

# Oklahoma City Community College PIONEER

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## Summer science



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Putnam City North High School senior Chelsea Baker injects dye into transparent gel inside an electrophoresis chamber. Regional government grants funded a molecular biology camp — held in the OCCC Biotechnology Lab — to teach local high school students the synthesis of DNA and the fundamentals of biotech research.

## GED student arrested for first-degree murder

By Eric Nguyen  
Staff Writer

An OCCC GED student was arrested Friday, June 8, on first-degree murder charges.

Oklahoma City Police arrested Michael Anthony Willoughby, 17, on suspicion of shooting his stepmother in northwest Oklahoma City, according to the police report.

Clay Willoughby, his father, called Oklahoma City police 5:43 p.m. on June 7 from his house to report his son, wife and Ford F-150 pick-up truck missing, according to the report.

Logan County officials located the truck, with matching tag

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## Regents approve 6.8% tuition hike

By Eric Nguyen  
Editor

For the fifth time in as many years, tuition will increase at OCCC.

OCCC's Board of Regents approved a 6.8 and 6.9 percent tuition increase for in-state and out-of-state students, and the budget for fiscal year 2008, at the June 18 meeting.

"I'm very pleased that [the Regents] agreed with the budget and the plans that the college and administration and staff laid out," said Art Bode, consultant for the fiscal year '08 and retired vice president for Business and Finance.

Starting this fall, in-state students will pay \$78 per credit hour, including tuition and fees. Out-of-state students must pay \$208 per credit hour.

In-state tuition has risen \$17, and out-

of-state tuition has risen \$79 in the past five years, including fiscal year '08.

Regents also approved pay raises for college employees.

Full-time employees will receive up to a 4.5 percent salary increase. Adjunct professors' pay will increase from \$590 to \$615 per credit hour.

Student employees' pay will increase as well, said Senior Human Resources Specialist Larry Robertson.

He said student employees who have worked at the college the previous 12 consecutive months will receive an increase from \$7.50 to \$7.75, Robertson said.

Those who have worked at the college for less than 12 consecutive months will see an increase from \$7 to \$7.25.

The proposal to increase tu-

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## OCCC president to see \$7,900 pay raise

By Eric Nguyen  
Editor

OCCC President Paul Sechrist is getting a \$7,997 pay raise beginning July 1, the start of fiscal year 2008.

The OCCC Board of Regents approved the salary increase from \$207,036 to \$215,033 at a meeting June 18 at the same time they approved re-hiring him for fiscal year 2009.

The increase is a 3.3 percent raise, said Janice Phillips, executive administrative assistant to the president.

Regents said they considered the salaries of other presidents at peer institutions and determined the raise based on the college's Compensation and Benefits Plan which addresses budget principles of maintaining competitive salaries and rewarding employee performance.

Also considered in the plan are cost-of-living changes and salary increases



President Paul Sechrist

based on performance.

Several college employees said the raise is well deserved, including Special Initiatives Dean Susan VanSchuyver and Health Lab Coordinator Lloyd Kingsbury.

"Having worked for the state for many years, I'm always glad to see somebody get a raise," Kingsbury said. "I think he is doing a great job."

VanSchuyver said the raise is appropriate with Sechrist's position at the college.

"[OCCC] is the fifth largest public institution of higher learning in Oklahoma, and our president should be compensated accordingly," she said.

VanSchuyver said Sechrist has a commitment to developing new programs that provide more opportunities for students, such as learning communities for the fall semester and

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

## Keep tests inside class

The Test Center is a part of the college most students know well. It is a useful tool, allowing professors an alternative to giving tests in class when they desperately need the time to present new material.

Likewise, it gives students the opportunity to take such exams out of class within a set time frame, which can be more convenient.

At the same time, however, it should not be used as a dumping ground for exams that professors simply don't want to present in class.

What likely began as an occasional backup option for busy professors has become something of a necessity for most — after attending two years of OCCC courses, one student said that less than one-fourth of his professors gave any of their tests in class.

This might not be an issue for most major universities since students at such schools usually have the option of living on campus.

OCCC, however, is a community college with no on-campus housing; virtually all of its students commute, many from distant parts of the city and beyond.

It shouldn't be surprising, then, that many of these students begrudge the extra time and fuel spent driving between the college and home to take a test that might instead have been given in class.

While professors and many students seem to find the system convenient, more than one student has complained quietly (or not so quietly) about being forced to spend the extra time on campus.

In another example, one student taking a course last semester had a particularly unhappy brush with the Test Center.

Despite being present, prepared and on time every day the class met, circumstances prevented the student from arriving on time to take an exam in the center.

Despite this being one of only five exams in the course, the professor had a strict no-retake policy which, in conjunction with the missed exam, significantly affected the student's final grade.

While neither the professor nor the Test Center were at fault, this occurrence does illustrate how the current policy (official or otherwise) can put students in a difficult situation. Problems like the ones mentioned might not exist if these exams were given in class.

The explanation for why so many professors are using the center like this could be any number of things. Professors may be overworked or lazy, or simply taking advantage of the opportunity for extra teaching time in class. Regardless, something needs to change.

Barring extraordinary circumstances, keep the tests in the classroom.

—Drew Hampton  
Staff Writer

## Prof says assistance is OK

### To the Editor:

I read with interest the editorial column for [the June 18 Pioneer issue] to see what might be going on related to college transfer issues.

As the coordinator of the multi-divisional programs, which include Pre-Education, Liberal Studies, and Diversified Studies, I see plenty of students, most who are planning to transfer to one of the four-year colleges or universities.

In most cases, the students I visit with have already been to see one ... of the advisors ..., and they are seeking additional advice related to their course choices. Many of them have a faculty advisor assigned to them, but they have not bothered to seek that faculty member out.

Something I did not see mentioned in the editorial ... was the faculty advisor to whom a student should or can go for assistance and guidance. Faculty are required ... to advise students, primarily majors in the specific discipline in which a faculty member teaches. Most faculty enjoy working with individual students ... faculty often know more

about the specific programs ... than do the advisors who are most knowledgeable about general education and general transfer issues.

Self-reliance ... being independent is good, self-advisement can get a student into trouble, if one is not paying attention. Finding a faculty member to act as one's academic advisor is advantageous ....

Faculty advisors can serve as good reference for obtaining scholarships and awards. If someone does not have a faculty advisor, [he or she] can request one be assigned to them; however, the next step is often up to the student to make contact with the faculty person. Depending on the ... division, a student may receive a letter that notifies them of who to contact.

Don't wait until there is an emergency ... make an appointment with the faculty person. Allow time to visit and ask ... questions. If that faculty member does not seem helpful, ask another teacher if [he or she] would be willing to [help]. Checking in with a faculty advisor well in advance of enrolling is important too.

Keep in mind the Advi-

sors help ... people everyday, but students are their own biggest help. They should go to their ... transfer college/university and visit around, ask questions and pick up any paperwork or checklists. Just take that next step and use all of the resources available.

—Bertha Wise  
English Professor

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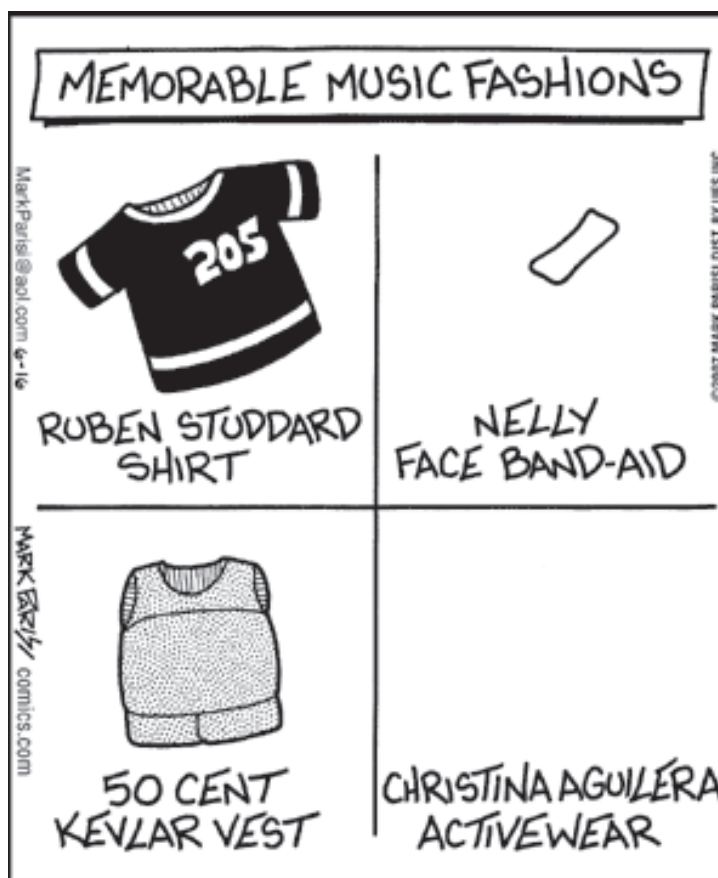
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## Comments and Reviews

# 'Surfer' a 'Fantastic' film

Nightmarish weddings don't normally have black-outs caused by cosmic beings, but this isn't your average bad wedding.

Reed Richards and Susan Storm experienced this kind of nightmarish wedding in 20th Century Fox's movie "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer."

Director Tim Story has managed to make an action film that is entertaining, funny and still suitable for young viewers.

The movie reacquaints the audience with the celebrity lives of Marvel Comics' Fantastic Four: Richards (Ioan Gruffudd), Storm (Jessica Alba), Johnny Storm (Chris Evans) and Ben Grimm (Michael Chiklis).

The foursome has adjusted to the constant barrage of press coverage, until the press and an interstellar force interrupts Reed's and Storm's wedding.

Johnny goes after the flashy wedding crasher, and is the first to encounter the cosmically disruptive Silver Surfer, after which Johnny's powers become unstable.

During the team's next encounter with the Silver Surfer they learn the Earth



is in imminent danger from Galactus, a cosmic entity who devours planets.

The team also discovers Galactus is drawn to the surfer's board, which is now in the possession of their arch-nemesis Victor Von Doom.

As with other superhero movies, special effects are in abundance throughout the film.

The computer-generated liquid metal appearance of the surfer while he is melded with his board is the most noticeable of the film's special effects.

Others include the various effects for the foursome, such as Sue's invisibility, Johnny's human

torch effects, and Reed's never-ending ability to stretch and mold himself.

Galactus' appearance may be a sore point for the comic book purists as the comic books portrayed him as a human-like form.

Average moviegoers might find the film's depiction of Galactus to be a decent one, if not intriguing, as it certainly leaves much to the imagination of the viewer.

"Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer" is a funny and enjoyable film that would be good for a family outing.

**Rating: A**

—Carrie Cronk  
Staff Writer

# Fantasy author delves deep

Fantasy author Terry Goodkind is one of those rarely gifted writers whose first novels "The Sword of Truth" series, rocketed into the bestseller bracket.

More than twenty million copies of the 10 books in the series to date have now been sold.

The eleventh and final book to the series is due for release in November.

With the series conclusion this fall, taking another look at the novel that began it all in 1994, "Wizard's First Rule," seems like a good idea.

The book is available in

an 820-page paperback version from Tor priced at \$7.99.

The story begins with the hero Richard. Richard is a woodsman, a guide for travelers in the wild areas of the Westland.

During his wanderings in the woods, Richard begins to interact with the odd things from the east. Suddenly, he is reluctantly forced into the larger world and its problems.

Richard learns he is destined to be The Seeker of Truth and is presented with the Sword of Truth.

In exploring exactly what

a Seeker of Truth does and what it means to be a Seeker, Goodkind explores a philosophy that reflects the problems and values of the real world.

A complex objectivist view of reality is outlined as the plot progresses.

The characters war within themselves and against each other, weighing personal desires against duty and common good.

In Goodkind's fictional world, human suffering can be attributed to a failure to acknowledge truth and an attempt to impose lies upon the reality of the world.

## YOU asked FOR IT

**Q:** What does it take to repair roof leaks?

**A:** [First step is to] get reports filed. [Second step is] [Physical Plant] investigates the reports to make sure there is a leak and to see what the problem is. [Third step is] a record is placed about the leak. [Fourth step is] after discovering the problem, [Physical Plant] corrects the problem areas.

—J.B. Messer  
Physical Plant Director

**Q:** How can students change their major?

**A:** They need to come down to the Advisement department ... and tell [an adviser] what they want to change their major to and have a photo ID ready. We send out a request to the division officer for a faculty adviser and notify students by mail [when the request is accepted].

—Elsa Gonzales  
Advisement Support Assistant

**Q:** Why are intramural sports so limited?

**A:** We choose our intramurals based on which ones are popular on other campuses. They're the ones that have participation and a consistent following.

We try new ones that we think students will like or that have a cultural tie. But if there's not enough participation for an intramural then it will be canceled. We're hoping to get more students input by starting a new student club called Club Rec. It will help us find out what intramurals students want to see.

—Traci Wheeler  
Recreation and Community Services Director

**Q:** Will the Wellness Center get new equipment?

**A:** [The Wellness Center] just got a new Smith machine and weight tree which were installed this week.

—Traci Wheeler  
Recreation and Community Services Director

It is in capturing this struggle to do the right thing that exists in all people that Goodkind's writing shows its special flair.

All of his characters, from villains to heroes, operate on differing well-developed belief systems.

This ingredient is something the reader can at

least comprehend, if not identify with the beliefs of the characters.

As the good guys believe they are doing the right thing, so do the bad guys.

It is up to the Seeker of Truth and the reader to determine which side is in the right, if either.

—Tim Cronk  
Staff Writer

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# College joins student initiative program

**By Eric Nguyen**  
Editor

OCCC students will benefit from the college's upcoming participation to improve student performance.

In July, the college kicks off its first year with Achieving the Dream, a national program that helps community colleges develop plans to improve student performance, said OCCC President Paul Sechrist.

Felix Aquino, Academic Affairs vice president, said, "ATD is a very exciting opportunity for OCCC, dovetailing very neatly with our other student success initiatives."

Achieving the Dream will

provide technical assistants and program coaches to help OCCC, said Ben Hardcastle, communication director for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The program coaches consist of a best practices coach and a data coach, Aquino said.

A best practice coach will help determine whether OCCC's policies and practices have been helping or hindering students, according to the program's website, [www.achievingthedream.org](http://www.achievingthedream.org).

A data coach gathers information about OCCC's student completion rates, semester-to-semester retention rates and gradua-

tion rates, according to the website.

"[The coaches] will work with our staff to devise strategies that work best for [the college]," Aquino said.

The ultimate decision to put those strategies into action is up to the college, Aquino said.

OCCC administrators also will meet with other community college administrators across the country who are participating in Achieving the Dream, Sechrist said.

"[The program] provides the college with experts and connections with other community colleges who have the same focus."

Other Oklahoma community colleges joining Achiev-

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—Felix Aquino

Academics Affairs Vice President

ing the Dream are Rose State College in Midwest City and Tulsa Community College said Phil Moss, Academic Affairs vice chancellor for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The colleges will participate in the program for five years starting in July, Sechrist said.

The cost for OCCC to participate is \$80,800 for the first year, declining each year afterward, he said.

The fee is being paid through funds the college receives from state allocations, Sechrist said.

After five years in Achieving the Dream, OCCC will have the option of renewing its participation, Hardcastle said.

There are 58 other community colleges in eight states taking part in Achieving the Dream, which started in 2004.

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## Student dropouts need attention, prevention

**By Matt Caban**  
Staff Writer

Student dropout prevention was the hot topic of an audio conference June 19 in CU 3.

Neal Raisman, 59, president of Academic Maps, a company that helps colleges and universities with student retention and customer service, spoke to a crowd of about 40 to 50 faculty and staff members who listened to Raisman's views on providing customer service in an academic environment.

Raisman said colleges and universities lose a third of their students annually. However, he said, many in-

stitutions ignore the problem.

"This is one bad business model," he said.

"People don't realize that retention is just as important as admissions."

Arts and Humanities Dean Susan VanSchuyver attended the conference. She said most academics don't like the idea of customer service in education.

"It's a good way to describe what we do," she said.

Raisman said students leave campus for one of three major reasons: indifference, problems with professors or staff, and unhappiness.

"Most students want to go

to Cheers University," he said. "It's the school where everybody knows your name, and they're glad you came."

Raisman said an unhappy staff will take out frustration on students.

"If the staff isn't happy, they will take it out on the students," he said.

Raisman said these issues are easy to solve.

"People need to be recognized for their hard work and effort," he said.

Raisman also said these kind of problems can hurt campus morale and ultimately push people away. He said low morale isn't in the best interest of either students or the college.

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—Neal Raisman

Academic Maps President

"You owe it to the student[s] to help them graduate," he said. "Otherwise, they will leave your college and go somewhere else."

Raisman said colleges and universities spend about \$5,000 to bring one student to campus.

He said this number includes various student services, payroll and other costs that allow the campus to operate.

VanSchuyver said Rais-

man offered practical and specific tips during the audio conference.

"Those are the things I look for at a conference," she said.

She said the goal of OCCC is to treat students well.

"We want to treat them with kindness and respect, but we can always improve," she said.

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## Film Institute to provide training for filmmakers

**By Shavon Bowman**  
Staff Writer

The Oklahoma Film Institute will be at OCCC July 9 to 27 to offer training for aspiring filmmakers.

Participants in the workshops will have the opportunity to create, produce, and edit their own films, said Film and Video Production Professor Greg Mellott.

"The true film experience is to have the pressure of getting a project done," he said.

Mellott said training will be offered in three phases: a pre-production course, a production course, and a post-production course.

In the pre-production course, participants will learn how to create a budget for the production so the filmmaker knows the

film's budget.

During the production course, filmmakers will learn how to direct and create an original film using a script created by Rick Walker, a disc jockey from KATT radio.

In the post-production course, participants will edit their films to completion.

Mellott said he considers the upcoming workshops

great résumé builders.

By allowing the participants to create their own films with well-known filmmakers such as Gray Frederickson and Rick Walker, participants will have reels for their portfolios that will stand out in a crowd of other filmmakers, Mellott said.

The minimum age to attend the workshops is 16.

Each course costs \$500,

with a registration fee of \$100. All fees must be paid by July 2.

For more information on the Oklahoma Film Institute, contact Mellott at 405-682-1611, ext. 7793, or e-mail [gmellott@occc.edu](mailto:gmellott@occc.edu), or contact the department office at 405-682-1611, ext. 7100.

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# Motor vehicle larcenies mark crimes

**By Matt Caban**  
Staff Writer

Theft and vandalism highlighted campus crime June 11 to 14.

Three incidents of motor vehicle larceny were reported June 11, 12 and 14.

Desiree Hendrick reported a theft from her 1997 Honda Civic June 11 to Campus Safety and Security Officer Jacob Roby in parking lot G.

She said a bag of pedicure supplies worth \$50 and a \$120 faceplate for her car stereo were stolen from inside the vehicle. Hendrick had been in class when the items were stolen.

"The pedicure supplies were in an old bag and they might have thought it was a purse, but they left my textbooks and my purse," she said.

"I was really baffled by the pedicure supplies being stolen because not everyone knows what they look like."

Sophomore paramedic student Carey Legett reported a Dell Latitude C600 laptop valued at \$750 stolen from his Ford F-150 June 12 in parking lot A, east of the Main Building.

Legett said he noticed the laptop missing after finishing his night class.

"It was ripped off its mount and one of the clips was bent over," he said. "They didn't grab its power supply or the GPS that was attached to it."

Legett said he used the laptop and GPS to find addresses while working as a volunteer paramedic in Texas.

Legett said he filed a report with the Oklahoma City Police Department.

"I was told not to expect it to be found," he said.

The third of three thefts from motor vehicles came June 14 when Alejandro Padilla said his Lincoln Towncar was burglarized in parking lot E, near the Health Technology Center.

Padilla, a dishwasher at Carson's Catering, said his

driver's side front window was broken and his stereo missing.

He said the Pioneer stereo was worth \$80, while the window cost \$300 to replace.

A case of theft and vandalism was reported by Oklahoma Roofing Supervisor Gary Renner June 13.

Renner said his crew came to work to find approximately \$595 worth of equipment and tools missing from the Main Building Roof work area.

He said the stolen items included an 18-volt DeWalt hammer drill, a Bostich electric grinder, a 16-ounce claw hammer, a 100-foot length of 3/4 inch rope, two five-in-one scraper tools, a utility broom and a five-gallon bucket of sealant paint.

Renner said the crew also found some fresh graffiti in their work area.

"It was painted on the walls with the sealant we [were] using, and we started to work and found the tools gone," he said.

"It said ICP, which is some kind of rock group I guess, and there was a lot of profanity."

Renner said sealant paint is used for air conditioning units and is difficult to scrape off.

He said there are only two ways to access the roof: an interior access point and an exterior ladder.

"I don't know how they got up, but I've never seen it at a college like this," he said.

Two non-injury auto accidents were reported on campus June 11 and 12.

According to an incident report filed by Safety and Security Officer Larry Lundy, an employee of Carson's Catering, Deanna McGowen, backed her Buick Century into a Pontiac Firebird owned by Stephanie Weathers June 11 in parking lot E, near the Health Technology Center.

Lundy said in his report the Firebird had damage to its driver's-side rear door,

quarter panel and rear bumper. No damage to McGowen's vehicle was reported.

Amy Duangvilay also reported an auto accident June 12 in parking lot A, east of the Main Building.

According to a report filed

by Safety and Security Officer Scott Shelton, Duangvilay returned to her car in the afternoon and found scratch marks across the front bumper and damage to the hood.

Shelton reported the damage kept the hood from

opening and a plastic part was lying on the driver's side floor, but he also said Duangvilay was able to drive the vehicle off campus.

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## History class scheduled for Oklahoma Centennial

**By Shavon Bowman**  
Staff Writer

To mark Oklahoma's 100th birthday, a course typically offered only in the summer is instead being offered this fall semester.

Only offered once a year, "Oklahoma: Land of the Red Man" is a general education course about the history of Oklahoma.

The course covers prehistoric to present-day Oklahoma and explores such varied subjects as prehistoric bison and Native American immigrants, said

Ron Gray, OCCC history professor who is teaching the class.

"We're not going to leave any stone unturned," he said.

"[Students will] gain a better appreciation of Oklahoma history and how it relates to the big picture, American history, and even outside of America."

Forty seats are available for the course.

The class is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The course is based primarily on class discussion,

meaning there will be no lectures or written tests, Gray said.

If the course proves successful in the fall, Gray said, he may decide to schedule the course in the fall next year as well.

He said it all depends on "wherever we can get our greatest audience."

"The more students we have, the more points of view that we can draw from to make the discussions more interesting."

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## Webinar discusses student death, how staff can prepare

**By Brian Hodges**  
News Writing Student

In the aftermath of the Virginia Tech University shooting, OCCC is preparing faculty and staff for the possibility of a student death.

Academic Advising hosted the free webinar "College Student Death: Guidance for a Caring Campus" June 13 in room 2N3 on the second floor of the main building.

A webinar is a seminar that is given over the Internet so more people can attend.

Academic Advising Director E. J. Warren said her department hosted the webinar because the office is involved with students' lives.

"We hosted this because

we really care," she said. "It matters, and students matter."

The webinar is designed to give colleges and universities a plan of action for how to interact with family and the campus community after a student's death.

Approximately 20 staff and faculty from numerous college offices attended the webinar, which was open to the college community.

Student Support Services Counselor Kari Workman attended the webinar and said it was informative.

"[The webinar] just made you think of the institutional response and how to focus on how to deal with [a student's death] before the fact instead of after it," Workman said.

Rosa Cintron, Educational Research, Leader-

ship, and Technology associate professor for the University of Central Florida was one of the webinar's presenters.

The presenters emphasized that while colleges should not anticipate the death of a student, they should be prepared for it.

An estimated 7,000 to 25,000 college students die nationwide each year, Cintron said.

The webinar emphasized the necessity of a written policy to deal with the death of a student.

Warren said knowing how to handle a student's death "is not only important here, it's important everywhere."

OCCC's Emergency Response Plan is available online at the school's website, [www.occc.edu/Security/CIMP.pdf](http://www.occc.edu/Security/CIMP.pdf).



# Former president honored at dedication

Before a foyer packed with students, faculty and family members June 19, OCCC President Paul Sechrist unveiled the plaques dedicating the new Science, Engineering and Math (SEM) Center to former college President Robert P. Todd.

The dedication began with an introduction from Sechrist welcoming those present.

Marge Todd, the widow of Todd spoke in appreciation of the college and the new facilities. His son, Brian Todd, also spoke.

At the end of the ceremony, Sechrist and the Todds unveiled the plaques honoring the late president, which, along with portraits, covered most of the wall opposite the new Biological Science Center.

Recent OCCC graduate Carlos Robinson said it was an honor to attend the ceremony, and said events like the dedication show the college's passion for education and educators.

"They do [things like this] for a cause," he said. "They do it from the heart, not from necessity."

Brian Todd said he had a great time at the event, especially talking to his father's old friends.

"[The college] is like a second home ... it's a great place to be," he said.

A video tribute of Todd's life was played in nearby room 2C4 of the SEM Center. Guided tours of the new facilities also were given.

Sechrist said he thought the ceremony was a wonderful tribute to Todd.

"[Todd's] focus on students was very clear," he said. "He would be honored."

After OCCC Board of Regents Secretary James White gave the invocation, guest speakers including Board of Regents Chairwoman Alice Musser, Academic Affairs Vice President Felix Aquino, Science and Mathematics Dean Max Simmons, engineering student Henry Davis and Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chancellor Glen Johnson all spoke in turn of the facility, of honoring Todd, and of thanking the students whose fees made the state-of-the art facilities possible.

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An assortment of photos displayed on the wall across from the Biological Sciences Center document former President Robert Todd's service to the college.



Left: Brian Todd, Robert Todd's son, speaks about his father's career and dedication to the college and Science, Engineering and Mathematics Center during the dedication ceremony.



Right: Marge Todd, wife of Robert Todd, speaks about Todd's commitment to higher education and the college.



Robert Todd's family and President Paul Sechrist unveil the dedication plaques during the Robert P. Todd Science, Engineering and Mathematics building dedication.



# Legally celebrate this July 4

By **Matt Caban**  
Staff Writer

**F**ireworks are a major part of July 4 celebrations, but they continue to be subject to changing laws and restrictions, said Robert Doke, Oklahoma state fire marshal.

Doke said laws regarding class C or consumer-grade fireworks are enforced on a city-by-city basis.

Fire department and fire marshal officials in cities across the metro said their municipalities have restrictions on fireworks within their city limits.

The sale, purchase or use of fireworks is prohibited in Oklahoma City and many nearby areas such as Del City, Edmond, Midwest City, Moore, Norman, Shawnee and Yukon.

"In several of your metro communities [buying or discharging fireworks] are banned," he said.

Doke said, prior to 2006, it was illegal to buy fireworks from one area and bring them to a city where they are banned.

"Law enforcement would stop your vehicle and seize your fireworks or charge you a fine," he said.

This was altered due to a change in state law, said Jeff Lindsay, Moore fire marshal.

"The law allows you to transport fireworks as long as they are in the original packaging," he said.

There are other state laws governing the use of fireworks, Doke said.

"Bottle or stick rockets have been banned in Oklahoma since 1981 because their embers would fall onto roofs and start fires," he said.

Doke said there are state limits about where fireworks can be discharged.

"It's illegal to discharge fireworks within 500 feet of churches, crops, school or places where fireworks are stored or sold," he said.

"Also, it is unlawful to throw lit fireworks out of a vehicle or at a group of people."

Doke also said it is illegal to sell fireworks to children under the age of 12 unless they are accompanied by an adult.

However, the sale, purchase and discharge of fireworks are legal within the city limits of Mustang.

Mustang Fire Chief Carl Hickman said fireworks may only be discharged from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. June 27 to July 3, and 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. July 4.

Hickman said anyone who sets off fireworks outside of these times is subject to a citation.

Mustang Police Captain Willard James said there is an \$84 fine for discharging fireworks outside of those hours.

"But we give people the opportunity to correct it themselves," he said.

For more information, contact the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's office at 405-522-5005 or your local fire department.

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## Firework safety important

By **Drew Hampton**  
Staff Writer

**W**ith the July 4 holiday close at hand, many will celebrate by lighting fireworks.

While launching the often colorful explosives is a holiday tradition in many areas, fireworks are prohibited in most Oklahoma cities because of the potential dangers involved.

Chief Kellie Lee, Oklahoma City Fire Department assistant fire marshal, said Oklahoma City has ordinances specifically prohibiting the use of fireworks within city limits.

"... We recommend attending a supervised professional display," she said.

Lee urges those who insist on firing their own munitions outside the city limits to:

- Use common sense when selecting a launch site — make sure the immediate area lacks grass, trees, vehicles or buildings before lighting fireworks.

- Make sure an adult supervises all activities when children are present.



Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

- Follow all directions included with the fireworks you plan to launch.

- Use only one device at a time and step back to a safe distance after lighting it.

- Point or throw fireworks away from other people, structures and vehicles.

- Never attempt to relight or repair a dud.

- Soak all used fireworks in a bucket of water and have a connected water hose readily available.

- Call 911 if a fire starts and move to safety.

Lee said failure to comply with these guidelines

regularly result in injury, most often first- and second-degree burns to the hands and eyes.

Other common injuries include burned arms, legs, feet and chest. There have also been instances of hair catching fire after an accident, and more severe injuries can result.

For additional information, visit the National Council of Fireworks Safety website at [www.fireworksafety.com](http://www.fireworksafety.com).

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## List of metro July 4 goings-ons

July 4 celebrations and events are coming and it seems every town in Oklahoma has something planned. Below is a list of popular metro area happenings.

- An **Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular** will conclude the July 4 Redhawks baseball game. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$6 to \$15. For more information or to buy tickets, visit [www.oklahoma.redhawks.com](http://www.oklahoma.redhawks.com).

- **LibertyFest** in Edmond is a week-long celebration from June 28 to July 4. Each day caters to a different event. For information on specific events, visit [www.libertyfest.com](http://www.libertyfest.com).

- The **Old Town Association Old Town Car and**

**Motorcycle Show** is Wednesday, July 4, at Buck Thomas Park in Moore. Admission is free but vehicle registration is \$10, if choosing to showcase a vehicle. Registration begins at 1 p.m. The show begins at 2 p.m. and the awards ceremony is at 4:30 p.m.

- The infamous **Tuttle Ice Cream Festival** begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, at Scrock Park. It ends with fireworks at 9:45 p.m. Events include ice cream cone decorating, prize drawings, food vendors, \$1 ice cream scoops, an ice cream eating contest and more.

- From 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday, July 4, Yukon City Park will host **Freedom Fest** at Chisholm Trail Gazebo. The park is located at 2200 S. Holly

and additional celebrating will go on at Chisholm Trail Park, 500 W. Vandament.

Activities include a car show, parade, craft tents, petting zoo, games, swimming, food and fireworks show.

The Oklahoma City Philharmonic will perform. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Jan Scott at 354-1895.

Freedom Fest is hosted by the Yukon Chamber of Congress.

- The **32nd annual Norman Day 4th of July Celebration** will be held at 1 p.m. at Reaves Park. Events include the second-annual hot dog eating contest, pony rides, free watermelon, door prizes, the John Arnold Band and fireworks display.

# Sports

## UPCOMING

### OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **June 25-29:** Athletes ages 6 to 11 hit the pitch at OCCC's summer soccer camp. The camp teaches the basics of the other football. Camp runs 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at the OCCC soccer field on the southeast corner of campus near May Avenue. 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.

• **July 2-6:** RCS summer sports camps take a short break for the Independence Day holiday. The RCS office will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the holiday. It will reopen for normal business hours at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 5. For more information, contact the RCS office at 405-682-1611, ext. 7860.

• **July 9-13:** RCS summer sports camps return from a short vacation with the golf camp for campers ages 12 to 14. Campers hit the greens 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The cost of the camp is \$65 and includes a T-shirt. Registration and payment are due by Thursday, July 5. For more information, contact RCS Director Traci Wheeler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7280.

• **July 9-13:** Athletes ages 10 to 11 can serve it up at the RCS tennis summer sports camp. Campers will learn the basics of tennis 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. The cost of the camp is \$65 and includes a T-shirt. Each camper's payment and registration are due by Thursday, July 5 to the RCS office. For more information, contact RCS Director Traci Wheeler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7280.

**Have a sports story to share? Share it with Matt. Call 405-682-1611, ext. 7675.**

## Workin' out



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

General Studies freshman Richard Beavers works out in the OCCC Wellness Center gym. The gym is free to all OCCC students, faculty and staff with a valid OCCC ID. Single-day passes for non students are available for \$6 while six-month passes are \$40.

## Locker room renovations continues

**By Matt Caban**  
*Staff Writer*

The Recreation and Community Service men's and women's locker rooms are undergoing a \$157,000 facelift, RCS Director Traci Wheeler. She said the funds came from her department's fiscal year 2007 budget.

The top expenses were for new lockers (\$40,000), shower poles (\$22,682.50) and ceramic floor tile (\$21,500), Physical Plant Director J.B. Messer said.

"The locker rooms were in terrible shape," Wheeler said. "They were desperate for a change."

She said it is the first renovation of the locker rooms since they opened in 1991 after construction of the Health Technology Center.

Wheeler said the project also includes new fixtures, lighting and paint for both locker rooms.

"They're cleaner and upgraded with modern technology," she said.

Wheeler said the lockers will have a new look.

"It's called a Z-door or half locker," she said. "It has space to one side to hang your clothing and a lip on the other for shower stuff."

Wheeler said the switch was made because the full lockers are not compact and wasted space.

"It will be a better locker system," she said.

Wheeler said 140 lockers were purchased, so there will be 70 in the locker rooms.

Wheeler said most have to be rented, but each room will have 12 lockers for day use.

"They'll have to bring their own locks to use them," she said.

"If there are items in those lockers at the end of each evening, we will cut off the lock and confiscate everything inside."

Wheeler said this will offer a degree of control to help prevent theft.

Messer said renovation work began April 23.

He said the lockers have not been delivered because there was a problem with the first set of bids.

"Those lockers weren't to our specifications, so that's why they are late," he said.

Messer said the Physical Plant handled some of the touch-up work and the initial demolition work.

"The other work was handled by a group of 18 contractors and vendors," he said.

Wheeler said she hopes the new look will leave an impression on locker room users.

"I hope they respect it and we don't have a lot of damage six months from now," she said.

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# Program assists area Hispanic students

By **Carrie Cronk**  
Staff Writer

Recently, 18 members of Oklahoma City's Hispanic community between the ages of 18 and 35 graduated from OCCC's Roberto Clemente Course in the Humanities held at the Latino Community Development Center.

The 24-week program, which was held Sept. 26, 2006, through April 19, 2007, consisted of humanities courses in literature, philosophy, writing and American history.

Gloria Cárdenas Barton, Admissions and Registrar dean, who served as project director, said the primary goal of the Clemente Course is to help impoverished people better themselves and their communities by providing them the opportunity to study the humanities.

"When [the college] first decided to do this course ... we thought it would be good to work with an underserved population ... that we'd like to make a difference in [through] education," she said. "That, at the time, was the Hispanic community."

Cárdenas Barton said both times the college held class, enrollment was open only to the Hispanics who



Photo provided by Cordell Jordan

Students of the Roberto Clemente Course in the Humanities pose for a graduation photograph May 30 at the Latino Community Development Agency in Oklahoma City.

had not attended college, and were committed to attending class and completing the coursework.

She said the students' "English skills are better ... [and] their self-confidence levels are higher than they were" before they began the program.

To help students with the financial accessibility, all educational materials, including books and instruction, were provided at no cost to the students. Free child care was made available upon request, according to the course application form.

Cárdenas Barton said the program's funding came from the Oklahoma Humanities Foundation, the Inasmuch Foundation, and

the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

She said the program was very successful as 18 of 24 students successfully completed the coursework and earned a certificate of completion as well as nine hours of college credit.

Clemente course student Beatriz Meyer said she enrolled in the program to help her determine if she would do well in college.

"I had never attended college, and this was an opportunity to get nine credit hours towards a college education," she said.

"Thanks to the program I realized that college might not be as scary as I once thought."

Daniel De La Rosa said he enrolled in the program to

start working toward a college degree.

"I wanted to start doing something," De La Rosa said. "Taking the classes was preparation."

Meyer said she has enrolled in two classes at OCCC for the fall semester and De La Rosa said he is also enrolled in classes at OCCC.

Cárdenas Barton said the course was broken into eight-week instructional blocks, with classes meeting for 90 minutes twice weekly.

Oklahoma City University law Professor Blue Clark and OCCC learning skills Professors Mark Schenberger and Stephen Morrow, and OCCC English Professor Richard Rouillard

taught the classes Monday and Wednesday nights.

Morrow said he enjoyed his experience teaching with the program.

"I loved working with the students ... being out in the community ... and I hope the college will continue the program," he said.

Morrow said he "learned that education does count in peoples' lives and that there are lots of ... people ... willing to work hard to make their lives better."

Cárdenas Barton said this was the second time the college had participated in the program, the first being fall 2004 to spring 2005.

She said Dr. Jerry Vannatta, former University of Oklahoma Health Science Center dean and OCU board member, was instrumental in bringing the program to Oklahoma.

"Dr. Vannatta was in it again as the ... assistant director, but the college served as the primary source for the faculty and the curriculum."

Cárdenas Barton said the college has already begun to receive calls from community members asking when the course will be held again.

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## Film professor, students create documentary

By **Drew Hampton**  
Staff Writer

With a \$60,000 grant from the Kilpatrick Foundation and the work of OCCC students, Film and Video Production Professor Greg Mellott presented a short documentary June 10 at the Stage Center in downtown Oklahoma City to kick off the OKC Arts Spectacular concert.

The documentary was filmed and produced entirely by OCCC students, who also helped edit the film's script, Mellott said.

The documentary, a 10-minute-long film titled "In

Their Own Words," features students and teachers from unique "Oklahoma A+" art schools explaining their views about the future of education in Oklahoma.

"In [these] schools, you use art in every single course that is taught," Mellott said. "You use art in math, you use it in science, you use it in history, and it makes everything come alive for the students."

To get the footage he needed, Mellott said he sent student crews to film and interview students from these schools over the course of several weeks last

semester.

"We [filmed] the teachers, the students, and whatever the art was — from painting to acting to drumline to concert," he said.

"It was a good working experience for the students ... and when we put all of [their material] together, we had hours worth of film."

Because "In Their Own Words" was intended to showcase the students rather than the institutions, the film professor chose not to add any sort of narration or music to the film. Instead, he let those interviewed set the tone.

"We just opened with the

question, 'What do you guys think of the future of Oklahoma?'" Mellott said.

"We took everything [they] said that was interesting and laid it all out ... and asked ourselves what was the best story told entirely in [the students'] own words."

The result, he said, was a collection of student interviews that showed a positive view of Oklahoma's art education system and its future.

"On the national level, there is no film like this," he said. "It's an inspiring way to look at teaching."

Mellott said he thought

the initial screening was a success.

"We screened it, and it went over well with the audience," he said. "They were laughing and applauding even while it was going on."

With the positive reaction, he said the film will be shown on OETA, the state's public television station.

As a nod to both his students and the message of the film itself, Mellott said, the credits listed those who worked on the project before naming himself as director.

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# Highlights

## Jean and Ralph Gamel Scholarship offered

The Jean and Ralph Gamel Scholarship is now accepting applications for fall 2007. To be considered, students must submit the entry form with a summary of their educational goals and future desires. The recipient will receive up to \$1,000 per semester for tuition, fees, and books. Applications must be returned to the Foundation or Recruitment office no later than 5 p.m. Friday, June 29. For more information, contact Pat Berryhill, executive director of institutional advancement, at 405-682-1661, ext. 7591.

## 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](http://www.kellyengineering.com).

## Frontier City/ White Water Bay tickets available

Consignment tickets to Frontier City and White Water Bay are now available for purchase in the OCCC Bookstore. Tickets are \$19 for a one day pass and \$65.01 for a season pass. Also available are one-day passes to Six Flags at \$28 each. For more information, contact Brenda Reinke, bookstore director, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7242.

**All Highlights are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday in room 2M6 on the second floor of the Main Building.**

## In it to save lives



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Student Emergency Medical Technology Association Members Joey Reidy, Shandelle Meyes and Clancy Upshaw administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation while transporting a mock patient. Members meet monthly during the fall and spring semesters.

# Dive in to give at OCCC

By **Shavon Bowman**  
Staff Writer

The Oklahoma Blood Institute will be at OCCC Wednesday, June 27 for a summer blood drive.

Donors will receive buy one, get one free tickets to either White Water Bay or Frontier City and free "Dive in to Give" T-shirts.

The T-shirts range in size from small to 3X-large, giving each donor the opportunity to find their size.

While there, interested donors will have the opportunity for a free cholesterol screening.

Due to an increased need for blood during the summer months, summer donations are always needed, said Jennifer Beattie, blood drive coordinator.

The reason for the increased need, Beattie said, is because "blood usage is up ... but [the Oklahoma Blood Institute] doesn't have as many people coming in to donate."

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—Jennifer Beattie  
Blood Drive Coordinator

To further complicate the situation, Beattie said, the OCCC blood drive will be a one-day affair instead of the two-day occurrence given in prior blood drives.

Since many people are out of town during summer months, there will be less people available to donate this time, Beattie said.

It is vital to remember that those who can donate should, she said.

Many students on campus think donating blood is a good thing to do.

Philip Aken, psychology sophomore, has already donated more than a gallon of blood.

During the spring semester, Aken received a pin in recognition of his donations. He said he plans to

donate again in the upcoming drive.

"It's nice to be able to give something back," he said.

Caitlin Trail, a Latin Classics sophomore at the University of Oklahoma and current OCCC student, said "it's great if you can [donate]. I think everybody that can should."

Charles McDermott, an environmental sciences freshman at OU and current OCCC student, said donating blood "makes me feel good to be giving something back ..."

The drive is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room CU3.

For more information, visit [www.obl.org](http://www.obl.org).

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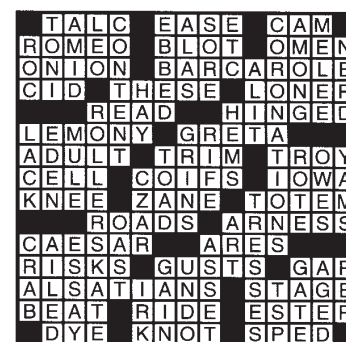
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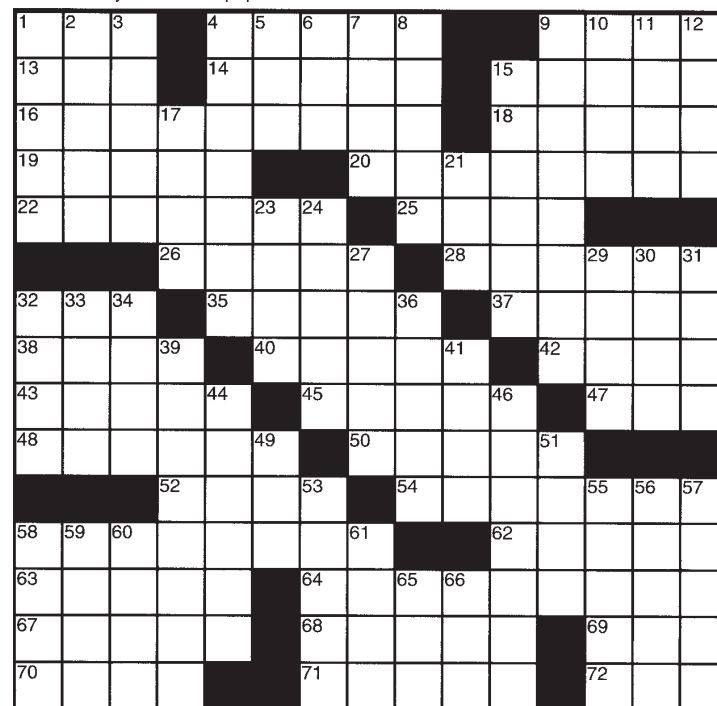
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# OCCC graduate, 35, dies

**By Matt Caban**  
Staff Writer

OCCC graduate Pauline Willoughby will be remembered best as a nice person, said OTA Program Director Tom Kraft.

Willoughby, 35, a 1999 occupational therapy assistant graduate, died June 7.

Her stepson, Michael Anthony Willoughby, 17, a current OCCC GED student, was arrested June 8 in connection with her death.

Kraft said Pauline was a person who could light up a room.

"[She] was always smiling," he said. "She was very enthusiastic and very bright."

Pauline graduated from Westmoore High School where she was involved in DECA and Civil Air Patrol. She attended Life Church in Oklahoma City.

Kraft said, after graduation at OCCC, she went to work as an occupational therapy assistant.

"Pauline had a way of getting patients she worked with to do things just because of who she was and what she was all about."

"She was a very caring person, a very nice person and very approachable."

Kraft said Pauline was a member of the Student Occupational Therapy Assistant club.

"She was involved in planning our events."

Health Lab Coordinator Lloyd Kingsbury remembered a visit from Pauline earlier this year.

"She was traveling as an OTA and loving it," he said. "She was a sweet kid. Very lovable and outgoing."

Kingsbury said his daughter, Shelly May, was a close friend and OCCC classmate of Pauline.

"I put her in touch with my daughter when she visited," he said.

Kingsbury said she was very personable.

"I've got a picture ... of her graduating class and she's just got a real contagious smile."

Kraft said her death came as a surprise.

"We really lost something here in the city."

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Jettie Dobbins; grandfather, Eddie T. Buie and nephew, David Dale Cope.

Survivors include her husband, Clay Willoughby of the home; her mother, Ann Weldon of Oklahoma City; her father, Dale Dobbins of Oklahoma City; her grandmother, Pearl Buie of Oklahoma City; two sisters, Karla Dobbins and Gaylynn McClure of Oklahoma City; and one brother, David McClure of Oklahoma City.

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# College budget plan to add new positions

**"Budget,"**

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ition, as well as an approval for the college budget, will be sent to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, OCCC President Paul Sechrist said.

State Regents are expected to approve tuition and fees for all colleges on June 28, said Amber Coulter, OSRHE communications coordinator.

Included in the 2008 Staffing Plan are five new full-time faculty positions, which are four nursing professors and a computer aided technology professor, nine new exempt staff positions and six new non-exempt staff positions.

Non-exempt positions receive compensation for overtime and exempt positions do not, said Linda McMurtry, Finance director.

Also approved during the meeting was the Section 13 Offset Budget, which includes state allocated funds of about \$2.5 million to be used for construction, maintenance and repairs,

Bode said.

The Offset Budget includes \$1 million to be funded on the theater portion of the Arts Education Center Phase Two project, Bode said.

Also funded from the Offset Budget is \$500,000 for furniture and equipment for the Health Professions and Education Center and the Arts Education Center, Bode said.

Campus improvements and repairs also will be funded from the Offset Budget, totaling \$447,442, he said.

"Over the last few years we've done a significant amount of roof repairs," Bode said. "That'll be continued as needed."

Toward the end of the meeting, Regents went into executive session to discuss giving OCCC President Paul Sechrist a raise.

Regents unanimously voted to give Sechrist a 3.3 percent salary increase. Regents also approved to re-hire Sechrist for the 2009 fiscal year.

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# Student, 17, being held on murder charges

**"Willoughby,"**

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numbers, along Pennsylvania Avenue and Simmons Road and called Oklahoma City police, said Logan County Sheriff Randy Richardson.

According to the report, Logan County officers found Michael around 500 yards south of the truck.

Officers then took Michael, who was armed with a gun, into custody, according to the report. Several weapons also were found in the truck.

Oklahoma City police arrived thereafter and, from information given by Michael, then located Pauline Willoughby's body near a tree at N. Pennsylvania and Sorghum Mill Road, according to the report.

Pauline, 35, also was an OCCC student, graduating in 1999 with a degree in Occupational Therapy Assistance, according to Records and Graduation Services.

A source close to the family said Pauline had raised Michael from the age of 2.

Clay and Michael Willoughby were taking an OCCC general education development class together this summer on Monday and Wednesday evenings, but had not been to class since June 6, said classmate



**Michael Willoughby**

Daniel De La Rosa.

De La Rosa said he had seen the father and son in class twice but not since the June 8 arrest.

The class learned about the arrest on June 13 when the professor said she saw the news on television, De La Rosa said.

"[The news] came as a shock to us all," he said.

There are around 12 to 13 people in the class and everyone talked to each other, De La Rosa said.

He said when the professor asked students what they struggled with most about academics, Michael did not initially answer, but eventually said he struggled with mathematics.

He said Willoughby tended to mind his own business in class and stayed quiet.

Michael joined other classmates to smoke and hang out during class breaks, De La Rosa said.

"He didn't look or sound like a person who would [commit murder]."

Willoughby is being held without bond at the Oklahoma County jail, county officials said.

A preliminary hearing is set for June 29 at the Oklahoma County Courthouse.

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# College president approved for 3% raise

**"Sechrist,"**

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a new course called Success in College and Life.

"Dr. Sechrist has accomplished some significant things in the past year."

Some students, like Business Sophomore Riki Wamsley, believe the raise is justified because of a few factors.

"Cost of living is going up, everything is going up, so everybody should make at least 3 percent or more," Wamsley said.

Other students, like sophomore Ashley Griggs, believe Sechrist's raise is justified based on his performance at the college.

"From my understanding, [Sechrist] keeps the

college running as smoothly as he can," Griggs said.

Gary Lombard, vice president for Human Resources and Student Services, said included in Sechrist's salary are business expenses.

Sechrist pays for college-related items, such as providing food for meetings, Lombard said.

"Those expenses come out of his pocket," he said.

Sechrist said he does receive allowances for entertainment, housing or a car.

He said the business expenses are considered a normal part of an OCCC president's duties.

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