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PIONEER

Man loses race with security, is taken to jail

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

Twenty-one-year-old Brandon D. Moore was arrested Oct. 4 for possession of stolen property in parking lot B on the north side of campus.

Campus Safety and Security officers chased Moore and caught him after he attempted to elude them.

Moore is a former OCCC student. Student records show he was last enrolled in the summer 2006 semester.

"A student reported a possible [car] break-in," said Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director. "We responded with several units, after which he fled and a foot pursuit followed."

Moore was taken to the Oklahoma County Jail, Sloas

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Brandon D. Moore

Former president honored, inducted

By David Miller
Editor

Former OCCC President Robert P. Todd was posthumously inducted into the Higher Education Hall of Fame.

Todd was inducted during a ceremony Oct. 3 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

Todd came to work at OCCC in 1972, holding numerous administrative positions before becoming OCCC's president in 1995.

Current OCCC President

Paul Sechrist, who was present at the ceremony, nominated Todd for induction based on his many years of service at OCCC and elsewhere.

"The criteria for consideration is primarily for an individual's significant contribution to higher education in Oklahoma," Sechrist said in an e-mail.

In addition to his duties at OCCC, Todd served on the board of directors of the



Robert P. Todd

Do not pass go



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Armed Security Officer John Hughes prepares to transport Brandon Moore to the Oklahoma County Jail. After a student reported seeing someone break in to a car parked on campus, responding officers chased Moore on foot. A stolen stereo was found in his backpack. Moore was booked into the Oklahoma County Jail and charged with two counts of second-degree burglary.

American Association of Community Colleges, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Community Colleges, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and was a member of the International Organization of Community Colleges, RC

2000.

The ceremony included photos of Todd dating from his childhood through his presidency at OCCC.

A biography about Todd's life was printed in a program and read by History Society member and author Bob Burke.

Todd's biography, which focused on his belief in the

transforming power of education and his contributions during his term as president, was read to the audience, Sechrist said in an e-mail. Those contributions included being the founder of the OKC-Go! Program, and leading the institution during a time of

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Abortion insert not biased

"If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear."

—George Orwell

"Stop the Madness," an anti-abortion magazine, caused a good deal of controversy when it was distributed in the Oct. 2 issue of the Pioneer.

The insert was a paid pro-life advertisement purchased by Minnesota-based group Human Life Alliance.

Approximately three to four hours after the insert was given out, the Pioneer began to hear complaints and concerns regarding the magazine.

Although it's possible some staff members do not agree with the message, the Human Life Alliance has freedom of speech, which the Pioneer respects.

The basic definition of freedom of speech is the notion that people can speak their message without being censored. Even here in the Bible Belt, this fact should be recognized.

In order to be unbiased, as a newspaper should be, all views and opinions must be allowed a forum.

For instance, an ad for the restaurant Hooters, which features three women showing their cleavage, ran in recent editions of the paper with no comment from students or staff.

The Hooters ad, some might say, objectifies women's bodies, and the pro-life ad directs women what to do with their bodies.

Why speak out against one and not the other?

The right to express opinions is available, but it may not always be welcome. Despite that fact, there are many ways to make one's voice heard.

Writing letters, making phone calls and paying for advertisements, as the Human Life Alliance did, are ways to get opinions and agendas out for the masses to hear and see.

—Rachel Carlton
Staff Writer

Something on your mind about OCCC? Write a letter to the editor! E-mail the editor at editor@occc.edu. Be sure to include a name and valid phone number or the letter won't be printed. Names are withheld upon request.

Katrina opinion evokes shock

To the Editor:

This is to the UCO graduate who feels President Bush was racist in dealing with the disaster in New Orleans. Does he have any idea what percentage of the population of New Orleans is black? Or what percentage of the poor are black?

My wife's cousin owns a business in New Orleans that had \$20,000 of damage and stayed there the whole time, and rebuilt even though the insurance did not cover the total loss, nor did she receive any outside help.

Most of the people we've heard about that lost everything and left didn't have much to lose because they were dirt poor, living in rental property or government housing.

Yes, the majority of these folks were "of color" because of the percentage of the population that is "of color." On TV, they were talking about how much was spent on the Superdome to rebuild it. Some of the damage was from the hurricane and the rest is attributed to the structure's age and the folks housed there during the disaster.

These were mostly "people of color."

My wife and I were in San Antonio staying in Motel 8 when a local church brought in a busload of Katrina evacuees and put them up at the motel. There were about 50, all black and mostly single women with several kids.

Church members gave each family money for necessities and two men came back with cases of beer and pizzas. This church from San Antonio picked these folks up, paid for the motel and gave them money.

The members of the church were not "of color." During this week's return of the New Orleans Saints, who all make thousands if not millions of dollars, to the Superdome, they did some in-depth stories about the poor football fans who lost everything and had not been able to find work, and are currently living in other cities being supported by government agencies.

They purchased season tickets on credit cards and went to the game. All the people interviewed and shown on TV were "of

color." You really expect anyone to believe the government found out what color the people were who needed assistance? President Bush did what he had to, and I'm not saying it was right, but I'm saying race had nothing to do with it.

—Lloyd Kingsbury
Health Lab
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OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Comments and Reviews

'The Laramie Project' minimal yet powerful

Audiences at OCCC's performance of "The Laramie Project" were treated to an adventure in theatrical minimalism.

The set consisted primarily of chairs arranged on an otherwise empty stage.

There were only two exceptions to this. Twice during the play, a television set was wheeled onto the stage.

Actors playing members of the media appeared on the screen as they reported on the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyo.

Costuming also was sparse. The actors dressed in non-descript attire, occasionally using a scarf or hat to depict a character change.

Eight principle actors portrayed the Laramie residents. Each actor took on the challenging task of mastering multiple roles.

Actor Gravelly E. Finley

III stood out with his portrayal of colorful Laramie local "Doc" O'Conner. ("He's not really a doctor," an amused acquaintance whispered with a wink to the audience).

Jean Windham's enthusiasm as Romaine Patterson was warm and playful. Patterson, Shepard's friend, found a creative way to protect the Shepard family from the hatemongering Reverend Fred Phelps and his followers.

The character described how she and several friends made huge angel wings to wear in front of the courthouse during the trial of Shepard's killers.

When the Shepard family came out, the huge wings blocked their view of the minister and his anti-gay followers.

Stories like this, which portray love, hope and acceptance, were intertwined

with graphic descriptions of the events leading to Shepard's death. The juxtaposition of brutality and persistent optimism had a powerful effect.

More differentiation between the actors' characters would have been helpful for following the story. This was particularly true when a character change was noted only by the announcement of the new character's name.

Still, the minimal set and costumes left room for the language of the play to take center stage.

The audience was forced to paint its own respective pictures of the events being described. This made the words, taken directly from interviews with Laramie residents, even more powerful.

Rating: A-

—**Amanda Bittle**
Staff Writer

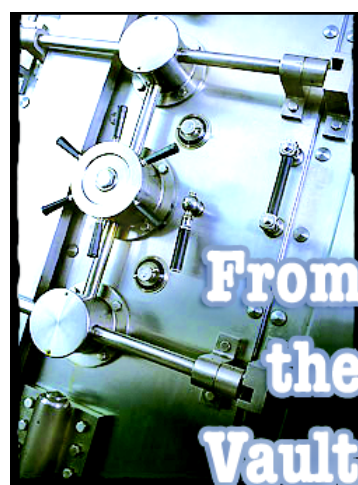
Food and drama mix well

More often than not, well-prepared nutritional snacks are the perfect companion to a good book.

"Pomegranate Soup," by Marsha Mehran, entices the appetite of its readers with Mediterranean recipes following each chapter. The dishes are superb and the story of the Aminpour sisters' flight from revolutionary Iran is captivating.

Eldest sister Marjan became the sole caretaker of her two younger sisters Behar and Layla after their father's death. Through a series of dangerous and blurred events, the sisters end up in a run-down pastry kitchen in the village of Ballina-croagh, Ireland.

The sisters open a Persian café that's shunned by certain members of the village. Thomas McGuire,



the local tavern owner, and the local snoop, Dervla Quigly, do everything in their power to make the sisters' stay unpleasant.

The past that threatened the Aminpour home in Iran once again threatens the peaceful existence they've tried so hard to recreate. Although most of Ballina-croagh's residents oppose

the success of the café, some villagers have supported the effort wholeheartedly.

Mehran's description of a war-torn country can be applied to any modern situation, and the struggle to maintain a family can be appreciated from many angles. Also, the plot works for a believable story.

Fesenjoon, a pomegranate-based chicken dish, the sweet and nutty dessert baklava, and hearty abgusht stew are a few of the tasty treats to be enjoyed from this book. Mehran wrapped up this book with a bow and enticed readers to wonder what's next for the Aminpour sisters.

Rating: A

—**Valerie Jobe**
Staff Writer

YOU asked FOR IT

Q: Why is there a television in the College Union and are students allowed to watch it?

A: Yes, the television is there for students. Students can go to the cafeteria workers and ask to have it turned on.

—**Alicia Knight**
College Union Event Center Manager

Q: Why are there blue lockers in the Arts and Humanities Building and how do we get one?

A: As long as any student is enrolled in an art class, they can get a locker assigned to them through me. There are supposed to be three students to one locker.

—**Nora York**
Art Labs Assistant

Q: What are the requirements for a person to be hired on as a professor here?

A: A person seeking employment as a professor must submit their transcript, résumé and a cover letter, which helps to introduce the person and personalize their file. The minimum requirements are a master's degree as well as 18 graduate hours completed in the field in which they will be teaching.

—**Carolyn Rouillard**
Senior Human Resources Specialist

Q: What are the best classes to take for a business degree?

A: One should follow the degree plan set forth in the catalog, and then depending on the school and discipline they're seeking to complete the degree with, they would need to be put in touch with the appropriate faculty adviser within the Academic Division of Business.

—**Gary Tucker**
Business Professor

Q: Can anybody use the Communications Lab even if they aren't enrolled in an English class?

A: Yes, we can help any student with any paper for any class that is OCCC oriented.

—**Cole Bridges**
Communications Lab Assistant

Q: Why is the construction on the Robert P. Todd: Science, Engineering and Math Center taking so long?

A: The date on the contract to complete the construction is June 30, 2007. As of right now, we are six months ahead of schedule.

—**Chris Snow**
Physical Plant Assistant Director

Students learn about world through mural



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Carly Bailey is seen cutting triangles out of plywood which will be used to reinforce the frame of a large mural. The pieces were glued and then nailed into place Sept. 15. This project is being currently worked on in the Visual Arts Lab through the semester.

By Carrie Cronk
Staff Writer

Visual Arts program students are learning to see the world on a grand scale.

A special topics course in mural painting was offered to visual arts students enrolling for the fall 2006 semester.

Visual Arts Professor Doug Blake approved four students for the class this semester.

The visual arts class will create a mural that may be hung on the back wall of the Communications Lab once it's completed.

"I recruited students that had proven they had some painting ability," Blake said.

Students enrolled in the course are Carly Bailey, Tim Cronk, Megan Beavers and Conner Tapscott.

Blake said Mindie Dieu, Communications Lab supervisor, approached him about the possibility of the Visual Arts department producing a mural for the lab.

"She wanted something with an international theme that would be welcoming of our international students," Blake said.

Dieu said the Communi-

cations Lab staff worked together to come up with the idea of the mural.

"It arose from a real desire to reflect the students that we have here, those that we serve, those that we want to keep here and to celebrate our diversity," Dieu said.

Blake said the students will learn, not only how to work on a large scale, but they also will gain the experiences of working for a client and working cooperatively as a group.

They also will learn how to work through the risks and challenges that arise from each aspect of the project, he said.

"Everybody is going to have to be able to tweak and adapt, and put their egos aside and work together," Blake said.

He said the class would consist of three parts: research and construction of the canvas, painting the basic layout and painting the detail work.

The canvas had to be custom built due to its unusual dimensions of 5 feet by 15 feet, Blake said.

"It's going to be a very directional canvas because we're limited in height," Blake said. "It's a long wall, so that creates compositional problems that have to be solved."

Bailey, who is the student

lead artist for the project, said working on this particular canvas "is a new dimension" for her to work with as she has never worked with such a narrow canvas in the past.

Painting the mural on a canvas reduces excess prep work involved with painting a mural on walls.

It also is beneficial because it allows for the mural to be moved in the event of unexpected maintenance or relocation needs.

The students already have built the stretcher for the canvas.

They stretched and prepared the canvas for the mural.

Bailey and Cronk began mixing paints on Sept. 29 to decide what colors they will be using for the under painting.

The mural will tentatively consist of an antique-styled map of the world's seven continents painted in subdued colors.

Besides the under painting, the students will add detail work using numerous layers of glazes, which are transparent or translucent paints.

At this time, no plans have been made for a spring class offered in 2007.

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Get help writing research papers

By Amanda Bittle
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Oct. 19, Student Life will offer a presentation on writing term papers, said Sara McElroy, First Year and Student Life Programs coordinator.

The lecture, part of the Brown Bag lunch series, will take place at 12:30 p.m. in room CU1.

Communications Lab Supervisor Mindie Dieu will present the lecture.

Dieu said the presentation will focus on easing students' fears of term papers and teaching them how to manage research.

She said, documentation of sources is one area in

which many students struggle.

This is the third year the workshop will be offered, Dieu said.

Communication Lab handouts will be available as well as an outline detailing what steps students should take to create a successful research paper, said Rebecca Weber, Lab assistant.

Weber said the presentation also will include a free-writing exercise to help students identify their likes and dislikes of the writing process.

"We try to make it as interactive as possible," Weber said.

The next Brown Bag will

be at noon Monday Oct. 23 and will feature intro to sign language.

Intro to sign language will be presented by Student Support Services.

At noon, Tuesday, Oct. 24, a workshop will be offered to give some pointers on how to protect students' identities' online.

For more information, contact McElroy at 405-682-1611, ext. 7683, or Community Engagement Coordinator Jon Horinek at 682-1611, ext. 7697.

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•It pays to advertise in the Pioneer•

25 minute résumés

By Amanda Bittle
Staff Writer

Ever get intimidated writing a résumé? Don't worry. Help is on the way.

A presentation on résumé writing is part of a series of Wednesday lunchtime workshops known as "Career Power in 25 Minutes!" It will take place Oct. 18 from noon to 12:25 p.m. in room 1F6, near Student Life offices, and will be presented by Employment Coordinator Laura Chopp.

The workshop will include information on different types of résumés and suggestions on what information to include on them.

"Résumés are important because, if you think about it, they're a one- to two-page advertisement for why an employer should hire you," Chopp said.

For more information, contact Chopp at 405-682-1611, ext. 7369.

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Transferring fair coming to campus

By Chelsea Moore
News Writing Student

Students planning to transfer next fall can explore their options at the annual College Fair from 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 11, in the College Union.

The college fair allows state colleges to show off their schools and make

prospective students aware now is the time to plan to transfer.

The University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City University, University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University are just a handful of the 68 schools being represented at this year's fair.

Colleges send representa-

tives to provide information in hopes potential students will take interest in their school. October is when recruitment fairs are most frequent.

"I attended the fair last year and got all the info I needed for transferring credit to OU," said Rory Blackburn, a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma

who has taken classes at OCCC while enrolled at OU.

Not only is the fair giving current students opportunities to look at transfer schools, but it also is bringing in many new students to OCCC by letting the public know about the advantages of OCCC.

"Students are our most important commodity,"

said Susie Braun, Admissions and Recruitment director.

The fair is aimed toward high school seniors coming into college for the first time, but is open to the public.

Applications will be available for each university at the individual booths set up at the fair.

Snakes cause distress at Massey Center

By Matthew Coury
News Writing Student

Snakes caused a slither among OCCC's John Massey Center employees in the past months.

Gary Phillips, Building and Campus Services manager, said the snakes are attracted to the Massey Center's pond.

"The John Massey Center has a pond in the back of it and there are snakes that are coming up to the building," Phillips said. "The people are in the environment of the wildlife."

The John Massey Center is south of the main OCCC campus, located on S.W. 119th Street, west of May Avenue.

A number of employees have seen the snakes and had first-hand encounters with them.

"We were walking around the lake, coming around the bend," said Center employee Cynthia Gary, "when I saw this snake with its head up."

Gary and her friend both froze in their tracks, she said.

"We saw the snake and so we shot out to the parking lot," she said.

"Of course, we came in the building laughing."

One snake actually found its way into the Massey Center.

"We had one that slithered into the foyer," said Sheri Kingsbury, OCCC buyer who works at the

"We were walking around the lake, coming around the bend, when I saw this snake with its head up."

—Cynthia Gary
John Massey Center
Employee

Massey Center. "We called security and they never responded."

Kingsbury said some of the employees caught the snake and put it in a box. One of the employees then took the snake and released it outside.

"Now we have flaps on the sides of the building to keep the snakes

out," Kingsbury said.

These flaps have been put on some lower areas of the building where the snakes were coming in through grates that are just yards away from the pond.

The employees described the snakes as garden and bull snakes.

No one has reported any venomous varieties at the Massey Center.

Phillips said the college appears to have come up with a good solution to the snake problem.

"We have got a repellent that's not harmful to the snakes or the people, that we spray around the building," Phillips said.

The employees said the spray smells like strong garlic.

Music program performers hosting first fall concert Oct. 12

By Erin Sorenson
News Writing Student

The OCCC Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will perform with the Symphonic Community Choir at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12, at Graceway Baptist Church located at 1100 S.W. 104th Street.

This will be the first concert of the fall semester.

The concert will showcase each choir performing various classical selections and hymns.

Jodi Butler, OCCC vocal music major, will perform a solo jazz piece, "Cry Me A River," at the concert.

Butler said she's honored music Professor Ron Staton asked her to perform the piece.

The song is somewhat difficult, Butler said, but she

said she's looking forward to the concert.

"It's a little hard [to perform] in front of a large group of people," she said. "[I've] got to get used to it."

The Concert Choir, which is open to anyone interested in performing, will sing various selections such as "Climb Every Mountain" and "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind."

Chamber Singers, open by audition only, will perform songs like "He Watching Over Israel" and "She Walks In Beauty."

The Symphonic Community Choir, a mix of both students and members of the community, will perform "Agnus Dei," "When The Saints Go Marching In" and many others.

OCCC Music Professors Mike Boyle, Kevin Webb

and Phil Wilkerson will add instrumental accompaniment with the tuba, trom-

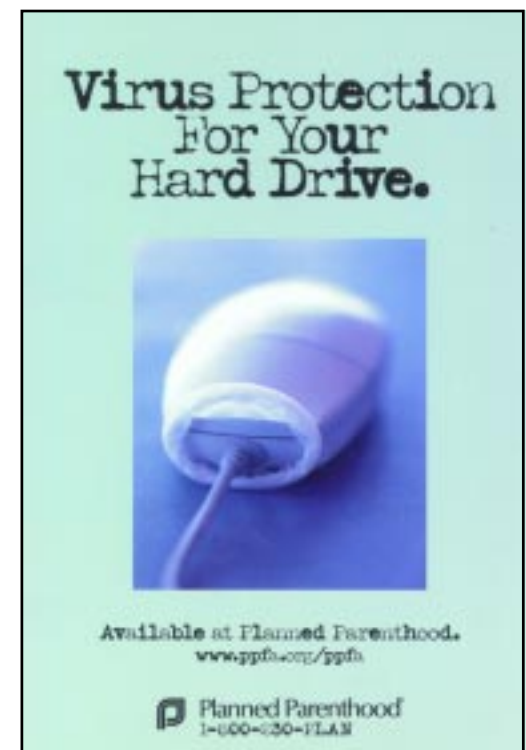
bone and clarinet, respectively.

For more information,

contact Staton at 405-682-1611, ext. 7249, or e-mail rstaton@occc.edu.



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Film professor making star students

By Sara Dew

News Writing Student

Greg Mellott was hired this summer as the new Film and Video program director.

Mellott worked for eight years at the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts in Los Angeles, where he taught film graphics and editing courses.

Mellott followed friend and OCCC Artist-in-Residence Gray Frederickson to Oklahoma.

Frederickson is a native Oklahoman who has produced major motion pictures such as the "Godfather" trilogy and "Apocalypse Now."

Mellott said he plans to upgrade the program's equipment to High Definition technology.

He said many other film programs are upgrading their equipment to HD, and, therefore, OCCC must do the same in order to gain and maintain an edge.

This upgrade may be made possible by grants given by the Kirkpatrick Foundation, Mellott said.

Mellott said he hopes the equipment update will be complete by spring.

A new documentary course and a new course on directing will be available in the near future, he said.

There also are plans to make changes to the capstone course, he said. These changes will allow students to complete entire films based on the screenplays written in screenwriting courses.

"We want to help students be the best artists they can be," Mellott said.

The program aims to offer its students all of the amenities they need to learn and produce great films, he said.

With these changes, Mellott said, the film program hopes its students will find they do not need to leave Oklahoma to receive one of the best film and video educations.



Photo by Carrie Cronk

New Film and Video Studies Program Director Greg Mellott (center with tie) poses with students in his screenwriting class.

OCCC will offer everything students will need, Mellott said.

Jason Henderson, former OCCC film student, said OCCC's program is becoming stronger than when he

attended.

"It seems like Mr. Mellott and the organization are putting forth great effort to put OCCC on the map as a great film school," Henderson said.

Aside from teaching, Mellott also works as a screenwriter on various film projects.

He currently is working on a Kung Fu action comedy with Ruddy Morgan

Productions, as well as collaborations on multiple independent films.

Mellott has previously worked with Jackie Chan and directors Andre Morgan and Sidney Furie.

New professor sets foot in theater department

By Robert Smith

News Writing Student

Theater professor Brent Noel is new to the academic staff at OCCC.

When Bethel College in Kansas closed its theater department, it opened the door for Noel to venture to OCCC's program.

Noel taught a little more than four years at Bethel College until funding cuts shut down the department.

He has some strong convictions about the role of theater.

"The theater department is a good educational tool to help students interact with the world," Noel said.

Some interactions are team building, problem solving, looking at others' points of view, communicating effectively in a group and thinking critically.

"Business people have mentioned that these are the skills they want their employees to have," Noel said.

"You can train somebody to do something but theater educates somebody to see why we do things and how to do it successfully as a team."

Noel has directed several plays, including, "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck, and "Beyond Therapy" by Christopher Durang.

They were directed through Fountainhead Theatre in Kansas.

Noel directed "The Importance of Being Earnest," by Oscar Wilde, at Bethel College, as well as others.

Noel also has performed on stage, most recently in Terrance McNally's "Frankie And Johnny In The Clair de Lune."

Susan VanSchuyver said Noel is a good addition.

"Professor Noel as a challenging professor who brings new ideas and a fresh approach to theater," she said.

She said she sees Noel bringing new and interesting topics to the college and the theater.

VanSchuyver said she believes Noel will reach out to the community through the theater.

Noel received his bachelor's degree from Dana College in Blair, Neb.

He received his master's degree from the University of Nebraska.

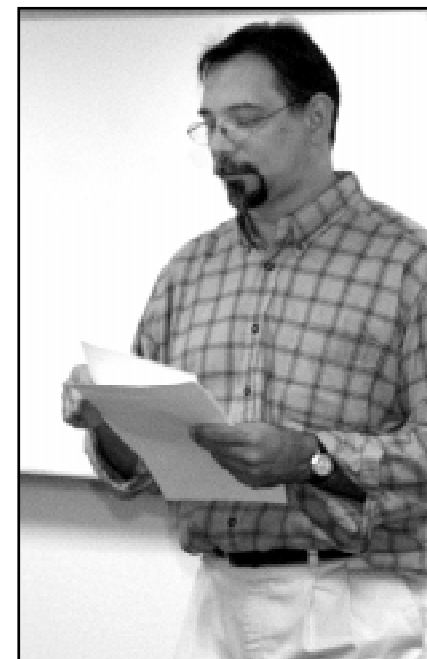


Photo by Carrie Cronk

Theater Professor Brent Noel is the newest addition to OCCC's theater program. Noel said he looks at the theater department as a "good educational tool" and plans to utilize it to better his students' education.

Biology the life of new professor

By Matthew Coury
News Writing Student

A first generation college graduate who grew up on a farm in western Oklahoma has joined the faculty as a biology professor. Raul Ramirez said he's seen his father and uncles just surviving off the income they make and that's not for him.

"I wanted to do something I enjoy doing ... something I wanted to do and not something I had to do," he said.

Ramirez was born in Shattuck, Okla. and grew up in Woodward.

"I really kind of got my start in farming where I worked with cattle," he said. "That really kind of got me interested in science."

Out of high school, Ramirez attended Oklahoma State University to study biological science, but rethought his decision and transferred to the University of Oklahoma.

The summer before he went to OU, Ramirez spent time in the Panhandle surveying prairie dog towns. That's when he decided against specializing in mammals.

"There were a couple of cases of the Hanta virus that had been spread around through the mice that were in the area," Ramirez said. "So, you know I was just kind of worried; it kind of turned me off of the whole mammal thing."

The Hanta virus starts out as a fever when it is contracted and is deadly to humans.

He also had to deal with predators.

"With prairie dog towns, it's a really good niche for prairie rattlesnakes," he said. "They scared me half to death, and I really wasn't into that either."

After his time in the Panhandle, Ramirez discovered his true area of scientific passion when he enrolled in two aquatic courses at



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Biology Professor Raul Ramirez points out the finer things in life to two students in his science class. Ramirez is the newest addition to OCCC's Math and Science department.

OU.

"Those two classes really turned me on to aquatic biology," Ramirez said.

From that point, his focus while at OU remained on aquatic biology.

He attended graduate school at Southern Illinois University.

"I wanted to go somewhere," Ramirez said. "I wanted to get out of Oklahoma."

He stayed in Illinois for about two years where he received his master's degree in biological sciences and did some more aquatic research at one of the local

lakes.

Part way through his time at Southern Illinois, Ramirez began to do supplemental instruction.

"I found that maybe my calling is in teaching," he said.

"The very next fall, after I graduated (from Southern

Illinois), I got an appointment here at OCCC teaching a zoology class," Ramirez said. "I also had an appointment at Oklahoma Christian (University) where I taught a science class."

This led to his current position as an OCCC biology professor, which he accepted in the summer of this year.

"I'm very excited and thankful for the opportunity," Ramirez said. "There are a lot of adjuncts that teach here at OCCC and a lot of them would really like to have the full-time position, so I'm just honored that they chose me."

Communications Professor Julie Corff has an office in the same hallway as Ramirez and describes him as colorful and quick-witted, and said he makes coming to work delightful.

Ginnett Rollins, modern languages professor, also has an office on the same hallway as Ramirez.

"He has a real funny side to him, a side the students need to get to know," Rollins said. "He's a great colleague to have around."

Physics prof teaching about fun of science

By Kyearra Wyont
News Writing Student

Professor David Wiggins joined OCCC's full-time faculty this fall.

Wiggins attended high school in Michigan where, he said, he was inspired by his physics teacher to attend college.

"He was a crazy guy, doing all sorts of little things," Wiggins said.

Wiggins received a bachelor's degree in physics from Michigan Technological University and went on to receive a master's degree in physics from Michigan State University.

When he was an undergraduate, Wiggins decided he wanted to use his degree in physics so he could

teach.

Wiggins said he enjoys the feeling of discovery.

"... I love the 'aha' moment when [students] learn something," Wiggins said.

Wiggins said he likes interacting with students and teaching important things.

Wiggins said he was interested in the position because it gave him a chance to come back to Oklahoma where he was raised.

"My mom and sisters are here, and I get to do the job I love to do," Wiggins said.

"OCCC could improve the Math and Science department by having a lot more interaction between students and their professors, not so much lecture," Wiggins said.

Wiggins said students



Photo by Carrie Cronk

New Physics Professor David Wiggins began his full-time position this fall semester.

should enjoy their classes.

"Always try to have fun in class," Wiggins said.

"People don't think of science as fun, so I try to make it fun."

Campus security expert presents password lecture

By Scott D'Amico
Staff Writer

How safe is your information online?

That's the question that will be asked starting Oct. 9. October is Cyber Security awareness month.

Each week, a topic in cyber security will be explored in a workshop. The first week covers passwords, said Brett Weber, Cyber Security program director. He said it will have a 1950s horror show theme entitled "Invasion of the Password Snatchers" in honor of Halloween.

Weber said a stolen password has the potential to create a major problem.

"People can get your passwords and log into your bank accounts," he said.

People should follow certain tips to ensure their passwords can be kept secure, Weber said.

One of those tips is memorizing the password. Weber said he's seen people be careless with their passwords.

"People would have them on sticky notes by their desk," he said.

He also suggests creating a pass phrase. A pass phrase is a phrase created by a user to generate a password.

Having strong passwords over weak ones is a good way to protect your e-mails and more, Weber said.

Strong passwords are passwords that can't be easily figured out, he said.

"Strong passwords can be a combination of characters that don't make any sense [to someone trying to figure out the password]," Weber said.

Strong passwords should consist of lower and upper case characters as well as numbers and special characters like dollar and 'at' signs.

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—Brett Weber
Cyber Security Program
Director

Weak passwords, Weber said, are passwords that can be found in dictionaries of any languages.

He said passwords should be a minimum of eight to 10 characters in length.

It's also important to change your passwords at least every six months, he said.

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The second week of cyber security awareness month will focus on computer worms and viruses.

Look for more information on upcoming workshops in the Oct. 16 issue of the Pioneer.

From Russia, with love



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Marina Rubenshtein, Russian flutist, performed with Tatiana Kuleshova, pianist, in the College Theater. The Oct. 3 performance was their first concert in the U.S. They performed seven pieces.

Both are 2002 graduates of the Moscow Conservatory and have played together for 10 years. The duo's repertoire ranges from solo to Baroque and chamber music. They also perform contemporary and jazz pieces.

Spinach removed from union menu

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

The spread of E-coli through spinach has affected the nation, the state and OCCC.

Carson's Fresh Market Café has stopped using frozen, canned and fresh spinach, said Alicia Knight, Carson's Event Center manager.

The removal of spinach from the menu came after a national announcement by the FDA on Sept. 14, Knight said.

The announcement warned of spinach tainted with E-coli from California.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said 157 people in 23 states have been affected and three possible deaths are connected with the tainted spinach.

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—Alicia Knight
Carson's Event Center Manager

Knight said Carson's would not use spinach until the end of December or the beginning of the spring semester.

"Even though our distributor doesn't carry spinach from California, we stopped receiving spinach to ensure that we will not get an affected batch," Knight said.

She said Carson's tries to use produce from local farms to ensure that produce is fresh.

"We try to get produce locally grown," Knight said. "It helps keep things fresh and helps out the local economy."

Carson's also screens all food items in stock, Knight said.

"We have one person that checks one type of stock," she said.

"One person specifically checks just dairy, for example. That way, they are trained to ensure that dairy products are fresh."

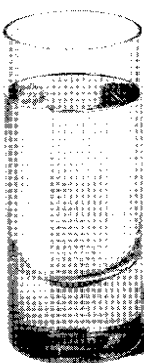
Spinach or not, some students will still eat vegetables.

"I will still eat vegetables," said Chris Heeren, OCCC freshman. "It doesn't worry me."

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Domestic violence can be stopped

By **Amanda Bittle**
Staff Writer

Charlotte Edwards was once a victim of domestic abuse. That time of her life ended nearly 20 years ago, and Edwards has since become a helping hand to those victims who still need help.

Now a volunteer with the Women's Service and Family Resource Center in Chickasha, Edwards said there are a number of reasons victims are unable to break free from abusers.

Fear of reprisal and lack of independent economic security are two of the reasons victims stay in abuse situations.

She said other reasons are more deep-rooted in the victim.

"The number-one reason [victims don't leave abusive relationships] is because [the victim] really does love [his or her] abuser," Edwards said. "[The abuser] is not abusing [the victim] all the time."

The Women's Service and Family Resource Center serves Grady and Canadian

counties.

In 2006, 940 crisis calls were received and nearly 2,000 residents in those counties were helped by the center.

About 970 of them were face-to-face clients.

The biggest misconception concerning domestic violence is the idea that a victim's situation is not that bad, she said.

Mary Turner, Student Development counselor, said embarrassment over a victim's plight, or threats to her children or other relatives, also can influence the

"Just let them know that you're there for them, whatever they decide to do. The most important thing you can say is, 'I love you. I care about you, and I'm here if you need me.'"

—Charlotte Edwards
Chickasha Women's Service and Family Resource Center Volunteer

Experts say abuse recognizable

By **Kinber Roberts**
and **Amanda Bittle**
Staff Writers

Helping a friend in a domestic violence situation is easier when people know what signs to recognize, said Sandy Mold, licensed professional counselor at Edmond Family Services.

Jeremy Wente, Mid-Del Youth and Family Center clinical director, said it's important to open the lines of communication.

"First, talk with the victim if you're a friend," Wente said. "They have to feel ready to contact professionals for assistance. Tell them you're concerned and want to find helpful resources."

Charlotte Edwards said signs of domestic violence can be noticed by observant friends and family.

Edwards was once a victim of domestic abuse 20 years ago. She now volunteers with the Women's Service and Family Resource Center in Chickasha.

If a friend or acquaintance gradually becomes skittish and isolated, frequently breaks lunch dates or plans and nervously explains the behavior, Edwards said, a person should consider the possibility of domestic abuse.

Other signs to look for include unexplained weight loss, jealous calls from spouses and weather-inappropriate clothing which might be worn to hide external signs of abuse.

Ed Williams, Student Development counselor, said domestic violence is everywhere. He said OCCC students are referred to outside agencies for professional help.

Williams said it usually is the student who will bring the issue forth to a teacher.

"Although a teacher cannot infringe on



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Mid-Del Youth and Family Center
Clinical Director

a student's rights, the student has the right to alert someone of the problem."

Tamatha Mosier, Domestic Violence specialist with the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, said victims of violence might downplay what's happening to them.

"[Victims] don't recognize the risk factors. They haven't realized how dangerous the situation is," she said.

Mosier said 75 percent of violence occurs after steps to leave have been taken. She said stressing to the victims the urgency to leave a violent situation is important to recovery.

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victim's decision to remain in a dangerous situation.

Turner said it is important that friends and family members who suspect abuse to keep communication lines open.

Edwards agrees.

"Just let them know that you're there for them, whatever they decide to do.

"The most important thing you can say is, 'I love you. I care about you, and I'm here if you need me.'"

Sometimes, Edwards said, just knowing there is help available can give victims of domestic violence the strength they need to break away from their abusers.

A list of statewide domestic violence shelters can be found at www.divorce-source.com/shelters/oklahoma.shtml.

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Hotline help

According to Domestic Violence Intervention Services Inc., Oklahoma's domestic violence reports have increased 31 percent since 1994.

Ninth grade students, in the state of Oklahoma, are three times (25.7 percent) more likely to be abused by a girlfriend or boyfriend than the national average (7.9 percent).

Most cases go unreported because victims do not know where to turn in their time of need.

In 2003, there were more than 23,000 confirmed cases reported in Oklahoma.

Here is a list of helpful hotlines and numbers to call if the situation arises:

- Oklahoma Safeline OKC Metro Area 522-SAFE (7233) Toll free 1-800-522-SAFE (7233)
- YWCA of OKC 405-948-1770 YWCA Crisis 405-947-4506 YWCA Shelter 405-949-0907
- Rape Hotline 405-943-RAPE (7273)
- Number Nyne 24hr. Hotline 325-NYNE (6963)
- YWCA Battered Women Hotline 917-9922
- Child or Adult Abuse Hotline 1-800-522-3511

Get into the artsy side of Oklahoma with class

By **Scott D'Amico**
Staff Writer

One professor will prove art is alive in Oklahoma City by showing her students first-hand the art the city has to offer with her humanities class OKC Arts Alive!

"There are, on any given weekend, dozens of plays, concerts or museum openings," said Ruth Charnay, Communications and Arts chairperson and instructor for OKC Arts Alive!

"[People] begin to see there are these different things going on."

The class, which satisfies three credit hours of general humanities credit, will begin Friday, Oct. 20, and end Friday Dec. 15.

Charnay said students will meet at the Civic Center Music Hall, located at 201 N. Walker Avenue, before and after an event for a class discussion.

She said students who take the class range from 18-year-old students to teachers.

Charnay said the diversity allows for a variety of different opinions to be shared.

"I think everybody takes something out of it," Charnay said.

Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities dean, said what makes the class special is it's not an ordinary humanities class that views videotapes and listens to music in a classroom.

"You actually get to see arts alive," VanSchuyver said. "If they like things that are live, this would be a good opportunity."

Charnay said the class doesn't require a textbook, but students will have to pay for their own admission to the events the class attends. She said the total prices of the events are comparable to the cost of a

textbook, \$80 to \$100.

VanSchuyver said the class has been a success in past semesters and slots are still available for students hoping to enroll in the course.

Students who are interested in taking the course can enroll online.

The proposed calendar of events includes four plays: "Bad Dates," "Julius Caesar," "Year with Frog and Toad" and "Last Night at Ballyhoo."

"The Nutcracker" is one of two ballets on the schedule that will be performed by Ballet Oklahoma.

Also slated for the class is a Pops concert performed by the Oklahoma Philharmonic and a visit to a museum.

For more information, contact Charnay at 405-682-1611, ext. 7143.

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Bio prof working on new book

By **John Savage**
Staff Writer

OCCC Biology professor Richard Trout was recently awarded the Teddy Award in the long works category from The Writers League of Texas.

"I qualified and made the top three," Trout said.

Trout also has completed his fifth novel called "Sign of the Dragon."

Like other works by Trout, the story follows the adventures of the MacGregor family.

This story deals with the family as they move to China and discover a link between animal exports, illegal dinosaur bone trade and corrupt Chinese officials.

The planned release for the book is in February 2007. There eventually will be 15 total books in the series, he said.

Trout said the series is written for ages 11 to 15 but is classified as family entertainment.

Trout said, as a youth, he enjoyed stories similar to those he writes. He was living in Lubbock, Texas when he entered an essay contest.

"I won an essay contest in seventh grade for The Daughters of the Republic of

Texas," Trout said.

"You write an essay about your family heritage in Texas."

He said his fifth great-grandfather fought with Sam Houston in the battle of San Jacinto. It was the last battle of the Texas Revolution.

"By having that connection I was able to qualify to enter the contest," he said. "From seventh grade on, I was interested in reading and writing stories like these."

Works by American author Mark Twain and books from the Tom Swift series inspired him to write his material, Trout said.

Trout said he has traveled to nearly 70 percent of the places he writes about.

When he isn't traveling, he is watching home videos of others who have traveled to those areas. He said he does extensive research on those areas he writes about.

"It would be absolutely impossible to travel everywhere because of financial constraints," Trout said.

"But where I can't go, I do lots of interviews, watch tons of home videos and usually research anywhere from 25 to 30 books on each novel as research material."

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Student shows shirt skills

By Bianca Lopez
News Writing Student

When walkers in the AIDS fundraiser event put on their T-shirts Oct. 1 in downtown Oklahoma City, one OCCC art student looked on with pride.

Out of many students who participated in the T-shirt design contest, Cintia Murillo was chosen to have her design on the shirt.

It all began as an assignment for art class during the spring semester.

"My professor gave us an idea of a ribbon that was required to be on the shirt," she said

It didn't take the Graphic Communications major long to come up with the design.

Murillo's area of emphasis is digital photography.

"Ever since I was little, I liked playing with my parents' camera," she said.

She came to OCCC and began looking for classes related to photography.

Now, Murillo plans to graduate in December with her associates degree.

She plans to have a studio of fashion photography in the future.

After the surprise win of the T-shirt design contest, Murillo has been excited for the big event.

"I couldn't wait to see everybody wearing the shirt I designed."

Murillo and her family attended the walk on Sunday, Oct. 1, to show support for those affected by AIDS.



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Photography sophomore Cintia Murillo created the winning design shown on her shirt for the AIDS walk T-shirts. The shirts were worn during an Oct. 1 AIDS fundraiser.

Sneak peek



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Physical Plant Assistant Director Chris Snow describes the future botany lab to members of The Leadership Council during their tour of the Robert P. Todd Science, Engineering and Math Center the afternoon of Sept. 28.

Infection sidelines professor

By John Savage
Staff Writer

OCCC Biology Professor Richard Trout is at home recovering from a secondary infection in the spinal column called peptococcus. He was released from the hospital Saturday night, Sept. 30.

He will be off work for the rest of the semester although he still will teach his online classes.

Trout said he had surgeries prior to this for colon cancer and to place two metal stents in his arteries to clear blockage in those areas.

It was later when Trout left the hospital that the infection started to progress.

"I check out of the hospital and then the infection hits," Trout said.

He said this infection caused inflammation in his lumbar area.

"The inflammation blocks the signals to your legs and back," Trout said.

Trout said this causes the back area to swell, causing extreme pain. This can be a risk for patients who have had surgery on their colons.

Trout hopes to return to OCCC during January intersession.

He said two other professors have picked up his microbiology and zoology classes.

Trout said doctors have prescribed a penicillin IV and oxygen infusion.

"We set the alarm clock, get up in the middle of the night and inject the medicine," Trout said. "I'm also under oxygen infusion. This particular bacteria is an anaerobe."



Biology Professor
Richard Trout

"With every surgery you take there is always a risk. My heart is working great, the colon surgery is working and now we have to get rid of this infection in my spine."

—Richard Trout
Biology Professor

He said infusing the tissue with oxygen, combined with penicillin, kills the bacteria.

Cards and e-mails from students, friends and staff have been pouring in, Trout said.

"It has been a real outpouring of good wishes," he said.

"With every surgery you take there is always a risk. My heart is working great, the colon surgery is working and now we have to get rid of this infection in my spine."

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•**Oct. 2 - Nov. 9:** OCCC Youth Basketball League will tip off its season of non-competitive basketball for boys and girls, ages 5 to 12-years-old. The season starts Dec. 2. Registration ends Nov. 9. Each team will play eight games. 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.occrcs.edu.

•**Oct. 2 - 31 :** OCCC Punt, Pass and Kick Challenge will be back this fall. Contestants will test their skills in each of three following categories. Pass: complete four target passes in 10 yards, 15 yards, 20 yards and 30 yards. Punt: complete two punts: 1 distance kick and one timed kick. Final challenge is the kick: which will have contestants complete two field goal tries from 20 yards and 40 yards. Challenge date is Thursday, Nov. 9. This event is free to all OCCC students. Sign-ups for the event can be found at the Wellness Center at 405-682-7860.

•**Oct. 10:** Central Oklahoma Association will be holding meetings and training this fall for basketball officiating at OCCC to certify officials through the National Federation State High School Association. This event starts at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10 in the College Union. The enrollment fee is \$45. There is also a \$20 fee to join the Central Oklahoma Officials Association. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit www.occrcs.edu.

•**Oct. 23 - 27:** Singles tennis tournament starts on Monday, Oct. 23, and will run through the 27. This will be the last event for the Intramural sports program until the spring. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit www.occrcs.edu.

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Club team beat in second half



Photo by Carrie Cronk

OCCC player Jeremy Haderthauer moves the ball upfield during the last half of the game against East Central University Sept. 30. OCCC lost the game 6-1. OCCC's team went into halftime tied 0-0 but was outscored by five goals in the second half. The club soccer team will have byes for the next two weeks. Play will resume Saturday Oct. 14, OCCC will play OU-Colsa but no location or time has been confirmed yet.

By Anna Ballje
News Writing Student

The OCCC soccer team won the battle during the first half of its Sept. 30 game against East Central University, but lost the war as the score turned around in the second half.

The result was a 6-1 defeat of OCCC on the field of Rose State College.

Coach K.B. Yeboah talked to the team after the game.

"If you guys play the way you played in the first half, I don't think anybody can beat you."

Yeboah said, he thought the team did a good job keeping ECU out of OCCC territory in the first half, making the halftime score 0-0.

Juan Martinez, OCCC forward, scored with a penalty kick for OCCC's only score of the game.

One member of the team felt like they needed to play together.

OCCC player Edgar Estrada said [the team] needed more teamwork.

**"If you guys play the way you played in the first half,
I don't think anybody can beat you."**

—K.B. Yeboah
OCCC Soccer Coach

"We needed to communicate more and make more runs for the ball," he said.

Although the game was physical with two yellow cards given out, Maxwell Ebegbune, forward on the ECU team, said the game was to his liking.

"This was a fun, good game," he said. Ebegbune scored two goals for ECU.

Ebegbune said, the ECU team does not have a coach and they will continue coaching themselves until something changes.

Yeboah said OCCC's team lacked numerous things in the second half including, not being able to take shots on goal, players forgetting to drop back on defense, everybody being too tired because they

haven't been conditioning on their own and players not communicating on the field.

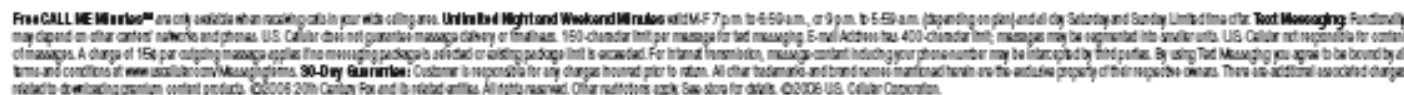
Yeboah said, if the team players do their best to make a commitment to come to practices, they would then be able to play much better in games to come.

Yeboah said, practices will continue to be held every weeknight, except Thursday, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the practice field across from the Child Development Center.

Yeboah urges every player to attend practices and fight for their team.

The club soccer team will have byes for the next two weeks. For game times, call Yeboah at 405-255-7735.

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Highlights

Upcoming grandparent workshop

A grandparent workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Child Development Center and Lab School. Participants will learn ways to include language, literacy and the love of books in everyday experience with grandchildren. Sign-up in the CDCLS Office or call 682-7561.

Future Teachers Organization meet to make plans

The Future Teachers Organization will hold a general meeting for pre-ed majors or those interested in becoming teachers from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, in room 2M2. There will be a 4:30 p.m. meeting for those who cannot make it to the 12:30 meeting. The Halloween party on Oct. 27 will be discussed. For more information, contact Sponsor Dave Palkovich at 405-682-1611, ext. 7337.

Phi Theta Kappa to host Satellite Seminar

Dan Senor will discuss the topic, "The Iraq War and its Consequences in the Middle East," at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10 in room 3N5. Students, faculty and community are welcome to attend. For more information, contact English Professor Richard Rouillard at 682-1611, ext. 7389.

Student Life Lecture presents Dr. Daniel Boatright

Dr. Daniel Boatright will speak on the topic of "Pandemic Flu and Preparing Public Health for Disasters," at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, in room CU3. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Health Professions Club to Raise Funds

The Health Profession's Club will hold bake sales in the Main Building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 10, 19 and 26. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Center in Bethany. Sign-up sheets are available on the club's bulletin board across from the Science Center. For more information, contact President Kari Glidwell at gdk2005@cox.net

BPA Leadership Development Series

OCCC Business Professionals of America and Office of Student Life will present OCCC President Paul W. Sechrist, Ph.D. at noon Monday, Oct. 13, in the College Union.

Advocates of Peace work toward peace pole

Advocates of Peace will have a general meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, in room 1C3. Everyone is invited to attend and help promote peace.

Deadline for 2007 scholarship pageant

The application deadline for the 2007 Miss Black Student Association Scholarship Pageant is 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19. For more information, contact Student Development Counselor Claire Echols at 405-682-1611, ext. 7729, or Rochelle Mosby, Arts and Humanities division assistant, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7636.

Psychology and Sociology Club to host speaker

Guest Speaker Amy Elvington, President of UCO's PsiChi Club will present information about UCO's PsiChi Organization at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 25, in room CU2.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Process 3 Career Ladder Pathway nursing students Tawanna Lawrence and Nicole Cornish paint the walls of Westwood Elementary's school cafeteria during Student Life's Service Saturday project on Sept. 30. Students volunteered their services for the day to help with painting, constructing new bookshelves for the school's library, and removing litter from the school grounds.

Service days satisfy

By Valari Hixon
News Writing Student

Fifteen students volunteered their time Sept. 30 to help spruce up Westwood Elementary School on the corner of South Penn and Exchange.

The volunteers spent their Saturday pulling weeds on the playground, repainting playground equipment, painting the cafeteria, putting together new bookshelves for the library, and cleaning out storage closets.

Sandy Futrell, Westwood's librarian, said the school does not receive enough funding from the district for improvements so they rely on outside sources for funding, and volunteer work for improving the appearance of the school.

"The children notice the volunteer work and it helps them to take pride in their school," Futrell said.

Shirley Blakely, second year nursing student at OCCC, said the experience was worthwhile.

"It is a great learning experience for the nursing students," she said. "It helps us to be more aware of environmental issues as nurses."

The students who volunteered their time were:

Sarah Chadwick, Ashley Griggs, Rosa Trejo, Lauretta Ramirez, Lola Odom, Nicole Renard, Shirley Blakely, Dennis Plavilapadinjattethil, Christy Marsley, Tawanna Lawrence, Betty Choate-Morford, Rajani Tammareddy, Trisha Sutterfield, and Nursing professor Connie Kuebeck.

Of the fifteen volunteers, 75 percent were nursing students.

Service Saturdays are open to anyone who would like to participate.

Jon Horinek, Service Learning Coordinator, said Student Life held another Service Saturday on Oct. 4. Volunteers improved a blind nature trail at the Oklahoma Library for the Blind.

They pulled weeds and helped with the landscaping on the trail.

On Nov. 4, volunteers will participate in Habitat for Humanity. As of press time the volunteers were not sure what project they will take part in.

CLUB STORIES NEEDED

Does your student club or organization have a story you want to put in the Pioneer? Contact the Pioneer at 405-682-1611, ext. 7410.

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FOR SALE: '92 Toyota Camry. 4-dr. sedan, 2.2L V6 standard

trans., 182,333 miles, a/c, trailer hitch. Call 405-361-4453.

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FOR SALE: '87 Camaro IROC Z28. 355 small block, 350 hp, 650 holley, 350 turbo transmission, 2500 stall converter, B&M starshifter, 5" tack with shiftlight, ceramic coated headers, HEI distributor and more. In order for car to be ready for the street it could use a few mufflers. This car is really fast but could use some cleaning up. \$5,000 OBO. E-mail me trantor1000tt@yahoo.com.

ELECTRONICS

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EMPLOYMENT

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ROOMMATE WANTED: Female only. \$350.00 per month, all bills paid. New 1,200 sq. foot, 3 bed, 2 bath home in Moore. Call Erin at 401-4906.

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FURNITURE

FOR SALE: Daybeds for sale. Black, western-looking. Asking for \$175 OBO. Call 255-8989 and ask for Ashley.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: Women's size-7 white gold diamond engagement ring. Princess cut w/ diamond accents, asking \$400. Size 11/12 red prom dress with black sheer material over it so it appears deep red, beading all over \$75. Size 10 seashell pink wedding dress with lace and beading \$100. Call Kristina 250-8919 or e-mail for pictures at kbezdek@po.occ.edu.

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20 Soldier's shoe
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24 Old Norse inscription
25 Rower's need
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30 Warsaw's place
33 Helper
34 Electrical unit
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37 Garden soil
38 Soak (flax)
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43 Few adjuncts
45 Prune (branches)
46 Fancy trim
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51 Quantity
54 Actor Connery
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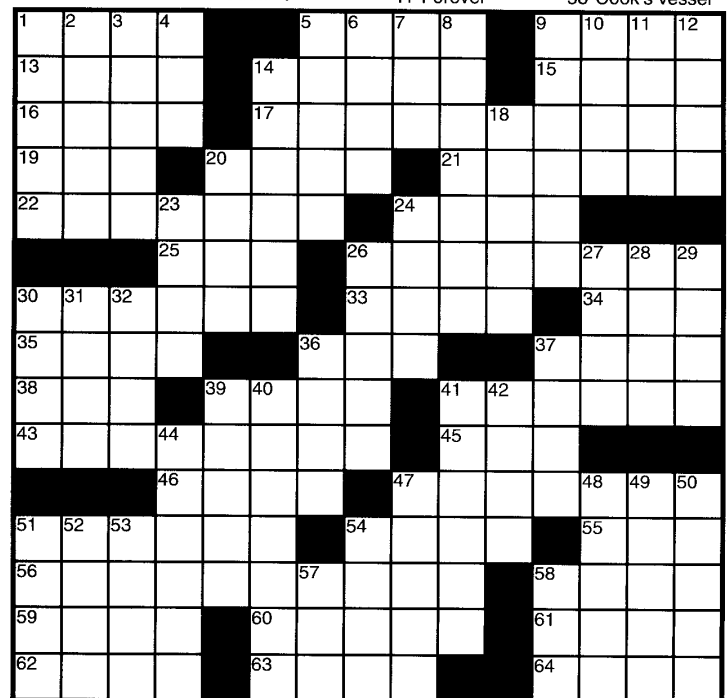
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58 Cook's vessel



FOR SALE: 18" Halo Blast Chrome wheels. 4 wheels, 3 tires. 5 bolt pattern. \$600 OBO. Please call 921-2691.

REWARD OFFERED: I lost two rings Monday, 10/02/06, in the wellness area restroom. They were left on the counter. One means a lot, was a gift from a grandfather who has passed. It's silver double-hearted with crystals. Not worth a lot in dollar value but personally means the world. If found, no questions asked just a big thank you and huge reward \$\$\$. If found please call Katrina at 405-326-7816 or 405-872-0616.

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Man arrested for stealing stereos

"Arrest,"
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said. Sgt. Gary Knight with the Oklahoma City Police Department said Moore has been booked on two counts of second-degree burglary.

Oklahoma County jail records show that Moore also was jailed on second-degree burglary charges in 2003.

When Moore was caught, a JVC radio and CD player were found in his backpack.

"All of the stolen property was recovered and returned to its owners," Sloas said.

A Ford Explorer and a Toyota Camry were the two vehicles known to have been broken into.

The Ford's windows were down and the doors unlocked, Sloas said. The Toyota's doors also were

unlocked.

Moore said while running from officers, he thought he heard gunfire and dropped to the ground, which was why he was caught.

Sloas said no gunshots were fired.

Sloas said Moore broke into the first car, then the second.

"When we caught him, it confirmed the student's suspicions."

Campus Safety and Security officers responded to the call for help very quickly, Sloas said.

"We would have been there sooner if the student had used a call box."

Sloas is pleased with the outcome.

"This is the break I was hoping for."

Sloas stressed the importance of taking simple steps to protect against theft.

"If students lock their

cars and roll up their windows, it might stop thieves."

He said students should use one of the many blue call boxes located in the parking areas to report any break-ins, or other suspicious behavior.

"We have call boxes everywhere on campus," he said. "They are in the parking lots and the stairways."

Calls made at the boxes go straight to the college operator, unlike cell phones.

There are 11,000 students on campus, Sloas said. If all of them use their eyes and report crimes, it would help security officers as proven in this case, he said.

Sloas said he is appreciative to those who made the calls.

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'Beloved past president' honored by state

"Todd,"
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unprecedented growth and change.

Todd's wife Marge, and his daughter Cindy accepted the award on his behalf.

"They spoke about his love for south Oklahoma City, his love for OCCC, and his passion to see students succeed in obtaining a college education," Sechrist said.

Other colleagues in attendance were members of the OCCC Board of Regents, and college staff who worked closely with Todd.

"I was impressed that it was an honor that Dr. Todd had earned with 33 years of dedication to South Oklahoma Junior College and OCCC," said Alice Musser, secretary to OCCC's Board of Regents.

Sechrist was moved by the experience of honoring Todd's life.

"It was a very special night for all who attended," Sechrist said.

"The ceremony was deeply moving and a great honor for OCCC, and for the Todd family to have our beloved past president recognized by this prestigious induction into the Hall of Fame."

Todd served as OCCC president from 1995 until December 2005 when he died.

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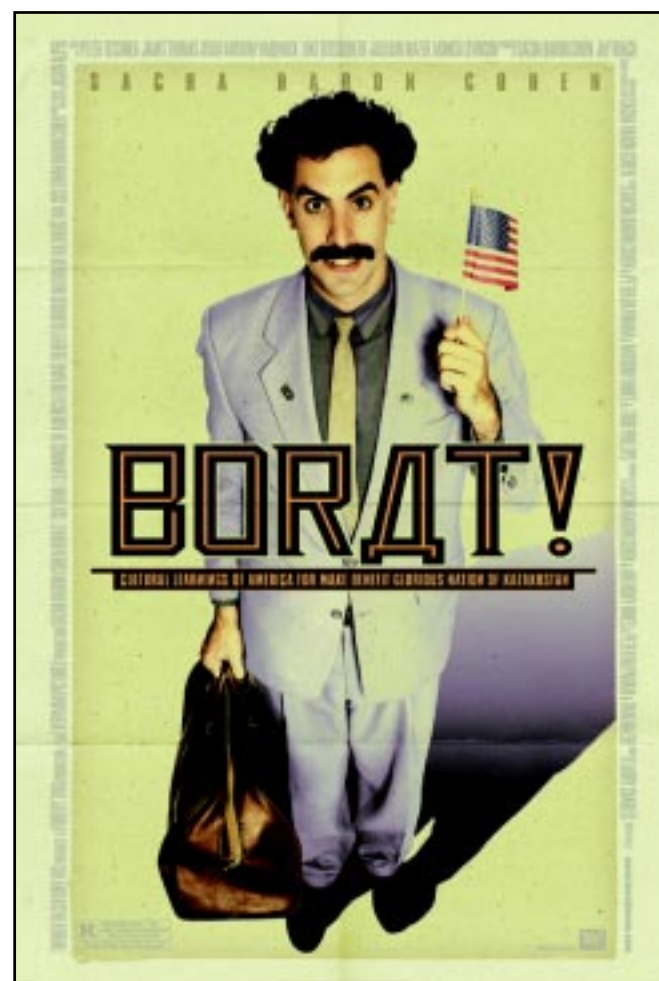


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