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Tuition may rise \$6 per credit hour

Early estimates show a possible 10 percent rise

By **Ellen M. Trebilcock**
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It is estimated the cost of in-state tuition at OCCC will increase \$6 per credit hour in the upcoming fiscal year, said Vice President of Academic Affairs Felix Aquino in a News Writing class April 3. This would be roughly a 10 percent increase.

If approved, tuition next fall would be \$60.55 per credit hour, compared to \$54.55 now. Student fees are paid in addition to tuition.

One reason for the increase is a projected shortfall in the state budget, Aquino said.

He said a decrease in state funding could occur and is something the college should be prepared for.

"Our most optimistic projection (at this time) is a zero percent increase," Aquino said.

To cover increasing costs at a time when revenues may be declining, OCCC is anticipating raising tuition, the second-largest source of the college budget and the only source over which OCCC has control.

"Student tuition is the one thing we have in our control to meet rising costs," Aquino said.

Other sources of revenue for the college budget include state funding, the largest share, and South Oklahoma City property taxes. Other miscellaneous sources provide a small percentage.

Aquino said a tuition increase is inevitable since educational institutions are not exempt from the rising costs in the economy.

"[OCCC] is not a business, but it is an economic entity," Aquino said. Because of that, he said, income has to be sufficient to cover costs.

In the 2007-2008 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2007, and ending

June 30, 2008, OCCC budgeted more than \$48 million to cover costs including professor salaries, academic support, student services, and utilities.

"Seventy-five percent of the spending of this institution goes directly or indirectly for the benefit of the students," Aquino said.

He recognizes the increase will hurt students. He urges every student to look into financial aid and scholarship opportunities as a possible resource to help defray some of the high costs of tuition.

"We're trying to encourage all our students to apply for the FAFSA."

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is free and easy to apply for, he said.

Aquino said OCCC is the second or third lowest-cost community college in the state. He said, even with the tuition increase, OCCC would remain at the bottom of the total cost list for colleges throughout Oklahoma.

"You get a lot of bang for your buck by virtue of the depth of its programs," he said.

Ayesha Youmes, a first-year student, said she is not too worried about the increase.

"Everything is expensive these days," she said. "... So I don't think it should be that big of a deal."

Freshman Kelsey Cox is not as accepting but knows she has no choice.

"I'll be going here no matter what, so the increase doesn't bother me because I cannot do anything about it," she said. "I don't have scholarships in the fall so that is where it will be hurting me."

Jared Barton, also a first-year student, worries about those affected, who cannot afford the cost.

"In a way it upsets me for other students. My college is paid for, but it might have a negative effect on them."



Felix Aquino



Photo by Amber McBride

Professor Steve Morrow stands with an art piece his students created, that represents peace and diversity. The work is on display at the Oklahoma Heritage Museum at 1400 Classen Drive in downtown Oklahoma City.

Artwork represents unity, peace

By **Dillon Hart**
News Writing Student

Professor Steve Morrow's Advocates of Peace class recently participated in the annual Respect Diversity Foundation Art Exhibit at the Oklahoma Heritage Museum. Students created a sculpture more than 10 feet tall that represents peace and diversity, Morrow said.

The students were divided into five groups. Then, each groups' efforts were combined into one display.

The final sculpture features a replica of an ocean with four hands reaching out to support a globe.

Group member Charles A. Barclay said the ocean represents the world being surrounded by war and hate.

The hands are lifting the world out of the ocean and saving it from drowning, he said. The globe is plastered with words and phrases that represent peace and love.

Behind the globe See "Art," page 12

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Fightin' O-Trips?

So where is OCCC's mascot? I haven't seen him? Do we even have one?

I believe the answer to that is no. But why not? Is it because we are "just" a community college?

I was attending a Club Soccer game against East Central University recently when I heard the ECU coach yell, "Lets go Tigers!"

I responded with, "Go O-Trip!" Now everyone that attends OCCC or is familiar with it in any sort will understand what O-Trip is.

It made me think for a second though. What if we did have a mascot? Wouldn't things be more fun?

We celebrated our 35th birthday as a college last fall. Is it not time for a mascot?

I know many community colleges don't have school mascots, but maybe that could set us apart from the rest of those schools.

After all, who wants to be a follower when we are here to learn skills to lead our way through life.

The definition of a mascot is a person, animal or object believed to bring good luck, especially one kept as the symbol of an organization such as a sports team.

Intramural sports has expanded with more activities than ever, including our Club Soccer team and possibly a Club Basketball team.

We also have many organizations and clubs. And who wouldn't want a little bit of good luck? Any bit helps in zoology or advanced calculus.

The mascot would be a way to attract more focus to clubs and organizations.

For instance, wouldn't a Tiger dancing around in the College Union attract attention to job fairs, blood drives and student-sponsored activities?

What about the youngsters who attend College for Kids in the summer and the ones who join in the youth sports camp. It would be nice for them to have a mascot here.

But what would we name this thing? How about something that would blow people away like at Scottsdale Community College, where they call themselves the Fighting Artichokes or the Battling Beavers of Blackburn College? Maybe even something like the Hardrockers of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

We could become the Commuters, Centennials or Cyclones, and then become known as O-Quatro-C.

Students were polled on the OCCC campus about having a mascot. Many students said it would be neat to have such a school figure.

Others said it wouldn't matter to them if the school did or not, but not one person said they would be opposed.

Having a school mascot could help expand the college in various ways. Although it wouldn't make a difference academically, it would make the campus more entertaining.

—Matt Bishop
Staff Writer

Keep our state multilingual

To the editor:

According to a poll, I am one of the 18 percent who do not wish to make English the official language of Oklahoma. Why am I in the minority?

Senate Bill 163 will give Oklahomans the opportunity to vote on this issue. We are not voting to make English the official language of commerce or community gatherings. We are voting to make English the official language of state government in Oklahoma. All documents would be printed in English even though medical centers and insurance agencies proudly announce to their bilingual and Hispanic customers: "Hablamos Espanol."

Even if a legal resident of Oklahoma speaks a different language better than English, they won't be driving a vehicle or receiving insurance because they cannot pass the driver's exam, since they are more comfortable reading in their own language.

Could this keep Hispanics from interfacing with the Oklahoma government, particularly in an emergency event, such as having a sick child, who may

be turned away from a state-run hospital because the family does not have the English-language skills to fill out hospital paperwork? I am worried.

What happens when the Latino population becomes the majority; this idea could happen. Will the Latino community vote on a bill to make Spanish the dominant language?

The term dominant, should not be in our vocabulary in Oklahoma. We need to remain a globally diverse culture. Yes, all people should learn English as a driving language of contemporary culture, but we should also be teaching our children at an early age to be multilingual, similar to other countries in Europe, Africa, and Asia where citizens speak sometimes more than three or four languages.

It's time for us to expand globally. The first step is allowing differences to thrive in our communities and in our government. As an educator in an Oklahoma college, I will continue to use what I know of Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish to teach Oklahomans to perform success-

fully in the English language without belittling them from the beginning by separating their culture from the State of Oklahoma. I hope you will also be part of that minority 18 percent until it turns into a majority of 100 percent.

—Jon Inglett
English professor

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Comments and Reviews

Oscar-winning foreign film portrays intensity

The winner of this year's Oscar for best foreign language film is ... "The Counterfeiters," and with good cause. This film is an excellent study in the inhumanities of the Nazi prison camps of World War II.

During World War II, Nazis set up a money counterfeiting operation in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. The idea was to produce English pound notes and American greenbacks to flood the European market in order to destroy the economy of Great Britain and the United States.

The Nazis set up the operation, but Jewish prisoners of war did the actual forgery and expert work, under threat of death.

An undercover SS officer arrests the master forger, Solly Sorowitsch, played by Karl Markovics, for forgery. Since he is a Jew, Soro-

witsch is sent to Auschwitz. The arresting officer becomes the commander of the counterfeiting operation, and has Sorowitsch transferred to the camp as part of the group.

Solly was a criminal before the war, and will do what is necessary to survive, but some of the other inmates do not share his values. Adolf Burger (August Deihl) is one of Solly's fellow prisoners who wants to sabotage the operation even if it means his death.

There is as much tension between the inmates as there is between the prisoners and the Nazi soldiers. There is the moral question of whether to help the enemy in order to survive, or damage the operation and be shot to death.

This film is done in German with English subtitles, but in some of the scenes,

words are unnecessary. The intensity of human emotion is enough to convey the pain and anguish these men are subjected to.

Even though, by Nazi standards, they are being treated well, they have to live with the knowledge that on the other side of the wall from their barracks, fellow Jews are being starved, tortured and murdered.

The movie is historically accurate, based on the book, "The Devil's Workshop" by Burger, who lived the story and served as a consultant during the filming.

There is nudity and adult language, but it is in keeping with the nature of the film. The severe violence is in keeping with the nature of the war.

Rating: A

—Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

Pianist impresses audience with passionate, creative performance

Ebony and ivory was the theme April 8, as renowned pianist Gabriela Montero played to a capacity audience at the OCCC Theater.

Approximately 250 people sat in awe as Montero applied her expert styling to both classical standards and her own interpretations.

Montero, born in Caracas, Venezuela, began performing at the age of 5.

According to her biography, she made her concert debut with the Venezuelan Youth Orchestra at the age of 8.

Montero has performed with orchestras across the world, and won many international prizes for her performances.

Although she began the evening's entertainment with classical pieces from Bach and Chopin, Montero soon



Gabriela Montero

veered off into her unique style of improvisational playing.

Her rendition of Alberto Ginastera's "Sonata No. 1, Opus 22," created the sound of the horse's hoofs pounding across the Argentinean landscape. The pianissimo stanzas were almost prayer-

like in contrast.

After the intermission, Montero asked the audience for song suggestions to base her creative pieces on. These suggestions ran from Rachmaninoff to "Memories" from the musical "Cats."

Her skill at performing a deeply-inspired composition with no preparation is remarkable.

The audience had only to watch her face as she played, to feel the passion Montero puts into each of her works.

This manner of classical improvisation has her gaining much attention in the music world. She was recently profiled on the television show "60 Minutes."

Rating: A

—Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

ADVISERS

The Office of Academic Advising offers academic advising support for students through academic advisers and peer advisers.

Peer advisers are OCCC students that are hired by this office to meet with their fellow students, as their peers.

I am proud to say that this month's column looks at academic advising from the perspective of one of our peer advisers, Abel Mendoza.

—E.J. Warren
Academic Advising Director

Like many first-time college students, I saw college as a scary and confusing labyrinth. As a student, I was unaware of the great tools available to me, such as MineOnline and various other student services. Because I was not familiar with these services, I never took advantage of them.

Now, as a peer adviser, I realize the many opportunities I was missing out on to enhance my academic career. I encourage each student, whether they are a first-time or a returning student, to learn how to utilize all of the services OCCC has to offer.

One of the best tools available to students is the staff in every department. When I began college here, I was very intimidated by the personnel on campus. I would get lost trying to find my class, but I did not have the courage to ask someone for help.

However, now that I am a part of the staff, I jump at the chance to help any student. OCCC employees are not "two-horned, fire-breathing creatures" like some may think, but instead they are friendly people, willing to help any student in need.

For example, peer advisers in the Office of Academic Advising play a major role in student services. These advisers can help with questions about classes, and answer questions about enrollment and transferring. They can also show you how to use MineOnline and WebCT. If they cannot answer a question, they can direct you to someone who can.

Other great tools are the college publications such as: class schedule, course catalog, and student handbook. In these publications, students are able to find countless sources of information useful to all students. To benefit from these resources, I encourage you to take the initiative and use them.

MineOnline is also another great service. It is designed for easy access to financial aid, transcripts, class availability among other tools. This website is one of the best resources accessible to OCCC students. However, it is worthless to anyone who does not know how to use it.

College can be a stressful time in anyone's life, especially when you do not know what you are doing. Thankfully, we can all change that. Take advantage of what our school offers and make this experience a happy one.

—Abel Mendoza
Peer Adviser

Educational programs offered to students throughout April

By Amanda McCutchen
Staff Writer

April is a busy month for Student Life educational programs. Several Brown Bag Lunch programs and Career Power workshops are being held on campus.

In the career series, Hot Occupations and Top Salaries workshop will be at 12:30, Tuesday, April 22, in room 1F6.

Employment Services Coordinator Judi McGee said the workshop will inform students of up-and-coming jobs with high salaries and good employment numbers.

An internship workshop will be at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, in 1F6.

Disney and Tinker Air

"Students are unaware of the benefits internships offer. Internships give students a jump-start on getting a job. Internships give insight, they get your foot in the door, sometimes they even pay for your education."

—Judi McGee

Coordinator of Employment Services

Force Base both offer internships to students, and they are not the only ones, McGee said.

"Students are unaware of the benefits internships offer," she said.

"Internships give students a jump-start on getting a job. Internships give insight, they get your foot in the door, sometimes they even pay for your education."

All Brown Bag programs

will be held in April in CU3.

Student Life Coordinator Jon Horinek said the brown bag topics are decided based on student and faculty suggestions.

The program on preparing for finals will be on at noon, April 23 and again on at 12:30 p.m., April 24.

A stress management program will be offered at 12:30 p.m., April 29.

"The Brown Bag Lunch

series was created to show students there are learning opportunities outside

the classroom," Horinek said. "They provide information anyone can use."

Meet emergency crews during campus event

By Belen Rodriguez
News Writing Student

The OCCC Safety and Security office will host the "Meet Your Responder Day" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, said Major Keith Bourque, campus safety and security coordinator.

Bourque said the event is designed to inform the students and faculty of what to expect in case of an emergency or disaster.

The event was created as a result of the ensuing confusion when the May 3 tornado hit Moore in 1999.

Many people did not know what was going on or who was responding to



Keith Bourque

help them, Bourque said.

"This event also happens to fall on the one-year anniversary of the Virginia Tech shootings, so we will also be ringing the campus bells," he said.

Some of the departments that will be present at the event are the Oklahoma City Police Department and bomb squad, the Oklahoma City Fire Department, the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and EMSA, the city's ambulance service.

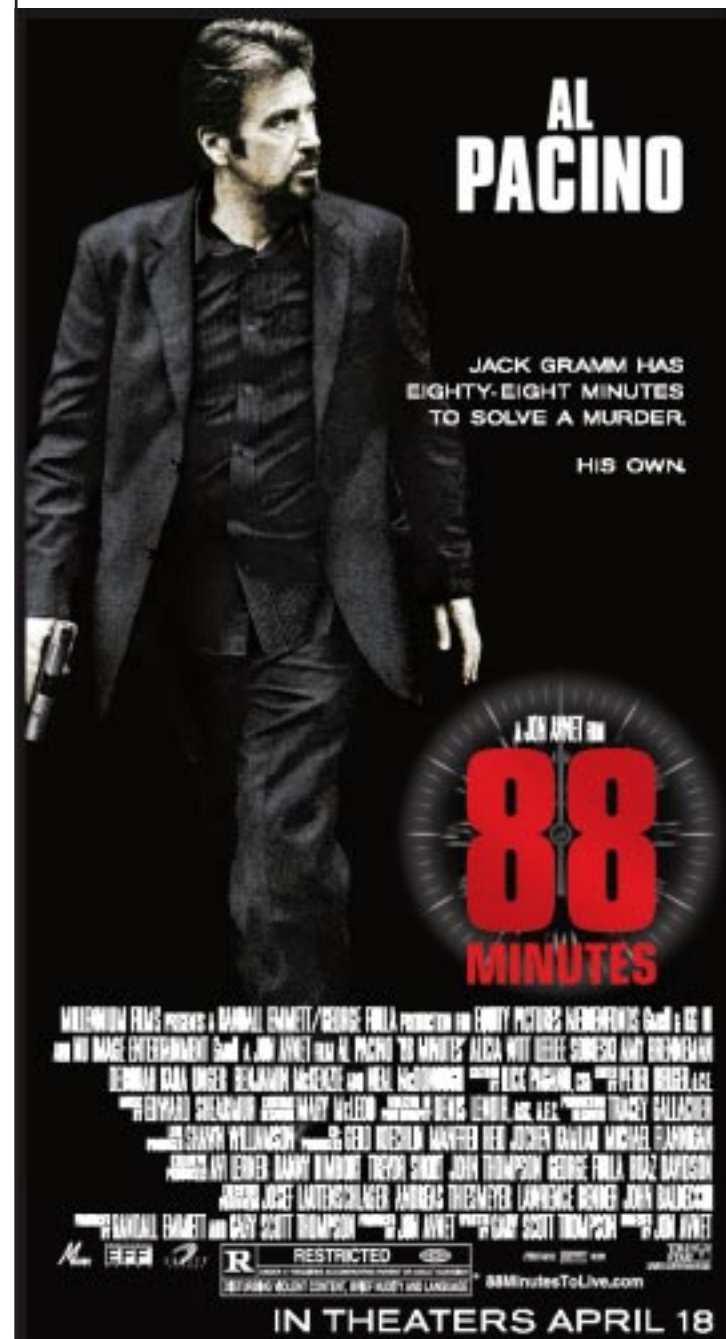
The Oklahoma County Sheriff's department will display their new Charger patrol car and the Highway Patrol also will show their new Harley Davidson motorcycles.

The departments will have tables set up with general information for the public, and also will be recruiting.

Free hot dogs, soft drinks, and chips will be provided for everyone who attends the event, Bourque said.

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TRiO program helps students realize goals

By Lauren Sherman
News Writing Student

The TRiO Student Support Services Program offers high school students and incoming freshmen the support and learning skills needed to graduate from OCCC in three years, said Interim Director Mary Turner.

Turner said the first step is to apply for admission.

Each student who fills out an application must be a first-generation college student, have a disability, or must qualify for financial aid, she said.

Students also must show an academic need.

Student and peer mentor Isela Perez said she has benefitted greatly from the program.

"I have gained the most positive input from people while enrolled in this program," she said.

"People motivate me and I get to know other students through the process.

"We all help each other out."

The TRiO Program offers academic support for students, as well as assistance with their personal issues.

Tutoring is available, Turner said, and even more importantly, lasting friendships often are made because of the small number

"We provide peer mentors to help support students with all of their needs. This helps them grow and learn appropriate skills when it comes to their future."

—Mary Turner
TRiO Interim Director

of students in the program.

Turner said the TRiO Program only accepts 160 students per year so there typically is a waiting list.

The program is kept small so students have more time to work one-on-one, she said.

On average, 10 percent of OCCC students graduate within three years. Turner said OCCC TRiO students

always have exceeded in this percentage.

"We provide peer mentors to help support students with all of their needs" Turner said. "This helps them grow and learn appropriate skills when it comes to their future."

A first-generation college student herself, Turner said she wants to help students any way possible.

Perez said she feels a real camaraderie in the program.

"It is great to get to know other students," she said.

"Other students in the program listen. I feel like I know everyone because they are in the same situation as me."

Turner helps create fun activities for TRiO students such as club activities and monthly movies.

The students attend the activity, then discuss the moral of the event that occurred. Turner calls this "fun with a purpose."

"It is great to have a chance to work with the students and become more involved," Turner said.

Student and peer mentor Michael Hendricks said he likes meeting students outside of class.

"It is a different setting, more networking, more talking. It has been a great way to meet new people," Hendricks said.

Children celebrated during 'Week of the Young Child'

By Kami Gallagher
News Writing Student

OCCC's Child Development Center and Lab School will celebrate the Week of the Young Child April 13 through 19 by hosting a Children's Art Show and Health Fair, said Constance Pidgeon, a teacher at the center.

Pidgeon said the week is a time to focus on the center's children and their accomplishments.

Each child from the center will choose two pieces of art to put on display at the exhibit.

Some children will choose hats and other items they made from recycled paper and plastic they gathered throughout their recycling unit, Pidgeon said.

Others will choose items from everyday art projects to share with their parents and other visitors.

"I look forward to it every year," Pidgeon said.

"It gives recognition to

OCCC's Child Development Center and Lab School Week of the Young Child

April 13 through 19

Children's Art Show Opening Night: 6 p.m. April 14 Main Building

Health Fair 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 19 CU3

young children and how important they are."

She said the children will decorate invitations to give to their parents for opening night of the art show which is 6 p.m. Monday, April 14.

The exhibit, located in the Main Building, is open to the public, Pidgeon said.

The health fair will be from 9 a.m. until noon Sat-

urday, April 19, in room CU3.

"We have celebrated ever since we first became Nationally Accredited which was in the early 1980s," said Lee Ann Townsend, lab supervisor.

The Week of the Young Child, established in 1971, is a nationwide focus on the importance of young children and early childhood programs and services, according to the National Association for the Education of Young Children website, www.naeyc.org.

The national theme this year is "Bring Communities Together for Children — Children Bring Communities Together."

NAEYC says on its website that this time in a child's life as being one of the most important as far as molding their education and growth.

"It is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities," the site reads.




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Photo by Amber McBride

OCCC Graduate Mike Cook rides around a dirt track on his motorcycle. Cook recently set the Guinness world record for the longest-distance tandem jump with one of his friends. For his efforts, Cook was featured on an episode of MTV's "Jackass 24 Hour Takeover."

World record, MTV, all in a day's fun for former student

From the time he was young and noticeably smaller than his peers, Mike Cook said he always wanted to feel like a "real person."

Motocross racing gave him that opportunity.

Cook said he has been interested in riding motorbikes since he was a little kid.

"I grew up on the race tracks," he said.

Cook, 26, said his family got him into racing at the age of 9. It made him feel bigger inside, he said.

Fifteen years later, on Feb. 6, the OCCC graduate unofficially set the Guinness world record for the longest-distance tandem jump with his friend, Trigger Gumm, a distance jumper from Orange County, Calif.

Cook said his friend Matt Hoffman, professional BMX rider, was in Stillwater with an MTV crew, filming a "Jackass" show, "Tribute to Evil Knievel," when the crew asked Cook and Gumm if they wanted to attempt the tandem jump they had been practicing.

Cook said they had been planning the jump for two years, so they decided to try it.

Their first jump was 98 feet, the old Guinness world record.

So, they gave it another shot and went 100

**"I have never been quite that high.
You feel weightless when you're
in the air."**

—Mike Cook
Former OCCC Student

feet, breaking the old record.

"I have never been quite that high," Cook said. "You feel weightless when you're in the air."

This was the first jump ever to be attempted on dirt. Also, at 4'2 1/2", it was an accomplishment for Cook, being the first "little person" ever to attempt such a jump.

The film crew was "stoked," Cook said, calling his feat "the most awesome thing ever."

Cook said he was asked to go to New York city and be on an episode of "Jackass 24 Hour Takeover," where his jump footage was shown while he described it.

"I met all of the 'Jackass' guys," he said. "Johnny (Knoxville) and Wee Man were the coolest to meet."

Not only can you find Cook on the recently-aired episode of "Jackass," but Cook also appeared on two episodes of Jesse James' "Mon-

ster Garage" two years ago.

He said that chance came when the show's producers were looking for "little people" who built cars. Cook builds hot rods for a living and they discovered him on MySpace.

He said they thought he did such a good job when he appeared the first time, they asked him to come back for their "All Star: Mini People, Mini Trucks" episode.

He said he and James still "keep in touch."

Closer to home, Cook has done several commercial spots — six for a local car dealership and another for a breakfast eatery in Fayetteville, Ark.

Cook said he also is asked to occasionally sing with the area rockabilly band, Brian Dunning and the Rock 'n' Roll Trio.

The Oklahoma City native said he currently is working on building a motocross bike and has plans to attempt a jump over two cars in the near future.

Cook said he also will redo the world-record jump again, "probably in Miami, Okla., this summer," so it can be officially recorded for Guinness.

—By Callie Gillock
News Writing Student

Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

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

•**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.

•**April 26:** Oklahoma Collegiate Club Soccer Playoffs. Location and times will be determined after regular season is played.

•**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.

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Photo by Matt Bishop

OCCC's Oscar Perez side kicks a ball by an Oklahoma State University defender on April 5. OCCC would lose the game 6-3, suffering their first loss of the season.

Club soccer falls while playing one man down

By Matt Bishop
Staff Writer

OCCC's soccer club suffered its first defeat of the season against an aggressive team from Oklahoma State University by a score of 6-3.

OCCC's leading scorer from the fall, Dennis Cardona, returned to the pitch for the first time this season, scoring two first-half goals.

In the first half, OCCC's Ricardo Sigala was given two yellow cards for making slide tackles. The two yellow cards resulted in a red card that sent Sigala to the sideline, and OCCC played a man down for the remainder of the game.

After OSU gained an early 1-0 lead, Cardona scored his first goal shortly thereafter. OSU then scored twice more, making it 3-1, before Cardona put in another goal, assisted by Roberto Hernandez.

After losing Sigala, OCCC fell to a 5-2 deficit at half time.

Rodolfo "Rudy" Covarrubias added a goal midway through the

second half to give OCCC hope, down 5-3.

Soon, experienced defender Javier Careon went down as an OSU player made a sliding tackle into Careon. The OSU player had on metal spikes, which was the cause of the fall Careon said. Careon said it isn't against the rules to have metal spikes, but he wished the refs would have given OSU a yellow card, since Sigala

had been given two already.

Later in the second half, OSU would add another goal for the 6-3 final score. Despite the loss, Coach K. B. Yeboah was very pleased with the teams' performance.

He said many of the things the players worked on in practice were effective in their efforts.

"I'm really pleased with the team's performance," Yeboah said. "They are getting better at the cor-

ner kicking and our offside traps are good."

Yeboah said eight players missed the game because of confusion over the location. The game had been set to play in Stillwater. A last-minute switch placed the game in Midwest City. "I believe if we would have had everybody, we would have won this game," Yeboah said.

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Dodgeball players should sign up soon

By Jimmie Hendrix
News Writing Student

Interested dodge ball participants should sign up now for the upcoming tournament that will be held in the gymnasium inside the OCCC Wellness center, scheduled to start sometime next week.

Team registration ended Thursday, April 10. Event coordinator Charlie Tarver said the teams are

made up of six to eight players, and students, faculty and staff are eligible to participate. There is no cost to play in the tournament and all needed equipment will be provided.

"As of (April 4), there are two full teams, and one team short two players signed up. The games should start (April 15 or 17), and it is unknown how long it will last, depending on how many teams have joined up," Tarver said.

As it is planned now, the games will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the times will have to be worked out by next week.

"I am very optimistic it will catch on, and if not this semester, maybe by next fall," Tarver said.

"I think it's going to be very popular."

For more information, call Tarver at the OCCC Wellness Center office. 405-682-1611, ext. 7860.

Thieves hit locker room again

By Stephen Sossamon
Staff Writer

A damaged car, a misuse of a library computer and two thefts highlight this week's crime.

On March 31, Heather Hanna told Safety and Security when she returned to parking lot A from class, she noticed her vehicle was damaged.

Her vehicle, a 2005 Nissan Murano, appeared to have been hit on the passenger's side door, according to the report.

Officer Jacob Roby identified the person suspected of hitting Hanna's vehicle, after reviewing sur-

veillance tapes, and learned it was still parked in the same parking area, according to the report.

Sgt. Kevin Tipton and Roby contacted owner Luke Westover, as he was leaving class. Westover was notified that surveillance tapes showed his car had hit Hanna's.

Westover said when he opened the car door, the wind must have caught the door and slammed it against Hanna's vehicle.

Westover originally didn't think he hit the vehicle.

Photos were taken of both vehicles.

Two thieves also were reported April 1, Hyong Lee

reported to Safety and Security that his book bag had been stolen from room 1N5, in Health Professions, between 5:17 and 5:30 p.m., the report stated.

Lee said his bag contained a lab kit worth \$131, a solar calculator, a Nike hat, car keys and papers.

Suzanne Randall said she had seen a man in the nursing area, walking down the halls, and was at one time reading what appeared to be a Bible.

After surveillance tape review, there was no individual seen leaving the building near the nursing area who fit the description, according to the report.

On April 3 another theft was reported by Gary O'Dell.

O'Dell said his wallet had been stolen from a locker in the Aquatic Center.

He said he didn't lock the locker, according to the report.

O'Dell said his wallet contained his driver's license, a Visa check card, health cards, a State Farm MasterCard and a Conoco gas card.

In another report April 4, Roby investigated an incident with a library computer after a report of an individual looking at pornography.

Library Circulation Assis-

tant Holly Jones said while she was putting books away, she noticed a man looking at pornographic videos.

Sgt. David Shriver and Roby approached the individual, Gabino Diaz Garcia, and asked him to join them in the lobby, according to the report.

Garcia was asked what he was looking at, to which he replied he was looking at videos of a man and a woman having sex.

Garcia was found not to be a student and was asked to leave the campus.

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Students tour OU to check it out

By Lynley Kees
News Writing Student

Ten OCCC students traveled in March to the University of Oklahoma for information on transferring, scholarships, housing and a tour of the campus.

OU ranks as the best college in the nation based on academic excellence and student costs, said Michael Hoggart, OU transfer recruitment associate director.

OU, he said, offers more than 100 majors such as art, dance, law, sociology and nursing.

"Many students transfer to OU because of the variety of majors the university has to offer," Hoggart said.

Chad Williams, OCCC biology sophomore, attended the tour, he said, to get more information about OU's zoology program.

Williams also attended the tour to decide whether he will attend OU or the University of Central Oklahoma after he graduates next year, he said.

OCCC student Ashley Gillilan said she's interested in OU because of its psychology program.

Transfer students only need 24 credit hours to transfer and must have a certain GPA, depending on the school in which they wish to enroll.

As long as a student has reached 24 credit hours, they can submit a transcript from their current institution.

OU has an application fee of \$40, which is non-refundable.

Hoggart said one of the main questions students ask is what credits will transfer to OU.

He said OU accepts academic courses from regionally accredited institutions. Also, students can enroll at OU and be taking classes concurrently at a different campus, such as OCCC.

Visit admissions.ou.edu/tetables to see what OCCC classes transfer to OU.

Hoggart said numerous opportunities for financial aid are available. He said, last year, 82 percent of OU students were awarded some type of financial assistance.

Application deadline for the spring 2009 semester is Nov. 1.

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Highlights

Fried bread on April 16

The Native American Student Association will offer fried bread beginning at noon Wednesday, April 16, in the College Union. For more information, contact Publicity Officer Barkmus Newman at 405-824-5969.

Baptist club hosts former homosexual speaker

Stephen Black, former homosexual, will speak at noon Monday, April 14, in room 3N0 of the Main Building, and also at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, in 3N0. Black will speak on his sexual struggles as a child and young adult, and will share what caused his transformation. For more information, call Publicity Officer Mike Barnett at 405-323-0583.

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 405-682-1611, ext. 7691.

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.

Day of Peace and Justice

The Advocates of Peace Club will host the Day of Peace and Justice at noon Friday, April 25, in the College Union. The club hopes the event will raise awareness and allow the community to speak out about various topics, including the Iraq war. Guest speaker retired Army Col. Ann Wright will discuss the topic and her book, "Dissent: Voices of Conscience." For more information, contact professor Stephen Marrow at 405-682-1611, ext. 7350.

Gary England on campus

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

OCCC offers 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/corporate learning.com.

Science club seeking help

OCCC's Science Club is looking to bring more speakers from the science world, but needs help from students. Club members hope the project, called Neo-Scientia, brings more attention to the scientific community. For more information, contact club member Quillet Aurelien at spartyan-117@hotmail.com.

Highlight submissions have a 5 p.m. deadline every Tuesday for 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.

Hmmm...



Photo by Amber McBride

Sophomore Emergency Medical Science major Marlon Savage watches an inspirational video while in a Baptist Collegiate Ministries meeting April 7. BCM meets at noon every Monday, in room 3N0, located on the third floor of the Main Building.

Donate blood this month

By Yvonne Oberly
Staff Writer

The Oklahoma Blood Institute hopes to have 140 people attend their upcoming two-day blood drive, which is double the amount of donors they have received the past two times at OCCC, blood program consultant Jennifer Beattie said.

"Now that the flu season is hopefully completely gone, we hope to have a good turn out," Beattie said.

The blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, and Thursday, April 24, in the college union next to the cafeteria.

OBI representatives said they enjoy coming to the college for the blood drives.

"We come to the college five times a year and are very glad of the wonderful support OCCC has offered.

"They have been a long time supporter," Beattie

said.

Jon Horinek, service-learning and student life coordinator, said he is looking forward to the blood drive.

"The blood drives are a great way for students to give back and help others," Horinek said.

Requirements for those who would like to donate blood include being a minimum of 17 years of age and weighing at least 110 pounds. A donor also cannot be taking antibiotics, Beattie said.

Donating blood has many benefits, she said.

"A person could save someone's life by donating blood."

Not only will the person receiving the blood benefit from the donated blood, but the donor can receive benefits, too.

The donors will receive their blood typing, total cholesterol results, and a liver enzyme test that shows if their liver is func-

tioning properly, Beattie said.

First-time minority donors also will be screened for a sickle cell trait test. It is a test done to see if there are any red blood cell abnormalities, Beattie said.

Donors also will have the choice of receiving either a free T-shirt or have OBI donate \$4 to the Susan B. Komen Breast Care Foundation, Beattie said.

"We service over 110 hospitals in Oklahoma all because of blood donors," Beattie said.

For any questions about donating blood may contact The Oklahoma Blood Institute at 405-297-5700.

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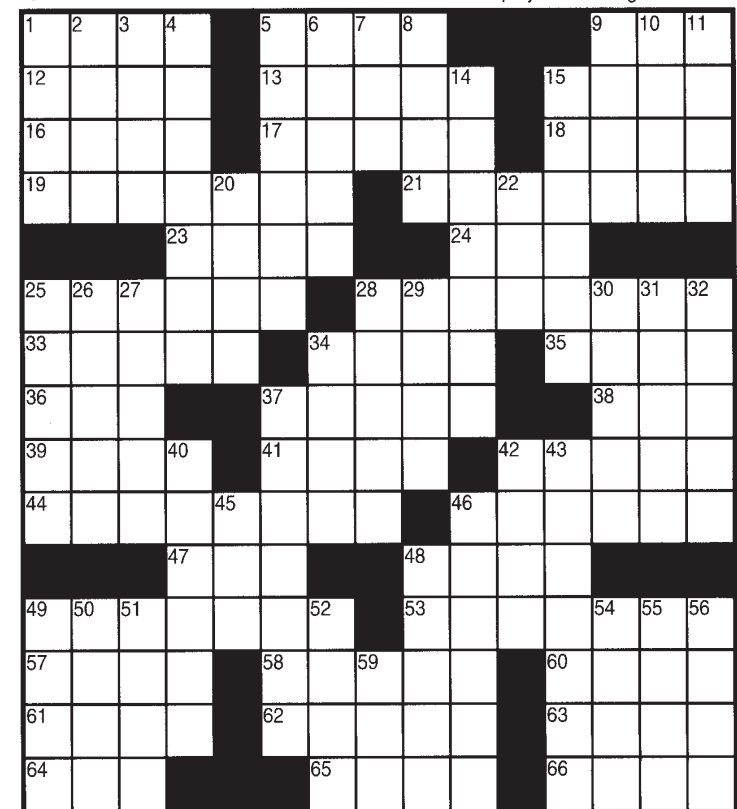
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Art display exhibited

"Art,"

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are six large, multi-colored rings, symbolizing unity. The center ring shows the word "Kuk-atonor," the class's motto for the project, meaning, "We all are one people."

In the middle of the rings is a mirror, which has hundreds of diverse faces collaged on it, with a blank area in the center. One of the creators, Chauncey Hale, explained its meaning.

"Whenever you look in the mirror, your face fits in with everyone else ... the faces of unity," Hale said.

At the bottom of the display is another mirror with the word "unity" written in four languages and the phrase "Imagine a world in UNITY. Can you see yourself here?"

"It was awesome," said student Paula Young. "I had no idea how this stuff was going to go together, but it looked great."

Morrow said he and his class are glad to be involved in the cause.

"It was a great experience to take part in," said student Brent Sexton.

Student Kalea Moniz-Bray said, "It makes you feel like a better person, like you're contributing."

Morrow expressed his satisfaction with the project. "I was proud that the students were willing to do something a little different, and put a positive face forward to our community about who we are here at the college."

Each student participated in at least three hours of community service while constructing the sculpture.

Overall, the project took about a month and a half from start to finish and will remain on display until May 8 at 1400 Classen Drive in downtown Oklahoma City.

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