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Taking stock



Bookstore employees Jon Robertson and Denise Smith stock shelves with textbooks the week before summer classes start. The bookstore also offers snacks, office supplies and computer software.

Ever-rising gas prices force plan adjustments

By Matt Bishop and **Cynthia Praefke** Staff Writers

ising gas prices are causing R some student workers to feel their wallets are emptying just as quickly as gas prices are rising.

The price of gasoline is at an alltime high and, with tuition on the rise, many students said they are I wish it would just go down," changing the way they approach Lankin said. summer classes and jobs.

Some also are canceling summer

Student Jason Keeble, Bookstore employee, said gas prices are ridiculous.

'We are pretty much held hostage by [gas]," he said. "We can't go on vacation or do some of the fun things we usually would do."

Keeble said he planned to go to Ft. Cobb Lake with friends over Memorial Day weekend, but the short trip was canceled because of the high cost of gasoline.

Keeble lives in Midwest City and spends around \$40 in gas a week,

Wellness Center assistant Cayla Lankin said she, too, is cutting back on her spending although she still plans to travel to New York toward to end of the summer to visit

"Gas is getting really expensive. Norman be-

"We are pretty much held hostage by [gas]. We can't go on vacation or do some of the fun things we usually would do."

-Jason Keeble Student Bookstore Employee

Bookstore employee Sara Hill said although she lives a mile away from the college, rising gas prices are keeping her close to home.

She said she was going to attend the University of Central Oklahoma to work toward a second degree, but had a change of plans due to high fuel prices.

"I was going to transfer to UCO [this fall], but with gas being so high, I am going to stay at OCCC until I finish the degree here," Hill

Hill said expensive gas is slightly cutting back her fun and socializ-

"I definitely don't go downtown as much anymore," Hill said. "I just go straight to work and back

Library employee Megan Williams said her area lost an employee who lives in

Building, lab operating hours set for summer

By Chris Lusk **Editor**

ewer students Fewer state using the college during the summer semester, but building and lab hours will remain mostly the same.

The Main Building

will be open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, according to the college website.

The college will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays, except for special events said Safety and Security Coordinator Keith

Bourque.

The college library will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., he said.

During the week, the library is open from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday,

Bourque said.

The Testing Center will be open 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, said Jim Ellis, director of Testing and Assessment Services.

According to the college website, the cam-

pus labs and centers' hours are nearly unchanged.

The Math Lab will open from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

Both the Biological and Physical Sciences

Centers will open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

The Accounting Lab will be available four days of the week, from 9:45 a.m. to 8:15 p.m.

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Editorial and Opinion _____

Editorial

Alternatives exist for summer gas prices

For the students and teachers who opted out of the three month summer holiday for a quick, three-week summer escape after the spring semester, welcome back —summer school is now in session.

The summeresque weather can be enjoyed along side sounds of humming air conditioners, elementary school-aged children enjoying their retreat from long division and sighs of reluctant acceptance from motorists at gas

With fuel prices reaching record prices day after day, drivers consistantly find themselves pinned against the wall with few alternatives but to reach for the pump.

However, alternatives are available — you just have to step out of your car to see them.

If you cannot afford to purchase a new hybrid car or convert your current automobile to run off of bio-diesel fuel, don't worry.

There are still other options you can look to for saving your money and fewer trips to the gas pump.

Find other students who live in your area and organize a carpool to school.

Each passenger will not only save money but will also save sanity trying to find an open space in the school parking lot.

If you are making a trip down to the corner market, why not walk, ride a bicycle, skateboard, unicycle, take a horse or any other fuelfree method of transportation?

Walking a mile can seem as though it could take forever, but if you have 10 minutes to spare but no fuel to spare to run your car, that 10 minutes may not seem too long afterall.

Oklahoma City has a mass transit system if your daily travels are taking you across town. Log onto www.gometro.org to find out bus routes, times and fees.

The summer commute should not put you into the poorhouse after visiting the gas pump. Many options are available to help drivers save money at the gas.

It just takes a bit of effort to find out how you can change your habits without completely changing your lifestyle.

-Brian Schroeder Staff Writer

Comments? Opinions? Let us know! E-mail us at

Bill provides college grads incentive to serve country

To the editor:

The Roosevelt Scholars Act of 2008 creates an elite graduate school scholarship program with a unique payback our country in missioncritical federal jobs.

The Roosevelt Scholars Act would establish a nonprofit foundation to manage the scholarship program and award scholarships to graduate school students.

Recipients would receive tuition, support for room and board, and a stipend for each year they are enrolled in graduate school programs consistent with a list of approved mission-critical occupations.

graduation. Upon Roosevelt Scholars would be required to serve from three to five years of federal service.

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is facing a hiring crisis. public service opportu-Nearly 193,000 missioncritical federal jobs need to be filled by September

Tens of thousands of a commitment to serve jobs in law, security and enforcement, public health, science, engineering and accounting will be available.

> A 2007 Partnership for Public Service report, Making the Difference: A Blueprint for Matching University Students with Federal Opportunities called on Congress to establish a national scholarship program to persuade talented young people to enter federal service.

At the same time, the Partnership launched the nation-wide public education campaign, Making the Difference, on more than 600 college and university campuses that are The federal government committed to promoting

by Mark Parisi

nities among their students.

For more information visit www.makingthe difference.org.

> —Kristin Esham Partnership for **Public Service**

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Comments and Reviews

'Sex and the City' a hit in theaters after long wait

What can be said about too funny. "Sex and the City?"

You are either a fan of this show or you're not.

Reunion movies are usually not well done, and only put out there to reignite the fans interest in reruns for residuals.

SATC was not one of those movies. This film stands on its own two \$550, blue satin, Manolo Blahnik stilettos.

The film begins by reintroducing the audience to Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Samantha (Kim Cattrall), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) and sweet Charlotte (Kristin Davis).

Writer Michael Patrick King then fills us in on 10 years of lost time since we last saw the beloved four-

It was like getting a catchup letter from a best friend.

Charlotte and Harry (Evan Handler) are still blissfully happy, and have an adopted daughter, Lily.

Miranda and Steve (David Eigenberg) still live in Brooklyn and have only one child, Brady (Joseph Pupo).

Samantha moved to Hollywood to be with Smith Jerrod (Jason Lewis) and handle his career. She is attempting to be domestic, but finding it a difficult role to maintain. Enter the oversexed new neighbor, Dante' (Gilles Marini), who showers nude on the porch, and invites Samantha to join him.

Carrie and 'Big', who finally has a name, John Preston (Chris Noth), are still together and in love.

Fans of the show will have to see the movie for the rest of the plot.

The most wonderful asset of the movie is that the characters remain true to

Miranda is her usual bitchy self.

Samantha has her mind on all things sexual and expensive. A classy looker with the mouth of a sailor, her pre-wedding toast is

Charlotte is the wideeved optimist about true love but obsessive about everything else. She tries to exist on pudding and bottled water brought from home when the girls are on vacation because they are, "in Mexico", as she whispers in her naïve way.

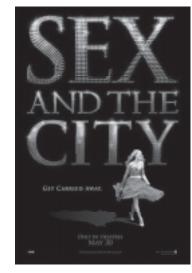
Carrie is writing for Vogue magazine. Her voiceover tells the story from her point of view.

Wonderfully familiar faces appear in the characters of Enid (Candace Bergen) Carries' boss; Magda (Lynn Cohen), Miranda's' housekeeper; Stanford Blatch (Willie Garson) Carrie's gay friend; and Anthony (Mario Cantone), the girls' gay party-planner friend.

A delightful exchange between Stanford and Anthony at a New Years party was unexpected. After years of catty remarks about each other...well, fans will be surprised.

As for the fashion, it is remarkable. Even Miranda breaks out of her plain self image to dress 'funky' in this

The clever exchange of humor between the characters



The same magic exists as did on the small screen.

Some fans may be surprised at the great deal of sex and nudity, but it is done in good taste and is intricate to the theme.

These four friends sharing their lives and loves still proves to be the perfect formula for box office success.

The viewers laughed and cried. Yes, even the men who were dragged to the theater by their wives and girlfriends.

Bring lots of tissues. This is THE chick flick of the year.

Rating: A —Cynthia Praefke

Staff Writer is as entertaining as ever. 'Hamburger' discovers top burgers in nation

If the price of gas deters your summer plans, spend \$12.99 on the book and DVD combo "Hamburger America".

Author and producer, George Motz chose an unusual subject to film and write about. Motz traveled from coast to coast looking for the best hamburgers in America.

The DVD became so popular that Motz went on a mission to travel America in search of the best burger and write about his adven-

In his book, also named "Hamburger America", $Motz\, describes\, in\, detail\, 100$ of the finest, and most unique burgers in the na-

Whether delighting in a butter-laden burger from the Wisconsin farmlands, or a Georgia goober burger (yes; peanut butter on beef) Motz's description of his experience made this book and the accompanying film enjovable.

One burger place that appears in both the film and the book is the "Billy Goat"



Q. Even though it is against the law, I still see students and professors smoking within the prohibited areas outside near the doorways. I have informed security guards in the past of this nuisance, only to be told it is everyone's responsibility. Why is this?

A. We are not the smoking police. If we witness someone breaking the law, we will address it.

-Keith Bourque **Campus Safety and Security officer**

Q. I want to submit a letter to the Pioneer. How do I do that and when does the Pioneer have to have it by?

A. Letters to the editor can be submitted in a couple ways. One is to bring a typed or hand-written version to the Pioneer office, located on the second floor of the Main Building. The other way is to submit one via e-mail at editor@occc.edu. All letters, however, must include contact information such as full name, title and phone number. Letters are edited for length and libel.

-Richard Hall Pioneer Lab assistant

Q. Does the bookstore offer a buyback for the summer semester?

A. Yes, the bookstore holds a book buyback period from July 23 to 25.

> -Brenda Reinke **Bookstore Director**

Q. When is the last day to drop summer classes? A. The last day to withdraw with a refund is June 6. The last day to withdraw with no refund is July 11.

> -Marion Paden Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services

in Chicago.

The owner of Billy Goat is a Greek immigrant named William Sianis.

In an interview with Motz, Sianis said he used to have a pet goat that went everywhere with him. Legend has it that he attempted to take the goat to Wrigley Field to watch the Chicago Cubs play in the 1945 world Series game. He was denied admittance with the goat, so he placed a Greek curse on the Cubs, and they never won another champion-

True or not, it has not hurt business one bit. Sianis continues to sell thousands of his famous double and triple 'cheezborgers' each week.

This is just one example of the many entertaining and historical facts about the most unusual burgers and the places that serve

This is a fun summer read, but warning; the DVD will make you hungry.

Rating: B

-Cynthia Praefke **Staff Writer**

Armed robbery near college's retention pond highlights crime

By Stephen Sossamon Staff Writer

May was a busy month for the library and Safety and Security alike, with an armed robbery and a couple of pornographic crimes.

On May 20, Safety and Security responded to a reported armed robbery near the college Retention Pond.

The robbery occurred at 10:25 p.m. on Sunday, May 18.

The victims were a man and woman who were walking around the college's Retention Pond near the northeast corner of the campus, according to Safety and Security director Ike Sloas.

and robbed the couple at gunpoint.

Both victims were able to walk to the Dollar General store across the street from the campus to call for help.

Neither suspect has been located, and according to Sloas, both still pose a potential on-going threat to the campus.

Sloas urges anyone with helpful information on the men to contact the Oklahoma City Police Department at 405-297-1132.

Crime was also reported inside the library May 12.

At around 5:30 p.m., Security Officer Brandon Wheeler was dispatched to The two were approached the library, on a possible

by two men who assaulted misuse of computer by an cording to the report. individual.

> A library employee pointed out the individual viewing the pornographic material, according to the report.

> The individual was Michael Carter, who said he did not have any identification at first, Wheeler said.

> After requesting some back-up, Wheeler asked Carter for identification again, which he provided.

> Carter was found to be looking up pornographic material on the computer, which is against the law.

> Carter was then advised by Wheeler the next time he was caught, the Oklahoma City Police Department would be notified, ac-

Later that evening, at approximately 7:47 p.m., Wheeler was dispatched to the library on another report of computer misuse on the first floor of the library.

As Wheeler and Security Officer Sgt. Kevin Tipton attempted to make contact with the suspect, the two noticed he was trying to shut down the computer very quickly, according to the report.

The suspect was later identified to be Kevin Johnson, who also didn't have identification at the

Wheeler reviewed the history log of Johnson's computer and found there to be

pornographic material, according to the report.

On May 14, Tipton was contacted by Student Computer Center Technician John Brumfield, who said he noticed a man looking at pornographic material.

The suspect was determined to be deaf, so Sgt. Tipton communicated with the him through hand-written notes.

The suspect, Christopher Smith, was informed about the unlawful nature of viewing pornographic material on a college computer, according to the re-

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andscape designers aid plants on campus

By Erica Tatum News Writing Student

After years of trial and error, college landscape designers believe they finally know what is killing vegetation in concrete cutouts between the Main Building and the library.

Hot summers and cold winters are to blame for the loss of plants in the planters.

"The chemicals used for melting the ice in the ground during winter months run down into the concrete cutouts, penetrating the soil," said Gary Phillips, Building and Campus Services supervisor. "Even though the chemicals are made not to hurt vegetation, too much of it sterilizes the soil."

Phillips said the chemicals OCCC uses for ice during winter months prevent healthy growth in

The effect can be similar during brutal summer months when the concrete becomes too hot to proalong with the assistance of two grounds contractors, True Green and Land Care, formulated a plan to solve the problem, he said.

The contractors have widened the square cut outs increasing their size from 5-foot square to 9foot square.

"New soil was piled high in order to keep harmful chemicals on the concrete instead of penetrating the soil," Phillips said.

Crape Myrtles were planted. A Crape Myrtle is either a tree or a bush that does well in hot or dry areas. The Crape Myrtles are expected to sprout either red or pink blossoms.

Phillips said the plan was for 10 new trees, two of which were planted in 2006.

"They worked beautifully," he said. The remaining seven have been planted this year.

The concrete cutouts are surrounded by rock edging, and monkey grass has been planted inside of

mote growth. Phillips, them as well, in order to coming from those annoysurround the Crape Myrtle. Monkey grass blades grow high and have a chute in the middle that usually will produce a blue flower.

> "It's great to know that something beautiful is

ing holes," said freshman Ashley Loveless. Sophomore Tamar Jacobs agrees.

"I hated those things in the ground, especially when it would rain outside and all of that mud would

gush out of them," he said. Another student said she looks forward to the blossoms.

"I'm just excited about the flowers.

"I love horticulture," freshman Nicole Evans

Dean says there's more to IT division

By Allison Woodrow News Writing Student

Computer science students can concentrate on creative fields by choosing the right major, said Information Technology Dean Vicki Gibson.

There are a few particular programs in the Computer Aided Technology Department focusing on using the creative mind-Multimedia Emphasis, Computer Aided Design Emphasis, and the newly added Game Design Emphasis. Certificates of Mastery in Computer Aided Design and Multimedia also are offered.

Gibson said she wants the

"Multimedia and Game Design are both creative mediums...students should have a creative mind and a good foundation of art."

> —Akram Taghavi-Burris Computer Aided Technology professor

students know there is more than just computer programming and computer science to the IT Division.

The Computer Aided Technology Department's main focus is creativity and technological art. This is a new turn for the division, she said.

Akram Taghavi-Burris, Computer Aided Technology professor, said, in the creative side of the department the students are taught how to use the software and be experimental.

"Multimedia and Game Design are both creative mediums. Therefore, students should have a creative mind and a good foundation of art," Taghavi-Burris said.

Both Gibson Taghavi-Burris stressed that drawing and painting are not the only definition of art. Creating computer graphics is another.

Students awarded at automotive banquet

By Allison Taylor *News Writing Student*

Automotive Technology students were honored at a banquet on campus May 1 in the student union.

Students graduating from the General Motors sponsored ASEP program at OCCC were recognized for their achievements and involvement in the program.

Brandon Slover won the Mr. Goodwrench award this year.

The Mr. Goodwrench award is given to a student for recognition of academics and acknowledgment of fellow classmates, instructors, and their mentor from the dealership they represent.

Along with the award he received a \$250 gift certificate to Snap-On tools and a commemorative plaque.

Dylan Butler received an award for outstanding GPA.

Others receiving certificates of completion were Butler, Slover, Christopher Keisman, Robert Lopez, Michael Powers, Cesar Ramos and Mark Magnus.

Paul Maggia, vice president of Fixed Operations for the Bob Moore Auto Group,

ics and acknowledgment of spoke at the banquet.

He talked about the importance of setting goals and having ability to progress in the automotive industry.

He also spoke about the difficult transitions involved in that progression.

Maggia encouraged the graduates to be "life-long learners."

"Technology is everchanging," Maggia said.

He urged students to look toward the future.

Students were accompanied by their families and representatives of the dealerships they work for.



Photo by Matt Bishop

Automotive Technology professor Jason Ferguson and graduate Brandon Slover share a shake during the General Motors Corporation 20th Annual Recognition Dinner May 1. Ferguson works for Bob Moore Cadillac, Buick, Land Rover and Hummer.

State education chair speaks at OCCC spring graduation

By Jessi Dooley News Writing Student

It was all smiles and notes of congratulation as another graduating class from OCCC celebrated a milestone May 9.

About 300 students walked across the stage at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City, closing the door to one chapter of their lives and opening the door to another.

The commencement address was given by Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Chairman Bill Burgess.

Burgess is the son of retired Sgt. Bill Burgess, Sr., whose golden rule was "be careful who you bully today because that person might be your boss tomorrow."

Burgess said his best teacher may have been his father who taught him the value of honesty.

"Keep your word," Burgess said. "If you give your word casually it will be taken casually,"

Burgess, who received his Jurist Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma School of Law, is Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Techrizon.

Techrizon is a software



Bill Burgess

developing company of advanced warfare that engineer smart weapons systems.

It is the largest Oklahoma-owned software engineering company with 300 working associates.

Burgess complimented the quality of the education received from OCCC.

"Our company battles other companies on the east and west coast everyday," Burgess said.

"We often win these battles, with Oklahoma graduates," Burgess said as he spoke of money and the importance of keeping finances lean and mean.

"The most important thing money can buy is time," Burgess said. He also predicted frustrations the future might hold. "It's not always going to be the way you like it," he said.

President Paul Sechrist honored Business professor Myra Decker with the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The award honors a member of the faculty for knowledge, expertise, teaching methods, enthusiasm and commitment to teaching. Decker received a \$1,000 check along with a commemorative plaque. Decker showed gratitude to her father.

"I want to thank everyone, but if I could thank one person it would be my father for his belief in me," she said. "Thanks, Dad."

The graduates then took the stage to receive their diplomas from regents Ben Brown, Candy Hines, Robert Jenkins, Alice Musser, Mike Voorhees, and James White.

Sechrist then commended the graduates. He said even though commencement symbolizes the completion of their academic program, it is, by definition, a beginning.

Family members and friends then gathered outside the arena to congratulate the graduates.

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Prof's temporary paralysis sparks change

By Cameron Carter News Writing Student

Nursing professor Deborah Myers understands how to make the best of a bad situation, after a surgery that resulted in a temporarily paralyzed hand motivated her to pursue another position in nursing.

In 1998, Myers underwent a scheduled medical procedure that left her with a temporarily paralyzed right hand.

The surgery resulted in a severed

request of her physician, before having a tendon transfer to fix her paralyzed right hand.

Without the use of her right hand, Myers said she knew hospital hands-on nursing would no longer be an option.

In search of a new focus point in nursing, Myers called the OCCC nursing program and asked if there were any positions open in the campus nursing lab.

It just happened, in fact, that the lab instructor had quit without notice a week earlier.

"I always felt like it was truly di-She waited six months, at the vine intervention," Myers said

Myers took the job and eventually was able to go back to clinical nursing part time.

During her time in the college nursing lab, she said, she became fascinated with nursing education. Nursing education was much more involved then she imagined, she

"Since that time, I continue to marvel at the complexity of nursing education and the energy and commitment it demands," Myers

Today, Myers is never at a loss of things to do in her job.

She has the responsibility for the

Systematic Program Evaluation Plan, which tracks performance data on nursing students to see what changes might be needed in the program.

She also provides an administrative oversight over the University of Oklahoma-OCCC collaborative program, which began in the fall.

She coordinated the ATI, a standardized testing program for the nursing program, and assists in the remediation counseling for students who do not achieve the required benchmark and need improvement in certain areas to pass

Pilot math program a hit, grows exponentially

By Barrett McGill News Writing Student

More than 400 students have chosen to enroll in the Pilot Development Mathematics program at OCCC this spring.

After its first semester in fall 2005, which included only three sections, the program now has 20 sections as of the spring se-

The program is made of sections of developmental algebra, which include elementary algebra and intermediate algebra.

However, the structures

Development program are different.

Math professor Marsha Austin is the chairwoman for the program.

She said she is confident in the future of the pro-

"It is a different style of teaching, where the material is divided into smaller modules with less material." Austin said.

There is less material in each module, and the tests are based on the mastery of the subject, she said.

"If the student does not master the material, they

of the classes in the Pilot must retake the test until ahead, behind or are on they do master the material.'

> Students also have the option of working ahead and completing more material than the course they enroll in.

> "Students can finish more than one coarse per semester. But, if they do not finish the course by the end of the semester, they can just start where they left off next semester," Austin said.

> Lectures occur every class on the scheduled material whether the students in class are working

track.

"Lectures never take up the whole class, so students have time to work on their assignments," she

Although the program may sound like it would be beneficial for all students who need to enroll in developmental math classes, that is not always the case, Austin said.

"To have success you have to be a self-motivator and not a procrastinator," she said.

Students choose to enroll in classes based upon their mathematics placement admissions test.

Class sizes are approximately 20 students per section, she said.

An instructor, and in some cases a student instructor, is present at all times.

"We try to have one student instructor in every class, but is difficult," Austin said.

As the program continues to grow and expand, the college is looking to develop the program even further, Austin said.

In the near future, the college plans to hire a coordinator for the pilot math program, who will have the responsibility to help operate the program, she said.

Mathematics department director, Tamara Carter, and professors Janet Mitchell, Judy Mee and Linda Knox, work alongside Austin and are involved with the program.

All five professors can be credited with the growth and success of the program, Austin said.

Both full- and part-time instructors currently are involved with the pilot math program.

For more information, call 405-682-7508.

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CCC leadership council wants student input suggestion card," he said.

By Elizabeth Valles News Writing Student

The student voice at OCCC reaches the ears of college administrators through The Leadership Council.

"TLC binds the gap of communication between faculty and students," said current chairman Chris Stewart.

The group's goals are overall to help improve OCCC for students and faculty, he said.

TLC is comprised of one representative from each club on campus, six members of the student body who have no affiliation to any other campus club or organization, an executive council elected by the members of TLC, and three faculty sponsors.

"The executive council is elected during the year prior to their term," Stewart said.

New officers for the 2008-2009 academic year were selected by secret ballot election in March, said Alexandra Wilkes. Those are Sharee Demby as chairwoman, Tino Ceballos as co-chairman, Michael Hendricks as director of public relations and Alexandra Wilkes will as the director of research.

During this school year, TLC has been a part of many projects including the renaming of OCCC's halls.

This club's main responsibility is to address issues and concerns of the general student body, "If it's good things or [any other] issues," Wilkes said.

TLC was recently asked to discuss a possible tuition rate increase proposed by OCCC's Administration for the next school year, Wilkes said. TLC supported the administration's financial decisions, knowing other college funds were insufficient.

Stewart recommends OCCC students get involved with TLC.

"It makes a difference; from being in a club or organization, a student representative, or just by filling out a blue comment or Students can apply to be

a part of TLC online or though a campus club. Students also can help TLC by filling a comment or suggestion blue card, located in stands around campus.

Both Stewart and Wilkes emphasized TLC's main focus is communication.

"We are [the students'] ears, we are communicators" Wilkes said.

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One way to save money is to use public transportation. Metro Transit advises riders to observe the following tips to make the trip go smoothly:

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Alternate ways to commute explored

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cause the round trip was too expensive.

Williams feels fortunate that she lives just a mile away from the college.

She said working at the college at the library is a great way to work while going to school.

"Its super convenient to be able to work here and live so close," Williams said.

Students who may need another job to make up for the rising prices of gas can find them through OCCC.

Coordinator of Employment Services Judith McGee stated students can visit the Career Services center for guidance in looking for work close by.

McGee said the staff looks for jobs to best fit the students' needs so they can have a shorter commute.

There's no way to know what to expect regarding the price of gas by the end of the summer, but there are alternate ways to com-

Linda Moussingue and

Thierry Ngansop both take buses from their homes to school. Ngansop said the ride from Oklahoma City is \$1.25 for a day.

Moussingue said the bus ride is \$2.25 from Norman for a day.

A bus stop is located at parking lot A.

Financial Aid Client Services Coordinator Meghan Morgan said she carpools with her husband from Norman to save gas.

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Gas-saving tips

- **Combine errands** Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as one trip covering the same distance when the engine is warm.
- Carpool, bus it, bike it or hoof it All these can save gas and money.
- Stay within the posted speed limits
 Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 miles per hour.
- Avoid unnecessary idling — Turn off the enging if anticipating a wait.
- Avoid starts and stops Intown gas mileage can improve by driving gently.
- Use cruise control It improves fuel economy when driving on the highway.



- **Change oil** Maintaining an oilchanging schedule can improve gas mileage.
- Check/replace air filters regularly
 Replacing clogged filters can increase gas mileage up to 10 percent.
- Use the right octane Using higher-level octane can be a waste of money unless your engine knocks, as it offers no benefit.
- Steer clear of gas-saving gadgets
- Don't be fooled by gizmos that promise to save you money on gas. The Envionrmental Protection Agency has tested many products and found very few provide benefits.
- Take the junk out of the trunk An extra 100 pounds in the trunk can reduce fuel economy.

-Source: Federal Trade Commission

Sports___

UPCOMING

OCCC **INTRAMURALS EVENTS**

•June 2-6: OCCC will hold its Baseball sports camps at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 6 to 11 will be from 8 a.m. to noon, and the teen camp for ages 12 to 14 will be from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•June 2-6: OCCC will hold its noncontact football sports camps at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 9 to 11 will be from 8 a.m. to noon, and the teen camp for ages 12 to 14 will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext.

•June 9-13: OCCC will hold its soccer sports camps at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 6 to 11 will be from 8 a.m. to noon, and the teen camp for ages 12 to 14 will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•June 9-13: OCCC will hold its Boy's Basketball sports camps at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 9 to 11 will be from 8 a.m. to noon, and the teen camp for ages 12 to 14 will be from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext.

•June 14: OCCC will host the 13th annual Oklahoma City Super Sprint Triathlon starting at 7:30 a.m. The triathlon will host a 500meter swim, 12-mile bike and a 5K run. Cost is \$50 for individuals, \$40 for juniors and \$85 for relays. No race day registration. For more information or to register, visit www.occc.edu/rcs/triathlon or e-mail Triathlon Race Director James Hensley at jhensley @occc.edu.

Summer Fun



Photo by Matt Bishop

Freshmen, from left to right, Amanda Oschoa, Bridget Mullock, Jennifer Garcia and Elizabeth enjoy a summer afternoon at the Aquatic Center. The Aquatic Center has open swim hours from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. Swimmers can enjoy water basketball or volleyball, diving and more.

Super Sprint triathalon returns for annual race

By Matt Bishop Staff Writer

On your mark, get set, go! OCCC will host its 13th annual Super Sprint Triathlon Saturday, June 14.

This rigorous event starts with a 500-meter swim to a 12-mile bike run and ends with a 5-kilometer

Race Director James Hensley said there are no breaks in between

The race will start in the Aquatic Center pool. The participants will go straight to the bike race down May Ave. to 149th street where they will race a mile and turn back around to OCCC.

When they come back, they will run two laps around faculty circle to the finish line located at parking lot G.

The race will start at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, June 14 and should end around mid afternoon Hensley top athlete, relay and junior.

As of May 27, Hensley said there were 72 participants registered. Hensley said he expects approximately 150 to 200 participants to join before the June 13th deadline.

He said he would like to have as many people as possible sign up before the deadline.

He said online registration ends June 12. Anyone wanting to join June 13 will have to sign up at the Aquatic Center office for placement purposes.

The cost to participate in the race is \$50 for individuals, \$40 for juniors and \$85 for relays.

There are 17 age divisions starting at the 12 to 13 age division, to an 80 through 84 and 85 and up age division, Hensley said.

The first place winners in each age division will receive awards and certificates from various sponsors.

There will be overall awards for

All athletes must have a valid USA Triathlon card.

Cards can be purchased annually for \$39 or for the single event

While most participants are from Oklahoma, there are several signed up from Texas, Arkansas and even California, Hensley said.

Many athletes in the race train year around and they like the Super Sprint because it's one of the first races of the season Hensley

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

Updated CPR procedures eliminate mouth contact

By Sarah MadisonNews Writing Student

New CPR rules that forego mouth-to-mouth contact were published in March in the American Heart Association's journal "Circulation."

The new Hands-Only CPR requires 100 compressions on the chest per minute.

The motto for these new guidelines is: "Don't be afraid. Your actions can only help." The simplified procedure may prompt more people to help in an emergency, the journal says.

According to the guidelines, "This Hands-Only CPR is only recommended for adult victims of out-ofhospital cardiac arrest. Pediatric victims and victims of drowning, trauma, airway obstruction, acute respiratory diseases, and apnea such as that associated with drug overdose benefit more from additional interventions in conventional CPR."

The AHA still recommends people learn conventional CPR that includes alternating mouth-to-mouth breathing with chest compressions.

"While the new guidelines will change how family, friends and strangers react in emergency situations, trained EMS professionals will still administer conventional CPR with both compressions and mouth-to-mouth breathing," said

Leaugeay Barnes, Emergency Medical Sciences director.

Barnes said there will be no changes made to the Emergency Medical Sciences curriculum at OCCC.

The last change made to the CPR guidelines occurred in 2005.

This change put more emphasis on chest compressions and changed the rule to 30 compressions for every two breaths instead of 15 compressions.

Since the publication of the 2005 AHA Guidelines, several studies have shown that Hands-Only CPR can be as effective as conventional CPR in the out-ofhospital setting. This scientific advisory amends the 2005 Guidelines on Hands-Only CPR (compression-only CPR) by "increasing the circumstances for which Hands-Only CPR is recommended."

Barnes explained the reasoning behind the change.

"Too much oxygen can be just as harmful as not enough.

"The compressions help to circulate the oxygen that is already in the lungs and blood which is enough to keep the collapsed person from experiencing any brain or organ damage," she said.

The Heart Association

urges even bystanders who have not been trained, try to help.

"On average, any attempt to provide CPR to a victim is better than no attempt to provide help," Barnes said.

The AHA came up with the new term Hands-Only CPR with the initiative to develop a message that describes an effective technique that the public will remember and perform to help an adult who suddenly collapses.

For more information regarding the new Hands-Only CPR guidelines, visit www.american heart.org/ cpr or handsonly.eisen berginc.com.

Multimedia class designed for creativity

By Allison Woodrow News Writing Student

Computer Aided Technology has a program, Multimedia Emphasis, which is based on creativity using television, the Internet and other forms of media, said Computer Aided Technology professor Akram Taghavi-Burris, who specializes in multimedia.

"Multimedia is the integration of multiple forms of media, such as text, sound, graphics, animation and video to inform or entertain the audience," Taghavi-Burris said. In this program, students experience what it's like to work for a multimedia studio, she said.

Multimedia Emphasis is about creativity.

"In today's world there is always a client in need of a logo, flier, website, or interactive presentation, but it's the creative and original designs that win the job," she said.

This program provides students with wide range of skills, including traditional graphic design, interactive or web design, motion design and video production, she said. Unlike a lot of other schools, OCCC's multimedia program merges design and software skills, Taghavi-Burris said.

Multimedia Emphasis will allow students to use the tools that drive today's media and entertainment projects, and will prepare students for life as professional designers, she said.

This program leads to many different professions involving drawing television weather maps, zoning commission graphics, cartooning, Internet graphics, photo touchups and others Taghavi-Burris said

A student in this program is well-prepared for all kinds of technology use, as the Multimedia Emphasis program continues to grow and adapt to each new multimedia technology, Taghavi-Burris said.



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Highlights

CDCLS Reservation Room

OCCC's Child Development Center and Lab School has spots available for the Reservation Room. The Reservation Room provides child care from 5:15 to 8:15 p.m., with evenings available depending on children's needs. Cost for the summer semester is \$10 per evening per child, plus a \$15 activity fee for each child. For more information, call the CDCLS at 405-682-7561.

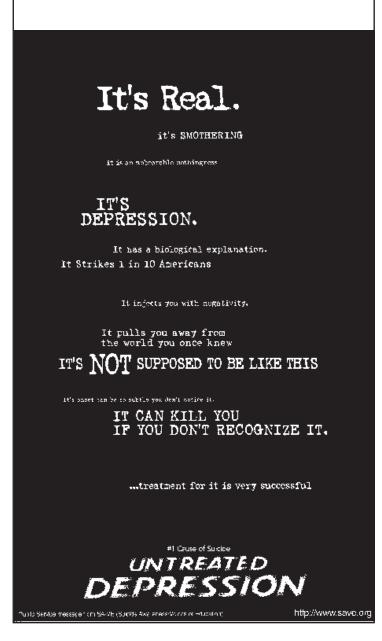
Classes offered in summer

Community Outreach and Education will offera variety of summer non-credit classes. Classes include: Computer Basics, Microsoft Office, dance classes, sign language, Spanish, ESL and 'voice overs." For more information, call 405-682-7859.

Pathways Middle College accepting applications

Pathways Middle College high school is accepting applications for the 2008-09 year. Applications can be submitted until May 30. For more information, contact Principal Carol Brogan at 405-682-7762.

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.



Studying for class

Sophomore Leah Jones studies for a test in the Communications Lab. The lab is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays. The lab is located on the first floor of the Main Building.



Photo by **Ryan Gaston**

Starting a club is simple

By Stephen Sossamon Staff Writer

Want to get in touch with people who share the similar views as you?

Starting a club or organization may be what you need.

It's fairly simple to start one, but students do need the Student Organization Leadership Manual for all the paperwork and information, located at the Offices of Student Life, according to Student Clubs and Organizations Assistant Karlen Grayson.

"On the average, there are about 40 clubs a semester," Grayson said.

To first create a club or organization, students need to fill out an official petition for formation of a club or organization, which are located in the Office of Student Life on the first floor, close to the Safety and Security Office.

The petition must include signatures and student ID numbers of 10 currently enrolled students who plan to actively participate in the club, according to the manual.

The petition must also include the official name for the club or organizaments for membership, planned meeting dates, list and duties of officer positions, election procedures and club fees and dues.

The majority of the members should be students. faculty and staff at the college.

The club or organization cannot be restrictive based on race, sex, creed national or sexual orientation, according to the manual.

The next step to form a club is the proposed club or organization must have its petition signed by a faculty or staff sponsor and alternate sponsor. All organizations must have a sponsor and an alternate, according to the manual.

Also, at least one sponsor must be a full-time faculty or staff person at the college, and the sponsors must complete a contract.

Third, approval may be recommended by the Student Life director Darin Behara, who will forward the petition to the Vice President for Student Services for approval, according to the manual.

Fourth, if the club is approved, it can request a meeting location.

"If they get the paperwork

tion, the purpose, require- in, should take less than a week for it to get approved by the director," Grayson said. "Clubs will get a \$400 stipen to help jumpstart and lift the club off the ground."

Finally, the new organization is encouraged to draft a constitution, according to the manual, to be submitted to the Office of Student Life.

Grayson said shethinks starting an organization can be a great experience for students.

"It helps to be able to form a network of people you can refer to, when you have questions about education," Grayson said.

For more information, contact Grayson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7185.

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Summer hours set for campus buildings, labs, bookstore

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Monday through Thursday. The Center for Engineering and Advanced Technologies Education opens 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

The Communications Lab is available from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon Friday.

The Recreation and Community Services Center will be available this summer for anyone with a valid Cayla Lakin, Wellness Center attendant.

Until Aug. 1, students may use the gym from 6 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Evening gym hours are 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays, she said.

Lakin said the weight and cardio room will be available 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, through August 15.

The Aquatics Center is

OCCC student ID, said open, via entrances 7 and 10, from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; and reopens from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Open recreation swim is allowed in the pool from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and it reopens 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednes-

Assistant Bookstore Director Kim White said the campus bookstore opens at 7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday.

The Bookstore closes at 8 p.m. Monday, 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 5 p.m. Friday.

The bookstore will be closed for inventory June

26, 27 and 30, White said.

The Child Development Center and Lab School will be open 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information regarding campus hours for the summer semester, call 405-682-1611.

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- 1. Dig a small pit away from overhanging branches.
- 2. Circle the pit with rocks.
- 3. Clear a five-foot area around the pit down to the soil.
- 4. Keep a bucket of water and shovel nearby.
- 5. Stack extra wood upwind and away from the fire.
- 6. After lighting, do not discard match until it is cold.
- 7. Never leave a campfire unattended, even for a minute.

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