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Enroll early to get choice scheduling

Fall classes are filling quickly

By Matt Bishop Editor

S tudents are being advised to enroll now to get their pick of classes in the fall.

Although the deadline to enroll is Aug. 18, "Students should enroll now because classes fill up quickly, and so students get choice of course and professor," said Advising and Career Services peer adviser Kristen Hoaglin.

Classes typically fill during the middle of July, she said, but this summer many classes are already full.

Basic courses such as macroeconomics, history and English composition fill most quickly, Hoaglin said.

OCCC student Jarod Wynne found out just how quickly after he had to rearrange his entire class schedule because an afternoon economics class was full.

"I didn't think classes would be full yet," Wynne said. "It has been a hassle since.'

Also, Hoaglin said, students who only have a few classes remaining to graduate may find it harder to schedule "Some students decide to drop courses several days before the course starts."

-Kristin Hoaglin Advising and **Career Services** Peer Adviser

classes since their list of courses remaining is short.

Students who don't get a desired class may request an override form from the enrollment area.

From there, the student will need to get permission from the professor of the course to enroll or have the division dean sign the override form.

The form is then taken back to enrollment, and the student is allowed to enroll in the class.

Hoaglin said professors are sometimes more lenient with students who are graduating soon.

Associate Registrar Alan Stringfellow said some students may not take the time to get overrides, although the process is typically simple.

If an override is not granted, he said, students should then keep checking the availability for the class.

'Some students decide to drop courses several days before the course starts.'

Students can check course availability on MineOnline at www.occc.edu/mineonline.

Business sophomore Kristen Davis said she likes using MineOnline because class availability can be checked before enrolling for the class.

"It is much more convenient and See "Enroll," page 12 doesn't take up as much time,"

Breaking ground



A crew from Southwest Water Works continues work at the Arts Education Center, located on the northwest corner of the campus. Classes are expected to be held in the building this fall. The new building features a 5,000-square-foot film and production studio and a 100-seat choir classroom.

Bookstore offers online books

By Chris Lusk Staff Writer

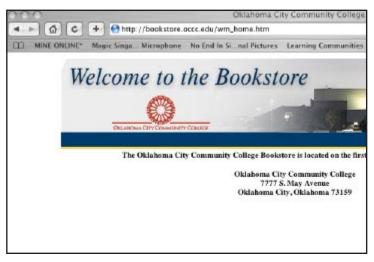
Students looking to avoid the rush at the bookstore next semester need look no further than the Internet.

Bookstore Director Brenda Reinke said, beginning Aug. 1, the bookstore's website bookstore.occc.edu — will allow students to order textbooks online.

"We are in the process of finalizing it to be ready for the start of the fall semester," Reinke said. "We're excited to add this new feature to our site.'

With the new site, students will be able to order books from the college bookstore with a credit card. The bookstore will ship the books for a fee that starts at \$11.95, she said.

Reinke said books or-



dered online would have to be shipped and could not be picked up at the store.

"We have thought about the possibility of a book pickup or a book reservation program," she said, "but there are issues to be dealt with first."

Having enough staffing, determining where to store pickup orders and designating an area within the

store to place a pickup station are some of the issues at this time, Reinke said.

"Hopefully, one day, we could make that happen," she said. "But right now, getting the online ordering running is our focus."

She said online ordering isn't the only modification being made. The site also

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Editorial and Opinion _____

Editorial

Falling of journalism

Modern day journalism is in a state of confusion and disarray. It seems it's all about images rather than facts.

Facts are no longer the real issue anymore. Instead glamour and image seem to be the deciding factor for what is newsworthy.

Corporations seem to be bartering the facts for image to gain profit.

News anchors and on-camera reporters look more like beauty queens and caricatures of talk show hosts rather than journalists.

Corporations are ruining honest journalism.

Britney Spears shaving her head and claims of Obama being a Muslim has been all over the news.

The news should focus more on the real issues such as rising gas prices, global warming, homelessness and issues that really matter.

For instance, consider the current election. How much of the media's portrayal of the election is really about the election? Rather, it's about the candidate's social lives and their religious backgrounds. It shouldn't be this way.

Much of television news panders to the audience rather than leading them.

The media's first job should be to make interesting what is important.

News is progressively becoming more commercialized, leaving truth in the dust.

Power is moving away from journalists as gatekeepers of what the public knows.

Because reporting the news has become more of an entertainment, journalists are more capable of straying from the truth. Americans beware. There is a thin line woven between truth and reality.

News today is nothing like it should be.

The 1960s and 1970s were the crest of the journalistic revolution that swept America.

In those days journalists were the eyes and ears of the public. They took their jobs seriously uncovering the scandals and facts that Americans wanted and needed to know.

Journalists should be more like Hunter S. Thompson, who focused more on raw facts, giving Americans the unbiased truth.

Thompson believed questioning authority was the key to obtaining an honest truth.

"I have a theory that the truth is never told during the nine-to-five hours," Thompson said in his novel, "Fear and Loathing in America."

Thompson had it right.

His beliefs on questioning everything led him to the honest truth. That is how it should be.

As people we should always question what we

Rather than accepting everything as fact, truth must be sought out.

Truth is discovered, not given.

-Matt Mongomery **Staff Writer**

Cultural Arts tickets on sale

To the editor:

Please join us for the Cultural Arts Series 2008-2009, A Classical

Celebration! The series will present eight performances ranging from classical and new music to Broadway and jazz.

Several of the talented artists included in this year's series mix two or more styles.

The Texas Gypsies combine gypsy jazz with Southwest swing, while The Four Freshmen mix pop and jazz into their vocal stylings.

We are proud to showcase The

Romeros, The Royal Family of Guitar, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City.

All other performances will take place in the OCCC Theatre.

I hope to see you opening night, Tuesday, September 16th for the Lark Chamber Artists. By purchasing your season tickets now at preseason prices you can enjoy great music all year and save money.

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For more information on purchasing pre-season tickets, go to https:// secure.occc.edu/forms/

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CAS/season —Don Yates **Director of Cultural Programs**

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Comments and Reviews.

Rock star revamped in hilarious film, 'Rocker'

In "The Rocker." Rainn Wilson (The Office) plays Robert 'Fish' Fishman, wild drummer from an 80's hair band, until his friends dump him and run off to become famous rockers.

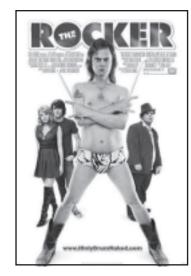
This movie is refreshingly funny and actually has a good plot and story line.

Although there are several love stories, some good music and terrific stage pyrotechnics, "The Rocker" is about a man who almost gave up on his dream because of bitterness.

Because Fish has been carrying a grudge for 20 years his resentment toward his ex-band members affects his jobs and personal relationships. He keeps losing both.

Wilson is hilarious as the train-wreck ex-musician. His comedy plays well against the more serious attitude of his family and friends in the film.

Fish's nephew Matt (Josh



Gad of TV's "Back To You") is a very shy keyboard player.

Along with Curtis (Teddy Geiger) and Amelia (Emma Stone), Matt has a teen band. Alas, no drummer can be found.

Who could they ask but Matt's burnout uncle, Fish? So, Fish becomes their last chance to play at the prom.

At one point the band de-

cides to practice on line via web-cam.

Of course Fish has no idea what a web-cam is or that he is being broadcast over YouTube.

His room is very hot and you have to see the result to appreciate the humor.

The audience was laughing so loud during scenes of Wilson drumming in the nude, that it was difficult to hear the verbal exchange.

Christina Applegate was great in her small part as Curtis' mother.

Her background in offbeat humor ("Christina Who" and "Married With Children") made Applegate a natural choice for Wilson's love interest. The two actors were a wonderful comedic team.

"The Rocker" is a pleasant surprise.

Rating: B+

—Cynthia Praefke Staff Writer

Counselor's

So you want to be a school teacher? That's great. OCCC has many options and degree plans to help you begin your career as a K-12 educator.

To teach in Oklahoma you must earn a bachelor's degree in education and hold a license to teach.

Students beginning their college work at OCCC will complete two years here; then transfer to a four-year college or university and complete the final two years to obtain the bachelors degree in education.

One decision you will need to make is which fouryear university you will transfer to.

For example, the University of Oklahoma, University of Central Oklahoma, and the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, each have specific criteria for gaining entrance into their schools of education.

You will need to apply early and not miss application deadlines!

Let's say you want to become an early childhood, elementary or special education teacher. OCCC has two-year associates of science degrees in these teaching areas that are university parallel.

In other words, those degrees transfer fully to OU, UCO or USAO. Professor of English, Bertha Wise in the Division of Arts and Humanities provides expert faculty advisement for students considering these teaching majors.

OCCC can also provide future K-12 teachers with the first two years of the four-year bachelor's degree journey in: art, business, history, math, science, Spanish and music teaching fields.

Scholarship applications for future teachers are available through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education website at www.okhighered.org.

Click on financial aid then grants and scholarships to preview the "Future Teachers Scholarship" which offers up to \$1,500 an academic year for critical teacher shortage areas of science, foreign language and early childhood education.

The "Teacher Shortage Employment Incentive Program" reimburses eligible student loan expenses or pays an equivalent cash benefit to certified education graduates in math or science that agree to teach in an Oklahoma public secondary school for at least five years.

To learn more about the career field of teaching in common education, grades early childhood through twelvth grade, please visit the Student Employment and Career Services office in the Main Building Advising Area.

—Debra Vaughn
Director of Career
and Employment Services

Hold Steady gets positive in album 'Stay Positive'

Whenever anyone talks about The Hold Steady, the words "bar band" are almost always mentioned. And while it's a bit unfair to limit such a great band to such a simple description, it certainly applies.

The songs on the Minneapolis band's fourth album, "Stay Positive," rely on classic rock archetypes and a punk rock sensibility to create energetic bar songs.

The album brings to mind Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Thin Lizzy and The Clash all at once.

One of The Hold Steady's biggest strengths has always been Craig Finn's lyrics. His songs are full of intricate stories that are both immensely interesting and instantly relatable.

Though this album doesn't follow one cohesive storyline like previous Hold Steady albums, it's still incredibly thematically rich.

The album's title, "Stay Positive," definitely represents the album. For the most part, it's an incredibly hopeful and optimistic record.

"Constructive Summer" begins the album with it's fast pace, talk of drinking on water towers and claim that "St. Joe Strummer" was their "only decent teacher."

"Sequestered in Mem-

phis" tells the story of a one-night stand gone wrong. The song's catchy chorus, keyboard flourishes and driving riffs make it clear why this song was chosen as the album's single.

The albums title track is another highlight. The gang vocals present throughout the track are especially great.

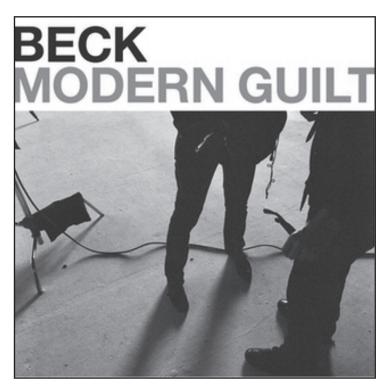
On "Constructive Summer," Finn sings "Our psalms are sing-a-long songs," and with "Stay Positive," it's clear that they really are.

Rating: A

—Cameron Buchholtz Staff Writer Comments? editor@occc.edu

Comments and Reviews_____

Beck returns to electronic sound with latest release 'Modern Guilt'



Beck is back. This time he set aside the acoustic guitar, forgot about the brass instruments and built "Modern Guilt," his tenth album around a psychedelic effects driven sound you don't typically find today.

Released July 8 by Interscope records, "Modern Guilt" has songs composed of synthesized electronic rhythms and others made up of intense drumbeats and electric guitar.

One constant throughout the CD is Beck's vocals. Similar to the Beck most may be familiar with, he sings high notes tied together with bells, buzzes and high-pitched effects.

The first song on the CD,

"Orphans" is a perfect example of Beck's new sound. The majority of the songs, like this one, have a catchy hallucinogenic beat that resembles music from the '60s.

With the feeling of a dozen instruments and a dissonant ambient rhythm, Producer Danger Mouse did a great job of syncing the wide array of music together.

"Modern Guilt," the fourth song, has a romping drumbeat, deep bluesy electric riffs and a classic piano sound that almost makes you feel as though you are listening to The Beatles.

The CD takes a sharp turn with the next track "Youthless," a techno track

that gives off the vibe as though it was solely produced on a computer and on a soundboard.

"Soul of a man," the seventh song, has a soulful sound made up of loud guitar licks, a steady drumbeat and a tempo built around what sounds like a large crowd clapping.

Overall the CD is something unexpected, a new type of music inspired by an old psychedelic hippy sound.

Just add a little touch of technology and the art of digitally synthesized music and you have "Modern Guilt."

Rating: B+

—Daniel Martin
Staff Writer

Fresh vibes give Pomegranates room to stand out in a crowded indie rock scene

One has to wonder why fruits and vegetables have not been incorporated into more band names. With the plethora of animal related band names, you'd think someone would take note of what those animals were eating.

Obviously Cincinnati band Pomegranates were wise to this line of thinking when they formed in late 2006.

Despite a relatively short year and a half of existence, Pomegranates already have two releases under their belt.

The most recent, "Everything Is Alive," shows what the band is capable of. They manage to be fun but never cutesy, smart but never smug, and familiar yet completely fresh.

Clocking in at barely 30 minutes, "Everything is Alive" is ridiculously short, and its breezy vibe makes

it feel even shorter, leaving the listener wanting more after it ends.

"Everything Is Alive" begins with a short, atmospheric intro and then launches into the infectious "Who/Whom." It's crunchy, catchy, and above all else, fun. The song's breezy attitude continues throughout the rest of the record without any sort of lapse.

The album's highlight is "Late Night Television," in which vocalist Joey Cook sings of waiting up late at night, wondering what his supposed girlfriend is doing.

It's a simple relationship song, but one with a completely fresh take.

"Thunder Island" is another superb track. Its tropical drum breakdown makes it stand out on an album of standout tracks.

Though Cook handles

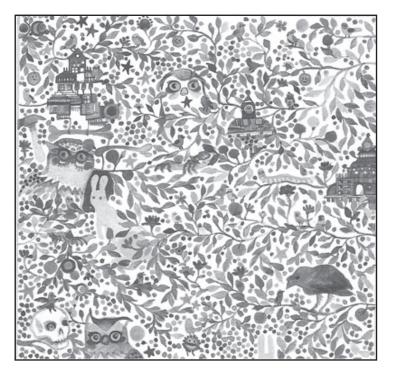
the majority of vocal duties, guitarist Isaac Kerns can also be heard quite often. Cook has a more feminine, poppy voice, while Kerns uses a more traditional rock sound.

The vocalists never trade off of each other, but instead each have their own song segments, which allow them to stretch out and create their own unique sound.

The album has a grittiness about it not often found in records of this sort. Small imperfections pop up throughout, but they give the record character

Much of this is probably because that the album was recorded and mixed in the span of six days.

There's an urgency present that would have been lacking had the band used the luxury of more time in the studio.



The claim could be made that Pomegranates are simply grabbing a hold of the current indie rock trend led by bands such as Modest Mouse and Vampire Weekend, but their strong songwriting and fresh vibe gives the band their own ground to stand on.

Rating: B+

—Cameron Buchholtz Staff Writer

Campus security budget increases

By Taylor Bullard *News Writing Student*

OCCC's Safety and Security office will budget for increased security in the fall semester according to the annual Safety and Security spending reports.

The new budget includes increased technology that will ensure the college is a safer place for students and faculty, Campus Security and Safety director Ike Sloas said.

According to the 2008-2009 Safety and Security reports, the new budget has broken \$1 million. More than \$100,000 will be spent on new technology.

New cameras, ID scanners and general upkeep are all part of the new plans.

The college is under surveillance by 42 cameras, located both inside and out.

Twelve cameras overlook 2,700 parking spaces surrounding the campus, and the interior of the buildings are carefully watched by another 30 cameras, Sloas said.

In addition, 40 new cameras are being installed between the summer and fall semester, he said.

The majority of the cameras will be installed inside the college, but a small number will be installed outside of the building to ensure the OCCC parking lot is under complete surveillance, he said.

Another new piece of technology that will be in use starting this fall will be a set of three ID scanners.

According to the Safety and Security budget report, two scanners will be installed in each patrol vehicle and one in the Safety and Security office. "Students at the college should feel very safe."
—lke Sloas

Campus Safety and Security Director

Sloas said the scanners will help campus security ensure that anyone walking on campus late at night is either an OCCC student or faculty member.

The new technology will make it easier for Security guards at the college to be on watch during hours of operation, Sloas said. But the same number of guards will be on duty as were last semester. Five armed officers will be on duty at all times.

Student Clay Kennard

said he believes OCCC is making the right choices in establishing more safety at the college.

"It seems to me that the college has taken all the necessary precautions to protect the students."

The safety and security budget also covers the lease of two security vehicles that students will often see patrolling campus.

Sloas said the patrolling SUVs are "A really good deterrent for any potential crime." Seventeen armed officers and three dispatchers will make up the entire OCCC security force next semester.

Five of those officers will be on duty from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 4 p.m. through midnight, Sloas said.

Although new measures are being taken to ensure safety on campus, Sloas said, the new equipment is simply a precaution and in no way implies students at OCCC are in danger.

"Students at the college should feel very safe." Sloas said.

For more information, contact Ike Sloas at 682-1611, ext. 7891.

Fire department, OCCC team up

By Landon Collins *News Writing Student*

The Oklahoma City Fire Department will work alongside OCCC to help prepare students who are enrolled in the Emergency Medical Sciences program this fall, Leaugeay Barnes said.

Barnes, emergency medical sciences program director, said she hopes to have a higher success rate on the tests for those students.

"We are very excited to be working in conjunction with the Oklahoma City Fire Department and the community to assist our students," Barnes said.

OCFD is hoping to meet with students on a regular basis to assist them in preparation to pass the physical and written exams, Barnes said.

She said they will prepare the students by using hands-on training techniques and experience based knowledge.

Thomas Bruner, a transfer freshman at OCCC, said he is eager to see what is in store for this new program. "It is good to know that OCCC is putting out the effort to better train the people that serve our community," Bruner said.

OCFD is looking to hire 52 more paramedics in the next two years to help strengthen and reinforce the department, Barnes said.

As an incentive, students who are hired with the department will receive a sub-tuition reimbursement after they complete their education, Barnes said.

New health, wellness plan set for this fall

By Lauren Crownover News Writing Student

Student Support Services is starting a health and wellness plan for the Fall 2008-2009 academic year.

Their goal is to, "get students and faculty more involved on campus so they can become healthier and make them more aware of what they can do to stay healthy," Mary Turner, learning support specialist, said.

Healthy Matters is a new newsletter that Student Support Services has created to make students aware and get everyone excited about getting healthy.

The first issue came out a couple of weeks ago and Student Support Services plans to keep the newsletter going throughout the upcoming year, Turner said.

The Healthy Matters newsletter is something Student Support Services will distribute each month.

The newsletter contains tips for staying healthy and information about health topics.

Copies of the newsletter can be found in front of the Student Support Services office located on the first floor in the Main Building.

This newsletter also will be disturbed at additional locations throughout the campus.

"We are trying to provide as much for our students as possible to keep everyone healthy and help them meet their academic goals," Turner said.

Students said they want the newsletter to reflect their wants.

OCCC student Lacy Wooster thinks student input will be important to the newsletter's success.

"Students would get more involved if they had more say in what is put in the newsletter."

Turner said, hopefully, through the newsletter, students will take advantage of the health opportunities the college has to offer.

"We offer exercise courses that are not being filled and have a weight room that is hardly being used.

"Students need to be aware of the opportunities we give them in order to become healthier," Turner said.

"Hopefully, this newsletter will get students involved and excited about getting healtier."

This will not be a quick fix, she said, but a lifestyle change.

Putting students closer to a healthier life will put them one step closer to fulfilling their dreams, Turner said.

For more information on the newsletter or on the health and wellness center, contact Turner at mturner @occc.edu.

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Campus diversity up, numbers show

By Elizabeth HillinNews Writing Student

Campus diversity is rising, new statistics show.

In recent years, OCCC has seen a surge in all minority groups, according to a report by the Office of Institutional Diversity.

In the last 15 years the percentage of ethnic minorities has doubled from 16.2 percent to 32.1 percent, the report shows.

Tiffany Davis, visual arts student, said she feels the diversity is a good thing as long as the different groups are "attending for the right reason."

"Honestly, if there is no negativity, it's fine with me." Davis said.

World Languages and Cultures Center lab assistant Chiaki Troutman said student diversity is welcomed on campus and in the lab. The Hispanic population has grown the most, according to the report.

Admission/Registration Dean Gloria Cardenas Barton said the number of Hispanics in the Oklahoma City area continues to rise, and it affects the enrollment and graduation numbers of Hispanic students at OCCC.

In the 2006-2007 academic year, the number of Hispanic graduates jumped

from 45 to 78, which is the largest of the minority groups on campus, the report states.

Samuel Campos, a Hispanic student, said he chose to attend OCCC because of the OKC-GO program, which helps students achieve their academic goals via an outreach program.

"The OKC-GO program really helpd with my tuition," Campos said.

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—Office of Institutional
Diversity

Game design degree program to be offered in fall

By Sabrina DuFran News Writing Student

OCCC students may have a new major to choose from in the fall — Game Design.

The State Board of Regents for Higher Education is projected to approve the new program this summer which no other institute in Oklahoma offers, said Vicki Gibson, Dean of Information Technology. The department foresees this public's response to be great, Gibson said.

"The interest has been high in this area, and our advisory committee has been working on the program for approval for several years," Gibson said.

The Game Design Certificate of Mastery falls into the Computer Aided Technology program. A student in the program receives an AAS degree along with a Certificate of Mastery, which is 34 hours.

"If someone already has a degree, they can transfer in and receive this new mastery certificate," Gibson said.

The program is designed for students to learn necessary skills to enter the field of Game Design in a variety of entry-level positions. They may work as modelers, animation artists, 3-D illustrators, digital artists, effects artists, video post-production artists, and as game design-

ers, the proposal for the certificate reads.

"Most of the students are right out of high school, but the program is also designed for someone who has a degree. They can come back and receive the Certificate of Mastery in Game Design. We currently have 10 students who have declared this as their major," Gibson said. "We are not limiting enrollment in this program," she said.

The OCCC fall catalog lists classes in this area, but Gibson said the classes will be listed as "pending approval."

However, she said, she feels certain the regents will approve this new program this summer when they meet.

The first student projected to complete the program, Kristina Seeds, will receive her Certificate of Mastery in Game Design in December, said Gary Dominguez, Student Computer Center supervisor.

"Creating something in 3-D and seeing it animated is just really rewarding," Seeds said. Her goal is to create new video games, possibly leaving the state for employment since she would love to travel, she said.

A love for art, as well as her fascination of her uncle's position as a computer instructor, sparked Seeds initial interest in game design in the fall of 2006, she said.

Once completed, the job market, many times, is on a contract basis with the individual working from home.

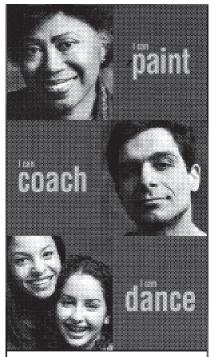
"Local employment in game design could be avail-

able from Digital Tutors, a large company that does work all over the country, even for Pixar. Lawton also has simulation companies for the military which follows the same concept," Gibson said.

The employment office at

OCCC, Gibson said, is a good starting point. "If I get a call, I funnel jobs through them," she said.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the demand in this field will grow 35 percent in the next few years.



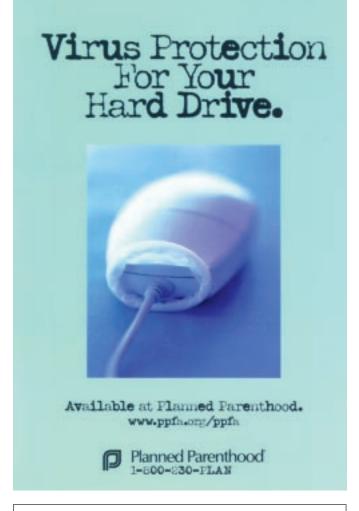
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Oklahoma City has rich sports history

By Matt Bishop **Editor**

Although Oklahoma City is getting its first major professional sports team, it has had its share of other pro teams who have excelled and been considered among the most successful franchises in their respective leagues.

In 2005 when Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, Oklahoma City embraced the displaced New Orleans Hornets.

Of the 70 games the Hornets played in Oklahoma City, 31 were sell-outs.

In 2005-06, average attendance the games in Oklahoma City was more than 18,000 and ranked ninth in the league

Oklahoma City also has embraced their Central Hockey League team. The Blazers were founded in 1992 and have been considered one of the most successful minor league hockey teams in history.

The Blazers won two CHL championships, in 1996 and 2001, as well as nine division titles, including seven straight from 1996 to

The average Blazers game

fans and has drawn a better fan base in seasons than some National Hockey League franchises.

Blazers' great "Smokin" Joe Burton and Hardy Sauter are the CHL's first and third all-time leading scorers respectively, with Burton being the fourth leading scorer in minor league hockey history.

The Oklahoma Redhawks are the city's minor league baseball team. Founded in 1962, originally named the 89ers, the team got a new look in 1997 with the new name of Redhawks and a

draws approximately 8,000 new ball park located in the heart of Bricktown.

> Fan support is always high, and the Redhawks have had their taste of success over the years.

> The franchise has won three league titles and nine division titles, four of which have come since the move to the Bricktown Ballpark.

Oklahoma City has gained an arena football-2 team, the Oklahoma City Yard Dawgz, and even has a women's professional football team, the Lightning.

Oklahoma City also has seen a Continental Basketball Association team back in the 1990s called the Calvary.

The Calvary played in Oklahoma City from 1990 to 1997, also winning a championship.

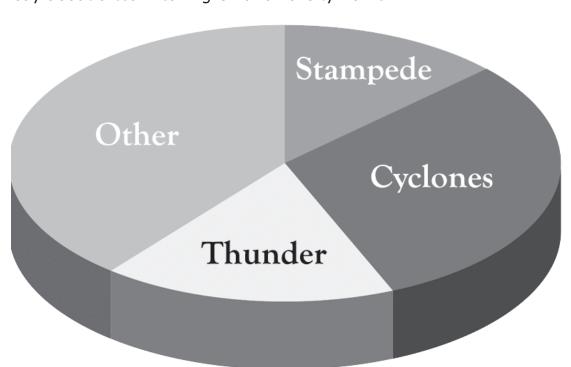
The Cavalry was the cornerstone of several "soonto-be" NBA stars of the 1990s including Voshon Lenard, Sam Mack and John Starks.

It is evident Oklahoma City sports fanatics have been supportive and produced successful franchises in its history.

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What's in a name? Students share their thoughts

More than 30 OCCC students were polled about what they think the new Oklahoma City NBA team should be named. They were given five options, which were taken from various online references: The Oklahoma City Thunder, Cyclones, Stampede, Bison and other. Below are the results, and to the right are tidbits of what a few students have to say about a team calling Oklahoma City home.



"It's good the SuperSonics will get a name and color change. It will be a fresh start for the team ... We will make the team our own." —Sam Hamidi



"I'm not a big fan of the Sonics, but I'll probably check them out."

-Donald Pham



The results:

As shown above, the "other" category won the name competition with nine votes. Four students suggested The Oklahoma City Barons as the team name; The Oklahoma City Prairie Dogs came in second with two votes, and The Oklahoma City Bandits, Trojans and Clay Bennetts came in last, all with one

The Oklahoma City Cyclones came in second overall with seven votes, with The Oklahoma City Stampede and Thunder separated by one vote, three and four, respectively — Thunder winning the bout.

As for The Oklahoma City Bisons? Not a single vote.





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UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

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 p.m. 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 15-19: OCCC aquatic center will be the site of the Region VIII Sectionals swim meet. For more information call Recreation and Fitness Coordinator Roxanna Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425.

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 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost for the camps is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

July 28-Aug 1: OCCC will hold cheer camp at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 8 to 11 will be from 8 a.m. to noon. The teen camp for ages 12 to 14 will be from 1 p.m. 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.

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 StaffWriter2@occc.edu



Photo by Daniel Martin

Lifegaurd Ryoichi Dowling stands look-out in the OCCC Aquatic Center pool July 9 during an open swim session. Open swim occurs from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dive in, OCCC needs more lifeguards

By Sabrina Bosquez Aviles *News Writing Student*

A national shortage of lifeguards exists across the nation, according to an American Red Cross press release and is affecting OCCC.

"We need about 10 more lifeguards at least," said Aquatic and Safety Training Specialist James Hensley. "Twenty-five would be nice but not likely."

He said the shortage has not affected the safety of those who use the facilities.

"We have at least one lifeguard on duty at all times.

"Generally, the college has two to three on and it would be nice to have as many as five lifeguards for every shift," Hensley said.

OCCC student and lifeguard Wyatt Fairchild said lifeguards are stretched thin trying to cover all shifts.

Students also come to the rescue when swimming lesson instructors forget to schedule a certified instructor, he said.

"We have a monthly meeting about how to get the word out about the shortage, and some of the life-guards and I go to high schools and set up a booth of information for students so they can be aware of life guarding jobs available, not just at OCCC, but all over the state of Oklahoma," Fairchild said.

Even though he said he is a little biased, Fairchild said working at the Aquatic Center is something he would recommend to anyone because of the flexible schedule and the job security, and employees get to work year-round.

"The pool is even open on Saturdays so students or people who have a full time week schedule can work on the weekend," Fairchild said.

Hensley said those interested should apply right away.

"We don't just need lifeguards for the summer but for fall as well."

Hensley speculates the reason there is a lifeguard shortage is the certification lifeguards must have that costs around \$130. People may not be willing to spend the money. "We need about 10 more lifeguards at least. Twenty-five would be nice but not likely."

–James HensleyAquatic and SafetyTraining Specialist

"We posted this job opening last year and we have more spots to fill," Hensley said.

Starting pay is \$8 an hour beginning July 1 and shifts run four to five hours long depending on the time of day.

Applicants must be 16 years or older to become working certified lifeguards.

The Aquatic Center is open 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, visit www.occcjobs.com or call Hensley in the Aquatic Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7662.

Philosophy classes put in new hands

By James Cannon News Writing Student

English professor Stephen Morrow has been named OCCC's new philosophy professor said Cheryl Stan-ford, Language Arts department director.

"We are really excited to have him here," Stanford

"He was the most qualified individual for the position.

Morrow will replace Warren Neal as the upper division philosophy professor, Stanford said, and will begin teaching those courses starting this fall.



Stephen Morrow

He has taught in public and private education for the past 14 years, and has completed graduate- and doctorate-level work in philosophy.

"Philosophy has been a passion of mine all of my life," Morrow said.

For the past four years, Morrow has taught Learning Skills and English Composition, which is another of his teaching passions, he

Morrow said he plans to continue teaching a few sections of Learning Skills classes each year.

Morrow said, in addition to teaching, he is interested in promoting peace within the education process.

Morrow, faculty sponsor

for the Advocates of Peace, an on-campus club, said one of his goals is to use the ideas of peace to enhance his programs and courses.

Morrow said he has devoted much of his own time and heart to teach his knowledge of peace and the holocaust, and to make it a part of his curriculum.

"I am sold on the philosophy and mission statement of OCCC," he said.

"The quality and openness of the [college] really allows me to teach.

Morrow said he enjoys

public education and wants to continuing learning and teaching literature and philosophy while bringing ideas of passion and vision to the campus.

OCCC student Adam Welk said Morrow came highly recommended to him.

"I have heard good things from other students who have had Professor Morrow in the Learning Skills classes," Welk said.

Morrow said he looks forward to contributing to students' lives at OCCC.

Students find success through Upward Bound

By Ashley Keener News Writing Student

Celebrating its 16th year on campus, the Upward Bound program assists more than 60 high school students in need every year, said Upward Bound Assistant Director Carmela Pyle.

"Usually 80 percent that join the program end up staying in it until they graduate high school," Pyle said.

Designed by L.B. Johnson in 1965, the Upward Bound program helps students ages 13 to 19 acquire the skills and motivation necessary to do well in high school and higher education, she said.

"Each year after graduating from high school, 100 percent of our students enroll in college," Pyle said.

She said the three objectives of the program are for students to improve in academic preparation, selfconcept, and increase postsecondary enrollment.

Local Oklahoma City high schools are served, Pyle

The program offers academic and personal counseling to students.

"Each year after graduating from high school, 100 percent of our students enroll in college."

—Carmela Pyle **Upward Bound Assistant Director**

There is a minimum of two hours tutoring a week and two meetings every

Pyle said students get tutored at the OCCC campus either Tuesday nights or Saturday afternoons.

Students are required to attend "mini-college" while in this program, where they walk through college enrollment procedures and are introduced to financial aid.

In order for students to be part of the Upward Bound program, they must meet certain requirements. They have to meet the income criteria or they have to be a first-generation post-secondary student.

Students are financially compensated for their time, which is a plus to many.

"I would definitely take part in this if I was going to get paid to make better grades. That is a double benefit," said student Julie

"If my high school in

Houston, Texas, would have had this program, I think we would have had a better school all around,' she said.

Student Morgan Connelly agreed.

"I wish my high school had this program so more of my classmates would have gone to college."

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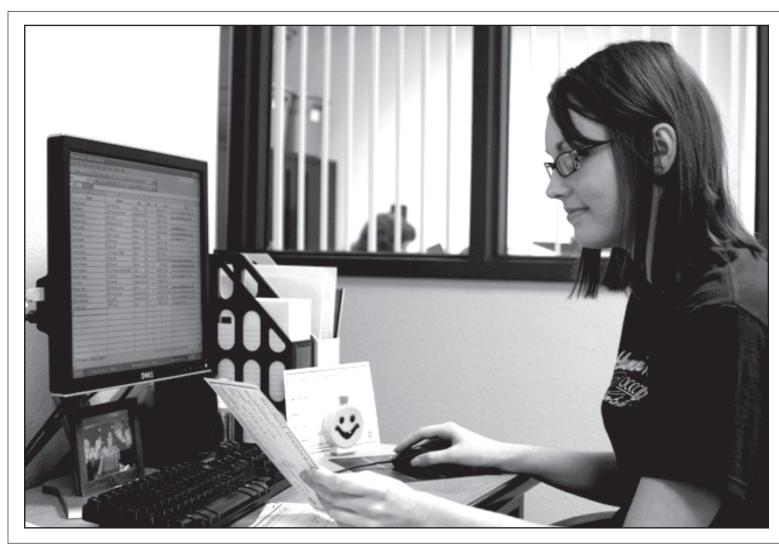
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Highlights

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.

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New Civic Honors award to recognize student leadership

By Lindsey Burleson News Writing Student

A new civic honors award is being offered to qualified students by the Civic Honors Program at graduation, First Year and Student Life Programs Coordinator, Jon Horinek said.

The award was created to recognize students for service and leadership, Horinek said..

He said it will give students great experiences, as well as improve their résumé.

Three students have already achieved the award this past graduation, the first year the Civic Honors Award was offered, Horinek said.

The new Civic Honors Program, which is part of the service-learning program, is an option open to all students, especially students interested in service learning, according to the "Community service is a huge hobby of mine, so I'm really glad there is a program that will acknowledge those achievements."

> —Kelsey Oberst Freshman

Civic Honors pamphlet.

The Civic Honors Program allows students to gain insight into society's needs though civic involvement, develop leadership skills, and expand awareness of self and others, according to the pamphlet.

Community service is important in life and is a good habit to start in college Horinek said.

This two-year program requires a commitment, Horinek said.

In order to receive this award, students must meet five requirements.

Students must complete 50 hours of community service, write a paper about their experiences, submit a

final portfolio, meet once a semester with a Student Life staff member and attend a final review appointment with Student Life staff, according to the pamphlet.

Freshman Kelsey Oberst said she can't wait to participate.

"Community service and involvement is a huge hobby of mine, so I'm really glad there is a program that will acknowledge those achievements," Oberst said.

For more information about the Civic Honors Program, pick up a pamphlet, located in the Office of Student Life, or call Student Life at 405-682-7523.

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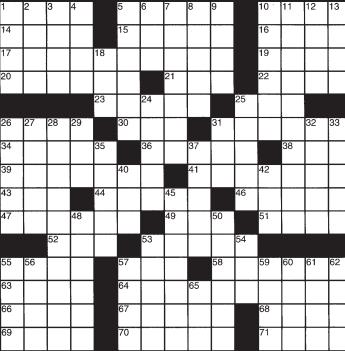
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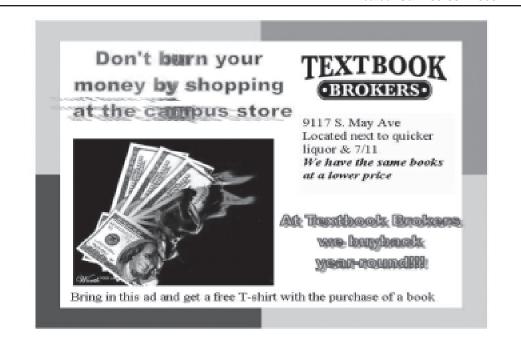
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Stolen wallet, campus helicopter landing reported

By Dillon Hart Staff Writer

Student Robert Kramer's wallet and cell phone were stolen from the Wellness Center July 3, according to a campus crime report.

Security officer Larry Lundy reported Kramer set the items on a counter top near the lockers and entered a toilet stall. When Kramer returned for his things a few minutes later, his black T-Mobile cell phone and brown bifold leather wallet were missing.

This is the second recently reported case of theft from the Wellness Center.

Lundy said people should be more careful with their possessions.

"The way the items were

left out in the open, it was just one of those situations where he didn't take enough credence in his own items to store them safely away," Lundy said.

On July 5, security officer John Hughes reported assisting Air One — the Oklahoma City Police Department's main aircraft unit — in an emergency landing on the OCCC campus.

According to the report, the pilot of Air One had the son of an Oklahoma City field officer on a "ride along."

However, the pilot received a report of a robbery and began to maneuver over the crime area.

"They were following somebody around... I think it was in reference to a burglary of a domicile," Hughes said.

"And of course, in order to transverse the area, he started going around and around... then back and forth, and the circling, and spiraling. [The young man] just got air sick."

Hughes said the passenger looked about 18 or 19 years old. After being dropped off on campus, a squad car was sent to pick him up.

"It was one of those things... This looks like the biggest open field I can land in, so I'm going for it." Hughes said.

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Enroll now to get sought after classes

"Enroll,"
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Davis said.

While returning students can enroll online, Hoaglin said, new students will need to enroll in person, as well as speak with an academic adviser.

Students who enroll in person also will need to show a valid student ID or a valid photo ID.

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Bookstore website being modified, updated

"Bookstore," Cont. from page 1

will be upgraded so that it's easier to navigate.

Currently, students are able to browse through the store's textbook selection online and learn general information, Reinke said. However, she said, the site can be a bit confusing.

"Our site is just not user-friendly.

"Many people have difficulty finding exactly what books they need for the classes they are taking."

Biology major Sarah Hale said the new change to the bookstore website would make book buying a much easier experience.

"I never know what books I need." Hale said.

"Last semester I tried using the bookstore website to get an idea of what I was looking for before going and fighting everyone else buying their books at the same time, but it wasn't helpful at all

"I had to go in and wander around forever, trying to figure out what I was looking for."

Reinke said, too often,

she sees students coming into the bookstore, unsure of what they are looking for.

She said the online inprovements will help in that area as well.

"Students want to know a price, what they need and what to budget for," Reinke said.

"By making it easier for them to browse our website, they can get a better idea of what they need before coming in to the store."

Eventually, Reinke said, the bookstore plans to add other features on the website such as offering college merchandise and gift cards for sale.

She said these features should be added during the fall semester.

She said there also are plans to install in-store kiosks before the spring semester which would process student's schedules through MineOnline, and print out a list of every required and optional book for each class.

Reinke said these kiosks would help make the textbook buying experience quicker and smoother.

"Hopefully, we will be able

to get [the kiosks] running by the end of the fall," she said

The decision to modify the website was made in conjunction with the bookstore upgrading its software and computer system — which was more than 10 years old.

"We began plans for the system upgrade in February," Reinke said.

"I wanted to see what else we could work on and improve since we were already working on it."

Reinke said the bookstore's website was something she had been interested in improving since she began working there.

"I never did like the website," she said.

"I started looking around at other college's sites and I noticed that theirs were more flexible than ours."

Reinke said she wrote a proposal for the funds to overhaul both the system and the website.

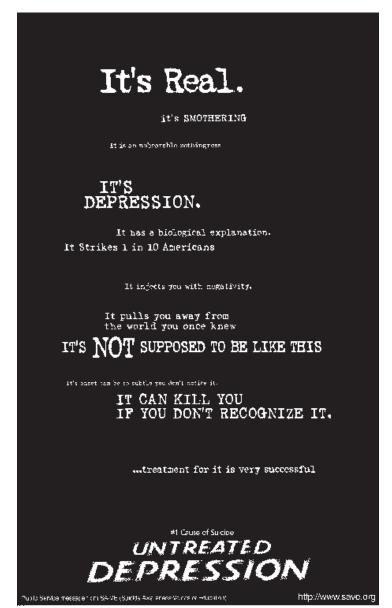
The cost to upgrade the entire store system, redevelop the website and to train the staff totaled more than \$50,000, which was paid for through the college budget, she said.

Reinke said the cost was well worth it.

"We're all about the customer," Reinke said.

"We're always open to new ideas to improve our services."

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