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New classes added for fall semester

By Stephen Sossamon
Staff Writer

Several new classes will be added to the line-up this fall.

The Information Technologies division will introduce new courses in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and video game technology, all of which are special topic classes.

The GIS classes of Introduction to Geographic Information Systems, Introduction to Global Positioning Systems, Introduction to Spatial Analysis and Plane Surveying all are three-credit-hour classes without prerequisites.

The Evolution of Video Game Technology is the prerequisite to the Game Development and Design Concepts courses, and also is worth three credit hours.

The Evolution of Video Game Technology course provides a historical and critical approach to the evolution of computer and

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Show of force



Photo by Amber McBride

Business majors Mary Pollanti and Destiny Mennig demonstrate how to break a block of wood in half by using Taekwondo as a defensive art. The American Taekwondo Association offers classes around the metro. To find a class, visit ataonline.com.

State Senate halts gun bill

State college presidents united in opposing proposed law

By Chris Lusk
Editor

OCCC President Paul Sechrist gave a nod of approval March 31 when the state Senate halted a bill that would have allowed concealed weapons on college campuses.

Sechrist credited many people with stopping the bill.

"The many voices throughout the state that rose up in opposition to HB 2513 had a big impact," Sechrist said.

"All the law enforcement agencies, all of the college presidents, most of the faculty associations and the State Chamber of Commerce all joined together to help defeat this bill."

Sechrist said the general consensus from safety experts is having concealed weapons on campuses

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—Sen. Mike Morgan
D-Stillwater

would not increase safety, although he did acknowledge the bill was well intentioned.

"[HB 2513] actually would result in compromising the safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors," he said.

The Senate Appropriations Committee was scheduled to hear HB 2513 April 2, but the bill was not included on the weekly agenda, according to a press release from Sen. Mike Morgan, D-Stillwater.

In the release, Morgan said legislators want to be sensitive to Oklahomans' Second Amendment

rights, but be practical as well.

"The idea of allowing students to be armed on campus is crazy," Morgan said. "To think that we're going to protect people by giving people the opportunity to have a shoot-out on campus is ludicrous to me."

One example of opposition the bill received was through a special meeting of the governor's statewide Campus Life and Safety & Security (CLASS) Task Force.

According to its website, the CLASS Task Force was established by Gov. Brad Henry in 2007 fol-

lowing the Virginia Tech tragedy to recommend ways to improve campus safety.

Fourteen college presidents, several representatives of campus police departments and students met May 31 at the state Capitol to voice concerns on HB 2513.

Many claimed the bill would make campuses more dangerous.

University of Oklahoma President David Boren made an emotional plea at the Capitol.

"Please, please, please put the safety of our students first," he said.

University of Central Oklahoma President Roger Webb said allowing guns on campuses increases the odds of an innocent person being harmed.

"We have to be concerned about judgment, decision-

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Got instructions?

It seems school violence knows no limits.

Nine- and 10-year-olds at a school in Georgia brought a steak knife, toy handcuffs, electrical tape and a crystal paperweight to school in a plot to injure their teacher.

You read that correctly.

Nine- and 10-year-olds in Georgia (the U.S. state, not the country in the Middle East) carefully thought out an elaborate scheme to get even with their teacher by causing physical harm to her.

The students were angry with their teacher because she got on to them for standing on their chairs that they spent a week planning the attack. Their plan was to hit her in the head with the paperweight, knock her out, handcuff her and tape her mouth shut.

The police also said they might have "possibly" cut her, had they carried out their plans.

Wow.

And the nation cues the debate over violence in video games and movies — once again.

But rather than continue with that debate, let's ponder a different set of questions:

A teacher punishes her students for standing on their chairs, and the students automatically resort to violence?

Have these children never been punished before?

Where are the parents?

Are they unfamiliar with discipline?

Now, we do not know these children and we do not know their parents. Be that as it may, don't most third graders grasp the concept that breaking rules typically results in punishment?

Over the years, the topic of how much parents should discipline their children has been widely examined. And for good reason.

No one is saying people should beat their children into submission. At the same time, allowing your children to run free won't teach them any lasting character traits, except that they can get away with things.

There is a middle ground in this debate which is too often ignored. While some people believe you should never lay a hand on a child, some people think a little spanking here and there doesn't hurt. Instead, do what works — within reason.

It's commonly said children do not come with instructions, but maybe they should come with some strong suggestions.

First-time parents (and even second- or third-time parents) are not experts on child rearing. In fact, no one truly is an expert.

But there are people who study this part of life. Why not consult with them?

Take the OCCC Child Development Center for example. Go pay them a visit, pick their brains and learn some techniques.

In this argument, this is what's clear: Raising children is not black and white, but just because it's not black and white, doesn't mean there aren't some basic guidelines to follow.

Current and future parents alike, get out there and arm yourself with knowledge. It will help your kids in the long run.

And please, don't shy away from disciplining them. There's a reason you are the parents and they are the children.

—Chris Lusk
Editor

Our health in the balance

To the editor:

There is a direct connection between climate change and the health of our nation today. Yet, few people are aware of the very real consequences of climate change on the health of our communities, our families, and our children.

In observance of National Public Health Week April 7 through 13, 2008, the Oklahoma Public Health Association, asks all Oklahomans to pledge to make small changes in our daily lives as a first step toward improving the health of the climate, our communities, our families, and ourselves.

OPHA encourages Oklahomans to begin a life-long commitment to a healthy climate and a healthy future, and consider a pledge to be prepared, travel differently, eat differently, and green their work and home.

Specifically, OPHA recommends families prepare for climate change-

related emergencies by creating an "Emergency Preparedness Kit," and becoming informed about the health impacts of climate change issues facing our community.

Consider leaving the car at home when possible and use public transportation, carpool, walk, and bike or telecommute.

Eat less meat and buy local produce from our community farmers market. At work and school, use recycled paper, print less, use energy saving computer settings and green our office. At home, we should seal and insulate our homes, reduce, reuse, recycle and use water efficiently.

Many of these recommendations also follow Gov. Brad Henry's Strong and Healthy Oklahoma Initiative to eat better, move more, and be tobacco free where we live, where we work and where we learn.

OPHA recommends the public consider taking the

Healthy Climate Pledge found at www.nphw.org/nphw08/08_pg_tools_pledge.htm and start taking steps to improve your health, the health of your family, your community, and your world.

—Charlotte New
OPHA Executive
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Comments and Reviews

Blackjack movie exciting

The blackjack movie "21" is based on a true story, about how six MIT students used their numbers intellect to break it big in Las Vegas.

Ben Campbell (Jim Surgess) is an MIT student trying to get into Harvard Medical School, which costs \$300,000 for everything he would need, including tuition, room and board.

Campbell wonders how in the world he can get that much money, but after a class period in which he demonstrates his Rain Man-type ability with numbers in the classroom of Mickey Rosa (Kevin Spacey), he is sent into the world of counting cards.

Upon joining this "club," he makes a pact to be in it only until he obtains the \$300,000 he needs for Harvard, but most can predict what happens after hitting it big.

Jill Taylor (Kate Bosworth) serves as a spotter, who gives out hints and hand signals as to whether a table is hot, and even the card

count at the time.

Using a system of buzzwords, hand signals and disguises, the group flies off to Las Vegas for the weekends to hit it big, split the money five ways, and head home to get ready for the next weekend.

Of course, in the process, Campbell's life begins to change for the worse.

Following many Las Vegas visits to the club, Cole Williams (Lawrence Fishburn), a casino security guard, begins to suspect Campbell of counting cards.

After several schemes and double-crossing, of course, everyone ends up big winners.

The movie is fast-paced and exciting, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Director Robert Luketic provided some twists that many wouldn't see coming.

My favorite parts, which I was afraid of at first, were when Campbell counted cards.

As he counted, the cards fell in slow-motion, and you



were taken into his mind as he counted. I felt his excitement when he got a Blackjack, as the dealer would say, "Winner, winner, chicken dinner."

At times, the movie was a little predictable, but it is a must-see. I'm probably going to go see it again.

The acting was superb and the ending actually kept me wanting more.

Rating: A-

—**Stephen Sossamon**
Staff Writer

'Fatboy' a solid, believable film

"Run Fatboy Run" is loaded with impressive talent, but that doesn't always equal an impressive movie.

The movie features Simon Pegg ("Shaun of the Dead"), Thandie Newton ("The Pursuit of Happyness") and Hank Azaria ("The Simpsons") in a love triangle.

Pegg's character, Dennis, left Newton's character, a pregnant Libby, at the altar years ago.

Over time, Dennis realizes Libby is the one for him, but he doesn't know Libby has moved on.

Libby meets Whit (Azaria), a well-to-do American working in London, and begins pursuing a relationship with him.

Whit seems to have it all: money, good looks, athleticism; all things Dennis seems

to lack. So, Dennis decides to try to win Libby back.

Sound like a typical love story? Sure, and even the way Dennis decides to try to win Libby back doesn't stray from the formula.

Dennis decides to run the London marathon, as one of Whit's passions happens to be running. So, what better way to win a woman back than to beat a new suitor at his own game?

It doesn't stray from the tested romantic comedies of this generation, but that doesn't equal a bad movie.

Where the typical romantic comedy might be filled with cheesy lines, or unbelievable storylines that make you slap your head, "Fatboy" delivers some honesty.

While there are a few cheap laughs, the story is fairly

heart-warming and well acted. Most of the events don't border on unbelievable either.

"Fatboy" marks the directorial debut of David Schwimmer ("Friends") and, while it isn't a masterpiece, it's a good start. It's a very solid, no-nonsense movie.

For male fans of Simon Pegg, this would be a good way to introduce your significant other to Pegg's world, especially if they've been less than receptive to a movie called "Shaun of the Dead."

Pegg co-wrote the screenplay with Michael Ian Black ("Stella," "Ed") and it includes each of their comedic styles, but without being over-the-top, which they've each been known for at times.

Rating: A-

—**Brian Schroeder**
Staff Writer

View from the PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



The main campus of OCCC is within the state senate district of Senator Debbe Leftwich. She recently authored an article about OCCC that appeared in The Capitol Hill Beacon on Feb. 21. The article represents a view of OCCC from one of Oklahoma City's most significant community leaders. I whole-heartedly share her sentiments about the impact of OCCC both locally and throughout the state. With her permission, the article is reprinted below.

—**Paul Sechrist**
OCCC President

If you want to fuel the economy, lift people out of poverty, and improve the quality of life for thousands, then the answer is Oklahoma City Community College. South Oklahoma City is blessed to have the finest community college in the state. If you haven't been by the campus of OCCC, you should know it is just getting better and better.

There's a lot to be proud of — When OCCC first opened in 1972, there were just over 1,000 students. Now that number is approaching 20,000, making it the fifth largest higher education institution in Oklahoma. It is also the largest, single-campus two-year college in all of Oklahoma.

There's major construction under way, with a new Health Professions Center and a Performing Arts Center which should be completed in time for the fall semester. With the entire state facing critical shortages in nursing and other areas of health care, OCCC is helping address that need. OCCC is already recognized as a leader for health technologies and pre-health professional programs, and now student will have even greater opportunities, with expanded programs in emergency medical sciences, registered nursing, occupational therapy and more.

The new Arts Education Center is just as exciting. Students will have new classrooms, labs and studios for art, music, photography and visual arts, as well as a new state-of-the-art film and video studio.

I believe in the mission of OCCC, what it has already done for our community, and the potential for even greater accomplishments, and I will continue to work for the funding needed to fuel this growth. The returns on this investment are nothing short of amazing. The college impact on our local economy includes a payroll of \$28 million, with an additional \$380 million in earnings by current and former students.

OCCC truly is a crown jewel in Oklahoma's higher education system, and I am proud to work on behalf of the students, faculty and administration, all of whom are making a real difference in creating a better future for our state.

As always, if you have a question about a legislative matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 405-521-5557, or by e-mail at leftwich@oksenate.gov.

New department set to train students to fight cyber crime

By Shea Cannon
News Writing Student

With the development of new technology arises the issue of cyber crimes.

OCCC has met the challenge with its new cyber crimes department.

In 2003, the University of Tulsa submitted a proposal to the National Science Foundation and received a grant for \$3 million to create a cyber crimes department, said Al Heitkamper, computer science professor.

OCCC, as a partner with TU, received a portion of that grant.

Heitkamper, also a certified information sys-

"[The cyber crimes department] will be helping to make our country a safer place ..."

—Al Heitkamper
Computer science professor

tems security professional, said he was asked to develop the program to support the grant and, then, was responsible for getting the program up and running.

Through the program, students can earn an Associate in Science, an

Associate in Applied Science, or a Certificate of Mastery, he said.

The Associate in Science is designed for students who would like to transfer to a four-year university to continue their education.

Heitkamper said the Associate in Applied Science and Certificate of Mastery are both designed for students who do not plan to transfer, or already are working in the information technology industry.

The curriculum for the cyber crimes department is planned around a core set of five courses in cyber security that have been agreed upon by a

consortium consisting of OCCC, Rose State Community College, OSU-Okmulgee, and TU, Heitkamper said.

The five courses are Principles of Information Security CS 2713, Secure Electronic Commerce CS 2723, Enterprise Security Management CS 2743, Network Security CS 2763, and Cyber Forensics CS 2783. These classes are taken with additional Information Technology courses, Heitkamper said.

Cyber crimes can deal with a multitude of illegal acts including theft, murder or espionage.

"Prevention is a key

component in what we teach in our program," Heitkamper said.

The cyber security program allows students to get varied educational training in the computer field, he said.

They will have the opportunity to learn about hardware and software installation, maintenance and troubleshooting, how to create and administer a local area network, and also take courses in programming database and operating systems.

"In addition, they will be helping to make our country a safer place if they decide to pursue this career," Heitkamper said.

International films available in 14 languages to students, faculty at the Cultures Center

By Jordan S. Neal
News Writing Student

The World Languages and Cultures Center has purchased 111 international films for the use of students and faculty at OCCC.

According to the handout provided by the WLCC, the films are in 14 languages, more if you count the different dialects, ranging from Arabic to Vietnamese.

While a majority of the films are in Spanish and French, all of the films include English subtitles.

Chiaki Troutman, WLCC lab assistant, explained, "instructors can check out the videos from the WLCC for class use, and students are able to watch the videos on one of the lab's six computers.

"The movies are help-

ful in learning the language and culture of a country," said Troutman.

The complete list of the videos available can be found in the WLCC listed both by title and by language.

Troutman said she can make recommendations if there is something specific faculty or students are looking for.

Handouts about the films are also available for students and instructors to take with them for reference.

"International students have shown a great interest in the film collection," she said, "as it often is difficult to find films in their native language in the U.S."

Troutman, who is a native of Japan, said, watching International films opened her eyes to the U.S. and its fascinat-

ing culture.

"It's what got me where I am today," she said.

While there only are three films in her native language, Troutman said she hopes to expand the film library to include more titles as more funding becomes available.

Chad Sluder, who is an OCCC student currently taking French said he would enjoy the films, as they tend to be more artistic.

"[The films] would help me to learn the language better just by listening to the native speakers, as well as giving me better insight into French culture," Sluder said.

In the future, Troutman said she wants to make the films accessible to students and instructors through the OCCC website, but as for now, students can watch the videos with a valid OCCC ID

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—Chiaki Troutman

World Languages and Cultures Center Lab Assistant

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Plenty of sleep, eating right key to health

By Jill Dankbar
News Writing Student

Students who wake up with just 15 minutes to spare before a morning class will not be awake in class, said Jon Horinek, Service Learning and Student Life Programs coordinator, in the Brown Bag Series "Wellness" March 27.

"It takes the body around 45 minutes to fully wake up in the morning," Horinek said.

Eleven students gathered in the College Union to hear Horinek talk about the importance of sleeping well and eating right.

Many students have problems with their sleep-

ing habits, Horinek said. They either have problems going to sleep or getting good sleep at night.

Horinek offered tips for getting a good night's sleep.

He said people sleep best when it's a little cool in the room, so it's better to grab a blanket rather than turning the heater on.

Also, he said, students tend to just lie in bed when they cannot sleep. They start to stare at the clock and just wait for their body to fall asleep.

Instead, Horinek said, get out of bed and do something even if it is something as small as walking around. Then, he said, return to bed and try to fall

asleep. The activity may just do the trick.

He also suggested waking up to natural light whenever possible. By doing so, it helps people set a steady and regular sleep schedule.

Another important topic of health and wellness involves food — quality and quantity.

Horinek said students need to "get wise with portion size."

Simple moves, such as ordering a small size instead of a large size is a good start, he said. Plus, Horinek said, it saves money.

Also, he said, students may opt to share meals with a friend, or eat half of

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—Jon Horinek

Service Learning and Student Life
Programs Coordinator

their meal and take the other half home to eat for lunch the next day.

Horinek said most Americans are actually dehydrated and not hungry. He said to drink a full glass of water before eating a meal.

Horinek said people can eat what they want, just in moderation. Students need to be conscious of what they are eating, when they are eating, and how much they are eating, he said.

Veggies and fruits are

important staples to any healthy eating lifestyle and provide lots of energy, he said.

"Wellness is a key to student success."

Students were interested in the subject and had several questions for Horinek.

Student Johnny Ho-Chau said he left better informed.

"This Brown Bag series was very fun and a lot of information was provided for students to learn."

Openings in evening child care

By Sarah Madison
News Writing Student

Reservation Room, the new evening child care service being offered by the Child Development Center and Lab School, has several openings still available, said center Director Mary McCoy.

The program offers evening child care from 5:15 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights for \$10 a night plus a \$15 registration fee.

McCoy said the pilot program was created with the intention of helping parents who take night classes at OCCC.

McCoy said the parents were the first to ask for the evening child care program

which started March 10.

"The curriculum will be very similar to that of the daytime care offered but some changes will be made based on the different needs these children will have being there at night," she said.

Current Child Development Center and Lab

School teachers staff the Reservation Room.

McCoy said she hopes the program is successful because she would like to expand it to be offered every weekday.

For more information, call McCoy at 405-682-7561 or e-mail mmccoy@occc.edu.



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In the March 31 issue of the Pioneer, Gray Fredrickson was incorrectly identified in the story "Film workshops headed by Hollywood professionals." We apologize for the mistake.

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Point, click and shoot

By Nick Peterson
News Writing Student



Photo by Elizabeth Valles

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Valles' photograph of a skateboarder performing a trick netted her a \$1,000 scholarship for college expenses. Valles, currently a high school senior at Pathways Middle College, took the photograph as part of a two-week journalism workshop hosted by the University of Oklahoma last summer. The workshop, the Oklahoma Institute of Diversity in Journalism, allowed students to try their hands at various areas of media. The combined efforts ended with the Red Dirt Journal, a student-made publication.

Valles won the scholarship from the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, and was the first OIDJ student to place in the photography competition. The awards are given on a national level. One contest judge, a copy editor for the Wall Street Journal, said the photo "conveys a sense of danger and excitement."

Valles has been editor-in-chief of Pathways' yearbook two years running, is the president of the Honor Society and valedictorian of her senior class.



"During one attempt, a skater was jumping a rail and his board actually flew off near me. ... Well, since I was already out there and going to get hurt, I might as well get what I needed."

—Elizabeth Valles
Pathways Middle College senior

A high school senior who also attends classes at OCCC has won a national photography award for a picture she took in a high school journalism workshop last summer.

Elizabeth "Lizzy" Valles was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship toward her college expenses from the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund after capturing the picture of a skateboarder in mid-air.

In June 2007, Valles attended the Oklahoma Institute of Diversity in Journalism workshop, a two-week residential program hosted by the University of Oklahoma.

Valles was part of the broadcasting segment of the workshop. She said she chose to do the still photography for a story about skateboarding in Oklahoma City. Valles had to overcome rain delays while trying to complete the job.

She started her photography journey by visiting skate parks to capture the one shot she needed. It was Valles' first time ever to use a camera.

"I was so nervous and shaky. I couldn't even hold the camera still enough to get a shot," Valles said.

On her first day of work, Valles and her photography coach, Brian Pollard, stumbled on to a secret spot called the Broadway Bump. The weather was clear and sunny, she said. With her coach in her corner, she began the first attempt to capture the shots.

The next two days were filled with rain, clouds and no pictures. The weather consisted of rain which only would quit for brief, sporadic moments.

"I kept asking my coach to take me places because I was really determined to get the shot I needed," Valles said.

The following Monday was the press date of the Red Dirt Journal, so Valles had no other option than to go out one last time and get what she had been chasing.

Valles' last stop was the Matt Hoffman Skate Park located in downtown Oklahoma City.

"At first, I wasn't getting close enough to get the shots needed, because I thought I was going to get killed," she said.

"During one attempt, a skater was jumping a rail and his board actually flew off near me."

Pollard told her to get closer and get a shot.

"You need to be willing to get hurt to get the shot you want," Pollard said.

Valles said she had to face her fears and put herself in the action, move up close and capture the high flying skaters jumping over rails and ramps.

Valles' new attitude kicked in and she was willing to do what was necessary to

capture the skaters on film.

"Well, since I was already out there and going to get hurt, I might as well get what I needed," Valles said she thought to herself at the time of the shoot.

After facing her fears and overcoming her shaky hands, Valles turned into a newborn photographer and captured many action-filled photos.

Workshop Director Ray Chavez emphasized Valles' persistence.

"When at first she did not succeed, she tried again and again and again," said Chavez, who also is a journalism professor at OU.

Valles was able to capture the winning skateboarding photo on the last day of shooting, which ended up being selected for the cover of the Red Dirt Journal, a newspaper created by the students of the workshop.

The picture was sent to the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund for the annual contest and won one of two photography awards given nationally. She was the first OIDJ student to win in the photography section of the contest.

One contest judge, a copy editor for the Wall Street Journal, said the photo "conveys a sense of danger and excitement."

A student of Pathways Middle College high school on OCCC's campus, Valles said she has set high goals for her future college career. Her goals for college include studying broadcasting and graphic design. She said she hopes to become a successful television producer, or magazine designer and editor.

Valles is looked up to as a leader at Pathways, said Carol Brogan, Pathways principal.

Her math teacher, Mike Stafford, agrees.

"She has friends in every grade," Stafford said. "All the kids look up to her as their leader."

Pathways Middle College is located on the third floor of the Main Building and includes grades six through 12. The students are given the opportunity to gain college credits through the concurrent enrollment program.

Valles has gained 33 college credit hours, thanks to concurrent enrollment in high school and college.

Valles was born in Juearez, Mexico, and made her journey to Oklahoma in 2005, at the age of 13.

She developed her English skills in just one year, and during her four-year career at Pathways, has held the spot of editor-in-chief of the yearbook two years in a row, president of the Honor Society, and valedictorian of her senior class.

Brogan said Valles is talented.

"Lizzie has what it takes to be successful," Brogan said. "I can see her being a Pulitzer Prize winner."

College green effect

OCCC's recycling program prompts question of change

By **Brian Schroeder**
Staff Writer

Americans use 200 million tons of paper and throw away 100 million tons of paper per year, almost all of which can be recycled, according to the Oklahoma Recycling Association.

The Oklahoma State Recycling Procurement Act mandates all state-funded entities be "encouraged to collect and recycle recoverable waste paper and recyclable materials to the greatest extent possible."

Currently, OCCC contracts with Waste Management for recycling and is limited as to which products can be recycled. The current contractor only will pick up paper, but only white copy paper or paper without a shiny finish, said Gary Phillips, OCCC Building and Campus Services supervisor.

That means the school's current recycling program excludes notebook paper and newspaper.

"We provide a container to put paper in and the custodial contractor picks up the recycled paper three times per week," Phillips said.

The college's recycling bins are located in all division offices and some larger offices Phillips considers to provide a high output of paper.

The Pioneer, the student newspaper, currently is not on that list of high output of paper, though the office produces the weekly newspaper for students and faculty. Also, the outdated issues of the campus newspaper cannot be recycled through the school's current recycling program.

Rick Vollmer, political science professor, said, as a faculty member, he will take the recyclable paper materials from his office to the larger bin located in the

Social Science Division office. He said he believes more recycling bins should be made available for students and faculty, though he said he does not have confidence students care to make a difference.

Paden Beckwith, geography major, said he is an advocate of recycling but had no idea the school has a recycling program.

"I didn't know you could recycle on campus," he said. "I've never seen the bins or heard anything mentioned about recycling here. I think (recycling) is a great idea because we go through so much stuff and there's no point in throwing it all away into a big garbage can."

As small and widely unknown as the school's recycling program is, Phillips said OCCC has chosen to go above and beyond with the school's current, state-mandated recycling program.

"If you wanted to recycle paper, I could say 'there's two bins out there and we're recycling paper,'" he said.

"But we have gone a little further than that. We are going around the college and taking care of all the larger office areas and larger lab areas, and that's what we've chosen to do."

Phillips said the current recycle bins, located in some labs and all division offices, are not limited only to faculty. Students also are welcome to participate in the school's recycling program. He said too many problems are caused when recycle bins are placed in common and centralized areas of the school because of non-recyclable materials being placed into recycle bins.

"In the past, we have done that so the general public can use (the bins), and it has not worked for the college because they

BY THE NUMBERS

The Pioneer staff conducted a survey of 100 OCCC students asking questions about recycling and recycling habits. Below are the results.

In general...

- Students who recycle: **39.5 percent**
- Students who recycle only when bins are available: **46.9 percent**
- Students who see no need to recycle: **13.5 percent; 72.7 percent** of whom said they would recycle if bins were available

If bins were available...

- Students who would recycle paper: **33.6 percent**
- Recycle plastic: **33.6 percent**
- Recycle aluminum cans: **32.7 percent**
- Students who would not recycle: **2.8 percent**

Materials students recycle...



Aluminum cans:
17.9 percent



Glass:
12.7 percent



Plastic:
16.1 percent



Newspaper:
12.7 percent

White paper:
12.7 percent
Clothing:
10.4 percent
Magazines:
8.4 percent
Trashcan is my
recycle bin:
2.8 percent

don't restrict to just paper," Phillips said. "They throw their sandwiches and their drink containers or anything they want to in there."

The paper-only recycling program at OCCC currently stops there.

Phillips said it should be a student organization or club's responsibility, not the college's, to manage any other materials, such as plastic bottles or aluminum cans that can be recycled, though the school could gain a financial profit from a campuswide recycling program, much like the student organizations.

"The last time we (recycled materials besides paper), we gave the containers and bags (to clubs), but it's their responsibility to take care of it. Again, it comes right back to the same thing — how much money do you want to spend?"

Phillips said creating jobs for students and the local community to collect and separate recycling material

on campus could be an option for creating a greener OCCC — if the school chose to prioritize their funds in that direction.

"I can assign two or three custodians, and that would be their true job (to collect recyclable material), then it would be \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year, not including the supplies and clean up," he said.

"It's nice if everybody could recycle and we could spend the money to do it. But, at this time, as far as the college is concerned, all we are doing is the paper and cardboard recycling."

Phillips did mention an alternate route for OCCC.

Abitibi Mills Paper Retriever is a paper-recycling program for larger institutions. The company provides large, dumpster-style bins for recyclable paper and a collection service free of charge for the college and local community. The company also collects more than only white paper. They collect newspaper, note-

book paper, magazines, catalogues and any other paper product except for phonebooks, hardback books and cardboard. The school also is paid per month depending on the tonnage of paper picked up.

More than five universities in the state of Oklahoma, and Redlands Community College, participate in this program, according to the Paper Retriever website.

This alternative recycling program currently stands as an option for the school to explore, Phillips said. He said the bureaucratic steps in attaining signatures for the school to adopt a new recycling program could be tedious.

"(OCCC) only has so much money. Right now, what we have chosen to do is the recycling of the paper and recycling of the cardboard because that is state mandated," he said.

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Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**April 7:** Intramural dodgeball will start its season. This league is coed. It is for all students with a current student ID. For more information about signing up, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**April 12:** Club Soccer team plays The University of Oklahoma at 11 a.m. in Norman.

•**April 12-13:** The Aquatic Center is holding the Swim Tulsa meet. For more information about this event, call Coordinator of Aquatics and Safety Training Roxanna Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425.

•**April 19:** Club Soccer team plays the University of Arkansas at 3 p.m. at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

•**April 19:** The Aquatic Center will host the Chesapeake Tri-meet. For more information about this event, call Coordinator of Aquatics and Safety Training Roxanna Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425.

•**May 2-4:** The Aquatic Center will host the EAT Early Bird Meet. For more information about this event, call Coordinator of Aquatics and Safety Training Roxanna Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425.

Club Soccer Season Schedule

March 1 vs. East Central 1-1 Draw
March 9 vs. OU-Colsa 3-3 Draw
March 15 vs. UCO Postponed
March 29 vs. Rose State 4-2 Win
April 5 vs. Okla St @ There
April 12 vs. Oklahoma @ There
April 19 vs. Arkansas @ There
April 26 Playoffs TBA
May 3 CHAMPIONSHIP TBA



Photo by Amber McBride

Abulizi Yimamuassan (left) dribbles through Rose State defenders, March 29. Yimamuassan scored two goals that tied the game, then gave OCCC a lead in their 4-2 win. It was OCCC's first win of the season, putting them in third place.

Soccer club gets first win of season

By Matt Bishop
Staff Writer

After trailing 2-0, OCCC defeated Rose State College 4-2 on March 29. Abulizi Yimamuassan and Yemy Bolly each scored two goals to lift a defensively sluggish OCCC team from their first half struggles.

OCCC fell behind an under-matched Rose State during the opening minute, 1-0. Later in the first half, Rose State would add another goal to take a 2-0 lead.

Later in the first half, OCCC's Bolly headed a corner kick sent in from Ricardo Sigala that went into the net for OCCC's first goal.

That first goal kick-started an attack Rose State could not handle. OCCC had more looks at the goal, including a shot by Sigala that sailed just over the net before half-time, but it was evident OCCC had gained confidence for the second half.

Coach K.B. Yeboah asked the team at half time, "Why hasn't anyone been attacking?"

"We are just looking at the cor-

ner [kick]s come in and letting them go," Yeboah said. "We got to show our stuff, instead of just watching."

The team held the confidence gained from late in the first half and responded.

OCCC found many looks and eventually got a game-tying goal from Yimamuassan.

Yimamuassan would find the net once again for the go-ahead goal five minutes later. Shortly after the Yimamuassan goal, Bolly scored his second goal, putting salt on the open-wounded Rose State club.

Frustrations for Rose State set in as two of their players had to be broken up by another one of their players due to a heated conversation. That didn't stop OCCC from smiling as they kept pouring on the shots, even though no more were scored.

Sigala had an open shot just outside the goal box, but watched it sail off the wrong part of his foot, out of play. Sigala kept his spirits up and smiled. After the game, Sigala said although he kicked the

ball off the side of his foot, but said he was still happy with the win.

Yeboah was pleased with the team's performance after the game, much so that some players were asking when he would start yelling. Yeboah said after the game he doesn't know why the team struggles sometimes.

"Maybe they want me to yell at them before they start playing well, but they are a good team and can play well when they want to," he said.

The win was the first for OCCC this spring. Along with two ties, OCCC has 5 points in the standings, which is one more than they had at this point last fall. OCCC is currently in third place behind the University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University.

The next game is scheduled against OSU at 11 a.m. April 5, in Stillwater.

On April 12 the team will play the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

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Sports

Intramural basketball champions challenge the best teams in regional tournament, fall short

By Matt Bishop
Staff Writer

OCCC's Intramural Basketball Champion Spartans tested their skills at the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Regional Basketball Tournament on March 28 in Arlington, Texas.

The Spartans lost two games in pool play and were eliminated on the first day, but Matt Lohn of the Spartans said it was a good experience.

He said in their first game against the Texas A&M-International Beasts, they lost by 11.

Lohn said his teammates weren't quite sure what to expect and the Beasts were a little tougher than expected.

Though the Spartans fell early, they came back in the second game against the Western Kentucky University Big D, opening the game with a 12-5 lead.

The Spartans lost the lead but regained it in the second half, finally losing by 8 points.

The experience is what

Lohn said the tournament was about.

"It was definitely fun," Lohn said. "Now we know what to look forward to if we get to come back next year."

He said the teams that they played were a lot like a college Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) team.

They had full-out jerseys and coaches.

Lohn said if the Spartans were a little bit more organized, they would have done better.

The Spartans put only six players on the court, and fatigue once again became a factor.

This time the fatigue was too much against the Divi-

sion-I schools.

Ty Ludvicek and Drew Meadors were unable to make the trip to Arlington with the team.

Both were key contributors to the Spartan's success during the intramural season.

Jeff Brewer and Beto Celaya were the only other Spartan players along with Lohn to make the trip.

Other OCCC intramural basketball players such as Collin Gentry, Jeremy Phillips and Ulises Montante joined the Spartan team for the trip.

"We had talent," Lohn said.

"We just didn't have the chemistry because we

"Now we know what to look forward to if we get to come back next year."

—Matt Lohn
Spartan Foward

didn't get the chance to practice enough with each other."

He said he hopes the next team from OCCC to go play in the NIRSA tournament does well.

Lohn said he talked to Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson after the game and found out the OCCC may organize a club basketball team next year.

Lohn said that would be a good way for OCCC to organize a competitive team.

Watson said he look into getting a club for sports team.

He said he is researching other colleges and universities to learn more about their club sports programs.

Watson said he plans to talk with Student Life and other people in the college to get the clubs going, but nothing has yet been confirmed.

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Intramural volleyball league meeting set, provides students chance to play faculty

By Matt Bishop
Staff Writer

Preparations for a student and staff Intramural volleyball league are under-

way at the Wellness Center.

A volleyball league will be open to all students, as well as faculty and staff.

Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson said

there is going to be a meeting April 10 for students and faculty interested in playing.

At the meeting, Watson and the participants in the league will discuss which day of the week would be best suitable for everyone to play.

Watson said he doesn't have an actual schedule, but is planning to start the league around April 21.

He said the league would last about three weeks and each team would play four or five games in a round robin before the final tournament starts.

Any student with a valid student ID can join by signing up at the Wellness Cen-

ter office.

Watson said faculty and staff could sign up at the Wellness Center office, or just call him at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

Students can play against or team up with faculty members.

The intramural volleyball league is free to all who join.

Watson had made plans for a student and staff intramural softball league.

He said there would have to be a softball field to play on and that no field has been confirmed at this time.

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Oklahoma Collegiate Club Soccer League Standings

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Draws</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Central Oklahoma	3	0	1	10
2. Oklahoma State	2	0	0	6
3. OCCC	1	0	2	5
4. East Central	0	0	3	3
5. Oklahoma	0	1	2	2
6. OU-Colsa	0	1	1	1
7. Arkansas	0	2	1	1
8. Rose State	0	2	0	0

Wins = 3 points and Draws = 1 point. Top four seeds make playoffs.

Have a great sports story you would like to share? Contact Matt Bishop at 405-682-1611, ext. 7675, or e-mail SeniorWriter@occc.edu.

Highlights

Degree Check it Out

A Degree Check it Out will be held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 8 and 9, across from the Communications Lab on the first floor of the Main Building. For more information, call Katie Kennedy, graduation adviser, at 405-682-7537.

First responders on campus

"Meet Your First Responder Day" will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, in the plaza near parking lot A. The Oklahoma City Fire Department, Oklahoma City Police Department, the bomb squad and more will be present. For more information, call Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas at 405-628-1611, ext. 7691.

Free income tax assistance on campus

Drop by and receive free income tax preparation assistance between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. through April 15 at the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance booth across from Student Life. Bring your W-2's, 1099 tax forms, Social Security cards for all members of the household, a photo ID card, a copy of last year's return and any information concerning other income as well as information for deductions or credits.

Tuition fee waivers

Tuition fee waivers for the summer and fall semesters are available through April 20 in the Financial Aid office, located on the first floor of the Main Building. For more information, call June Waters, Financial Aid assistant, at 405-682-7524.

Gary England on campus

News 9's meteorologist Gary England will be on campus 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 1 to discuss a severe weather program. It is taking place in the College Union and is open to students, faculty and staff. The event is free.

OCCC medical billing and coding classes

In an effort to meet the demands of the growing medical and health care industry, OCCC now offers classes in medical billing and coding. For more information, visit www.occc.edu/corporatelearning.com.

Highlight submissions have a 5 p.m. deadline every Tuesday for consideration of inclusion in the next issue. Highlight forms can be picked up in the Pioneer office, located in 2M6 of the Main Building, across from the elevator.

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Mmmm, goodies



Photo by Amber McBride

Marty Ludlum, business and economics professor, buys some baked goods from business students Nancy Flores and Tino Ceballos at the Business Professionals of America bake sale April 1. The BPA meets at 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday, in room 2R7 of the Main Building.

Native American student club members advocate participation

By Yvonne Oberly
Staff Writer

The Native American Student Association is one of the many clubs students are able to participate in at OCCC.

Club sponsor Marcelene Mahsetky-Rogers, personal and academic adviser, said it is a great club to be involved in.

"Students are able to network and meet with other Native American students and people from other colleges," Rogers said.

The club recently attended a conference at Southwestern State University in Weatherford, where there were many Native American leaders in Higher Education along with many motivational speakers, Rogers said.

There also will be a bake sale on Thursday, April 17, Fields said.

Students still may join the club and do not have to be Native American to do

so, Fields said.

One big event NASA will attend this semester is The Gathering of Nations — a national pow-wow — in Albuquerque, N.M., Fields said.

NASA members who reserved their spot before spring break will leave on Thursday, April 24 and return on Sunday, April 27, Fields said.

NASA meets at noon every Wednesday in room 2P7 in the Main Building next to the career transitions office, Fields said.

NASA club cosponsor and Business Division secretary Kristi Fields, said she likes being involved with the club.

"You get the opportunity to meet people and have peers that you have something in common with."

"The more people you are able to meet, the better encouraged you'll be with your studies," Fields said.

NASA plans to have a fry bread sale Thursday, April

"You get the opportunity to meet people and have peers that you have something in common with."

—Kristi Fields
NASA cosponsor

10, time to be announced.

"We are going to sell the fry bread with different pie fillings, powdered sugar and honey, though you don't really need anything to go with fry bread to make it good."

"We just thought we would have some extra items to go with it," Fields said.

For questions about joining the club, contact Marcelene Mahsetky-Rogers at 405-682-1611 ext. 7667, or Fields at ext. 7550.

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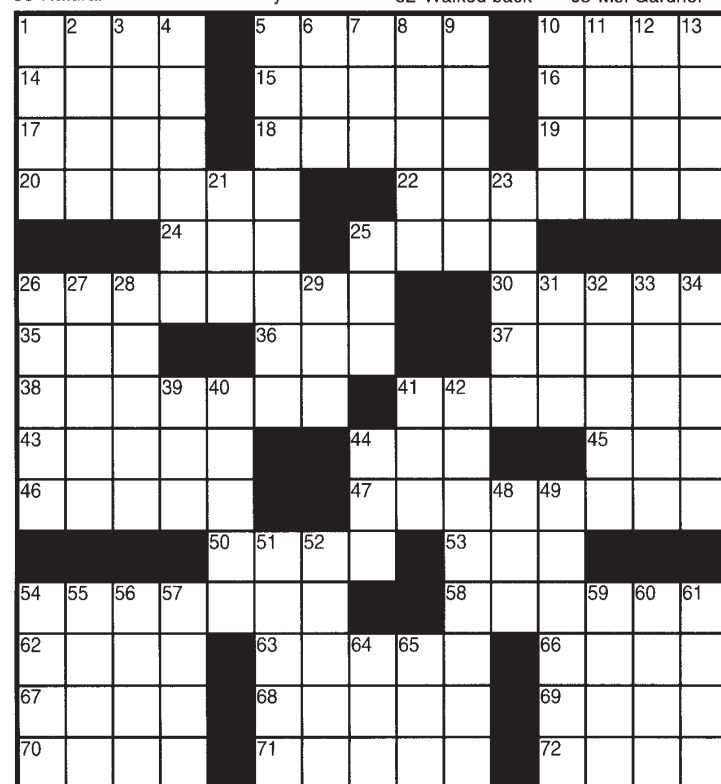
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Pre-ed majors can qualify for up to \$16K in grants

By Chris Abdo
News Writing Student

Pre-education majors procrastinating about transferring to a university should consider moving forward — and quickly.

Up to \$16,000 in grant money is available for those

who qualify said Financial Services Dean Harold Case.

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education, or "TEACH," is a grant program established under the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA) to benefit current and prospective

teachers. The new grant is available in the upcoming 2008-2009 school year, according to studentaid.ed.gov.

The award amount is up to \$4,000 per academic year. The total amounts teachers or prospective teachers can receive is \$8,000 for graduate students or \$16,000 for students working toward their first undergraduate or non-degree program.

The award cannot exceed the cost of tuition when combined with other financial aid and is divided for students who attend less than full-time, according to studentaid.ed.gov.

Case said he believes the TEACH grant will be helpful to many students.

"OCCC pre-education majors who are hesitant about transferring because of potentially big loans associated with attending a

university now have a big incentive [to transfer]," Case said.

"It is important that the student know that [the TEACH grant] is like signing a contract," he said.

"Students must sign terms certifying that they understand the terms of the grant and their required teaching services."

To be eligible, he said, a student must first complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form for the student's desired university, Case said.

According to studentaid.ed.gov, a student also must currently be completing, or planning to complete, the necessary coursework to begin teaching.

The academic requirements are at least a 3.25 GPA for each payment period and a score above the 75th percentile on admissions test, such as SAT,

ACT or GRE, according to the website.

Part of the requirements also state students need to teach full-time for at least four years within eight years of completing the program. Students must teach a specific subject like math, science or other high-need fields at a Title I — low-income — school.

"If terms of the grant aren't met, the grant reverts to an Unsubsidized Direct Stafford Loan, with interest from the original disbursement date(s) applying," Case said.

"Every school participating in the TEACH grant must meet the requirements involved."

Case said it's also important for students interested in the TEACH grant to begin connecting and talking with representatives from universities they hope to transfer to.

College gun legislation stopped in the Senate

"Guns,"
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making," Webb said.

Rep. Jason Murphey, R-Guthrie, the author of HB 2513, said the bill is intended to allow people to protect themselves from acts of violence on campus.

The bill passed the House of Representatives with restrictions on who would be allowed to bring guns on campus.

According to the bill, eligibility would have been limited to students and faculty who are active military, had been honorably discharged from the military, National Guard or Reserves, or those who had received at least 72 hours of training from the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, the agency that trains Oklahoma law officers.

Murphey and other bill supporters point to the tragedies at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois as examples of the need for this legislation.

"Having armed students or faculty members may have prevented the death toll because they could shoot back," Murphey said.

Students across campus expressed their opinions

concerning the end of HB 2513.

Sophomore Hailey Brend said she was relieved.

"I still can't believe something like that was seriously considered," Brend said.

"All it would do is fight fire with fire."

Jessica Marina, science major, echoed these sentiments.

"Just a flat-out bad idea," she said.

Not all students felt the same.

English major Tony Ramirez said the frequency of school shootings required some major attention.

"Nothing else seems to be working," Ramirez said. "Why not let licensed people have their weapons on campus?"

Freshman Barry Willis said although he thinks having concealed weapons on campus could help decrease campus violence, he disagrees with the overall bill.

"The pros outweigh the cons," Willis said.

"Maybe the state should require more in-depth training, then it might be able to pass into law."

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Classes added to fall semester roster

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video game design from its beginnings to the present, according to the course description.

Professor Akram Taghavi-Burris will teach the class.

Game Development and Design Concepts will introduce students to the concepts and tools used to create two-dimensional games, according to the course description.

The student would need to take the Evolution of Video Game Technology before taking Game Development and Design Concepts, according to the course description.

The Arts and Humanities division also will offer some new courses in Film Production.

Cinematography 1 and 2, taught by David Greene, will be offered for three-credit hours plus a one-hour lab, said Greg Mellott, film and video production professor.

Mellott said the course is

good for students wanting to learn how to use the latest in camera technology.

"We have lighting kits, high definition cameras and editing facilities."

Arts and Humanities also will offer new three-credit-hour courses in film. The genre of crime will be taught by Clay Randolph, while a horror film class will be taught by Jon Inglett.

These humanities electives can be used to fulfill general education requirements.

The Social Sciences division will add two new courses in the fall.

Introduction to Social Work is a three-credit hour course, and will introduce students to the profession, history, purposes, values, ethics, scopes and methods of social work.

Students will need to take Introduction to Sociology before they are able to take Introduction to Social Work.

The course will be taught by Professor Jerry Ludlow, who said he is excited

about teaching the course.

"It's a good course for students going into social work," Ludlow said.

Ludlow recommends taking the course to get a better understanding of what social workers do.

The second class, the Child Development Professional, will be a one-credit hour course taught by Professor Susan Tabor.

Tabor, in her fifth year teaching at OCCC, said she is happy to introduce the class.

"It's very good for students interested in majoring in Child Development," she said.

"The course will offer a far better picture of the field, of the program and of the requirements."

The Child Development Professional course will be offered at 8 a.m. Saturdays.

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