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Interesting reading



Photo by Ryan Gaston

Nha Hoang, computer science major, relaxes in the college library during the first week of classes. Library hours for the summer semester are: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

Summer aid money still available

June 30 deadline approaching

By Matt Bishop
Editor

The deadline to file for summer financial aid is looming, said Student Financial Support Services Dean Harold Case. Many students may be surprised to learn they still have a couple of weeks to apply.

"It's not too late yet, but students need to apply quickly," he said.

Students have until June 30 to file for 2007-2008 financial aid for the summer semester, he said.

Students can receive financial aid for the summer, even though the funds may not arrive until the summer semester is over.

Case said students who file before the June 30 deadline are eligible to receive financial aid only for the summer semester, because the summer term is the end of the annual financial aid cycle.

Students wanting to file for fall semester financial aid will need to file a separate application that applies to the next academic year, he said.

Students have been able to file for the fall 2008, and spring and summer 2009 semesters since Jan. 1.

"Students can apply for fall tuition up to eight months before the fall semester," Case said.

Jan. 1 was the first day of the 18-month 2008-2009 cycle. The cycle runs from Jan. 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009.

During that time, students can use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to apply for any semester within that timeframe, he said.

Case said it's important that students apply for fall financial aid early for many reasons:

- Students may encounter errors while filling out their applications or may not file with the right documents.

- The earlier students apply, the more time they have to contact the Financial Aid Office to see what the problem may be.

- The U.S. Department of Education may flag some applications for verification purposes. Case said he is not certain what criteria the department chooses to flag, but they may flag them due to inconsistencies

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Test Center rules enforced

By Chris Lusk
Staff Writer

The Test Center is stepping up its enforcement of the rules this summer, said Testing and Assessment Services Director Jim Ellis.

Without exception, students wanting to take tests at the Testing Center will be required to have their ID cards, Ellis said.

Previously, he said, students were able to receive a day pass from the Records Desk and use it to gain access into the Testing Center.

The day pass is a piece of paper verifying a student's enrollment in classes.

Ellis said the only reason the Testing Center was able to accept day passes was because the student ID number was on it.

Test Center employees could manually enter a student's ID number and pull up information on the student.

From there, they would have to determine which class and test the student needed.

This posed as a problem because anyone

"You don't go to work without your tools. Don't come to take your test if you don't have everything you need. ID included."

—Jim Ellis

Testing and Assessment
Services Director

could take another student's day pass and take a test for them, Ellis said.

"There's no telling how many hands those day passes could pass through," he said. "As of now, day passes are defunct."

Students with misplaced ID cards said the day pass was a more favorable system rather than paying to have a new ID card reissued.

"I've had to replace my ID four times now," said business major Adam Giles. "After the first time you replace it, it's 10 bucks each time. That's a lot of money."

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Eight weeks to stay focused

Although summer time is a great season to kick back and relax, students at OCCC should keep in mind the tasks at hand to stay on top of their college schedule.

Summer classes can be a great way to get caught up on a college degree.

However, summer can also be the easiest semester to fall behind in classes, or even fail.

As students start classes this summer, think about this: If you are already taking up part of the summer, you might as well stick it through until the end.

The semester isn't very long either.

However, many students may want to drop the courses midway through summer and are left with nothing.

It can be easy for students to feel the need to take extra leisure time in the summer.

Many times this is when the semester goes down hill. An absence in an accelerated summer course can magnify the amount of information and homework being missed.

Another reason to stay on top of summer objectives is because there is a fall semester upcoming.

It is important to go ahead and enroll for fall classes right now.

Classes will quickly fill up, so be sure you get enrolled early to avoid the stress of not getting a class that fits your schedule.

Tuition waivers and financial aid should be done as soon as possible too.

Early applications ensure the better chance of receiving these aids for money. The earlier the entrees the quicker the aid may be received.

The deadline for tuition waivers is Aug. 1.

Financial aid help is still available for the summer courses until June 30.

It is important to get applications for the fall semester in quickly.

July and August are busy times for the financial aid office and the application process will be slowed dramatically.

It also helps to declare a major when applying for a tuition waiver since the academic divisions determine where some of that money goes.

And, although it can be a tough decision, if you have a pretty good idea of what you are wanting to major in, it doesn't hurt to go ahead and declare, it can always be changed.

This is just a reminder for everyone to give the jobs a task in mind.

It may be easy to forget a few simple things, but remembering and doing can be a big help for the upcoming semesters.

—Matt Bishop
Editor

Bioenergy center gains funding

To the editor:

Gov. Brad Henry signed legislation ensuring continued funding for the Oklahoma Bioenergy Center, an initiative to boost renewable energy, protect the environment and help wean the United States off its overwhelming dependence on foreign oil.

"Like all Americans, Oklahomans are being hit with skyrocketing prices at the gas pump," Gov. Henry said.

"More than ever before, it is evident that this nation must get serious about sustainable energy and conservation.

"Fortunately, Oklahoma is ideally suited to take a lead role in biofuels research and development."

Established in 2007, the OBC coordinates biofuels research and development being conducted at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and the Ardmore-based Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation.

The OBC already has attracted \$10 million in fed-

eral funding to match the \$10 million that the state appropriated to it last year.

Gov. Henry noted that the stature of the Oklahoma Bioenergy Center is likely to grow as the result of federal legislation requiring the production of 36 billion gallons of biofuels by 2022.

"More than half of that amount is likely to come from cellulosic feed stocks such as switchgrasses and other prairie grasses native to Oklahoma," the Governor said.

"That holds great promise for our nation's energy capabilities, and that means great promise for revitalizing economic development in rural Oklahoma."

Oklahoma Secretary of Energy David Fleischaker said the OBC is making tremendous strides forward in biofuels research and development.

"In one short year of existence, we have established partnerships with the Idaho National Laboratory and the Oakridge Na-

tional Laboratory; a partnership with the 5th largest producing of ethanol in the world; and a world-first, 1,000-acre farm that will produce switchgrass and attract the large farm machinery manufacturers to test new harvest equipment," Fleischaker said.

The Legislature appropriated \$4 million to the OBC.

—From the office of
Gov. Brad Henry

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Comments and Reviews

Sandler fails with 'Zohan'

Adam Sandler is an Israeli superhero and operative who fakes his death and moves to America to become a hair stylist. Bored yet?

Well, try sitting through two hours of this plot without wondering what Sandler, Robert Smigel and Judd Apatow were smoking when they wrote this script. These usually funny men fell short of the mark with "You Don't Mess with the Zohan."

Sandler's Zohan is a stud who cannot feel pain. Unfortunately the audience could, and were reduced to groaning at much of the supposed humor in this film.

The image of Zohan having sex with hundreds of very old women after cutting their hair is done in a crude and tasteless manner. The shampoo scenes were titillating, but then went too far.

That is one of the problems with this movie; going too far with each premise.

Zohan's archenemy is the Phantom (John Turturro). He is a Palestinian operative who believes he is responsible for the Zohan's death, so he celebrates by opening a fast food chain.



This makes no sense, but neither does the rest of the movie.

There is a list of cameo appearances that read like the who's who of nothing else to do: Chris Rock, Kevin James, Henry Winkler, Kevin Nealon and Mariah Carey. Since these actors were being themselves, there was no chance of them having a bad accent like the majority of the cast, including Sandler. His Israeli-French tone was annoying to listen to.

Of course, Sandler's buddy, Rob Schneider, has a small

but irritating role as a Palestinian cab driver.

With its ethnic stereotypes, old lady sex, hacky-sacking a cat and a half-hearted attempt at a love story, there was not much to laugh at. The audience was too busy getting over one offense when it was slapped with another.

Other than the "let's-all-get-along" theme, this movie has few redeeming qualities.

Save yourself. Don't mess with the "Zohan" movie.

Rating: D

—Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

'Young At Heart' an honest film

Ten minutes into "Young At Heart", the audience was laughing, at the end, many were dabbing the tears away. This was one of the most honestly human pieces to be released in a while because it follows the lives of a group of elderly men and women who travel all over the world performing, as a cover group for rock bands. Yes, you heard elderly and rock band in the same sentence.

The word elderly, in this case, means people between the ages of 70 and 92, not just new retirees looking for something to occupy their time.

Music Director Bob Cilman, 53, started the group 25 years ago in Northampton, Mass. The

premise behind the original chorus was to provide a vehicle for fun-loving seniors who enjoyed singing. The idea became so popular that "Young at Heart" began touring the United States, and eventually Europe.

The members of the Young at Heart chorus and their director are dedicated to bringing the best in entertainment to their audiences, and they do exactly that.

Their video cover of the Ramones' "I Wanna Be Sedated" is hilarious.

Then there is also an emotional tribute to a fallen friend in "Nothing Compares to You."

The most heart-rending scene is when Fred Knittle, oxygen tank in tow, has to remain seated while he

sings "Fix You," by Cold Play. The song was originally set to be a duet with another long-time member of the group, but the gentleman died during the week before the show.

Knittle's still strong voice, and the overwhelming emotion of the circumstance brought on tears from even the toughest viewer.

While this well produced Fox searchlight film may not appeal to children, the adult audience will find much to enjoy.

This movie is a true example of real people experiencing real life and providing real entertainment.

Rating: A

—Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

Counselor's Corner

An underlying assumption of education is that it teaches one to think. Unfortunately, teaching and learning are easier when thought is disengaged. To be here at OCCC this summer means that you have come through a long journey in the classroom. Some of you have been in college for a while, but some of you may just be beginning the pursuit of higher learning. This column is for you both.

Critical thinking is an underutilized skill that some may not have developed for a variety of reasons. For one, it is easier to simply memorize and give back what your teachers have told you. We all learn to memorize things from a young age, and the ability to memorize is a good thing.

After all, how would we get home each day, call our friends or complete any of the necessary daily tasks of life if we couldn't remember them from day to day? However, the pursuit of knowledge and truth requires higher thought processes than just memorization.

Some of your teachers may have taught you that the best way to survive in the classroom is to simply memorize and not question things. It is easier, from that perspective, to hand out information and to assess it. We can simply hand out lists and then match your responses to see if you hand it all back on a test. Neither party has to work terribly hard to get through that process. The best way to handle this expectation is really to just roll with it.

The real acquisition of knowledge, however, isn't that simple or painless. Real learning requires you to think differently, to look at the world through new lenses, and to pose questions about possibilities.

While learning new things—or old things in a different way—shouldn't be as painful as, say, a root canal without drugs, learning is uncomfortable. It takes us out of our everyday routine and way of thinking and forces us to the edge of our chairs wanting to know more. It makes us look at the world as a novel kind of fruit ripe for the harvest. It makes us think critically.

The general education courses you're required to take for your degree take you through this process. These classes do not emphasize what you are to learn as much as they emphasize how you are to learn it.

Thinking and processing at higher levels will give your brain a workout. You will be tired at the end of the day, yet eager for more. If you would like to learn more about critical thinking and problem solving skills, please visit www.occc.edu/support/StudySkills.html, or contact the Learning Support specialist at 405-682-7544. Thinking is a skill, and we can help you find ways to improve on it. Come in and learn more at Student Support Services.

—Mary Turner
Student Support Services

Students have opportunity to tour colleges

Free tours have 20 openings

By Dillon Hart
Staff Writer

Students considering transferring to the University of Oklahoma or the University of Central Oklahoma may find help through the OCCC Transfer Center.

This month, the Transfer Center will take students on tours organized by the universities.

UCO will hold two tours, one the morning of June 17, and one the afternoon of June 25.

OU will hold one the afternoon of June 19.

Leslie Jones, coordinator of Transfer and Distance Advising, said the tours are free and can take anywhere from 90 minutes to three hours, depending on the size of the group. Parents do not usually go along with the students.

Jones said the tours will address almost any issue of concern to students.

"It gives them an opportunity to see the entire campus, see the cafeteria area, get to talk to a variety of people, recruiters, admissions officers, financial aid officers," she said.

"At OU, they even get to have a one-on-one meeting with someone within their chosen degree field," she said.

She said the tours are for students who have chosen a career path, as well as those who have no idea.

"We just talk about what's going to be the best for their money," Jones said. "I've had many [students] who wanted to go to OU because of the football team or because their grandfather went there."

"But after the tour, they just felt like it wasn't the place for them."

"And then they would choose to go on the UCO tour and then find that that was the fit for them."

Jones said students on the UCO tour may be admitted while on campus.

Each tour offers 20 slots to current or recently graduated students. Jones expects the summer tours to have many available slots.

Since the Transfer Center started leading the tours in October 2007, they have been very successful, she said.

"We've already had over 150 students participate... and we have offered a total of 17 tours."

Of these 17 tours, participating schools have included OU, UCO, Southern Nazarene University, the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City University, and Oklahoma State University.

Jones said students can find information about the tours through posters and flyers on campus, as well as on OCCC's website, www.occc.edu.

"[Students] can call me, they can e-mail me; they can stop by... and I'll get them signed up for it," she said.

Jones said the upcoming fall tours will hopefully include five to 10 different schools.

The schools are chosen based on student requests, she said.

"I definitely encourage students to sign up... I think it will help ease a lot of their fears," she said.

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Tomorrow's leaders, today



Photo by Cynthia Praefke

Left to right: back: Ryan Crow, Sande Jarrett, Bachir Mahomad, John Henson. Left to right: front: Shema Yearby, Sharee Demby, Tino Cevallos. An exciting summer awaits the OCCC participants in the Greater Grads Summer Internship program. What began with the kick-off luncheon at the Skirvin Hilton in downtown Oklahoma City and continues through June, the interns will network with their peers and business people from the Oklahoma area.

Greater Grads shows benefits of working in state

By Alexandra Ingram
News Writing Student

The goal of the Greater Grads Program is to show students many of the reasons why they should stay and work in Oklahoma.

Joyce Burch, manager of the Greater Grads Program, said, "We really need talented people to fill out the work force here in Oklahoma."

The program was originated through the greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce in 2006. Burch said there are a few different areas involved.

Information about the program can be found at www.greatergrads.com.

The website lists reasons why students should stay in Oklahoma to work.

Burch said many students usually think about going out of state for jobs instead of staying here.

"This program really opens people's eyes and gives them a different opinion," she said.

Following the 2007 summer program, 79 percent of the interns said they likely to stay in state versus 58 percent at the beginning of the program.

Debra Vaughn, Career and Employment Services director, said, "I think that this program is having an impact on our college graduates learning about opportunities that exist in Oklahoma because many students are choosing to stay in state."

"This program has grown every year, and we are hoping that more students from OCCC will participate in it."



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June 15 a day to celebrate fathers

By Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

Father's Day is Sunday, June 15. The first official celebration of fathers was held in Spokane, Wash., in June 1910.

According to wilstar.com, a young woman named Sonora Dodd wanted to find a way to honor her father, William Smart, for his self-

lessness. Smart, a Civil War veteran, was a widower left to raise his six small children alone when his wife died giving birth.

While listening to a Mother's Day sermon, Dodd realized her father had provided the needs attributed to mothers, without the praise typically given to mothers.

In a time when many parents left in that position might have put

their children in an orphanage, Smart kept his family together.

Dodd felt her dad was as deserving as any mother to receive praise for raising his kids and started Father's Day on Smarts' birthday, June 19.

Although the idea of a celebration began in 1910, it did not become a national celebration until 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson signed the proclamation officially declaring the third Sunday of June Father's Day.

Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

What began as one daughter wanting to honor her father, is now a day set aside to remember fathers and the impact they have on the lives of their families.

Poet and writer Anne Sexton expressed the sentiment of the day well when she wrote, "It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was."

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Don't break the bank this Father's Day

By Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

William Shakespeare wrote, "It is a wise father that knows his own child."

It also is a wise child that knows what his father likes.

Not sure what to get Dad for Father's Day?

Here are a few affordable ideas that may help:

- If he enjoys golf, you could get him a round of golf or some golf balls and tees. Or, go to Earlywine public golf course on S.W. 119th St. and Portland Ave. and hit a bucket of balls with him. Balls are \$5 per bucket.

It's inexpensive, fun and a nice way to spend time with Dad sharing in a sport he likes. You may even find out why he enjoys golf.

- Have a meal together.

Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the great outdoors together. A few sandwiches, some chips and Gatorade doesn't cost much, and you will have time to really visit with one another without the distractions of waitstaff and other patrons you would encounter in a restaurant.

If the park isn't your idea of a

good time, find out what his favorite dinner is; prepare it yourself and have him over to enjoy it. You also could cook the meal at his house so he can relax in that Lazyboy recliner and watch television while he eats. The meal doesn't have to be perfect. The fact that you put out the effort will make a father proud.

If you don't feel you can tackle a dinner, how about breakfast? Even orange juice and cereal can say "I love you" when it's an unexpected surprise.

- Take him fishing or to the park to throw a Frisbee around.

- Mow the lawn or offer to help him wash his car.

- Rent one of his favorite movies to watch with him, and don't forget the popcorn.

- Make him a card or write him a letter to let him know what he means to you. After all, the idea of Father's Day is to let dad know his children appreciate him.

- A gift from the heart also will express love for the man who raised you. Time spent together enjoying each other's company, is the best gift of all.

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The number of ties sold in the United States, which reached a peak of 110 million in the early 1990s, fell to 60 million in 2001, according to Gerald Andersen, the director of the Men's Dress Furnishings Association (which, until 2001, was called the Neckwear Association of America). The change of name, and focus, makes some sense: NPD reports that, for the year ending March 2007, tie sales were down to 44 million.

—Source: New York Times Online

Unique gift ideas for dad



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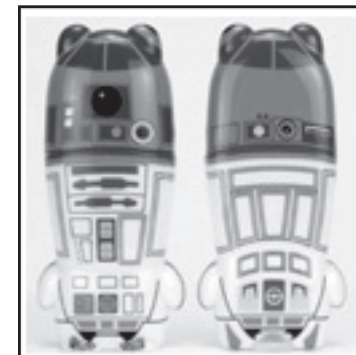
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“My congratulations go out to all those who made the honor roll. You do us proud and you are well on your way to achieving your goals. Once again, congratulations.”

—Felix Aquino
Academic Affairs Vice President



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Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**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. 7786.

•**June 14:** OCCC will host the 13th annual Oklahoma City Super Sprint Triathlon starting at 7:30 a.m. The triathlon will host a 500-meter 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.

•**June 16-20:** OCCC will hold its golf sports camps at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 10 and 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 16-20:** OCCC will hold its tennis sports camps at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 10 and 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.



Photo by Ryan Gaston

Participants at the Afternoon Fun and Fitness camp are eager to promote physical education. The Afternoon Fun and Fitness camp will go on all summer from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., with new camps starting weekly. It is for boys and girls, ages 6 through 12, and the cost is \$40.

Football, baseball start OCCC summer sports camps for kids

By Matt Bishop
Editor

OCCC's summer sports camps have kicked off in full swing for the summer with an array of activities.

Football and baseball start the line up of the vast variety of summer activities for youths.

The football camp was coached by Mt. St. Mary head coach Rone Tempest, who returned for his second year.

Tempest said he used the gym as a practice-type facility.

"It helps to consolidate the kids and utilize the great facility we have inside," Tempest said.

Tempest said he tracks the youth's progress in the 40-yard dash, as well as passing and kicking distance.

Several kids have come back from last summer, Tempest said.

"The kids that have come back are showing more progress because of the drills they were taught last summer," Tempest said.

Baseball was held at the USA Softball complex on S. Shields Boulevard.

Tyler White, an 11-year-old from Florida who is visiting his father Dave White, took part in the baseball camp.

"We learned how to throw and catch with our gloves on, and it was fun," White said.

He said he enjoyed running the bases and learning more about the game.

"I love it," White said.

White said he would like to play in the major leagues. He said he is a Boston Red Sox fan.

Dave White said the camps are perfect because it gives his kids activities to take part in for the first

half of the day.

"[The summer sports camps at OCCC] has worked out perfectly for the time my kids are in here."

Parker White, 8, said his favorite part of his football camp was going outside to play flag football.

Dave said his 5-year-old daughter is also taking a dress up party and beach party program at the college while his sons do the sports camps.

Also, the Afternoon Fun and Fitness camp has started for kids ages 6 – 12 to promote physical education. This event will continue throughout the summer.

For more information about OCCC summer sports programs, contact Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

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Vice President switches to role of teacher

By Daniel Martin
Staff Writer

On July 7, Brenda Harrison will retire her position of seven years as OCCC's Associate Vice-President of Academic Affairs to go in another direction — teaching.

"Becoming a teacher is just something I have loved and have wanted to do again for quite some time," Harrison said.

"Now that I am going to, I can hardly wait."

Harrison will teach Developmental Mathematics this fall.

Diane Broyles, Communications and the Arts chairwoman, said Harrison "will make an excellent teacher."

"She has done it before and, if any one knows Brenda, they know she is organized, logical, determined and always takes care of business," she said.

Harrison said she is ea-

"Becoming a teacher is just something I have loved and have wanted to do again for quite some time."

—Brenda Harrison

Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

ger to step into her next role.

"I am so excited to teach again I have already bought my books for the class," she said.

She said she began her career as a secondary teacher for Jenks and Broken Arrow schools after receiving her graduate degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

From there Harrison worked in Student Services and Academic Affairs at colleges such as Rogers State, Carl Albert and OSU-OKC.

Harrison said she plans to teach at OCCC for four to five years before retiring.

"She is a genuine, kind, caring and wonderful person to work with," said

Susan VanSchuyver, Special Initiatives dean.

"She loves teaching and loves math even more."

"We are all sorry to see her retire but also ecstatic that she will still be around campus teaching."

Harrison said she will miss everything about her role as a vice president.

"I really love what I do. I love my job, and I love the people I work with," Harrison said.

"They are all supportive, accommodating employees, working together to better our institution."

"I am just ready to move on and do something different."

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Photo by Ryan Gaston

Brenda Harrison, associate vice-president of Academic Affairs since August 2001, recently has decided to take another step in a new direction — that of teaching. Harrison said she becoming a teacher is just something she has loved. "[It's something I] have wanted to do again for quite some time," she said. "Now that I am going to, I can hardly wait."



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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 offer a 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.

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.

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The physics of studying

Pre-dentistry major Ahmad Kanaa does his physics homework. Students can find relaxing couches and chairs to study in between the Main Building and Humanities.



Photo by Stephen Sossamon

Orientation course offers help for new students

By Stephen Sossamon
Staff Writer

The New Student Orientation will offer a lift-off for new students at the college.

Student Life, with the majority of help from student employees of the college, will conduct a free, non-credit summer course.

The orientation is an hour-and-a-half long with an optional 30-minute financial aid part at the end.

The New Student Orientation is at 2:30 p.m., June 10, in room 1X5 of the Main Building, which is down the hall from the Bursar's Office.

Students can enroll either by searching through MineOnline, or adding the class via the Add/Drop form found in Registration on the first floor.

The orientation is offered completely free but only is in English for now, said Jon Horinek, Service Learning and Student Life Programs coordinator.

Each session has room for 35 students.

"We know this course is helpful; we've done the research. About 60 percent are more likely to succeed when they start in this [course]."

—Jon Horinek

Service Learning and Student Life Programs
Coordinator

**New Student Orientation
12:30 p.m. June 10,
1X5, Main Building**

"The orientation goes hand-in-hand with the Success in College and Life course," Horinek said. "We want the students to know they can succeed."

The New Student Orientation will assist students with things such as studying skills and learning where important areas in the college are located, Horinek said.

The orientation is set up similar to last year's.

"We're going to be moving a little faster than last year, though," Horinek said.

He said he wants the ori-

entation to be a jump-start for students' college careers.

"We know this course is helpful; we've done the research," Horinek said. "About 60 percent are more likely to succeed when they start in this [course]."

Current students also can enroll in the class, Horinek said.

For more information, contact Horinek at 405-682-1611, 7679, or e-mail jhorinek@occc.edu.

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- 10 Fly high
- 14 Columnist
- 15 Small harbor
- 16 Unsightly
- 17 "An apple —"
- 18 European river
- 19 Sad
- 20 Rain gear
- 22 Methodologies
- 24 Spicy
- 25 Actor Mineo
- 26 Managed
- 29 Owns
- 32 Long (for)
- 36 Writer Waugh
- 37 Western shows
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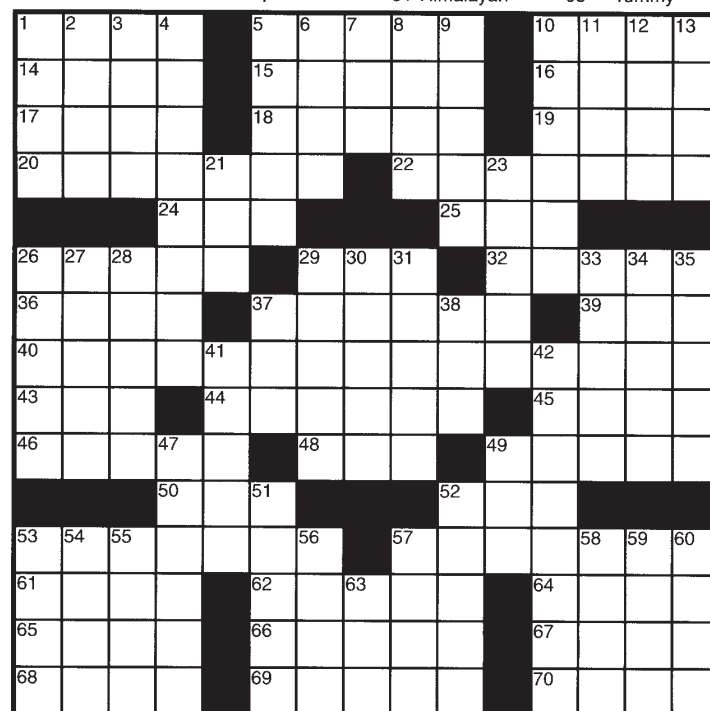
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- 5 Swing around
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- 8 Barrels
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- 11 Flirtatious look
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- 27 Martini garnish
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Professor, former student charged in stun gun crime

By Stephen Sossamon
Staff Writer

The preliminary hearing for a former adjunct psychology professor is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. July 3, at the Oklahoma County Court House.

Julie Bell was charged in connection with the assault on a Putnam City High School cheerleading coach, according to court papers.

Bell, a licensed personal counselor at the college, worked at OCCC since 2002, with her last known contract in spring of 2007.

Bell allegedly conspired in a stun gun attack on Bethany Lorenz, a cheerleading coach at Putnam City High School, according to NewsOK.

The attack happened in the Putnam City High School parking lot April 18.

Bell was booked into the Oklahoma County Jail on May 16, charged with conspiracy and assault with a dangerous weapon.

If convicted, Bell could face up to 10 years in

prison on the two counts and up to \$5,000 in fines.

Also charged in the incident is former student Leshawn Cathlene Fisher, who police said used a stun gun on Lorenz.

The relationship between Bell and Fisher is unknown.

The Probably Cause Affidavit stated Fisher used the stun gun to Lorenz's neck to mentally confuse her.

Bell's lawyer said Bell wanted Fisher to turn herself in after she heard about the attack, according to NewsOK.

Bell told police she pointed out Lorenz to Fisher and shared with Fisher concerns about the treatment of her daughter by the coach during cheer practices, according to NewsOK.

Bell told officers she didn't think Fisher would do anything to Lorenz.

She said she thought Fisher would just try and scare her, according to NewsOK.

Though attempts were made, neither Bell nor

Fisher could be contacted by the Pioneer.

According to NewsOK, police believe Bell was the mastermind behind the assault.

OCCC colleagues and students alike said they think highly of Bell.

Learning Support specialist Mary Turner said she enjoyed working with Bell when she taught at the college.

"She was a good faculty member," Turner said. "She was good at teaching and ... advising."

RateMyProfessor.com, a popular site for commenting on professors, rated her a 4 out of 5.

On the site, several students praised Bell for her ability to keep the class interesting. Others, however, said she was occasionally late and unorganized at times.

Bell could teach at OCCC again, as policy 2004 of the Policies and Procedures states a conviction of felony does not automatically disqualify Bell from consider-

ation because convictions are looked at on a case-by-case basis.

In on-campus crime, Security Officers Eddie Connally and William Busby were called May 28 after OCCC student Chris Collins was found to be looking at pornographic material on a college computer. The report shows Collins was advised to not look at pornography on college computers.

On May 23, Security Officer Larry Lundy investigated a report of tampering with office equipment and

a possible missing item.

Lundy spoke with International Student Services Coordinator Sunny Garner and International Student Services Assistant Michele Heaton after they each reported their monitors being tampered with, and computer units being moved and unhooked, according to the report.

Heaton said a four-page file of an international student is possibly missing from her office.

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Test Center will have few exceptions to ID rule

"Test Center,"
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"What if I just forgot it at home? Could I not get a day pass then?"

Ellis said students needed to be more responsible and carry their ID cards with them.

"You don't go to work without your tools. Don't come to take your test if you don't have everything you need," he said. "ID included."

In a message to the faculty, Ellis said a modification to the ID system was purchased which will require students' ID cards to be scanned when they first asked for their tests and again when they return their tests.

A feature of the new system is when a student's ID is scanned in, a photo of the student appears, Ellis said.

"That way, we can pre-

vent having people taking tests for their friends," he said. "If the pictures don't match, well, it's pretty obvious and they are just out of luck."

Of course, as with any new system, there are potential challenges to be dealt with, he said.

"We have many online and distance students who cannot come to campus during the week to get an ID made," Ellis said.

"We have an exception system in place for these students.

"However, even they need to secure an ID at some point."

Online students who do not have an ID card should contact Ellis at 405-682-1611, ext. 7368, to make arrangements for test taking for the summer.

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Financial aid still available for summer

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within the applications.

The U.S. Department of Education may also just need more information, he said.

Approximately 60 percent of the financial aid applications are flagged, Case said.

There are work sheets and pamphlets to help guide students through the process of filling out the financial aid form at the Financial Aid office, Case said.

The office is located on the first floor of the Main Building.

Students must be admitted into the college before any financial aid can be awarded, Case said.

Students also may want to consider other forms of financial help, Case said.

There are two types of tuition fee waiver programs.

One is a merit-based state program that gives aid based on academic performance. No FAFSA is required.

A committee for each of the college's divisions determines how many credit hours a student is eligible to receive.

The other is the college's need-based family contribution plan.

Eligibility is determined by the Expected Family Contribution that is issued when a student fills out the financial aid application.

Families most in need of financial aid will be given first consideration, Case said.

He said \$100,00 is allocated annually for the plan.

OCCC, annually, has about \$1.5 million in waivers that come from various sources, Case said.

There also is a military waiver for those enrolled in the armed services that

gives them the rate of in-state tuition, even though they may not be Oklahoma residents and therefore, required to pay out-of-state tuition rates, Case said.

Case said 95 percent of financial aid is federally funded. OCCC has awarded approximately \$26 million in aid so far this year and are still making awards. This compares with \$18 million last year.

Case said there are several reasons for the increase.

"We have opened up more awarding," he said. "We are awarding more per student."

Case said this includes loans, pell grants and waivers.

"We are having a big year," Case said.

"I anticipate more to come and an even bigger year next."

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