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Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Camp Kickapoo Ranger Jim Taylor inspects an area near the camp recently excavated by the Oklahoma City Police Department. On April 14th, human remains discovered there sparked a full-scale investigation into whether they are those of OCCC international student Mayuko Kawase. Kawase has been missing since August 2001.

Remains may be those of missing international student

By **Matt Caban**
Staff Writer

Skeletal remains found near a Boy Scout camp in south Oklahoma City may be those of missing OCCC international student Mayuko Kawase, said State Medical Examiner Investigator Robert Deaton. Detectives say the remains are likely those of an Asian or Hispanic woman, between the ages of 18 and 25.

Missing since August 2001, Kawase was last heard from when she e-mailed her mother Reiko

Kawase in her home country of Japan from the OCCC library Aug. 21, 2001, it was reported in the Sept. 3, 2001, issue of the Pioneer. She was 21 at the time of her disappearance.

"The bones are still unidentified, but we have a fairly solid lead at this time," Deaton said.

He said a skull was among the bones found. One of its teeth stood out as being different than the others, Deaton said.

"I've seen photos of [Mayuko Kawase] and the teeth look similar."

Deaton said the medical examiner is waiting for



Mayuko Kawase

Kawase's dental records to be sent from Japan before making any positive identification.

"Once we have them in

See "*Mayuko*," page 12

Past president to be honored at ceremony

SEM Center named for Robert P. Todd

By **Eric Nguyen**
Editor

The college will honor a former OCCC president with the unveiling ceremony of the Robert P. Todd Science, Engineering and Math Center June 19.

The ceremony, open to the public, will be at 2 p.m. in the hallway outside of the Math Lab, located at 2G4 and 2G5 of the SEM Center.

The building is named after Todd, who served as college president from 1995 to 2005, said OCCC President Paul Sechrist. The name was recommended by a committee of students, faculty and staff in 2005 after Todd announced in September 2005 that he would retire in March 2006 due to continuing health problems following a heart valve replacement surgery, Sechrist said.

"Unfortunately, Dr. Todd died as a result of these health problems on Dec. 11, 2005.

"The new facility ... provides an opportunity to honor his contributions to the college and to this community," Sechrist said.

"I am honored to serve as the host for the ceremony."

The Institutional Advancement Office and the President's Office organized the ceremony, which will include speakers, a plaque dedication and a tour, he said.

Speakers will include Sechrist, Oklahoma State See "*SEM Center*," page 12

Japanese film crew investigates new lead

By **Matt Caban**
Staff Writer

A Japanese television crew returned to Oklahoma City the week of May 28 to investigate a possible break in the case of Mayuko Kawase, an OCCC international student missing since August 2001.

The Tokyo-based television crew is here investigating reports that human remains found at an area Boy Scout camp April 14 could be those of Kawase, last heard from when she e-mailed her mother from OCCC's library Aug. 21, 2001.

The information gathered by the film crew will be used in a follow-up show of "The Power of Television," a crime-solving show See "*Crew*," page 12

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Local market suits pro team

The battle is on between Kansas City and Oklahoma City to become the home for the Seattle SuperSonics pro basketball team.

Although Sonics owner Clay Bennett hasn't yet asked the National Basketball Association for consent to move the team, it is only a matter of time before he should move it to Oklahoma City.

Bennett was quoted May 30 in the Oklahoman as saying he plans to file for relocation this fall. He has given Seattle until Oct. 31 to provide a public funded arena plan.

Since they've failed to do so and Seattle Deputy Mayor Tim Ceis all but said the team doesn't matter to the city, it's time to move on. Bennett has implied his top choices are Kansas City and Oklahoma City.

So the million-dollar question is: which city is better suited for the NBA?

According to the United States Census Bureau, Oklahoma City has the edge over Kansas City in city population with 531,324 to 444,965 people. However, according to Neilsen Market Research, Kansas City ranks 15 places higher than Oklahoma City on its 2006-07 designated market areas ranking. The list ranks cities based on how many television homes they have.

Both cities again cancel each other out when it comes to each of their modern arenas.

While Kansas City's Sprint Center has the edge in luxury suites (72-56) Oklahoma City's Ford Center boasts a larger basketball capacity. It holds 19,559 people to the Sprint Center's 18,500-person capacity.

Thus, the deciding factor should be how each city has previously supported pro basketball.

From 1970-1985, Kansas City had its own team, the Kansas City Kings. However, they averaged more than 10,000 fans per game in only one of those seasons.

This pales in comparison to Oklahoma City's short brush with the NBA when the New Orleans Hornets temporarily relocated here for two seasons.

Game attendances were much better for team's two years in Oklahoma City as the Hornets jumped to 11th in the league with 18,717 people per game in 2005-06. They followed that up by averaging 17,954 fans per game last season. Prior to its short Oklahoma stay, the Hornets had an NBA-worst 14,221 fans per game during 2004-05.

If that is not enough to send the Sonics at high speed to Oklahoma City, consider this: Bennett and his three Sonics ownership partners are all Oklahoma City business leaders.

Their roots may lie too deeply to dispute. In the end, Kansas City's inclusion may have been nothing more than a way to emphasize Oklahoma City as the best option.

—Matt Caban
Staff Writer

Prevention key against virus

To the Editor:

Concerns about the recent flooding in Oklahoma and the spring rains have raised issues about mosquitoes and West Nile virus (WNV).

Although it is impossible to predict the future mosquito season, one of the best ways to protect yourself against biting mosquitoes and WNV is to start practicing now the "4 D's of Defense" say public health officials at the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH):

- **Dusk and dawn** — Wear repellent if outdoors during these prime times for mosquito activity.

- **Dress** — Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed toe shoes when outside to cover the skin.

- **DEET** — Use an insect repellent containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) when outdoors and reapply according to directions.

- **Drain** — Drain those items that collect standing water around your home, yard or business. Scrub and

refill pet water dishes and bird baths regularly.

The public health threat from WNV in Oklahoma began five years ago when the first WNV-carrying mosquitoes arrived in the state.

"Any person that is bitten by an infected mosquito can develop West Nile disease, but older adults are more likely to develop serious, life-threatening disease," Bradley said.

No human cases of WNV disease have been identified in Oklahoma thus far in 2007; however, 2006 was the deadliest year for WNV in the state with a total of six deaths and 48 human cases reported to the OSDH.

Common symptoms of West Nile disease include fever, intense headache, extreme tiredness, muscle weakness and dizziness.

Persons with West Nile encephalitis, the most serious form of WNV disease, may rapidly progress to mental confusion and difficulty walking.

Horse owners are reminded to contact their vet-

erinarian for information on how to protect their horses from WNV through vaccination.

There is no vaccine yet for humans.

For more information about West Nile virus, visit www.health.state.ok.us/program/cdd/wnv/index and www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.

— Oklahoma State
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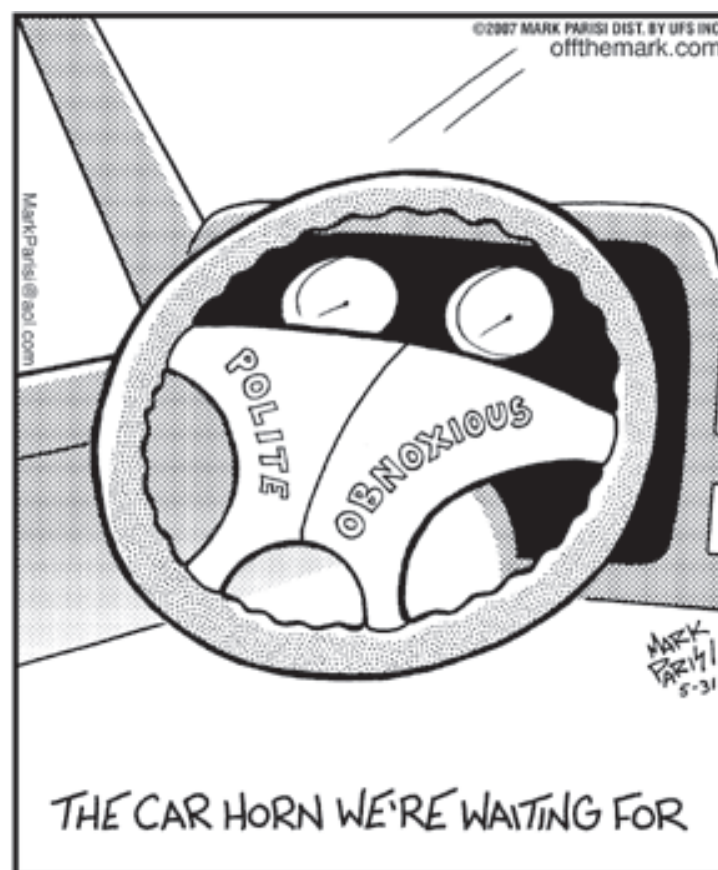
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Comments and Reviews

'Knocked Up' a knockout

From the makers of "The 40 Year Old Virgin," writer/director Judd Apatow again teams with Universal Pictures to break the mold of commonplace romantic comedies. This time, it involves unplanned pregnancy in "Knocked Up."

Running just over two hours, this R-rated romantic comedy explores the feelings of terror and hopelessness brought on by an unplanned pregnancy between Ben (Seth Rogen) the pot smoking underachiever, and Alison (Katherine Heigl) the sexy and savvy career woman.

With a clever mix of raunchy humor, foul language

and sentiment, "Knocked Up" pokes fun at the otherwise unfunny situation of pregnancy between two people who barely know each other.

This isn't another stoner movie, jock movie or bad-plot Paris Hilton movie. It is the opposite, as it is a flick that entertains both sexes with subject matter for which it is easy for men or women to identify with.

As the reality of caring for a child sets in, newfound responsibility takes hold and becomes evident in the lives of both main characters.

The audience observes the changes the characters

go through and the relationship that develops.

The film is full of roller-coaster-like changes from scenes of comedy to that of drama. It remains thoroughly entertaining without defiling relationships or childbirth in the slightest.

Overall, the sexual humor and cracks on individual maturity are fitting of an adult situation that involves sex.

Tenderness and romance, paired with frat-house humor, make "Knocked Up" an enjoyable and entertaining comedy.

Rating: A-

—**Jay Rocamontes**
Staff Writer

'Star Wars' legacy contains turning point in 'Sacrifice'

Nearly 30 years to the day after "Star Wars" blasted into theaters and hearts across the world, its heritage lives on.

The space saga continues in "Legacy of the Force: Sacrifice," a 367-page hard-cover novel by Karen Traviss released May 29.

"Sacrifice" is set 40 years after "A New Hope."

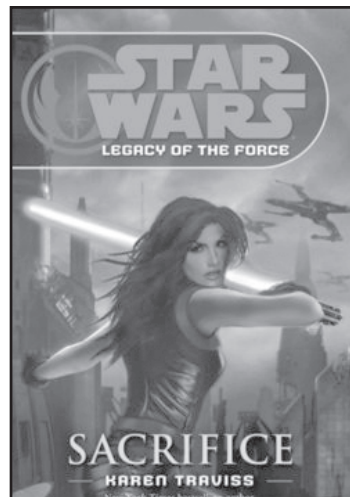
The book's backdrop is a civil war between Galactic Alliance (a successor of the Rebel Alliance) and the planet Corellia, the home world of Han Solo.

The plot revolves around two characters: Jacen Solo and Ben Skywalker. Jacen is the son of Han Solo and Leia Organa Solo while Ben is the only child of Luke and Mara Jade Skywalker.

Jacen serves as a Jedi mentor to the 13-year-old Ben.

While Ben looks up to and adores Jacen, his parents are troubled by Jacen's leadership of the Galactic Alliance's secret police.

"Sacrifice" is about the changes and dilemmas Ben and Jacen must face.



While Ben is just trying to grow into a man, Jacen is drawing closer to the Dark Side of the Force.

Another major part of the story is Luke and Mara's hunt for one of Darth Vader's former pupils, Lumiya.

Her appearance leads to some shocking plot twists in the pages of "Sacrifice."

As it is the fifth book in a nine book series, "Sacrifice" by definition must shake things up and move "The Legacy of the Force" story arc closer to its final act.

In addition to the Jedi action, Traviss works fan favorite and bounty hunter

Boba Fett into the mix. However, Fett is now the leader of the Mandalorians.

A race of nomadic warriors widely considered to be the best fighters in the galaxy.

Traviss does well to give Fett a chance to explore life as something other than a bounty hunter.

He now has to learn how to care about someone other than himself which is very thought provoking.

Here the mixture of great characters, unique situations and solid writing makes for a intriguing read.

While it compares favorably to the six "Star Wars" films, the novel is more in-depth than the movies. "Star Wars" novels are collectively known as the Expanded Universe and that is evident in "Sacrifice."

Traviss uses this novel to explore new territory with the characters, especially in the area of internal dialogue. "Sacrifice" is a wonderful addition to the "Star Wars" universe.

Rating: B+

—**Matt Caban**
Staff Writer

CAREER POWER

Students, are you considering the nursing profession as a career field? OCCC offers an associate degree in nursing approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing with accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

With over 300 nursing students, the OCCC program is graduating highly-valued health care professionals at a time when new nurses are needed more than ever.

In a recent study conducted by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, a shortage of 3,135 Oklahoma hospital-based registered nurses is projected by the year 2012. By 2020, the nursing shortage will number 800,000 nationwide. In Oklahoma, hospital-based nurses make up one-half of our total nursing population.

Salaries in this career area are among the highest for associate degree graduates. The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) 2003-04 salary survey for associate degree candidates listed registered nurses salary average at \$38,069, with a maximum of \$58,573. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing in December 2006 lists \$22.32 as the median hourly wage for registered nurses.

During "National Nurses Week" May 6 through 12, the Oklahoma State Department of Health stated they "want to encourage men and women to consider the field of nursing as a career. Demand for registered nursing service is expected to grow as the number of Americans age 65 and older increases." The OSDH also listed registered nurses as the "largest health care profession."

One option for those seeking nursing scholarships is to visit the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future at www.discovernursing.com.

Many Oklahoma hospitals also offer scholarship and employment incentive programs. The "Nurse Apprentice Program" at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City can offer up to \$5,250 in educational assistance per calendar year. Nurse Recruiters, Kim Wallace and Peggy Pickle may be reached at 405-272-6022 or 405-272-6107 for more details and applications are available online at www.saintsok.com.

OCCC and the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing have recently formed a partnership which lowers the cost for nursing students seeking the OU bachelor of science degree in nursing. This program allows OCCC nursing students to take their third year OU nursing classes and pay community college tuition rates.

For more information, call or visit the OCCC Career & Employment Services office located on the first floor of the Main Building in Advising and Career Services. Hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 405-681-1611, ext. 7362, for an appointment.

—**Debra Vaughn,**
Career and Employment Services Director

Comments and Reviews

'Surf's Up' serves up mockumentary fun

Sony Animation's new movie, "Surf's Up," is the tale of a teenage penguin surfer Cody Maverick.

Maverick, played by Shia LaBeouf ("Hole," "Disturbia") is considered an outcast in his home town of Shiverpool, Antarctica as he is the only surfer.

Rather than freeze, Maverick heads to Pen Gu Island for the Penguin World Surfing Championship.

Maverick's goal is to emulate his idol and late surf champion Big Z. However, he soon finds himself on the wrong end of a bet with Tank Evans (Diedrich Bader).

Evans is the reigning surf champion and resident bad guy. Overzealous promoter Reggie Belafonte (James Woods) also joins Evans in the not-so-nice-guy camp.

Despite this dastardly duo, Maverick has some help along the way from his best bud and the only non-penguin, Joe Chicken (Jon Heder), and the love interest, Lani (Zooey Deschanel).

The film's humor is better than expected with witty dialogue and a good variety of gags. It fits the mold of an uplifting kids' movie without talking down to the adult audience.

"Surf's Up" also stands out for its approach to storytelling as a part comedy and part coming of age tale told as a "mockumentary."

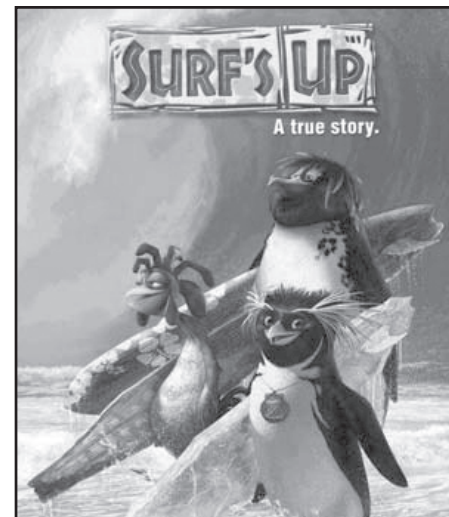
Co-directors Ash Brannon and Chris Buck add to the humor by voicing documentary filmmakers.

While some characters and plot elements in "Surf's Up" seem predictable, they still provide filmgoers with a positive experience.

"Surf's Up" is rated PG for mild language and some rude humor.

Rating: B

—Matt Caban
Staff Writer



Costner not great choice as killer in thriller

Kevin Costner takes on the role of a serial killer in the new MGM thriller, "Mr. Brooks."

He plays Earl Brooks, a serial killer, trying to abandon his old life to have a wife, kids and a nice community.

He even succeeds for a little while, receiving Man of the Year in his town.

But eventually, Brooks' attempt at burying his murderous persona is obstructed by a relentless homicide cop from his past, played by Demi Moore.

Also haunting Brooks is an imagined individual named Marshall, played by William Hurt ("Broadcast News," "A History of Violence"), who pushes Brooks' conscience into eventually resurrecting the killer inside.

Gone are "woeful" Costner from "A Perfect World" and "optimistic" Costner from "Field of Dreams."

Costner's characters have always appeared the same on the surface — reluctant and hesitant — but the soul inside the charac-

ters contained as much depth as any actor of Costner's time has been able to accomplish.

Earl Brooks is different. He is a character whose inside/outside mental situation is more visually evident.

The viewer sees the tense moments when the imaginary Marshall is sneaking and protruding into Brooks' subconscious.

Costner just doesn't feel comfortable in this role and neither does the audience. He is no veteran at the psy-

chodrama genre, but "Mr. Brooks" feels forced, both in dramatic sequences and in the actors.

Much like Robin Williams in "One Hour Photo," having a well-recognized actor go against the grain for a different role is too much of a gamble.

Edward Norton ("Fight Club," "American History X") would have been a better option to play Brooks, given Norton's knack for good inner-demon resistance scenes.

Even Moore seems out of

place in an intelligent thriller like "Mr. Brooks," while comedian Dane Cook (HBO's "Vicious Circle," "Employee of the Month") gives a rather unnecessary performance as a young man aspiring to learn from Brooks after witnessing one of his murders.

The plot seems to work. It is the actors who doom the movie. "Mr. Brooks" is rated R for violence and sexual content.

Rating: C

—Eric Nguyen
Editor

Classic King novel an apocalyptic masterpiece

An apocalyptic plague brings about the end of civilization and sparks an epic showdown between the forces of good and evil in Stephen King's classic 1978 novel, "The Stand."

In the opening scene, readers witness an accident at an isolated military research facility in the California desert that exposes its staff to a weaponized form of the influenza virus.

Despite an emergency lockdown, one infected worker panics and manages to escape and flee the state with his family.

His car is found by the residents in the small town of Arnette, Texas, who are quickly exposed to the virus and begin to unknow-

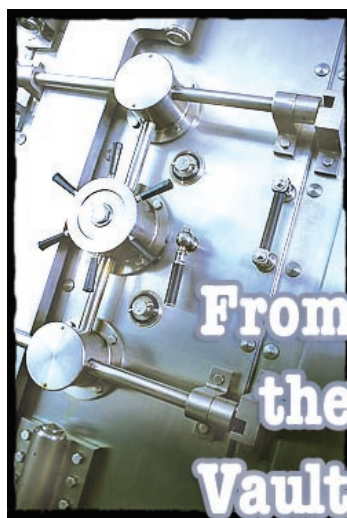
ingly spread the disease across the nation.

The story begins evolving as King skillfully introduces the book's motley assortment of main characters, including a wandering deaf-mute, an antisocial pyromaniac, a cynical pop musician and several others who are all naturally immune to the plague known variously as "Project Blue," "the superflu" and "Captain Trips."

The few survivors band together in small groups to try and find answers.

Many of these people seek out and find an old woman, who turns out to be a century-old prophetic figure named Mother Abigail.

Abigail reveals that those



inclined towards good are gathering in the ruins of Boulder, Colo.

The forces of evil, including a few of the less savory main characters, mass around a mysterious "Dark

Man" in Las Vegas.

When the two groups become aware of each other, both sides are convinced that conflict is inevitable and prepare for war. The battle, however, turns out much different than those involved had anticipated.

In addition to its compelling plot, one of the novel's major strengths is its deep character development.

Despite the overwhelming number of important people in the book, each has his own distinct background, personality, and reasoning behind the action they take.

All of this is described in incredible detail as the story progresses — another of the novel's major

strengths.

One major turnoff, however, is the book's length. At around 1,000 pages, culminating in a drawn-out anticlimactic ending rivaling that of "The Lord of the Rings," "The Stand" is a book that might take a casual reader a week or more to finish.

Even so, the epic-length novel is a masterpiece of fantasy literature and is made that much more relevant by recent events like the tuberculosis scare.

To hardcore Stephen King fans and casual readers alike, "The Stand" is a book well worth taking a look at.

—Drew Hampton
Staff Writer

New regent appointed by Gov. Henry

By Eric Nguyen
Editor

The college will say hello to a new OCCC regent when Mike Voorhees is sworn in just prior to the Board of Regents meeting on June 11.

Voorhees, an alumnus of the college and south Oklahoma City attorney, replaces former Regent Tom Hoskison, whose seven-year term expired April 22.

Voorhees will serve until April 22, 2014.

Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry announced Voorhees as the new OCCC Board Regent on May 22.

Henry makes appointments to the college board of regents, which are then confirmed by the Oklahoma State Senate, OCCC President Paul Sechrist said.

"The governor has sole discretion



Mike Voorhees

regarding the appointments," Sechrist said. "Anyone can provide a recommendation to the governor."

Voorhees said he looks forward to serving the college.

"This is something I have been interested in for years," Voorhees said.

He said a college regent's responsibilities include oversight on the college's objectives, budgeting and programs.

"Mr. Voorhees is an excellent choice," Sechrist said. "He is ... a longtime supporter of the college, a successful attorney and resident of south Oklahoma City, and respected member of the community."

Voorhees, born in Blackwell, graduated from OCCC in 1976 with an associate degree in political science.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science in 1978 and a law degree in 1981 from the University of Oklahoma.

His wife Sharon is an attorney

who practices law with him at Shelton Voorhees Law Group in south Oklahoma City. His wife also attended OCCC.

Voorhees was inducted into the first annual OCCC Alumni Hall of Fame Oct. 30, 2006.

Oklahoma state law states at least four of the seven appointed board members must reside in south Oklahoma City, Sechrist said.

Voorhees is one of five OCCC board members who live in south Oklahoma City, which has borders that include the Oklahoma River to the north, the Oklahoma County line to the west, the southern border of Oklahoma City to the south and Bryant Ave. to the east, according to the law.

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Pandemic seminar held for faculty, staff

By Matt Caban
Staff Writer

OCCC officials are preparing for the possibility of a pandemic, said Millie Tibbits, Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Compliance officer.

Safety and Security hosted a pandemic training session for the college emergency operations group May 30 in College Union rooms 1 and 2.

Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas said it was an opportunity to update the campus's procedure when dealing with a pandemic.

"It's a sort of business continuity plan," Sloas said. "This is a way for us to keep things running in case a pandemic broke out."

Tibbits said a flu pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus emerges that people have little or no immunity to and there is no vaccine.

While it is difficult to predict when a pandemic will strike, she said, experts are concerned about the ongoing avian H5N1 pathogenic virus.

"There have been a num-

"If a pandemic occurs, the spread is so rampant that people will need to stay at home. If you're sick don't go to work or school because the disease is spread by coughing and sneezing."

—Sharon Humphries

Oklahoma City-County Health Department's Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response Program Administrator

ber of cases reported from China to Turkey," she said.

Sharon Humphries, Oklahoma City-County Health Department's Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response Program administrator, said people should be knowledgeable about how a pandemic spreads.

"If a pandemic occurs, the spread is so rampant that people will need to stay at home," she said.

"If you're sick, don't go to work or school because [a] disease is spread by coughing and sneezing," Humphries said.

Tibbits said, while the college has an emergency operations group for general emergencies, it also has a Pandemic Planning Team.

She said the Pandemic

Planning Team consists of: Jo Ann Cobble, Health Professions; Paula Gower, Marketing and Public Relations; Jon Horinek, Student Life; Carolyn Rouillard, Human Resources; Jim Riha, Information and Instructional Technology Services; Ike Sloas, Safety and Security and Traci Wheeler, Recreation and Community Services.

"Each team member was chosen by [college president] Dr. Paul Sechrist," she said.

Tibbits also serves as the Pandemic Planning Team's chairperson.

Tibbits said the college also is helping to inform students, faculty and staff with a new pandemic website found at www.occc.edu/pandemic.

"It provides credible in-

formation about pandemics," she said.

Tibbits said the site also has links to the websites of Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.org) and the World Health Organization (www.who.int).

Sloas said the training session was broken into three sections.

"We wanted to show how the response was handled on the national, city, county and campus levels," Sloas said.

He said the group had an interactive lecture with an expert from University of California, Davis who shared more information on the national perspective. Sloas said the county and city angles were handled by Humphries.

For more information, contact Tibbits at 405-682-1611, ext. 7850 or visit the college's pandemic website.

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CORRECTION

In the June 4, 2007, issue of the Pioneer it was incorrectly reported that a Starbucks kiosk was being installed in the Main Building. The kiosk will be the site of the future OCCC Coffee Shop. It will serve Starbucks products but will not be a member of the Starbucks franchise.

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College welcomes new department VP

By Eric Nguyen
Editor

Just settling into his new office, OCCC's most recent hire, Mark Davis, said he likes his new surroundings.

The college hired Davis as the new Business and Finance vice president June 1.

He replaces Donna Nance, who accepted the vice president position for Financial Affairs at Southern Nazarene University Feb. 23. Gary Lombard has been serving as acting vice president of business and finance since her departure.

"I've been nothing but impressed so far," Davis said. "The student body, the administrative staff and the faculty that I've dealt with so far ... is very impressive."

Davis brings more than 20 years of experience in finance, budgeting and business operations to OCCC, said Media Relations Coordinator Cordell Jordan.

"Dr. Mark Davis is an excellent selection for the position," OCCC President Paul Sechrist said. "Mark is an experienced business and finance professional with over 17 years experience in higher education."

Davis said the primary motivation for applying for the position at the college was the college itself.

"[OCCC] has great facilities, and it is improving with the additions that are being made," Davis said.

Davis, who moved to Oklahoma City on Memorial weekend, said he is responsible for OCCC's business operations, financial reporting and



Mark Davis

regulatory compliance.

He said his position at OCCC is similar to his previous job at Shawnee State University in Ohio.

"The duties and responsibilities are very similar."

Before being hired by the college, Davis served as vice president for Finance and Administration at

SSU since May 2006.

While there, Davis said, he was responsible for SSU's business and financial affairs, including the human resources offices, and university information services and facilities.

Before his position at SSU, Davis was the vice chancellor for Finance and Administration at the University of Arkansas-Monticello from 1999 to 2006.

Davis also was administrative officer for the Mississippi State University Forest Wildlife Research Center, and comptroller for Northeast Louisiana University.

There he earned a master's degree in business administration with concentration in accounting and a bachelor's degree in construction.

Davis also earned a doctorate of philosophy in health care administration from the Northeast Louisiana University School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences.

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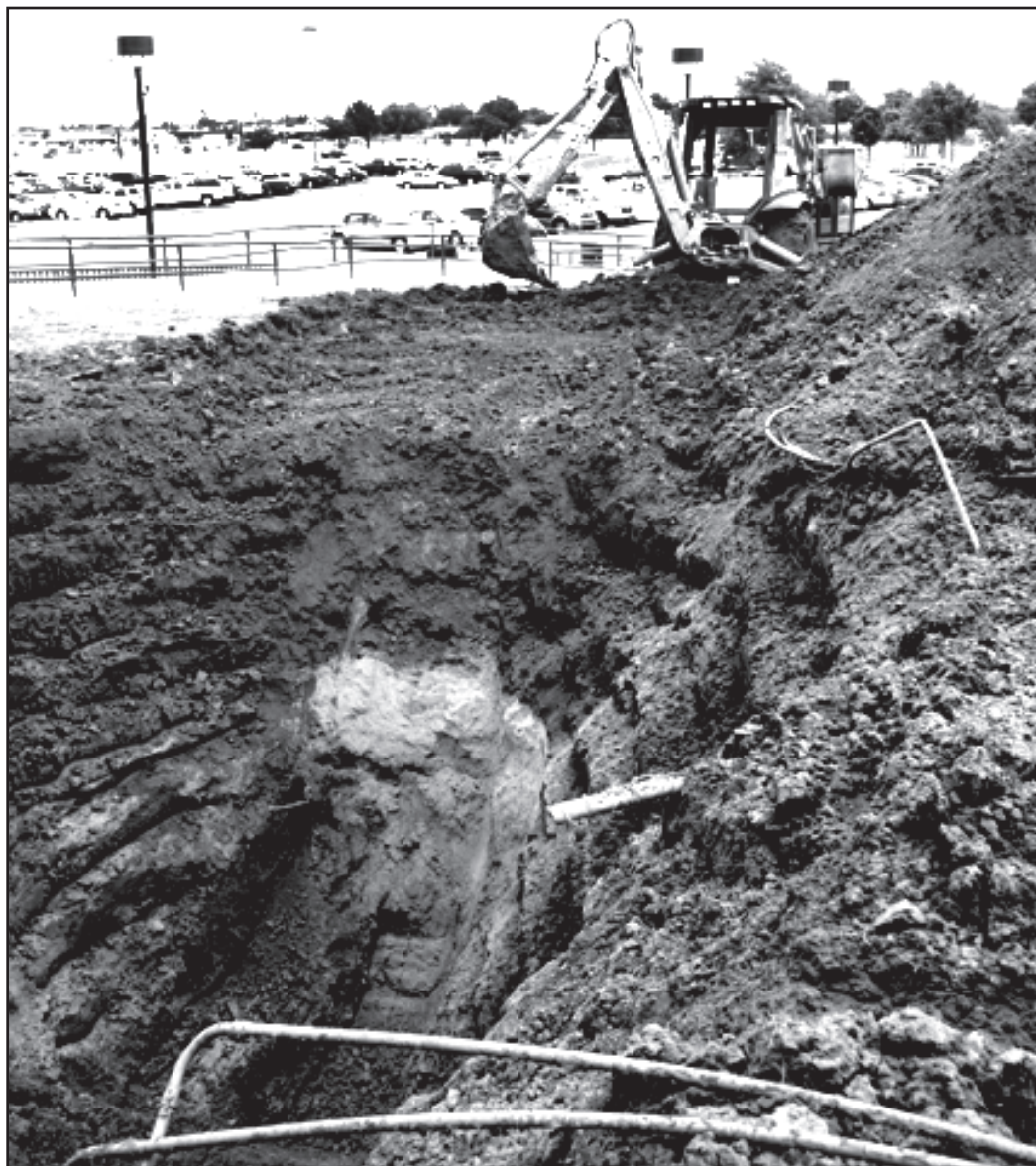


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J&R Backhoe Services' Owner and Operator, Jerry Hausman, works on widening the 26-foot deep hole outside Entrance 24. This is the third firemain repair to date. The repair was finished May 31.

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Staff Writers

Students interested in making money over the summer don't have to look far — there are many job opportunities around and on campus.

Debra Vaughn, Advising and Career Services career specialist, said the department is dedicated to helping students find work through a combination of job fairs, one-on-one assistance with constructing résumés, and hosting the college's online job board on the department's website.

"We currently have 199 active jobs on our job board," Vaughn said, "[This] includes positions here on campus [as well as] here in south Oklahoma City."

Vaughn said the board, which is accessible from the college's Employment Services homepage, allows students to easily search the college's database of help wanted ads. The website can be found at www.collegecentral.com/occc.

"Our job board is just a great resource, and [our assistants] are constantly updating it," she said.

The site lists a wide array of available jobs on and off campus, both full and part-time, ranging from restaurant servers and snow cone stand operators to nursing and public relations positions.

"[Some of these] actually aren't even considered seasonal jobs," said Employment Services Assistant Nicholas Webb.

"We actually have 11 jobs that are considered seasonal, including about three internships, and also positions that are looking for summer help."

On-campus jobs are fewer in number, Webb said, but include a diverse mix. Positions included lab assistant spots in various labs as well as help wanted in the Physical Plant.

Some students think the job board is a good idea.


Concurrently enrolled high school student Kim Quach said she was too busy to take a summer job. She said she would be interested in using the online service.

Barbara Kennedy, the mother of a student taking summer courses at the college for athletic training, believes the system is a good idea even though her daughter was already employed.

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The OCCC Job Boards puts job opportunities at the fingertips of students. Listed on the site are numerous full-time and part-time job listings for short- and long-term employment. It can be found at www.collegecentral.com/occc.

"I think [the system] would be great for someone who was [a full-time student] here," she said, "because [the job] would be close by."

Psychology student J.B. Smith said he is looking for a job, and thought he might be interested in using the college job board to search for one.

Davis Tray, an Upward Bound student who plans to major in engineering, said he also is looking for employment off-campus.

Accounting major Joshua K. Adams is drawing money from Social Security for a disability and has been unemployed for five years. Adams said he likes the idea of the job board.

"Something like [the job board] would be helpful if you're looking for something around the school."

"Monster.com is probably the best site that I know of," Adams said, "but it really doesn't give a wide variety of what's here in Oklahoma."

In addition to the online job

board, which students can search by company, position and employment type, Vaughn said her department also regularly updates eight bulletin boards around campus and sets up tables with information about the department's services outside the College Union.

Future services may include an addition to the department's site called "Optimal Résumé," an application already in use at OU and Oklahoma State University-OKC.

Vaughn said the site will allow students to quickly and easily create professional-looking résumés and post them online.

Vaughn said her office is able to help several students with job-related questions and problems Monday through Friday.

"[Our office] is a good resource for students," she said. "If they come in, we can help them get jobs."

To access the college's online job board, visit the Employment Services website at www.occ.edu/es

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Career Specialist

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Students can search for on-campus jobs by visiting www.occ.edu/jobs.com and following the directions on the page.

For more information or help with job-related issues, visit the Career and Employment Services office on the first floor of the Main Building, or contact Vaughn at 405-682-1611, ext. 7362.

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Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**June 11-15:** OCCC Recreation and Community Services will offer boys basketball sports camps for young athletes ages 10 to 14 inside the Wellness Center gymnasium. This beginning level camp will introduce players to the fundamentals of basketball. Camp is 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

Registration and payment must be made by the previous Thursday. 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 18-22:** Recreation and Community Services hosts the OCCC Summer Sports football camp from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Cost is \$65 and includes a camp T-shirt.

The camp is for boys ages 10 to 14. For more information, contact Recreation and Community Services Director Traci Wheeler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7280.

•**June 18-22:** OCCC girls basketball camp runs 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at the Wellness Center gymnasium. The camp is designed to introduce girls ages 10 to 14 to basketball.

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 25-29:** Athletes, ages 6 to 11, hit the pitch at OCCC's summer soccer camp. The camp runs 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at the OCCC soccer field on the southeast corner of campus near May Ave.

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.



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Adrian Savedra, a baseball coach at Santa Fe South High school, times a camper's run along the base path during the OCCC Summer Baseball Camp June 6 at the South Shields USA Softball Complex in Oklahoma City. The camp focuses on fundamentals with an emphasis on effort and sportsmanship.

Baseball camp hits a home run

By Matt Caban
Staff Writer

Young athletes learned hitting, fielding and base running at the OCCC Summer Baseball Camp June 6 inside the South Shields USA Softball Complex.

Santa Fe South High School Baseball Coach Adrian Savedra said the camp was for ball players ages 6 to 12.

Savedra said each one had a great attitude.

"They came in with different skill sets but all of them improved this week," he said.

"We had some great fun and I'm glad to be involved."

The June 4 through 8 camp had 20 participants, said Christina Foraker, sports camp counselor.

Savedra said campers learned about Oklahoma baseball history and worked on fundamentals each day.

"We started off each day by talking about Hall of Famers and other Major League Baseball players from the area," he said.

Then, they spent 15 minutes fielding, hitting, running and throwing.

Savedra said the campers scrimmaged at the end of each day.

"The kids were split into two teams and played as the Yankees and Red Sox," he said. "They

picked the team names."

Savedra said the teams would bat until they scored five runs or got three outs.

"Because we scrimmaged every day, it was like a five-game series," he said.

Foraker said the kids all came excited to play.

"They would come early in the morning, play hard and go home worn out," she said.

For more information on summer sports camps, contact Recreation and Community Service Director Traci Wheeler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7280.

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OCCC Coffee Shop will serve popular drinks, foods in Main Building

By Drew Hampton
Staff Writer

Students looking for a Starbucks on campus won't find one — but they will soon be able to buy the chain's drinks from the OCCC Coffee Shop under construction in the Main Building lobby.

Finance Brenda Carpenter Assistant Director said the kiosk will serve as another outlet of Carson's Market Fresh Café that will serve independently brewed Starbucks coffee as well as other foods and products not common to the chain.

The Pioneer incorrectly implied in its June 4 issue that the operation would be a franchise of the popular coffee chain staffed by employees of Carson's, the college's food service provider.

"It's not a Starbucks kiosk; it's a coffee kiosk that will be selling Starbucks products," Carpenter said.

Because the college did not have a franchise with the chain, she said, the stand would not be allowed to use the trademarked names of many signature drinks.

"Normally, Starbucks calls [its iced coffee] frappuccinos, but we can't call them that," she said. "We have to call them 'crème ices.'"

OCCC President Paul Sechrist said the creation of the OCCC Coffee Shop was a direct result of meetings with students and an outside consultant, with the intention of finding ways to help build a sense of community on campus.

"In my meetings with students, a [frequent] request was for better areas inside and outside of the building for spaces to hang out be-



"In my meetings with students, a [frequent] request was for better areas inside and outside of the building for spaces to hang out between classes — to study, work on group assignments, and interact informally with faculty."

— Paul Sechrist,
OCCC President

tween classes — to study, work on group assignments, and interact informally with faculty," he said.

"One of the recommendations was to have an expanded coffee and beverage service."

Sechrist said many of the students he spoke with mentioned that it would be nice to have "something like a Starbucks" on campus, further influencing the decision to start construction on the Coffee Shop.

Sechrist said the project is costing the college \$71,500, which is being paid for out of a contingency fund set aside in the OCCC budget.

"The college received a significant increase in

funding last year that allowed [us] to place the funds in a contingency account," Sechrist said.

The Pioneer has reported in past stories that contingency funds have been used to repair and replace damaged or stolen equipment such as carpeting and lab equipment.

This account could be used to fund this and other projects that would benefit students, Sechrist said.

"Hopefully the [OCCC] Coffee Shop will not only be a popular title, but (will provide) a new space that students will use to hang out before and after class."

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Shop may affect club fundraisers

By Carrie Cronk
Staff Writer

The addition of the upcoming OCCC Coffee Shop to the campus may have both positive and negative effects for the student clubs and organizations, Student Life Director Darin Behara said.

"Any time there's change there's going to be pros and cons; and there's going to be students or people that are resistant to certain kinds of change," Behara added.

The area where the coffee shop will be located was a favorite location for many clubs to hold fundraisers and advertise events due to its central location and the amount of traffic that goes past the area.

Behara said some people or students might, at first, be slow to adjust to the relocation of some club events. He said the loss of space would be the most noticeable effect on the clubs.

"There is a percentage of space that's lost ... it's just not usable for the things we've always done," he said.

Behara said club events will likely have to be relocated to the less centralized areas of the Main Building surrounding the coffee shop. Possibilities include the area outside the Communications Lab and the College Union or the area between the Welcome Center across from Files and Records.

The coffee shop could attract people into the main building from areas such as the Arts and Humanities building and the Transportation Technology Building, Behara said.

He said this could increase traffic to club events and fundraisers located in areas surrounding the coffee shop.

Clubs should still be able to sell baked goods at their fundraisers as long as the items sold are home made or are purchased from Carson's Market Fresh Café, and the clubs continue to comply with Student Life guidelines, he said.

Chi Alpha member Miranda Noakes said she thought the coffee shop would not draw funds away from the clubs.

"I know bake sales always go over (well) because they're cheap; they're 50 cents a brownie versus whatever the [coffee shop] is going to be selling," Noakes said.

Behara said the coffee shop would also provide clubs and their members an area where they can meet less formally.

"Club executive officers could ... meet there for ... [an] executive meeting, sit at one of the tables and plan out [their club's next] meeting [or event]," Behara said.

Behara said that while he does not foresee any changes being made to club policies during the summer as a result of the coffee shop addition, the Student Life office will notify the college's clubs and organizations at the Leadership Retreat if any such changes are made before the start of the Fall 2007 semester.

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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. Saturday, June 30, at Bob's Pig Shop in Pauls Valley. Contestants must fill out a registration form by Thursday, 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.



Photo courtesy of www.occc.edu/bpa

Meredith Dake (center) receives the National Championship Award for her prepared speech May 13 at the 2007 Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference in New York City. OCCC BPA members Dake, Chris Stewart and Rachel Bryan made the trip and returned three for three with recognition of excellence. Stewart placed in the top 10 for Extemporaneous Speech and Bryan placed in the top 10 for Graphic Design Promotion.

Club wins in New York City

By **Shavon Bowman**
Staff Writer

Business Professionals of America members Chris Stewart, Meredith Dake, and Rachel Bryan, along with club sponsor and Business Professor Marty Ludlum attended the National Leadership Conference in New York City May 9 to 13, where they took top honors.

The OCCC chapter of the BPA placed in three separate divisions of the competition.

Meredith Dake was the national champion for her prepared speech.

Rachel Bryan was a national finalist for her category. She placed in the top 10 in the nation for her graphic design promotion.

Chris Stewart also was a

national finalist in his category. He placed in the top 10 in the nation for his extemporaneous speech.

An extemporaneous speech is a speech done without preparation, according to www.answers.com.

Prior to advancing to the national level, the students competed at the state competition on March 13 and 14, where they demonstrated competence at the state level to receive the opportunity to advance to the national level.

"You have to be first, second, or third in the state to compete in nationals," Ludlum said.

Students opting to compete at the state level had the chance of winning scholarship awards of up to \$4,000, he said.

He said any BPA member is eligible to compete.

"Now that I've seen all of the different competitions, we want to expand," Ludlum said.

He said it would be "a good kind of orientation" for students of any major to join the Business Professionals of America this fall.

The club held fund-raisers to raise the funds needed for the cost of the trip, Ludlum said.

Students interested in the Business Professionals of America can contact Marty Ludlum at 405-682-1661, ext. 7412.

For more information on this year's National Leadership Conference, visit www.bpa.org.

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SEM Center dedication to honor past college president Robert Todd

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Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Glen Johnson, Board of Regents Chair Alice Musser, Academic Affairs Vice President Felix Aquino, and Science and Mathematics Dean Max Simmons.

Also scheduled to speak is Todd's widow Marge and son Brian.

The plaque presentation

follows.

Sechrist said the first plaque recognizes the dedication of the official name of the SEM Center.

The second plaque recognizes the SEM Center as having been built using funds from a student revenue bond issue, he said.

"It was important to me to recognize the students as the source of the funds ..."

SEM Center construction cost more than \$9 million,

said Physical Plant Director J.B. Messer.

The ceremony will end with a guided or self-guided tour.

Classrooms, six group labs, the two math and science labs, and a room showing a continuous video commemorating Todd will be open to visitors.

All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend and may use Parking Lot A, on the northeast side of the

campus, Sechrist said.

The SEM Center, which began construction around August 2005, is nearly finalized, Messer said.

The Board of Regents accepted the new building as substantially completed March 12, 2007, which indicates the building only has a few minor items remaining to be completed.

As of press time, the final completion stage, which involves an evaluat-

ing walk-through of the new building, installing computers and projectors, and final tests remains, Messer said.

The college staff is authorized to ensure these minor items are completed and the final payment is made to the general contractor, W.L. McNatt and Company, who built the SEM Center, Sechrist said.

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Oklahoma City police awaiting DNA results to positively identify remains

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hand, we can determine whether or not the bones are hers," he said.

Dr. Clyde Snow, forensic anthropologist, inspected the bones, Deaton said.

"Dr. Snow believes the body is more likely Asian than Hispanic based on measurements," he said.

Last Frontier Council Scout Executive Thomas J. Dugger said a church group found the remains

April 14 at the outskirts of Camp Kickapoo, 11900 S. County Line Road, a Boy Scout campground.

Dugger said the area where the bones were found is "... 30 feet from the road and about 10 feet into the tree line.

"It had the appearance of a drive-by dumping."

The Church of the First Born was using part of the camp for a youth event that weekend when they found the bones on the edge of the property near County Line

Road, Dugger said.

"Some of the kids went on a self-guided nature walk when they encountered the [bones]."

Dugger said two adults supervising the youths were notified of the bones.

"One of them was a medical professional who identified the [bones] as human," he said.

Oklahoma City Police Public Information Officer Captain Steve McCool said police believe the woman died between two and 10

years ago.

OCPD asks anyone with information to call homicide detectives at 405-297-

1126.

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Japanese television crew investigates lead

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that airs in Japan and is similar to "America's Most Wanted," said Production Coordinator Nazu Kikkawa.

She said her crew was last on campus March 2006 when they filmed the initial segment, using an actress to portray Kawase in a re-enactment of her disappearance. That segment aired live in Japan April 3, 2006.

She said they had received a few tips after the show aired, but none had produced results.

Kawase's mother and sister accompanied the television crew then but weren't able to return this time, Kikkawa said. Because of that, Kikkawa said she also is representing the family while she's here.

The latest inquiry began when Oklahoma City police



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

A Tokyo-based television crew films on OCCC's campus.

called Kawase's family and told them the remains could be those of their daughter, Kikkawa said.

The police then kept in contact with Kawase's family in Japan as the investigation developed, she said.

"The police asked the family to send a DNA swab so they could match it to the bones."

The family sent a DNA

swab to the OCPD in early May. Kikkawa said police representatives told her the results won't likely be back until around August.

While here, the television crew visited the site where the bones were found.

"[Scout Executive Thomas J. Dugger] wanted us to see it to provide closure for her family," she said. "We are grateful that [the

Family friend, mother recall last contact

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OCCC international student Mayuko "Mayu" Kawase, 21, was reported last seen Aug. 20, 2001 at Albertson's grocery store, 7000 S. May Ave.

Former OCCC student Brenda Paine was the last person known to have seen Kawase when she dropped Kawase off at Albertson's, according to the Sept. 3, 2001, issue of the Pioneer.

Kawase, who regularly called her home in Japan, never called her family after Aug. 13, 2001.

Her mother told the Pioneer in its Sept. 3, 2001 issue, she last had contact with her daughter through an e-mail Mayuko sent from the college library at 5 p.m. central time Aug. 21, 2001.

In the e-mail, Mayuko said a friend was taking her to an off-campus bookstore, but she never identified the friend, her mother said.

Paine, concerned when she did not hear from Mayuko on days when she normally would drive her to OCCC, filed a missing person's report with the Oklahoma City Police Department Aug. 27, 2001.

According to a previous issue of the Pioneer, officers searched Kawase's apartment the same day and found her school bag was missing, and faxes indicating she had not been home for several days.

The search for Kawase has surrendered little success over the past five years. The recent findings of skeletal remains at a Boy Scout camp in south Oklahoma City lead investigators to believe they finally have a solid lead at finding her.

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camp's administration] cares."

Kikkawa said the crew filmed around the site for the family and for the upcoming show. The crew left Oklahoma City June 2.

The footage will air during a live June 30 episode

of "The Power of Television."

Kikkawa said, after that, she will wait to hear the DNA results.

"We may come back if it says they've found her."

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