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Beating the heat



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

Students Susan Torres and Robin Epton cool off by dipping their feet in the OCCC fountain, located by the library. Statewide record-high temperatures, reaching into the 100s, has prompted state officials to issue heat advisory warnings. Folks are urged to stay indoors and when they are outdoors, drink plenty of fluids and wear light-colored clothing. For more information on how to stay cool, see page 16.

Students should be preparing for the fall semester

OCCC's classes begin Aug. 21

By **Eric Nguyen**
Staff Writer

With one week still left in the summer semester, OCCC students and staff already are scrambling to prepare for the fall semester which, at OCCC, begins Aug. 21.

The beginning of the fall semester is the busiest time of year for the college, said Mary Turner, Student Development counselor. She said the time is hectic for students who are trying to complete all of the steps necessary to ensure academic success.

Turner said the first thing all students need to do is enroll in classes right away before the classes they need are full.

Linda Durley, nursing sophomore agrees. "Make sure you [enroll] early," she said, "because you might lose [classes you want]."

Students may enroll in person at the college or online at www.occc.edu.

Turner said returning students who will be transferring soon should begin thinking about that process now.

She said students who have an idea of where they want to transfer should schedule an appointment with a coun-

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Water main break closes parts of OCCC

By **Holly Jones**
Editor
and **Mack Burke**
Staff Writer

For the second time this year, Oklahoma City experienced a water main break that caused parts of the college to close.

This time around, the college's Child Development Center and Lab School closed July 19 and 21, and second- and third floor restrooms closed indefinitely.

The main culprit? A 72-inch water main that feeds the south Oklahoma City area ruptured around 5

p.m., Tuesday, July 18.

The pipe — the largest in the system — carries 45 million gallons of water every day from the Draper Water Treatment Plant to smaller pipes throughout the system, according to www.okc.gov.

As a result, the city is redistributing water from other areas to supply the southern segment, said J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director.

"At the time of the break, we decided to close the upper-level restrooms," Messer said. "Higher pressure is needed to get the upper levels of the college. And we

did not have that pressure available."

Messer said 10 of the 49 restrooms on campus were open Wednesday, July 19. The other restrooms will remain closed until pressure is regained to full capacity.

The low pressure also caused the Child Development Center and Lab School to close its doors Wednesday and Friday.

"The Physical Plant workers came over at 7:30 a.m., (Wednesday) and said we couldn't use the restrooms," said Mary McCoy, Child Development Center and Lab School Director.

"They told us a water

"We have a rule from [the Department of Human Services] that we can't stay open without water."

—Mary McCoy
Child Development Center
and Lab School Director

main break at the corner of Air Depot and S.E. 164th was responsible [for the lack of water pressure.]

"We have a rule from [the Department of Human Services] that we can't stay open without water."

The center reopened on Thursday because water pressure had a chance to build back up after Wednesday's closing.

However, parents were called on Wednesday afternoon and told the center would close again on Friday while city crews continued to work on the break.

McCoy said parents were understanding about the situation.

"All of them were very pleasant," she said. "A cou-

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

American pop culture takes weird turn

Ever heard of branding, dermal punching, ear shaping and subdermal implants?

These aren't methods of cattle identification. They are a few of the numerous methods of human body modification.

The art of body modification has evolved from an obscure practice by tribal cultures in third world countries to the American mainstream.

People from soccer moms to Satanists are customers, according to Jody Benner, owner of Mystical Illusions Body Piercing in an article on the www.newsok.com website.

Body modification has increased in popularity so much there is now a Church of Body Modification.

It's a non-denominational church that teaches ownership over one's own body, according to their doctrine on www.uscoba.com.

The COBM is a legally-recognized church in the United States and is awaiting non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service, according to the website.

One of the more dramatic aspects of the body modification subculture is the act of suspension, in which a person hangs by hooks attached to the flesh on their upper back.

This opens up the question of why individuals go to this extreme in order to obtain "spiritual enlightenment" or a sense of contentment in their existence.

Are we, as a global society, so bereft of meaning in our existence we have to resort to distorting our flesh and testing our threshold of pain in a church atmosphere to extract meaning from our lives?

The question is not an indictment of the practice of body modification, but more an indictment of the stalemate we as a culture seem to be stuck in.

Senseless fighting amongst countries, over-reliance on technology and public images based on monetary wealth or popularity seem to be the "values" most sought after in society today.

That's not to say we should revert back to the "good ol' days" when our existence was simple and unchallenging, but we should focus on the art, love, magic and beauty present in all of us.

Humans are capable of endless beauty and inspiration that can be intertwined with commerce, no matter what their occupation.

It's sad that those who search for genuine meaning and enlightenment in life have to journey to obscure places in their psyche to have a justified, but lonely, existence.

The most troubling aspect is our world seems to be headed toward eventual destruction, but perhaps we can slow down our fate if we just acknowledge the beauty and compassion in all of us.

—David Miller
Staff Writer

Student offended by slap against nursing program

To the editor:

After reading the Pioneer on the week of July 10, I was very surprised to see that these persons believe that the nursing program "is straight-up racist."

Now I ask, is this really the case? No! I too [am] a student at OCCC and a Black American student as well. [Personally], I know what it is like to feel that a man or woman can be racist. And I am quite sure that I speak for all minorities when being discriminated against. But to believe that the nursing program is such, is quite far from the fact of the matter.

First of all, this program is not the easiest to apply for. One needs his or hers prerequisites and qualifications obviously. But did this person ever stop to think that the minorities at that given time did not really care for the program or just dropped out?

Not all minorities want to become a nurse. A lot of them in this school want to become engineers, lawyers, entrepreneurs and some are even studying in a field of forensics.

To me this is not that sad

of a situation. For we have enough freedom to become what we want. One can just turn on the television and see that my culture is mainstream, when it comes to the world of popular music.

What is really sad is that we were raised in such a way, believing that whites will always be one step ahead of us. We walk up two-steps and fall down three. But this is not our generation's fault. For our parents and ancestors were brought up in a time where racism actually took a strong effect upon them. And that is not their fault either.

The more we bring up racism, the more it will grow in our minds that whites are racist. We all know it exists, but should we continue to dwell on this problem and not the solution?

And I ask the writer of the article; do you know if the person who decides who gets in the program is black or another minority? Are you sure that, that person is racist? This person can be Latino or Russian. It really does not matter.

I am quite surprised that he or she has not responded to your article, listing the facts. Besides, we even have our own clubs and organizations. Would it be racist [if] there were a White Student Association?

—Aaron Bennet
OCCC Student

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Comments and Reviews

Defining community for all

To the editor:

I truly believe that OCCC is not making any efforts to attract more minorities to join any program. I speak from experiencing being the only African American in 100 percent of my classes.

I feel very uncomfortable in all my classes. Even the instructors in all music programs teach Caucasian oriented genre or style of music which is okay, but I wish they would integrate more genre geared toward African American and other minorities.

I wish the president of OCCC [would] wake up and take notice that minorities have a lot to contribute to this great institution.

Now, I have not left you out, editor. Why use terms like minority and majority when the school you work for is a community college? Think about it. Here is Webster's view of what a community is.

1: a unified body of individuals: as a: state, commonwealth b: the people with common interests living in a particular area; broadly : the area itself (the problems of a large community) c: an interacting population of various kinds of individuals (as species) in a common location d: a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society (a community of retired persons) e: a group linked by a common policy f: a body of persons or nations having a common history or common social, economic, and political interests (the international community) g: a body of persons of common and especially professional interests scattered through a larger society (the academic community)

2: society at large

3: joint ownership or participation (community of

goods).

Definition one did not say Caucasians only it said individuals. Definition two is self explanatory.

Definition three says joint ownership or participation which means if a minority pays their money to attend OCCC, they deserve the right to be part of any program there. They should not have to be accepted. Looks like the school needs money anyway to finance all the projects they have going on.

The common interest of everyone black, white, Hispanic, Korean, Chinese, Japanese, and etc. is working hard to attain a degree at O triple C.

Well editor, do you think the school should change its name back to Oklahoma Junior College? This will be a topic that is good to put in the school newspaper.

—Name withheld by request

Faculty takes on accusations

To the editor:

Twice a year (once a year for career-ladder applicants), OCCC opens an application period for people interested in pursuing nursing as a profession. Students interested in this program present their applications to a counselor in the Office of Advising and Career Services.

The counselor verifies that the student has met the minimum requirements (Compass reading score, coursework, and GPA) to submit an application. The student then submits the application to an admissions or records counselor.

Neither of these employees handles the selection process for the upcoming nursing class. Nor does anyone in the nursing department. Selections are made by someone removed from the program using a "blind" selection process based on an accumulation of preference points.

These points may be earned in a variety of ways: maintaining a high GPA, completing a degree, test-

ing well, and so forth.

Those students who seek advisement early in their academic careers probably enjoy an advantage in the process because they know in advance what it will take to make themselves competitive for this type of program. Those students will also have a better understanding of the demands of such a program once they are accepted into it.

Is this process competitive? Yes. Are the requirements challenging? Yes. Will everyone who wants in get in? No. However, there is no identifying information on the application to indicate who is who with respect to race, color, creed, national origin, religious preference, or sexual orientation.

We can't even tell if the person is male or female if the name is ambiguous. All the person making the selections cares about is how many points each person has accumulated. If a tie-breaker is needed, then GPA also becomes a factor.

The director and faculty

in the nursing program have worked very hard to expand opportunities for more students to enter the program.

Almost 100 more students every year have the opportunity to enter this program because of their efforts.

While more traditional programs may be able to add capacity by simply moving more chairs into the classroom, students who enter an allied health program must also have clinical sites available so that they can complete that phase of their training.

In a region supporting multiple colleges and nursing programs, having appropriate sites available can be a challenge. We have a very strong program that recently received extremely positive remarks from a program review committee. I commend all those who work with our students to get them through this process.

—Mary Turner
Student Development
Counselor



Q: Why is parking free?

A: The fees paid with enrollment are used to maintain parking lots and provide other services that some colleges and universities charge for specifically.

—Marion Paden
Student Services Vice President

Q: Why is a snowflake the college emblem?

A: It is not a snowflake. Each stick represents a man and two together represent friendship. All together it represents community.

—Jessica Martinez-Brooks
Media Relations Coordinator

Q: When will the Aquatic Center get the roof repaired?

A: Currently, we are contacting contractors to come out and provide pricing on this. Being it the size, job and scope of work that it is, it's going to require quite extensive repairs so we are currently seeking contractors to do this work.

—Gary Belcher
Building Maintenance
and Operation Supervisor

Q: Why are some parking spaces larger than others?

A: Normally, parking spaces are nine feet wide, but if there is not an even amount of space from one end of a parking lot to another, then some spaces are made a few inches larger to compensate for the extra space.

We have a few spaces for compact cars that are eight feet wide, but not many.

—Eddie Cox
Physical Plant Project Manager

Q: What happened to the tray return belt in the college union?

A: It was replaced with a wall and a new dish washing machine inside the food service area. The belt wasn't being used because Styrofoam is used instead of plates. We had to fill in the wall in the process.

—Chris Snow
Physical Plant Assistant Director

Q: When is the last date to enroll in fall classes?

A: Regular enrollment continues through the Saturday prior to the first day of the semester, Aug. 18.

Students may enroll late during the first week of the fall semester if there are still open classes. Early enrollment is strongly encouraged in order to ensure a schedule that will better meet a student's time constraints.

—Gloria Cárdenas Barton
Admission Registrar Dean

Comments and Reviews

'NCAA Football' flourishes graphically

Every year in Oklahoma, people stock up on much-needed supplies for the upcoming football season.

Just as important as lawn chairs and potato chips is EA Sport's "NCAA Football 2007."

Even if you're not a die-hard football fan, this game will please even the most casual gamer.

This is the first year for "NCAA Football" to be on the Xbox 360.

While it looks sharp, the game won't include some of the perks the other systems will have, such as Campus Legend Mode, which is available exclusively on the Playstation 2. This hurts the game a little but it doesn't make or break it.

A new feature to this year's game is the momen-

tum meter, which will fill up when one team is starting to take control of the game.

This allows for big plays, defensive stops and trick plays that can change the momentum of the game very quickly.

Also new this year is innovative smart fans, which has the fans in the stands going bananas when a big play happens.

Student, alumni and the visitors sections react appropriately to what is happening on the field by cheering, clapping and booing.

This feature is available on the Xbox 360, but not on other systems.

Dynasty Mode is back and has the deepest stat tracking system to date.

Players will have control over in-season recruiting, coaching contracts and customizable schedules.

There are three mini-games to pick from in "NCAA 2007." Players can enjoy Tug-of-War, option dash and bowling.

Also new this year is the NCAA Photo Album. Players can take pictures of exciting plays and add captions.

Graphically, "NCAA Football 2007" is much improved over last year's title, and has a good amount of detail with players, coaches and referees.

Online options are available for all systems and allow players to play exhibition games and mini-games against other users who are connected.



The EA Ticker shows up-to-the-minute scores on all real-life sports going on that day. The Ticker, which resembles the ones crawling on the bottom of Sportscenter, is available when users are connected to Xbox Live! and appears on Dynasty Mode and

online.

Overall, EA has produced a good game this year and hopefully will include some of the options for the Xbox 360 that the other systems have next year.

Rating: 4.5/5

—John Savage
Staff Writer

Sufjan B-sides better than others' A lists

When singer/songwriter Sufjan Stevens announced his project to create a music album dedicated to every one of the 50 states, no one knew if he was serious.

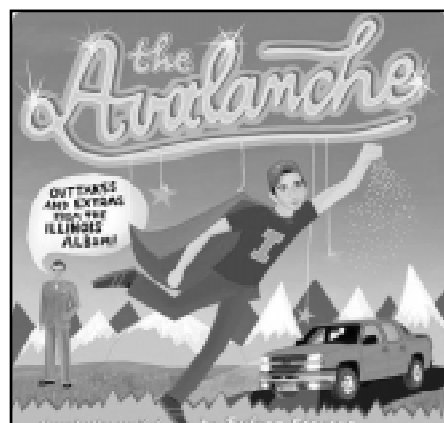
But after the project's first two efforts, 2003's ground-breaking "Greetings From Michigan" and last year's Pitchfork Media Album of the Year, "Illinois," people began to take Stevens' adventurous map of music as genuine works of concept masterpiece.

Stevens' broad range of encyclopedic references to milestone landmarks and people from Michigan and Illinois contribute greatly to his recent surge in pop culture.

Released on July 11, "The Avalanche: Outtakes and Extras from the Illinois Album," filled with additional recordings from "Illinois," proves Stevens doesn't plan to rest much between traveling to different states.

"But I was on the hatch/ Riding on the avalanche" sighs Stevens in the gorgeous title track. Trumpets and horns energize "No Man's Land" while a clean guitar rhythm laces "Springfield, or Bobby Got a Shadfly Caught in His Hair."

Stevens' calming vocals brushes



along in "Pittsfield" as well as the three revised versions of "Chicago," the original of which is one of this decade's finest recordings.

Overall, "The Avalanche" is what it is: extra tracks and revised recordings. But it contains more effortlessly-executed soul than the average B-side collection, for sure.

Stevens talked about "Avalanche" as a necessary release with the success of "Illinois" and, admittedly, an album that'll buy him time as he works on state number three, which is rumored to either be Rhode Island or Oregon.

Rating: 4/5

—Eric Nguyen
Staff Writer

Silverman jokes, sings, offends way to success

To some, Jesus is a savior, but to Sarah Silverman, "Jesus Is Magic."

Silverman's assault on all that is sacred was filmed and compiled into a movie, released June 6 on DVD.

The premise of the film is a simple one: it opens with Silverman listening to two of her friends speak about their recent accomplishments.

When asked about her own, she lies and says she has written a show in which she will be performing that night to a sold-out crowd.

The rest of the film chronicles her process of writing/performing the show.

Directed by Liam Lynch, "Jesus Is Magic," reverts back and forth from musical numbers to Silverman's stand-up comedy routine, both of which, while funny to some, are likely to offend others.

However, the cute little Jewish girl somehow remains lovable and humorous despite making jokes about the Holocaust, AIDS, Martin Luther

King, 9/11 and virtually every ethnic group on the planet.

Silverman's musical numbers include a performance in a nursing home when she joyfully sings about how the residents are going to die soon.

Silverman's encore will either make you laugh hysterically or be so offended that you'll vow never to watch her performances again.

The only "flaw" this film has is you either like Silverman's brand of humor, or you don't. There is no in between, so proceed with caution when choosing to rent this film.

The DVD's special features are plentiful, including a behind-the-scenes making of the film, as well as audio commentary with Silverman and Lynch.

Other featurettes include the "Give The Jew Girl Toys" music video, "Jesus Is Magic" movie trailer, "The Aristocrats" DVD trailer and Silverman's scene from "The Aristocrats."

Rating: A

—David Miller
Staff Writer

College to expand effort on diversity

By Meredith Williams
News Writing Student

This fall, OCCC will begin making more of an effort to recruit international students to create more cultural diversity on campus.

Sunny Garner, International Students Admission officer, said the college is in the beginning phase of recruitment efforts.

Garner said she plans to update the college website, www.occc.edu, for international students and have a frequently-asked questions page.

There are 370 international students currently enrolled at the college, representing 57 countries around the world.

Garner said, since 9/11, the diversity rate at OCCC has been stable.

"I attribute our location, smaller class size and cost of tuition to re-

maining stable during this time," Garner said.

In 2002, the Student Exchange and Visitor government program started to require international students be listed in their information system, along with the student's enrollment information.

The SEV also required the information to be available to the state department, Immigration and Naturalization Services, and schools, Garner said.

For international students to receive their certificate of eligibility, and to apply for their F-1 Student Visa, they must be in the system.

Garner expressed her passion for having more international students on campus.

"The real value is each student in the classroom," Garner said.

"They take back with them what it is to be an Oklahoman and to be

"The real value is each student in the classroom. They take back with them what it is to be an Oklahoman and be from [Oklahoma]."

—Sunny Garner
International Students Admission Officer

from [Oklahoma]."

Gloria Barton, Admissions and Records dean, said international students must attend the orientation session specifically designed for them.

Those who do not will have a hold placed on their records until they pick up the information that was given at the orientation.

This year, the meeting will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 19 in room 1G7 in the Main Building.

The orientation offers these new students information about cultural differences and adjusting to

a new environment.

The orientation also will cover how the college's educational system works, how to get a Social Security number or driver's license, and how to maintain their student Visa status, Garner said.

Also, during the orientation Garner will address how students can avoid violating their F-1 status and the consequences that follow if status is not maintained.

The college also provides a listing in Student Life showing discounts offered to students to help them find a place to live.

Friend of college gives \$1,000 scholarships

By Rachel Carlton
Staff Writer
and **Tina Lennert**
News Writing Student

A new scholarship is available for cash-strapped students, starting this fall.

The Jean and Ralph Gamel Scholarship will award 12 students \$1,000 per semester for tuition, fees and books. Ralph Gamel is donating \$25,000 annually in memory of his wife Jean, who died in May.

Ralph Gamel is a family friend of Julie Corff, OCCC

Speech Communication professor, and said the scholarship is his contribution to the college.

"Because [Jean] persevered through poverty and through a difficult childhood to get an education, Ralph felt this scholarship gift would be a fitting way to honor her memory," Corff said.

Eligibility criteria for the scholarship includes: the need for financial assistance, a minimum grade-point average of 2.0 and a commitment to complete

an associate degree at OCCC.

For the scholarship selection committee to consider an application, students must turn in the application with a copy of their college transcript and a 500-word essay.

"This [scholarship] will be put in the student's account and it will apply directly to their tuition, fees and books," said Pat Berryhill, Institutional Advancement executive director.

The college wants stu-

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—Julie Corff
Speech Communication Professor

dents to know about the scholarship and Gamel's contribution to OCCC, President Paul Sechrist said.

"We are hoping to get the word out in the next couple of weeks," Sechrist said.

The deadline for applica-

tion submission is Aug. 10.

Applications should be turned into the OCCC Foundation office, located in the Arts and Humanities building.

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Musical Theater camp to end with shows of 'Annie'

By Madison Withers
News Writing Student

The annual Musical Theater Academy kicked off Monday, July 17, in the OCCC theater.

The camp will end with two free performances of "Annie," at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 27, and 3 p.m., Friday, July 28, in the theater. The academy is a two-week day camp for children ages 9 to 14.

"This is a chance for the kids to have a wonderful musical theater experience," said Scott Tigert, Community Development assistant.

The children are from Oklahoma City area school districts, includ-

ing Oklahoma City Public Schools and Putnam City Public Schools.

"I'm sure this is the biggest one we've ever done," said Jack Perkins, Community Education and Health coordinator.

The camp is full with 50 campers, all of whom will participate in the show. These campers will have to build sets and props, make costumes and put on a show, all within two weeks, Perkins said.

The children learn the ins and outs from casting and designing to actually putting on the show, said Joe Salter, director.

Salter and Tracy Skinner are the show's directors. Steve White is the art director.

Skinner has been involved with the academy for 10 years, while White is in his second year.

"It's neat to meet the kids from different school districts," Salter said.

Perkins said the camp will give children an understanding of working in theater.

"The emphasis of the program is to get kids on campus and for that experience to be a good one," Perkins said.

Julie Lewis, mother of first-time camper Sarah Lewis, said the program seems beneficial.

"[Sarah] loves it," she said.

Skinner is the vocal music chair and teacher at Will Rogers Elemen-

tary.

Salter is the Music Department chair and teacher at Heritage Hall Middle School in Oklahoma City. Salter said he is excited about working with children this summer.

White is the art teacher at James L. Dennis Elementary in Oklahoma City.

This is the second year it has been a two-week format, Perkins said. Last year the campers put on two smaller productions with "Oliver" and "The Princess and the Pea," Perkins said.

For information about the Musical Theater Academy, call Perkins at 405-682-1611, ext. 7205.

Professor leaves college after 11 years

By Holly Jones
Editor

Peggy Newman, Physical Therapist Assistant Program Director and professor, is leaving after 11 years at OCCC.

Newman is moving on to become the area manager for Rehab Source, a physical therapy company that provides services for Grace Living Centers.

"I am responsible for the quality of therapy for the metro area," Newman said.

During her stint at the college, Newman said, she made many memories.

One of her most special memories is the graduation pinning ceremony, Newman said.

Every year the families of the graduates gather to celebrate. Usually 150 to 200 people share in the moment.

"It's really exciting to be a part of that," Newman said. "It's an emotional evening."

"Graduates choose a member of their family to pin them," she said.

"We often have people that this is the first [college] graduation in their family."

Newman's co-workers



Peggy Newman

said her position as program director has paid off for the program.

"Ms. Newman worked very hard to ensure that all PTA students had every possible opportunity to be successful," said Jo Ann Cobble, Health Profession dean.

"She and Ms. [Vicky] Davidson wanted every classroom and clinical opportunity to be the very best it could be," Cobble said.

Through teaching and communication, Newman has learned many things from her students.

"I have learned how to be a better teacher over these 11 years by their feedback

they give each semester," Newman said.

She said she learned just how much love she has for the physical therapy profession by the uniqueness of what the profession offers to patients.

Newman's advice to students who are looking into this profession is to go for it.

She said physical therapy is a rewarding profession.

"We enjoy wonderful rewards, knowing that we have helped people regain what is important to them."

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Student Services program offers tutoring, help

By Kim Murphy
News Writing Student

Students who are the first in their families to attend a college are encouraged to apply for free student help as participants in the TRIO Student Services program.

The program is taking applications for Fall 2006, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There are approximately 20 to 30 openings, said Sally Edwards, director of Student Support Services.

"Our staff selects 160 students a year and provides support services to reach their educational goals," Edwards said.

TRIO students receive free tutoring, mentoring, and learn study skills. The program also aids students in finding scholarships.

According to the department's website, a student must be either a first generation college student, have financial need, or have a physical or learning disability to apply.

Students can call TRIO at

555-682-7865 to have an application sent to them.

Vu Tran, TRIO student and math tutor, said TRIO has been helpful to him.

"TRIO helped me overcome a lot of issues and [I] found help where I didn't know that I needed it."

"If you hang around positive people, you become positive," Tran said.

Bethany Lange, student mentor and TRIO member since fall 2005, said the office always seems accessible to students.

"It's nice to have a place

on campus with a friendly face."

As a student mentor, Lange counsels students and helps students find classrooms and offices around campus.

In addition to receiving help with challenging subjects such as math, English and history, TRIO students visit campuses such as the University of Oklahoma and the University of Central Oklahoma, said Linette McMurtrey, Student Support Services specialist.

By visiting these cam-

puses, she said, students begin to form an idea about what environment suits their educational needs.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Students can stop by the TRIO office, located in Room 1X7, diagonal from the theater in the Arts and Humanities Building, to pick up an application, Edwards said.

The program is grant funded through the federal government for the next five years.

New college logo still retains symbol of community

By Holly Jones
Editor

A recent change at OCCC is the new college logo recently designed by Third Degree Advertising, an Oklahoma City-based advertising firm.

"We wanted to retain the symbol for community, which is still the central icon in our logo," said OCCC President Paul Sechrist. "That has been our symbol for OCCC since the beginning of the college."

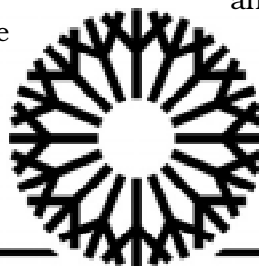
Third Degree Advertising was paid \$1,643 for the new logo.

Donna Nance, Business and Finance vice president, said the money came out of restricted funds from the Educational and General

Budget.

Sechrist said part of the change was due to the fact that the college acronym has changed from OKCCC to OCCC.

The other was the desire for the branding ini-



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tiatives to be consistent with each other.

April Jackson, graphic design specialist for the college, worked with Pat Berryhill, Institutional Advancement Executive Director, in presenting the President's Cabinet members with different choices of logos designed by both Jackson

and Third Degree Advertising.

"The logo that was eventually chosen was actually the result of the combined work of our office and Third Degree Advertising," Jackson

Sechrist felt would represent our college well."

Berryhill is happy with the way the logo turned out.

"It is a clean modern look that the college has needed for some time," she said.

"Of course, the wheel has stayed, representing the community we serve. It's very exciting to have a new look."

Jackson has designed many projects for the school, including brochures and booklets.

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Campus security straps on new weapons

By John Savage
Staff Writer

Sixty-five percent of law enforcement agencies use Glock pistols, so it makes sense OCCC safety officials have purchased 15 new Glock handguns for security officers.

Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director, said OCCC currently has 15 handguns that will be assigned to the officers.

"That's enough for everybody that's on duty right now," he said.

Sloas said, in the past, the officers used their own handguns they brought from home.

"We still had officers using revolvers and still had officers using a variety of rounds," Sloas said. "We're going to standard rounds, standard weapons and standard holsters. All of their duty gear will belong to OCCC."

The newly-purchased pistols fire a .40 caliber round.

Sloas said security officers will be introduced to a new policy that deals with maintenance, inspection and firearm qualification. He said all officers would be certified by Aug. 21.

New level-three holsters also were purchased and are designed to keep anyone but the officer from being able to pull the gun out of the holster.

The National Center for Health Statistics reported that one-seventh of all police shooting deaths are committed with the officer's own gun.

The level-three holsters make officers grab the weapon, operate a thumb break, twist, push and pull the weapon in a specific direction, then pull the weapon from the holster.

"This is the most secure holster on the market," Sloas said.

The level-three holsters are designed to keep officers from losing their pistols, according to www.police-one.com.

Engineer Gaston Glock founded the Glock company in 1963 in Austria. The Glock handgun wasn't designed until the early 1980s.

The handguns use a polymer frame, which makes them lighter. They also have the highest magazine capacity of any pistol in its class.

These pistols do not have any external safety lever, hammer decocker, or any other operational controls that must be deactivated.

This makes for a faster, simpler and safer firearm according to www.atlantisarms.com.

The new Glocks come with three clips allowing each officer to carry up to 46 bullets.

Officers also will continue



Photo by John Savage

Campus security officers will now carry Glock pistols in level-three holsters, three clips of ammunition, a telescoping spring baton and pepper spray.

carrying Telescoping Spring Batons, and pepper spray.

These weapons allow officers the chance to neutralize potentially-dangerous people without using deadly force.

Officers are put in situations where they need to protect themselves and others.

"Basically, it boils down to two things; either to protect themselves or a third party," Sloas said.

He said the cost for guns and equipment was about \$10,000 total. The guns were purchased with end-of-the-year funds.

This new purchase didn't seem to have an effect on some of the OCCC stu-

dents. Accounting sophomore Keri Olea said, "I feel same with them and I feel same with out them."

Business marketing sophomore Kevin Badgett said, "I think it will be pretty much exactly the same."

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Children's Lab School will put on literacy workshop

By Mack Burke
Staff Writer

A literacy and health information workshop put on by the Child Development Center and Lab School will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at the Southern Oaks Library at 6900 S. Walker.

Constance Pidgeon, Child Development teacher and lab assistant, said the event marks the last of the summer. It will feature guest speakers from three

groups: the Women and Infants and Children in education, the Department of Human Services and a Resident Nurse from a Latino health clinic speaking on women's health.

"[The workshops] are part of an outreach program aimed at building relations with the Hispanic community in South Oklahoma City," Pidgeon said.

In collaboration with former Lab School teacher Teresa Schutten, Pidgeon has taught three work-

shops this summer. Schutten, a bilingual Spanish-speaker, helped Pidgeon cross the language barrier as interpreter.

Schutten called the program a "double workshop" for parents and children on the importance of everyday reading.

"Parents have observed Teresa and I modeling reading and writing activities with children," Pidgeon said. "We've given parents materials on GED, ESL and enrollment information for

OCCC."

A \$3,300 grant issued in March from the OCCC Board of Regents supplied funding for the program.

The grant will expire on Aug. 3, but Pidgeon said the Lab School faculty plan on maintaining contact with Hispanic agencies in south Oklahoma City to build relationships for future collaborative efforts.

"We're trying to reach the Hispanic community and make them aware of the government programs

available to them," Schutten said.

Schutten said the turnout has been down since the second workshop, when 90 people attended, but both she and Pidgeon are hoping for a sizeable group this time.

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Prof receives teaching award

By Jenny Tregarthen
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Charlotte Mulvihill, Biology and Biotechnology professor, received the Biotechnology Teacher of the Year Award from the National Association of Biology Teachers. She will be recognized at NABT's annual conference Oct. 11 to 14 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Mulvihill said she is excited about the award and plans to present OCCC's outreach program, which puts biotechnology into high schools, at the conference.

NABT, formed in 1938, calls itself the "leader in life science education." With a following of more than 9,000 educators, the association's goal is to promote and update science education.

NABT distributes grants year round for research and educational improvements. Mulvihill anticipates a grant from the National Institute of Health for the outreach program.

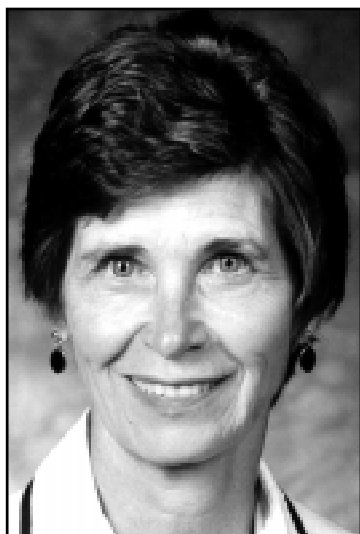
OCCC's outreach program received a grant from NABT last year and Mulvihill said she is awaiting approval for continuation of that grant.

Along with her membership in NABT, Mulvihill said she also is affiliated with the American Society of Microbiology, National Science Teachers Association and the Society of College Science Teachers.

Mulvihill is OCCC's biotechnology program director. She has taught at OCCC for eight years. Prior to coming to OCCC, Mulvihill taught at colleges in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

She graduated with honors in biology sciences from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts.

She furthered her education at the University of Washington with a master's in Microbiology and a doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh.



Charlotte Mulvihill

Kids stir pot in new book

By Mack Burke
Staff Writer

The Child Development Center and Lab School is looking to raise money by selling cookbooks.

The fund-raiser will rely on the favorite recipe submissions of lab school faculty, students, children and their parents, Teacher and Lab Assistant Connie Pidgeon said.

Pidgeon said the school's goal is to "[teach] children about cooking, nutrition and culture while having hands-on fun."

The book will include at least 50 children's recipes, favorite family recipes and pictures of the children cooking.

Pidgeon said she intends to introduce the program to the children by having a

guest speaker discuss good nutrition.

Pidgeon said she will likely invite a chef or a nutritionist to the school and later take the children on a field trip to OCCC's cafeteria.

The idea came from Director Mary McCoy.

McCoy said proceeds will benefit the center in the form of activity supplies for children's projects.

A lot of the curriculum at the lab school is based on projects, Pidgeon said.

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—Connie Pidgeon

Child Development Center and Lab School
Teacher and Lab Assistant

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"Our goal is to have the cookbook finished by the end of September," Pidgeon said.

The cookbooks will cost between \$8 to \$10. Pidgeon said she would like to see the lab school raise \$500 with the help of parent volunteers.

She said she's also expressed interest in having the book published.

"Maybe we can have them sold in the college bookstore," Pidgeon said. "That'd be cool."

Staff member pens how-to book

By David Brown
News Writing Student

If you ever wanted to get free money from the local government for your organization, a new book from an OCCC staff member may help.

Alexis Carter-Black, OCCC Grants and Contracts coordinator, authored the book, "Getting Grants: The Complete Manual of Proposal Development and Administration."

Black asserts there is a direct relationship between the organization's internal proposal development process and how successful the organization is at securing grant funding.

"It took four years to write the book because I was responsible for designing the rules and structure for

OCCC's grant system," she said.

"It is a process. If it had not been for my experience here at OCCC, I would not have been able to write the book."

Black gained four years experience as a Research Analyst and Special Projects Coordinator at the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

When she arrived at OCCC in November 2005, she said she noticed a lack of fundamental knowledge in grant writing.

There is not a particular degree for those wanting to become grant writers. However, Black said, "Good writing skills and attention

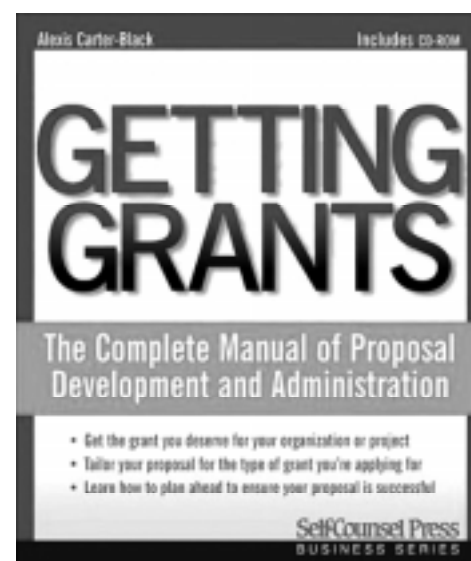
to detail are essential for writing a good grant."

Black said most people who seek grants do so for organizations.

She said there usually is a need for writers in private and public schools, as well as local and state positions.

"Grants are overwhelmingly sent to non-profit organizations," Black said.

"Getting Grants" can be purchased at all Borders and Barnes & Noble bookstores, as well as at www.amazon.com, at the cost of \$17.95.



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Shake your groove thang



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Students from OCCC's Upward Bound program participate in a ballroom dancing class held by the college. More than a dozen students paired up to learn dancing techniques set to music in the College Union.

Broadway scene hit by students

By Anne Henderson
News Writing Student

Theater Professor Ruth Charnay and Communications Lab Assistant Rebecca Weber took three OCCC students to the Big Apple May 30 through June 4.

The \$1,700 per-person trip covered everything except lunch and souvenirs. The group stayed at the Holiday Inn Midtown on 57th St. near Times Square and Columbus Circle, Charnay said.

"I think it is important for theater students to have the chance to see the center of the professional theater world before they graduate..." Charnay said.

The students were a mix of theater majors and others.

The New York City trip was a combination of scheduled events and free time.

"Every day was filled with some theater and some other travel activities," Charnay said.

The group toured Lincoln Center and the Radio City Music Hall, and had their picture taken with a Rockette, Charnay said.

"Getting a private tour of Carnegie Hall was awesome," Charnay said.

Along with the private tour, they saw the Statue of Liberty, the grounds of the World Trade Center, and Central Park.

"New York City is filled with so many great things," Charnay said.

The group saw the Broadway play, "Avenue Q," a spin-off on "Sesame Street," that deals with issues such as racism and dating.

The group got the opportunity to watch a movie being filmed across the street in Greenwich Village.

"That was a very New York experience," Charnay said.

The group saw many celebrities like Matthew Broderick and Sarah Michelle Gellar.

The students also took a picture with newswoman Katie Couric.

Students who missed this summer's trip will get their chance next summer.

"I try to plan a trip every summer," Charnay said.

Charnay organized the New York City trip and is speaking with other professors about a trip to Greece or Rome next summer.

Although students will have to pay their way to go, the price is reasonable due to it being a group trip and getting group rates.

Any students interested in taking the trip next summer should look for advertisements in the Pioneer and on announcement boards located around campus.

"All you have to do is call the sponsor and sign up," Charnay said.

For more information, contact Charnay at 405-682-1611, ext. 7246, or e-mail rcharnay@occc.edu.

New entry test to minimize drawbacks

By Bonita James
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Departments of the college are looking to test a new online courseware system called A+dvancer to coincide with the COMPASS test already in place.

The American Education Corporation says the A+dvancer is an online test that provides more accurate placement results to students who have a border score and are placed in a lower level class than necessary.

A+dvancer representatives claim students who test into basic math could, instead, advance to college algebra.

After completing A+dvancer tutorials of elementary algebra the data shows an average 19-point gain.

Jim Ellis, Testing and Assessment Services director, said there would be a small fee for the students to take the A+dvancer Online Courseware test.

The fee has to be determined if OCCC is to adopt this testing, he said.

Ellis said if A+dvancer were implemented, students whose COMPASS scores place them into developmental math, writing, or reading could complete A+dvancer tutorials and re-take the COMPASS.

"It is for people hoping to catch up before they take the COMPASS test," Ellis said.

OCCC International Business student Murod Mamatov seemed pleased with the idea.

Mamatov said he tested 79 percent on the math section of the exam, which is one point less than needed to be placed in a college-level course.

"I wasted a semester for that class and I would have saved a whole lot of money," Mamatov said.

He said that scenario played out for his English classes as well. He felt his developmental English classes were easy and unnecessary.

Ken Harrelson, Mathematics Department co-chair, said he agrees some students don't need an entire course.

"We lose some students because they know the early material," Harrelson said.

Harrelson said math department faculty want to use A+dvancer to fine-tune student placement.

A professor who has reviewed the A+dvancer program seems to be excited about the idea.

Learning Skills Professor Carlotta Hill said the college should do "anything that encourages students, anything that gives students a break."

"This [program] is targeted to students with close-cut scores. It can be a refresher to bring students back up to speed and save money in the long-run," Hill said.

Harrelson said A+dvancer will be piloted during August intersession with biotechnology students.

Harrelson said students participating in the pilot are those with majors in science who were not placed in college algebra by taking COMPASS.

Theft keeps campus security busy

By Eric Nguyen
Staff Writer
and **Kellen Coleman**
News Writing Student

Theft from the general contractor's office, the parking lot and the Wellness Center all were reported in a busy week of crime.

On July 7, at the Robert P. Todd Science, Engineering and Math Center site, two people gained access to the construction site and caused \$55 in damage, said Larry Barnes, superintendent for W.L. McNatt General Contractors.

10, Barnes said he noticed the suspects left footprints throughout the area they entered, which was through the northern doors. No glass had been installed yet at the time, allowing the suspects to walk in, according to the incident report.

The suspects then broke into the general contractor's office on the second floor of the Main Building by removing a piece of sheetrock that covered the entry way, Barnes said. He said a crescent wrench, a plumb bob, a calculator and a hat were missing.

and the other wore tennis shoes, according to the report.

A piece of wood has now been placed in the empty door to secure it, and the glass is on the way, said Keith Bourque, Campus Safety and Security coordinator.

"They've secured it as best as they can," Bourque said.

At about 6:30 a.m. on July 13, in parking lot E, an OCCC employee's car was broken into.

Jeremy Todd Followwill, a Carson's employee, said there was damage to his vehicle and stolen items

valued at \$2,500.

Those missing included a Kenwood CD player, an amplifier, two 12" Kenwood subwoofers, a 12" subwoofer box, and a CD book of 100 CDs, Followwill said.

He said his alarm should have been set but that his key ring was out of range.

On July 12, two thefts were reported from the men's locker room in the Wellness Center.

At around 8:30 a.m., OCCC student Terry Hudson said he placed his belongings in a locker before working out. He returned 30 minutes later to find his checkbook and car keys

missing.

According to the report, Hudson did not have a lock on his locker.

Safety and Security Sgt. Larry Lundy took a report and found none of the missing items after searching the Wellness Center.

Later that morning OCCC student Perry New reported a watch and \$20 missing from his locker.

New said he arrived at around 9 a.m., secured his belongings in a locker with a combination lock, and went to the Aquatic Center.

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College saves \$12,000; spends it on SEM Center

By Kellen Coleman
News Writing Student

How would it feel to wake up and have an extra \$12,000? After a change order approved by the Board of Regents, the Robert P. Todd Science, Engineering and Math Center received just that.

"The change order added exactly \$12,014 to the project," OCCC Project Manager Eddie Cox said.

A change order is a change in scope of the construction, Cox said.

"It is something we determined we could do differently," he said.

The extra money will now enable the college to add additional items to the list of needs to the SEM Center.

"The biggest change to the project was the adding of the valves in the boiler room," Cox said.

Additional piping will be installed in the boiler room to add valves for the additional Health Professions building, which is being built at a later date.

"The additional piping is being installed so we can connect to the system without shutting it down when the Health Professions project starts," Cox said.

The extra money was set aside from revenue bonds, which are paid by funding

from the OCCC facilities use fee, Cox said.

"No additional money is coming out of the operating budget," Cox said.

"The project was originally under budget when it was built, so now we're using the money left over to make various changes."

The SEM Center is about a 65,000 square-foot facility, which will include new biology labs and a new math center, as well as a

center for learning and teaching.

The project was originally to be completed in 2007, but Cox said the change order makes a sooner completion date possible.

"I believe the project will be completed by Thanksgiving," Cox said. "It's ahead of schedule."

If all goes well, faculty members are expected to begin moving into offices over Christmas break.

Smoking hazardous; students put at risk on college campus

By Todd Hampton
News Writing Student

At certain times of the day, such as the middle of the afternoon, many OCCC students might be walking through clouds of cigarette smoke that may be harming them.

A new warning from the Surgeon General says "Nonsmokers exposed to second-hand smoke at home or work increase their risk of developing heart disease by 25 to 30 percent and lung cancer by 20 to 30 percent."

This is the strongest warning ever released about second-hand smoke, and seems to indicate even small amounts of smoke, such as those found near the college entrances, are harmful and can be deadly.

OCCC has signs posted near all exit doors alerting smokers of the

distance they must be while smoking on campus.

The new health warnings are not reflected on any of the signs.

Despite the new warnings, some students said they still don't care where they smoke outside.

"When I am here at school and I have a break, I just walk out the door and light one up," student Travis Brassfield said.

"No one says anything to me about where I need to stand."

Brassfield said he tries to be respectful when non-smokers walk by him while entering and exiting the building.

The report also focused on second hand smoke in the work places, public places and at home.

"Smoking can sicken and kill, and even people who do not smoke can be harmed by smoke from those who do," Health and Human

Services Secretary Michael Leavitt said in the report.

Even those students who were unaware of the new warnings are unhappy with people who don't respect the 25-foot distance law.

Student David Daniels said there is nothing worse than walking into the building surrounded by a cloud of smoke.

"[Smokers] just stand by the door while I have to hold my nose to

come to class," Daniels said.

The American Cancer Society's website has many facts about second-hand smoking.

The website states an estimated 35,000 to 40,000 non-smokers die from heart disease in the U.S. each year.

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Book-based course offers help to low-income folks

By **Matthew Baker**
News Writing Student

Imagine not having a high school diploma, not having a GED, not having any money, but still being able to receive college credit for free, and possibly going on to earn a degree.

The Clemente Course in the Humanities, provided by OCCC, is that opportunity.

The course is offered to low-income Hispanics between 18 and 35 years of age in the Oklahoma City area, said Admissions Dean Gloria Cárdenas Barton.

The Clemente class will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 29 to March 15, at the Latino Community Development center in Oklahoma City, she said.

Barton said students who complete the course will receive nine credit hours and will be registered students of OCCC.

"The course will teach writing, history, philosophy and literature," she said.

Approximately 25 students could be admitted to the program.

"We'll be offering babysitting for students accepted into the Clemente program," Barton said.

Requirements for admission into Clemente are: the student must be Hispanic, be able to read and write in the English language, and be recognized by the state as low-income, she said.

Barton said immigration status will not be checked by the school but immigration status could affect whether a student receives credit or not.

Hispanic students make up about 8 percent of the student body at OCCC according to data provided by Institutional Research.

Students who complete Clemente can continue taking additional courses at the college if they wish, Barton said.

Students who continue taking classes at OCCC may be eligible for several grants and scholarships to help with continuing their education, Barton said.

"[The program] is a good thing because no matter somebody's origin, they should have a chance to learn something new," Physical Therapy student K.J. Gordon said.

Barton said the aim of the course is to reach more of the Hispanic community and allow them to have opportunities they might not have otherwise.

"I think it's a nice deal," Jordan Rey, business administration student, said.

"I think it's ...a good incentive for [Hispanics] to help themselves."

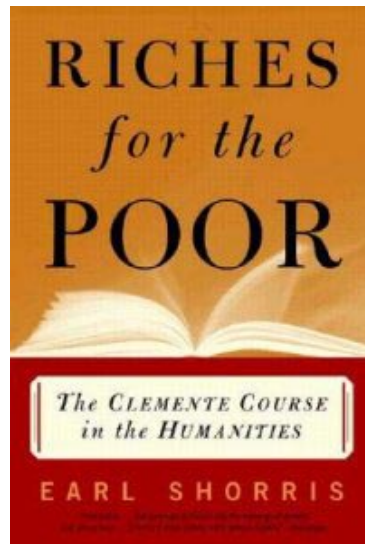
Barton said OCCC wants to give more people the tools and incentives to make more of their lives.

She said OCCC had the Clemente course two years ago in conjunction with Oklahoma City University but is now offering the course with OCCC grant money at no cost to the student.

Barton said the Clemente course in the Humanities has been highly successful in cities throughout the United States and Mexico.

She said the

Clemente program is modeled after the book "Riches for the Poor" by Earl Shorris, who developed the course and has taught it successfully in several cities.



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Upward Bound students prove worthy opponents

By **Deivi E. Santizo**
News Writing Student

It was all about competition for OCCC's Upward Bound students as they finished with 58 points out of a possible 65 and received the gold team medal at the Upward Bound Olympics.

The competition, held at East Central University in Ada, marked OCCC's first appearance at the Upward Bound Olympics.

The 60 students who represented OCCC competed against the East Central University and the Northeastern Oklahoma University divisions.

Throughout the competition, the students played a series of sports and board games. Players took home bronze, silver and gold medals. The OCCC team received the most gold medals.

"We won overall," said Carmela Pyle, Upward Bound director. "It's a weekend for Upward Bound students to have fun, [and] show their academic and athletic abilities."

When asked if he had fun at the competition, Tim McCoy, 17, U.S. Grant senior, said, "Yes, because I'm an athlete." McCoy participated in the volleyball, basketball and swimming divisions.

Some students enjoyed striving for competitive sports while others drew enjoyment from other activities.

Many of the students had competed before.

McCoy said he particularly like the social aspect and camaraderie.

"It's awesome," he said. "I get to hang out with people I don't normally hang out with."

Upward Bound's purpose is to increase academic preparation, Pyle said. Her students agree.

"It taught me to be responsible," said David Perez, 15, U.S. Grant sophomore.

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•**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 OKCCC students it cost \$20 for non students the cost is \$60.

•**Aug 2-30:** Combo aerobics is available for anyone who enjoys doing a combination of land, step and interval training. This class offers a great variety of aerobics guaranteed to keep class goers motivated and moving. Each class finishes with a section of Abdominal toning. Class is Monday, Wednesday and Friday for four weeks and current OKCCC students pay \$20. All other participants are required to pay \$40.

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Junior golfers hone their skills in camp

*By John Savage
Staff Writer*

Think golf is for older men wearing plaid pants? Think again. This year at OKCCC, little duffers showed they have game as well.

Campers, ages 9 to 11, filled the college gymnasium each day from 8 a.m. to noon the third week in July.

The campers practiced several drills outside in the mornings before temperatures crept into triple digits.

Once in the gym, campers practiced chipping drills with whiffle balls and a volleyball net.

Coach Fred Bost, from Western Heights Junior High School, helped younger players chip and putt like pros. The week before, Bost coached the summer camp for golfers ages 12 to 14.

One thing Bost said he believes in when coaching the younger golfers is the ability to make it fun and engaging.

"You don't have to be more patient but you do have to be sensitive," Bost said. "For the most part, I try to make it fun for them and break up [the drills]."

Bost said, during the week, the campers practiced one-arm drills, blind drills and also took some driving lessons on their knees.

Many of the golfers said they enjoyed the week of drills and practice.

Logan Lanou, 9, was a newcomer to the golf camp this year.

"It's fun but really hard," Lanou



Photo by John Savage

Garrett Johnson, 9, works on chipping drills in the gymnasium. The campers practiced several drills outside but were moved inside due to the triple digit temperatures.

said.

Another camper new to the summer camp was Parker Fernandes, 11.

"[I've] played [golf] but not any-

thing major," Fernandes said.

Fernandes said, he looks forward to the 'driving' drills.

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Recreation club in the works for this fall

*By John Savage
Staff Writer*

There will be a few changes to the Recreation and Community Services Department this year, including a new club that deals with recreation.

Eric Watson, Community Education and Health Specialist, said he hopes the club will get students involved in planning some of the sporting events. The club will be run like many of the other clubs associated with Student Life.

Watson said he hopes the new club will be able to work with Pathways Middle College and perhaps

get those students involved to increase the number of participants.

"The Recreation Club will be [made up of] sports-minded people who plan on going to one of the universities and being involved with recreation," Watson said.

Watson said this club also might help the numbers of participants involved with the sports department.

Other events coming back this fall are the National Football Leagues' flag football for ages 6- to 17-year-olds. Watson said the OKCCC students would still be able to have their Intramural flag football and the basketball tourna-

ment that has been going on for a couple of years.

He said the club would be involved with fund-raising events and scheduling some of the team games.

"These guys [recreation club members] will be the front runners," Watson said. "Initially, we will have funds... to get them started."

He said, eventually, the club would be able to fund itself with club dues and bake sales. For more information contact Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

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Computers and more offered at surplus website

By Jeff Perry
News Writing Student

Students who know the old saying "One man's trash is another man's treasure" will find this to hold true at the public auction website located at www.publicsurplus.com.

OCCC has used the online auction since November 2005 and has found there are buyers for its surplus items.

The college auctions off almost everything not being used by the college, from old computers to file cabinets.

Most recently, the college put up a block of 36 com-

puters to be auctioned off.

The site is similar to www.ebay.com in that items the college no longer wants or needs are auctioned, but it differs in that it is for public institutions' use only.

Also, winning bidders must pick up the items, Steve Duncan, Shipping and Receiving director, said. Nothing is shipped.

Duncan established the connection with publicsurplus.com.

Prior to using the site, if Duncan wanted to sell materials that the college didn't use anymore, he would have to set up an auction himself.

The public auction site has allowed him to showcase the college's items in an international cation where the college's items can be viewed at anytime by anyone.

"We have generated more revenue through this site than any other outlet we have tried," Duncan said.

He said the traditional-style auction was not efficient enough.

The public surplus site allows the college to disperse unwanted items very quickly, he said.

"We are allowed to sell just about everything except the students," he said, jokingly.

Those who use the site say it is user-friendly. Most of the products up for auction are accompanied by photos so bidders can see what they are wanting to purchase.

Signing up to use the site is as simple as a fill-in-the-blank page that takes about five minutes, Duncan said.

Bidders pick a user name and password and use that to access the site each time.

From there, bidders can choose a state and institution within that state. They can also search by city, item, price range and condition.

Bid items typically start

at \$1 but larger items can reach into the thousands.

Buyers should be cautious when bidding, however.

While OCCC does what it can to make certain its products are in good shape, that may not be the case everywhere.

Rochelle Mosby, Arts and Humanities secretary, bought a file cabinet for her home on the site from a different institution and found what she had bought was a rusted-out file cabinet that wasn't worth the \$5 she paid for it.

"If you go cheap, you're going to get cheap," Mosby said.

Roller derby league looking to recruit students

By Bonita James
News Writing Student

Seven girls, outfitted with elbow pads, knee pads and helmets lined up as Michael Jackson's "Thriller" boomed at Miles' Roll-A-Way Rink. At the blow of the whistle, they bolted.

The skid of roller skates echoed throughout the rink as they all came to a halt. "All right girls. Great job!" shouted Jennifer Henson.

Henson, who uses the professional name Jenisis 1, is a member of The Victory Dolls, one of the many teams that make up the roller league The Tornado Alley Roller Girls.

The league, which meets each Saturday, is looking to recruit girls from OCCC.

Students who are interested in joining the Roller Girls can find the first SK8 Tornado Alley Roller Girls newsletter posted on OCCC's public bulletin boards, located in the Arts and Humanities building and in the Science Center hallways.

Those who want to compete in the roller derby must be 21 and healthy.

"Girls need to be able to improve themselves (physically)," said Amanda Lipscomb, who uses the

name Jane's Affliction and skates for the Valkyrie Vixens.

"By that I mean practice."

League practices are 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. every Saturday at Miles' Roll-A-Way Rink located at 5800 N.W. 36th Street in Oklahoma City.

Those wanting to join should "just show up," Lipscomb said.

First-time participants will have to pay \$5 and fill out a New Girl packet. The packet includes vital information such as medical information and a liability waiver.

Since the Tornado Alley Roller Girls began to form in May at least 10 other women have joined the league.

Ashley Smith, 25, went to her first practice on July 18. "I did good, better than I expected. I haven't skated since I was 9."

Lipscomb said she hopes Smith's successful first run would encourage OCCC students to join the league.

OCCC Graphic Communication major Dixie Paredes, 22, seemed thrilled about the idea of roller derby in Oklahoma City.

Paredes said she would be interested in being a



roller girl. "I would like to see [a competition]."

Males also seem to be excited about the Tornado Alley Roller Girls.

OCCC Visual Arts graduate Jeremy Davey said it's about time roller derby came to Oklahoma City. He remembers watching bouts on television.

He said it's good Tornado Alley wants to recruit OCCC girls.

"There are some rough girls here," Davey said.

"Kicking Asphalt: The History of Roller Derby," an article by Charla Manson in SK8 newsletter, tells the tale of how roller derby bouts came to be and has developed.

Bouts consist of two teams of five. Points are scored when team mem-

bers lap members of the opposing team.

Roller derby is a contact sport with defensive and offensive players.

Blocking is Lipscomb's favorite part of the sport.

"I love bumping up against someone," Lipscomb said.

There is more to the contact sport than bashing into other women. Many of the skaters said it has taught them life-changing skills.

Roller derby is not only fun, "it's work," said Sara Jane Dodd, who also uses the name Double D Structo. "It's not all about looking pretty and wearing a short skirt."

Dodd, a co-captain, said she gained a sense of accomplishment. "I like the fact I am able to provide leadership," Dodd said.

After the team practices, the girls share laughs, hugs and good-byes.

Cat Leu, who also uses the name Pain Fonda, said there is a bond between the girls. "Personally, I've made so many friends," Leu said. "Bonding with a bunch of girls is so much fun."

"It's mainly about the girls accomplishing their goals," Leu said. "They are getting into shape and their personalities are coming

out."

Carmaleita Bryan, who also uses the name Homicide, has been with the roller derby since May. "I have 40 new friends!" Bryan said.

Covelle Grable has been with the roller girls since the beginning of June.

She said roller derby would appeal to other people in Oklahoma City who are not into other sports.

"It's more fun for everyone," Grable said. She is in the process of creating her roller girl name.

Dodd said the fun of a persona and having a chance to hang out with like-minded people has been a breath of fresh air from everyday life.

"Roller derby reaffirms who I am as an individual," Dodd said.

Volunteers also are needed for, but not limited to, fund-raising, referees, and graphic design.

"Oklahoma is starting to grow," OCCC Architecture student Andrew Loeb, 25, said about the Tornado Alley Roller Girls.

"I'd check ... to see what it's like."

For more information, visit www.myspace.com/tornadoalleyrollergirls.

Highlights

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. Wichita, Kan. Newman University representative available from noon to 2 p.m., Monday, July 24; Southeastern Oklahoma State University Aviation Sciences Institute, 2 to 4 p.m., Monday, July 24; St. Gregory's, 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, July 25; University of Oklahoma College of Liberal Studies, from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 25; Oklahoma City University, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 26; University of Oklahoma College of Continuing Education, from 2 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 26; and Langston University, from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday, July 27.

Free identity theft prevention workshop

There will be a free identity theft prevention workshop hosted by Community Action Agency from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 1, at Metro Tech's Business Conference Center, 1900 Springlake Dr., in Oklahoma City. The workshop will cover issues such as determining if you are at risk for identity theft, learning how to avoid being a victim, and what to do if your identity is stolen. For more information or to register, contact Anita Forbis at 405-232-0199, ext. 3206, or by e-mail at aforbis@caaofokc.org.

Crossroads Cathedral Car and Motorcycle Show

The Second Annual Crossroads Cathedral Car and Motorcycle Show will be 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 and a fun run fee of \$5 with three top prizes to be awarded. 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 Oklahoma residents, full-time students 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 to reserve a space. 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.

Cultural Brunch



Photo courtesy of Jessica Martinez-Brooks

Hispanic Organization to Promote Education members pose at the Latinas Brunch at the National Council of La Raza Conference. Top Row: (from left) Ariana Quezada, Saskia Cerros, Betty Padilla, sponsor Jessica Martinez-Brooks. Bottom Row: (from left) Priscilla Jaramillo, Daniela Delgada, Herlinda Sigala, Yolanda Esquivel, Corina Garcia.

Clubs resume in the fall semester

By David Miller
Staff Writer

College life doesn't have to strictly consist of classes and homework — OCCC offers a wide variety of clubs and organizations for virtually any interest.

While many clubs don't have events or meetings scheduled yet, most, if not all, will be active during the fall semester, said many club sponsors.

The kickoff for OCCC clubs is the Leadership Retreat being held from Aug. 11 to 13 at the Quartz Mountain Lodge in Lone Wolf, Okla.

The various clubs include honor societies such as Psi Beta, departmental clubs such as the Photography Club and the Psychology/Sociology Club, special interest and religious organizations including Advocates of Peace and the Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

One of the more active clubs over the summer has been the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education (HOPE).

The HOPE organization will be having a Diabetes Dash fund-raiser and officers are working on putting together a Hispanic beauty pageant, said Club Member Omar Lozano.

The Black Student Association (BSA) is another club that is active throughout each semester.

The BSA will be attending the NAACP Banquet as well as having their annual Winter Ball and participating in the Halloween Carnival.

The Advocates of Peace organization provides a forum for students to get together to discuss issues about war and justice, according to the OCCC Clubs and Organizations brochure.

"One of our objectives this year is to have a peace pole," said Advocates of Peace sponsor and Learning Skills Professor Stephen Morrow. The peace pole will be decorated and placed on OCCC's campus to remind people of the concept of peace, said Morrow. The Advocates of Peace

organization will have meetings scheduled by the second week of September, Morrow said.

The Psychology/Sociology Club will have weekly meetings at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday beginning Aug. 30 in Room 2 of the College Union, said Club President Laurie Thornton.

The Society of Performing Artists promotes the college's theater arts program, according to the OCCC club brochure.

"The Laramie Project," a play revolving around the murder of Matthew Shepard, will be performed Sept. 28 through 30.

"Usually auditions are held either at the end of the first week or beginning of the second week of class," said Theater Professor Ruth Charnay.

Visit the Student Life department on the first floor of the Main Building next to the Safety and Security office to pick up a club brochure.

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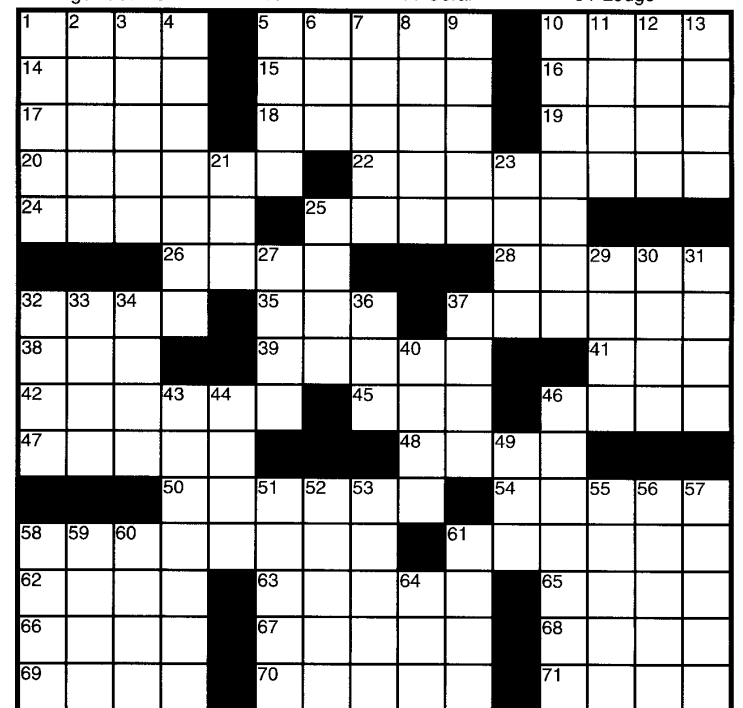
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- Reduce your activity level and seek a cooler environment. Plan strenuous outdoor activities for cooler parts of the day.
- If outdoors, don't forget to use sunscreen and take frequent breaks.
- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle during hot weather.
- Drink plenty of fluids

such as water, fruit and vegetable juices. Avoid beverages that contain alcohol, caffeine or large amounts of sugar.

- Eat more frequently but make sure meals are well balanced and light. Avoid hot foods and heavy meals.
- Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing to reflect heat and sunlight. This allows your body to maintain normal temperatures.
- Cool the body by taking cool baths or showers. Ap-

ply wet towels, or wear damp clothing.

- Avoid bundling babies in heavy blankets or heavy clothing.
- Keep air circulating through the use of air conditioners, fans or open windows. Air circulation is important because it carries heat away from the body.
- If you take medications, ask your physician if they are likely to interfere with your ability to sweat.
- Ask a physician or pharmacist about the ef-

fects of sun and heat exposure if taking prescription medications such as diuretics, antihistamines, mood-altering or antispasmodic drugs.

- Stay indoors in an airconditioned environment as much as possible unless your heat tolerance is well established. If air conditioning is not available, pull shades over windows and use fans to cool rooms. Open windows on opposite sides of a room for cross ventilation.

• Check frequently on ill or elderly friends, relatives and neighbors who may need help.

• If you experience signs of heat stress such as dizziness, rapid heartbeat, diarrhea, nausea, cramps, throbbing headache, dry skin (no sweating), chest pain, great weakness, mental changes, breathing problems, or vomiting, contact your health care provider immediately.

For more information, go to www.health.state.ok.us.

Take time to prepare for the fall semester

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selor as soon as possible to make sure credits are in order. "[Students] also need to start talking to their transfer institution and make sure things are smooth there," she said.

For new students, the college may take some time getting used to.

Turner advises students to come in early and talk with a counselor. She said counselors will help new students balance class schedules and get off to a good start.

Turner said students who are new to the college also can turn to professors for

help. "Most of our faculty would be quite happy to sit down [and talk]."

Kasey Gordon, nursing sophomore, agreed that professors are a good source for new students to turn to for help.

"Teachers here are really good and nice, and they'll help you when you need it," Gordon said.

Joe Fetterman, business sophomore, said new students who are struggling with classes should persevere.

"Don't give up too early," he said. "Keep trying and get help before you drop a class."

Once a student has all of the preliminaries out of the

way, the college also offers areas where a student can relax such as the library, the Wellness Center or the Aquatic Center.

"A lot of times, new students don't know that if they have their ID card, they can go swim or lift weights," Turner said.

New students also are encouraged by counselors to meet people and develop a social network at the college, Turner said.

"Just [connect] with people on campus," she said.

"Whoever you're talking to will be helpful."

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Low water pressure affects college

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ple knew there had been a water main break."

Messer said the water main break was only part of the problem.

Extremely high temperatures have resulted in a higher water demand, he said, also resulting in reduced pressure.

Messer said the college is at about 55 to 60 pounds of water pressure on a normal day.

On Tuesday evening the college had only five pounds of pressure.

However, Messer said, during the night, water

pressure over the south Oklahoma City area increased because water consumption was down.

Because of that, by early Wednesday morning, the college was back up to 45 pounds of water pressure.

That was short lived as Oklahoma City residents started their day, causing the pressure to drop again.

Water pressure had dropped to only 5 pounds by 7:30 a.m., Wednesday.

By that evening, the college was at half pressure at 24 or 25 pounds

Students coming from all over the metro have been affected by the lack of water pressure.

Anthony Shuler, political science and pre-med student, discovered the problem when he was met with a barrier on a break from class. "I tried to hurry to the bathroom and it was barred off with caution tape," he said.

Matt Belanger, an aviation maintenance student who lives near S.W. 89th and Western, said he was hit at home as well.

"It was hard to take a shower this morning."

Messer said students need to be patient with the process as a lot of people are working to get the water main fixed.

"We will continue to

monitor the situation until we get the water pressure back," Messer said.

He was told by the city that it will probably take until Monday, July 24, to get the water main fixed.

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Fall semester *CHECKLIST* ✓

New Students

1. Get admitted ✓
2. Test, if necessary ✓
3. Enroll ✓
4. Attend class! Even the first one is very important ✓

Returning Students

1. Check degree requirements to see which classes to take ✓
2. Check course availability in college schedule or online ✓
3. Select classes and enroll ✓
4. Buy books ✓
5. Attend class ✓

Students transferring to OCCC

1. Bring official transcripts ✓
2. Get admitted ✓
3. Test, if necessary ✓
4. Select classes and enroll ✓
5. Buy books ✓
6. Attend class ✓

Students transferring from OCCC

1. Take official transcript to receiving school ✓
2. Get admitted ✓
3. Be advised ✓
4. Select classes ✓
5. Enroll ✓
6. Buy books ✓
7. Attend class ✓

—Mary Turner, Student Development counselor

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