

Onward and upward



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

A graduating student shows her feeling of accomplishment during commencement. Approximately 340 students walked across the stage May 18. For more graduation pictures and the full story, see page 7.

State budget gives education a boost

Tuition lock, Promise Program included

By **Eric Nguyen**
Editor

State education received a boost May 15 when Gov. Brad Henry announced a state education budget that includes giving incoming freshmen the option to lock in tuition at a guaranteed rate and providing a permanent funding source for college tuition help.

The tuition-lock program would give qualifying OCCC students the option to lock in a guaranteed tuition rate for two years.

In-state four-year university students would have the option to lock in a guaranteed rate for four years, according to the bill.

OCCC incoming freshmen will have this option starting fall 2008 when the law goes into effect, said President Paul Sechrist.

The option would apply only to students who are enrolled full-time during fall and spring semesters during their time at OCCC, he said. A student who dropped to part-time at any point would no longer qualify for the locked rate.

Sechrist said the program will provide benefits to the students.

"It will allow students to know what the rate of tuition will be while they remain at that institution."

Students who take longer than two years to complete a degree at OCCC would not be locked in beyond the second year, Sechrist said.

"It is my understanding that the tuition-lock rate ends at the completion of the two-year program ..." he said.

He said he doesn't yet know if OCCC graduates who transfer to a four-year university would be eligible to continue the program there.

"I'm not sure if the law provides for this option," he said.

And, although the locked rate is generally higher, Sechrist said, it has benefits.

"Some students might prefer this option to help them plan their finances for two years at OCCC."

Melissa Hensley, nursing freshman, agrees.

"I think it would be a good chance to take," she said.

"I would choose [the locked tuition rate] so I can plan my finances better."

The budget also includes the establishment to find a permanent funding source for Oklahoma's Promise Program (formerly called the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program or OHLAP).

Oklahoma's Promise Program helps pay tuition for Oklahoma col-

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Immigration law could affect 104 students

By **Eric Nguyen**, Editor
and **Matt Caban**, Staff Writer

The status of 104 OCCC students is uncertain as college officials study a new state immigration law.

On May 8, Gov. Brad Henry signed into law House Bill 1804, an immigration reform bill authored by Rep. Randy Terrill (R-Moore). Passage of the bill created the Oklahoma Taxpayer and Citizen Act of 2007.

In an April 2 issue of the Pioneer, Ter-

rill said the law would deny the state's undocumented immigrant college students access to Oklahoma colleges.

He said it also would prohibit those students the eligibility to pay in-state tuition or receive state financial aid and scholarships.

Media Relations Coordinator Cordell Jordan said 104 undocumented students are enrolled at OCCC.

Only Tulsa Community College has a higher number of undocumented students in the state, he said.

OCCC will take a course of action in

the next few days, said President Paul Sechrist. "[OCCC] is in the process of determining what the new law allows."

Other schools statewide also are examining potential effects of the law, said Academic Affairs Vice President Felix Aquino.

"It's too early right now to make any specific statements on the effect of this new law, as educators across the state are addressing its impact," Aquino said.

The law takes effect Nov. 1 and requires undocumented stu-

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—Felix Aquino
Academic Affairs Vice President

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Immigration a federal issue

Oklahoma recently became the first state to pass an immigration reform bill into law, which takes effect Nov 1.

The aggressive law, which looks to cut off public benefits for illegal immigrants, is considered by Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry to be a temporary solution to a nationwide illegal immigration problem. Henry said, ultimately, the federal government should shoulder the responsibility, not individual states. He is correct.

However, this law is long overdue. There are around 10 to 12 million illegal immigrants living in the United States, with more than 100,000 living in Oklahoma, according to the Federation of American Immigration Reform.

FAIR estimates illegals cost Oklahoma taxpayers \$200 million each year in public benefits, law enforcement and other resources. This is money that could have helped fund state education.

The immigration issue is an 800-pound gorilla in lawmakers' meetings. Oklahomans should appreciate their state playing a pivotal role in addressing illegal immigration, but the issue is simply too big to expect Oklahoma's immigration law to fix.

That is why expectations about this law should be low, Henry said. Stronger actions on a federal level must take place in order for the U.S. to take any consequential steps toward resolving the illegal immigration issue.

One state simply does not have the money or the manpower to carry out such an extensive goal.

First, it is a law that is difficult to enforce. Police already are too busy with violent criminals and various emergencies to track down and lock up undocumented people.

Second, it is a law that also needs close interpretation. The law states it is a felony to harbor an illegal immigrant. But is it a felony to drive an illegal immigrant to church? What about to a hospital? Not even the immigration law's author, Rep. Randy Terrill, could give a definitive answer in a recent Tulsa World article.

And for those who claim the immigration reform is an issue of ethics and not law, that is simply untrue. Yes, most undocumented people living in the U.S. go about their business in peace and try to live their lives. But that is irrelevant, because illegal immigration is about following the law.

Oklahoma lawmakers authored the immigration reform bill because illegal immigration needs to be confronted. Turning a blind eye toward illegal immigration implies there are rules and laws that can be bent and ignored. That bending or ignorance defeats the purpose of the law.

Oklahoma passing this immigration law ensures that neither happen, but the state cannot do it alone. The federal government must take action.

—Eric Nguyen
Editor

Child safety vital in summer

To the editor:

Each summer, I read of numerous child deaths that likely could have been prevented. So, as we edge into Oklahoma's summer months, and the typical sweltering heat and numerous outdoor activities that go with that, I encourage you to please keep in mind the following information from Kids In Cars National Safe Kids Campaign:

- Never leave a child unattended in a car, not even to run a quick errand. On an 85-degree day, the inside of a car can reach 100 degrees in seven minutes.

- Heat exhaustion and heat stroke can occur in a matter of minutes for young children and infants in enclosed vehicles. According to SAFE KIDS, an average of 25 children die in the United States each year as the result of being left in a car on a warm day.

- "Cracking" the windows enough to let in air but to keep others out is NOT an effective way to avoid the heat risks involved with leaving a child alone in a car on a hot day.

- With heat stroke, chil-

dren's skin become red and dry, and they are unable to produce sweat to reduce their core body temperature. Children's heart rates then quicken, and they eventually become confused and lose consciousness before their organ systems begin to fail. Even if temperatures inside of a car don't feel too hot for an adult, it may be fatal for young children.

- Don't overlook sleeping infants. Never let infants sleep unattended in the car.

- Make sure all children leave the vehicle when you reach your destination.

- Contact your auto dealership about getting your vehicle retrofitted with a trunk release mechanism.

- If left unattended, children may be able to reach the cigarette lighter and burn themselves; to shift the car from the parked position, endangering themselves and others around them; or to become entangled in the seat belt.

- Keep car doors and trunks locked at all times, even in the garage or driveway.

- Teach children not to

play in or around cars.

- Keep the rear fold-down seats closed to help prevent kids from getting into the trunk from inside the car.

- Seek emergency medical attention if you know or think that your child has been exposed to high temperatures by having been left in or accidentally trapped in a car.

—Ronna Austin
OCCC employee

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Comments and Reviews



No treasure at 'World's End'

The bad blockbuster curse has finally caught up with Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean" series, and the outlook is grim.

With its latest installment, "At World's End," the celebrated Hollywood franchise has met its creative death.

According to the film's press kit, "At World's End" features 15 major plot lines from the series' first two movies, "The Curse of the Black Pearl" and "Dead Man's Chest."

With such an abundance of story, it's no wonder the movie clocks in just short of three hours long.

What should be an action-packed, yet story-driven, film is instead one nauseating boat ride. "Pirates" is packed with poor acting, bad dialogue and horrid special effects.

This time around viewers find regulars Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush), Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) in search of Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp).

While this may look like a heartfelt search, it soon

becomes clear that Captain Jack won't find love.

From the start, it seems that everyone is out for themselves. As predictable as this may be, it still doesn't fit with the series' foundation, "The Curse of the Black Pearl."

While "Curse" had a complex story with its share of backstabbing, it wasn't over the top. That is, it didn't have long scenes describing a dozen dirty deals involving just about everyone in the credits.

"At World's End" has too many characters. The first half hour of this 168-minute monstrosity was spent setting up various deceptions.

This proves to be a major distraction through the course of the film.

Back "At World's End," the trio is caught in battles with the East India Trading Company and discussing piracy tactics with martial arts master Chow Yun-Fat ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon").

Yun-Fat appears as the pirate lord Captain Sao Feng.

Meanwhile, Sparrow is stuck in a crazed nether region somewhere at world's end.

Instead of inhabiting some kind of spiritual realm, Depp's character is stuck in some kind of acid trip. It comes complete with a ship stuck in a desert, a crew of crazed Jack clones and some rather curious crabs.

If that wasn't enough to throw the viewer overboard, there are still other major plotlines including everyone's favorite Flying Dutchman Davy Jones (Bill Nighy).

Despite Disney's need to make millions at the box office, the mogul doesn't seem too interested in giving moviegoers a cohesive plot. This truth is essentially the pirate's true curse.

Such is the painful reality for a series that could have been a solid series of seafaring adventures. Instead, it will just have to walk the plank.

Rating: F

—**Matt Caban**
Staff Writer

Counselor's Corner

"The aim of life is self-development. To realize one's nature perfectly — that is what each of us is here for."

—Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

The season is rapidly closing in on summer and all that it promises us — sun, fun and perhaps a chance to catch our breaths and take a bit of a vacation.

Yet, each of you has chosen to be here at OCCC. We welcome you wholeheartedly and hope that our brief time together this summer is well spent.

Whether you are a fledgling college student fresh out of high school or other life pursuits, or whether you are a veteran who has been through the routine a time or two, it will be important for you to know what services are available and how to access them if the need arises.

We have a variety of learning labs on campus to help you over the rough spots in their respective disciplines: accounting, communications, information technology, math and science. We also have our Library staff to assist you with your research (or perhaps just to help you find that perfect summer read). There's also Advising and Career Services, Financial Aid, Student Life and Student Support Services.

Student Support Services houses our Licensed Professional Counselor, an Advisor to Students with Disabilities, and a Learning Support Specialist, as well as direct support providers for students with disabilities: a captionist, a coordinator for interpreting and an adaptive technologist, all specialists in their fields. We can provide assistance when life seems to be overwhelming you, when you qualify for an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, or when the way you're preparing for a class just doesn't seem to be effective. We are all here to help you manage college and complete your goals.

Last, but certainly not least, your professors are a tremendous resource for you (after all, they teach your classes).

Don't let yourself get caught up in the old "If I ask a question, they'll think I'm dumb" trap.

If you don't ask the questions, we won't know how to help you, or even that you need help. If you're too shy or reluctant to ask during class, then visit the professor during office hours or go to one of the labs or a Student Services office for help.

Any of us will gladly help you, and we won't tell anyone you came by. Our services are confidential. That way, you can successfully complete your classes and then move on to your next great adventure — another semester of college or some point beyond.

We in Student Support Services wish you a happy and productive summer. Remember to eat and sleep, and save a little time for family and friends. And by all means, come see us if you need to.

—**Mary Turner**
Learning Support Specialist

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Maroon 5's sophomore effort well done

Since releasing their debut record "Songs About Jane" in 2002, Maroon 5 have become stars. It took two years, but the album would go on to sell more than eight million copies worldwide.

The enormous success of "Songs About Jane" has made for some heady expectations for their follow-up "It Won't Be Soon Before Long," released May 22 in the United States.

"It Won't Be Soon Before Long" shows the band ex-



ploring new territory without ditching its trademark sound.

The record starts off with a pair of great songs. "If I Never See Your Face Again"

and "Makes Me Wonder" explode out of the speakers.

Each song also would be equally at home either in concert or on the dance floor.

This one-two punch starts a series of eight truly enjoyable songs. Other highlights in this batch are "Wake Up Call" and "Won't Go Home Without You."

While "Wake Up Call" is akin to the opening duo, "Won't Go Home Without You" is softer.

However, this album's

ballads are as strong as those from "Songs About Jane."

The only exceptions are "Won't Go Home Without You" and "Back At Your Door." These songs lack a certain soulful quality. Stevie Wonder's "Sir Duke" said it best, "just because a record has a groove don't make it in the groove."

Maroon 5's appeal and success depends on its ability to mix pop, rock and R&B. Great examples of this are the tracks, "Can't

Stop" and "Kiwi."

The musical key to "Can't Stop" is a heavy riff-driven beat while "Kiwi" is a fun Prince imitation.

Overall, only two of the album's 12 tracks are sub-par. Normally, this would warrant a high grade, but because the band had three years to develop a great follow-up to "Songs About Jane," it is penalized in the end.

Rating: B

—Matt Caban
Staff Writer

Real insect bites more tolerable than 'Bugs'

What's 102 minutes too long, brain-numbingly boring, and the thought of a second viewing is more frightening than "The Exorcist?"

It's the new movie, "Bug."

Ashley Judd gives a lack-luster performance as Agnes, a woman who reaches the mental breaking point when her abusive ex-husband (Harry Connick Jr.) is paroled.

Agnes' friend R.C. (Lynn Collins) comes to Agnes' hotel room to help her relax and brings the mysterious and quiet Peter Evans (Michael Shannon) along.

Peter and Agnes rapidly

develop a strong co-dependent relationship, which is quickly revealed as being anything but stable and healthy when they both begin seeing near microscopic aphids and attribute the invisible bugs to a government conspiracy.

Director William Friedkin fails miserably to illustrate the downward spiral caused by mental illnesses, such as schizophrenia.

Friedkin has set this film in a small town in Northwest Oklahoma; the problem with this is that there are saguaro cacti and mountains surrounding the hotel that are not found

in Northwest Oklahoma.

Also disappointingly, Friedkin trivializes the Murrah Building bombing and the actions of Timothy McVeigh by making them nothing more than the paranoid delusions of the mentally ill.

He also failed to capture the locale. Had Friedkin researched Oklahoma, instead of aphids he could have used chiggers, which are rampant in Oklahoma.

A horror film about flesh-dissolving chiggers that drive people mad from the insane itching they cause would have been far more enjoyable.



In fact, a case of chiggers is probably more enjoyable than sitting through this film.

While exiting the theater audience members unani-

mously uttered the same opinion: "I want my money back."

Rating: F

—Carrie Cronk
Staff Writer

Inspirational tale found in underdog sports flick

The most famous Hollywood families have made their respective impact on the film industry, from the Barrymores to the Fondas, and from the Hustons to the Coppolas.

The Shues have not approached such caliber.

But Elizabeth Shue and her family are the backdrop for "Gracie," an inspirational film based on Elizabeth Shue's family story.

The movie is about a New Jersey girl named Gracie Bowen, played by Carly Schroeder ("Firewall," "Eye of the Dolphin"), who fights her way onto a high school boys soccer team after her

brother, a star player, is killed in a car accident.

Shue plays Lindsey, the apathetic mother.

Andrew Shue, Elizabeth's brother who's best known for his role as Billy Campbell on "Melrose Place," produces "Gracie" and co-stars as a high school soccer coach.

Elizabeth's husband, Davis Guggenheim, directs the movie, and while his previous work received praise for its character development set in a dark tone (he directed episodes of "NYPD Blue" and HBO's "Deadwood"), "Gracie" is



less likely to draw similar critical analysis.

Gracie's father, Bryan, played by Dermot Mulroney ("My Best Friend's Wedding," "Zodiac") represents the early antagonist who slowly begins to see his daughter in a new light as

he helps and coaches her to make the team.

On her way to becoming a competitive soccer player, Gracie overcomes her parents, the loss of her brother, the

state board and her weary teammates.

"Gracie" isn't as cheerful, or even hopeful, as you'd think it'd be. The old adage of persistency overcoming adversity sure can make a mess of everybody's lives.

Even though the film's underdog theme has been done many times before (and much better), there are worse things you can do than "Gracie." Like "Shrek the Third."

But ultimately, through the predictable plot and sometimes unconvincing acting, "Gracie" somehow does not fail to do what it sought out to do: deliver a touching exposition of the human spirit. The film is easy, and contains no deep, heavy messages. Take the kids along. Or the parents.

Rating: B

—Eric Nguyen
Editor

Fall Cultural Arts Series tickets on sale

By Avery Cannon
News Writing Student

The Cultural Arts Series concerts beginning Sept. 18 will provide diverse performances for anyone wanting to expand his or her musical horizons.

Linda Bosteels, Cultural Arts Series director, said the upcoming eight-concert series is one Bosteels is excited to bring to the campus.

"This allows everyone to listen to musicians and actors from all over the world that they usually wouldn't get to hear otherwise," Bosteels said.

"It is important for any student to experience live music and concerts. Studies have shown that students who listen to music perform better in math and science."

The lineup includes classical guitarist and Oklahoma native Edgar Cruz who will kick off the series on Sept. 18.

The Chilean American Tres Vidas will portray three important women in Latin American history on



From left to right: Edgar Cruz, Renaissonics, Allégresse and Gabriela Montero. They, and more, will perform during this fall's Cultural Arts Series.

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stage Oct. 23. She will act out the lives of Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Salvadoran peasant activist Rufina Amaya and Argentinean poet Alfonsina Storni.

The 18-member Moscow Male Jewish Cappella will perform Dec. 4, with no instrumental music backing their operatic singing.

On Feb. 26 the Hot Club of San Francisco will perform 1930s Gypsy Jazz in the style of Django Reinhardt.

"The Hot Club of San Francisco has developed a huge following with their smooth acoustic jazz accompanied by a violin and a stand-up bass," Bosteels said.

"Many of their fans travel

all over the country with them and will surely be in attendance."

Vintage radio will appear Nov. 4 in the form of Salvage Vanguard — a live performance in the style of an old-time radio broadcast performed on stage.

They will perform their comedy skits on stage including man-made sound effects.

"This is something that you really don't see anymore and that will be very interesting to see," Bosteels said.

Pre-season tickets are on sale. Discounted prices are \$70 for general admission and \$60 for seniors, students, staff, faculty and alumni. Discounted tickets are available until Thurs-

day, June 14.

"The ticket price is something we really wanted to make affordable for everyone," Bosteels said. "These prices are a bargain for these eight concerts. The price is virtually no-thing."

After June 14, tickets will be \$95, \$85 and \$45. Individual ticket prices are \$22 for general admission, and \$17 for seniors, students and staff. Children 12 and under will be admitted for \$8.

"The cultural diversity in these concert series is

endless," Bosteels said.

"Anyone who wants to expand their musical horizon should come to as many shows as they can."

"Last year, I didn't think that I would like some of the types of music, such as Renaissance music, and I ended up loving it."

People can purchase tickets by calling the CAS ticket office at 405-682-7579 or visit www.occc.edu/cas.

For more information, contact Bosteels at 405-682-1611, ext. 7295.

Crime doesn't stop for summer vacation

By Matt Caban
Staff Writer

Campus Safety and Security reported a handful of thefts and a pair of auto accidents from May 14 to May .

Topping the list was a series of thefts of personal items from vehicles on campus. The three incidents were reported during a three-hour time frame May 14.

According to reports, the thefts were from Ford and Dodge trucks in parking lots A and B.

The first theft was reported at 12:37 p.m. in parking lot B.

Pre-nursing sophomore Hailey Hill said her silver Ford F-150 was broken into and her purse stolen along with its contents — a green wallet, four gift cards, a cell phone and two ATM cards.

Hill said the stolen items were valued at \$320.

She said she was disappointed at Safety and Security's reaction to

her report when she told them of the incident.

"At first no one noticed me but they were rude when they did."

Hill said she was told to wait by her vehicle for the patrolling officer to assist her.

Officer John Hughes, Jr. later assisted Hill and filed a report for the Department of Public Safety.

Meanwhile, sophomore pre-engineering major Keith Hurdlebrink reported a theft at 12:45 p.m. in parking lot A from his 2001 Dodge Ram 1500.

"This is the second time my truck was broken into [on campus]," he said.

He said his Pioneer CD/stereo, valued at \$350, was stolen, as well as a CD case containing 40 to 50 CDs valued at \$500 and a Black and Decker AC/DC power inverter worth \$35.

Stewart Lauderdale reported the day's third theft at 3:35 p.m.

According to the report, Lauder-

dale said the trim around his driver side door was pulled loose. He said both his Cobra Radar detector and Alpine amplifier were stolen. They were valued at \$100 each.

Campus Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas said the thefts are probably related.

Sloas said there are always two Safety and Security officers patrolling the parking lots.

"They probably caught us between patrol," he said.

A 1995 Isuzu Rodeo was reported stolen late May 23 from parking lot G. The vehicle belonged to OCCC housekeeping staff member Savidenh Thatvihane.

Theft wasn't confined just to the campus parking lots.

An office chair was reported missing from library room 408 on May 17. The chair is valued at \$200.

There also were two non-injury auto accidents.

The first occurred early May 16

at the intersection of Regents Boulevard and Faculty Circle when a 2001 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Joseph Bi Orato-Gomory collided with a 2000 Audi four-door sedan driven by Sharhonda Dodoo.

Bi Orato-Gomory said he tried to change lanes when his vehicle hit Dodoo's. Both vehicles sustained minor damage.

A second automobile accident happened May 17 in parking lot C when a yellow 2007 Chevrolet Caprice, driven by Joanna Umoh, hit a 2002 Mitsubishi Galant as left its parking space.

Umoh returned to the scene to advise Officer Dennis Shelton of the collision and left her contact information for the Galant's owner, Maigare Solomon.

For more information on Safety and Security's theft and incident response, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7891.

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Starbucks making mark on campus



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Rod Robins of R&R General Contractors searches for a water line for an incoming Starbucks kiosk in the downstairs foyer of the Main Building.

By Drew Hampton
Staff Writer

Coffee drinkers unite: construction has begun on OCCC's very own Starbucks coffee stand.

Set to be located in the Main Building lobby and staffed by cafeteria employees, the kiosk will open by the fall semester, said Brenda Carpenter, Finance assistant director.

Carpenter said the original plan was to sell coffee and related goods from a small cart. However, because of Health Department regulations, the project quickly became much more complex.

"The Health Department said that, if we were going to serve beverages and food, then there had to be plumbing and fresh water available in the kiosk," she said.

In order to install the required infrastructure for the stand, Physical Plant workers began demolition and construction on the future site May 19, said Physical Plant Assistant Director Chris Snow. The construction is taking place on the first floor of

the Main Building, near the copy machines. As of press time, the construction crew was working to find water pipes in order to hook up the running water.

Aside from the installation of the stand itself, which will be shipped to the college from Iowa, Snow said the construction should be complete by June 15.

Carpenter said the decision to bring a Starbucks to the college was based on a number of factors, including extensive student feedback.

"(Students) would really like to have food items available later in the evening," she said, explaining that keeping the cafeteria's ovens, grills and other equipment running past 6 p.m. had never been cost-effective for the college.

Carpenter said Starbucks would remedy this by offering its services both earlier in the morning and later in the evening. It also will offer soups, salads, sandwiches and pastries in addition to the chain's normal lineup of beverages, she said.

The exact hours of operation are still being decided, she said.

Having a second vendor selling food on campus would also help reduce the strain on the College Union cafeteria during the lunch hour, Carpenter said.

Another factor, she said, was President Paul Sechrist's desire for the college to have an area outside of the College Union for students and faculty to casually gather and visit.

To that end, the area will feature comfortable seating and umbrella tables, which would be both aesthetically pleasing and help block noise, Carpenter said.

Carpenter said she expects the kiosk to be finished June 24, though stocking it with food and equipment will take longer. The goal, she said, is to have the operation ready by the beginning of the fall semester.

"It's going to be extremely nice," she said.

"I think the students are going to be wowed. That's our goal."

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Summer building, area hours in effect

By Eric Nguyen
Editor

The summer semester may see fewer people at OCCC, but office hours remain mostly the same.

The college's Main Building will be open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, according to the college website.

The college will not be open on weekends, said Keith Bourque, Campus Safety and Security coordinator.

Only the college library will open on Saturdays this summer from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., he said.

The college library is open 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, said Library Services Director Barbara King.

The Science and Math Lab will open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays.

The Student Financial Aid Center will open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

The recreation and community services center will be available this summer for anyone with a valid OCCC student I.D., said Theresa Beller, Recreation and Community Services secretary.

Students may use the

gym 6 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, or the weight and cardio room 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, according to the college website.

The Aquatics Center is open, via entrances 7 and 10, from 5:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and reopens the same days from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Open recreation swim is allowed in the swimming pool from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and it reopens 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

Due to scheduled events, the pool will be closed Friday, June 22, Beller said.

The pool also is closed for events Friday, July 6, Monday through Friday, July 16 through 20, and Friday, July 27, Beller said.

Students seeking academic advisement may call to reserve appointments with advisers at Advising and Career Services in the Main Building. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Carson's Market Fresh Café in the student union has new hours this summer, according to College Union General Manager Corrine Aguilar. Carson's will open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday,

and 7:30 to 2 p.m. Friday, Aguilar said.

The campus bookstore opens at 7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday, according to the college website. It closes at 8 p.m. Monday, 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 5 p.m. Friday.

The bookstore will be closed for inventory Wednesday, June 27 through Friday, June 29, said Bookstore Director Brenda Reinke.

The Child Development Center and Lab School will be open 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 405-682-1611.

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Members of the OCCC faculty and staff wait patiently for the announced recipient of the President's Award of Excellence. Each year a teacher of high professional caliber is awarded the award. The award was given this year to Biology Professor Richard Trout at the graduation ceremony on May 18.



After accepting their diplomas in the 2007 commencement ceremony, OCCC President Paul Sechrist wished graduates luck with a handshake. Students had the brief opportunity to exchange words with Sechrist before moving on to graduation portraits.

Graduates take first step to the rest of their lives

Several hundred OCCC spring graduates took the stage and their first steps to the future May 18.

Families and friends filled the Cox Convention Center in anticipation of watching their graduate walk across the stage.

Nancy Butler, the aunt of graduate Sarah Butler, said the family is proud of Sarah's accomplishments.

"I can remember when she was just a little girl," Nancy said. "Now she's graduating and we are so very proud of her. This is an amazing accomplishment."

The graduates were dressed in traditional commencement robes and caps. The graduates also wore centennial medallions to commemorate Oklahoma's 100-year anniversary of statehood.

Melinda Stapleton, business graduate, praised OCCC for its warm atmosphere.

"I liked how [OCCC] had small classes and everyone was always friendly," Stapleton said.

Stapleton said she plans to continue her education next year at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in accounting.

Electronics graduate Jorge Wberth-Avila said he's eager to try his skills in the workplace. Wberth-Avila plans to begin his practical training at the global oil and gas company Haliburton.

The stage was set with colorful flowers and flags from all over the world. The international flags represented the hundreds of students who traveled from more than sixty countries to attend OCCC.

OCCC President Paul Sechrist said commencement is a time of celebration.

"The commencement exercises are a time when we come together to celebrate the achievement of our students," he said. "It is also a collective recognition of why we exist as a college."

Bob Blackburn, Oklahoma Historical Society executive director, gave this year's commencement address.

Blackburn spoke of Oklahoma's centennial celebration and two individuals who paved their way into Oklahoma's history — Anton Classen and Roscoe Dungee.

"Both of these Oklahomans were once your age ... and faced with challenges and doubts," Blackburn told the graduates. "As you go on, think of this question — how will history describe your decisions?"

Text by Katie Jones
Photos by Jay Rocamontes

Just before the opening ceremony, graduates take a moment to reminisce the good times at OCCC.

Family members and friends posed for photos, said temporary good-byes and shook hands in congratulations.



Sports

UPCOMING

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• **June 4-8:** OCCC Recreation and Community Services will offer a baseball sports camp for athletes ages 6 to 11. Camp is held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday, June 4 to Friday, June 8 at the Wellness Center. Cost is \$65 and includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, contact Recreation and Community Services Director Traci Wheeler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7280.

• **June 9:** Spots are still open for the 11th annual OCCC Super Sprint Triathlon. The triathlon consists of a 5-kilometer run, a 12-mile cycling course and a 500-meter swim.

Athletes can register at the regular rate until Thursday, June 7. The cost for registration is \$50 for adults, \$30 for youth and \$75 for a three person relay team.

Registration costs are \$55 for adults, \$40 for youth and \$90 for relay teams June 8. For more information, contact Aquatics Safety and Training Specialist Stephanie Scott at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7662.

• **June 11-15:** OCCC Recreation and Community Services will offer boys basketball sports camps for athletes aged 10 to 14. Payment are due Thursday, June 7. Camp is held from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, June 11, to Friday, June 15, at the gym. The camp costs \$65 and includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, contact Recreation and Community Services Director Traci Wheeler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7280.

• **June 18-22:** OCCC football youth camp will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, June 18, to Friday, June 22, at the Wellness Center. The camp is for boys ages 10 to 14. Cost is \$65 and includes a camp T-shirt. Payment is due Thursday, June 14. For more information, contact Recreation and Community Services Director Traci Wheeler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7280.

Sports camp enrollment rising

By Matt Caban
Staff Writer

Enrollment is up across the board for the OCCC's annual summer sports camps, said Traci Wheeler, Recreation and Community Services director.

She said sports camps are aimed at children ages 6 to 14.

"It is going pretty well," she said. "In the past, it was hard to draw kids to these camps but not this year."

Wheeler said the first figures look promising for the camps which run June 4 to July 27.

"We have 15 [participants] already enrolled for camps [through June]," she said.

Wheeler said the college offers 11 total summer camps, including baseball, basketball, football, golf and soccer.

She said each camp runs 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday for one week.

Each camp costs \$65 and includes a camp T-shirt.

Wheeler said OCCC's camps are designed for young beginning athletes.

"They're for kids who are trying a sport for the first time," she said. "It's a chance for those kids to join a game."

She said at least 12 participants are needed to properly complete drills and scrimmages.

"This way, there are plenty of kids who get involved and have some fun," Wheeler said.

"Otherwise, some of them have to sit around and wait for other kids to play with."

Wheeler said both the camper's registration and camp payment must be completed by the Thursday before each individual camp starts.

The camps lead off with baseball for ages 6 to 11 from June 4 through 8.

The next to tip off is the boys basketball camp. It is for ages 10 to 14 and runs June 11 through 15.

Football and girls basketball camps for 10- to 14-year-olds are June 11 through 15.

Dribbling left to right and scoring a goal is the soccer camp from June 25 to 29. It is for children ages 6 to 11.

The camps will be on break from

July 2 to 6, Wheeler said.

The camps return July 9 through 13 with two camps: golf and tennis.

OCCC's golf camp is for young putters ages 12 to 14 while the tennis camp serves up some fun for 10- to 11-year-old players.

Basketball returns to the camp schedule with a 6- to 9-year-old camp from July 16 through 20.

Finally, the search for the next Bobby Fisher commences July 23 through 27 for 10- to 14-year-old aspiring chess players.

Wheeler said the Wellness Center staff and summer camp coaches hope to provide a great environment for campers and young athletes.

"We want to help the kids develop a love of the game," she said.

"We start them young and there may be one who finds a sport they play for life."

For more information, contact Recreation and Community Services at 405-682-7560.

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Playin' ball



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Pre-pharmacy sophomore An Mai tracks down the ball during a morning workout May 29 in the Wellness Center gym. The gym is open to anyone with a valid OCCC student I.D. card and is open from 6 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Professor receives award for excellence

By Katie Jones
News Writing Student

The 2007 President's Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to biology Professor Richard Trout at the graduation commencement ceremony May 18.

"I sat in the back for 17 years and finally won," Trout said.

The President's Award is presented to one faculty member every year. Criteria for winning include a high degree of professional experience and education, unique teaching methods and an overall passion for students and teaching.

OCCC President Paul Sechrist described Trout as "a model teacher and accomplished professional."

Trout earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Oklahoma Christian University, a master's degree in natural science from Oklahoma State University, his teaching certification from the University of Central Oklahoma, and has participated in advanced training at the University of Oklahoma's Health Science Center.

Trout began working at OCCC in 1986 as an adjunct professor. At the time, he also was teaching at both Rose State College and UCO.

In 1990, Trout became a full-time professor. He said he plans to teach full time until he retires, which could be within the next five years.

"I enjoy being around the students," Trout said. "They keep you young and on your toes."

Trout has been nominated for the President's Award more than a



Biology Professor Richard Trout is recognized at the OCCC 2007 Spring Commencement Ceremony held at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City.

dozen times prior to winning this year.

Along with the award, each year's winner receives a cash prize of \$1,000.

Trout said he already has plans on how he would spend the prize money.

"I have a list, and my wife has a list. Maybe a big screen television, diving equipment, or some furniture for my daughter's new apartment," he said.

Outside the classroom, Trout is an accomplished author. He has a number of young adult books already published and is working on two more.

Trout said he credits his growth as a teacher to other OCCC professors including Biology Professor Dennis Anderson, Biology Professor Ron Scribner, former Biology Professor John Perry and Physical Science Professor Gary Houlette.

"I couldn't have done it without them," he said.



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

A creative collaboration by OCCC students Tim Cronk, Carly Bailey, Megan Beavers, Conner Tapscott and Art Professor Doug Blake was hung April 27 in the Communications Lab. The mural represents the college's ethnic and cultural diversity.

Mural depicts cultural diversity on campus

Jennifer Osborn
News Writing Student

The Communications Lab recently received a wall-sized mural duplicating a map of the world.

OCCC student and lead artist Carly Bailey worked with three other students to create this art project.

The mural signifies many different cultures across the world, spanning from the Hawaiian Islands in the west to Australia in the east. It displays a wealth of intricate detail.

"I've never noticed how nice that picture is before,"

said OCCC student Nneka Gadzang.

"I like it a lot," she said, remarking that the African woman on the mural looks like her sister.

Communications Lab Supervisor Mindie Dieu said she enjoys the mural as well.

"It's awesome to have this wonderful mural that's such a great reflection of our multiculturalism," she said.

"Everyone is still so excited to have this wonderful global awareness for everyone to see. Showing an appreciation to the dif-

ferent cultures is a great thing.

"Art professor Doug Blake built the frame for his students to complete to show the cultural diversity of not only our world but our college," she said.

Gadzang agreed.

"What better place to have such a wonderful mural representing our cultural diversity than in the Communications Lab?"

Students are encouraged to stop by the Communications Lab to view the mural, located next to the College Union on the ground floor of the Main Building.

Student credits OCCC with success, vouches for college

By Whitney Hodges
News Writing Student

OCCC International student Murod Mamatov was recently awarded the Ralph and Gene Gamel Scholarship for \$1,000.

Mamatov, also known as D.J., said he made the decision to start at a two-year college so he could get more individual attention.

"I believe it is much better to start in a community college because you can feel like you are a part of something," Mamatov said. "You can ask questions and it's not so big that everyone is too busy for you."

Not only is Mamatov go-

ing to school full time, but he also works for Carson's Market Fresh Café, the college's food service provider.

"I really enjoy working for this cafeteria and being a help to OCCC," he said.

While trying to balance homework and his job, Mamatov enjoys working out with his friends on Saturdays, reading Stephen King books, listening to music and making musical mixes, which is where his name D.J. came about.

Mamatov, an international business major, is from Uzbekistan, where the education system differs greatly from that of the

United States.

American students have a greater ability to take a grouping of course options as apposed to the narrow curriculum many nations offer, he said.

"It is more up to the students to decide, and I think that is important," he said.

Mamatov said he has learned a lot at OCCC, as well as meeting great friends and professors.

"Professors not only give you academic knowledge but they also give you guidelines for life."

Mamatov said OCCC students should be grateful for the exceptional educational institutions available here.

Highlights

Fall tuition waivers available

Department tuition waivers for the 2007 fall semester are available to students in the Financial Aid office. Waivers and academic histories must be submitted to Financial Aid no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1. For more information, contact the Financial Aid office at 405-682-7527.

Engineering scholarship offered

Kelly Engineering Resources is accepting entries for its fifth annual Future Engineers Scholarship Program. Sophomore and junior-level college students can apply by submitting an essay on a designated engineering topic for a chance at the \$5,000 scholarship. Applications are due Oct. 1. For more information, contact Amy Grundman at 248-224-5630, or visit the organization's website at www.kellyengineering.com.

Sechrist Endowed Scholarship applications available

Applications for the Bill and Carol Sechrist Endowed Scholarship are available in the Arts and Humanities division office and the Institutional Advancement office. The scholarship, established by OCCC President Paul Sechrist, is intended to support low-income students participating in international travel-enhanced classes. To be eligible, students must have completed at least 24 credit hours, have a 3.0 or better GPA, and submit a one-page essay about how a travel-enhanced course would benefit them. For more information, contact modern language Professor Dianne Broyles at 405-682-1611, ext. 7657.

8th Annual Okie Noodling Tournament and Fish Fry

Registration is now open for the 8th Annual Okie Noodling Tournament, Festival and Fish Fry. The tournament is 4 p.m. Sat. June 30, at Bob's Pig Shop in Pauls Valley. Contestants must fill out a registration form by Friday, June 22 to be eligible for prizes including cash and merchandise. For additional information or to download an entry form visit www.okienoodling.com.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday

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CLUB NEWS

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Photo by Carrie Cronk

The Leadership Council officers Miranda Noakes, Chris Stewart and members of Chi Alpha, the Black Student Association and Business Professionals of America enjoy the afternoon of May 4 following the Clubs Jubilee at Earlywine Park. Student clubs and organizations provide students opportunities to learn personal development and leadership skills, and the chance to build support networks.

Club membership can open doors

By Carrie Cronk
Staff Writer

In movies, the American college experience is often portrayed as grueling, with endless studying and homework, and student clubs being stereotyped as groups only interested in wild parties.

Student clubs and organizations can be an important aspect of the college experience.

Student Life Director Darin Behara said student organizations provide members opportunities to build friendships and connections, to learn additional skills, and apply knowledge and skills learned from their classes.

"The number one thing is association; being around people that have similar ideas, interests and opinions that you can hopefully continue to learn from," Behara said.

The ideas and interests clubs are founded on help define what students feel is important to them and their college experience, he

said.

"Student organizations help define who we are as a community ...[they] help give an identity and a connection to who we are as a community college," Behara said.

He said organizations help students learn personal development and leadership skills.

Other skills students can develop through club membership include time management, event management and budgeting.

Debra Vaughn, Employment Services career specialist, emphasized the importance of networking connections built through clubs.

She said students could become aware of job and internship opportunities through other club members who have obtained such positions.

The Leadership Council Chairman Chris Stewart said networking is important.

"You never know; you could be meeting a friend next to you that could end

up helping you get a job in the future," he said.

Vaughn said employers look favorably on job candidates who participated in student organizations.

She said the experiences gained through participation demonstrates their ability to work in a team setting and shows they are dedicated to learning about a career field.

Kari Smith, Farmer's Insurance district recruiting manager, said her company looks for job candidates who have developed networking and other skills needed in a marketing environment, which are built through club participation.

Behara said students should keep a Student Activities and Recognition Transcript (START), and send it to prospective employers with their résumé and academic transcript.

The START transcript provides documentation about club participation from the college.

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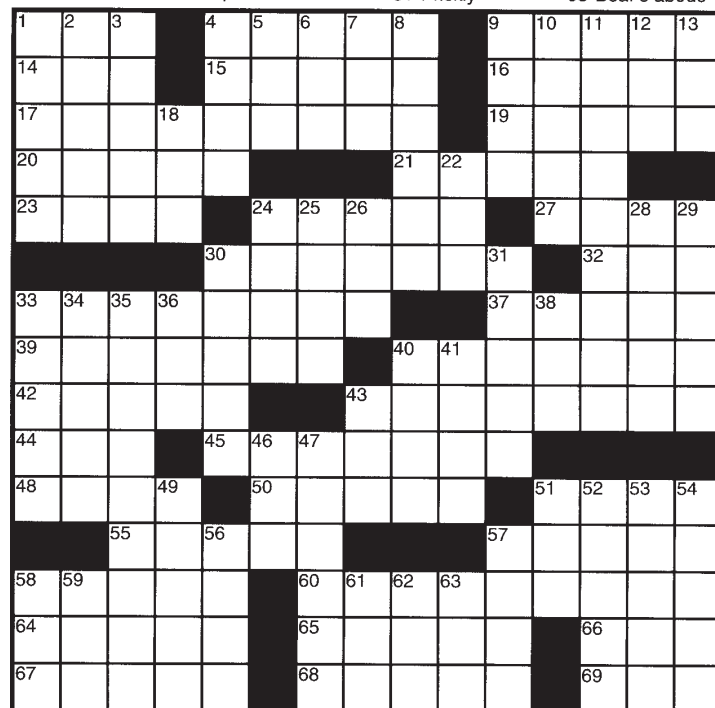
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State budget includes tuition, teacher's retirement funds

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lege students whose families earn less than \$50,000 per year, said Dan Hardcastle, director of communication for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Hardcastle said it is projected that Oklahoma's Promise Program will cost \$48 million for fiscal year 2008.

The program needed \$37 million last year and ran out of money because it was funded by lottery revenue, which generated less money than expected, Hardcastle said.

Having a stable source for funding the Oklahoma's Promise Program is a positive for OCCC students who

depend on it, Sechrist said. "Without a permanent funding source, colleges and universities would have to divert funds from operating funds or raise tuition to cover the shortfall."

Adrian Chan, nursing sophomore, said the Promise Program is a great opportunity for students.

"It helps people who need money get an education," she said.

The increases in state education funding is part of a \$7.1 billion state budget agreement reached by the Oklahoma State Legislation session May 15.

The agreement is represented in Senate Bill 334, the general appropriations bill, which awaits Gov. Henry's signature to pass into law, said Paul Sund,

communications director for Henry.

"[The governor] is in the process of reviewing [around] 200 bills," he said.

As of press time, Henry is expected to sign the bill by June 1 or the week after, Sund said.

Also included in the bill is a \$10 million deposit into

the Oklahoma Teacher Retirement System and a \$33 million increase for the State Regents for Higher Education.

The process to increase funding for state education has not always been a smooth one, Henry said in the May 21 issue of the Communicator, OCCC's

weekly employee newsletter.

"But lawmakers ultimately came together to do significant things for Oklahoma, such as strengthening higher education and increasing teacher pay," Henry said.

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HB 1804 may affect more than 100 students

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dents to verify they have applied or plan to apply for U.S. citizenship within one year in order to enroll.

One Asian OCCC student, who asked to remain anonymous, said the law is unfair and impedes on a student's opportunity to get an education.

"People are coming [illegally] for a better life," he said. "What did they do? Get a job. They go to school to do better. Everybody goes to school for a better life."

Business sophomore Juan Pasato, who moved to the United States two years ago from Columbia as a foreign exchange student, said he agrees with the new law.

"I think people should make an effort [to become legalized]," he said.

"There are people who come [to the U.S.] legally and get the paperwork done. I strongly agree with this law."

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