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## Bending over backwards

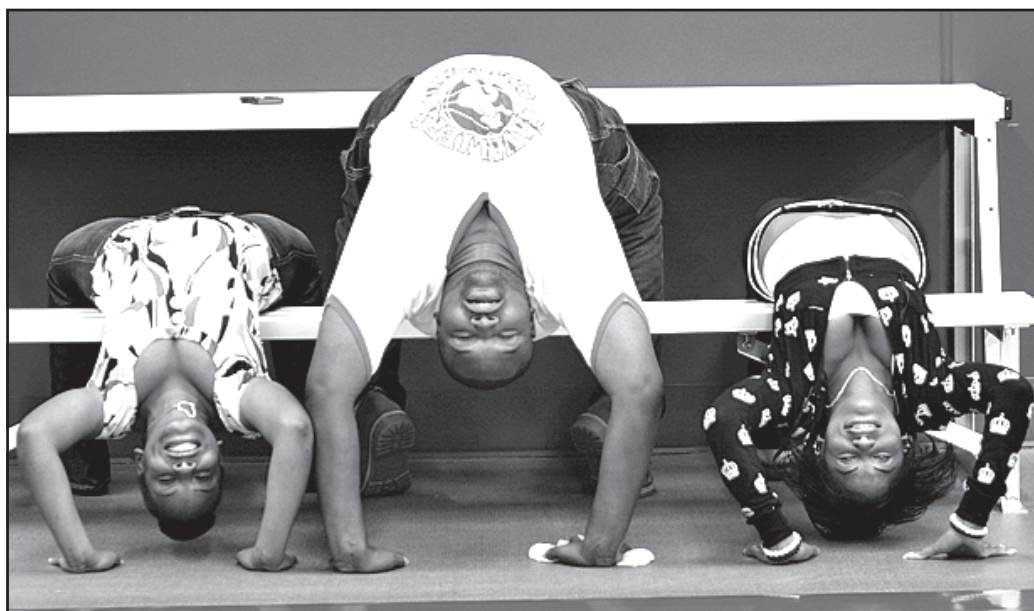


Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Black Student Association members (left to right) Tiara Manning, Travis Boyce and Ashlee Smith show off their flexibility in the OCCC Wellness Center gymnasium, free to students and faculty. Spending time in the gym or exercising in the weight room between classes has become a common activity for students who keep physical fitness a top priority.

## Struggles, endurance portrayed in 'Tres Vidas'

By Jennifer Uhls  
News Writing Student

The Core Ensemble — which includes cello, piano, percussion and a singing actress — will portray the lives of three renowned Latin American women Tuesday, Oct. 23, during "Tres Vidas," the second presentation in the 2007 Fall Cultural Arts series.

It will be an evening of drama along with original and folk music of Latin America, said Scott Tigert, Cultural Programs and Community Development Assistant.

Tigert said the three women portrayed are known for their endurance of great hardship and the impact their experiences allowed them to have on the Latin American and World culture.

Frida Kahlo was a Mexican painter who, after a freak accident, continues her work while bed ridden.

Rufina Amaya is the only known survivor of a cold-blooded Salvadoran military

attack on her village of El Mozote.

After the slaughtering of her husband and four children, she feels it is her duty to continue telling the story of the massacre.

Argentina's first feminist poet, Alfonsina Storni, lived in a time when women had no rights and men ruled them completely.



Arts and Humanities Department Chair Dianne Broyles, said the morning presentation, featuring a sample of the full performance, is free to students and faculty.

For the evening performance, individual ticket prices are \$22 and \$17 for

students, staff, and seniors.

For more details about the show, visit the Core Ensemble website at [www.core-ensemble.cc/tres\\_vidas.htm](http://www.core-ensemble.cc/tres_vidas.htm)

For tickets and show times, contact Tigert at 405-682-1611, ext. 7295.

## Enrollment numbers go up slightly

Increase shown in many areas

By Carrie Cronk  
Editor

This semester, OCCC's student body is older and more diverse compared to last fall.

Although Oklahoma's public colleges and universities showed a slight decrease in enrollment numbers, enrollment at OCCC has increased slightly this semester, compared to fall 2006.

Preliminary enrollment numbers show a 0.4 percent increase from fall 2006, from 12,526 to 12,574 this semester.

Executive Director of Planning Stu Harvey said increases in enrollment for the summer and current semesters total a 1 percent increase as compared to this time last year.

Although overall numbers were up, some categories declined while others advanced.

This year, new student enrollment dropped 2 percent, down to 27 percent from 29 percent of total numbers.

Marion Paden, Student Services vice president, said, the percentage drop in new students is countered by an increase in returning students. She said that is "in response to the college's emphasis on retention and student success."

Another area in which numbers increased was international student enrollment.

This year, 399 international students enrolled, as opposed to the 366 in 2006 —an increase of 9 percent.

"The number of students from Nepal increased 134 percent, (from 47 in 2006 to 110 in 2007)" Paden said.

Paden said she believes one reason for this increase may be a particular professor.

"Gyanendra Baral is from Nepal and was hired to teach Economics and Business Statistics at the college a few years ago. I believe that the growth in Nepalese students is directly related to his employment," she said.

The college also saw an increase in minority enrollment, Harvey said.

Thirty percent of OCCC's students represent racial and ethnic minorities, compared to 29 percent last fall, he said.

The reported numbers show over the past five years

**"Twenty-five percent of our students are enrolled in one or more online classes; many of which are also enrolled in on campus classes."**

—Marion Paden  
Student Services Vice President

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

## Fans MIA for OCCC soccer

There's a well kept secret on campus; an exciting sports team that students can watch on Saturdays for free. This semester the soccer team has broken the mold of past teams and is making its presence known in the Oklahoma Collegiate Club Soccer League.

In previous seasons, it has been difficult to field enough players to form a team as was the case this past spring.

This season the team has approximately 17 players attending practices and games consistently. Despite the team's dedication, talent and winning spirit, OCCC fan attendance is still very low.

The team this semester has a great shot at making the playoffs, which could be a significant boost for the college's intramural sports program. The team even has enough talent to make a lot of noise in the playoffs. However, the team still needs support from its fellow soccer fans and OCCC students.

The team has played a draw in the previous two matches against a strong Oklahoma State University squad, and soccer powerhouse, the University of Central Oklahoma. In those games, OCCC came so close to winning. It's hard to believe, with a little more fan support, that they wouldn't have won those games.

It is important that students support the college intramural team and athletes, as any other college would do. Granted, this is a community college and students all have busy lives that go along with the classes, but these players have worked hard all season and deserve support from their fellow students.

The team is standing just two spots away from the playoffs. Most of the teams that are ahead in the standings have played more games than we have. Winning a few more games would put the playoffs in the team's grasp.

OCCC will play the University of Arkansas on Oct. 13 at Rose State College, located in Midwest City on S.E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, between Air Depot and Sooner Road. Arkansas is tied for first, so a win in that game would be monumental for the season.

OCCC will then play consecutive games on Saturday, Oct. 20, against OU — Colsa, and Sunday, Oct. 21, against OSU — Japan. Both games will be played at OCCC. There's a good chance OCCC could win both games.

They've hung in strong with the top teams in the league and winning these final two games would be enough for them to make the playoffs.

So go out and support the soccer team. They are a fast, physical, and entertaining team to watch. All games are free, and it's a chance to show pride in the college and cheer the team.

—Matt Bishop  
Staff Writer

## Students protest drug law

### To the editor:

Activists on dozens of college campuses across the country will participate in a week of action starting Oct. 15 to fight against a law that strips financial aid from students with drug convictions. The aid elimination penalty, which was enacted in 1998 and has since affected nearly 200,000 students, is being reconsidered this fall as Congress works to revise the Higher Education Act.

As part of the week of action, spearheaded by the national campus-based organization Students for Sensible Drug Policy, activists will ask other students to sign postcards urging repeal of the penalty. The postcards will then be hand-delivered to legislators on Capitol Hill.

"Students across the country are joining together for one common goal: stopping the War on Drugs from becoming a War on Education," said Kris Krane, SSDP's executive director.

"Blocking access to education isn't just unfair to the individual students who are affected. The aid elimination penalty causes more — not less — drug abuse and crime in our so-

ciety by limiting young people's opportunities for success."

The week of action comes as the Education and Labor Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives prepares to reauthorize the Higher Education Act, a large law governing federal student aid programs that was last revised in 1998 when the penalty was added as an amendment.

A broad coalition of more than 125 student governments and more than 300 prominent education, addiction recovery, religious, and criminal justice organizations have called on Congress to repeal the penalty.

Only people with drug convictions are affected by this policy. Murderers, rapists, arsonists, and burglars are all eligible to receive student loans and grants.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy is a grassroots network of students concerned about the impact drug abuse has on our communities, but who also know that the War on Drugs is failing our generation and our society. SSDP mobilizes young people to participate in the political

process, pushing for sensible policies to achieve a safer and more just future, while fighting back against counterproductive Drug War policies, particularly those that directly harm students and youth.

—Tom Angell  
Students for Sensible  
Drug Policy

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## Comments and Reviews

# SophaBella's is romantic and delightful for dates

Finding establishments around Oklahoma City for fine dining and entertainment can be largely hit or miss.

Few places offer quality entertainment as well as an upscale dining environment.

SophaBella's Chicago Grill, located at 7628 North May Ave. has the best of both worlds.

This intimate and cozy Italian eatery has five-star cuisine, the best wine selection under one roof, and now a spicy and different way to spend a Friday night.

The dark and romantic atmosphere, coupled with smooth jazz playing softly makes the dining experience enjoyable and relaxing.

A private dining room and a curtained off seating area can be reserved for groups of 10 or more and offer privacy and increased intimacy.

The diverse menu is fairly

pricy but the outstanding flavor of everything makes it a worthwhile investment.

The signature pizza varieties seems popular, seeing that many people enjoyed these designer creations.

The artichoke spinach dip, three-cheese ravioli, cobbler dessert and two glasses of wine make for a reasonable meal for two at just under \$40.

Rest assured, you get your money's worth here, as the large portions could easily feed two.

Be prepared to spend quite a bit more for a mouthwatering steak or for a fresh fish dinner plate.

The lunch prices looked very reasonable, making me want to go back soon and try something different.

What really sets this Italian hideaway apart from the rest is what happens just after closing time on a

Friday night.

Five dollars gains you entry into a Cuban style social with salsa music, Mojito cocktails and imported beer.

The atmosphere change is both dramatic and exciting. Energy replaces romance and Latin beats replace the smooth jazz.

Disc jockeys Oscar Martinez and Hector Rodriguez bring an interesting mix of music and personality.

The limited space and influx of the dedicated Oklahoma City salsa community make this experience authentic and exciting to say the least.

Great food, over-the-top entertainment and the opportunity for an all-around good time make SophaBella's Chicago Grill one of the best places to go in Oklahoma City.

—**Jay Rocamontes**  
Staff Writer

# 'Silver Surfer' two disk set gives best value for price

On Oct. 2 another action-packed Marvel comic movie, "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer," was released on DVD.

In the second movie, not only does the evil Dr. Doom return, but also a new villain arrives from the outer reaches of the universe. Born on the planet Zenn-la, the Silver Surfer is the herald of Glactus: the destroyer of worlds.

While Dr. Doom takes advantage of friction within the Fantastic Four family to forward his own cause, the Silver Surfer continues to work toward the ultimate destruction of the world.

This movie is written and produced so well that it transitions smoothly to DVD. With high-resolution

graphics and exceptional audio, the character of the Silver Surfer is as impressive on the small screen as he was in theaters.

The DVD's superb audio quality is evident in Laurence Fishburne's voice-over as the Silver Surfer. Fishburne's deep voice resonates through a home theater system giving the Silver Surfer's on-screen presence even more impact.

Anyone with a high definition television will truly appreciate the close up shot of Susan Storm, played by Jessica Alba, flailing through the air as her fiancée realizes she is on fire.

The standard DVD rental does not provide much in

the way of special features. The few features available include language selections, captioning and running commentaries.

A two-disc version containing special features such as photo galleries, featurettes, and alternative scenes is available for purchase, as well as a Blue Ray version.

While the film itself is fun to watch, the standard DVD's lack of special features takes away from the at-home viewing experience.

If you have the money, purchasing the two-disc set is well worth the investment.

Rating: A

—**Jamie Laleff**  
Staff Writer

## Counselor's Corner

*"I was always looking outside myself for strength and confidence, but it comes from within. It is there all the time."* —**Anna Freud**

It may seem that you've just now settled into a routine for the fall semester, but it's time to plan for spring enrollment, which begins on Oct. 8. Before you seek out back-to-back classes, take a moment to reflect on how this semester is working out for you. We forget things much faster than we remember, so schedule time between your classes to sit and ponder what just happened in class, or work a few problems on your own. The results can be amazing in terms of what you're able to remember and do without adding a huge amount of study time. If you can't plan your schedule this way, include some transition time before you have to leave campus to do other things.

As the commercial says, "Life comes at you fast." For that reason, your contact information is often out of date soon after you submit it. Take a few minutes to look at your information using MineOnline, or check it at the Records counter. Make sure your current address and phone number are listed. This helps us reach you if we need to.

This fall, the college began using OCCC e-mail as the official means of communication with you. Make sure you know your e-mail address and check for messages periodically. If this is not your primary e-mail account, then make a point of checking it at least once a week.

Some of you may be contemplating taking a class or two online, but you've never really had that experience before. I encourage you to do some research before you invest in this learning environment. Get comfortable going to the online learning link on the college homepage and review the orientation and expectations. One of the biggest mistakes that students enrolled in online classes make is to wait for their professors to call them to get them started in the class. Online classes are usually available the weekend before the semester begins, and the wise student logs in as soon as possible to get started. Ask for an explanation when you enroll if you don't understand what to do.

Sometimes, life may seem like a series of unfortunate events. When this happens, remember to contact your professors to let them know something is happening. This won't keep bad things from happening, but it might keep worse things from happening while you are absent from your classes. Figuratively falling off the face of the earth doesn't allow your professors to help you if you get behind in your work.

Lastly, go boldly forward and ask for help if you need it. Resources are available. Use them frequently and shamelessly. You have everything to gain.

—**Mary Turner**  
Learning Support  
Specialist

# Computer Center welcomes new face

**By Scott Glidewell**  
News Writing Student

Teaching and helping others seems to come naturally for the newest full-time lab assistant in OCCC's Student Computer Center. Joy Schulz, 22, was born into a family of teachers and said that definitely had some influence on her decision to pursue a career in teaching.

Schulz said she loves helping students.

"Making a difference in students' lives and in their studies is very satisfying."

Schulz added that it was her interaction with the great teachers at OCCC and her work with students in the lab that helped her make up her mind.

"I have a blast at work," Schulz said. "When the light bulb goes on and they fully understand whatever

they were having trouble with, it really makes my day."

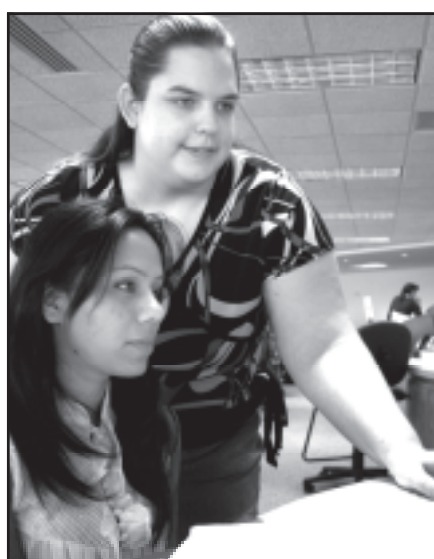
Out of all of the students that Schulz has helped thus far, she said one sticks out in her mind.

"I was able to help a student who was taking a class for the second time, actually understand the computer and her assignments."

"She had never been exposed to a computer before this class, so when the teacher explained something, she was having trouble understanding."

"I was able to take the time to tutor her and she is now passing the class and doing quite well."

Schulz is currently a student at OCCC and plans to graduate this spring with an associate in applied science degree from the Computer Science Department



Joy Schulz helps a student.

with a Web Design and Development Emphasis. After graduation from OCCC, Schulz plans to transfer to a four-year institution.

Until then, Schulz can be found most afternoons on the third floor of the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library helping students in the

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—Joy Schulz

Student Computer Center Lab Assistant

computer lab.

Schulz said lab assistants are always available to help students with course work and to assist with hardware or software issues whenever the lab is open.

Gary Dominguez, Student Computer Center supervisor and head of the faculty committee that hired Schulz, said he has received numerous positive comments from students and faculty concerning Schulz.

In an e-mail message

Dominguez said Schulz was chosen for several reasons.

"Not only did she have the programming skills that we were looking for, but she also had the people skills that matched."

"It was clear that Joy would be capable of helping a broad range of students, but especially helping out the new students to succeed in subjects that can be difficult for even seasoned students."

"We have not been disappointed at all in the decision to hire her."

## Car accident, stolen phone reported

**By Chris Lusk**  
Staff Writer

An automobile accident involving two students left two vehicles damaged on Oct. 4, reported Safety and Security Officer Keith Thompson.

According to the report, a white Hyundai Santa Fe collided with a beige Saturn on J.L. Keels Boulevard.

The driver of the Hyundai in the right-side lane, attempted to make a left turn into parking lot A-south and struck the Saturn which was in the left lane and had the right-of-way.

Neither driver sustained injuries, Thompson reported.

The Hyundai sustained damage to the driver's side panel, left headlight and front bumper.

The Saturn sustained damage to the right side front and rear doors, the right panel and right side rearview mirror.

In another incident, a missing cell phone was recovered on Oct. 1, reported Safety and Security Officer Kevin Tipton.

Student Brittaney McKnight reported her cell phone missing from the women's restroom across the hall from Security on Sept. 10, reported Tipton.

On Oct. 1, McKnight contacted campus security and said she saw someone with her cell phone by the coffee shop, reported Tipton.

According to the report, Tipton retrieved the phone from the suspect and asked McKnight to describe any identifiable features about her missing phone.

McKnight stated that the phone had an after market battery and the memory card slot was broken.

McKnight called AT&T to obtain the serial number from her phone. She brought the number and Tipton verified they matched.

McKnight did not wish to press charges against the person using her phone, Tipton reported.

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## Absolute seeking submissions

**By Erin Ferrell**  
News Writing Student

OCCC's literary magazine, The Absolute, is now accepting submissions for the 2008 edition. The Absolute features short fiction, non-fiction, poetry, photography and visual art.

"Absolute '08 will be a great edition, but we really need more submissions," Co-adviser Marybeth McCauley said.

Students, faculty, staff and members of the community are encouraged to submit work. The deadline is Dec. 1, 2007.

The Absolute is largely a student magazine.

This year's student editors are Robert Smith, Greg Smith, Cynthia Praefke, Johnathon Seratt and Jeffrey Miller.

Those interested in being published in The Absolute can pick up a submission form in the Arts and Humanities Division Office, or find one on the magazine's webpage, [www.occc.edu/ah/absolute/index.htm](http://www.occc.edu/ah/absolute/index.htm).

The magazine will be published in April of 2008, at which time a reception will be held to celebrate.

For those wishing to submit photography and other works of art, vertical composition is preferred.

The 2007 edition of the Absolute features snazzy cover art, courtesy of Randy Anderson and Cathy Bowman from the graphic design program, Randolph said. The magazine is still available from the bookstore for \$5.

The 2007 faculty advisers are Professor Clay Randolph and McCauley, and Professor Jon Inglett, online editor.

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# Class visits historical Oklahoma sites

**By Brittanie Paden**  
News Writing Student

Many OCCC international students recently took a field trip to Lawton to visit the Wichita Mountains, the Wildlife Refuge and to take a tour of the Fort Sill National Historic Landmark Museum.

The English as a Second Language program consists of 22 students from 20 countries. Sixteen students attended the field trip.

"Lawton was chosen be-

cause there is so much history," said Abra Figueroa, professor of English as a Second Language.

"We get to combine natural beauty with the mountains and the natural phenomenon of the buffalo, our native species. They also have longhorns and elk in the park."

The group began their field trip by visiting Mount Scott. They saw the view from the top of the mountain and then drove through the wildlife park

and saw the buffaloes.

"You can see the view of the lake from the top of the mountains, it was beautiful," said Poulatova Gulnora, an ESL student from Tajikistan. "It was amazing."

Many students agreed their favorite part of the trip was seeing the view from the top of the mountains.

Other students enjoyed the historical portion of the trip.

Hua Wang, a student from China, and Yuli

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—Poulatova Gulnora

English as a Second Language Student from Tajikistan

Evans, a student from Indonesia, were partial to the Fort Sill museum where they learned about some of Oklahoma's Native American tribes, and where the students toured the army barracks as they were more

than 100 years ago.

Lei Cao, a student from China, said she enjoyed the trip as a whole.

"My favorite was the buffalo, the Fort Sill museum, and the mountains," she said.

## Advocate speaks on wildlife perservation

**By Jamie Hall**  
News Writing Student

An advocate for wilderness conservation, Jon Waterman, expressed his desire to preserve the Northern Alaska wildlife refuge from the damage that would occur if the federal government allowed oil drilling there.

Waterman, known for his northern adventures, visited OCCC Oct. 4 to speak about "Oil vs. Wilderness" in Alaska. He also presented his findings from an expedition he led in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge during which he studied the evidence of climate change in Alaska.

Waterman led the audience on a journey to Northern Alaska. He offered photographs of before-and-after shots in Alaska — namely, photographs before and after the climate had significantly warmed.

Due to the warming temperatures in Alaska, he said, forests are dying and trees are leaning at "drunken" angles. He noted mass forest fires that would create a national disaster elsewhere, and birds whose accustomed lives had been drastically altered.

Waterman illustrated a prime example — he showed a picture of a tree in the refuge that is leaning slightly to the right.

"This is an icon for climate change because the permafrost ice is melting out from underneath this tree, and it is beginning to fall over as a result," he said.

Politicians say that oil drilling in ANWR is necessary because it would reduce the need for foreign oil, Waterman said.

"I am not opposed to oil drilling," Waterman said. "We are an oil economy, but I am in favor of seeing us develop alternative resources to protect our planet. In places such as this, I'm afraid we're doing an incredible amount of damage."

Waterman was prepared

with statistical graphs, slides, and film to support his opinion that ANWR would be better left alone.

Waterman presented a graph that correlated with the amount of oil America consumes per day.

He then compared this graph to an approximation of what America will consume in the years to come.

"In 2007, we consume 22 billion barrels per day. As we become more productive, in a half century's time, we'll be close to 40 billion barrels per day," he said. "And this is government information."

Waterman showed another graph that indicates the amount of oil which

could be extracted from ANWR is a very small amount.

After his presentation, Waterman took questions from the audience of approximately 60 people. When Waterman was asked by an OCCC student how the issues of drilling and global warming are related, Waterman said, "The issues are not unrelated because it is the consumption and exploitation of these fuels which is causing global warming in Alaska."

Unlike Oklahoma, Waterman said, Alaska is not a place where oil fields can be built without some kind of impact or consequence.

## Army coming to recruit employees Oct. 15

**By Liz Williams**  
News Writing Student

Career and Employment Services will present its first Military Career Fair at Monday, Oct. 15.

The Military Career Fair will be held in the College Union dining area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For years after the G.I. Bill, the military has offered numerous scholarship opportunities to students, said Career and Employment Services Director Debra Vaughn.

"That's why we are bringing them here, we're all about opportunities," Vaughn said.

Each semester the department brings a variety of different employ-

ment opportunities to OCCC, Vaughn said.

She said the department is having this focus on the military for education and career opportunities.

"We've had a very good response from the military community," Vaughn said.

The departments represented include the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Oklahoma Air National Guard, Oklahoma Army National Guard and the Veterans Administration Hospital at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

All different areas of the military offer career and scholarship opportunities, Vaughn said.

The Veterans Administration Hospital has employment, career and volunteer opportunities.

The Reserve Office Training Core (ROTC) from both the University of Central Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma will also bring recruiters to campus.

Vaughn said ROTC is a great opportunity for students because it is located right on the college campuses.

The Army will bring a combat simulator, which will allow for virtual hands on experience of what it is like to be in the Army.

For more information on the Military Career Fair or other upcoming career fairs, contact Vaughn at

405-682-1611, ext. 7362, or e-mail [dvaughn@occc.edu](mailto:dvaughn@occc.edu).




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# Music professor jazzes up class



Music Professor Michael Boyle thumps his stand-up bass for English Professor Clay Randolph's News Writing class.

Boyle began working at OCCC in 2006 and came with a lengthy history in music performance and education.

For more information on the classes and musical instruction Boyle offers, call 405-682-7588.

Photo by Jay Rocamontes

**By Liz Williams**  
News Writing Student

Music Professor Michael Boyle spoke about his life with a group of News Writing students Oct. 3.

Boyle, a born Husker from Lincoln, Neb., graduated from the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati.

After finishing undergraduate studies, Boyle worked for 14 years as an executive chef around the country.

He returned to school and completed a master's degree in conducting at Southern Illinois University in 2006.

Boyle said he began playing bass at the age of 13.

Boyle said the instrument of the bass is the "original subwoofer," and that it bridges the gap between the

harmony and the melody of a musical piece, and holds the rhythm.

Some of Boyle's musical influences are Charlie Hayden, Dave Holland and Ray Brown.

"My main love is jazz," Boyle said. "That's what I really love about jazz —we get to improvise all the time."

Boyle underwent a wide job search before coming to OCCC.

He said he looked through three areas for his next job — academic, performing and cooking.

Boyle said OCCC brought him to Oklahoma.

He is in his second year at OCCC and teaches music appreciation, music history and also private music lessons.

Boyle said he is happy with his decision to come

to OCCC.

"There is more personal interaction here."

Boyle also is a member of the local band MBQ, or The Michael Boyle Quartet.

The members of his band include Boyle on bass, Brent Blount on trombone, Bob Norris on tuba and Tim Lykens on piano.

Boyle will perform a recital at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, in the OCCC theater.

Boyle said he is going to "bust out" a new original tune that celebrates the 50th anniversary of integration of schools in Little Rock, Ark.

Boyle said he believes the Little Rock school children were the "bravest nine kids" for simply trying to get an education when the world would tell them they couldn't.

# Muslim students reflect on holy month

**By Amin Shariat Zadeh**  
News Writing Student

Ramadan, the Muslim fasting month, ended on Oct. 13. Some of OCCC's Muslim students said they fasted during the month, even though it was difficult.

Aissita Cise, a Muslim engineering student, said she fasted while she was working for Carson's Market Fresh Café, located in the College Union.

"The presence of food and their smells drove me crazy," Cise said.

She said fasting teaches Muslims how to resist temptations and how to practice self-control.

Bachir Mahomad, an engineering student from the African country of Gabon, said Ramadan is a good time to learn about other people.

"Ramadan is a good time for forgetting divisions and emphasizing similarities," Mahomad said, which is his message to his non-Muslim friends.

More than one billion Muslims around the world from Morocco to the Philippines observe Ramadan each year.

Ramadan, literally meaning "to burn," is the ninth month of the Muslim lunar calendar. It starts with the appearance of the tiny

crescent new moon in the sky.

Since the lunar calendar is 10 days shorter than the solar calendar, Ramadan, as well as other lunar months, rotates throughout the seasons, year after year.

During Ramadan, the fasting time starts from dawn and lasts till dusk. Muslims wake up a short time before the dawn for praying and taking a small meal.

Imad Enchassi, the Imam of the Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City, said during Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to dusk to purify themselves of their flaws and bad conduct.

He said, by fasting, Muslims ex-

perience hunger, which allows them to sympathize with the less fortunate, and to be thankful for the bounties God has given them.

"Many things usually permitted for Muslims are considered unacceptable during fasting time, such as sexual pleasure or smoking," Enchassi said.

Ramadan ends with the appearance of a new crescent moon that declares the coming of a new month. Muslims celebrate the last day of Ramadan as Eid al Fitr.

"In the Eid al Fitr, Muslims celebrate their triumph over vices by visiting each other and showing their friendship," Enchassi said.

# Interview how-to workshops held during October

**By Adam Brand**  
Staff Writer

Having trouble getting an interview? If you get an interview, are you baffled when you are told you didn't get the job, even though you are more than qualified? It could be possible the reason was due to poor interviewing skills.

So what can be done to improve interviewing skills? Who can help?

Career and Employment Services' interview workshops are one solution.

The workshops are scheduled to be held from 12:05 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 17, 24 and 31.

They will all be on Wednesdays in Main Building room 1F6.

Judi McGee, Employment Services coordinator, explained the workshops are designed to help people present themselves effec-

tively for future employers.

"Getting a job is an important part of everyone's life," McGee said. "These workshops teach skills that [students] can use their whole [lives]."

Since the workshops are only 25 minutes long and during lunch, students should not have any trouble crunching them into their busy schedules.

McGee said students are encouraged to bring friends

if they are uncomfortable going alone.

The cover letter workshop will discuss introducing yourself to a potential employer, and presenting yourself in a professional, effective manner.

A cover letter is not a résumé, it is an introduction, McGee said.

The interviewing skills workshop will discuss dressing appropriately, professional presentation,

and possible interview questions. Instructors also will give examples of questions someone should ask their interviewer about the job.

There also will be a post-interviewing skills workshop.

It will discuss following up with the employer and thank-you letters, which let employers know someone is really interested in the job.



# Be greaseless in the automotive field

**By Pamela Grady**  
News Writing Student

The worker in today's auto repair shop is more computer technician than grease monkey, but the public's perception of the field hasn't kept up, auto technology Professor Richard Steere said.

In fact, with the industry's evolving technological work demands, automotive service technicians and auto service writers have become a highly-skilled workforce, operating in a much cleaner environment than before.

Steere said he's been working with OCCC's career counselors in educating students who are earning an associate degree in auto technology, or simply wanting to know more about the field.

"There's a stereotype with everything whether it's with journalism, automotive or whatever it might be and I thought, I want to see if I can change that (perception) a little bit," Steere said.

Steere said people perceive an auto technician's career to be a dirty job, but today's technicians are trained to work with computerized shop equipment as automobiles are more electronically advanced.

Further, continuing education in the industry equals more pay and keeps workers competitive in the job market.

Today, women are still considered non-traditional students in automotive industry, Steere said.

He said he doesn't know why more women don't get into the profession.

"I don't know why because they do very well," he said. "We constantly have people coming in from the industry who are looking for women who have an automotive and technical background, and can write service.

Where [women] really make good money is as service writers."



Automotive Technology Professor Rich Steere (far right) teaches students the General Motors guidelines and procedures for testing and diagnosing a faulty clutch. After completing the two-year program, students will have the choice of participating in the General Motors Satellite training program at OCCC or searching for employment and receiving training from the manufacture of their choice.

Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Steere said, the first person customers see when they bring their car in to be serviced or repaired is a service writer.

A service writer takes notes while customers explain why they have brought the car in for service or what type of problems their car is experiencing.

The service writer then communicates the symptoms to an auto technician.

Steere said women's technical writing skills are sometimes better than men's, and they are more compassionate when it comes to dealing with angry customers.

Paul Maggia, vice president of Fixed Operations for Bob Moore Auto Group, said the company tries to hire students from OCCC who are "ace" students going through an automotive program.

Maggia said he's seen more students going through the automotive program as technicians, but if a student wishes to service write, going through an automotive program would be a good background.

"Obviously, when talking

to a customer, the more you know about the product, the better you're going to feel," he said. "You're going to be confident that you know the product and the customer's going to feel comfortable with it."

Service writers can make between \$40,000 to \$60,000 per year, depending on the store and continuing education, he said.

Maggia said the job is demanding and a person interested in working in the

profession must be able to multitask.

Earning a customer's trust with good communication and people skills is key to building clientele, he explained.

Maggia said Bob Moore hires many technicians from OCCC.

There is a big technician shortage nationally. Some stores in the metro area are losing technicians to jobs working in the oil field, Maggia said.

Another reason for the worker shortage, he said, is the automotive industry is becoming more technical. Most new cars are equipped with cell phone capability and other technology advanced gadgets.

"It takes a higher skilled person to fix computers in cars," he said.

"Because anything we do anymore is electrical. The product is built better, which require a lot of computer diagnostics."

## OCCC site of garage sale

**By Kevin Bullard**  
News Writing Student

The OCCC Faculty Association Scholarship Committee is having their second annual garage sale Oct. 19 and 20 in the College Union.

The garage sale will raise money for the scholarship fund so the Faculty Association can continue providing help for students out who need financial assistance, said Faculty Association Co-Chairwoman Linda Boatright.

The Scholarship Committee has two main fundraisers for scholarship assistance: the soda wagon at the Arts Festival, and the craft and bake sale in the spring. To earn more money, the pro-

fessors started an annual garage sale, she said.

"Last year was a success," Boatright said. "We made about \$1,300. But this year will be even better."

Boatright is the Circulation Reference Librarian in the library.

Faculty Association Chairman Paul Buckelew said donations can be given by anyone.

"The more we have, the more we can help out our students," Buckelew said, "from old clothes to old furniture. No old computer parts or accessories, though, and all electronics must be in working condition."

For more information, contact Boatright at 405-682-1611, ext. 7468.

# Sports

## UPCOMING

### OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

#### OCCC Club Soccer schedule

•**Oct. 13:** vs. U. of Oklahoma. Game starts at 11 a.m. on the campus of Rose State College in Midwest City.

•**Oct. 13:** vs. U. of Arkansas. Game starts at 2:30 p.m. on the campus of Rose State College in Midwest City.

•**Oct. 20:** vs. OU-Colsa. Game starts at 12:30 p.m. at the south field of the OCCC campus.

•**Oct. 21:** vs. OSU-Japan. Game starts at 3 p.m. at the south field of the OCCC campus.

#### Other Sports

•**Oct. 16:** Tuesday Intramural Flag Football games. Unde-feated vs. OCCC Free Agents at 5:30 p.m. and Devil Dogs vs. Commutes at 6:30 p.m.

•**Oct. 16-18:** OCCC will be holding the 2007 Fall Intramural Bench Press Contest. This event is for men and women. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Oct. 18:** Thursday Intramural Flag Football games. Commutes vs. OCCC Free Agents at 5:30 p.m. and Devil Dogs vs. Unde-feated at 6:30 p.m.

•**Oct. 18-19:** Fall Break All-Sports Camp. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for ages 6 through 11. This two-day sports camp offers flag football, soccer, softball, basketball, dodge ball and much more. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

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OCCC attacker Dennis Cardona, in white, attempts to put a header into the University of Central Oklahoma net on Saturday, Oct. 6, on the campus. Both teams played a hard and physical game that ended in a 1-1 draw.

## Soccer team ties Central Oklahoma

By Kevin Hahn  
News Writing Student

The OCCC soccer team settled for a tie after playing a very strong team on Oct. 6.

Coach K. B. Yeboah was disappointed with the outcome.

"We should have won, we had every chance to win, and we just didn't take our chances."

The team from the University of Central Oklahoma, which came to OCCC, has a reputation as one of the hardest teams to beat, a reputation that was well earned. As the game began, it was clear that OCCC had come to win and the first few minutes were fast paced with many changes of possession.

During the first half of the game, UCO took control of the ball and tried to keep OCCC from having a chance.

The two times OCCC managed to beat the goalie, however, the ball was saved by one of the UCO defenders.

Dennis Cardona, lead scorer from OCCC, had an acrobatic bi-

cycle kick that barely missed the goal. But for the most part, Cardona was handcuffed by a well organized defensive line that forced him offsides on most of his scoring chances.

Before halftime, UCO took the lead by one and left a frustrated OCCC team to try and rally during their brief rest.

During halftime Yeboah chastised his players

"Why aren't you guys challenging them for the ball," Yeboah said.

"What's wrong with you guys? You're not tired and it's not hot. Start playing the game you know you can play."

He then asked his players to slow the game down and not rush into UCO's pace.

As OCCC came out during the second half, it was clear something Yeboah said worked.

The team took many more shots on goal and had clear control over the ball.

Early in the second half, however, UCO managed to get downfield and it looked as though they had a sure

goal. After beating the goalie, the UCO player's shot was deflected by Oscar Perez at the last second, keeping OCCC in the game.

After that, OCCC went on the attack with Abulizi Yimamuassan taking an amazing scissor kick that was barely deflected. A few minutes later, Cardona was fouled and OCCC was given a penalty shot.

Yimamuassan managed to turn that kick into a goal with a great shot to the left side of the goal, leaving the UCO goalie stunned.

As the game came to a close, OCCC had a few more chances but were unable to close the deal again, leaving the game a 1-1 tie.

"That was a tough game, very hard, very physical," Cardona said.

OCCC now has a 1-1-2 record managing to pull ties with two of the best teams in the league.

Have a sports story you want to share?  
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# Sports

## Intramural table tennis champ plays daily

**By Matt Bishop**  
*Staff Writer*

Isaac Taiwo was crowned the Intramural Table Tennis Champion on Oct. 4, after knocking off three opponents en route to the title.

"It feels good to win the tournament," Taiwo said.

"I play a lot, but this was the first time that I have won a tournament."

Taiwo learned to play table tennis when he lived in Nigeria, before moving to the United States.

"I played a lot in my country, but we would always just play for fun."

When he moved to the United States he started to play more and more.

Soon enough he was playing the game almost every day at home and with friends.

Taiwo now lives in Oklahoma

City and has attended the college since the Spring 2007 semester.

He said he enjoyed the tournament because it gave him experience for when he plays locally.

"I love the game and I enjoyed the challenge of the tournament," Taiwo said.

He also said that the tournament was set up to suit the participants schedules, so that everyone who wanted to participate had the chance to.

He said that he will plan on defending his title during the next table tennis tournament the Recreation and Community Service will host.

"I'll play in the next one," Taiwo said. "I play almost every day and I should be ready."

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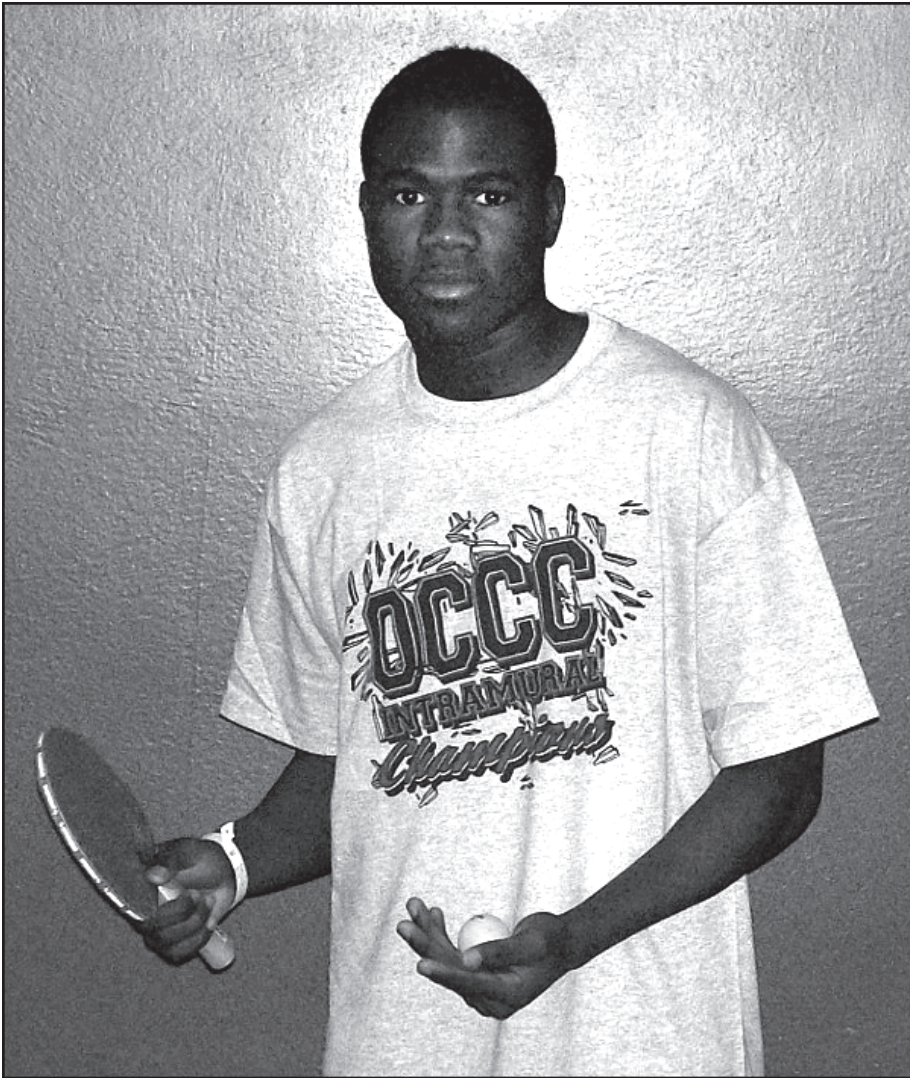


Photo by Eric Watson

Isaac Taiwo, from Oklahoma City, won the 2007 Fall Intramural Table Tennis Tournament. The tournament featured four players and was held on Oct. 2 and Oct. 4, inside the Wellness Center gymnasium.

## Undefeated dominates flag football league

**By Kevin Hahn**  
*News Writing Student*

With a team name like Undefeated, you'd better be good. On Tuesday, Oct. 9, during the flag football games, the team Undefeated proved they earned their name, winning 63-49, and earning a 4-0 record.

The secret of their success is easy to understand for team member Art Chansombat.

"We've played together as a team for two seasons here at OCCC and two seasons in a private league," Chansombat said.

"We'll be hard to beat."

However, that is exactly what Ty Hamilton of the Devil Dogs plans to do,

"We will beat them," he said.

The Devil Dogs lost a close game to Undefeated on Oct. 9, but held onto their second-place ranking in the league.

With a record of 2-2 they are enjoying their spot in the league.

"We just need cheerleaders," said Jeremy Hale of the Devil Dogs. Many other players agreed that some spectators would make the games much more satisfying.

Another big draw of the league is the chance to get some exercise and spend some time with friends.

Drew Hart, from The Commutes, said flag football games provide a great chance for his group of friends to hang out.

"We all went to high school together and played football there," he said. "It's good to be able to continue with a sport we all enjoyed."

Though the teams enjoy the chance to play, many of the players agree on one big issue.

"We need refs," said Zach Butts of The Commutes.

Zack Pinkerton, Captain of the Devil Dogs, agreed,

"The rules are confusing, and with no ref to call the game, it's usually one team's word versus another's on the field."

Sam Hamidi feels the same about the referee situation but said the games will continue, nevertheless,

"The only reason this is working without refs is because all the guys get along."

Sports and recreation specialist Eric Watson said there were never any plans to have referees for the games.

### OCCSL Soccer Standings

	Games Played	Wins	Draws	Loss	Total Points
East Central	5	4	1	0	13
Arkansas	6	4	1	1	13
Central Oklahoma	6	3	1	2	10
Oklahoma	3	2	1	0	7
Oklahoma State	4	1	3	0	6
OCCC	4	1	2	1	5
OU-COLSA	5	1	1	3	4
OSU-JAPAN	3	0	0	3	0
Rose State	4	0	0	4	0

Top Four Teams Make Playoffs Starting Nov. 3.

#### OCCC Schedule and Results

Sept. 15	vs.	East Central	L	3-1
Sept. 22	vs.	Rose State	W	7-2
Sept. 29	vs.	Oklahoma State	D	1-1
Oct. 6	vs.	Central Oklahoma	D	1-1
Oct. 13	vs.	Oklahoma @ Rose State College		11 a.m.
Oct. 13	vs.	Arkansas @ Rose State College		2:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	vs.	OU-Colsa @ OCCC		12:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	vs.	OSU-Japan @ OCCC		3 p.m.

Graph by  
Matt Bishop



# Highlights

## BCM hosts lunch for students

The Baptist Collegiate Ministries will provide a free lunch for all students at noon Monday, Oct. 15, and Monday, Oct. 22, in Main Building room 2N3. A discussion will be held on the topic: "Love, Sex, Romance and Marriage." For more information, contact Mike Barnett at 405-323-0583 or Chris Verschage at 405-682-1611, ext. 7140.

## Submissions needed for Write Choice Journal

The Write Choice Journal, a web-based publication, is seeking original poetry, fiction, one-act plays, essays (all forms) and creative non-fiction for its upcoming issue. All submissions should be double-spaced typed and e-mailed to Chris Verschage, at [cverschage@occc.edu](mailto:cverschage@occc.edu) by the deadline of Oct. 19.

## Transfer and Graduation Fair

The Transfer and Graduation Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, in the College Union.

## Library sponsoring film showcase

Friday, Oct. 26, will kick off a film showcase being sponsored by the OCCC library. The showcase will begin with two films by well-known Oklahoma film maker Bradley Beesley. For more information, contact Barbara King at 405-682-1611, ext 7315.

## Tuition Fee Waiver application for spring

Tuition Waiver applications for the spring semester are now available in the Financial Aid Office. Complete applications must be submitted before 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20. For more information, call Student Financial Support Services at 405-682-7524

## Practice English with a native speakers

Practice conversation in group with several English as a Second Language students led by a student volunteer. Practice is from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on any day in the Communications Lab in the main building.

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## Promoting his campaign



Photo by: Jay Rocamontes

Freshman Oklahoma Democratic State Senator Andrew Rice stopped by the OCCC campus Oct. 3 to talk to students, answer questions and to promote his 2008 U.S. Senate campaign. First elected to office in November 2006, this young Democrat hopes to unseat the Oklahoma Sen. Jim Inhofe in next year's election.

## Leadership Council learns a thing or two at conference

**By Stephen Sossamon**  
*Staff Writer*

The Leadership Council learned how to be better leaders and how to establish better networking skills at the Seventh Annual Student Leadership Retreat in Tulsa at the Double Tree Hotel on Oct. 4 and 5.

"We learned a lot at the conference," said Civic Engagement Coordinator of the Leadership Council Jennifer Akpabio, who is a nursing major.

"I learned how to be a good leader, how to communicate effectively with people, and how to interact with new people," Akpabio said.

She attended breakout sessions such as "Networking for Success," "Leader: Power is out, Influence is in," and "Seven Habits for Highly Effective People."

Students from student

**"I learned how to be a good leader, how to communicate effectively with people, and how to interact with new people."**

—Jennifer Akpabio  
Leadership Council Civic Engagement Coordinator

councils all over Oklahoma gathered for the experience.

Two students from The Leadership Council represented the college at the conference. Akpabio and Vice-President of The Leadership Council Alexis Griffis were present. Griffis is a psychology major.

Akpabio said the conference stood out from others in that everyone sat at different tables with people they didn't know and made an effort to communicate.

"It was a highly interactive program," she said.

Akpabio said the conference would help with the input at the college also.

"It's our job as TLC leaders to efficiently serve the student body," Akpabio said.

"In real life, (experience) helps us to learn how to network."

Also attending the conference was Oklahoma State Regent Joseph L. Parker Jr. and Higher Education Chancellor Glen D. Johnson.

The Leadership Council members will be attending another conference Oct. 18 through Oct. 21 in St. Louis.

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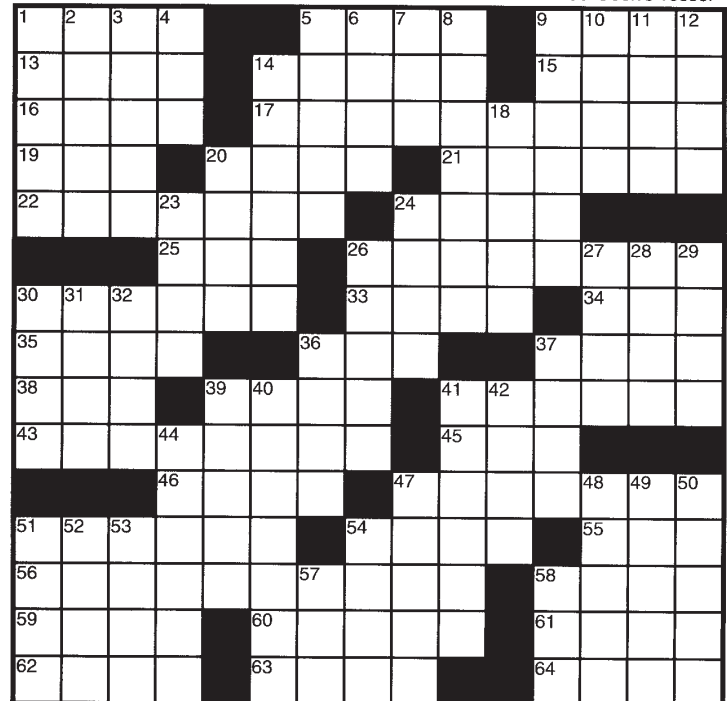
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# OCCC's concurrent enrollment, median age on the rise

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the college's Hispanic student population had the greatest increase at 67 percent, growing from 602 students in 2003 to 1,006 in 2007. African-American student numbers rose 4.5 percent, from 1083 to 1132. Asian student numbers increased 21.9 percent, from 722 to 880, and the numbers of Native American students increased by 25.3 percent, raising the numbers from 602 to 754.

The enrollment numbers for concurrent high school students also saw an increase this semester.

Concurrent enrollment grew from 366 students last year, to 442 students this year, an increase of more than 20 percent.

"A major factor for increasing concurrent enroll-

ment, as well as an increase in minority enrollment probably has to do with the fact that we are offering classes at U.S. Grant and Northwest Classen this fall for the first time," Paden said.

"J.P. Johnson has coordinated the offering of four classes at U.S. Grant this fall and two classes at Northwest Classen."

Although the college's ethnic diversity has seen some change, gender numbers have remained the same, with 58 percent of enrollment being women.

In addition to the change in enrollment numbers, the college's median age rose from 22 years in 2006 to 23 years in 2007.

"This probably reflects the declining number of 18- to 24-year-olds in our service area," Harvey said.

He said this is the first time the median age has in-

creased in several years.

In addition to the increased enrollment numbers, full-time-equivalent credit hours have increased by one percent.

FTE credit hours for 2006 totaled 3,516 as compared to the reported 3,553 FTE credit hours reported so far this year.

Online FTE credit hours also increased by 15.7 percent this year; from 424 in 2006 to 491 this semester.

"Online enrollment continues to climb," Paden said. Students use online (course) offerings to help them enroll full-time when on-campus classes are not an option for them because of work, transportation and family responsibilities.

"Twenty-five percent of our students are enrolled in one or more online classes; many of which are also enrolled in on campus classes."

Harvey said more than 3,000 students enrolled in online courses this semester. He said these numbers will change as many students will be added for the

second eight week term, and some students will likely drop courses.

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