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The sun'll come out...



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Annie, played by Kendall Haliburton, meets a stray dog she names Sandy, played by Phuong-Thi Lam, during the Musical Theater Camp's production of the musical "Annie" July 28 in the OCCC Theater. The young thespians prepared for the play during a two-week period in late July. The camp was one of many held by the Recreation and Community Services office this summer.

Early enrollment numbers show 8 percent drop

Final figures will be out in October

By David Miller
Editor

Early enrollment reports from OCCC indicate an 8 percent decrease in enrollment numbers and an 8.7 percent decrease in credit hours this fall.

As of Aug. 15, the head count for fall was 10,140 students enrolled in 92,811 credit hours compared to fall '05 in which a total of 11,016 students were enrolled in 101,635 credit hours.

The numbers include the August intersession, fall 16-week classes, early and mid-fall 8-week courses, three Fast Track courses and cooperative technical schools.

While students may not need to directly concern themselves with issues such as enrollment numbers, school administrators pay close attention to decreases in enrollment.

"A third of the real cost of education is paid by the student through tuition and fees," said OCCC President Paul Sechrist.

A decline in enrollment means the college budget will be smaller than projected.

"The largest portion of the money that it takes for the college to operate, and pay our faculty and keep the building air-conditioned comes from the state of Oklahoma," Sechrist said.

Numerous factors play a role in determining the

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Students to get parking help first week

By John Savage
Staff Writer

Parking spots may not be plentiful during the first week of school but with a little help from campus Safety and Security, students still should be able to find a paved parking space.

"(The) first week of classes, we'll be outside assisting students with finding parking," said Campus Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Bourque.

"We will be out there to help them not only find a place to park but explain any questions they might have," he said.

There are approximately 2,700 campus parking spaces, Bourque said. If that isn't enough, overflow parking may be opened in some of the college's grassy areas.

He said only 60 to 70 cars used the overflow parking last year because of the addition of the new parking lot. "It's not as bad as it has

been in years past."

Bourque said it's important that students know where they are allowed to park.

He said the first week of classes, his officers will be a little more forgiving of students who park in unauthorized spots such as faculty parking.

However, he said, officers will adopt a no-tolerance attitude toward fire lanes and handicapped spaces.

If OCCC issues a ticket in either of those areas, it will

"(The) first week of classes, we'll be outside assisting students with finding parking,"

—Keith Bourque

Campus Safety and Security Coordinator

cost a student a \$100 fine, Bourque said. If the city issues the ticket, it will cost \$250 fine per fine.

"The city tickets I have no control over," he said.

Students who believe they've been ticketed unfairly can file an appeal which will be heard by an

appeal committee made up of students, staff and faculty.

He said unpaid tickets will eventually cause the student's records to be put on hold which means the student cannot enroll, drop or get their grades until the

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Senate holds up abortion bill

The U.S. Senate passed a bill by a vote of 65 to 34 making it a crime to transport a pregnant minor across state lines to have an abortion without the parent's notification.

President George W. Bush is poised to sign the bill, but the House of Representatives' measure differs from the bill passed by the Senate, which is an issue needing to be resolved before it makes it to the president's desk.

The House's measure contains a stipulation implementing a national law requiring a physician who is knowingly performing an abortion on a minor from another state to notify her parents 24 hours before performing the procedure.

Connecticut, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington don't have parental notification or consent laws in place.

Taking a minor to another state for an abortion compromises state laws and places minors in danger, Bush said in a CNN article.

Critics of the bill claim parents might beat or murder their daughters upon learning of their plans to have an abortion.

In a New York Times article, Hillary Rodham Clinton said some parents don't care about the well being of their daughter(s), and that daughters are often mistreated by the two people who are meant to protect them.

Obviously, this is not a simple issue that can be solved with a single, strong perspective.

It seems this issue between the Senate and the House is more about proponents of the version passed by the Senate getting their way so as to drum up public support from conservative voters.

The House's stipulation requiring a physician to notify the parents of a minor 24 hours before performing the procedure doesn't seem to hinder the ultimate goal of the bill, which is to assure parents are notified so they may intervene on their daughter's behalf.

If threatened with criminal charges, most physicians would adhere to the law by notifying the parents, thus satisfying proponents of the Senate's version of the bill.

With the House's national law in place, the physician would have the opportunity to determine if a minor were in danger upon contacting the parents.

If the physician and the person assisting the minor neglected to notify the parents or ignored the parent's wishes to intervene, then they could be punished in accordance with the new bill regardless of the House's addition.

Proponents of the Senate's version only seem concerned with pushing their own agenda and not genuinely concerned with the safety of a minor.

—David Miller
Editor

Too many children dying tragically in hot vehicles

To the Editor:

Last week, in Shreveport, La., a 2-year-old boy tragically died after his father forgot to drop the toddler off at day care and instead, left him in his car all day while he worked.

He realized his mistake only after he returned to his car after work.

At the time the child was discovered, outside temperatures had reached 102 degrees, meaning the temperatures inside the car where the child was, likely reached 145 degrees, according to the Shreveport Times.

This child is the 22nd child in the United States this year to die like this.

Janette Fennell, president and founder of Kids and Cars, a national organization based in Kansas City, Kan., that tracks vehicle-related deaths of children, told the Shreveport Times, "Little children shouldn't have to die like this."

She's right. Children shouldn't die like this. As

in many accidental deaths, this tragedy could have been prevented had a few precautions been taken.

Kids and Cars lists the following steps adults can take to ensure that children are not forgotten in cars.

- Never leave children alone in or around cars, not even for a short time.

- Put something you'll need such as a cell phone, handbag or brief case in the back to get in the habit of always opening the back door of your vehicle.

- Keep a large teddy bear in the child's car seat when it's not occupied. When the child is placed in the seat, put the teddy bear in the front passenger seat to remind you of the safety seat.

- If you see a child alone in a vehicle, get the child out as quickly as possible. Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

The full story, which carries many other pertinent heat facts and warnings worth reading, can be found at www.shreveport

times.com.

A family is grieving today because of a tragic mistake. So, please, pass the word on that kids are dying in hot cars but it can be prevented. And, take time to visit www.kidsandcars.org.

—Ronna Austin
OCCC Employee

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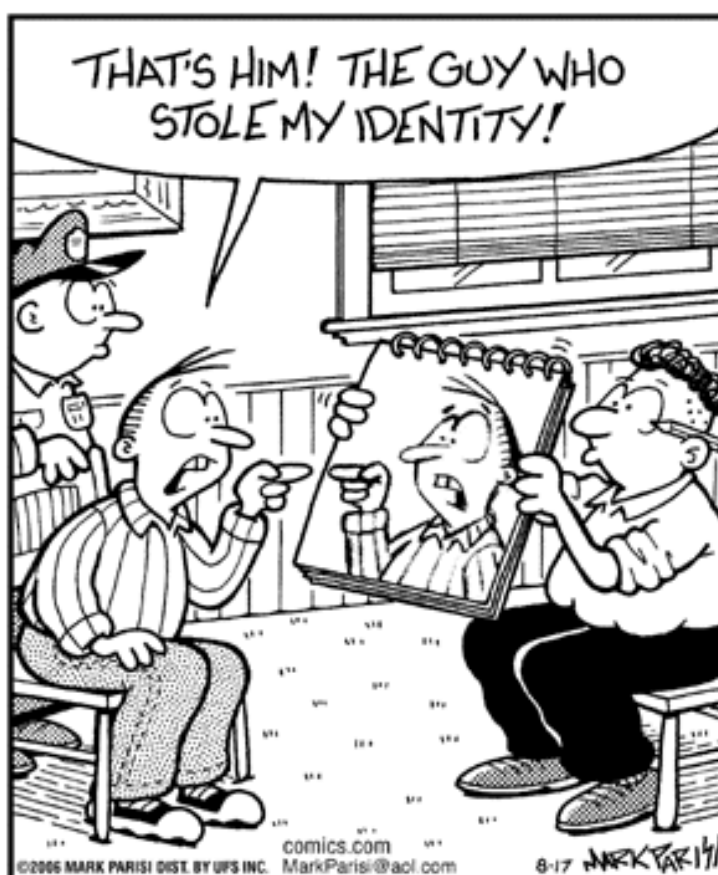
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Comments and Reviews

Xbox revives classic game

Since the release of the Xbox 360, arcade games have been brought back to life. Players can now play those classic coin-operated games that were once found in numerous bowling alleys, convenience stores and arcades.

New to the Xbox Live Arcade is Capcom Entertainment's "Street Fighter II: Hyper Fighting." This title is only available for download from Xbox Live Marketplace and can be purchased for \$12.50.

The download is a small file and includes offline and online gaming modes. The download from Xbox Live includes a demo of two of the characters for one match. Purchasing the game unlocks all eight original characters as well as four of the bosses.

Each character has his or

her own ending and home levels. Game options include arcade mode, versus mode, training mode and computer battle.

The online features of this game are the real selling point and will challenge even the best players.

The online mode allows for leaderboards, customizable control options and Xbox achievements that can be unlocked for bragging rights. One of the achievements that can be unlocked is beating the game on the hardest setting.

One of the more enjoyable modes is the quarter match; this allows four players to compete. The players can view each other battle each other while waiting their turn to play. This mode simulates how it originally was played in the

arcades with a "winner-stays-loser-pays" motto. Also in the online options are the ranked matches, which will randomly select players to battle with.

This game runs solid online and the controls work well with the Xbox controller. The game itself is a port from the arcade and runs at a fast speed.

This game has already proven to be one of the more popular arcade titles, and the online play confirms this. This feature allows players to play each other just like it used to be in an arcade.

With gas prices high and game rental stores barren, it only makes sense to sit at home and download this classic today.

Rating: 4.5/5

—**John Savage**
Staff Writer

'Hitchhiker' picked up again

Author Douglas Adams was unusual. He was the type of person who volunteered for a group that climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro while taking turns wearing a rhino costume.

What made Adams truly gifted, however, was his ability to communicate these views to the rest of us.

In his five-book "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" series, Adams demonstrates his gift for communicating his unusual views.

Originally a BBC radio series, "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" was published in book form in 1979.

The book begins with the destruction of Earth to make way for an interstellar bypass.

The series follows the adventures of earthman Arthur Dent who manages to survive the destruction of Earth when he discovers his best friend, Ford Prefect, is actually an alien journalist.

In the course of the series, Dent discovers the universe is a much bigger and stranger place than he thought it had been prior to the destruction of Earth.

Adams writes with a wit and sense of irony that makes the ridiculous and the absurd seem normal, and reason seem a poor tool at best for comprehending an irrational and complex universe.

He challenges the reader to look at even the most basic of situations from outside the box.

Adams' writing points out that we take ourselves much too seriously.

A silly action like climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in a rhino costume seems more reasonable after Arthur's misadventures demonstrate to the reader how fragile and silly even our most basic assumptions and values can be when looked at from an outside perspective.

Perhaps the most valuable lesson we may perceive

from Dent's adventures is life has a tendency to force us to live it whether we like it or not.

Why read the books rather than watch the movie?

Many people today view books as primitive, inefficient devices for conveying thoughts.

Outdated by more modern and trendy devices such as TV and the Internet, books today seem to exist primarily to give shelves something to do.

Sometimes, however, a book with some useful thinking is written which cannot be translated into a more modern and trendy format.

For this reason I recommend reading the original series, as opposed to watching the movie, for anyone looking for an entertaining and humorous diversion which just might leave the reader with a new perspective on life.

—**Tim Cronk**
Staff Writer

Counselor's Corner

"Plans are only good intentions unless they degenerate into hard work."

—**Peter Drucker (1909-2005)**

Welcome to you all, those who are new and those who are returning. As always, we're excited you're here, and we hope your semester starts strong. Having a plan is a good way to help make sure that it does. It is much easier to get up every morning, or to show up every night after work, if you know why you're doing it. Otherwise, the temptation to just drift off course can be tremendous.

In the grand scheme of things, having some type of future career goal is very useful. If you're not accustomed to thinking about the distant future, your success will ultimately require you learn to do so. After all, you're in college for a relatively short time, so you ought to think about what you want to do with the rest of your life. That can be helpful in determining what you want to major in. Knowing what you are majoring in can help you select the best courses to take each semester.

If you haven't put any thought into these issues and you have absolutely no idea where to begin, I invite you to the Office of Advising and Career Services to discuss your hopes, dreams, fears, and confusion with Dr. Debra Vaughn, our Career Specialist, or with one of the counselors. We can help you begin the process of sorting through all the possibilities and finding one that's a good fit for you.

On a less grand, but equally important scale is the issue of working hard and doing your best semester by semester. Hopefully, you put some careful thought into what you are taking this semester and how you've scheduled your classes. If not, then please keep this in mind for future enrollments. While the trend tends to be to schedule everything as compactly as possible so you can rush in, go to class, and then leave, that isn't always the best way to do things. It works for some, but less so for others. Your success rests on knowing yourself well enough to understand what you will and won't do. For example, taking early morning classes works wonders for people who want to get school done and move on with their day. They're a disaster for people who can't get out of bed early. Remember, this is about you. Choose wisely.

Most of us have spent at least a dozen years sitting in classrooms where the wonder, awe and creativity have been systematically squished out of us. I challenge you to dig deep and rediscover those qualities and to employ them as you journey through your college experience. Instead of slumping in the back of the class lamenting how boring your life is, try sitting up and really engaging in the lecture/discussion/activity for the class. Show some interest, ask questions... learn.

—**Mary Turner**
Student Development Counselor

Thieves steal from campus cars

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

A recent increase of car break-ins at OCCC has continued despite efforts by campus security to stop them.

The latest came on Aug. 7, when a white Chevy Extreme, owned by Maria Acevedo, was burglarized and the stereo stolen.

Security officials said

they have stepped up the number of patrols in the parking lots to respond to the thefts.

“Effective July 1, we doubled the number of staff in the parking lot,” said Keith Bourque, Campus Safety and Security coordinator.

Bourque said students also should take precautions to avoid being targeted.

“Instead of leaving book bags and purses on the front seat, [students] should lock those items in the trunk,” he said.

If a vehicle is broken into, Bourque said, immediately notify campus security via any of the parking lot call boxes, or to call 405-682-1611, ext. 7743.

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Steps to protecting your vehicle:

- Park your car in an area that is well-lit and near lots of people.
- Keep the windows rolled up and the car locked, even if it’s parked at your own house.
- Keep valuables in your car hidden. Consider buying a removable stereo face to keep in your trunk or carry with you.
- Consider buying a visible mechanical locking device to lock the steering wheel, and/or an auto theft alarm system.
- Keep in mind when purchasing a new car that some makes and models have a higher incidence of theft than others.

—courtesy of www.ehow.com

2006-2007 OCCC Fall Academic Calendar

Important academic dates for:

Fall 2006	Fall Semester (16 weeks)	Early Fall (1st 8 weeks)	Mid Fall (2nd 8 weeks)	Fall Fast Track Session 1	Fall Fast Track Session 2	Fall Fast Track Session 3
Session Dates	Aug. 21 to Dec. 16	Aug. 21 to Oct. 16	Oct. 17 to Dec. 16	Aug. 25 to Sept. 30	Oct. 6 to Nov. 4	Nov. 10 to Dec. 16
Late Registration Ends	Aug. 30	Aug. 22	Oct. 18	N/A	N/A	N/A
Classes Begin	Aug. 21	Aug. 21	Oct. 17	Aug. 25	Oct. 6	Nov. 10
Last Day to Drop with Refund	Sept. 1	Aug. 25	Oct. 20	Sept. 1	Oct. 13	Nov. 17
Last Day to Drop without Refund	Nov. 10	Sept. 29	Dec. 1	Sept. 20	Oct. 25	Dec. 6
Last Day of Classes	Dec. 16	Oct. 16	Dec. 16	Sept. 30	Nov. 4	Dec. 16
Fall 2006 Graduation (occurs in spring)	May 11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A = Not Applicable

Important Dates

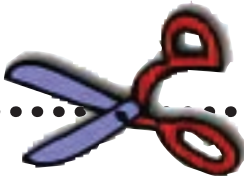
Financial Aid Application and Supporting Documents Deadline: Oct. 28
Spring 2007 Nursing Applications Deadline: Sept. 15
Tuition Fee Waiver Application Deadline: Nov. 15.

Student Holidays

Labor Day Weekend — Sept. 2 to 4
Fall Vacation — Nov. 21 to 26
Winter Break — Dec. 18 to Jan. 1

Special Admission Hours

Monday through Thursday, Aug. 7 to 24: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 11, 18 and 25: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 19: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Graduate donates \$50,000 to library

By John Savage
Staff Writer

"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life."

—Plato

Randy Thurman said he was a small child when he ventured into his first library with his mother Loynita, and that experience opened his eyes to the world of education.

Having reaped the rewards of education, the Thurman family has chosen to help several others experience that world too. On July 20, the family of Randy, Pati and Levi Thurman were honored for their contribution of \$50,000 to the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library.

More than 75 family members and college staff showed up to show appreciation for the donation.

Randy Thurman, co-president and chief financial officer of Retirement Investment Advisors, holds four degrees: a master's degree in business administration, a bachelor's in engineering from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater and an applied science in accounting and in real estate.

Thurman said, about the age he started walking, his mother took him to the library and instilled in him a passion for reading.

It's a passion that he said he still has to this day.

He said the changes college makes in a person's life and family is the reason he decided to donate money to OCCC.

"This is a very important place, making a difference in the lives of people," Thurman said.

He said having four degrees means he has seen a lot of professors and he believes the finest instructors are at OCCC.

"The ones that care, the

ones that were practical, taught you things that you could actually use out in life," Thurman said.

Thurman said one instructor that made a difference in his life was accounting professor Kayla Fessler.

He said several others have helped him along the way and there is no way to show appreciation to all of them.

"Isn't it amazing how this place draws incredibly high-quality people?" Thurman asked.

Thurman went on to reminisce about the old days at the college, the nicknames and even the shag carpet on the walls that can still be seen in the Pioneer office.

He said that the permanent walls, the library and all the computers are not what make the campus special. It is the professors.

"It's not about the brick and mortar," Thurman said. "It never has been."

"It's always been about the people here."

Fessler said she was honored to be recognized by her former student Thurman.

"It was really something," Fessler said. "I am very honored."

President Paul Sechrist said it's special when a former student comes back to help the college with a donation.

"I think it has greater significance when it is one of our own," Sechrist said.

He said with rising costs, these donations are very important to OCCC. Thurman said that it feels good to come back and help others and donate to the school that he once went to.

"I have been actively involved in the college on and off from time to time," Thurman said. "The people here are simply incredible."

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Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

On July 20, the OCCC Foundation Board of Trustees and OCCC President Paul Sechrist presented the Thurman family with a plaque in honor of their \$50,000 donation to Keith Leftwich Memorial Library. From left are Foundation Trustee Tom Legan, Randy Thurman, Pati Thurman and Sechrist. Randy Thurman is an OCCC alumn and was an adjunct professor at OCCC for 10 years.

Career help can be found at lunch

By John Savage
Staff Writer

Ever wonder what to say or do when in an important job interview? Students can find the answers to this question at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Career Power Wednesdays will address this issue and many more starting this fall.

Advising and Career Services will present weekly programs "Career Power in 25 Minutes" from noon to 12:25 p.m. starting Wednesday, Sept. 13, in room 1F6.

This year, Career Specialist Debra Vaughn will teach skills that can help students excel in the job market.

She said she wants students to learn valuable

skills in about 25 minutes.

Vaughn said, she would stay to answer questions after the workshop has ended.

Besides Vaughn, other guests will make presentations. One guest will be Laura Choppy coordinator of employment.

Vaughn said the programs are mostly geared toward OCCC students but anyone can attend.

Vaughn said students looking for a job also could check out the online job board. Students can post their résumés and look for openings

"Right now we have over 1,400 students on our job board and we have over 800 jobs posted," said Vaughn. "That's something that Dr. Choppy will be focusing on how to research those."

"Right now we have over 1,400 students on our job board..."

—Debra Vaughn
OCCC Career Specialist

Topics that will be covered in the career workshops are job openings, cover letters, résumés and job interviews.

"We might even do a mock interview in the front of the room," Vaughn said.

Students also will have a chance to use new computer job search software.

For more information contact Vaughn at 405-682-1611, ext. 7529 or e-mail dvaughn@occc.edu.

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Voice your opinion.

Write the editor at editor@occc.edu

Arts festival hits campus in September

The 28th annual Arts Festival Oklahoma is setting up camp on the OCCC campus Sept. 1 to 4. The festival site, located outside the Arts and Humanities building, will play host to more than 15 food vendors, three nights of live music and entertainment, and feature original artwork ranging from oils and watercolor to photography and pottery.

Arts Festival Oklahoma is one of the top arts festivals in the Southwest. The Labor Day weekend event has brought in an average of 30,000 people in past years.

The festival offers something for everyone. Arts Festival Oklahoma is designed to introduce children to the arts by developing the Children's Creative Center. The center offers activities such as face-painting, and arts and crafts activities. For \$1, children also can play in a large sandbox.

Each year, Arts Festival Oklahoma honors one artist by naming him or her a Featured Artist. The Featured Artist chosen at last year's festival is Robert Carver, who is a Kansas native but credits Oklahoma City as being the stomping grounds of his artistic career.

Carver lent his artistic ability to create this year's Arts Festival Oklahoma poster, as seen on page 7.

Admission is free and parking is \$3 per vehicle.

Food and more food

The following are food vendors at this year's Arts Festival Oklahoma.

Back Yard Burgers — serving black Angus burgers, charbroiled chicken breasts, baked beans, fried potatoes, cobbler, hot dogs and chips.

Circle J Concessions — serving hand-dipped footlong corn dogs, funnel cakes and more.

JR's Concessions — serving ribs, brisket, pulled pork, bratwurst, turkey legs, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, chips and more.

JR's Sno Shack Shave Ice — serving 25 different flavors of shaved ice at different sizes.

Roger Westmoreland Concessions — serving Polish and Italian sausage, homemade burgers, chicken on a stick, fries, tots and smoothies.

Silver Dollar Bakery — serving large cinnamon rolls and milk.

Sweet Corn Express — serving roasted corn on the cob, baked potatoes, brisket, chocolate-dipped cheesecake, chocolate-dipped bananas.

Sweis's Restaurant — serving gyro sandwiches, Baklava and pizza by the slice.

Tad's Catering and Concessions — serving Indian tacos, chipotle burritos, churros, cajun shrimp on a stick, fried chicken tenders on a stick, corndogs and curly fry loaves.

Two Okies Concessions — serving German-style kettle corn and German cinnamon roasted nuts.

Waffle Sundae Trailer — serving ice cream waffle sundaes, ice cream cups and ice cream cones.



The four-man group Billy Richards' Coasters will kick things off at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 1. The original Coasters were one of the most influential groups in the 1950s. Some of the Coasters' hit songs include "Poison Ivy," "Charlie Brown," "Along Came Jones" and "Yakety Yak."

At 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 2, the Oklahoma City Philharmonic will return to Arts Festival Oklahoma. The OKC Philharmonic puts on the festival's most popular concert which will end with a fireworks display.



Arts Festival Oklahoma's weekend will conclude with country music artist Janie Fricke at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 3. Fricke was named Best Female Vocalist by the Academy of Country Music and the Country Music Association.



Arts Festival Oklahoma hours

Friday, Sept. 1: 3 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 2: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 3: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 4: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Artist's Southwest-style painting graces poster

By John Savage
Staff Writer

Robert Carver's Southwest scene is the featured print adorning this year's Arts Festival Oklahoma poster.

Each year, a different print and artist is showcased at the festival, held every Labor Day weekend at OCCC.

This year's print is a still life of a table with Indian corn and pottery portrayed in a rustic orange color.

Carver said there is no message in this painting, that it's just an Americana piece.

"I got to Arizona quite often to art fairs and I like the southwest scene," Carver said. "I really enjoy doing still lifes."

"It doesn't have to be Southwest, I just enjoy doing still lifes in general."

The Kansas native said he always enjoys coming back to Oklahoma City.

"When I first started out as an artist, my main shows were in Oklahoma

City," Carver said.

Some artists discover painting at later stages in life but Carver said he enjoyed it at a very young age.

Even as a small child, Carver said, he enjoyed drawing cartoons and other illustrations.

"I don't remember never being able not to."

Carver eventually found a way to make money with his talents.

"I would go to the local hangouts and get a little money pin striping cars for the weekend," he said.

"I used to do the pin striping on the dashes. That's how I made my money and in my twenties, I became a technical illustrator."

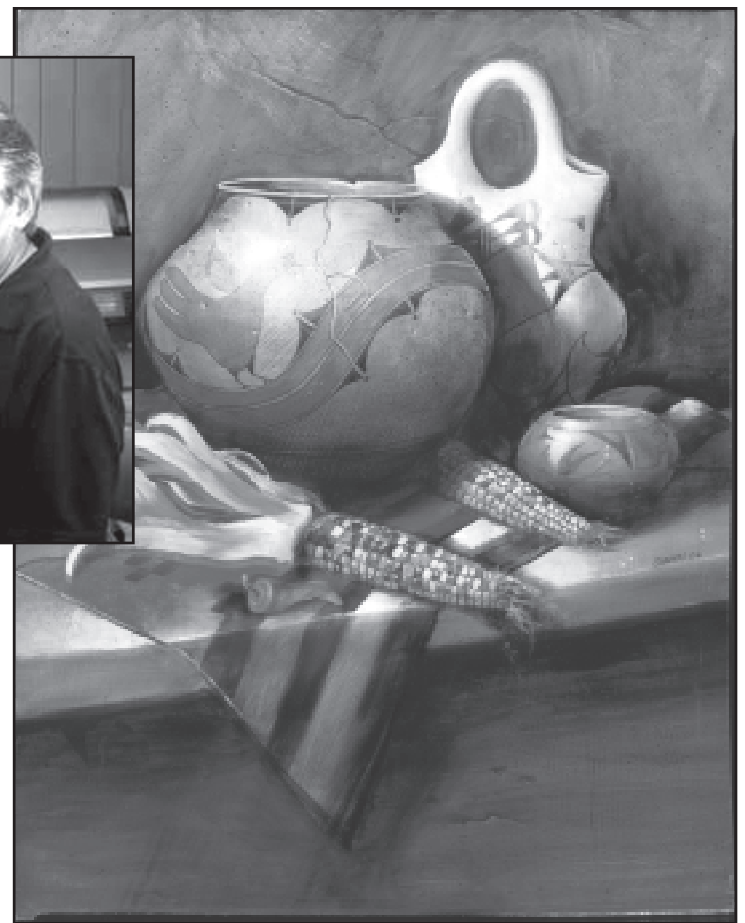
Carver has been a full-time artist for more than 40 years. "I still enjoy it as much as I ever did."

Carver, who said he has been all over the country to various art shows, said he isn't just a one-trick pony.

"It doesn't really matter where I go, I can paint any subject," Carver said. "I've done almost every kind of



OCCC featured artist for Arts Festival Oklahoma is Robert Carver from Wichita, Kansas. His Southwest scene is the featured print used for this year's Arts Festival Oklahoma poster.



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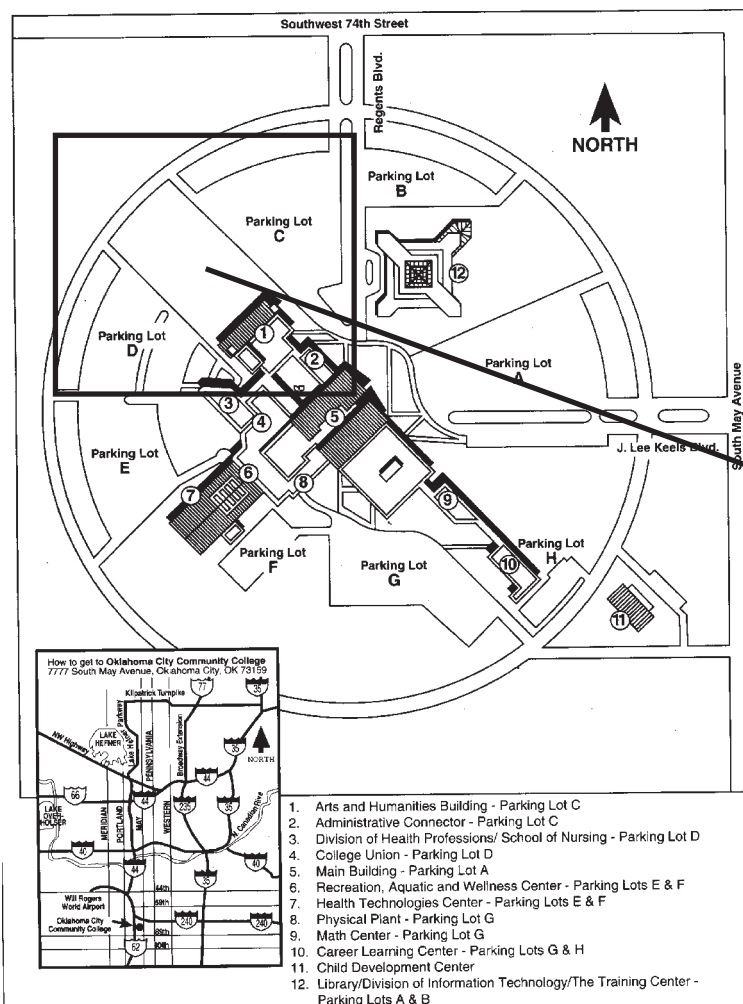
Carver said he hopes to be painting for another 40 years.

Born in El Dorado, Kan-

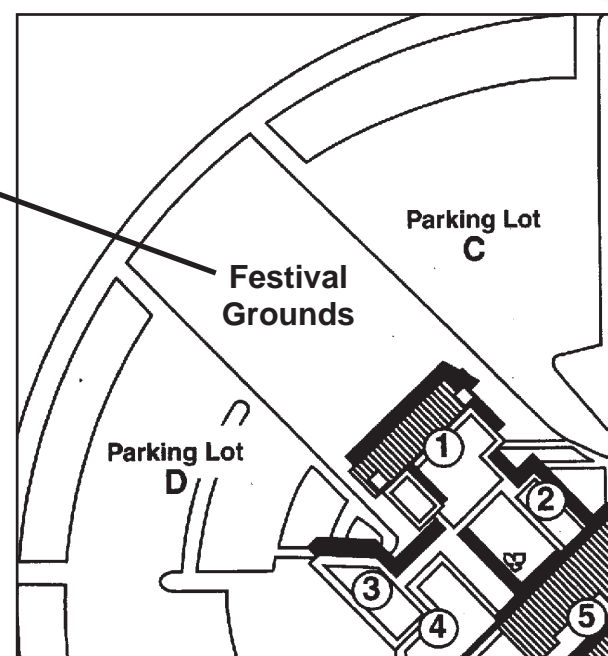
sas, in 1940, Carver currently resides in Wichita, Kansas. He attended Butler County Community College and Wichita State Uni-

versity where he studied art.

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2006 ANNUAL grounds and parking



Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**Aug 28:** The Oklahoma College Club Soccer League will start practicing for the upcoming season. The practices will be held at 6 p.m. on the south east side of the campus at 6 p.m. The official start of the season will be Sept. 9. Students can register to play at the Recreation and Community Services office. There will be a team meeting at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 29 in the RCS class room 1C1B. Students must be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours at OCCC and have a validated student ID to be eligible.

•**Aug 30-31:** Recreation and Community Services will start a new club called ClubRec. There will be a booth in the Student Club and Organization Fair for students whom are interested in sport activities to sign up. For more information contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Sept. 7:** OCCC National Football League flag football league will start its registration for its upcoming season Sept. 7. Season starts Sept. 19 and runs through Oct. 28. The non competitive leagues are for boys and girls ages 6 to 14 and the cost is \$65. Game days will be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and each team will have a total of eight games played. For more information contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786 or visit www.occc/rcs.edu.

•**Oct. 2 :** OCCC youth basketball league will tip off its season of non competitive basketball for boys and girls, ages 5 to 12 years-old. Registration ends Nov. 9 and the season starts Dec. 2. Each team will play eight games and the season ends Feb. 17. The cost for this league is \$60. For more information contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786 or visit www.occc/rcs.edu.

For more information on sport camps, visit www.occc.edu/rcs

Abuzz about camp



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

A Hornets' staff member works with children of season ticket holders during the July 25 Hornets Basketball Camp held in the OCCC Wellness Center gymnasium.

Dive OK program makes a splash

By Anthony Brown
News Writing Student

After only a few months at the college, the metro dive program, Dive Oklahoma, is a success in the words of Program Coach Mark Butcher.

Since November, the program which allows anyone who can swim the chance to learn how to dive has increased from nine participants to 25.

The Dive Oklahoma team took fifth place in the Spring Nationals, Butcher said.

"It's a great benefit to the community," Butcher said. "It's outstanding to see kids involved in something positive."

Butcher said the youngsters are definitely growing as a group.

"They're maturing and understanding how to treat others with

respect," Butcher said.

The college is leasing the facilities to the program.

The program is bringing recognition and revenue to the college said Stephanie Scott, Aquatic and Training specialist.

"I think it's wonderful," Scott said "The kids are doing well."

Butcher said the college is recognized at every meet they have.

He said he loves the facilities.

The Aquatic Center was built in 1989 and last renovated in 2005. Scott said this program allows the diving boards to be used.

"They need some upgrades but that's with any facility as old as this one," Butcher said.

Butcher said he would like to increase awareness about the sport of diving in Oklahoma. He wants to triple the size of the program by March 2007.

He said he also hopes to win a National Championship within the next five to seven years.

Butcher has been a diving coach for nine years.

He is originally from Indianapolis, Ind.

The year-round program is open to all ages and all levels of divers. Participants must know how to swim, Butcher said.

For more information on Dive Oklahoma, contact the Recreation and Community Services department at 405-682-7859 or visit www.occc.edu/rcs for a complete listing of programs and dive meets.

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Snap away



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

Black-and-White Photography Professor Carrie Fudickar assists a student with her camera during a class exercise on campus for the summer semester. The class teaches students the technical and creative elements involved in taking a photo, film development and print creation. Fudickar said she allows her students to bring their own artistic style into each of the assignments and encourages them to try different techniques to help them improve their skills and talents.

Donations sought for employee

By John Savage
Staff Writer

Donations are being collected in the OCCC bookstore for part-time Math Lab Assistant Christine Peck.

Peck's son Nathan, 10, died in a hiking accident in the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York July 28, according to the Aug. 1 issue of *The Oklahoman*.

Because Peck is a part-time employee, she doesn't qualify for paid leave, said Human Resources and Support Services Vice President Gary Lombard.

That prompted Science and Mathematics Dean Max Simmons to turn to Peck's co-workers for help.

In an all-employee e-mail dated Aug. 2, Simmons said a fund was being set up through a local bank to "allow [Peck's] College family to help her out in a tangible way as well as through thoughts and prayers."

A later e-mail indicated the college bookstore would serve as the collection site. All donations should be made in the bookstore office, he said.

Simmons said the money would allow Peck to "concentrate on taking care of herself and her family."

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Food prices to go up

Effective Monday, Aug. 1, Carson's Market Fresh Café will introduce new, higher prices for their menu items.

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Highlights

Music department to audition singers

Auditions for Chamber Singers will be held Monday, Aug. 21, and Tuesday, Aug. 22. Singers who are interested in getting tuition fee waivers for performing in the choir should contact Ron Staton, Music Professor, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7249. Auditions and sign-up sheets for audition times will be in room 1D4B in the Arts and Humanities building.

Community Choir begins rehearsals

The Symphonic Community Choir's first rehearsal of the fall semester will be Tuesday, Aug. 22, in CU3. Rehearsals will be from 7 to 9 p.m. The class may be taken for credit or non-credit. For more information contact Ron Staton, professor of music, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7249.

Auditions for "The Laramie Project"

Auditions will be at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22, and Wednesday, Aug. 23, at the OCCC Theater. A diverse group of actors is needed to tell the story surrounding the death of Mathew Shepard, who was beaten and left to die because of his sexual orientation. No preparation or experience is necessary to audition. It is open to all majors. The play will be performed Sept. 28 to 30. For more information, contact Theater Professor Brent Noel at 405-682-1611, ext. 7246, or via e-mail at bnoel@occc.edu.

Free immunizations for children

The "Caring Van" immunizations will be from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Child Development Center and Lab School. It is open to the public and is funded by the Oklahoma Caring Foundation Inc., a non-profit organization administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma. Parents need to be sure to bring their child's current shot record. A parent or guardian must be present to complete the required paperwork. If there are any questions, please contact the lab school at 405-682-7561.

Communication Lab needs student volunteers

The lab is organizing groups of students who take English as a second language classes at OCCC. Student volunteers who speak English as a second language are needed to lead the groups and help the students practice conversation. The groups will meet for one hour each week during the semester from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Time slots are available Monday through Friday. Students can sign up to lead a group in the Communications Lab or by contacting Charlotte Roller at 405-682-1611, ext. 7588 or via e-mail at croller@occc.edu.

Auditions for "Writing My Life Away"

The auditions for the independent film short will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Village Library Room A. Actors/actresses must bring bio or résumé plus monologue. Headshots are optional. For more information, contact Trenton Smith, writer, director and producer, at 405-816-3406. He also can be reached via e-mail at Trenton_Smith@hotmail.com.

Toastmasters Club holds humorous speech contest

The Boomer Story Tellers Toastmasters Club will hold its annual speech contest at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 28. The contest will be located at Aloha Gardens restaurant located in the Walnut Shopping Center on I-240 and S. Penn., and is open to the public. Meetings are on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m., at Aloha Gardens. For more information, contact Kitty Gilligan at 405-413-0929.

Photo Finish



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Hispanic Organization for the Promotion of Education club member Susana Hernandez and Society of Performing Artists club member Jonathan Allen help create a poster for the Foto Fun activity on the first night of the 2006 OCCC Leadership Retreat that at Quartz Mountain Resort, located 17 miles north of Altus.

Welcome Week greets all students

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

From dirty hands to helping hands, Student Life will offer two weeks of hands-on activities to welcome students to OCCC by putting shirts on their backs and gasoline in their cars.

Welcome Week, beginning Aug. 21, has been in the planning stages since the beginning of summer, said Jon Horinek, Student Life coordinator.

"Welcome Week is designed to be a handshake to students," Horinek said.

"It is to help the students to get involved and help them make the transition to school."

The free festivities will commence Monday, Aug. 21.

A plethora of flavored snow cones will be available in the main building to anyone who stops by.

Tuesday, Aug. 22, will offer a unique event known as wax hands.

The event will allow students to create a wax sculp-

ture of one of their hands, using any of the available colors. Hog Wild Entertainment has been contracted for the event.

"During wax hands, [students] will be able to make whatever shape with their hands, make a mold of the hand, then a sculpture," Horinek said.

For anyone with a sweet tooth, Wednesday, Aug. 23, will be sure to satisfy.

Hog Wild will supply candy such as Pixie Sticks, said Sara McElroy, First Year and Student Life Programs coordinator.

In addition to candy, there will be a service fair. During the fair, students will have the ability to scope out potential places to volunteer in order to gain community service experience.

Thursday, Aug. 24, will enable students to create their own instant tie dye T-shirts out of a white tee and spraypaint, Horinek said.

Welcome Week will end with a two-day organization fair from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on both Aug. 30 and 31.

Student clubs will set up welcome booths in the cafeteria.

Student volunteers will recruit new members for their clubs, said Karen Grayson, Student Clubs and Organization assistant.

"I expect that most of our clubs will be present," Grayson said.

"I expect it to be as successful as in the past."

To encourage success, Student Life will hold a version of the Television show "Deal or No Deal" on Aug. 30. Instead of cash, contestants will win Wal-Mart gas cards worth various amounts.

Welcome Week will conclude Aug. 31 with an activity that allows participants to write their name on a grain of rice, by using special instruments, provided by Hog Wild.

For more information on Welcome Week, contact the Office of Student Life at 405-682-7523.

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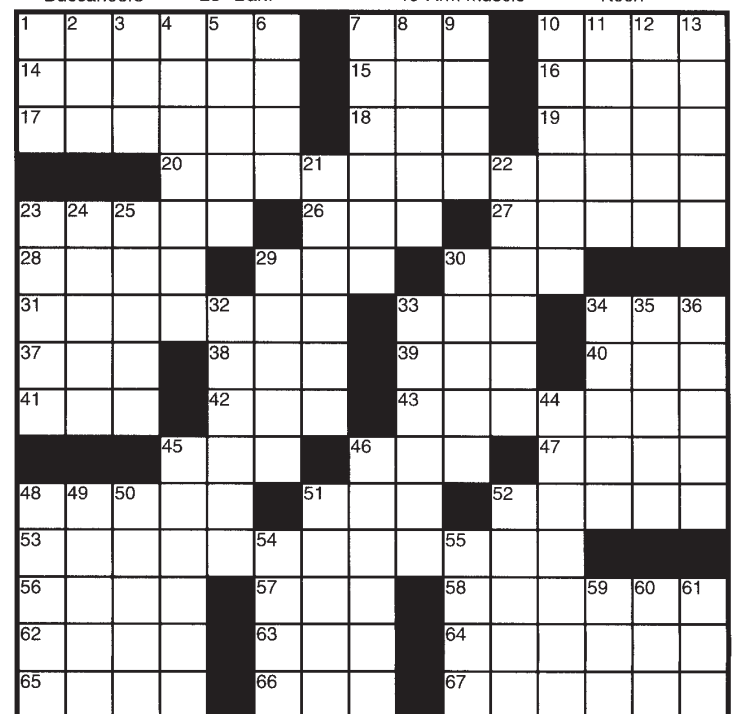
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Enrollment decline blamed on numerous factors, including gas prices

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college's enrollment numbers. One is the economy.

Sechrist said the state's economy factors in a person's decision to attend school as opposed to entering the workforce.

He said, in a time such as now, when the economy is good, more people choose to enter the workforce.

"If you've got a good job and you're working overtime, probably college is not on your radar screen right at this moment," Sechrist said.

The good economy has not deterred Jose Huvrta, nursing major, from choosing to attend college.

"I'm looking for a better job," said Huvrta. "I'm tired of dead-end jobs."

Huvrta also has children and a day job so, he said, he had to schedule his classes in the evening.

Others without families are entering college as well in order to obtain a more lucrative career.

"I think [attending college] will be worth my time," said Jessica Myer, theater major. "I'll be able to make a lot of money when I do enter the job market."

Most students interviewed said current gas prices also are a consider-

ation when deciding to enroll in college.

Many try to schedule their classes so as to minimize the number of days they must drive to class.

Even though he only lives four miles away, freshman Chad Hyde plans to attend just a few days a week.

"That would be better for me to minimize the driving from my house to here," Hyde said.

Even though she lives in Norman, the gas prices aren't a concern to Myer at this point in time.

"It's not yet. It's not going to stop me... you know. It's not going to cause me to take a semester off yet."

Sechrist said OCCC is looking at options to consolidate classes so students can minimize the times per week they have to drive to the college.

Realistically, a full-time student won't be able to attend classes only two days a week, Sechrist said.

"We work hard to try to minimize [the number of] students who are having to come five days a week," Sechrist said.

Huvrta understands why some students enroll at the last minute.

"I think it's so they can be sure what they want to do, instead of making a decision too quick and hav-

ing to enroll and then drop out," Huvrta said.

Sechrist said, ultimately, if enrollment is declining, college administrators have to look at what they are doing to recruit students.

He said it's the goal of the college to have students take classes and if that's not happening, they have to look at why that goal isn't being met.

By October, when the of-

ficial numbers are in, the decrease in enrollment is expected to level out from 8 percent to 5 to 8 percent, Sechrist said.

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Campus cops will help students find parking

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ticket is paid. At that point, Bourque said, there is no appeal option.

Some OCCC students say they aren't worried about finding parking.

Journalism/Sociology sophomore Courtney Barry said the first week, she will arrive about 10 minutes early. "After that, I will get here just in time to walk

into class."

Occupational Therapy sophomore Christy Teply said it doesn't matter to her if the lots are filled. She said she will still somehow manage to find a spot and make it to class.

Bourque said students should plan to arrive a little early to make sure they make it to class on time.

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