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With a little help...



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

Oklahoma Blood Institute Mobile Phlebotomist Angel Gross draws blood from Vici Lemke, freshman psychology and nursing student. OBI collected 29 units of blood. The next blood drive is Sept. 24 and 25.

Online student venue said to be 'user-friendly'

By Stephen Sossamon
Staff Writer

Students who once used WebCT as their online learning site were forced to learn a new system for summer classes.

ANGEL has replaced WebCT, Student Computer Center supervisor Mike Reeves said.

"We started using it this summer," he said. "We no longer use WebCT."

On WebCT, students log on with three different logins and passwords, depending on what account

the student needs access to, said Distributed Learning and Instructional Services director Kathy Wullstein.

Wullstein said the ANGEL program is more user-friendly, which makes online learning easier to understand.

In order to access ANGEL, though, students need to be enrolled in a class, Reeves said.

To access ANGEL, students need to go to online.occc.edu or click on "Online Learning" on the college homepage,

Reeves See "Online," page 12

OCCC looking at gas-saving ideas

Sechrist says more online classes one option

By Matt Bishop
Editor

OCCC is looking at altering class schedules, offering more online courses and other options in an attempt to help students cut back on the amount of gas money they spend traveling to and from the college, said President Paul Sechrist.

"The cost of gasoline ... is of concern to me," Sechrist said.

He said students may want to consider taking more online classes.

To help accommodate that, "[OCCC] is increasing the number of Web-delivered or Web-enhanced courses," Sechrist said.

That's just the beginning, he said.

"Ideas being considered include reviewing the class schedule to reduce the number of commutes to the campus, and encouraging students to use the Internet-enabled services whenever possible rather than driving."

Sechrist said no firm decisions have yet been made and asks that those who are being affected weigh in.

"I welcome student suggestions as we consider options."

He said students can voice their ideas and suggestion in a number of ways:

—using online comment cards at the Student Life website: <http://apps.occc.edu/studentlife/tlc>.

—using comment cards located throughout the Main Building.

—contact Student Life, located between the Biotechnology Center and the OCCC Coffee Shop in the Main Building.

Some students already have some ideas.

Kayla Epperson, math major, said the idea of weekend classes appeal to her because it would free her up to work more hours during

"Ideas being considered include reviewing the class schedule to reduce the number of commutes to the campus, and encouraging students to use the Internet-enabled services whenever possible rather than driving."

—Paul Sechrist
OCCC President

the week. She said online classes aren't as appealing.

"I do like online classes but I feel like I don't get the in-classroom experience from online classes. I feel like the teacher is never there with online classes. I do like the idea of weekend courses as well," Epperson said.

Trung Bui, finance major, agrees.

"I like the idea of weekend and online courses, but with the online courses I feel like I wouldn't get the same experience as an on-campus course," Bui said.

Other area colleges already have plans in place.

Students at Rose State College conducted surveys concerning how gas prices have been affecting their schedules.

Since then, the college has eliminated Friday classes said Lauren Hopson, Student Services employee at RSC.

The University of Central Oklahoma also has done away with Friday classes for the summer.

Sechrist said while it's possible to look into the idea of taking away Friday classes for future summer semesters, the idea could prove difficult for fall and spring semesters.

"It would be difficult for us to go to a four-day week because we wouldn't have enough rooms See "Gas," page 12

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Legend of comedy will be missed

The world forever lost one of the last true legends of comedy, George Carlin, June 22.

He was one of the few comedians to become successful without ever compromising who he was.

He was a rare case of someone who became hugely popular because he stayed true to himself, and there will never be anyone like him.

Carlin had long hair, a beard and earrings and dressed casually at a time when comedians were only clean-cut and well-dressed.

He pushed the boundaries of what topics comedians could cover and he fought against obscenity laws.

His "Seven words you can't say on television" routine was especially controversial and ground-breaking.

Carlin's foul-mouthed routines were somehow smart and clever enough to appeal to even the most straight-laced of listeners.

Even his biting religious criticisms could be appreciated by the religious community.

Regardless if the audience agreed with him or not, they had to respect because he was simply so funny and smart.

He might be one of the few comedians to have developed a massive fanbase outside of the comedy community without the help of a movie or television career.

Carlin stayed active in comedy until the end of his life.

His HBO special "It's Bad For Ya!" premiered in March, and he toured regularly. He was in a class all his own when it came to consistency and longevity.

Carlin belongs to a short list of comedians who have mastered the craft. Richard Pryor may be the only other comedian to have had such a powerful effect on not only the world of comedy, but on society as a whole.

To really see how great Carlin was, simply compare his material to that of today's most popular comedians.

Stand-ups like Larry the Cable Guy and Carlos Mencia perform cliché, trite material dumbed down to the absolute lowest common denominator, whereas Carlin valued originality and expected intelligence from his audience.

Carlin was a counter-culture icon who will forever be missed.

—Cameron Buckholtz
Staff Writer

Avoid back to school immunization rush for fall

To the Editor:

Even though the school year recently ended, this is a good time to prepare for the next school year by arranging to get children vaccinated as soon as possible.

Parents who take their children for vaccination now can avoid the back-to-school rush in late July and August, according to public health officials at the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH).

From Jan. 1 through April 25, 2008, there were 64 reports of confirmed measles cases in nine states. That is the highest number of measles cases since 2001.

The demand for vaccine turns into a rush every year before school starts because of the boosters due for kindergarten-aged children.

Also, children transferring into Oklahoma schools

from other states may need hepatitis A vaccine. This vaccine is not required in all states; however, hepatitis A vaccine is required for all Oklahoma students in grades kindergarten through twelfth.

All college students are required to have MMR and hepatitis B vaccines and first-time enrollees who will reside on campus are also required to receive the meningococcal vaccine.

These requirements do not apply to students enrolling only in courses delivered via the Internet or through distance learning in which the student is not required to attend class on campus.

Persons who wait until late July or August to get these vaccines may face longer wait times.

The OSDH recommends that parents call and schedule an appointment today with your health care provider, or visit your

county health department.

If you have any questions about vaccines, ask your doctor, call your county health department, or call the OSDH Immunization Service at 405-271-4073.

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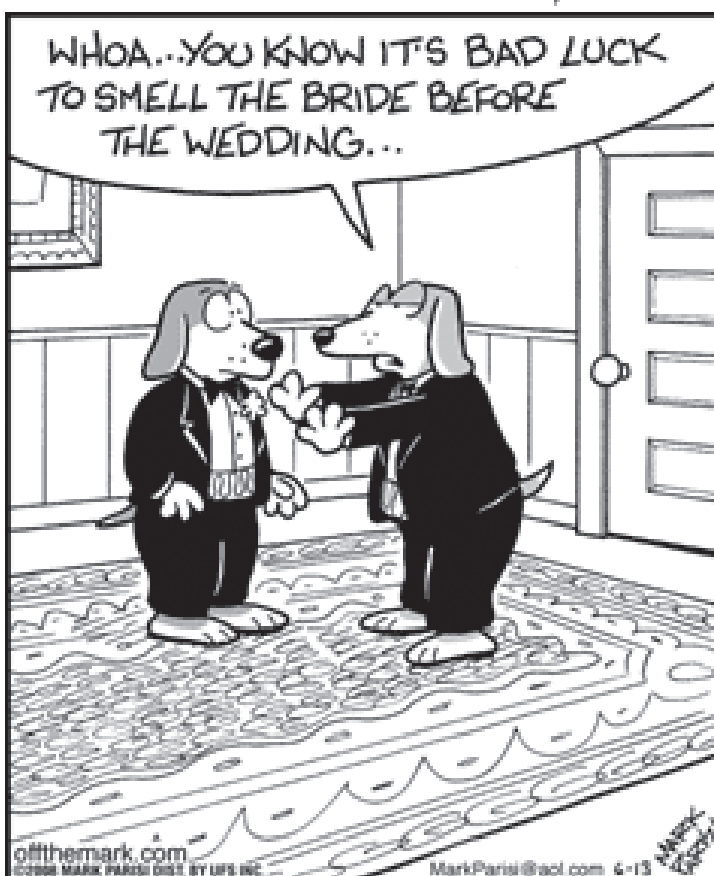
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Comments and Reviews

'Hancock' makes name among great superheroes

"There are heroes. There are superheroes.

And then there is Hancock."

While this tagline for the movie "Hancock" reveals a bit about the character, it falls short of preparing the audience for the interesting story that unfolds.

The movie "Hancock" is a pleasant surprise.

There is a great deal of excellent, computer-enhanced action in the fight scenes.

The fantasy-superhero theme is not overdone.

There, instead, is an emotional overtone, almost a love story of the future.

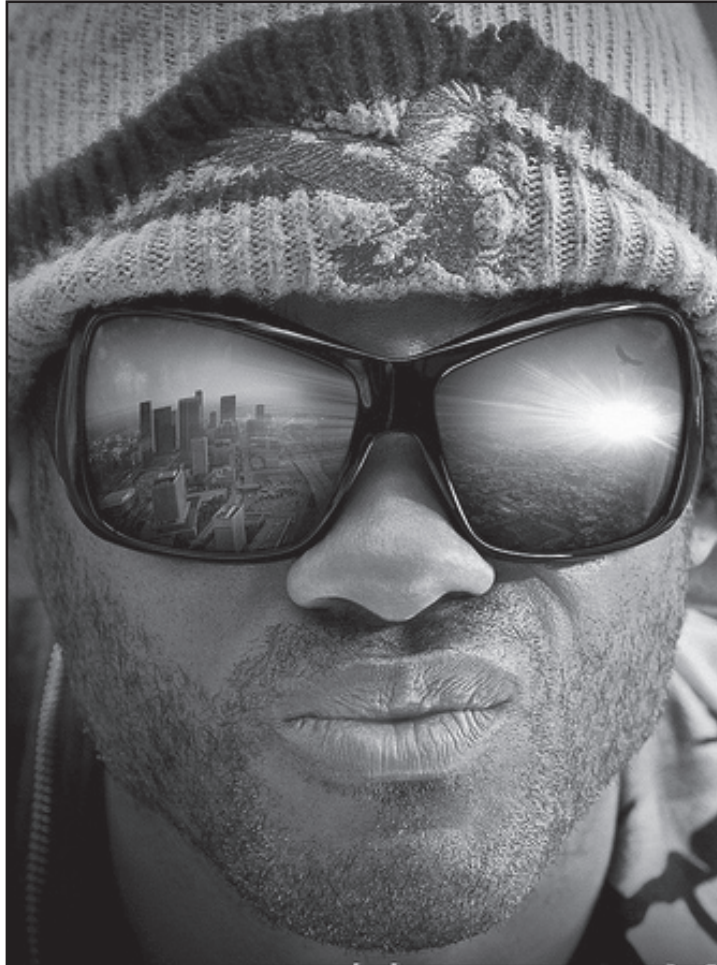
Will Smith, as Hancock, is believable as a drunken street person who uses his super powers to fight crime and save lives when he feels like it.

Hancock creates more chaos than good and is hated by the citizens and law enforcement of the city.

Enter the public relations man, Ray Embry (Jason Bateman).

The meeting between the two is when Embry gets stuck in rush hour traffic on a railroad track, and the train is coming straight for him.

Of course, simply getting out of the car is never an option in an action film, so he must be saved by a superhero.



After Hancock saves Embry from the train, the other motorists verbally attack the hero.

These scenes have to be seen in order to understand why the public becomes so angry with him.

The visuals in this movie are spectacular.

Ray decides to repair the superhero image by cleaning up Hancock.

The characters of Embry's wife Mary (Charlize Theron) and son Aaron (Jae Head), are underplayed in the first half of the movie, but emerge later on in the story.

The plot takes some unexpected twists, but that is what makes this film interesting.

Rating: B+

—Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

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In the Office of Academic Advising at OCCC, we have a relatively new position that many of you may not know about, which is a Peer Advisor.

The position of Peer Advisor was established in spring 2007 and is manned by OCCC students to help other students.

Peer Advisors are required to learn a variety of tasks within the Office of Academic Advising and be able to find answers for all kinds of questions for students. Peer Advisors are here to lend a helping hand. Once students complete a visit with the Academic Advisor, they are signed in to visit with one of the Peer Advisors.

We sit down with the students one-on-one and work with them to make sure they understand the class schedules, course catalog, prerequisites and to use the wonderful web-based scheduling system MineOnline to build their schedule for the upcoming semester.

We work with the students to select the days of the week they can attend classes, what times they are available to come to class, and even locate specific professors, if the student wishes.

Based on this information, the Peer Advisor helps the student look at MineOnline to see what classes are available and discuss how to build a schedule.

We walk the student through the procedure of using MineOnline and make sure they have our MineOnline handout, so they can do their enrollment online next time.

The students who visit with an Academic Advisor are usually very happy to also meet with a fellow student who can explain things in their own terminology and use the same college language they use. It is also nice to have another student who has been where they are and can show them the ropes of the entire enrollment process.

Being a peer advisor is a wonderful opportunity to get to work hands-on with the other students here at OCCC.

It is a challenge to help the students build schedules that work for each individual student to his or her liking, one that coordinates around work, family and other social activities.

It is a delight to see others achieving their dreams of a college education and to be a part of the process to get them to that final destination. Come on by!

—Kristen Hoaglin
Peer Adviser

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Comments and Reviews

'Kit Kittredge' a refreshing flick for all families

Abigail Breslin's performance as "Kit Kittredge," in the movie by the same name, sets the stage for upcoming sequels.

Based on the 1930s American Girl doll series, Valerie Tripp's story of a young girl growing up during the early years of the Great Depression translates well to the screen.

Kittredge is a 10-year-old girl who watches as one-by-one her friends' parents lose their jobs and homes as a result of the Depression.

She decides to write about how this era looks from a child's perspective.

Her parents, played by

Julia Ormond and Chris O'Donnell, put on a brave face and even try to help their neighbors until they too, become victims of the changing times.

With its nostalgic "Leave it to Beaver" style, the story reeks of old-fashioned family values and is even corny in some scenes.

It redeems itself by not taking that concept too far before injecting a bit of realistic pathos or of humor.

The scenes of people being evicted from their homes and their belongings sold at auction, and the events in a local hobo-village remind the viewer of the history behind the

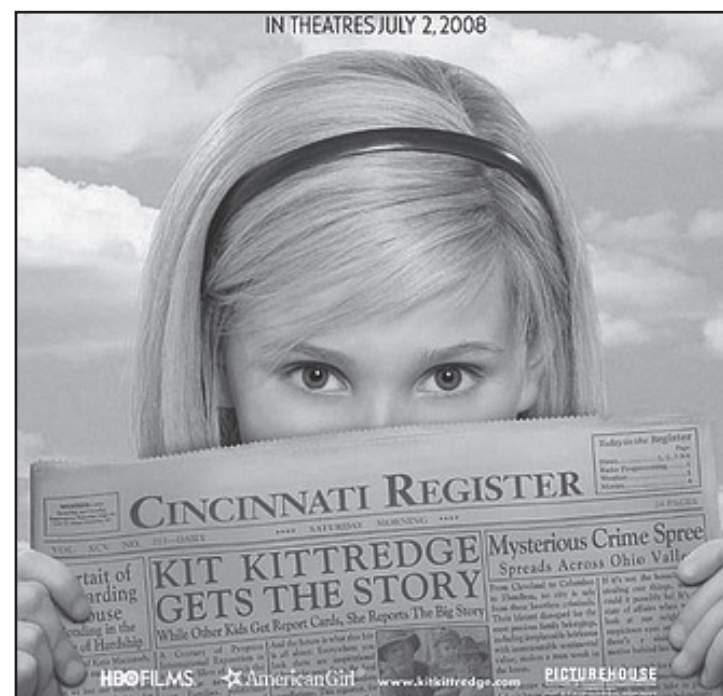
story. The physical comedy exchanges between the librarian — Miss Bond (Joan Cusack), and bad guy — Jefferson Berk (Stanley Tucci), elicited much laughter from the age-diverse audience.

The movie keeps Kit's journalistic mission ever-present, whether she is busily observing those around her, or writing about their circumstances.

She is determined to save the world or at least a small part of it. This is a refreshing film for the family to see together.

Rating: B+

—**Cynthia Praefke**
Staff Writer

**Amos Lee brings back classic folk rock music**

Amos Lee found what he was looking for while recording his latest album, "Last days at the lodge."

Lee started out as a bit of a mellow artist on his 2005 self-titled debut and on his second album "Supply and Demand," that debuted in 2006, both calm easy listening records, released on Blue Note, a well-known record label.

Lee has a soft acoustic sound with warm overtones and happy guitar licks, his music immediately put me in a good mood.

Released June 24, Lee's third album takes the listener on a ride back to the folk music days of James Taylor and Bob Dylan.

The Dylan influence comes through most powerfully on Lee's opening track, "Listen" and on "Street Corner Preacher," two of the album's best songs.

Take a listen. I think you will find his raspy voice and rustic style enjoyable.

Lee sings with soul and has a robust genuine sound.

He uses catchy lyrics people can easily enjoy and identify with.

The CD contains tracks that are comprised of slow acoustic melodies, fast playing banjos and even some slide guitar.

His range of style throughout the album makes for a great listen.

While some songs on the CD are slow and mellow, each one can make you feel good.

Rating: B+

—**Daniel Martin**
Staff Writer

**Historical epic 'Mongol' is a 'grand movie in all respects'**

Russian filmmaker Sergei Bodrov paints an intense portrait of Genghis Khan in the historical epic "Mongol."

Filmed at locations in Kazakhstan and Russia, so remote that the crew had to build roads to access the locations, this movie lures the audience with opening scenes of a Mongolian clan riding across miles upon miles of unblemished terrain.

Written by Bodrov and

Arif Aiyev, "Mongol" brings to life the tale of Temudjin, son of a Mongolian leader, who grew to be Khan, and one of the most-feared warriors of his time.

Chinese newcomer Khulan Chuluun as Khans wife Borte, beautifully matched the fine performance of Japanese star Tadanobu Asano as Temudjin.

Chemistry between the two actors added to the ongoing love story of a devoted

couple torn apart by war between the Mongolian tribes.

Also adding to the quality of this film is the magnificent music and sound effects.

The haunting voices and thunderous instrumental explosions served to emphasize the grandeur of the film.

While the writers may have taken some license with facts of the early years of Temudjin, they remained

"Don't wait for the DVD on this one. 'Mongol' is a grand movie in all respects."

pretty true to the traditions and history the Mongolians.

The intensity of Genghis Khan's life is well portrayed in this movie. His character is humanized and his legendary actions become justifiable and understood.

Don't wait for the DVD on

this one.

There are some films that need to be seen in a theater in order to appreciate the magnitude.

"Mongol" is a grand movie in all respects.

Rating: A

—**Cynthia Praefke**
Staff Writer

Battling cancer, professor keeps positive

By Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

The lighting is subdued, the music is gentle and the sweet aroma of essential oil lends to the serene atmosphere of professor Steve Morrow's office.

A computer looks oddly out of place sitting atop the antique maple desk. It is necessary however because it holds the latest student offerings from the summer session the "Beliefs and Believers" class taught by Morrow.

Morrow, English professor and the man who organized Free Hugs Day and the Advocates of Peace club, is facing a personal crisis.

Morrow was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer.

The cancer was discovered during a routine physical examination and screening.

"I am actually feeling well. Thank God for early detection methods," Morrow said.

Morrow said he will continue as



Steve Morrow

a professor during treatment.

"I intend to carry on with my new teaching assignments," Morrow said. "The OCCC administrators have been very supportive and want me to do the right thing for

myself."

He said he does not want to focus on his illness, but on how he can use the experience to help others.

"I can offer support to other who face serious health issues," Morrow said.

"I think I will be a better teacher in the classroom, because I will be more sensitive and aware to the difficulties my students may face.

He is candid about the impact this has had on him.

"Five years ago our perception of cancer was more frightening because we did not have the treatment options of today, but nothing can change the emotional response of hearing the 'C' word," Morrow said.

"I just thought OK. OK, there will be some changes in my life now.

"My advice to anyone with a serious health issue is to take extra time to consider all available options of treatment," Morrow said. "I spoke to four specialists and read

everything I could before I made a decision I felt comfortable with."

A book lying open on an old table near the desk, "Beginning Again" by Mary C. Earl, is one Morrow said he read to help him cope.

"I would recommend that book to someone who needs spiritual uplifting," Morrow said. "Being faced with your own mortality makes you question things. What's it all about? What really matters? I am reading some of the best books I've read in my life."

Carefully placed on the bookcases near the many books, are signs of peace and diverse spirituality that range from a crystal pyramid to a Jewish Menorah, also signs of inspiration.

"I have to look at the positive aspect of all this," Morrow said. "I am practicing better nutrition, enjoying a better balance of leisure time versus work, and I feel I will nurture my relationships more."

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Professor's documentary movie showcases Okie Robert S. Kerr

By Matt Montgomery
Staff Writer

OCCC Film and Video Studies Professor Greg Mellott has been nominated for a Regional Emmy. Mellott wrote and directed a documentary film about Robert S. Kerr entitled, "Dream No Little Dream."

The winner for The Emmy is picked from a group of three films from the Heartland Region consisting of six states. The other two films nominated are about Oklahoma war stories and Rocky Mountain stories.

The winner for the Emmy will be announced July 19.

Mellott said "Dream No Little Dream" is an epic tale about the integrity of Robert S. Kerr and the great things he did for the people of Oklahoma.

The film shows never-seen-before archival photos of Kerr and his family, re-enactments of Kerr as a young man and real foot-

age from Kerr's funeral.

Mellott said he was excited about his nomination for an Emmy. He said he took a lot of pride in making the film.

"Kerr was a great character, a man with a vision for the people in Oklahoma. My goal was to make people aware of the struggles Kerr had to overcome and achieve to get Oklahoma where it is today," Mellott said.

Mellott's colleagues said they were enthusiastic about the film.

"I am very proud of professor Mellott, as well as Gray Fredrickson, OCCC Film and Video artist-in-residence, who produced the film, and of course the many OCCC film and video students who worked on the film," President Paul Sechrist said.

Ruth Charnay, Arts and Humanities acting dean said, "Greg is all about the detail and the idiosyncra-

sies involved with his films."

Mellott spent two years making the film. He worked with Fredrickson, and narrator Keith Carradine.

The majority of the film was shot in Poteau. The rest of the film consists of re-enactments, still shot

photography, narration and actual archive footage.

The film was funded by The Oklahoma Centennial Commission, Chesapeake Energy and the children of Robert S. Kerr.

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The when and where of July 4 happenings



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Feed your passion for fireworks, celebrations and food with any (or all) of these metro-area events going on Thursday, July 3, and Friday, July 4:

July 3

- **Red, White and Boom on the River** — Oklahoma City's Downtown Airpark; 5 p.m.

- **Freedom Fest** — Yukon's Chisolm Trail Park; all day

July 4

- **Fourth of July Celebration** — Downtown Oklahoma City; all day

- **Paseo First Friday Gallery Walk** — Oklahoma City's Paseo Arts District; 6 p.m.

- **Iowa Cubs vs. Oklahoma City Redhawks baseball game with fireworks celebration** — Oklahoma City's Bricktown Ballpark; 7:05 p.m.

- **Fourth of July at the Myriad Gardens** — Oklahoma City's Myriad Botanical Gardens and Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- **Annual Norman Day Celebration** — Norman's Reeves Park; noon

- **LibertyFest** — Edmond's University of Central Oklahoma, main campus; all day

- **Bethany Centennial Celebration** — Bethany's Eldon Lyon Park; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

- **Nichols Hills Fourth of July Parade** — Nichols Hills' Kite Park; 9 a.m.

- **Tuttle Ice Cream Festival** — Tuttle's Schrock Park; 9 a.m.

Did you know...

- Fireworks were invented by the Chinese. By setting off fireworks, the Chinese wanted to demonstrate their use of gunpowder, which they also discovered.

- China is the largest fireworks manufacturer in the world. In 2005, the country exported more than 120,000 tons of fireworks to the United States.

- Fireworks were a part of the United States' first Independence Day festivities in 1777. Two years later, President George Washington's inauguration had a fireworks display.

- The biggest fireworks display is held in Madeira, Portugal, at the New Years' Eve celebrations.

Source: Wikipedia.com

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www.fireworksalliance.org/

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www.howstuffworks.com/fireworks.htm

Practice safety when using fireworks

By Dillon Hart
Staff Writer

Next week, many Americans will be celebrating one of our nation's most popular holidays, Independence Day.

On this day and all throughout summer, one popular way of celebrating in Oklahoma is by using or watching fireworks.

Whether you're watching a grand display at a city park or setting off firecrackers in your backyard, an important factor is safety.

The Center for Disease Control and Protection (CDC) said the safest way to prevent fireworks-related injuries is to leave fireworks displays to trained professionals. Doing it yourself can prove dangerous.

However, there are plenty of ways to remain safe while interacting with fireworks displays. First, you should have an understanding of the dangers of fireworks.

According to the CDC, 11 people died and about 9,200 people were treated for fireworks-related injuries in the U.S. in 2006.

More than two-thirds of these injuries occurred between June 16 and July 16, the summer holiday season.

Foremost, you must obey any and all local fireworks laws. In Oklahoma, no one under 12 years of age is allowed to purchase fireworks. M-80s and skyrockets, which includes bottle rockets and stick rockets, are prohibited within the state.

Secondly, know and respect the potential danger of fireworks. Always use common sense.

The National Council of Fireworks Safety's website, www.fireworksafety.com lists various tips and methods to stay safe. Some of the most basic rules include always reading and following label directions and having one or more adults present.

Fireworks should be used outdoors only, and water should always be handy, as in a garden hose and a bucket.

Light only one firework at a time, and never give fireworks to small children. Never experiment or make your own fireworks.

These are fundamental guidelines for using fireworks, but the NFCS has many other tips people may easily overlook.

For example, only buy from reliable sellers, and make sure that what you buy is not an illegal explosive.

If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place. When finished with fireworks, dispose of them properly by soaking them in water and then dispose of them in your trashcan.

If you come across a "dud," or a firework that appears not to explode or light, you should never re-light it. The NFCS recommends waiting 15 to 20 minutes and then soaking the firework in a bucket of water.

Never carry fireworks in your pocket. Never throw or point fireworks at other people. Never shoot fireworks into metal or glass containers.

Following these guidelines can go a long way in preventing injuries this July 4 holiday. The main theme is just to be smart and consider every action.

More tips from the NFCS can be found at www.fireworksafety.com.

The CDC also provides useful information through their website, www.cdc.gov.

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Follow state laws, too

By Matt Montgomery
Staff Writer

Those in the OCCC community who have fireworks at home and plan to set them off there may be breaking state laws.

According to the Oklahoma County Municipal Courts, possession or use of fireworks within Oklahoma City limits will result in a \$167 fine.

According to the Oklahoma State Law on Consumer Fireworks, skyrockets, bottle rockets, stick rockets and M-80s are prohibited.

The discharging of fireworks within Oklahoma City limits is illegal. Also, Yukon, Norman, Moore, Del City, Midwest City and Edmond prohibit the discharge of fireworks

within city limits.

However, fireworks may be bought, sold and set off in public in Mustang.

The Wild Horse Park Community Center, located at 1201 N. Mustang Road, welcomes the public to discharge fireworks.

A convenient place to purchase fireworks in Mustang is Fireworks City, located on State Highway 152 and County line Road. They sell a variety of common fireworks including Black Cats, sparklers and Roman candles.

Robert Doke, Oklahoma State fire marshall, said the safest way to enjoy the thrill of fireworks is to "let the professionals handle these products and attend a public fireworks display."

Safety and proper knowledge of fireworks is important, Doke said.

"Improper handling and

For more

Oklahoma fireworks laws:
www.fireworks.com/fireworks_laws/laws_oklahoma.asp

lack of common sense are to blame for injuries related to fireworks," Doke said.

He said there are many fireworks-related injuries every year. Common injuries are those to the fingers, face and eyes. Sometimes concussion damage can occur.

Doke said ground moisture also is a concern when discharging fireworks. Grass fires could arise from discharging fireworks in areas that are dry and arid.

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Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

July 7-11: OCCC will hold two wrestling camps for teens at the Wellness Center gym. The camp is for ages 12 and 14. One session will be from 8 a.m. to noon, and the other 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.

July 7-11: OCCC will hold girls volleyball camps at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 9 to 11 will be from 8 a.m. to noon. The teen camp for ages 12 to 14 will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost for the camp is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

July 14-19: OCCC will hold Fit Kids Camp at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 9 to 11, will be from 8 a.m. to noon. The teen camp for ages 12 to 14, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost for the camp is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611 ext. 7786

July 21-25: OCCC will hold coed basketball 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 held from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost for each camp is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611 ext. 7786.

Do you have a great sports story you would like to share over the summer? Contact Daniel Martin at 405-682-1611, ext. 7440, or e-mail StaffWriter3@occc.edu.



Photo by Daniel Martin

Charlie Tarver and a group of OCCC camp counselors wrap up a hard workout in the Wellness Center gym Thursday June 26, during OCCC's girl's basketball camp.

Sports assistant on staff all year

By Daniel Martin
Staff Writer

Charlie Tarver may not be a recognizable name to some, but as an OCCC employee for more than four years, he has arguably one of the most important jobs here: entertaining children.

Tarver, the head counselor for the Wellness Center youth programs and full time sports assistant, said he loves his job and the people he works with.

"We all feel like a family here. It's a close knit group of counselors that bond and support each other," Tarver said. "We are all here for the kids."

Eric Watson, Recreation and Sports specialist, said Tarver works with him as the sports assistant.

He said Tarver does a multitude of things from setting up and taking down sporting events, to scheduling and operating youth and adult sports leagues.

Watson said Tarver handles the recruitment of volunteers as well as the day-to-day supervision of camps and activities in and around OCCC.

"Charlie is great. He helps make my job easier," Watson said.

"That's why we promoted him to a full-time year-round sports assistant."

Tarver said he loves that he has the chance to work all year at

"I love it here. I like being the one the kids look up to. They all have different attitudes, but I always find a way to get in touch with each one of them."

—Charlie Tarver
Sports Assistant

OCCC because of all the summer sports camps, the fall and spring intramural leagues, and other sporting events and programs that last throughout the school year.

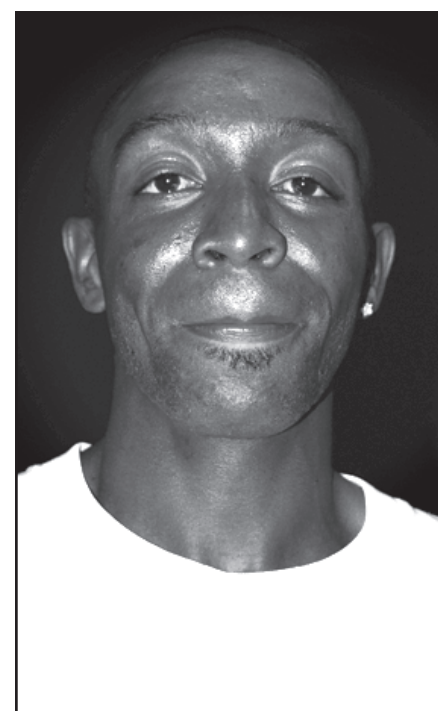
Charlie is used to working with children by now. In the summer of 2004 he moved from his hometown of Richland, Ga., to the Oklahoma City area to pursue his education.

At that time, he started his first internship working with children as the physical education coordinator for Oklahoma City University's Methodist Ministry summer camps.

"It was great. I found out what I want to do," he said. "It opened the door for more opportunities like the job I have now."

"I love it here. I like being the one the kids look up to," he said. "They all have different attitudes but I always find a way to get in touch with each one of them."

Tarver, who received his associate's degree at OCCC, is now



Charlie Tarver

a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in psychology.

"I see myself becoming a guidance counselor or even maybe a teacher, but my dream is to be a sports psychologist," he said. "There is no telling what is in store for me though right now. I am at a good place."

For more information about OCCC's summer sports programs, call Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

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Light work



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

Workers from Curry Electric change light bulbs in one of the campus parking lots. Project Manager Larry Barnes said the bulbs are replaced on an "as-needed basis."

Long-time division secretary ready to enjoy retirement days

By Courtney Knutson
News Writing Student

Sheri Hobbs, Arts and Humanities Division secretary, will retire after 10 years at OCCC. July 1 will be her last day at the college.

The division is holding a reception 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, June 27, in the division office.

Hobbs said she made the decision to retire, so she could spend more time with her family.

As a secretary in the Arts and Humanities division, Hobbs has much responsibility, such as ordering books, collecting syllabi and upholding all university and division policies.

She said she would not want to work anywhere else.

"All the interesting music and art has brought such an intellectual atmosphere, and has made it so much



File photo

Sheri Hobbs

fun to work in," Hobbs said.

Susan VanSchuyver, dean of Special Initiatives, said she will miss Hobbs. VanSchuyver worked as Hobbs' direct supervisor for many years.

"Sheri has been delightful to work with and very efficient, and her cheerful nature has been a big help in the division," Van-

Schuyver said.

"She's willing to work through problems and find solutions."

Hobbs said she will most miss the faculty, staff and administration she has worked with.

"It has been a wonderful 10 years, a wonderful job, with such wonderful people," she said.

With around 35 faculty in the Arts and Humanities Division, Hobbs describes everyone as "very real."

Now, she said she is planning to spend time with other important people – her family. Hobbs' son married last year, giving her two more grandchildren, five in all, keeping her hands very full.

Hobbs said she also plans to travel with her family and have more time to tend to her garden. She said she hopes to come back and work part time OCCC in the near future.

Nursing program classes change

By Leigh Anne C. Manwarren
Staff Writer

OCCC's nursing program is undergoing two curriculum changes involving the removal of math requirements and the addition of several new science requirements.

"We really want our students to become aware of the changes that we are making," Rosemary Klepper, Nursing Program director, said.

These changes will begin fall 2009 for both the nursing and career ladder pathways, and summer 2010 for the nursing baccalaureate to associate degree pathway.

All students admitted to the nursing program in Fall 2009 and subsequent semesters must comply with the new curricular changes, Klepper said. Students enrolled now in the nursing program will complete the degree requirements as outlined in the 2007 college catalog.

The first part of the curriculum change is that there will no longer be a math requirement, she said.

Instead of being required to take Mathematics for Health Careers APPA 1313 or College Algebra MATH 1513, students will have to already have a firm understanding of math concepts before applying to the nursing program.

Klepper said this can be accomplished through either successful completion of Intermediate Algebra (MATH 0123) or passing the Accuplacer math placement test given at OCCC.

To replace the current math requirement, nursing students will instead be required to take both the Principles of Chemistry and Principles of Lab Chemistry classes (CHEM 1123, 1131), she said.

The second part of the curriculum change will be the replacing of Microbiology of Infectious Disease (BIO 1514) for Microbiology (BIO 2125).

Klepper said the switch was made because the nursing department wants to better equip students with a broader, basic knowledge of microbiology, especially with the recent evolution of microbiological diseases, such as super bugs.

As a result of these revisions, both OCCC's nursing program and science departments will be working closely together in the future said Sonya Williams, Science Department director.

"In support of the new nursing program, the Science and Mathematics department will increase the course offerings to meet the growing demand," Williams said.

With no revision to the nursing program since it was established in the 1970s, Klepper said, OCCC's nursing department has been working since 2004 to make the new adjustments for the program.

"With the aging of the baby-boomers, nursing has become very high in demand to compensate for the nursing shortage we are now facing," Klepper said.

"Because of this, the OCCC nursing department wishes that through these changes our students will be prepared in their future careers," she said.

As the nursing program begins the transition into the new changes, some students said they are unhappy.

"I think the chemistry requirement should be an addition to, not a replacement to, the math requirement, especially with the demand nurses are going through at this time with their jobs," said OCCC student, Aspen Campbell.

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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 p.m. 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.

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We have a winner

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Photo by Judith McGee

Students urged to take part in leadership retreat

By Cameron Buchholtz
Staff Writer

Students and sponsors interested in participating in the annual Student Leadership Retreat must complete their registration and turn it into the Office of Student Life by Friday, July 18.

The retreat is Aug. 8 through 10 at Western Hills State Park and Resort in Wagoner.

"We've put together a program to help students improve and gain new leadership, communication, decision making and time management skills," said Student Life Director Darin Behara.

The event is being coordinated by High Impact Training, a training and consulting company that specializes in higher education.

"We'll be doing lots of teambuilding, ice breaker exercises, that the students will not only take part in during the retreat, but be able to take back to their individual clubs," Behara said. "It's going to be real hands on learning."

Every student club and organization must have a representative attend, Behara said.

"Some clubs will have every officer attend while other clubs will only have one," he said. "Just as long as they are represented."

Along with their registration, students

Get involved

What: Annual Student Leadership Retreat

When: Aug. 8 through 10

Where: Western Hills State Park and Resort in Wagoner

Why: To learn leadership and teambuilding skills

Visit: Office of Student Life, located on the first floor of the Main Building, near entry 11

must turn in a \$25 fee. The fee covers transportation, lodging, meals, a T-shirt and entertainment.

"The fee doesn't come close to paying for the event, but it serves to formalize the students commitment to attend," Behara said.

OCCC will be paying for everything that isn't covered by the registration fee.

Due to restrictions at Western Hills State Park, the event will be limited to 65 students, so those interested are urged to turn in their registration as soon as possible.

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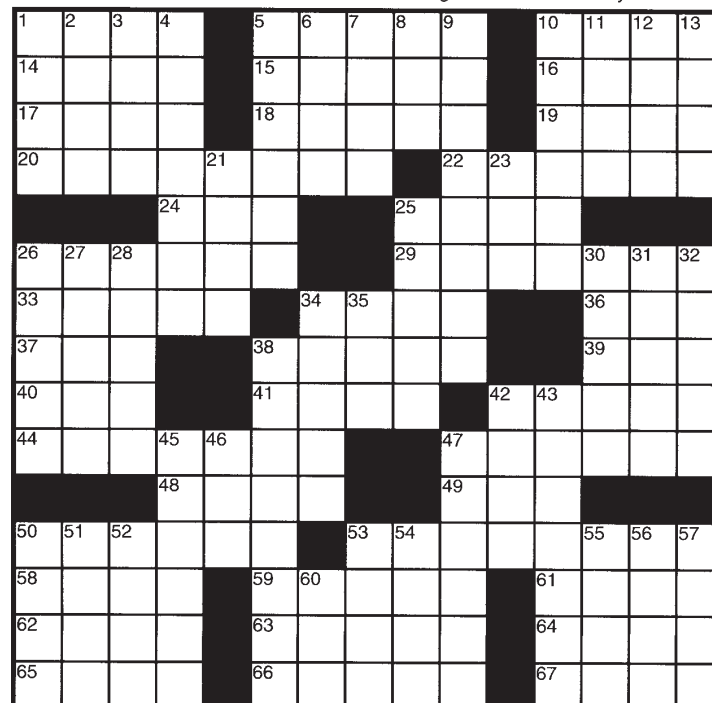
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College car vandalized in spray paint incident

By **Stephen Sossamon**
Staff Writer

A vandalized college car, and a student's car, damaged in an on-campus collision, top this week's crime.

On June 21, a 1994 white Crown Victoria college car, used by the President's Office, was spray painted with orange marking paint from a college construction site, according to a crime report.

"The car is not actually Dr. Sechrist's," said Executive Administrative Assistant to the President Janice

Phillips. "The car is actually a college vehicle the president's office uses often."

All the windows and license plate were painted, and a stripe of paint ran all the way around the vehicle, according to the report.

"Bitch" and "mad" were written on the hood of the car, according to security officer Brent Williams.

Williams said he notified Major Keith Bourque and Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas about the incident.

Sloas and officer William

Busby tried to get the paint off the vehicle, but the paint was dry, according to the report.

The paint came partially off with some rubbing, Sloas said.

Williams then took the car to Love's for fuel and to clean off the rest of the car, the report read.

There also were vulgar words painted on the driveway where the car had been parked and by the backstage fire exit for the College Theater, according to the report.

"We haven't received a quote on the cost of the damages," said Material Control Supervisor Steve Duncan.

"We are working on getting it fixed, though."

Bourque said his office is

working on finding out who vandalized the vehicle.

"We don't have any leads but we are looking into it," Bourque said.

"It was dark outside so we didn't have video of who did it."

Safety and Security officers said they are not taking additional measures in light of the vandalism.

On June 18, security officer Keith Thompson was called to Parking Lot A to for an accident, according to an accident report filed.

Student Nathaniel Blakeley was driving westbound on J. Lee Keels Blvd., in the right lane and attempted to make a left turn at the second entrance leading into Lot A, according to the report.

As Blakely was turning,

he hit Linette McMurtrey who was driving westbound in the left lane on J. Lee Keels Blvd., according to the report.

McMurtrey damaged the front right fender of her Ford Fusion and Blakely damaged the driver side lower cab of his Chevrolet 1500 pickup.

After information was taken from both parties, McMurtrey returned to the Safety and Security Office to tell the officers contact information she received from Blakely was false.

One number was a disconnected number and the other, a number to a sex hotline, according to the report.

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OCCC student input sought

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[for all our classes we offer]," he said.

Sechrist said his main concern is making sure the instruction provided to students is quality.

Although online classes

are convenient, he said, some courses are often best delivered face-to-face.

Sechrist said he wants to do the best to balance between costs and quality, ensuring that OCCC still offers quality education.

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Students, profs get used to ANGEL

"Online,"
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said.

It's easier to use, he said. Students don't need to worry about registering on ANGEL, Reeves said.

The same way the students connect to the college's Wi-Fi is how students log onto ANGEL, Reeves said.

The username is the student's first name, a period, the student's middle initial, a period, and finally the student's last name.

There is also a Help option available on the website, by clicking the question mark on the left side of the ANGEL homepage, Reeves said.

The password is the last

six digits of the student's social security number, Reeves said.

Professors who were familiar with WebCT have had to redesign courses to this new platform.

English professor Steve Morrow said he finds ANGEL to be an easier interface than WebCT.

"[ANGEL] presents a simpler platform for students to use," Morrow said. "Much less going in and out of links to get the work done."

Learning Skills professor Carlotta Hill said ANGEL is taking a little while to get used to.

"I am so used to WebCT. It seems really hard to learn ANGEL right now," she said.

"There are a lot of things I don't know about it yet, but I am learning it."

Both professors' students seem to be transitioning well into the new platform, Morrow and Hill said.

"[The students] seem to be picking it up better than I am," Hill joked. "They often help me with it."

Morrow said his students seem to work with it better, too.

English professor Bertha Wise said her students, who are using both ANGEL and WebCT, have commented they think ANGEL works better.

"It's working pretty seamlessly," he said. "Compared to WebCT, it's much clearer, simpler, great and easier to use."

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