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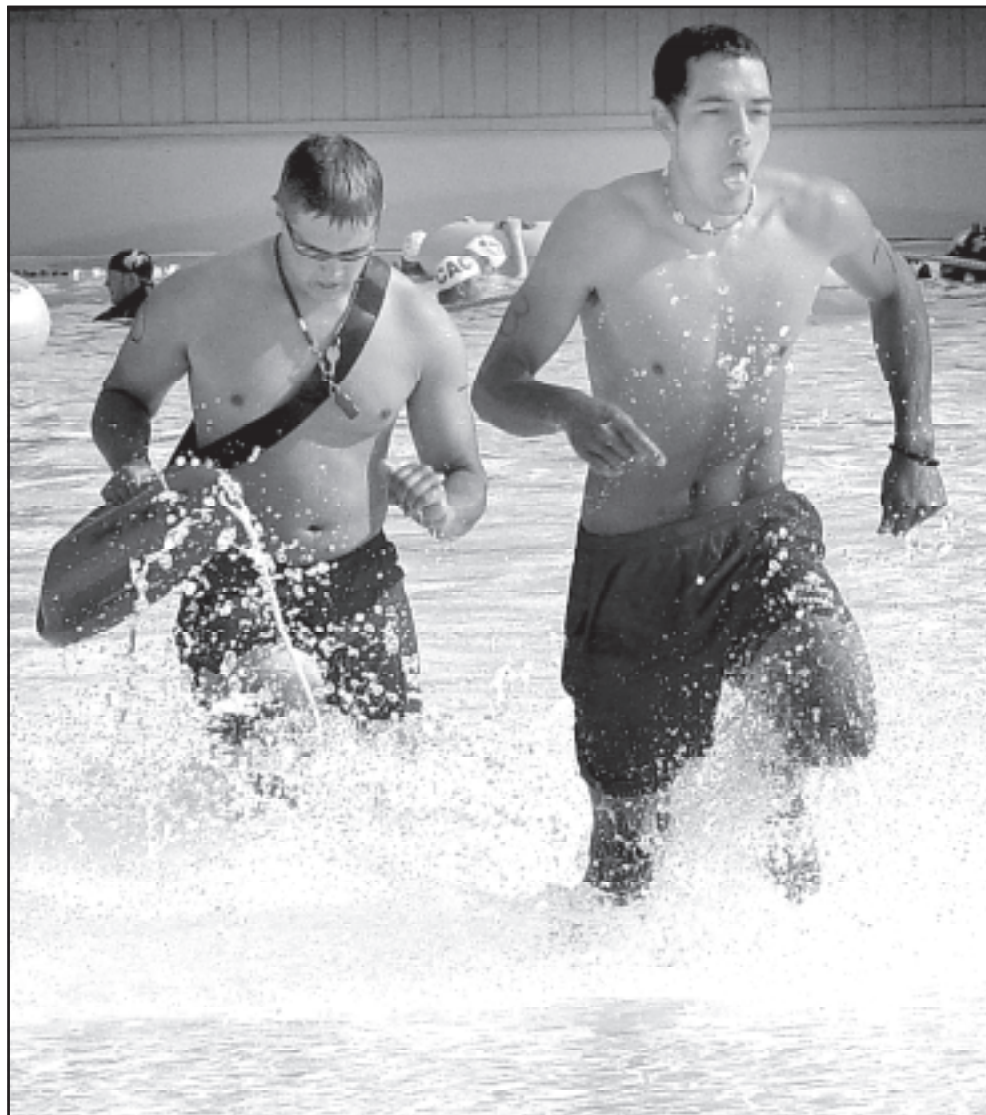


Photo by John Savage

White Water Bay Employees Chris Hillian and Clay Sutton rush to complete their leg of the aquatic rescue relay competition during the 21st Annual Lifeguard Games held July 7 at White Water Bay. OCCC was represented by three teams, two senior lifeguard teams and a junior lifeguard team. The college's Recreation and Community Services Department sponsored the event. (For more pictures and a complete story, see page 7.)

Personal websites can send wrong message

By Holly Jones
Editor

Years ago, a firm handshake used to be enough to seal an employment agreement. These days, some employers want signed contracts while others even go as far as to conduct background checks that include doing a name search online.

As a result, millions of Americans are potentially being judged by the accounts

they have at www.MySpace.com and www.facebook.com, said OCCC Career Specialist Debra Vaughn.

All of these websites offer people the opportunity to display their personal tastes and individual character — things potential employers might find helpful in hiring someone.

Some employers might enjoy a website that is creatively done, Vaughn said,

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Enrollment is down, diversity on the increase

African-American population experiences highest increase with 1.2%

By Holly Jones
Editor

OCCC has seen a steady decline in summer enrollment in the last few years but no one is really surprised.

Employment is up, said Stu Harvey, Strategic Planning director, and a good economy means fewer people going to college. There is a silver lining, he said.

"The rate of decrease is down, which is good thing," Harvey said. "On the credit hour side, it only decreased by one percent which we're hoping shows that it is bottoming out."

According to the latest numbers, enrollment is down by 2.7 percent this summer compared to last summer semester. In 2005, enrollment dropped 3.1 percent from the previous year.

Roughly 5,767 students enrolled in 2005, whereas this semester OCCC has 5,606 enrolled, according to the enrollment statistics by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness of OCCC.

"Enrollment fluctuates, that is the nature of it," said OCCC President Paul Sechrist. "In Oklahoma, when you have strong employment, adults generally don't take as many hours, because they are working."

Sechrist said high school graduates are declining as well.

"The number of graduates from high schools in Oklahoma is forecast to decline, slightly, for the next few years, then pick up after that," Sechrist said.

"This forecast is based on the number of students attending school, which is a function of the number of school age children in the state."

In the meantime, Harvey said, the college is seeing an increase among the different cultures represented at OCCC.

African American student enrollment, which had been level at around 8 percent the past three summer semesters, is up to 9.2 percent this year.

Asian student enrollment also is up this semester from last summer's 7.7 percent to 8.3 percent.

Native American and Hispanic student numbers have increased as well although not by as much. Native American enrollment is up by .1 percent while Hispanic enrollment numbers are up by .2 percent.

Caucasian student enrollment is the only group that experienced a decrease this semester, going from 61.9 percent last summer to 61.2 percent this summer, according to enrollment statistics by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness of OCCC.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Learn from Cuba

North Korea has been generating a lot of noise by launching a Taepodong-2 missile, along with six other rockets, July 4.

The situation is similar to the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 when the Soviet Union placed missiles in Cuba and aimed them at the United States.

The Taepodong-2 is a three-staged ballistic missile North Korea has been developing since 1987. A ballistic missile is controlled during flight in various stages, and was developed by Nazi Germany during World War II.

The missile launched on July 4 was only in the air for 35 to 40 seconds before falling harmlessly into the ocean.

The missile was directed to fly over Japan, while another rocket was aimed at an area close to Hawaii.

In response, President George W. Bush said he wants to rally world opinion before taking action to stop North Korea's nuclear testing program.

However, in a Washington Post article, the president also said, "The problem with diplomacy, it takes a while to get something done. If you're acting alone, you can move quickly."

While the president prefers a deliberate answer, a quick move by the United States and its allies would be more effective, just as former President John F. Kennedy handled Cuba in 1962.

To ensure North Korea's nuclear weapons program doesn't get on its feet, a quick and effective quarantine of the country must take place by the U.S. and its allies.

America and its allies will risk more if they don't, especially with North Korea's interests of nuclear proliferation shared by Pakistan and Iran.

North Korea claims its missile programs violate no international laws because they are in place only to strengthen self-defense.

However, the fact that North Korea is interested in creating a nuclear program three years after it backed out of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty should make the U.S. even more suspicious.

During the Cuban Missile Crisis, Cuba also used the excuse that the missiles it had were to strengthen self-defense.

That didn't stop Kennedy from organizing a meeting with the National Security Council and devising a Naval blockade of Cuba in October 1962.

In November 1962, the Soviet Union removed the missiles from Cuba, ending any potential threat to the U.S.

Exactly why two Communist nations collaborated to install missiles aimed at U.S. soil wasn't clear until 1992, when it was discovered the Soviets planned to use the missiles if the U.S. invaded Cuba.

Exactly why North Korea launched a missile aimed toward Hawaii, and has missiles capable of reaching Alaska, currently is unclear. But it won't matter if the U.S. takes quick action against North Korea.

—Eric Nguyen
Staff Writer

Nursing program offers fair shake to applicants

To The editor:

The [letter] concerning "Minorities being slighted in nursing program admission" captured my attention. I have worked with the nursing program at OCCC since 1993-94, and there are some things about the program that impress me when it comes to the admission process.

The first thing that makes an impression on me is the absence of the interview process. Since there is no interview process, the opportunity for a student to be eliminated based on race is virtually non-existent.

The second thing that I like about the nursing program admission process is that everyone who applies is given the same opportunity — to acquire as many preference points as they can.

The third thing that I am impressed with is that the Nursing Admissions Committee is a separate entity from the Health Professions Division. That committee makes recommendations and decisions concerning the admissions criteria for all of the Health Professions Programs (which definitely

includes nursing).

Finally, I must mention the number of students who are advised through the Office of Advisement and Career Services probably make up a large percent of the students who are admitted into the Nursing Program each semester.

Do we really want to begin gathering racial demographics concerning cultural populations who apply for the nursing or other Health Professions programs?

Do we really want to initiate a quota system on the admissions for the Nursing or Health Professions programs? At this point I feel that this process would be more biased.

I am a black female who takes an extremely strong stance for fairness and equality. I have not seen the nursing program or other application programs at OCCC slight students based on cultural ethnicity.

I would like to encourage the writer of the [letter] to make an appointment with me and we will closely examine how to maximize his/her preference points and look at every option

available at this institution to become a registered nurse. I respect your right to privacy so please do not identify yourself as the writer of the article.

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Comments and Reviews

Two's a crowd but three is 'Dupree'

Sometimes guests can wear out their welcome and the end result can be downright hilarious. Although it usually ends in grief, the new summer movie "You, Me and Dupree" will have viewers in stitches.

The film, written by Mike LeSieur and directed by Anthony and Joe Russo shows what can happen when best man Randy Dupree [Owen Wilson] stays with newlyweds Carl [Matt Dillon] and Molly Peterson [Kate Hudson].

Things take a turn for the worse after the wedding as Dupree loses his job and finds himself sleeping on a cot in the local bar.

Carl tries to be a good friend by allowing Dupree to stay with them for a short stint.

This causes tension between the newlyweds and some funny scenes with Dupree.

In one scene, Carl and Molly are leaving for work in the early hours of the morning to find Dupree face down, naked on the couch.



Whether it's inviting strippers over for college football game night or setting the couch on fire, Dupree plays a lovable big dummy.

Carl has to lay down the law with Dupree and cast him out of his house only to find him later sitting in the rain with nowhere to go.

The acting in this movie was nicely executed with plenty of humor and amusing scenes.

Hudson did an excellent job of playing Molly although her role was nothing mesmerizing.

Dillon and Wilson stole the show and fit their roles perfectly.

Compared to some of the other films Wilson has acted in, this one compares with "Starsky and Hutch" and "Meet the Parents."

Seth Rogen, who has been in other comedies like "The 40 Year-Old Virgin," played a small role but was a nice supporting character. His role was limited, but had classic scenes.

This film could easily be the funniest movie of the summer and one you will not want to miss.

Ditch the third wheel and go watch "You, Me and Dupree" today.

Rating: A

—John Savage
Staff Writer

View from the PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



With a healthy increase in state appropriations to higher education and a modest increase in tuition, the financial situation for OCCC is very positive for the upcoming year. This is good news for our students.

The significant increase in state support for your education allowed us to limit tuition increases to the lowest increase in recent years. At \$73 per credit hour, OCCC will remain one of the least expensive colleges in the state of Oklahoma and significantly less than community colleges in neighboring states.

I also believe that in choosing to attend OCCC, you have selected one of the best options for college in the state of Oklahoma.

Just because it is the least expensive, we make sure that you have one of the highest quality learning experiences anywhere in this state.

From the moment you step on our campus, I hope you see our commitment to quality service and excellence in the classroom. All of us at OCCC want to see you succeed in achieving your educational goal with us.

I want to thank the Legislature, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and the OCCC Board of Regents, for recognizing that Oklahoma's future rests with a continued strong investment in the students at OCCC.

This positive investment will ensure that OCCC will continue to provide excellence — your future is too important to strive for anything less.

Have a great summer semester at OCCC.

—Paul Sechrist
OCCC President

'Life of Pi' gives fresh spin on the meaning of life

Author Yann Martel wrote this novel to quench his thirst for writing a diverse and exclusive non-fiction.

Hence, the birth of "Life of Pi," a brilliant award-winning and international best-selling novel based on a real-life chronicle that will make readers believe in God and value life.

"Life of Pi" might have been introduced to the literary world about five years ago, but it is still worth giving a good dust off, as this novel revitalizes readers each time reading it.

The novel is about Piscine Molitor Patel (Pi), who is named after a swimming pool in Paris.

Pi is the 16-year-old son

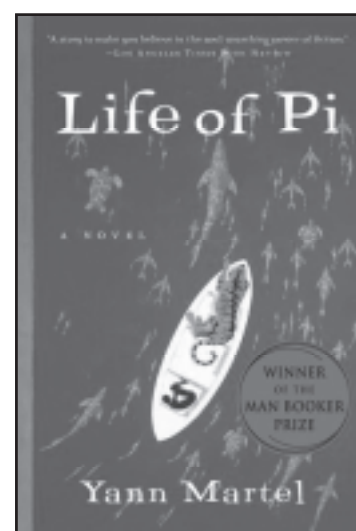
of a zookeeper, who practices Hinduism, Christianity and Islam, and is a vegetarian.

The first few chapters describe how Pi faces the challenge of teaching people to pronounce his name properly, which is a joke to many.

His parents decide to immigrate to Canada from India, and board a Japanese cargo ship together with some of their zoo animals, but the ship sinks and Pi loses his family.

Before the ship sinks, the crew throws out a lifeboat for the survivors.

The survivors onboard with Pi are Richard Parker (a 450-pound Bengal tiger),



an injured zebra, a hungry hyena and Orange Juice (an orangutan).

Miraculously, after 227 days, Pi survives the Pacific

Ocean with Parker and they touch land in Mexico.

"Life of Pi" is a rousing adventure and inspirational novel that serves as a turning point for one to look at life from outside the box.

Martel is gifted with the talent of writing rich, descriptive details, and adding vital depth to the story.

It feels as though readers are sailing through the adventure with Pi.

Martel also includes some amusing moments in his novel that really makes the reading captivating.

To some, life is about making the right decision to survive with strength from God's guidance.

With the series of world events going on, "Life of Pi" rouses us to examine whether or not we are making the right decisions.

The novel reminds us that appreciating and living life to the fullest are wise decisions to make, as life is short.

At the completion of the novel, "Life of Pi" really gives a fresh meaning to life, in addition to a new drive of energy and determination to survive our very own Pacific Ocean (life), Parker (challenges) and reach the destination of success.

Rating: 5/5

—Lavanya Jaganathan
Staff Writer

Comments and Reviews

Swashbuckling fun to be had in 'Pirates'

Shiver me timbers! Jack Sparrow, played by Johnny Depp, is back in the highly-anticipated "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest."

In this sequel to 2003's "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and his bride-to-be Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) are once again thrust into Captain Jack's world.

As a consequence of helping Jack escape the gallows, Will and Elizabeth are arrested on their wedding day. To avoid death, Will makes a deal to find Jack and retrieve his famously-broken compass.

Jack, however, is having a crisis of his own, owing a blood debt to

the legendary captain of the Flying Dutchman Davy Jones (Bill Nighy), and Jones has come to collect.

Jack's only hope is to find the chest that contains Jones' beating heart and make a trade for his freedom. Unfortunately for Will, only Jack's compass will lead the way to the chest.

With a running time of approximately two and a half hours, the movie seems to fly by with numerous action scenes.

One of the best action scenes involves a three-way sword fight between Jack, Will and returning character Commodore Norrington (Jack Davenport) on a giant wheel rolling through the jungle.

Throughout the film, there are many plotlines and back-stories to keep up with, which may prove difficult if the viewer is not paying close attention.

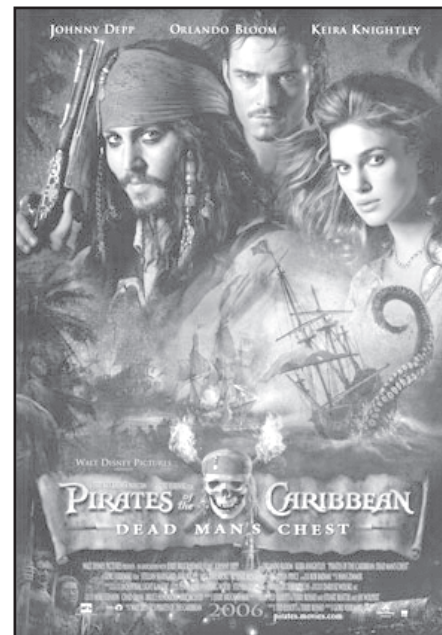
With a solid mix of action, comedy, drama and romance, the movie is a must-see.

Although "Dead Man's Chest" is not as good as the original, (few sequels are) it is a high-quality movie that can hold its own.

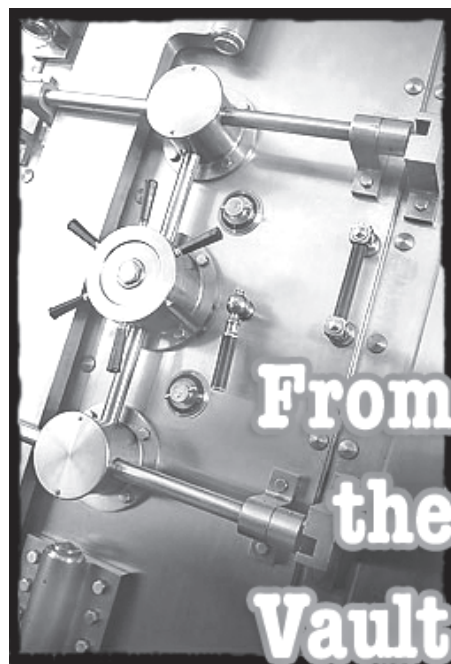
"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of adventure violence, including frightening images.

Rating: A-

**—Rachel Carlton
Staff Writer**



Grateful Dead's live album an American classic



Ever found yourself thinking, "there's got to be some better music out there?"

I'm here to tell you there is.

If you're tired of stagnant, straight-from-the-mold tunes, then you might be ready for the inspired stylings of the Grateful Dead's two disc live CD, "Live in Europe '72."

Combining rock, jazz, bluegrass, blues and folk, this album characterizes the Dead's style. They took the bones of American music and brought them to life with innovative combinations.

"China Cat Sunflower" is an amazing tonal tapestry and my favorite song on the album. The melody sticks to your mental fabric like Velcro and endears you to the band. Lyrical references,

stretching from Jack Kerouac to Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass," add color to the aural masterpiece.

One of many highlights on the first disc is "Brown Eyed Woman," a popular tune for virgin Dead fans to tune into. Jerry Garcia's noodling guitar licks and emotionally-penetrating vocals make "Brown Eyed Woman" a close runner-up for the best of disc one.

The equally potent second disc showcases some of the Grateful Dead's whimsy and wit. "Mr. Charlie" is a narrative tune, which has received variable interpretation over the years.

Like many Dead songs, "Mr. Charlie" features obscure lyrical allusions, thanks to the song-writ-

ing talents of lyricist Robert Hunter.

Timeless southern classics like "Sugar Magnolia" and "Tennessee Jed" round out the second disc of what has to be considered one of the best live albums of all time.

Upon his passing, Garcia was regarded by former President Bill Clinton as "an American icon."

Over 30 years, Garcia and the Grateful Dead have treated fans to more than a thousand shows, endured several lineup changes and remained grateful to the fans that embraced their music.

"Live in Europe '72" is a diving board for those ready to take the leap of faith into amazing music.

**—Mack Burke
Staff Writer**

Indie film 'Firecracker' offers ominous tale of trust

A "Firecracker" was launched July 4 but this one can't be found at any fireworks stand.

Directed by Steve Balderson, the DVD release "Firecracker" is based on actual events in which a resident of a small Kansas town suddenly disappears.

Mike Patton (vocalist for Faith No More, Fantomas, Tomahawk) portrays David White, an overbearing alcoholic who keeps his mother and brother emotionally captive.

His mother Eleanor, portrayed by Karen Black (House of 1,000 Corpses) is a passive Christian fanatic living in denial by thinking her family life is free of problems.

Black is a little unconvincing playing the part of a Christian fanatic because she doesn't express true sincerity when she's praying.

Given his fame as a musician, most reviews

for this film focus on Patton's acting ability, but the performance that stands out is Jak Kendall's role as Jimmy White, David's younger brother.

Kendall convincingly captures Jimmy's emotional frustration due to his brother's controlling nature.

Jimmy dreams of escape and eventually gets the courage to act on his dreams.

The plot is relatively unoriginal because it's a typical murder mystery. But the film's appeal lies within its Southern Gothic strangeness, ominous background music and constantly unsettling atmosphere. Many of the film's messages are conveyed through symbolism and lingering camera shots.

However, the film isn't without flaws. One aspect of the plot revolves around a girl who

lives in a field, stares at a tree with blue bottles hanging from its branches, and claims the land is screaming at her.

She apparently has psychic powers and knows a crime has been committed. This aspect of the plot seems to have been included only for the sake of its paranormal element, not because it is vital to the story.

The special features on the DVD are minimal which consist of the film trailer and director's commentary. The DVD is presented in Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo, Dolby Digital 5.1 Surround and a widescreen 2.35:1 aspect ratio.

The DVD is unrated due to language, violence, some nudity and disturbing scenes.

Rating: B

**—David Miller
Staff Writer**

Oklahoman returns to teach at college

By Mack Burke
Staff Writer

A Spanish professor who grew up in Oklahoma will return this fall to teach full-time at OCCC.

Trilingual Professor Ginnett Rollins will teach three beginning-level Spanish courses beginning in August and a conversational Spanish course in October for the Fall semester.

Rollins applied for the position in March after spending six years as an assistant Spanish professor at Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky.

In an e-mail interview, Rollins said it was hard to leave Kentucky where she said she enjoyed a high level of interaction with her

students.

Rollins said she was originally drawn to Kentucky after meeting friends in the Navy.

"The people of Kentucky are as warm and friendly as Okies and Texans," Rollins said.

As hard as it was for her to leave Kentucky, Rollins said, she has good reasons for wanting to come back to Oklahoma.

"I grew up in OKC, and most of my family lives in or around Oklahoma City," she said.

"I sought a position at OCCC in order to be with my father, who suffers from Parkinson's disease and heart disease," she said. "I want to help my sister care for our aging father."



Ginnett Rollins

Rollins studied at five different universities, including the University of Oklahoma, Texas Tech University and other universities outside of the United States.

She worked for nine years

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—Ginnett Rollins
Spanish Professor

as a Special Duty Cryptologic Officer until she was honorably discharged as a lieutenant in 1989.

The former Naval lieutenant described her dawning fascination for language.

"I believe that I have had an inclination toward language learning since I heard the Beatles' ballad 'Michelle' in the early '60s and watched Westerns sprinkled with Spanish words," Rollins said.

She originally wanted to study French, but she learned Spanish first.

Rollins said she likes to focus on finding different ways to teach the language.

"I try to help each student gain the confidence and desire to do his or her best in Spanish, even though language study may not be his or her cup of tea."

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Bursar's Office adds furniture, strengthens look

By Edgar Otero-Chaparro
News Writing Student

Students will have new chairs to sit in while waiting to pay for classes in the Bursar's Office.

On Monday, July 10, the Bursar's office received its first set of furniture since its creation in April 2002.

The upgrade is part of the college's effort to strengthen its professional image, said Gary Lombard, Human Resources and Support Services vice president.

"We want the office environment to reflect the same level of excellence that the students can expect in the customer service they receive in the Bursar's Office," Lombard said.

The approximately \$11,000 purchase furnished the entire office's six spaces with dark cherry wood desks, computer desks, filing cabinets, bookshelves, and black and teal waiting area chairs, Bursar Brandi Henson said.

The furniture was placed July 10 while the staff continued working.

"It was business as usual," Henson said.

Because the office receives such heavy student traffic and performs many internal departmental functions for the college, Henson said, "It is important that we try to make it comfortable and nice for anyone."

Henson, who has worked at the

college for 16 years and has been the Bursar since 2002, said the office never had new furniture.

Discarded furniture from other remodeled areas was what the office began with, Henson said.

"We went through the trailers full of basically trashy discarded furniture and found the desks that weren't wobbly and chairs that weren't broke," Henson said. "Just whatever we could get by."

She said the Bursar's Office no longer has to manage using cabinets that did not lock and drawers that did not open all the way.

She said one employee who has been working in the office for three years worked at a table without drawers. She now has a new desk with drawers.

Henson said she made the request for the new furniture after seeing how much new furniture would cost and looking to see what other departments had.

Lombard, who approved the request, said funds for the purchase were pulled from various areas he is accountable for.

No student fees were used, he said.

Henson said some of the funds used were left over from last year's budget to hire temporary office employees.

Since the funds were for those salaries and not all expended at the end of last year, a request was

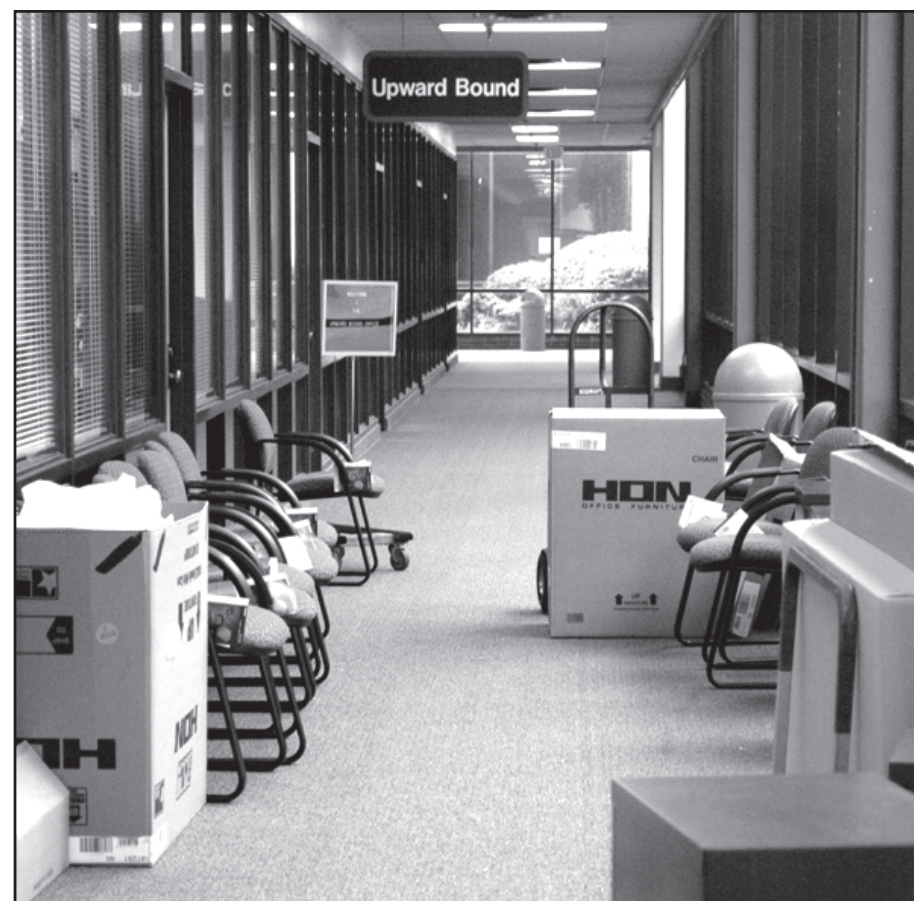


Photo by Carrie Cronk

New furniture was moved into the Bursar's Office July 10. The new desks, filing cabinets and chairs replace ones that weren't working properly.

needed to move the funds over for purchasing, she said.

"We were all perfectly understanding if we were not able to do it and knew that was a possibility," Henson said. "I'm thrilled to death that we were able to get this

approved."

Henson said the staff also was pleased to have the new furniture.

"It's fantastic. Hopefully the students will be satisfied, not just us," said Ralph deCardenas, student accounts coordinator.

Proposal would reduce math for pre-ed majors

By Madison Withers
News Writing Student

Starting this fall, new pre-education majors may need only six credit hours of math to earn their associate degree if a proposal by Multidivisional Programs Director Bertha Wise is approved.

This may make it easier for students who want to be teachers to graduate, and may increase the number of program graduates.

Wise said she believes this proposal will most likely pass.

"If there had been any

question or problem we would have heard by now," Wise said.

Each university has different courses they require in order to graduate.

Wise said the new program allows students to choose math courses appropriate for their university of choice.

The Pre-Education Program has always required 12 credit hours of math to prepare students for transferring into educational programs at universities, Wise said.

She said the problem with this requirement is

OCCC cannot offer enough courses to satisfy the different requirements at universities such as the University of Oklahoma, the University of Central Oklahoma, and the University of Sciences and Arts of Oklahoma.

This causes many students to forgo the education degree and pursue other options, she said.

"[Students] often changed to diversified studies to graduate," Wise said.

Over the years, Wise said, there has been a trend where pre-education majors have taken their math

"Not many (students) were able to get through the program successfully."

—Mary Turner

Student Development Counselor

courses at universities and transferred the credits back to OCCC. Not transferring the credits would result in being unable to receive a degree.

Student Development Counselor Mary Turner said one of the reasons Wise initiated the program was because it was confusing for students.

"Not many (students)

were able to get through the program successfully," Turner said.

Wise said pre-education majors who declared their major prior to this year also can benefit from the change.

She said students can ask to be placed under the new requirements by requesting to be put under the 2007 catalog.

Parking lot woes plagued students last week

By Shu Nakao
News Writing Student

A student's car was broken into last week and her stereo stolen, according to Safety and Security incident reports.

Student Jenny Mathes reported to Safety and Se-

curity that her Chevrolet Cavalier was broken into and her JVC brand CD stereo was missing.

According to the report, Mathes parked her car in parking lot A about 2 p.m. and returned around 4:30 p.m. to find one of the passenger-side windows bus-

ted in.

Scott Stetson, campus security officer, said a chop-shop ring was broken up three months ago and vehicle theft has dropped dramatically but that doesn't mean vigilance has ceased.

According to another incident report, recent parking lot renovations damaged a student's vehicle last week, when a piece of pavement filler came loose and

scratched her vehicle.

Student Kery Olea reported property damage to her car July 6, after parking in parking lot A.

According to the report, Olea parked her 1999 Honda Accord in a newly-sealed and patched parking spot. A piece of the patching, embedded with rocks, stuck to her tire, and subsequently left scratches and tar marks as she backed out.

Olea said there were no caution signs indicating a freshly-paved patch near where she parked.

Jay Boyle, A-Tech Paving project manager and the parking pavement contractor, said this is the first case reported of a piece of pavement filler coming loose and damaging a car.

Damage estimates were not available at press time, but Boyle said his company will take care of the damage.

Boyle said the high heat of the day must have softened the rubber-like material used to fill cracks in the pavement, and caused it to stick to the student's tire.

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Lifeguards hit the bay to play college games

By John Savage
Staff Writer

The college's three lifeguard teams fell short of taking first place at this year's Lifeguard Games July 7.

Held at White Water Bay and sponsored by OCCC, 17 senior and 13 junior lifeguard teams went head-to-head in various events during the game's 21st annual competition.

The college had two senior teams, the Fantastic 4+2 and Supermen Featuring Women, that placed 11th and 13th respectively.

OCCC's junior team, Lazy Boy and the Rocking Recliners, placed 12th in the event.

More than 150 junior and senior guards gathered to showcase their skills for judges and spectators at the OCCC-sponsored event.

The games started with the Iron Guard challenge, in which guards made their way through an obstacle course. The lifeguard with the best time won.

Another event was Spinal Injury Management, which involved guards transporting an injured victim to safety.

After safely moving the victim, guards moved on to a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation dummy and performed CPR in front of a judge. The judges looked for technique, skill, speed and precision when judging the events.

One of the junior guards who participated was Casey Alexander, 12.

"It's been pretty fun and I will probably make it back next year," Alexander said.

Katie Schwartz, 12, said there were several rules the guards had to watch for so they do not get penalized.

"You can't run or otherwise [judges] would take away points, and when you go up the stairs you have to hit every step," Schwartz said.

Another one of the events was the Swim-Tow-Rescue.

It involved inner tubes and rescuing drowning victims in the wave pool.

Senior guard Chris Heasley was competing in one leg of the competition.

"I jumped in and took the appropriate approach [toward the drowning victim]," Heasley said.

Heasley said the drill is judged on how well the rescuer controls the victim and uses the correct safety procedure to pull victims to the side of the pool.

Another activity in the wave pool was Rescue Relay, which called for teams to use an entry technique known as beach entry to rescue a drowning victim.

The team then had to move the victim to the sandy area and go through various drills, checking vital signs and performing other maneuvers like arm slings, CPR and checking for head trauma.



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OCCC lifeguard Shaina Cummins pulls her teammate Tracy Lister from the pool during a competition at the 21st annual Lifeguard Games hosted by the OCCC Recreation and Community Services Office July 7 at White Water Bay.

(Right) Lifeguards Chris Ullsmith and Cameron Shear race to find bits of water hose buried in the sand during the Pick-up-sticks competition.



Photo by Carrie Cronk



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(Left) OCCC senior lifeguards participated in the Lifeguard Games held at White Water Bay July 7. From left are: Tracy Lister, Jesse Dages, Ryoichi Dowling, Jacinda Cummins, Ryan Stewart, Natasha Myers, Cody Spaulding, Ian Hoffman, Lauren Patrick, Chris Cavin and Shaina Cummins.

Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**July 24-28:** Ages 9 to 11, and ages 12 to 14 will have a chance to learn the game of chess. Registration and payment must be made by the previous Thursday. Camp is from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The cost is \$60. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Coordinator Jack Perkins at 405-682-1611, ext. 7205.

•**July 31-Aug 4:** Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries will be having a two credit hour course and is designed to provide the physical education teacher, coach and athletic training student with an introduction to the prevention, recognition and treatment for common athletic injuries. Experience will be gained in basic taping skills. The class is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Non-OCCC students must pay a \$25 registration fee. Per credit hour cost is \$73 and must be enrolled through admissions.

•**Aug 1-31:** Time to hit the mat and work on the problematic areas of your body. Pilates will lengthen, invigorate and energize your body. Most exercises are done on the mat with emphasis on body alignment. Pilates is a great way to work the abdominal areas. Class is four weeks and for OCCC students it cost \$20 for non students the cost is \$60.

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Golfers swing for the green at summer camp

*By John Savage
Staff Writer*

Familiar faces were swinging the irons at this year's golf summer camp at OCCC.

Coach Fred Bost, from Western Heights Junior High School, was back this summer for his sixth year of coaching at the OCCC golf camp.

Bost said he was pleased about this year's campers and what he expects to be one of the best camps that he has been involved with.

"This group (of campers) is the most advanced group I have had yet in six years, and I'm very pleased," Bost said.

Golf camp ran from Monday to Friday. Each camper needed to bring his or her own clubs but many of the practice balls were provided.

Several campers repeated from last year.

Aidan Couture has attended the golf camp for three consecutive years and enjoys the drills that Bost prepares for the golfers.

"I have played [golf] with my grandmother and my cousins," Couture said.

He said he looked forward to playing on the Oklahoma State University Oklahoma City campus golf course and maybe even hitting a hole-in-one.

"Hmm, maybe, maybe not," Couture said.

Another player who knew his way around the greens was Nick Pallotta.

Pallotta, returning for his second year, said he hopes this year's camp will help him with his game.

"[OCCC campers] have been doing some pitching and chipping, and it's been pretty fun," Pallotta said.

He said he had been hitting the links before the camp started with his father.

"We had the father-son golf tournament, and we got first place," Pallotta said. "Me and my dad played best ball and we shot five under."

He said he has been playing a lot of golf this summer with his dad and they have been hitting the golf course about two times a week.

Pallotta said some areas of his game need improvements when it comes to shots around the greens



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Darcy Dean, 12, and Madison Burch, 12, practice their swing during the golf camp session July 11. The golf camp for 12 to 14 year olds ran July 10 to 14. The campers also had a chance to practice on Oklahoma State University's Oklahoma City campus par three golf course.

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—Nick Pallotta
OCCC Golf Camper

using his wedges and chips.

"It's pretty much my short game," Pallotta said.

Another golfer who was back for more chips and putts at this year's camp was José Gambarelli.

"I am playing golf this year so I wanted to train so, that way, I could go out with my dad," Gambarelli said.

"I have actually beaten him."

Bost said the campers would be learning some of the basics of putting, chipping, mid-irons and driving drills. At the end of the week they will have a small tournament at OSU/OKC.

This year's camp had an average of two girls and six boys, comparable to last year's camp. Golfers, ages 9 to 11, will begin camp July 17.

For more information, call Coordinator of Community Education and Health Jack Perkins at

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Staff member to run for office

By **Carrie Cronk**
Staff Writer

An OCCC staff member is running for a seat in the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature.

Career Guidance office Career Specialist Debra Vaughn said she is running for Seat One in the Pontotoc District for the tribe.

She is running against incumbent Holly Easterling and challenger Heath Allison.

"This is my first run [for office]," Vaughn said.

"I want to help the Chick-asaw people and the communities they live in."

Vaughn said, if elect-ed, she will work to improve health care, education, employment and will work to protect tribal sovereignty and to preserve the history and culture of the Chickasaw people.

She said she plans to help improve education by working to increase the funding for scholarship programs available through the tribe, as well as other programs available through public schools in the communities that fall within tribal boundaries.

Vaughn said the tribe is currently enjoying economic prosperity. Much of the tribe's economy is fueled by gaming initiatives but they also are expanding into other busi-

ness ventures including Bedre' Fine Chocolates, located in Pauls Valley, two radio stations and the Chickasaw Times newspaper.

Vaughn said she hopes to help expand the tribe's businesses and bring more diversity to both.

She said tribal sovereignty issues also affect economic development and said she will work to preserve the tribe's history and culture.

"It's a big challenge, the language part, because for many years you were punished if you spoke your tribal language," Vaughn said.

Vaughn said there are no term limits and terms last for three years. There are elections held annually to fill open spots.

Chickasaw voters will vote by mail. Ballots will be counted on Aug. 22

with the results being announced that afternoon.

Vaughn said the ballots are mailed because some citizens live outside the 13 counties that comprise the Chickasaw nation.

Vaughn hasn't expressed intentions to run for office in the future but said anything is a possible.

"If I can serve, and something appears or becomes available ... I would consider it," she said.

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Debra Vaughn

Sweet summer rain



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Heavy storms with high winds and torrential rainfall hit the college during the afternoon of July 10. Several people were caught unaware by the weather, although some came prepared with umbrellas.

Theater department loses professor to promotion

By **Henry Benton**
News Writing Student

Students who have signed up for classes with Theater Professor Ruth Charnay may see a different person lead the class.

Charnay was promoted to an administrative post and will likely not be teaching her regular classes this fall.

This has left the college scrambling to fill her vacant post by August.

Charnay is traveling and was unavailable for comment.

She will serve in a new position on campus as

chair of the newly-formed Communications and Arts department.

Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities dean, said the theater department is not very active during the summer, so the impact of this move won't truly be felt until the fall.

The dean seems optimistic in her efforts to fill the position, "Miracles happen. We're hoping for the best," VanSchuyver said. The hir-



Ruth Charnay

ing period for public schools usually begins in March and most vacancies are filled by early May.

"So much of life is timing," VanSchuyver said after describing the opening.

The deadline to apply for the position is July 21. Van-Schuyver said she hopes to fill the vacancy by Aug. 14.

If this position isn't filled by August the most likely situation will be to hire

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—Matt Boggs
OCCC Student

more adjuncts to direct some of the plays next year. An adjunct is a part-time employee hired by the college to teach and direct within the department.

VanSchuyver said she doesn't foresee Charnay's promotion as a potential problem for theater students.

The theater department

usually puts on four plays a year, two directed by the theater professor and two by the adjuncts.

Matt Boggs, OCCC student, said he looks forward to next years productions.

"I really enjoyed last semester's plays, Boggs said. "I'll be interested to see how the new leadership changes the department."

Highlights

Grandparents raising grandchildren workshop

The Child Development Center and Lab School will present a free workshop on grandparents raising grandchildren. The workshop will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m., July 19, at the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 701 S.W. 74th Street. For more information, contact CDCLS Lab Supervisor Lee Ann Nurdin at 405-682-1611, ext. 7423.

College representatives to be at Transfer Center

Stop by the red panel at the bottom of the stairs in the main foyer to meet with college representatives and plan your future. University of Central Oklahoma rep available from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday, July 17; St. Gregory's, 9 a.m. to noon, and University of Oklahoma, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, July 18; Oklahoma City University, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Regis University (Denver) 2 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 19; and Langston University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, July 20.

Psychology/Sociology Club having fund-raiser

The Psychology/Sociology Club will have a snow cone and lemonade stand from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 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 Second 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 vehicles are welcome. There's an entry fee of \$15 with three top prizes. For more information, contact Brandon at 405-634-1495, ext. 150.

William P. Willis scholarship available

The \$2,000 William P. Willis scholarship is available in the office of Recruitment and Admissions. Applicants must be an Oklahoma resident, a full-time student for the fall and spring semesters with an income less than \$32,000 per year. Deadline for the scholarship is Aug. 4.

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 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 apply for jobs online at www.occcjobs.com. For more information, contact Human Resources Specialist Karen Schmidt at 405-682-1611, ext. 7398.

Retreat paperwork



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Environmental Club President Jessica Austin fills out a registration form for the Student Leadership Retreat, which will be held from Aug. 11 to 13 at the Quartz Mountain Lodge in Lone Wolf, Okla.

Tulsa film company holds contest

By David Miller
Staff Writer

Dust off your movie cameras OCCC film students, it's time for the First Annual Video Communications Incorporated Short Film Contest.

Tulsa-based home video company, VCI Entertainment is conducting a statewide short film contest for semi-pros and amateurs.

There is no entry fee and films can revolve around the following genres: documentary, horror, fantasy, sci-fi, animation and action.

The judges, who will consist of film critics and VCI employees, will judge entries based on content, performance, originality and cinematography, according to competition rules.

Once all the entries have been received, judges will pick five entries as winners.

Films should be kept at an R rating or below, preferably with no nudity or excessive violence due to the possibility of other win-

ning entries being family films or documentaries.

"We're open with [film content], but some of the movies we've got in are pure gore," said VCI Public Relations director Chris Rowe.

Exceptions may be allowed on a case-by-case basis as determined by VCI, according to the competition rules.

The winning films will be sold as a compilation DVD on the VCI website as well as major Internet retailers such as www.amazon.com and www.target.com, Rowe said.

"It's an opportunity for winners to be noticed," Rowe said. "Maybe get their foot in the door."

Entries are to be independently produced, with no copyrighted material used without written consent, which includes music and previously released scripts.

If consent of copyrighted items is obtained, a copy of the consent form must be included along with the filmmaker's entry, accord-

ing to official rules.

The cost of a short film can vary, depending on who acts in the film and the amount of special effects.

"You can make a short film for as little as \$30 to \$40 or up to a couple thousand dollars," said Mike "Sarge" Tate, OCCC film equipment manager.

The format for entries can be VHS, DVD, DVD-R or CD-ROM.

OCCC has editing facilities open to any film student.

"We've got an Avid Lab in the upstairs library," Tate said.

The deadline for entries is Sept. 30 with the winners being announced the following week.

For complete rules and an application, go to www.vcientertainment.com or contact Rowe at CRowe@vcientertainment.com with "short film contest" as the e-mail subject.

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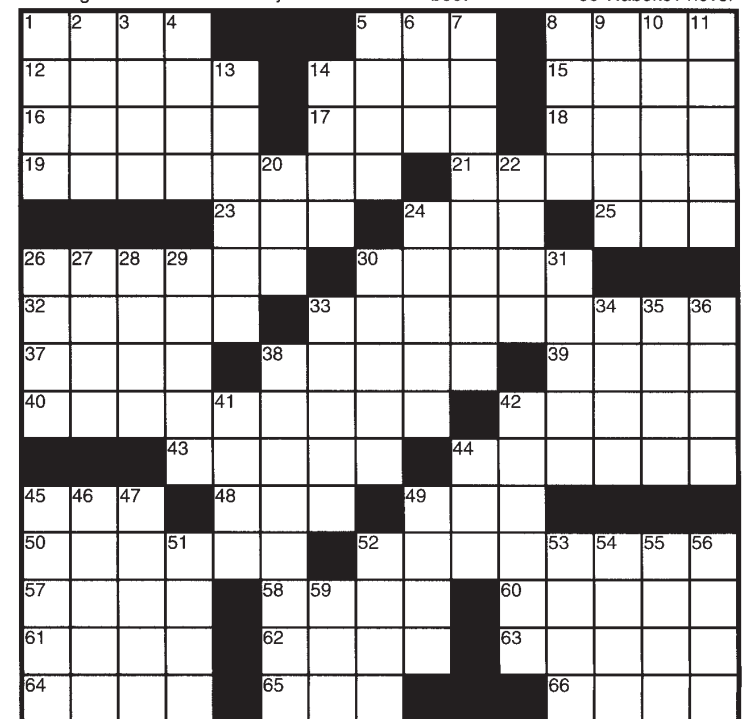
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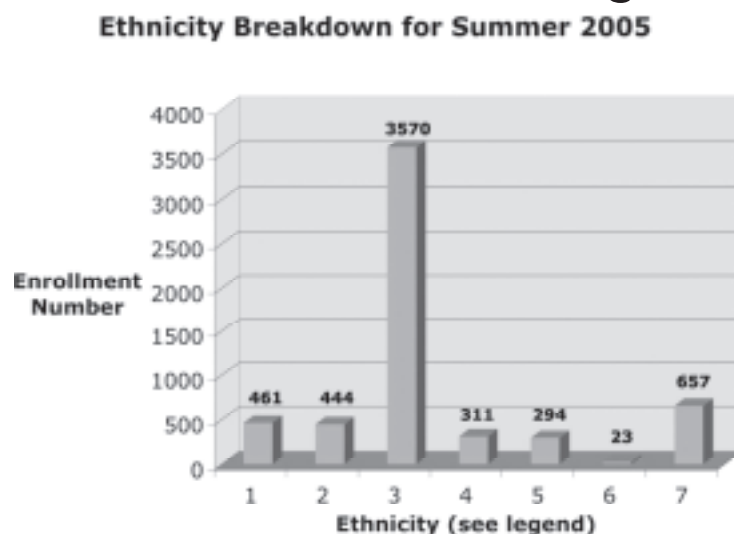
Latest enrollment numbers show slight summer semester decrease

"Enrollment,"
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"I'm glad to see more minority students enrolling at the college," said Laurie Thornton, psychology major. "It proves that our school promotes diversity and welcomes everyone with open arms, no matter their background or race."

The median age has dropped from 25 in 2003 to 22 in 2005, mainly, Harvey said, because OCCC has seen an increase in concurrently-enrolled students — those who are simultaneously enrolled in both high school and college courses.

One thing that has re-



LEGEND: 1 - African American, 2 - Asian, 3 - Caucasian, 4 - Hispanic, 5 - Native American, 6 - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 7 - Other/Unknown

mained fairly steady over the years is the female to male ratio, Harvey said.

"The female to male ratio

has been pretty level for the last few years at about 60 percent female to 40 percent male," Harvey said.

Sechrist is encouraged by the diversity he sees.

"We want to make sure we are serving all the stu-

dents who want to come here," he said.

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Students should think about employers when designing sites

"Websites,"
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while others are more interested in the content.

The fact that potential employers are looking for any indicators to a person's character hasn't escaped former student Christina Tran's attention.

"I had been hearing that future employers were using MySpace, Facebook and [other personal sites] to do research on potential employees, so I went ahead and wrote a very short letter addressed to potential employers on MySpace."

Tran said it was meant to be both funny and serious at the same time.

"I also took this as an opportunity to say that I would make a perfect employee," she said.

"Honestly, I just thought it was another way to grab my potential employers' attention."

Vaughn said, currently, the trend to check personal webspaces seem to be mainly affecting the east and west coasts but trends do spread.

Lindsey McMurray, Human Resources Specialist for Nextep, said her com-

pany might eventually go in that direction.

"We run a [Social Security number] verification, criminal records check and a [Department of Motor Vehicles] prior check," McMurray said.

"We have never been asked to do a background check on MySpace or Facebook."

"It came up in a meeting last week that we might if a company asks us to."

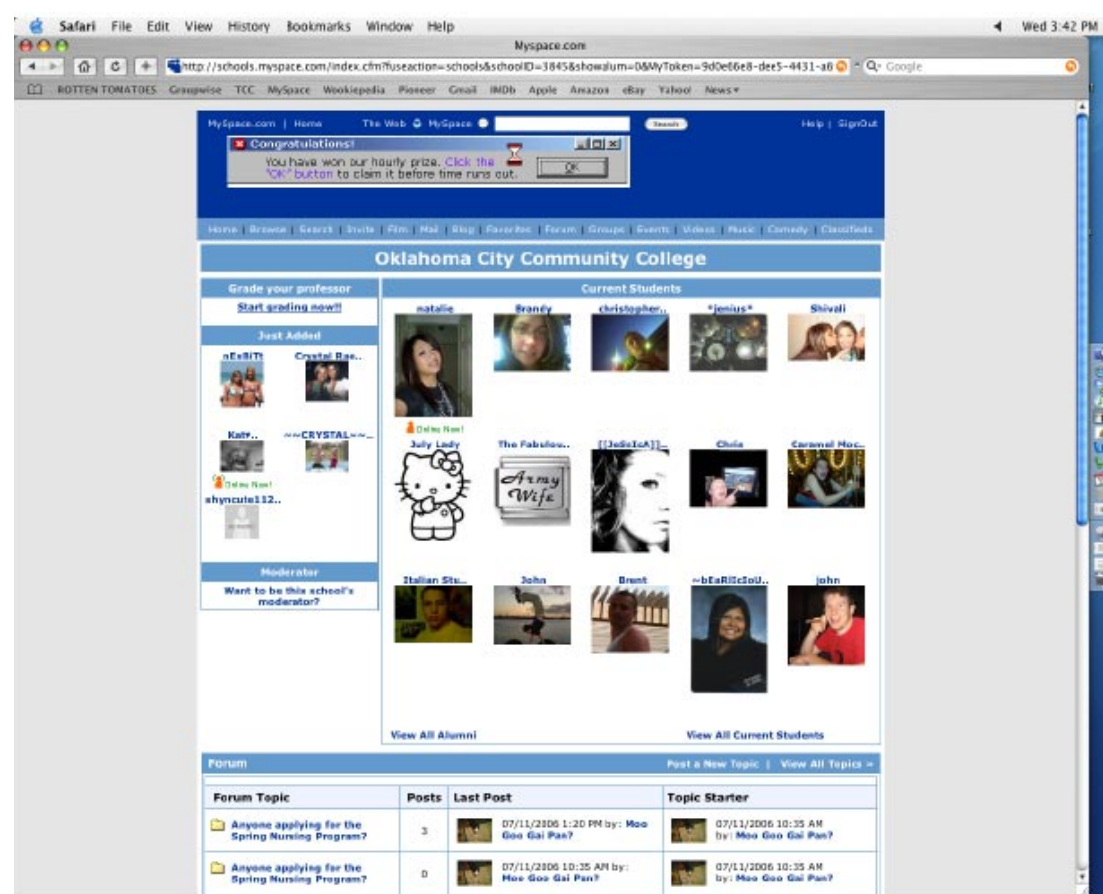
Loree McMahan, recruitment manager for Integris Health, said her company often goes to these websites, and said while it is not an official part of their hiring process, people still need to be aware of how they represent themselves.

"It is an open record for all individuals," she said. "It is human nature not to forget what we see."

"People need to be careful of what they share with the public."

Other area employers, including OCCC, say they haven't gone in that direction and don't have any immediate plans to.

Instead, many metro employers look more into criminal background rather than what is on the Internet.



Pictured is a screenshot of MySpace, a community-based website dedicated to peer-to-peer networking. Employers sometimes use websites like MySpace and Facebook to research possible future employees before hiring them. Depending on the company's needs, employers will base opinions of future employees off the person's web page content.

Gary Lombard, vice president for Human Resources and Support Services, said OCCC goes through the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations for background checks and is expanding through a third

party.

He said the college has no plans to go through the Internet as a source.

Tran was asked if she would ever hire someone based on their personal website.

"I would use [the] site as a resource but not solely depend on it," she said.

"From my own experience, words and pictures can only say so much."

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