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Master plan has students' needs in mind

President wants campus to be more 'people friendly'

By Chris Lusk
Editor

OCCC President Paul Sechrist thinks the college campus is more suited for cars than it is for people. The Board of Regents plans to change this.

Sechrist said a plan, known as the Master Site Plan, is being designed to offer an overall concept of what the campus will look like in the future.

He said this plan would serve as a guide for the college as decisions over college facilities and the college grounds are made.

"Right now, the campus appears very car friendly," Sechrist said. "We want to make it people friendly as well."

"How can we make OCCC not just a big parking lot?"

Sechrist said the Board of Regents suggested a plan be made after the college began building the Health Professions Center and the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

"The Board believed it was important to have a long-range plan if additional buildings were to be considered," Sechrist said.

The Master Site Plan will address questions such as: Where will future buildings be built? What will the campus look like overall? What should be the plans for landscaping or outdoor events?

Sechrist said the campus's outdoor area See "Plan," page 9

Million-dollar gift

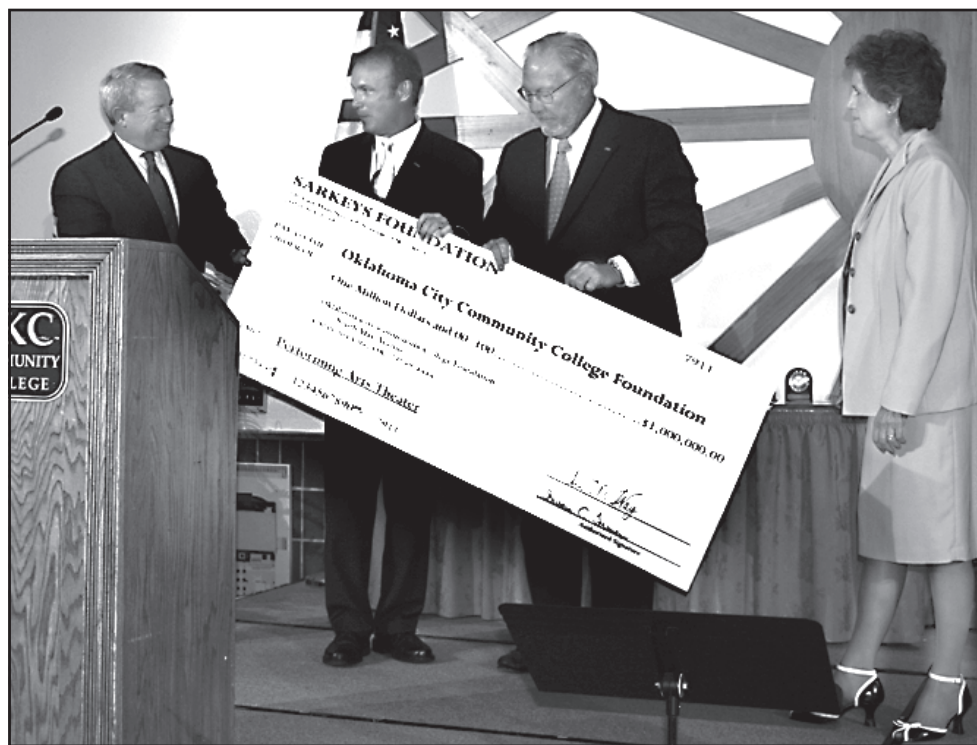


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President Paul Sechrist accepts a \$1 million check from the Sarkeys Foundation Aug. 12 at the college's 2008 Convocation ceremony. Sechrist said the money will be used for construction of the college's Performing Arts Theater. The theater is Phase II of the newly-constructed Visual and Performing Arts Center opening this fall on campus.

"To date, the \$1 million gift from Sarkeys is the largest private gift awarded to OCCC," Sechrist said. "We are very grateful to Sarkeys Foundation for this significant gift."

According to the college's website www.occc.edu, "OCCC has approximately \$10.2 million of the \$16 million needed to construct the 1,000-seat theater. In addition to Sarkeys' \$1 million commitment, \$9.2 million will come from a student revenue bond which is supported by student fees plus the college's current Student Facilities Fund earmarked for the theater project."

"The college will begin a formal campaign this fall to raise the balance of the funds needed to build the facility," Sechrist said.

Language learning software now available

By Stephen Levin
News Writing Student

Students who want to learn another language such as Spanish, French or English now have a new tool in the World Languages and Cultural Center.

Chiaki Troutman, WLCC lab assistant, said the WLCC lab now offers OCCC students Rosetta Stone language learning software on all six of the lab's computers.

"If a student is interested in learning another lan-

guage, all he or she has to do is come in with their student ID and register for free," Troutman said. "The process takes about 10 minutes and you are done."

"Students can also come as often as they want."

The WLCC lab is located in room 2J4 on the second floor of the Main Building at the top of the main staircase. It's open Monday Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We are very pleased to be able to offer our students

such a great product," Troutman said. "The software is fully interactive and should prove to be a great tool in learning a new language."

Languages supported in the WLCC include: Spanish, French, Arabic, English, German, Italian, Portuguese and Russian. The center expects to add Hebrew, Chinese and Japanese by the beginning of the fall semester, Troutman said.

"Rosetta Stone is the closest thing to immersion that I have seen," said Reginald

"We are very pleased to be able to offer our students such a great product. The software is fully interactive and should provide to be a great tool in leaning a new language."

—Chaiki Troutman

World Languages and Cultural Center
Lab Assistant

Snoddy, OCCC Spanish professor. "I have my Spanish II students use the program as a class supplement every Monday, and believe it offers the student a great way to interact more with the language without the opportunity to ask for the language translation."

As listed on the official Rosetta Stone website, the software includes:

- Speech recognition technology: provides instant feedback and improves pronunciation (uses an actual headset you can

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Fitness counts

Health and fitness can take a back seat when students get caught up in classes and studying. But that doesn't have to happen.

As the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing conclude, many people across the country may feel motivated to get in shape.

Now is as good as anytime for students to start working out and living healthy lifestyles.

Many students are only two or three years into college, only a couple years away from the slim days of high school.

But along with college and jobs, some may find themselves growing larger than their body size from years back.

Many students are busy working and studying and don't have as much time as they had before to stay fit.

As students make time for new class schedules, they may want to figure in time for recreation to stay healthy and trim.

Even 30 minutes a day is enough to stay healthy, and why not?

All students can work out in the Wellness Center for free during operating hours with a valid student ID.

The Wellness Center has a weight room with mechanical and free weights, bikes and treadmills.

It also has a gym with three courts for basketball and volleyball.

Don't forget about the Olympic size swimming pool the OCCC Aquatic Center houses. Students may swim for free during open swim hours with a valid student ID.

Hours of operation for the gym and weight room are 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Aquatic Center hosts open swim hours from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. From 6 to 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Open swim is also available from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Wellness Center also has a room full of lockers to accommodate students who need to change clothes.

Many people who are big into athletics may love the intramural program that OCCC has to offer.

Choices include 5-on-5 basketball, volleyball, ping pong and flag football. These sports will definitely get the best athletes in shape.

Not to overlook the club soccer team OCCC has, where players can compete against other colleges and find camaraderie with fellow classmates.

There is no time to wait to get in shape. A new semester could mean a new start.

—Matt Bishop
Staff Writer

OCCC visitors visually assaulted

To the editor:

I am the victim of an assault. No, not a physical assault and not a verbal assault either.

I, and anyone else who has been in the Science and Math Center, have been visually assaulted by the ugliest collection of furniture this side of Bob Mills.

A collection of brown, yellow and orange seating components, some with patterns straight out of the 1950's, greet visitors to this

area of the college.

The word ugly does not do this furniture justice, but I would assume that stronger language might have to be censored by the newspaper editor.

Sitting down on one of these seats made me realize that they are as uncomfortable as they are hideous looking.

Whoever we have to thank for this seating should seriously consider visiting their neighborhood optom-

etrust.

I hate to think that student funds were used to purchase this stuff that seems more appropriate for a bus terminal.

Where were our campus police officers when this crime against good taste was committed?

—Name withheld by request

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Comments and Reviews

Movie teaches audience lesson through laughter

Failed actor, recovering alcoholic and now inept high school drama teacher Dana Marschz (Steve Coogan) decides to save the drama department by putting on a play.

If that sounds like a familiar premise for a movie, it is, because it has been done many times before, but not like "Hamlet 2."

Of course the other movies did not have Pam Brady (South Park) writing the politically incorrect screenplay.

Billed as the smash comedy hit of the 2008 Sundance Film Festival, this film offers more than a few laughs.

Marschz is a man who has the passion of an actor, but not the talent. He is attempting to instill his love of theater into students gifted with acting ability, but the teens make fun of him.

He puts his wife (Catherine Keener) and roommate (David Arquette)

in the background while he writes a sequel to "Hamlet."

How can he write a sequel to a play in which everyone dies? That is part of the humor as well as the beginning of a new life for Marschz.

Newcomer Skylar Austin shows his talent as teacher's pet, Rand Posin, who is confronted with his true sexuality.

Up and coming actors Melonie Diaz, Phoebe Strole and Joseph Julian Soria are convincing as teens rebelling against society while discovering their talents.

Amy Poeler plays a very small part as an attorney for the Civil Liberties Union.

Elisabeth Shue plays herself, but in an unusual format. She has quit acting and become a nurse at a fertility clinic.

The movie is rated "R" for language, sexual references, nudity and drug content, but all these things



serve to make the story realistic.

The audience needs to listen carefully to the words of "Rock Me Sexy Jesus."

If the viewer watches for the forgiveness and healing message of this film, rather than being shocked by the method of getting there, "Hamlet 2" may leave a lasting impression.

Rating: A

—Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

Fantasy novel written by OCCC student falls short

Written by an OCCC student, "Winter with the Cliff Dwellers" is subtitled "Book one in the Prophecy of Peace."

From the men fighting and dying, to the beaten woman in the hull of a ship at the beginning of the novel, there was no feeling of peace, only questions.

Four questions in the first paragraph are attributed to the thoughts of the captured female. Where am I? Who am I? What's my name and why am I bound?

The author, Jamie E. Laleff, has a good idea for a story, but the presentation is lacking in continuity.

This could be the fault of the editing process or the

lack of it.

The kingdoms and queens denote a renaissance effect.

While much of the dialog is in keeping with that genre, suddenly the word "bro" or "whee, she got you good" appear and destroy the mood of the read.

The flip-flopping between old English and American dialect distracts from the book's story line and makes the characters lose credibility.

Point in fact is one of the many sex scenes in which the young man refers to the girl giving attention to a certain body part as "she likes my little friend." Methinks this is not an expression of

the times.

Other signs of editorial neglect are the words "winter" and "whether" misspelled on the cover. Again too many questions are posed to attract mature readers.

On the flip side, there are too many explicit sexual acts for this to be a book for children.

Published by The Nazca Plains Corporation out of Las Vegas, Nev., the book is available online at www.amazon.com for \$16.95.

Perhaps another publisher could help make this into the book Laleff had in mind.

Rating: C

—Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

Counselor's Corner

Tips for success

What an amazing time to return to school. We got some much needed rain, cooler temperatures and we have a couple of new buildings that are almost ready to have students in them.

It's always exciting to see new faces as well as the familiar ones of our returning students. Hopefully, you've found all your classes and whatever jitters you had have subsided so that you can settle into a nice routine.

You may have heard the adage about how an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. That applies to your academic well-being as well as your health, so we want to give you some tips to get your semester off to a solid start.

- Attend class. We can't stress this enough to you. Things do happen in class, even when you're not there. So show up and be counted.

- Keep up with your work. This may get tougher as the semester progresses, but you've got to put the time and effort in every day. Plan to spend at least 30 minutes to an hour every day on each of your classes. A little studying every day adds up over time and it helps you learn more when it's spread out rather than bunched up right before a test.

- Do your assignments. Even assignments that are not graded are worth a lot to you. If you can do the homework, chances are, you can pass the test that goes with it.

- Meet someone in each of your classes. This has multiple benefits. You make new friends. You have someone to call if you're sick or your car breaks down, etc. You have study buddies. Additionally, you'll feel less isolated in class if you know someone there.

- Meet your professors. Besides being wicked awesome individuals, they're the experts in the class — and they can help you when you're ready to network. They are also more willing to help you out later if there's a problem if you've given them the chance to get to know you.

- Ask for help. OCCC has people, labs and other resources all across campus, and we look forward to working with each of you. Don't sit at home wishing you knew what to do. Reach out and let us help.

- Finally, stay healthy. Eat right, drink plenty of water and get a good night's sleep. You'll feel better and learn more.

To learn more, come see us down in Student Support Services by Entry 12. We'll be waiting for you.

—Mary Turner
Learning Support Specialist

Arts Festival Oklahoma brings city together through art, music over Labor Day weekend

By Daniel Martin
Staff Writer

Take a load off this Labor Day weekend and come to the Arts Festival Oklahoma for four days of non-stop fun on campus.

Featuring top-quality fine artists from all over the southwest, the arts festival is more than a juried art show.

From Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, students and patrons of the Oklahoma City community are invited to take part in a wide array of festival activities.

According to the Arts Festival website, the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, the Central Art Association, Women of the South, and OCCC first launched the event in 1978.

Since its inception, Arts Festival Oklahoma's main

purpose has been to provide citizens of Oklahoma with a cultural experience while focusing on Oklahoma's fine artists and crafts persons as well as Oklahoma's performing artists.

Director of Cultural Programs Dan Yates said the festival will be packed with things to do.

"The festival comes complete with various arts and crafts, fun games, good food and live music performances," Yates said.

In addition to some of Oklahoma's own local bands, the Oklahoma City Philharmonic will be headlining things on Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Following the performance will be a fireworks show at 10 p.m.

Bluegrass sensations and Oklahoma Natives the

Byron Berline Band will be playing on Sunday at 6 p.m.

Also playing on Sunday is the Hot Club of San Francisco at 7:30 p.m., a sophisticated jazz band that plays waltz like rhythms inspired by some of the best jazz musicians of our time.

Yates said other unreleased "special plans" have also been made for the event, so be prepared for surprises as well.

OCCC student Zach Nippenburg has attended previous festivals and has had positive experiences.

"I look forward to the arts festival every year," he said, "it's always a blast."

This year's festival will have classic fair foods, footlong corn dogs, funnel cakes, and ice cream as well as an international culinary tour that includes a variety of specialties from Mexican, Greek and German, along with many others.

Attendees will also have the chance to enjoy a wide

"[Arts Festival Oklahoma] comes complete with various arts and crafts, fun games, good food and live music performances."

—Dan Yates
Cultural Programs director

range of paintings, sculptures, and other forms of art including jewelry, according to the festival's brochure.

With festivities for all ages, festival-goers can bring their children to the children's activity tent for just one dollar and let them make their own art in a playground-sized sandbox.

The festival revolves around an art competition. Artists will submit their creations to a panel of judges for a chance at first prize.

According to the brochure, prizes include a \$300 overall Best of Show award, three placing awards for each different category \$35, \$50, and \$75, 10 \$50 Best Display awards and 15 honorable mention ribbons.

Nippenburg said one of his favorite things about the festival was the artwork.

"The artwork is amazing," he said. "You can spend \$5 or \$5,000 on great pieces of art."

Students are encouraged to volunteer at the festival and those who give their time for at least four hours will receive a free T-shirt.

Yates said last year's festival included about 2,000 volunteers who hosted more than 35,000 visitors.

The festival will be located at the new permanent festival site on the northwest side of campus.

The festival will be open Friday, Aug. 29, from 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 30, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 31, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and on Monday, Sept. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about the festival or how to volunteer, visit www.occc.edu/afo.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Aug. 29

Mike Boyle Jazz Ensemble from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Mike Black & The Stingrays from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30

Regular performances are from noon to 7 p.m.
Alter Ego (Pop & Light Rock)
Oklahoma Traditional Music (Acoustic)
Los Ninos de España y Mexico (Spanish Dancers)
Dutch Creek (Bluegrass)
John Taylor (Folk)
Ms. Alison McGill (Piano & Vocal)
Stephanie Jackson (Classical & Pop Guitar)
OKC Philharmonic from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
**Fireworks to follow performances*

Sunday, Aug. 31

Regular performances are from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Retro Band (Classic Rock)
Jewish Dancers
Joel Clemmons & The Lemons (Jazz)
George Gentry (Classic Rock)
Full Circle (Pop Band)
Byron Berline Band from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Hot Club of San Francisco from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 1

Regular performances are from noon to 5 p.m.
Edgar Cruz
Simoleons (Folk Duo)
Merry Sisters (Celtic Ensemble)
Blue Chair Band (Oldies Rock Band)

FESTIVAL HOURS

Friday Aug. 29 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday Aug. 30 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Monday Sept. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOOD VENDORS

- **Circle J Concessions** — *American* — corn dogs, funnel cakes, fried cheese-on-a-stick
- **Grandma's Indian Tacos** — *Native American* — Indian tacos, fry bread, hot dogs, pickles, chips, candy
- **JR's BBQ** — *American* — BBQ brisket, pulled pork, bratwurst, turkey legs
- **JR's Shaved Ice** — *American* — over 30 flavors
- **Kelli's Kurlies & More** — *Cajun* — fried shrimp baskets, cajun steak sandwiches, catfish baskets, curly onions, curly fries, cinnamon tortilla cheesecake
- **M & M Concessions** — *American/Mexican* — chicken strip baskets, chicken strip sandwiches, grilled onion burgers, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, sausage-on-a-stick, Frito chili pies, grilled cheese, nachos, quesadillas, fajitas, tamales, tacos
- **Maui Wowi Hawaiian** — *Hawaiian* — fruit smoothies, hawaiian cookies, tiki
- **Sweet Corn Express** — *American* — roasted corn, baked potato, frozen chocolate-dipped cheesecake
- **Sweis's Restartant** — *Greek* — gyros, baklava, pizza by the slice
- **Two Okies Kettle Corn** — *German* — German style kettle corn, German cinnamon roasted nuts
- **Waffle Sundae Trailer** — *American* — ice cream

Employee honored for positive attitude, ethic

By Dillon Hart
Staff Writer

Corporate Learning Specialist Rhonda Cantrell was presented the Elven Gray Award at the 2008 Fall Convocation and Employee Recognition meeting Aug. 12.

The Elven Gray Award honors the late Elven Gray, a former College employee who died after a battle with cancer.

Gray's extraordinary qualities have been the criteria for the award since it was first established in 1991.

Recipients of the award are known for "consistently going the extra mile; displaying a friendly, positive

attitude; exhibiting devotion to the College; and becoming an inspiration to others."

Cantrell, who knew Elven Gray personally, said she is very proud.

"It is an honor. He was just the kind of person who was always happy, always willing to do anything that anybody needed," Cantrell said of Gray.

"So it's an honor to get that particular award, for me, because of who he was. He was just a great fellow."

Cantrell said she is also proud of her peers, who played a large role in helping her win the award.

"A lot of it had to do with whoever nominates you," Cantrell said.



Rhonda Cantrell

"I mean you have to rally for the vote, and I have a great team here at Corporate Learning. I know they were instrumental in that. It definitely is an honor."

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Dean receives prestigious award, credits hard work

By Dillon Hart
Staff Writer

The final award given at the 2008 Fall Convocation and Employee Recognition Meeting was the Robert P. Todd Leadership Award.

Dean of Arts and Humanities Susan VanSchuyver was this year's recipient.

The award was established in 2006 in honor of Robert P. Todd, who served as president of the College for 10 years and worked at OCCC for more than 30. Todd died in December 2005.

VanSchuyver, like all recipients of the award, was recognized as "a College employee who has dem-



Susan VanSchuyver

onstrated outstanding leadership in his or her work."

VanSchuyver said it is nice to have this award to show for her work.

"It's recognition for a lot of the things that I've done," she said.

"I feel like it's not a one-year award; it's a recognition of what I've done over the years here, some of the programs that I've worked on and some of the things that I've started."

VanSchuyver said her team has helped her accomplish many of those things.

She said the Robert P. Todd Award makes all of the work she and her team have done seem that much more fulfilling.

"I really appreciate them presenting this award to me.

"It was a very nice surprise," she said.

"It's something that I'm really proud of. It's nice to be recognized when you work really hard, and I feel like I work really hard."

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Photos by LaWanda LaVarnway

Awards given to OCCC employees

By Dillon Hart
Staff Writer

At the 2008 Fall Convocation and Employee Recognition meeting Aug. 12, Employee of the Year awards were given in three categories.

In the "Classified/Non-Exempt" class, the recipient was Denise Gomez, secretary to the President's Office. Gomez said she is very proud of the award.

"I feel very honored that someone would think that highly of me, that my peers chose me," Gomez said.

"And they actually kept a really good secret. I was totally surprised."

Mary Ann Moore received the Employee of the Year Award in the "Faculty" category.

Moore was awarded for her team's participation in a two-year art project recently unveiled in Bricktown, the Oklahoma Centennial Mosaic Mural, in addition to her consistent hard work here at the college.

Moore said the award does not feel like it belongs only to



Mary Ann Moore

her.

"It's really for the whole art department," she said. "I mean it just took so many people to pull this off. It wasn't just about me."

For the "Non-Teaching Professional/Exempt" category, the award was given to Jenna Howard, Adviser to Students with Disabilities.

Student Development Counselor Mary Turner said Howard was very deserving.

"She's very focused on the students she works with," said Turner.

"She's just a sweet, caring person."

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Denise Gomez



Jenna Howard

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Film students make a western

‘Blood Memory’ the result of OCCC meeting Hollywood

By Matt Montgomery
Staff Writer

Hollywood guest Director Sterling Harjo worked with OCCC film students this summer to make “Blood Memory,” a full-length western feature film. Harjo is famous for his films “Goodnight Irene” and “Four Sheets to the Wind.”

This student film was shot on location at the Grissom Farm Homestead in Noble over the course of three weeks in July.

The students wrote and produced most of the movie with the guidance from a handful of experienced professionals.

Gray Frederickson, best known for his work on “Godfather,” “Apocalypse Now” and “Ladybugs,” was the movie’s executive producer.

“The students need a showcase combined with Oklahoma Film Institute,” Frederickson said. “We are

providing the equipment and students are making the movie,”

Program Coordinator Greg Mellott directed the film. He also directs the Film and Video studies program at OCCC.

“OFI pairs students with a crew and they get to see what it is like to make a real movie with real professionals,” Mellott said.

Students worked vigorously shooting the film.

“Shooting is daunting — five days a week, 12 hours a day, in 95 degree weather for three weeks,” said second assistant producer Andrew Foster Shi.

A vast majority of the work that went into the film was done behind the scenes.

“Working behind the camera is the best part of production,” said first assistant camera operator Bethany Magley.

The cost of the three-week institute was approximately \$2,000

for students who chose enroll in all three weeks of production.

OFI offers students all of the cutting-edge equipment available for shooting and editing in a professional environment.

Mellott said OCCC students volunteered their services downtown two years in a row on New Year’s Eve to raise money for equipment.

“I came to OFI two years ago and we had one main camera, Mellott said. “Now, we have many cameras.”

He said the school received two grants because of the student’s volunteer work. One of the grants was used to purchase the most state-of-art camera, a 35-millime-



Photo by Matt Montgomery

“Blood Memory” was shot by OCCC film students.

ter full-feature quality camera.

For more information, visit www.occc.edu/ofi.

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Professor, artist-in-residence win Emmys

By Matt Montgomery
Staff Writer

Two OCCC faculty were thrust into the spotlight when the documentary film “Dream No Little Dream” was awarded four Emmys July 19 by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in Denver.

“Dream No Little Dream” was written and directed by OCCC Film and Video studies professor Greg Mellott and produced by OCCC Artist-in-Residence Gray Frederickson, along with producers John Simonelli and Amy Briede.

Two other films competed for the regional Emmy, “Rocky Mountain Stories” and “Oklahoma War Stories.”

“It was nice to be recognized, especially for Greg who worked so hard on the documentary,” Frederickson said.

“The documentary tells the life story of former Oklahoma governor and U.S. senator Robert S. Kerr,” he said.

This film highlights the man that Robert S. Kerr was

and the perseverance that he had, Mellott said.

“Kerr overcame great hardships to bring Oklahoma out of the Great Depression and into prosperity,” he said.

The documentary was filmed in Poteau, and edited at OCCC by film and video faculty, students and graduates.

“I think it is important to note many of our students worked on the film, said President Paul Sechrist.

“I know our students feel very proud.

“My congratulations to everyone who helped make ‘Dream No Little Dream’ such a wonderful film.”

Arts and Humanities Dean Susan VanSchuyver said she loved the film.

“I am very proud of Greg Mellott and Gray Frederickson for their work on the film. VanSchuyver said.

“They did an excellent job, and it was nice that they were recognized with the Emmys.”

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Photo courtesy of Gray Frederickson

OCCC Film and Video studies professor Greg Mellott and OCCC Artist-in-Residence Gray Frederickson show the Emmys they won July 19 by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in Denver for the documentary film “Dream No Little Dream.” The film focuses on Robert S. Kerr, Mellott said. “Kerr overcame great hardships to bring Oklahoma out of the Great Depression and into prosperity.”

The documentary was filmed in Poteau, and edited at OCCC by film and video faculty, students and graduates.



Above: An actor shoots away during an intermission on the set of "Blood Memory." Professional actors were hired by the Oklahoma Film Institute to play in the movie, which was written and produced by OCCC students. OFI is a three-week institute that offers film students a taste of movie making — from pre-production, production and post-production.

Right: Production assistants Bethany Magley and Richie Book work behind the scenes of "Blood Memory." Magley credited the camera work as her favorite part of production. OFI provided students state-of-the-art equipment to produce their movie.



Photos by Matt Montgomery

Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

Sept. 6, Sept. 27, Oct. 4: OCCC Aquatics Center will be offering a stroke development clinic from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on the above dates. Participants must be able to swim 25 yards and be knowledgeable of different swim strokes. They will learn to improve their technique, stretching, endurance and speed. The cost of the camps is \$6. For more information, contact Melissa at 405-682-1611, ext. 7442, or call 405-682-7860 to register.

Sept. 20: OCCC will host the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick Competition on Saturday, Sept. 20. The program is a national skills competition for boys and girls between the ages of eight and 15 to compete separately against their peers. Girls and Boys in four separate age divisions (8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15) compete against each other in punting, passing and place kicking in a fun and engaging forum. The PPK program will start at 10 a.m. and is free for everyone.

Do you have an amazing sports story you would like to share? Contact Daniel Martin at 405-682-1611, ext. 7440 or by e-mail at StaffWriter2@occc.edu



File Photo

OCCC's fall 2007 soccer team, led by Coach K. B. Yeboah (far left), was the most successful team on campus in recent years. With the 2008 season around the corner, OCCC will try to build on last year's success.

Club soccer coach returns to campus for sixth season

By Matt Bishop
Staff Writer

Since 2003 Kwaku Buanbeng — better known as K. B. — Yeboah has been coaching the OCCC club soccer team.

Returning for his sixth year this fall, Yeboah brings an attacking strategy that his players enjoy.

Yeboah said he grew up in Ghana and London, England, where he traveled back and forth as a teenager.

He lived in London with his aunt during his high school years.

That is where he developed a love for soccer. He said it was the only game that interested him while growing up and he quickly learned to play.

Living in Ghana and London, Yeboah said he got to see many exciting games that intrigued him, but better yet, enabled him to learn strategic aspects of the game that he would keep down the road.

In 1996 he visited the United States on vacation and decided to attend college at the University of Central Oklahoma, where he also played soccer.

Now coaching at OCCC, Yeboah

said he enjoys the idea of teaching his players the same things he learned as he grew up.

"I have the opportunity to teach the players the game," he said.

Many will see Yeboah encouraging his players constantly throughout the matches.

He said his favorite part of coaching is when his players learn how to put forth great effort during an entire match.

"[It feels great] when players are able to execute to perfection what has been taught in practice," he said.

Perfection is also part of Yeboah's philosophy.

He wants his team playing the hardest they can until the game is over, he said.

"Never give up and always remember a second chance can always make a difference," he said.

Yeboah said he is optimistic about the soccer team's chances this year.

Although it has been several years since the OCCC club soccer team has made the playoffs, the teams have won many matches in previous seasons and have adopted the fundamentals that

"Never give up and always remember a second chance can always make a difference."

—OCCC Soccer Coach
K.B. Yeboah

Yeboah teaches.

Sign up information will be available during the Recreation and Community Service Bash held on Aug. 25 inside the Wellness Center gymnasium.

OCCC club soccer will kick off on the pitch in the middle of September.

For more information concerning club soccer, call Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

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Distinguished alumni to be honored at banquet

By **Daniel Martin**
Staff Writer

Do you know an OCCC graduate who has achieved outstanding success and had a lasting impact on their community?

If so, it's time yet again to nominate distinguished alums to be honored at the 2008 Alumni Hall of Fame Banquet Nov. 13 at OCCC.

The OCCC Alumni Association Board of Directors selection committee will be considering each individual based on a number of different requirements.

The selection committee evaluates nominees by

their professional, business and community achievements, as well as their services to the community, and past or present services to OCCC, according to the Alumni Association online website at www.occc.edu/alumni.

When students take a class at OCCC, graduate with an associate degree or participate in one of OCCC's community events, they become a lifetime partner of the college, the site reads.

"Through the Alumni Association, anyone who is a graduate of the college can be nominated.

"Nominees chosen are to have demonstrated significant, measurable achievements in their chosen field of work and contributed leadership services to the community," according to the website.

Last year's Hall of Fame banquet saw eight award winners including Social Sciences Dean Mary McCoy. "It was a very exciting and humbling experience," McCoy said.

"It's was an honor. All the past winners have had excellent accomplishments and are more than deserving of the award."

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line for all nominations is Sept. 12.

To nominate alumni for the 2008 Hall of Fame, please visit www.occc.edu/alumni and fill out the brief nomination form and submit it electronically or print and send the form to the OCCC Foundation Office.

For any questions about the Alumni Association please call Pat Berryhill at the OCCC Foundation Office at 405-682-7591 or visit the online page at www.occc.edu/alumni.

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President and students alike agree OCCC needs more flair

"Plan,"

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is something he would like to see improved.

"I would like to see the outside of our campus become more inviting and beautiful," he said. "People talk about college campuses and how beautiful they are, how welcoming they are — I want to bring our campus to the same level."

Gathering areas for students and places where professors could take their classes were some of the things Sechrist mentioned he would like to see built.

He also said he would like to see areas constructed for sporting purposes, such as a beach volleyball court.

Students across campus echoed Sechrist's statements.

Sophomore Blake Lewis said the outdoors of the campus don't feel like a college.

"When I drive past the University of Central Oklahoma or Oklahoma University I feel like I'm looking at a college," Lewis said. "I don't get the same reaction driving past OCCC."

Freshman Thai Collins said from the outside, the college looks like "a business district with large

parking lots and a big building."

"I think lots of landscaping and places for students to hang out, like at OU, would really better the feel of OCCC," Collins said.

The feel of the college is something Sechrist emphasized.

"I think the insides of our buildings are beautiful and I want the outside to reflect the same feel," he said.

"The feel, the look of the campus...that's what we want to improve."

In addition to his desire to beautify the outdoors of the campus, Sechrist hopes to make some building upgrades as well.

He said he would like better buildings for the Social Sciences Division and the Business Division in the future.

"I would like to see those divisions' buildings be brought up to the same quality level as the others," he said.

Sechrist said the Master Site Plan would be drafted during this fall semester. The goal is to present the plan to the regents in December and receive final approval in January 2009.

This summer, the Board of Regents met with Ferrell Madden Lewis, a design firm located in Washington,

D.C., and was presented with various ideas to improve the campus.

Sechrist said the Board was challenged by the design firm to make the campus memorable.

He said he would like the campus to be a place where alumni and former students can return to and reflect positively on their experience at OCCC. The Master Site Plan will help to achieve that goal.

"The plan should serve as a guide for improving the campus for the next decade or so," Sechrist said.

The steering committee will begin plan preparations with the first meeting in late August, Sechrist

said.

"The goal is to get everyone involved," he said. "We want to hear everyone's ideas. Students, faculty, the community ... we want everyone to offer their opinions on what they would like to see."

Sechrist said open meetings would be held this fall and he encourages students to attend to make

their voices heard.

The suggestion boxes around campus and the new online suggestion forms available on the college website are other ways Sechrist mentioned for students to offer their ideas.

"We always take student suggestions seriously," he said.

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Highlights

Clubs and Organizations Fair Aug. 27, 28

Student Life will be hosting the Clubs and Organizations Fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Aug. 27 and 28 in the College Union. This event will showcase the many clubs and organizations existing within the college. It's a good time for students to meet their fellow students with similar interests. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-1611, ext. 7523.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries meeting

The Baptist Collegiate Ministries will meet at noon, every Monday, in the lobby in the Arts and Humanities building and at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday in room 3N0 of the Main Building. There will be a free lunch and everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Mike Barnett at 405-323-0583.

First Brown Bag lecture of the semester

The first Brown Bag lecture, focusing on Study Skills, will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 26 and 27 in College Union room 1. You may bring your lunch to the meeting. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-1611, ext. 7523.

First Lecture Series of the semester

The first Lecture Series, "Race, Gender and Media in the 2008 Elections," with media critic Jennifer Pozner, will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 9 in College Union Room 1. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-1611, ext. 7523.

First Leader Quick session of semester

The first Leader Quick session will be at 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 9, in the Student Organization Meeting Room in the College Union. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-1611, ext. 7523.

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Does your club have an exciting event coming up?

Call Stephen Sossamon at 405-682-1611, ext. 7410, or e-mail onlineeditor@occc.edu.



Getting caught up

Baptist Collegiate Ministries director Mike Barnett explains upcoming events at a BCM meeting.

The BCM meets at noon every Monday in the Theater entrance, and at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday in room 3N0 of the Main Building.

Photo by Stephen Sossamon

College clubs making plans for fall events

By Stephen Sossamon
Staff Writer

This week's Clubs and Organizations Fair will be a chance for students to socialize and interact with students of similar interests, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Aug. 27 and 28 in the College Union.

Many clubs will be active during this fall semester, according to a couple of the clubs' sponsors.

Computer-Aided Technology professor Akram Taghavi-Burris said the Computer Arts and Technology Society will have a busy schedule.

"One of the things we'd like to do is some sort of digital job fair for computer careers," she said. "We would also like to have a digital art show."

Taghavi-Burris said at the beginning of November she is planning to bring in guest speakers.

"We'll also be doing events to raise money for the Oklahoma Electronic Gaming Expo," Taghavi-Burris said.

The expo will be near the beginning of April, she said.

"[The club] is aimed at our computer-aided design and computer science students," she said. "But anyone is welcome."

Taghavi-Burris said CATS will have a booth in the Clubs and Organizations fair.

For more information about the club, contact Taghavi-Burris at 405-682-1611, ext. 7498.

The Nursing Students Association will also be stirring the waters.

Nursing professor Jackie Frock said club members plan to attend the State Nursing Student Association Conference in October.

"We will also be making Halloween gift baskets and possibly Thanksgiving and Christmas

ones too," she said. "Last time we used a silent auction to raise money; it went really well."

Frock said she isn't sure when the first meeting will be, but the NSA will have a booth at the upcoming Clubs and Organizations fair.

For more information on the Nursing Students Association, contact Frock at 405-682-1611, ext. 7226. The Native American Students Association, or NASA, will be attending a Native American Higher Education conference in February, said Marcelene Rogers, Personal and Academic adviser.

Last fall, NASA attended an American Indian gathering and the group hopes to attend again in April, she said.

"We attend pow-wows at other universities," Rogers said. "Every college has them."

Rogers said her group wants to get involved in the Native Vote for the elections, which is a program that pushes Native Americans to register and vote.

"We will be meeting at least two Wednesdays a month," Rogers said.

For more information on NASA, contact Rogers at 405-682-1611, ext. 7431.

Finally, the Empowered Students and Individuals will sponsor Ability Awareness Day, said Students with Disabilities adviser Jenna Howard.

"It will be in October again," she said. "It was such a success last year, we felt like doing it again."

Howard said the club will meet every other Thursday, the week after the Club and Organizations fair.

For more information on ESI, contact Howard at 405-682-1611, ext. 7621.

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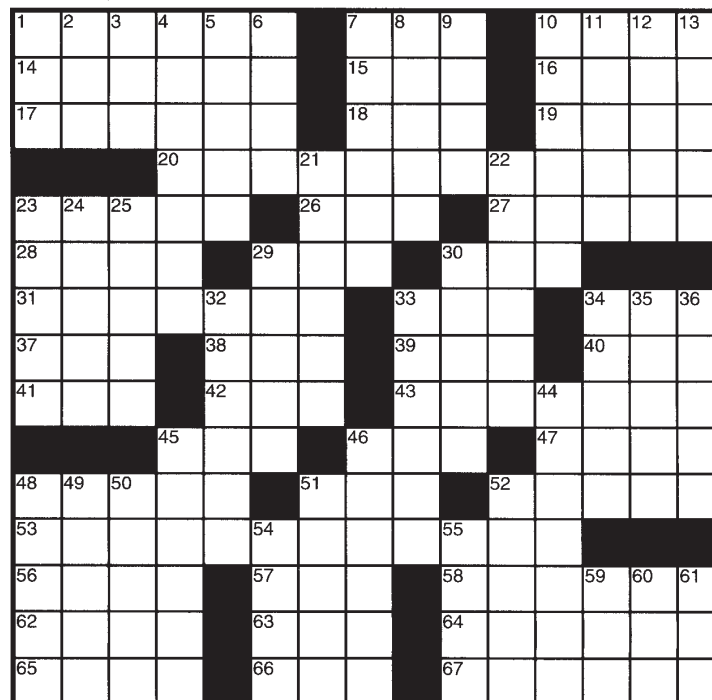
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Wrecks, pornography case reported

By Stephen Sossamon
Staff Writer

Rain slick roads led to a car being trapped almost in the drainage ditch at the north side of campus Aug. 11.

Security officer Eddie Connally said the car broke through the culvert curb, coming to a stop almost in the drainage ditch.

Driver Anju Gurung said the road was slick from rain, which caused the accident.

She said she called 911 and requested Oklahoma City Police Department and a wrecker.

Rick Ross, driver for Puckett's Wrecker Service, had to request another wrecker to stabilize the vehicle to prevent it from going into the drainage ditch as he winched it onto the flatbed, according to the report.

Estimated damage to the vehicle is between \$6,000 and \$10,000. Estimated damages to the college property are at \$1,500, according to the report.

On Aug. 15, Brenda Harris, a visitor to the college, flagged security officer William Busby down.

Harris's maroon Ford Taurus had been damaged in the parking lot, according to the report.

Busby said he reviewed video footage, which showed a white truck backing out of the parking space next to Harris's car. The truck struck the Taurus in the driver's side rear wheel.

The owner of the white truck left her name and insurance policy number on the windshield of Harris's vehicle, according to the report.

Busby said Harris's vehicle could not be moved very far due to fender damage on the driver's side of the car rubbing on the top of the tire.

On Aug. 14, library staff called Busby to investigate someone viewing pornographic material on the library's computers.

Jason Kembal, a library employee, told Busby where the suspect was located and said he wasn't sure what the suspect was looking at but thought it could be pornographic material, according to the report.

The suspect is John Michaels, who is not a student of the college, according to the report.

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Busby said he asked Michaels if he was looking at pornographic material, to which Michaels replied, "no."

Busby told Michaels he

would check the computer's memory and Michaels changed his story, admitting he was viewing pornographic material, according to the report.

Busby said he told Mi-

chaels to leave the property, and if he returned again, he would be arrested for trespassing.

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Language center helps students with software

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"I recently registered for the Spanish Rosetta Stone program in the WLCC," said Roland Edmonds, Spanish I student.

"It looks like a pretty good program and our teacher has encouraged the class to come in and try it to come out on our free time."

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