, both Solis and the alleged victim admitted to falsifying their age on MySpace.

Now both parties are suing the website on the same grounds that they need protection from dangerous liars like themselves whom they can't trust.

A complete lack of parental and personal responsibility has turned a teenage lying problem into a web-based witch-hunt.

MySpace is a person-web-person network. The site isn't responsible for controlling who people interact with anymore than the phone company is responsible for whom people call.

The lawsuit is a tool of the civil courts. In this case it's simply not the right tool for the job. Millions of dollars won't fix a problem that watchful eyes can remedy.

MySpace has tried to respond effectively with proposed changes that would restrict the viewer-ship of children's profiles 15 and under.

Age verification has been proposed, but verifying user ages for the current 88 million MySpacers is unfeasable. One proposed solution calls for the identification of users via their Social Security numbers. Doing that would raise legitimate security risks, like the threat of identity theft.

There are plenty of responsible MySpace users who don't have a problem, and they don't need Big Brother looking over their shoulders. Instead, concerned parents need to get involved.

Parents who show an active interest in their children know who's taking their kid home from school and should know enough to monitor their kid's Internet access.

When did the world become responsible for the dishonest offspring of greedy non-involved parents? It hasn't yet, but concessions from lawmakers might push it in that direction. One day children might not even need parental guidance — the computers will just set the rules.

Until that day rolls around, parents still have a job to do.

—Mack Burke  
Staff Writer

## Part-time workers backbone of college, deserve benefits

## To the editor:

Part-time workers are the backbone of this institution. We help students in nearly every office on campus and in most cases we are students ourselves.

Some of us are asked to perform tasks that most college and universities will only allow full-time workers to complete.

Lots of part-timers have worked in numerous offices and can tell you just about anything about OCCC. During certain times of the year we give up our part-time status to help our full-time counterparts, like during heavy enrollment periods (January and August).

Without OCCCs part-time workers, the school would come to a grinding halt. I

bet there isn't a student out there who could tell a part-time worker from a full-time worker of the same age.

All of these things considered, why is it that only full time employees are granted perks like tuition reimbursement and health care benefits? When I have asked this question before the answer I have gotten is: because they are not full-time employees. That's more of an excuse than an answer.

I am sure most part-time workers are in that age group where they probably still live with their parents. However, there are many of us who are married and have families of our own, while trying to go to school and deal with tuition and

book costs at the same time.

If not perks for all part-time workers, at least perks for the ones who have been working here for one to two years or more; I think everyone can agree we deserve it.

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by request

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## Comments and Reviews

# 'Man of Steel' returns in high flying adventure

Look, in the sky! It's a bird! No, it's a plane. No, it's Superman! And he returns to Earth after five years of soul searching in "Superman Returns."

Upon his return, Superman (Brandon Routh) discovers things have changed while he was on planet Krypton.

The love of his life, Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth), has been fooling herself into thinking she has moved on with her life after Superman disappeared.

Superman also discovers all is not well in Metropolis as Lex Luthor (Kevin Spacey) is planning to take over the world using crystals he found in Superman's childhood home.

The plot may sound weak, but the movie does a nice job of re-introducing the "Man of Steel" to audiences. The film turns out to be a fun movie with a lot of humorous dialogue and some unpredictable scenes.

Although Luthor is the



villain in "Superman," Spacey played his role well with some unexpected comedic relief.

The best part about the movie is the soundtrack especially Superman's theme that plays every time he takes flight.

Director Bryan Singer goes easy on the special effects, calling on them only during action scenes.

This allows more depth to

be given to the characters.

Although Superman may not be one of us, he will always be in our hearts as the most classic comic book hero of all time.

Overall "Superman Returns" is really a super-powered movie that is surely not to be missed by all ages.

**Rating: A**

—Lavanya Jaganathan  
Staff Writer

# 'Devil' trips flat on its heels

It's confirmed. Fashion is evil. At least the editor-in-chief in 20th Century Fox's new film "The Devil Wears Prada" is a real demon to work for.

Budding journalist Andrea "Andy" Sachs (Anne Hathaway) is looking for a writing position in New York City, but the only position she can find is as assistant to Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep), the editor-in-chief of "Runway" fashion magazine.

Priestly routinely devours new assistants, making it impossible for one to remain in her employ for a year. Andy, however, is determined to stay on for a year to build the prestige and connections that come with working with the elite in fashion.

She goes so far as to undergo a complete makeover and tends to Miranda's ev-

ery need, day and night. Andy even has to locate a copy of the most recent not-yet-published Harry Potter book for Priestly's twin daughters.

The movie is based on the novel written by Lauren Weisberger, and addresses the issues of ethics in the workforce.

These points tend to get lost amongst the fashion names, language used and the numerous problems Andy has to deal with.

While the movie does have its funny moments, the humor becomes scarce as Andy begins to identify with Priestly.

The interaction between Andy and Priestly's right-hand man Nigel (Stanley Tucci) is perhaps the most heartwarming aspect of the movie, as he takes her under his wing and molds her into a glamorous fashion

executive, managing to become her friend and confidant without meaning to.

Hathaway and Streep both perform their parts well, as does much of the rest of the cast.

The writing, however, is not there and leaves the film somewhat flat from dull dialogue. Those with an interest in either the fashion industry or journalism will find this movie somewhat entertaining. Otherwise, the movie might seem too long and very dry.

There is some sensual content to the film as well as some inappropriate language for younger audiences. The film is mainly targeted at teens and young adults, and I would not recommend it for families with younger children.

**Rating: C**

—Carrie Cronk  
Staff Writer

## Counselor's Corner

*"You got to know when to hold 'em; know when to fold 'em. Know when to walk away and know when to run."*

—**"The Gambler" by Kenny Rogers**

The gambler in this song speaks about how he's made his living by reading the subtle cues that other players give off while they're sitting around a table waiting to play their hands. He bets his livelihood on his ability to make good guesses, to either stay and play or to fold and walk away. Hopefully, you don't play the academic game this way.

Being academically solid means being willing to communicate with your professors and to know explicitly how things are going for you at any given moment. The first line of communication is through the course syllabus. This document is essentially the contract between you and your professor. It tells you what the professor expects from you and what you can expect from him or her. Too many times, students don't read their syllabi, or forget them after the first class meeting (for those of you who believe the first class is optional, please note that this is usually when you get the syllabus). A well-written syllabus tells you just about everything that you may need to know about your class, and it outlines the things for which you will be accountable.

Your next line of defense against unfortunate academic surprises is to attend class. Professors tend to show up for class to communicate information that they deem relevant to your understanding of the subject matter. They expect that you will also show up to partake of this information. This is the next level of communication for you to gauge how well you're doing. You go to class. Your professor gives you information and tells you which pieces you need to know for the test. Then, you take your test and do well. Sweet. This is actually much better than the practice of not going to class, of wondering if anything important happened while you were away, and of looking at the test and thinking, "Gee! I've never seen this stuff before." Not sweet.

Finally, you can communicate with your professors outside of class. This practice is actually encouraged as is evidenced by the fact that professors must keep office hours. These are blocks of time in which you, the student, may wander in voluntarily and speak with the professor about how you're doing in class. You may, of course, visit about other topics as well, but asking how you're doing or how you can improve is a good way to get started.

If you communicate frequently enough throughout the semester, you will have ample time to adjust what you're doing to be more successful in class. If this success seems to be too elusive to capture, then you have given yourself time to fold your hand and save your GPA. The deadline for dropping a class this summer is July 14. The College always gives you three-fourths of each semester to decide to drop a class. Of course, you've already paid to play, but at least you can walk away with your academic integrity intact.

—**Mary Turner**  
Student Development Counselor

## Comments and Reviews

## Pause and see 'Click'

Aren't universal remote controls supposed to make life easier?

In the movie "Click," Michael Newman (Adam Sandler) is an architect whose workaholic tendencies leave him exhausted and his family frustrated.

Instead of turning on the television one night, he accidentally uses a different remote and turns on a toy helicopter.

Believing he needs a new remote, Michael goes to Bed, Bath and Beyond, where he encounters Morty (Christopher Walken), who gives him a new, not yet on-the-shelf universal remote.

With the remote, Michael's life suddenly changes. He can now miraculously fast forward through events in his everyday life he feels he doesn't have time for. Things like traffic, arguments with his wife, work projects and, surprisingly, sex.

However, Michael soon discovers he is fast forwarding through things he shouldn't be. He is told by Morty that the re-



mote's memory begins to automatically fast-forward through events without warning him.

The movie begins well, creating a family environment that is fun.

But as Michael keeps fast forwarding, the situations in the movie become a bit absurd.

Michael's confusion inadvertently creates confusion for the viewer.

Despite the puzzling plot, the supporting characters shine, with Kate Beckinsale as the wife, Donna.

Henry Winkler and Julie Kavner play Michael's

parents and David Hasselhoff is his slime bag boss. Sean Astin also makes an appearance in a red Speedo.

With some crude humor, the movie isn't as funny as it could have been. However, it will pull at heartstrings.

Although the ending can be predicted a half-hour in, it will still leave the audience satisfied.

"Click" is a movie that teaches the age-old lesson: slow down and enjoy life.

**Rating: B-**  
—Rachel Carlton  
Staff Writer

## Foreign horror film provides solid action

It's always good when a foreign film comes to the United States on the wings of its success.

How it does once it is here is another story.

"Night Watch" is a horror/fantasy film set in modern-day Moscow. It tells the story of a world where the forces of Light and Dark coexist in a delicate balance, due to a truce struck centuries ago.

It is a fairly original take on what many would consider a tapped-out genre — vampire flicks.

A quick look at the list of special features on the DVD release of "Night Watch" might not extract much excitement, but the few extras are excellent additions to the film.

Along with an extended ending and a short featurette on the future of the "Night Watch" trilogy, the DVD also includes the director commentary by Timur Bekmambetov.

The very artful and inventive subtitles are only available on side two of the "Night Watch" disc.

On side one, you get plain text, and dubbed-in En-

glish, French or Spanish.

The DVD picture is in widescreen, and includes additional footage such as: Inside Look: The Omen, alternate scenes, and an extended ending with optional commentary.

There is a featurette called "Night Watch Trilogy" describing how the movie will tie in to the next two in the trilogy.

Also included are the original trailer and several bonus trailers.

Overall, it is a pretty satisfying DVD package.

The alternate ending is a nice bonus, and the director's commentary gives the film a little more perspective, answering a few of the questions you may have been wondering about during the film.

While you may find yourself yearning for a little more gunplay and some heroes with flashier fighting skills, "Night Watch" delivers a truly original setup to what will surely prove to be a phenomenal horror trilogy.

**Rating: A**  
—Jeremy Frias  
Staff Writer

## Hyped Keane release under the expectations

British phenomenon Keane has been garnering bold statements to be the heir to Coldplay's throne as the world's most revered music group.

A three-man, piano-rock group, Keane's 2004 debut, "Hopes and Fears," has gone double platinum after receiving extremely high praises from the compliment-happy British reviewers.

Front-man Tom Chaplin's lung-stretching vocals, Tim Rice-Oxley's dazzling piano play and Richard Hughes on drums is attracting an audience of glossy-eyed teenage girls all

over the world with performances of romantic melody and formulaic slow-verse-loud-chorus tour-de-force.

"Hopes and Fears" even won the "Brit Award for Best Album" in 2005.

Chaplin, however, has made it clear Keane's powerfully grandiose songs shouldn't be mistaken for purely love-driven "wuss-rock."

"Under the Iron Sea," a naturally ballyhooed follow-up for the English band, offers the same piano ballads and swooning lyrics the second time around, just gift wrapped in different paper.



The leadoff track, "Atlantic," is a dark, drum-driven grinder, a slightly disappointing effort.

With the release of "Is It Any Wonder?" as the first single from "Iron Sea," one would have thought the record would make fans excited and filled with energy about the band's music.

"Is It Any Wonder?" starts

with an edgy piano swirl serving as a foreshadow to the rest of "Iron Sea."

"Leaving So Soon" might have some of the weakest lyrics crafted by the band to date. "You look down on me/ Don't look down on me now/ You don't know me at all" sings Chaplin, struggling to find a concrete hold on the next stage of a maturing vocalist/songwriter, and failing.

Things don't get better in "Bad Dream," a slow, fading cheerless track that, ultimately, doesn't go anywhere.

Not all of "Iron Sea" is a dull effort, however. "Ham-

burg Song" is a decently done ballad and "Crystal Ball" provides the dependable, catchy hooks Keane is known for.

"Let It Slide" even compares well with some of the best from "Hopes and Fears," showing a sprint of energy as the closer to the album.

None of the tracks, however, stand out enough individually to write "Under the Iron Sea" off as anything more than a complacent, shoulder-shrug of a follow-up.

**Rating: 2.5/5**  
—Eric Nguyen  
Staff Writer



# Movie director to head film department

**By John Savage**  
Staff Writer

Film writer and director Greg Mellott will take over as the new film and video professor this fall.

Although this gig is far from Hollywood lights and major actors, it is a challenge he is excited about and ready to accept.

"Directing a film is similar to directing a department," Mellott. "It's all about teamwork."

"I'm really looking forward to working with all of these great professors [at OCCC]."

Mellott has his name tied in with several movies, including "First Strike," starring Jackie Chan, and "Di-

rect Action," which was directed by Sidney Furie and starred Dolph Lundgren.

Currently, Mellott is working on the original script for the movie "The Four Horsemen," a movie about young Marines after they return to the United States from the war in Iraq.

Mellott has enjoyed working with Furie, who directed "Ladybugs" and "Superman IV."

"That's been great to work with Sidney on these [movies] because you're able to see a film from just what the idea should be," Mellott said. "I have been able to participate in all those areas and it's been a great education."

Mellott was born in Los

Angeles and moved away when he was young. He has lived throughout the United States and spent a small amount of time growing up in Italy.

He said he even spent a couple of years in Oklahoma City.

Mellott received his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and his master's degree while attending University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

He said he became interested in theater and acting while living in Ohio and being involved in some high school plays. He said what prompted him into directing and writing was the freedom that went along

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—Greg Mellott

Film and Video Production Professor

with it.

"Once you get into acting, you see that you're at the mercy of what plays they are putting on," Mellott said.

He said he realized he didn't have enough control and that's what propelled him into the writing-directing role of film.

From there, Mellott was a teaching assistant while he finished his master's at USC.

Some of the films that inspired Mellott are "Rebel Without a Cause," "The Godfather" and "Taxi Driver."

When it comes to his favorite project, he said there is no way to choose.

"All I can say about favorite project is they are like children, you really can't have a favorite."

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## Cultural Arts Series offers 'cutting edge' artists

**By Mack Burke**  
Staff Writer

The 2006-2007 Cultural Arts Series is boasting a strong calendar for the upcoming concert season.

"This year's program encompasses some of the best variety," said Scott Tigert, Programs and Community Development assistant.

He characterized all the acts as "consummate musicians," but noted a couple of must-see acts in the season, such as Ron Radford

and Mark O'Connor.

Raised in Oklahoma, Radford has been called an American Flamenco virtuoso. Flamenco is the Spanish art of rhythm dancing.

A protégé of the legendary Carlos Montoya, Radford is the only individual to receive a Fulbright scholarship for Flamenco.

Traditionally, "Romas," which mean gypsies, have dominated the flamenco world.

However, despite his

ethnicity, Radford has managed to gain immense respect within the flamenco community, Tigert said.

Radford will perform in November.

Grammy Award winning violinist Mark O'Connor will close the series out with a performance in April 2007.

O'Connor combines elements from American folk tradition with jazz and classical elements to produce what Tigert called "a rare mix of violin and fiddle."

**"[These artists] have the ability to broaden education and enhance the quality of life."**

—Scott Tigert

Programs Community Development Assistant

Other scheduled performers include Tatiana Kuleshova and flute accompanist Marina Rubenshtein, the Turtle Island String Quartet, 2 Tone, the Chestnut Brass Company, the Rose Ensemble, and Wayanay Inka, who Tigert described as "almost magical."

The season will open Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Season tickets are available at \$85 for general admission and \$60 for stu-

dents seniors, faculty, staff, and alumni association members.

"Show-to-show ticket prices are usually from \$15 to \$20," Tigert said. "People can save money and see world class acts with season tickets."

Season tickets and individual tickets are available online at [www.occc.edu/CAS](http://www.occc.edu/CAS) or call 405-682-7579.

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## Student's vehicle broken into, missing items valued at \$1,200

**By Eric Nguyen**  
Staff Writer

An OCCC student reported her vehicle was broken into and items were missing.

On Monday, June 26, Kimberly Kennedy reported to Officer Scott Stetson in parking lot C that several items were missing from her 1994 Chevrolet pickup.

Kennedy said she arrived at the college for class at approximately 5 p.m., re-

turned to her pickup after class at around 7 p.m. and found her Sony CD Radio, a pair of speaker boxes and an amplifier were gone.

The items are valued at \$1,200, according to the report.

Kennedy said she didn't lock her pickup before going to class that day.

The vehicle's center dash panel was missing, according to the report. Kennedy said there was slight damage on the door and the

roof.

Kennedy filed a report to the Oklahoma City Police Department afterwards.

She said she had not heard back from OCPD at press time.

"[OCPD] said if anything comes with the serial numbers [of the missing items] or if anyone turns anything in, they'll call me," Kennedy said. "But I doubt it."

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# Math professor to walk different path

By Eric Nguyen  
Staff Writer

Hospital patients and their families often need help dealing with intense emotional stress, and one OCCC professor is heeding the call.

Math Professor Paul Lewis will begin serving as a chaplain for Mercy Health Center as soon as the summer semester ends, he said. He is currently teaching college algebra and an online intermediate math class.

Lewis said Catholic Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran approached him in February and told him Mercy was looking for someone to be the next director of pastoral services.

Lewis was involved in part-time ministry with the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

"It was one of these things where I felt I had to listen because the archbishop was talking to me," Lewis said.

"He was (in) the mindset of, 'I want what is best for you and your family.'"

Lewis said the job was offered to him May 26, a few days before Memorial Day. He said there was a delay in taking the job because he still had unfinished business at OCCC in the summer.

"I agreed to teach two classes and I also had some department duties," Lewis said. "I felt like I needed to fulfill those things because



Paul Lewis

the college has been good to me."

President Paul Sechrist said it is always a loss to the college when a dedicated faculty member

leaves. However, Sechrist said, Lewis has his full support.

"Knowing Professor Lewis, he will be an excellent chaplain," Sechrist said. "And, in that role, he will teach many to cope with the difficult crises that life brings. I wish him great fulfillment."

Lewis said he is certified by the National Association of Clinical Chaplains, an organization that certifies chaplains who complete four clinical pastoral education units.

He received a bachelor's degree in pastoral ministry from Newman University in Wichita, Kan.

He is currently enrolled in a master's program in pastoral ministry at the Aquinas

Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

Chaplains at Mercy Health Center and other hospitals tend to patients who check into the hospital, Lewis said.

"The hospital is a place of paradox," he said. "People don't want to be there, but it's a place they need to be in, in order to heal."

Chaplains will typically visit every patient, as well as the hospital's workers, at least once. He said caregivers and nurses also are in need of uplift.

"They get emotionally attached [to patients] as well and it is hard to see people suffer," he said.

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## Workshops to help grandparents who raise grandchildren

By David Miller  
Staff Writer

Grandparents who raise their grandchildren have an opportunity to learn helpful communication and teaching skills.

The Child Development Center and Lab School will present two more free workshops on the topic of grandparents raising grandchildren.

The workshops are from 7 to 8:30 p.m., July 12 and 19, at the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, located at 701 S.W. 74th St.

Guest speakers will cover topics such as parenting and communication skills in regard to children of varying ages.

Some of the guest speakers include George Young, Human Services commissioner and minister, and Julie Geddes, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Teenline coordinator.

Young will speak about starting a grandparents-raising-grandchildren ministry in local churches.

Geddes speaks about ef-

fective communication with teens being raised by their grandparents.

The 2000 U.S. Census reported 4.5 million children under the age of 18 are being raised by their grandparents, according to www.egyptianaaa.org.

"Oklahoma is one of the largest areas in the country that has grandparents raise their grandchildren," said Mary McCoy, CDCLS director.

The turnout for the workshops has been averaging about 20 people each time, but more interest is being generated.

"We want to give [grandparents] a feeling of encouragement and appreciation for what they are doing," McCoy said.

Meals and child care are available for grandparents who wish to bring their grandchildren to the workshops.

In addition to the workshops, there will be a swimming party for "Grandfamilies" from 1 to 3 p.m., July 15 at the OCCC swimming pool.

There also will be another workshop teaching pre-school to pre-teen age chil-

dren social skills and problem solving.

The lessons will be taught through board games that don't have instructions, which allows the child to communicate with their grandparents to determine their next move.

## Parking lot renovations complete

By Jeremy Frias  
Staff Writer

After 18 days of renovation, equipment problems and faulty paint, parking lot A reopened June 27.

The process of resurfacing, sealing and striping the main parking lot was originally projected to take 12 days, but met with a few delays once it began June 8.

"On Wednesday afternoon on the 14th, [a vital part] on the pump truck broke. It took one week to repair that," said J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director.

The renovation crew resumed work on seal-coating the lot June 22.

Messer said on Friday, June 23 they began striping the parking lot.

"On Sunday the 25th, we would have finished, but we had a bad batch of paint."

After exchanging for new paint, the crew resumed the process June 26.

Messer said the crew finished Tuesday, June 27.

Students used to parking in front of the main building have been using alternate lots and entries, causing some minor de-

The grandparents and the children also will read books together, but stop before the end and let the child decide what the resolution should be.

The workshop will be at 7 p.m., July 26 at the South Oklahoma City Chamber of

Commerce Conference Room.

For more information on the workshops, contact McCoy at 405-682-1611, ext. 7612.

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**"I use the main entrance, so I've had to park on the other side of the library, and I don't like the extra walking."**

—Emily Sherrell  
OCCC freshman

lays.

"I use the main entrance, so I've had to park on the other side of the library, and I don't like the extra walking," said freshman Emily Sherrell.

Not all students have been bothered by the temporary closing.

"It's no big deal to walk a little further. It's good exercise," said Jessica Meyer, theater sophomore.

The lot renovation is just one of many projects the Physical Plant has lined up for this summer.

"We have around 115 current projects in some phase or another," Messer said. "There's always something going on around here."

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# Be mindful of who and what you leave in the heat

**By Jeremy Frias**  
Staff Writer

As summer provides new opportunities for fun, it also requires new measures of caution when cars are involved.

The unventilated, confined space of a car can quickly become hot enough to kill a person or pet trapped inside.

On a warm day, the temperature in a parked car can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes, according to [www.kidsincars.org](http://www.kidsincars.org).

It is too easy to forget about children or pets being in the car. Parents often become delayed and

leave them there for longer than intended.

In 2005 alone, 151 children died nationwide from being left in cars where the heat reached deadly temperatures.

Five children have died from heat after being left in an unattended car in Oklahoma just since January 2005.

In June, a 21-month-old Stillwater toddler died after his father Justin Roberts left the sleeping child in the back seat of the car in 96-degree heat.

Roberts had parked in his driveway and left him there for an hour before he finally remembered to get him.

The toddler's temperature had reached 107.9 degrees when he arrived at the hospital.

The child's death was completely preventable.

Pets are just as vulnerable, and sometimes more likely to be left alone in a car since most businesses do not allow pets inside.

Pets are not able to roll down windows or open doors — generally — and thus are at the mercy of the rising temperature.

Sometimes just a quick run inside a store can turn into a long enough time for things to turn deadly.

For more information, visit [www.kidsincars.org](http://www.kidsincars.org).

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## Planning saves lives

There are many ways to reduce the need to leave children and pets in cars unattended. Below are just some examples of ways to accomplish that:

- Plan ahead to use drive-through services where available.
- Make advance arrangements to have your child care provider meet you at your vehicle, so you can remain with the vehicle.
- Plan extra time into your pick-up/drop-off routine to bring all children inside with you.
- Use your debit/credit card at the gas pump.
- Ask grocery store clerks to load your bags into your vehicle and return your shopping cart.
- If possible, leave children or pets with a responsible adult.
- Call dry cleaners and other businesses to schedule pick-up and drop-off services at your vehicle.

—Source: [www.kidsincars.org](http://www.kidsincars.org)

## Beat the heat by playing it smart

- Wear light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. Also, wear hats or use an umbrella.
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrate the body.
- Avoid strenuous activity, or do it early in the morning.
- Stay indoors. If air conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor, out of sunshine.

### Heat terms to know:

- **Heat cramps:** Muscular pains due to heavy exertion. They are an early signal that the body is having trouble with heat.
- **Heat exhaustion:** Heavy work in a hot, humid place decreases blood flow to vital organs. Symptoms are cool, moist, pale or red skin; heavy sweating, headache, nausea or vomiting, dizziness.
- **Heat stroke:** Heat stroke is life-threatening and occurs when the victim's temperature control system, which produces sweating to cool the body, stops working. Body temperature can rise as high as 105 degrees. Death may result if the body is not cooled quickly. Symptoms are hot, red and dry skin; rapid, weak pulse and shallow breathing.

### General care for heat emergencies:

- **Heat cramps/exhaustion:** Move victim to cooler place and rest in a comfortable position. Remove or loosen tight clothing and apply wet cloths. Call 911 if the person vomits or loses consciousness.
- **Heat Stroke:** Call 911 immediately. Move the victim to a cooler place and quickly cool the body with a bath or with wet sheets. Keep the victim lying down and continue to cool body.

—Source: [www.redcrossdelmarva.org/heatsafety.html](http://www.redcrossdelmarva.org/heatsafety.html)

## Stay cool by visiting the pool

**By Rachel Carlton**  
Staff Writer

Summer is here and it's time to beat the heat. Luckily, there are numerous public pools open all season to help in the battle against 90-degree weather.

OCCC offers its students and staff free use of the college's Olympic-size indoor pool.

The student and staff member must have a valid I.D. For non-students, admission costs \$6 for adults, \$2.75 for senior citizens and \$4 for children.

An adult must accompany children 15 and younger. Hours of operation for recreational swimming are 7 to 8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

After 25 years, White Water Bay is still open for summer fun. The water park is filled with many rides, such as slides and wave pools.

General admission for White Water Bay is \$24.99, while a guest can pay \$20.99 for an online general admission ticket. Children two and under are



Aquatic Center website advertises a beach-like pool entry with the excitement of high-energy water toys, swimming lanes, 12 bubbling geysers and two towering plunge slides. The parks

free.

Group rates are available for parties of 10 or more. Parking is \$10. The park is open daily. However, the daily hours vary.

For more information, call 405-943-9687.

For a less expensive water park, try the Westwood Water Park, located at 2400 Westport Drive in Norman.

The park has several pools, said Manager Kyle Hurley. There is an Olympic-size pool, as well as a fountain pool and toddler pool. Hours of operation and prices vary. For complete times and prices, call 405-329-5422.

Earlywine Park also offers a small water park. The pool is located at the intersection of May Avenue and Southwest 119th Street.

The Earlywine Family

hours are noon to 9 p.m. daily. Admission is \$5 daily and \$3 after 6 p.m.

For people interested in a more leisurely swim without various water rides, there is Woodson Swimming Pool. The pool is located at 3405 S. May Ave.

Admission is \$2 Tuesday through Saturday and \$1 on Sunday.

The Moore Public Pool offers the same features as the Woodson pool.

The outdoor pool offers a high and low dive. Admission for the Moore Public Pool is \$1.50 for ages five to 17 and \$2 for ages 18 to 55. The pool is open daily from noon to 7 p.m.

Lifeguards are present at all of these pools.

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# Sports

## UPCOMING

### OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**July 10-14:** Golfers will have a chance to swing the clubs at OCCC golf camp. The camp is for children, ages 12 to 14, interested in learning skills and drills of golf. Registration and payment must be made by the previous Thursday. Camp is from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The cost for the camp is \$60 and includes a camp T-shirt. For more information contact Community Education and Health Coordinator Jack Perkins at 405-682-1611, ext. 7205.

•**July 10-14:** OCCC tennis summer camp for ages 9 to 11, will be held at OCCC again this summer. The camp is for children interested in the game of tennis. Registration and payment must be made by the previous Thursday. Camp is from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The cost for the camp is \$60 and includes a camp T-shirt. For more information contact Community Education and Health Coordinator Jack Perkins at 405-682-1611, ext. 7205.

•**July 17-21:** Junior golfers, ages 9 to 11, will have a chance to shoot the greens at OCCC's summer golf camp. The camp is for children interested in learning skills and drills of golf. Registration and payment must be made by the previous Thursday. Camp is from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The cost for the camp is \$60 and includes a camp T-shirt. For more information contact Community Education and Health Coordinator Jack Perkins at 405-682-1611, ext. 7205.

•**July 17-21:** Tennis players ages 12 to 14, will have a chance to serve up some aces this summer at OCCC. The camp is for children interested in learning skills and techniques of tennis. Registration and payment must be made by the previous Thursday. Camp is from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The cost for the camp is \$60. For more information contact Community Education and Health Coordinator Jack Perkins at 405-682-1611, ext. 7205.



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Tyler Brown, 11, attempts to steal the ball from Junior Yellowfish, 9, during the soccer camp held on the fields located on the south end of the campus. Dribbling was one of the drills that the campers performed during the camp.

## Kids hit the pitch at soccer summer camp

By John Savage  
Staff Writer

With the World Cup going on this is the perfect time to hit the pitch and kick around the soccer ball. More than 55 boys and girls participated in the co-ed soccer camp this year.

Campers were on hand to pass, kick and dribble their way to the goal. Different colored cones and soccer balls littered the field on the south side of the campus.

Campers participated in several drills. One of the drills was "crab soccer."

Crab soccer requires the campers to walk on their hands and feet. The "crabs" walk to the players with the ball and try to steal it from them. This is one of the drills that teach players the basic offensive movements in soccer.

After a short water break the players scrimmaged against each other seven-on-seven.

Goalies changed positions after each goal.

This was the last camp for Lo-

gan Williams, 10. He has already participated in several of the sport camps this year and has been enjoying soccer camp.

Williams had been practicing his ball skills.

"We have been trying to get the ball away from the defenders," Williams said. "Later I think we're going play to crab soccer."

Another camper that enjoyed the experience is Jonathan Tran, 12.

"It was really fun and I like playing soccer," Tran said.

This was Tran's second year of attending the camp and he will be attending the tennis camp.

Although Tran has not played on an organized soccer team yet, that doesn't stop him from enjoying the sport.

"I just play soccer for fun," Tran said.

Coach Matt Worden set drills for every day the campers were there. He said dribbling skills were taught on the first day and each day campers worked on a new drill.

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## Lifeguard beats own record at swim meet

By Kellen Coleman  
News Writing student

An OCCC lifeguard finished in second place in his swimming event June 23, one of the highlights in first-day action of the Kerr-McGee Swim Club Summer Splash held at the college's swimming pool.

Chris Cavin, 16, works as a lifeguard at OCCC's pool. He used a little home-water advantage to place as the runner-up in the Boys 13 and Over 1500 LC Meter Freestyle with a time of 17:48:74, just 14 seconds behind the winner in the near-mile race.

"I was very pleased," Cavin said. "I cut 27 seconds off my qualifying time, and the guy that beat me was on my team. I was glad to see him do well too."

Teammate Jeff Enge posted a time of 17:34:98.

Cavin, 16, had many familiar faces watching his performance Friday.

"It's interesting to be around all my co-workers," he said.

"They all tell me good luck before the race, and it makes me want to go faster."

Cavin, who swims year-round at the OCCC pool for both Westmoore High School and Kerr-McGee, joked that he started working at the pool because "I'm here all the time, so I might as well get paid."

While friendly rivalries could be in place with all the competition, Cavin insists that it's all fun and games.

"You know everyone you're racing, being friends with them inside and outside the pool," he said.

"It's definitely competitive, but you're happy to see people do well and hope you do well too."

Kerr-McGee Head Coach Tom Gibson said he was impressed with Cavin.

"He had a real good swim," Gibson said.

"It was his lifetime best in the 1500."

The Kerr-McGee Swim Club meet finished Sunday June 25.



# Students discover help at Transfer Center

**By Matthew Baker**  
*News Writing Student*

When you walk down the stairs of the main hall at OCCC, a red panel may catch your attention.

John Hockett, Advising and Career Services dean, said the seemingly out-of-place panel serves as the college's Transfer Center.

The Transfer Center is a satellite of Advisement and Career Services.

The Transfer Center was previously tucked away within the advisement offices and received little attention from passing students.

Advising and Career Services was formerly Student Development.

The Transfer Center is where students get information from four-year universities about entrance requirements, cost and transferable courses.

Hockett said a lot of stu-

dents have questions as to when they should think about transferring.

"We want students to think about the transfer process sooner rather than later," he said. Hockett said he believes if students ask questions about transferring early, it makes the transition process easier.

It was difficult before for students to find information concerning senior institutions, such as the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Michael Willis is a representative from the University of Central Oklahoma who staffs the red panel.

"We see 25 to 30 students (a day) that request information," he said.

The other colleges were probably seeing three to five students a day when the Transfer Center was in its old location, Willis said.

Hockett said more students are now using the service the Transfer Center provides.

He said more schools should schedule to come to OCCC to use the Transfer Center because of the success it's having in its new location.

Leslie Jones, Advising and Career Services secretary, said several out-of-state universities that don't normally visit OCCC scheduled days in July to use the area.

Faculty and staff affectionately call the Transfer Center the Red Albatross because of its out-of-place appearance and because people are unaware of what it is used for.

"I've never really noticed it," said Nick Tyleshevski, engineering student.

Premed student Joanna Garza agreed she never noticed the Transfer Centers wall either.

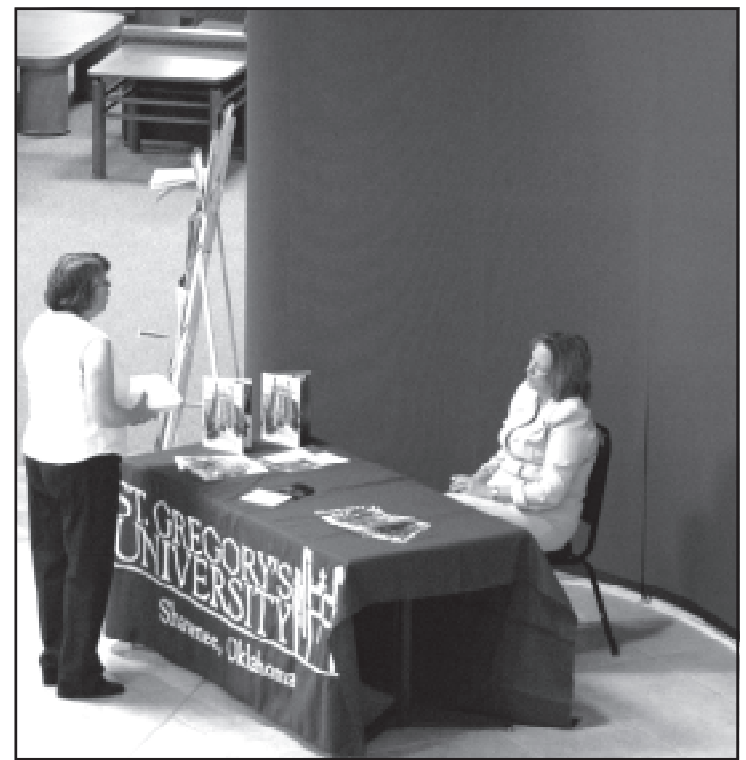


Photo by Carrie Cronk

B. J. Higgins, Physical Science Lab supervisor, speaks with a representative from St. Gregory's University from Shawnee. The large red panel outside the Student Development office establishes an area for university representatives to display information about their schools and discuss options with OCCC students.

## High schoolers experiment at Summer Science Academy

**By Jenny Tregarthen**  
*News Writing Student*

Twenty-three students from 15 Oklahoma high schools were accepted into the Summer Science Academy.

The on-campus program lasted all day from June 12 to 16, and involved researching and experimenting with different subjects.

Students in the program conducted group experi-

ments and projects related to information technology in biology, proteins and enzymes for carbohydrate breakdown, and genetically modified foods.

"It was a lot of fun to get to know all the people in the group," said Shelly Shearon, student participant.

At the end of the week, the students prepared a Power Point presentation for parents and teachers.

The students, from high schools throughout Oklahoma, applied for the program through online applications or recommendations from science teachers.

Program Coordinator Charlotte Mulvihill, Biology and Biotechnology professor, said applications were accepted primarily on diversity of age, race, gender, and reasons for attending the program.

Each student received \$100 upon completion of the program. The money was well appreciated but some students found a deeper level of fulfillment from the program.

"I wanted to know everything that might prepare me for my future," said Ying Wang, a student. "I came to this camp because I am curious."

Though several students are unsure about their fu-

ture goals, they said they believed this program would help them decide on the right educational and career path.

The Summer Science Academy is in the second of its three-year program, funded by a grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The goal is to promote education and interest in biotechnology and bio-informatics.

## Cox Cable offers discount rates for college students

**By Jeremy Frias**  
*Staff Writer*

Cox Communications now offers OCCC students, faculty, staff and alumni a discount for high-speed home Internet service according to OCCC's website [www.occc.edu/cox](http://www.occc.edu/cox).

The discounted rate is around 25 percent less than the standard rate, but exact savings will vary by

cable package and equipment options.

The \$19.95 installation fee will be waived on all packages with a one-year contract.

Equipment prices also have been reduced for the Higher Education Service.

To sign up, students must have a valid college e-mail account for Cox to



communicate with them.

It must be either a student account or faculty/staff account. Student or alumni may set up a free e-mail account at <http://webmail.occc.edu>.

A \$75 conversion fee is applied when converting from an existing Cox Internet Service to the Cox Higher Education Service.

Carlos Obando, music senior, already has Cox Internet but said despite the conversion fee, he would still save money in the long run [with the discount].

"... It's helpful, with tuition and gas so high."

Amin Zadeh, philosophy sophomore, does not have Internet service right now but said it sounds like something he would like to

take advantage of in the future.

To sign up for the discounted Internet service, go to [www.occc.edu/Cox.html](http://www.occc.edu/Cox.html).

For questions and information regarding rates and packages, contact Cox Business Services at 405-600-FAST (3278).

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# Highlights

## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Workshops

The Child Development Center and Lab School will present two free workshops on grandparents raising grandchildren. The workshops will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m., July 12 and 19. The workshops will be at the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 701 SW 74 Street. Speakers will cover topics such as parenting skills, reference and referral agencies and communication. For more information, contact CDCLS Lab Supervisor Lee Ann Nurdin at 405-682-1611, ext. 7423.

## Tuition waivers available for fall semester

Departmental tuition waivers for fall semester of 2006 are now available for students. The deadline date for submitting the fall tuition waiver application and academic histories to the Financial Aid Office will be no later than 5 p.m., July 13.

## Psychology/Sociology Club having fund-raiser

The Psychology/Sociology Club will have a snowcone and lemonade stand from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 14, 18 and 21 near the main entrance of the Main Building. For more information, contact Club President Laurie Thornton at 405-420-3492.

## Crossroads Cathedral Car and Motorcycle Show

The 2nd Annual Crossroads Cathedral Car and Motorcycle Show will occur from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 29 at the Crossroads Cathedral, 8901 S. Shields in Oklahoma City. All show cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. There's an entry fee of \$15 with a fun run fee of \$5. Three top prizes will be given in 25 categories. There will be live music, games and food. For more information, contact Brandon at 405-634-1495, ext. 150, or e-mail carshow@crossroadscathedral.com.

## Baptist club to attend retreat in New Mexico

Students from the United States and Canada will meet Aug. 5 through 11 at the Glorieta Large Conference Center near Santa Fe, N.M. The event includes seminars, sports and hiking. The cost is \$225. A \$50 deposit is required. The cost includes travel, registration, food and lodging. For more information, contact Sponsor Mike Barnett at the Baptist Collegiate Ministries office at 405-323-0583.

## Absolute 2007 now accepting submissions

Submissions are being accepted for the 2007 Absolute publication. OCCC's journal of literature, art and photography is published annually each spring. Submissions should be sent to the Arts and Humanities division office. For more information, contact English Professor Clay Randolph at crandolph@occc.edu.

## STEP program taking requests for student workers

The STEP program assists students in finding work-study and non-work study campus jobs. If funds are available and you need a student to work in your department, submit a request via People Administration. Students can search and apply for jobs online at [www.occcjobs.com](http://www.occcjobs.com). For more information, contact Human Resources Specialist Karen Schmidt at 405-682-1611, ext. 7398.

**All highlights due by 5 p.m. Tuesdays for inclusion in the next issue. The Pioneer office is located on the second floor of the Main Building just outside the elevator.**

## Blood for life

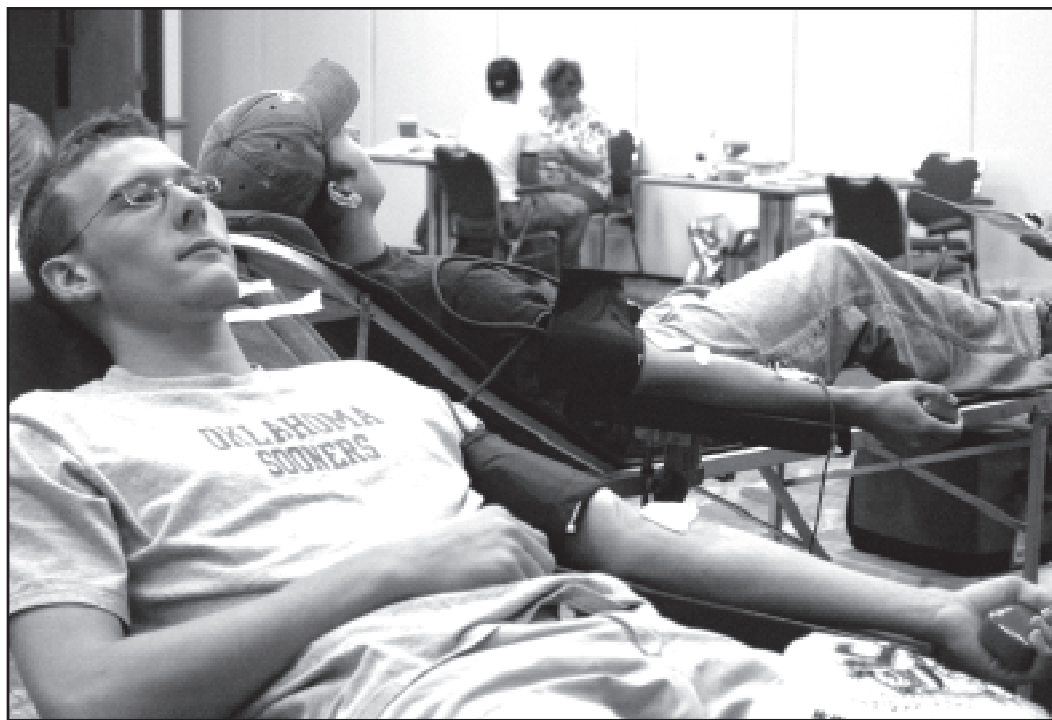


Photo by Carrie Cronk

Freshman psychology major Nicholas Barger donates blood during his lunch hour on June 28 in room CU1. Student Life and the Oklahoma Blood Institute sponsored the drive and offered incentives such as buy-one-get-one free passes to White Water Bay.

## Club retreat scheduled for August

By David Miller  
Staff Writer

Get your thinking caps and hiking boots on. It's time for the annual Student Leadership Club Retreat.

The retreat will occur Aug. 11 through 13 at the Quartz Mountain Resort in Lone Wolf, OK.

The retreat is an opportunity for students and sponsors from all clubs and organizations to come together to learn strategies to help their clubs achieve success, and socialize with other club leaders, according to the Student Leadership Retreat flier.

The focus of the retreat is to prepare club officials and members for the new school year.

There will be some downtime for recreation, but the retreat is not meant to be a vacation.

"Anyone can go, but we target club members," said Student Life Director Liz Largent.

All student clubs need one representative attending the retreat to maintain recognition as a club, but

more are encouraged to attend the retreat.

Facilitator Michael Miller with High Impact Training will conduct presentations on team building, ice breakers, running effective meetings and retaining members for organizations.

Student Life staff also will facilitate activities and sessions focusing on policies and procedures, setting goals and leadership style.

"It's all very interactive, hands-on learning," Largent said.

Although most clubs aren't active during the summer, most or all are represented at the retreat.

Generally, 55 to 75 people attend the retreat.

"There will be some minimal free time, so attendees should bring some extra spending money if they want to take advantage of the things Quartz Mountain offers," Largent said.

Extra curricular activities at Quartz Mountain include: seasonal canoe rentals, a hiking trail, sand dunes, rock climbing, rappelling, beach swimming and seasonal paddle

boating.

Also included is a miniature golf course, a restaurant overlooking the lake and an indoor swimming pool with a Jacuzzi.

The non-refundable cost of the retreat is \$25. The fee covers transportation, lodging, meals, a T-shirt and entertainment.

The payment, registration card and liability waiver must be completed and returned to the Office of Student Life by July 14.

Attendees must use the transportation provided by the college. The charter buses will leave at 1 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11 from parking lot G near entry 11 and return around 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 13.

To ensure the college isn't charged for unused services, attendees should notify Largent if their plans change.

For more information, call Liz Largent at 405-682-7523, or stop by the Office of Student Life for a registration form.

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# Classifieds

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## ANIMALS

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**FOR SALE:** 1995 Mercury Villager van. 208,000 miles. Runs but needs some work. Body and interior are in good shape. Asking \$1,500 OBO. Please call 229-3810 for more info.

**FOR SALE:** 1995 Nissan 300 ZX, 2+2, green, automatic. 102,500 mi. Features include: tint, alarm, CD player, keyless entry. \$6,800 OBO. Call 624-2412 for more info.

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## ELECTRONICS

**FOR SALE:** Presario Compaq 266x notebook model 1235. Word 2003, internet ready. Very good condition. \$200 OBO. Please call Eric at ext. 7786 or 326-0868.

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## FURNITURE

**FOR SALE:** 3 silver metal/frosted glass end tables, \$150. 3 silver metal/glass desk with 4 separate matching file cabinets, \$150. For pictures and info e-mail jarrodwilmoth@yahoo.com.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

**FOR SALE:** Women's size 7 white gold diamond engagement ring. Princess cut w/ diamond accents, asking \$500. Size 13/14 black prom dress \$30, size 11/12 red prom dress with black sheer material over it so it appears deep red, beading, all over \$75. Size 10 seashell pink wedding dress with lace and beading \$100. Call Kristina 250-8919 or e-mail for

pictures at kbezdek@po.occ.edu.

**FOR SALE:** His & hers Wedding/Engagement set. Hers: Round 1/3 carat diamond solitaire set in white gold w/ yellow gold accents and matching white gold band, recently appraised \$750. Selling with men's white gold band, (heavy in weight). Asking \$425 for all. E-mail atctracy@yahoo.com for more info and pictures or call 694-9243.

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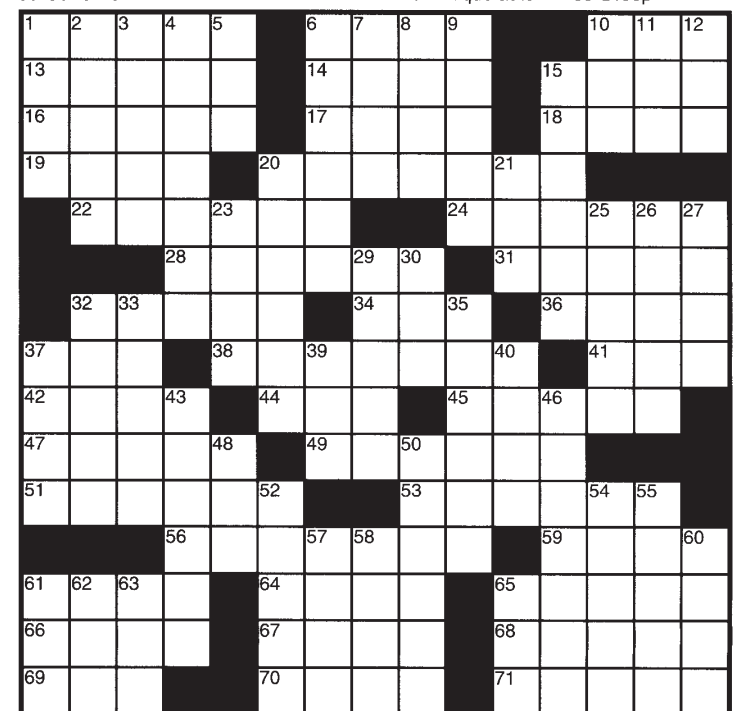
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## OCCC hands out raises, adds employees

*"Funds,"*

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to request the funds from the Legislature.

"Dr. Sechrist and Jerry Steward would come out here and walk the hallways," Lindley said. "The college needed extra money and had some real needs with all the construction."

"All the delegates, both Democrat and Republican, pushed all year long for the college, since it has grown."

Sechrist said the college needed a budget that would cover more than just basic costs.

He said it needed to also allow the college to move ahead in technological advances and some maintenance upkeep.

The main sources for the Educational and General budget come from state allocations, tuition and mandatory fees and technical district reimbursement.

Some students didn't seem to mind the increase.

Stephanie Platt, pre-pharmacy major, said she expected the increase.

"I'm so used to it ... As they increase, I don't even realize [it]," she said.

Josh Hall, social work major, said he doesn't mind paying more for his education.

"Education is a good thing," he said. "If they are going to increase tuition a little bit, that's fine with me. I think the amount is reasonable."

### **Pay increase**

The increase in funding

also allowed for a 4.9 percent average pay raise for OCCC faculty and staff.

The raise is based on a performance formula.

Based on their performance review, OCCC faculty and staff will receive a pay increase of 2 percent, 2.5 percent or 3 percent with a flat rate of \$750 added to their base salary.

Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities dean, said the pay raise will help all employees.

"Faculty pay raises are great, but (it's) just as exciting to have ... raises in the student worker salaries, and the raises for staff."

"Everybody is getting a really nice raise this year. The \$750 adjustment and percentages really help out those people that are on the beginning steps at working for OCCC."

Adjunct professors also are getting a pay raise. Adjunct salary is going from \$550 per credit hour to \$590 per credit hour, according to the OCCC budget.

"That is competitive with other two-year colleges in the area," Sechrist said.

Nance reported that Tulsa Community College adjunct faculty receive \$700 per credit hour and Rose State adjunct faculty receive \$575 per credit hour.

Tyler Ashpaugh, sonography major, felt torn on the issues of tuition increase and faculty pay raise.

"I think the tuition in-

crease is wrong because it is high anyway," he said. However, he said, he understands the need for the increase.

"I do like that they are paying the teachers more, but I don't like that students are having to pay more, especially (now) that gas is on the rise."

The regents also approved six new faculty positions, five professional positions, and 11 hourly positions, which includes three full-time security positions.

As a direct result, six adjunct faculty positions will be eliminated.

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## Job process simplified

*"Paperless,"*

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openings, the college needed a way to minimize the work for the Human Resources staff, which processes job applications, said Carolyn Rouillard, Human Resources senior specialist.

"We are hoping it will save a tremendous amount of paperwork [for the college]," Rouillard said.

"Applications will no longer need to be copied and sent to selection committees."

"The committees will have everything available online."

Rouillard said Human Resources has computers

## President to see pay raise

**By Holly Jones**  
*Editor*



**Paul Sechrist**

OCCC President Paul Sechrist will earn an extra \$9,000 in salary next year.

The OCCC Board of Regents approved a 3.5 percent pay increase plus an additional \$750 increase, indicating that he earned the highest performance rating in his job.

The 3.5 percent increase plus \$750 brings his annual salary from \$198,120 to \$207,036, and is consistent with pay raises for other college employees.

Many college employees feel the raise is well deserved.

Pat Berryhill, Institutional Advancement executive director, is one such person. "Dr. Sechrist worked with the State Regents and Legislature the past six months to secure millions in additional funding for our students and this college," she said.

"What significant accomplishments he has already achieved in a short amount of time."

Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities dean, said Sechrist deserves a raise like everyone else.

"We got a lot of new funding this year that we have never had before," she said.

On the other hand, one student feels the money could have been better spent on campus improvements.

"That's an awfully large raise," said psychology major Laurie Thornton. "I think he's been an excellent president so far, but it seems that the money could be better spent elsewhere."

Health Lab Coordinator Lloyd Kingsbury said if anyone at the college deserves a raise, it's Sechrist.

"I've been here 17 years," Kingsbury said. "Since he's been here, he's done more for the students, faculty and staff than past presidents. Well deserved."

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