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Students have options regarding health insurance

Official says, with some searching, affordable plans can be found

By **Stephen Sossamon**
Staff Writer

Riley Smith, OCCC engineering major, knows the day may come when she gets sick enough to have to make a trip to the doctor. She also knows she'll have to pay 100 percent of the cost from her own pocket. Still, she said, she can't bring herself to spend money on a monthly health insurance plan.

"It's just too expensive," Smith said. "I live out on my own, so I already have to pay for rent, food, gas and other bills. I know it's important but it seems just like another bill."

Student Support Specialist Mary Turner said other students feel the same as Smith, with the biggest issue to most students being the cost.

Nursing student Jessica Sanchez said she also doesn't like the extra bill but knows it's necessary.

"I'd rather not have to pay for it," she said, "but I just know I will probably get in a situation where it'll be useful. You never know what life is going to throw at you."

While OCCC doesn't endorse any particular insurance companies, Turner said, college officials do encourage students to get insured. She said the first step is finding a company.

There are several ways to do that, she said.

One is by searching the Internet.

"I usually have students contact the insurance companies or go online and see the different solutions they offer," Turner said. "Students need to find what's right for them."

Students can find and compare various rates through www.eHealthInsurance.com.

There, students enter their zip code, date of birth, if they smoke and whether they are full-time college students.

The website then lists several companies with competitive pricing where students can view plans, find the right deductible and monthly costs, as well as what the plan entails, according to the website.

Another website students can find information and free quotes from is www.studentshealthinsurance.com.

The website offers affordable next-day coverage, free quotes, completely online application process and plan comparisons, according to the website.

Turner said all the insurance companies providing their office



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Tutoring help



Photo by Joseph A. Moore II

Tonja Nelson, Communications Lab assistant and recent business graduate, offers Mark Bohon, engineering freshman, help with his English composition paper. The Communications Lab, which offers tutoring for all students, is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays.

Tuition fee waiver deadline nears

By **Jessie Sanchez**
News Writing Student

Students hoping to receive a tuition fee waiver for the fall semester must apply by Monday, July 20, said Alicia Harris, Student Aid Programs assistant director.

Waivers are only awarded toward tuition and only available to Oklahoma resident students with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and enrolled at least part time, according to the Financial Aid website.

Harris said students should apply as soon as possible.

"I deeply encourage students to apply early," she said. "Waiting until the last second is risking the chance of not obtaining a waiver."

In order to apply, Harris

said, students must submit an official transcript and application to the Financial Aid office.

The office then examines the applications and awards waivers based on eligibility, financial need and GPA, she said.

Waivers are generally awarded on a semester basis, but may be awarded for an academic year, according to the Financial Aid website.

Harris said waivers can cover up to the entire cost of tuition, but do not cover additional fees.

"Because of my good grades and financial need, the tuition waiver covered all of my tuition for a given semester," said Zackary Pinkerton, sophomore.

Pinkerton said good standing with former professors increased his abil-

"I deeply encourage students to apply early."

—Alicia Harris
Student Aid Programs
Assistant Director

ity to obtain waiver.

"I initially learned of the opportunity to obtain a tuition fee waiver from the Financial Aid website, but found most information when I visited the office," he said.

Applications are available in the Financial Aid office on the first floor of the Main Building. Financial Aid is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

For more information about student financial assistance programs, visit www.occc.edu/financial-aid.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

The guilty always run away

Last week brought about one more reason to dislike politicians with the early resignation of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

Palin quit her job mid-term just as rumors of an embezzlement scandal were threatening to envelope her career.

While some may applaud her resignation — which certainly could sabotage her speculated run for the U.S. presidency in 2012 — people really should chastise her and other politicians for their self-serving choices.

I'm sure the media scrutiny had a lot to do with her resignation. But, it's important for elected political figures to fulfill their promises to the people who appointed them to the prestigious position.

Have political promises to faithfully execute the duties throughout the terms for which politicians are elected become nothing but hollow words?

It seems everywhere one looks, be it at local scope of leadership or nationally, fickle politicians are turning their backs on the public by abandoning their promises and their posts.

Palin's official word is she is resigning because she will be in lame duck status, an elected official who reaches the middle of their term. Her office will be up for a vote in 2010.

She couldn't recognize that when a person has passion and fervent vigor for what you do, time means little.

If anything, a limit makes you try harder, not quit.

The motivation to outlast, out do, out wit, out think will always keep you a step ahead.

If someone gives up before the end of his or her ride, it only displays bad character and no guts.

What kind of example is that really going to reflect on them if they're going to try their political skills on a national stage?

If Palin couldn't even work it out as the leader of Alaska, then the ability to fulfill the workload of a broader foundation — such as the presidency — is a long shot.

Those obstacles come with the territory of public office and the product of freedom of the press.

Keeping people honest, especially those in public office who are paid from an amount deducted from a citizen's paycheck, is crucial.

Either way, Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell will fill Palin's position as governor.

I know this issue doesn't directly affect my well being. But politicians need to remember that people always remember a last impression, not the first

—Justin Combs
Editor

Plan to reduce number of smokers

To the editor:

A new state plan urges all Oklahomans to help reduce the state's leading preventable cause of death.

The new plan, announced by the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee, calls for reducing tobacco use rates in Oklahoma to below the national rates by 2012.

Achieving this goal would result in 200,000 fewer adult and youth tobacco users in the state.

"Almost every Oklahoman has had loved ones die from tobacco use," said Health Commissioner Terry Cline, Advisory Committee chairperson.

"Because tobacco use affects all of us in some way, everyone has a role to play in reaching the ambitious goal of this new state plan," Cline said.

Killing more than 5,800 Oklahomans each year, tobacco use is a major risk

factor for the four leading causes of death in Oklahoma — heart disease, cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and stroke.

Smoking harms nearly every organ of the body and every phase of reproduction. For every person who dies from tobacco use, another 20 suffer with at least one serious tobacco-caused illness.

Secondhand smoke contains at least 250 toxic chemicals.

"Tobacco companies need to be shown the tremendous power of Oklahomans when we come together to overcome tragedy in the lives of our families and friends," Cline said.

The tobacco industry spends an estimated \$246 million each year to promote smoking in Oklahoma.

The 20-member Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee

was created by the Oklahoma Legislature through the 2001 Oklahoma Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Act.

The State Plan may be viewed online at <http://www.ok.gov/health/documents/StatePlan.pdf>.

—Pamela Williams
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Comments and Reviews

Nothing seems to work

Boris Yellnikoff is convinced his life is worthless, and there aren't too many people who disagree with him. Neither his ex-wife, his friends, nor the audience seemed to object to his jumping out a window in a suicide attempt.

The attempt failed to accomplish its goal and so did the movie, "Whatever Works."

Woody Allen fashioned the character of Boris after his own personality.

Boris is a genius of sorts who never tires of cramming his random ideas about life down the throats of anyone who will listen.

Boris (Larry David) is spewing ideologies to his friends, and directly addressing the audience, when his three old buddies tell him to go home and rest. They think he has lost his mind.

On the way to his New York ghetto apartment, a young woman, Melodie (Evan Rachel Wood), approaches him, asking for his help.

She is a 21-year-old runaway and he is well into his sixties, but he lets her stay with him. His friends are right. He has lost his senses.

As in most of Allen's work, there is not much of a plot but rather, a lot of rambling rhetoric and world views that are close to depressing.

In contrast to Boris is the naïveté of Melodie who is the eternal optimist.

Melodie's sunny outlook is almost as annoying as Boris' whoa is me demeanor.

One bright spot in this film is the arrival of Melodie's mother, a bible-slinging Texan named Marietta.

Patricia Clarkson plays this character to perfection as she reshapes Marietta into a New York woman.

This movie has a rating of PG13, for brief nudity and thematic material. In other words, children should not be subjected to such depressing material, but then neither should adults.

There is a semi-happy ending, where each of the characters has an epiphany about their own lives, but after an hour and 35 minutes of boredom, who cares?

Perhaps this film would have been viable in the 1970's when Allen wrote it, but pseudo-intellect is no longer popular with savvy audiences of the new millennium. Whatever works, no longer works.

Rating: D

— **Cynthia Praefke**
Staff Writer

'All of Me' is a familiar laugh

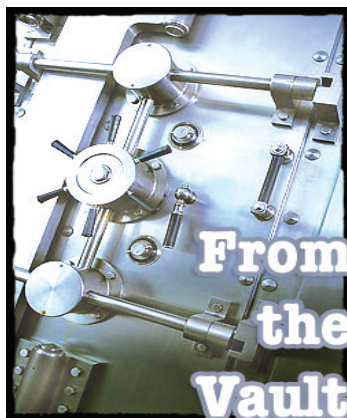
Actor/director Carl Reiner, who directed such classic movies such as "Oh, God," "The Jerk," and "Summer School," made one of the funniest 1984 classic movies when he made in "All of Me."

The movie is a classic for all generations and highly recommended for modern college students who have no idea what funny really is.

"All of Me" is a fantasy/comedy centered on comic geniuses Lily Tomlin ("Desperate Housewives"), and Steve Martin ("The Pink Panther"), two ex "Saturday Night Live" cast members known for their hilarious roles in the 70s, 80s and 90s and unfortunately some horrible ones this decade.

Martin plays Roger Cobb, a lawyer by day and jazz musician by night, who is tired of his boring life.

After turning 38, Martin's character feels like he is missing out on life.



Tomlin plays the extremely pompous and wealthy Edwina Cutwater who has spent her life in wheelchairs and, upon her deathbed, plans to move her soul into the body of beautiful temptress Terry Hoskins played by Martin's ex-wife Victoria Tennant ("LA Story").

When Cutwater accidentally ends up sharing a body with Cobb, the sparks fly, causing some of the best laughs in movie history.

Even as these two actors have gone on to make some

of the worst movies ever made, this movie shows Tomlin and Martin in their prime.

It's easy to see how they inspired people like Jim Carey with their almost slapstick style comedy.

The movie starts at a slower pace.

But, within minutes, the comedy duo are fighting over control of Cobb's body voice and life.

The story is about not taking your life for granted and finding love where you least expect it.

These are some things that modern movies just don't express well.

Reiner did a superb job with gratuitous sexual nature and unnecessary nudity while still exploring the sexual nature of the characters.

By the end of the movie there are many hilarious twists and turns, leaving viewers happy they watched it in its entirety.

"All of Me" is rated PG

Counselor's Corner

"Always laugh when you can. It is cheap medicine."
—**Lord Byron (1788-1824)**

I'm sure that many of you, like me, feel as though time has just run off and left us this summer. Already, we're nearing the end of another term.

As much as you're ready to kick up your heels and rejoice, you may also be wishing for just a bit more time to get everything that needs to be done, done.

As we wind down this semester and gear up for the next, let me encourage you to laugh every chance you get.

I know we're all adults here, and adults are supposed to be somber and serious and boring, but that's really a myth.

It's true that adults don't always take pleasure in the simpler things in life, and we're told to be still and quiet much of the time.

But to truly find joy in learning requires that we see the humor in situations and allow ourselves to laugh at them. Sometimes, that means laughing through a bit of pain when we fall down.

How many of us have caused one of our parents to gasp by embracing an activity with so much enthusiasm that we're wiped out completely, only to get up laughing in spite of the scrapes and bruises?

Sometimes, we have to do that with intellectual activities, too.

Instead of trying to be too careful and too perfect, we need to jump into the learning with wild abandon and take some risks.

The chances are pretty high that we'll get knocked down from time to time. But success entails getting up and jumping back into the fray.

Do that enough times, and you'll learn to ride the bike without training wheels or factor polynomials. Instead of being grim and somber if you don't succeed the first time (qualities that make your brain dry up), laugh.

Try to begin and end each day on a positive note with a little laughter.

Starting the day with a laugh will set the tone for the rest of your day. Ending on such a note will help you relax and sleep better.

If you need some help getting started, come by and see us in Student Support Services.

—**Mary Turner**
Learning Support Specialist

and has a 93-minute run time.

For a break from the modern comedy that simply tries to shock and awe,

rent "All of Me" at your local DVD store.

Rating: A

— **Shawn Stawicki**
Staff Writer

Comments and Reviews

'Werewolf in London' stands the test of time, remains a classic horror film

Whether you're into horror movies or not, this weekend go to your local movie store and pick up a copy of "American Werewolf in London."

"American Werewolf in London" has thrilled horror movie fans for almost 30 years.

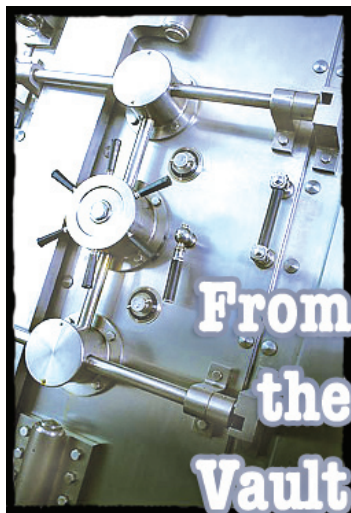
Since its release in 1981, it has gone on to become a cult classic, and a benchmark for classic satirical yet, gruesome horror films.

It was written and directed by a young, not-so-well-known director named John Landis.

Landis went on to direct such classic films as "Coming to America," "Three Amigos," "Trading Places," and "Spies Like Us."

The movie centers on two American college students: Jack Goodman (Griffin Dunne) and David Kessler (David Naughton) who take their European vacation on the mores of northern England.

They decide to stop in



for a drink at a local pub called, "The Slaughtered Lamb," and that's when the horror begins.

Goodman is eaten by a gruesome lycanthrope, otherwise known as a werewolf, as Kessler survives and is turned into a monster who must kill himself to save others.

Eventually, Kessler changes into a werewolf, in one of the most remarkable transformation scenes of all time.

The make up and special effects are so superb

in "An American Werewolf in London" that it was the first horror film to win an academy award for best special make up.

Rick Baker, who designed the make up for "The Exorcist," Michael Jackson's music video, "Thriller," and "Harry and the Hendersons," won the 1981 academy award for his special make-up work in the film.

While much of the focus centers on the gory transformation from man to werewolf, the film revolves around the love that develops between Kessler and gorgeous nurse Price (Jenny Agutter).

Although Goodman is tough to look at, there is a lot of humor in the dialogue between Kessler and Goodman, making the film more interesting and comedic.

Plus, the movie is action packed with flashbacks, dream sequences, great humor, gruesome horror, and flat out awesome writing and directing.



Landis created a special and unique type of film in "American Werewolf in London," that has been mimicked by many.

"American Werewolf in London" is rated "R" for

language, violence and sex.

The run-time is 97 minutes.

Rating: A+

—Matt Montgomery
Staff Writer

Local burrito restaurant has right idea, great food

Chipotle Mexican Grill's two OKC locations, located at 15th and Broadway in Edmond and NW Expressway and Independence, are easily the best fast food stops in the metro area.

Started in Denver in 1993, this little burrito bar continues to blaze the trail on how restaurants should be run.

The quality of all of their ingredients is excellent.

Their menu is simple; burritos, fajita burritos,

burrito bowls, tacos and salads.

The price is dependent on the meat that you choose. For example, a steak burrito is the same price as an order of steak tacos.

Steak, carnitas and the barbacoa are all \$6.35 and the chicken or veggie option is \$5.95.

Everything on the menu is customizable. You can choose the type of meat or the kind beans you want, or the type of salsa added

to your order.

My personal favorite is the steak burrito bowl, with cilantro-lime rice, black beans, sour cream, and roasted chili-corn salsa with an order of chips and guacamole.

While all the meat is delicious, if only one can be tried then it should be barbacoa, the shredded beef. Seasoned with their signature chipotle adobo, cumin, cloves, garlic and oregano, it is a surprising harmony of flavors.

In addition to an amazing menu, adult dine-in patrons can order from a selection of domestic and foreign beer.

Not only is the food de-

licious, but the company itself is socially responsible.

On their website, www.chipotle.com, they describe some of the ways that they try to set a better example.

For instance, all of the pork and chicken and about half the beef Chipotle buys is humanely farm raised without antibiotics or growth hormones. You can taste the difference

the quality of meat.

Also, thirty percent of the black beans and pinto beans they use are organically grown.

Whether you like mild or spicy, Chipotle is the place for you.

With a reasonably priced menu made up of quality ingredients, Chipotle is not to be missed.

Rating: A

—Luke Carter
Staff Writer

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Geek Squad agents give tips on job hunting

By Justin Combs
Editor

More employers than before are looking to social networking sites as forms of background checks for potential employees, said Taylor Adams, Best Buy Geek Squad agent.

"Social network sites like MySpace are public sites that more employers look at," Adams said.

He said it's important students monitor their pictures and content posted on such sites.

"So, if there's something obscene or lewd that an employer wouldn't necessarily like, either make your profile completely private or don't have those pictures on there at all," Adams said.

"Make sure friends you have aren't leaving comments on your board that would give an employer a bad impression."

Chris Gammill, Geek Squad agent, said students should also Google themselves to see what in-

formation about them is on the Internet.

"If you find anything about yourself that's on somebody else's website contact the Webmaster and tell them to take it off," Gammill said. "Legally they're obligated to take it off."

"If you find something an employer can find, it's bad news."

The more technology grows, the more people's security is at risk, he said.

"People can find out more about you on the internet than your friends can at your house," Gammill said. "It's like once you put it a on the Internet it's imagination land and everyone forgets about it."

"But it's actually real and people are looking to research you," he said.

Adams said Twitter also is a tool employers may look at to get a better impression of who the applicant is.

"Twitter is more text based so you want to make sure you're using proper

grammar and punctuation and not using a huge amount of slang," he said.

Video résumés also are being offered on résumé websites such as www.careerbuilder.com, Adams said.

"A video résumé speaks a lot more personally about who you are," he said. "When they connect they can see your face in front of them, so it's not so black and white."

Adams said video résumés are helpful because employers can see the applicant's posture, demeanor, and the way they carry themselves, Adams said.

"A well-made video resume' speaks volumes about who you are," Adams said.

Adams said job seekers should build their own website to showcase their abilities and skills.

"As opposed to having just a résumé, you've got a physical manifestation of the stuff you've worked really hard on," Adams said.

Utilizing the Internet to

turn the tables and research employers is important as well, Gammill said.

"Research what they're about, what they do," he said. "It's good to know

more about them than they do about you when you go in for an interview."

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Lesbian, gay rights discussed

By Ta'Chelle Jones
News Writing Student

A gay pastor, two married transgendered women, a lesbian and a social worker shared their stories of coming out and dealing with social hatred during a panel discussion on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights June 30 on campus.

The diverse panel made up of men and women from different backgrounds and sexual orientations addressed an audience of students from professor Greg Parks Introduction to Psychology course.

Panelists said they wanted to share their individual experiences with students and the community in hopes of spreading messages of tolerance and equality.

Participating in the panel was a way to give back to the community and to open some barriers, said Georgie Russell, a transgendered female who is married to a woman.

During the three hour question-and-answer session, students asked more than 75 questions to the panelists about their experiences that have spanned several decades.

One panelist, Rob Howard, who said he came out to his wife and family after being married for several years, said he had no choice but to tell his secret.

"I could not lie to myself, my wife, my mother," Howard said. "It was liberating."

Though he said he felt freed by his acceptance, society felt differently.

"You get the message from society that [being straight] is the way things ought to be," he said.

Robert Grupe, Peer Recovery Support specialist, said the pressure society places on people in the gay and lesbian community causes many to engage in substance abuse and or become mentally ill.

"I am very sad to see abuse and mental health issues go untreated because they are afraid to ask for help because they'll be judged," Grupe said. "In the gay community, we need to peel off these barriers and get them some help."

One topic that was animatedly discussed during the session was gay marriage. Panelists said they felt they are being stripped of many rights.

"There are 1,100 federal rights that are excluded from gay (and) lesbian couples," Howard said. "It's really a human rights issue."

Students said they found the panel to be both enlightening and necessary.

"Overall the gay community is preoccupied with equal rights," said Rachel Warren, freshman. "It is critical for school to teach tolerance and to treat people like human beings."

"That's what college should stand for."

CDCLS helps with donation drive

By Rachel Ramsey
News Writing Student

Twenty-five preschool children at the Child Development Center and Lab School participated in a Christmas in July event last week at an Oklahoma City McDonald's restaurant, said Lee Ann Townsend, CDCLS supervisor.

Townsend said Christmas in July is CDCLS's community outreach program and donation drive for the Ronald McDonald House in Oklahoma City.

The Ronald McDonald House finds and support programs that directly improve the health and well being of children, she

said.

"CDCLS selected this project because we feel a need to develop partnerships and professional relationships with agencies and organizations in the community," Townsend said.

She said she felt the turn out for the event was great and that almost every family attended.

"The preschoolers had a lot of questions about the Ronald McDonald House and why families of sick children stay there," Townsend said.

At the event, she said, families of the CDCLS students were given large bags, which were decorated by the students, and a donation wish list.

Townsend said the wish list included board games, gift cards and personal

care products.

The families were then asked to fill the bags with items on the list and return the bags by July 18, when the CDCLS will deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House, she said.

All children and families are invited to attend the delivery, Townsend said.

"The teachers did a great job explaining why families can stay there when their children are in the hospital and why the children need the items on the wish list," Townsend said.

"The parents' reactions have been good," she said. "They seem to understand that we help the Ronald McDonald House as a community outreach program and they are glad to be of help too."

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Students show off photography work



Landscape assignment for Digital Photography II — image by Mark Doescher



Architecture assignment for Digital Photography II — image by Jake Ogle

This semester, students taking Digital Photography were given a variety of assignment to complete such as taking landscape and still life photographs, said Randy Anderson, graphics communication professor.

The class was assigned certain subjects to shoot but what they shot or where they shot the assignments was left to the students to decide, Anderson said.

He said the assignments are for a portfolio of projects the students worked on throughout the semester.

“Photography majors have to take this course although I did have some students take the class to just learn more about photography who were not majoring in photography,” Anderson said.

For more information, contact Anderson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7218.

Text by Justin Combs | Photos provided by Randy Anderson



Studio Portrait assignment for Digital Photography II — image by Trevor McCoy



Existing Light Portrait assignment for Digital Photography II — image by Beau Lewis

Digital images used in class portfolios



Stop Action assignment for Digital Photography II
— image by Beau Lewis



Still Life assignment for Digital Photography II
— image by John Soderquist



Studio Portrait assignment for Digital Photography II
— image by Jake Ogle



Studio Portrait assignment for Digital Photography II — image by Trevor McCoy

Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **Currently Active:** Summer Sports Camps featuring T-ball at OCCC and baseball at Santa Fe South have begun. For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

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• **July 13-17:** Next session of Fitkids and swimming start. For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

• **July 20-24:** Volleyball and indoor soccer starts. For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

• **July 27-31:** Summer camps for cheer and dance as well as flag football starts for ages 6-11 and 12-14. For more information, contact Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

**All camps are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Mondays through Fridays**

Just keep swimming...



Photo by Joseph A. Moore II

Nate Plummer, part-time water safety instructor and Westmoore High School senior, assists Gabriel, 7, in learning to swim. The Welless Center offers water safety courses during the summer. For more information, contact the Wellness Center at 682-1611, ext. 7310.

Local sports director gives advice

By Scott Goodman
News Writing Student

After the Mexican Soccer Federation fired Head Coach Sven Goran Eriksson of Sweden and rehired Javier Aguirre, there were many that felt it would get Mexico back to The World Cup, where they belong.

Ubaldo Martinez, 23-year-old sports director for the Hispanic TV Station Telemundo in Oklahoma City and graduate of The University of Oklahoma, said he was pleased to learn that Eriksson was no longer coach of the Mexican National team.

Martinez addressed nine students in professor Mark Schenburger's News Writing I class July 1 and told them "It was a mistake to hire Swedish," he said. "Eriksson didn't understand the style of soccer that is played in the CONCACAF Zone that Mexico plays in."

"I'm pleased to see Aguirre was rehired since he was coach when Mexico made their last World Cup appearance in 2002. But I'm still

skeptical about the team qualifying for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa thanks to the losses sustained under Eriksson."

Mexico isn't the only team in the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) Zone that Martinez likes because the United States is also a member of the CONCACAF Zone.

"After the performance by the U.S. in last month's Confederations Cup they have earned respect from the rest of the world," he said.

Even though Martinez said he loves soccer he said covering the Oklahoma City Thunder has been the most exciting.

The Oklahoma City Thunder, which used to be the Seattle SuperSonics, was moved to Oklahoma City in 2008 after the team was bought by Clay Bennett in 2006.

"It was just great to finally get a professional team," Martinez said.

Out of all sports local, national and international, Martinez said

his favorite to cover is OU football.

"OU football is my favorite because I'm an alum of OU," he said. "They always have a great football program and the atmosphere on game day is intoxicating not only around campus but all over the city of Norman."

Martinez is not limited to just covering sports. He said if it's a slow sports day he does help out with preparing for the news.

Standing in front of the class, he said he would like to stay at Telemundo and watch the station grow, but isn't closed off to switching a more mainstream market.

Martinez said he also would be interested in working in radio.

"I would like to have a 30 minute weekend sports talk radio show," he said.

Martinez gave a bit of advice on some skills students should work on that will be helpful in the future.

"Know what's going on around the world, Martinez said, you are a source of information so you better know your stuff," he said.

OCCC says goodbye to 37-year employee

By Justin Howell
News Writing Student

After 37 years of service to OCCC, Carolyn Rouillard, Human Resources benefits director, retired July 7.

Rouillard said she decided to retire to enjoy time with her husband Richard — who retired from his position as an English professor in 2008 — and to spend more time with her eight grandchildren.

"We have our first Rouillard camp for grandchildren scheduled in July this year — a trip to Seattle and Glacier National Park in August," she said in an e-mail.

"And I have at least 30 quilting projects and years of genealogy research to put together to document 15 and 13 generations for the Rouillard and Peters paternal families."

Rouillard said she earned an associate degree from OCCC before earning later degrees including a master of arts degree from the University of Oklahoma.

She said she held a number of jobs at the college such as Senior Human Resources Specialist, but began working for OCCC for an hourly rate of \$1.50, the same wage that was given to work study employees at that time.

In addition to her work in Human



Carolyn Rouillard

Resources, she taught part time for the business division for the last 20 years.

"It is hard to believe that 37 years have passed and when I reflect on those years, I have to say I have come a long way," she said.

Rouillard said the college has come a long way as well, especially in regards to technology.

She said she remembers her early days at the college when there were few or no computers.

Rouillard said she would have to sort through the 500 applications for one job and sit on committees

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—Carolyn Rouillard
Recently retired Benefits Director

to decide who would be hired.

Today, the job application process is computerized and yields only about 20 or 30 applicants for some jobs, she said.

Rouillard said she would like to have seen the college do even more with technology.

She said she had always wanted the college to implement, "Smart Ben, an online program, that would have empowered employees because they could see benefits and plan their benefits online."

Colleagues said they have appreciated all her work for the college and will miss her.

Carlotta Hill, Learning Skills professor, said Rouillard has been "an angel sent to take care of us in the college community."

"I owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude for her professional, efficient, caring, and gentle handling of my affairs when my husband died," Hill said.

"Had Carolyn not taken it upon herself to call me and tell me what to do as I needed to do it, I am afraid to think of what might have happened to my children and me at that time."

"To say she went above and beyond doesn't come close."

Hill said other professors she works with and has worked with feel the same way.

"I hope in her retirement she will be blessed to do the projects, activities, and travels that she desires," she said.

"We will miss her terribly."

Even though she is leaving her full-time post, Rouillard said she wants to continue teaching at the college.

She said teaching is crucial, and she has often enjoyed watching how education changes everyday situations.

Rouillard said one of the things she will miss most is the sense of family at OCCC in which, she said, "if someone needed help, you just helped them, no matter the department."

"I feel I have always worked to provide OCCC employees with what they deserve — the best."

"Of course, I could not have accomplished that without the years of established relationships with individuals in the field."

Online classes see significant boost in enrollment

By Haley Jackson
News Writing Student

More than 1,800 OCCC students have chosen to forgo coming to campus and instead, take online classes, said Stu Harvey, executive director of Planning and Research, in an e-mail.

There has been a significant increase in the number of online classes taken, Harvey said.

"[There's been] more than [a] 66 percent increase in the number of students and 78 percent increase in the number of credit hours in the last five years" he said.

Bertha Wise, English and online humanities professor, said she has taught 10 online courses. She said online classes are helpful for a number of reasons.

"Online classes work for some students very well because of work schedules, their family responsibilities, or other factors that prevent them from being able to come to

Many students say the freedom of an online course has its pros and cons

campus," she said in an e-mail.

OCCC sophomore Daniel DeLaRosa, 23, agrees. He said he has taken six online classes during his time at OCCC and likes not having to go to a classroom to learn.

"I move all over the country and I love that I can take classes wherever I choose to call home," DeLaRosa said in an e-mail.

Wise said one of the largest challenges students face with online classes is using their time wisely.

"Time management is the biggest struggle for many online students, probably because they underestimate how much time they will need to spend studying and completing assignments in exchange for not having to drive to campus and sitting in a classroom," she said.

Learning to deal with the challenge of not putting off work until

the last minute also is hard, DeLaRosa said.

"Sometimes I know an assignment is due a certain day, but I'll wait until the last minute to do it," he said. "It's bitten me in the ass a couple times, so I've had to learn to budget my time correctly."

Wise said online classes can be even more challenging than traditional ones. She said students don't always realize "online learning is more demanding of each individual student and requires a great deal of self motivation."

"Be sure the online class style is for you," Wise said. "If you need to be able to talk to your teacher or listen to the teacher's lecture, then online is not for you."

Wise said students need to plan ahead.

"Set a schedule for doing assign-

ments," she said. "This will allow you to not get behind, get rushed or miss deadlines."

Students also need to work on other organization skills, Wise said.

She said being organized covers everything from enrolling early so students can enroll in the online course section they want, getting a calendar for deadlines and ordering books early so they can be ready to go first day of the online class.

Even with the growing availability of online degrees and those seeking them, Wise said she does not see colleges doing away with traditional classes.

Harvey said he agrees but also believes "the use of streaming video, video telephony and other interactive technologies to allow for more personal interaction between students and faculty will become the norm."

"The sky's the limit," he said.

Highlights

New Student Orientation

Student Life will present New Student Orientation at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 16 in room CU3. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

TRiO Student Support Services summer events

Upcoming events for current TRiO students include:

- July 21: Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Ropes Course
- July 22: TRiO SSS Day of Service

Students can pre-register in room 1X7 in the Main Building or contact TRiO SSS at 405-682-1611, ext. 7723.

HOPE to attend conference

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will attend the National Council of La Raza conference Saturday, July 25 through Tuesday, July 28 in Chicago, Ill. The NCLR is a Hispanic civil rights organization.

Tuition Fee Waiver Information

Tuition Fee Waiver applications for the fall semester are available in the Financial Aid Office. Completed applications must be submitted before 5 p.m. Monday, July 20. For more information, call Student Financial Support Services at 405-682-7525, ext. 7188.

Child Care spots open

Several full-time child care spaces will be available for 3-and 4-year-olds beginning in August at the Child Development Center and Lab School. The CDCLS is open from 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Mondays through Fridays for students, employees and the community, and from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. for students. For more information, contact CDCLS Lab Supervisor Lee Ann Townsend at 405-682-1611, ext. 7423.

Land and the Law for Non-Landsmen Workshop

OCCC, in conjunction with Professional Development Institute, will host a Land and the Law for Non-Landsmen Workshop from 9:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at the John Massey Center, located at 11919 S. I-44 Service Road in Oklahoma City.

Key Topics to be discussed will include:

- Laws that affect land in oil and gas
- Clauses of a lease
- Mineral ownership
- Responsibilities and duties of the land department
- Legal description
- Lease negotiations

Cost to attend is \$299, which includes instruction and eight hours of continuous professional education credits. To register, contact Corporate Learning at 405-682-7562, or visit www.occc.edu/corporatelearning. Also contact Linda Meux with PDI at 940-565-3354, or lmeux@pdi.org.

Faculty Association garage sale

The Faculty Association garage sale will take place Oct. 28 and 29 in CU1, CU2 and CU3 in the College Union. Contributions will be taken throughout the summer. New health department rules will prohibit the sale of toys or jewelry that might contain lead. For more information, contact Linda Boatright at 405-682-1611, ext. 7468.

All Highlights are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday for inclusion in the next issue.

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Job Search



Photo by Joseph A. Moore II

Durell Carter, sophomore literature student, awaits students interested in finding jobs. If you are interested in the variety of jobs offered on campus or off campus, Carter is located west of the College Union entrance in the Main Building.

HOPE to attend summit

By Shawn Stawicki
Staff Writer

The OCCC Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will be attending the 2009 annual National Council of La Raza conference held July 25 through July 28 at McCormick Place West in downtown Chicago, Ill. said Paul Burkhardt, Community Outreach coordinator and H.O.P.E. sponsor.

H.O.P.E. is a social organization that aims to help better their surrounding community through educating the Hispanic community and concentrating on Hispanic issues, Burkhardt said.

H.O.P.E. helps the community by mentoring school age high-risk dropout students, he said.

Burkhardt said the conference is designed around leadership and helping the community, and has many workshops dealing with other Hispanic issues such as diabetes and immigration.

Martin Ramirez, political science major who will be going to the University of Central Oklahoma, said he is looking forward to attending the conference for the workshops and to learn about community development.

"I am attending for the great leadership building experience as well as newtorking," Ramirez said.

Burkhardt said he believes the expo will give students an opportunity to receive information that will help them in school.

"I am expecting to see students fired up and to see how they can help the community," he said.

The NCLR is the largest Hispanic organization in America Burkhardt said.

Burkhardt said in the past, the conference has brought in guest speakers such as Sen. Hillary Clinton, former President Bill Clinton, Sen. John McCain, and even Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"It is that significant of a Hispanic event," he said.

H.O.P.E will be departing

Wednesday, July 22 and will stay at the Palmer House Hilton in downtown Chicago, Burkhardt said.

Students paid \$250 each to go to the Lideres Summit (leaders summit), which includes the price of meals, workshops, evening events, town halls and access to the Latino Expo in Chicago, he said.

This year, students were able to raise the funds through fall fundraisers and scholarships from OCCC and the NCLR, Burkhardt said.

He said OCCC was unable to go last year due to the price of the summit.

The expo portion will include free food and entertainment as well as attendance from large corporations accepting résumés, he said.

"There will be big names like I.B.M. and Microsoft," Burkhardt said.

For information on the conference or the NCLR, visit www.nclr.org.

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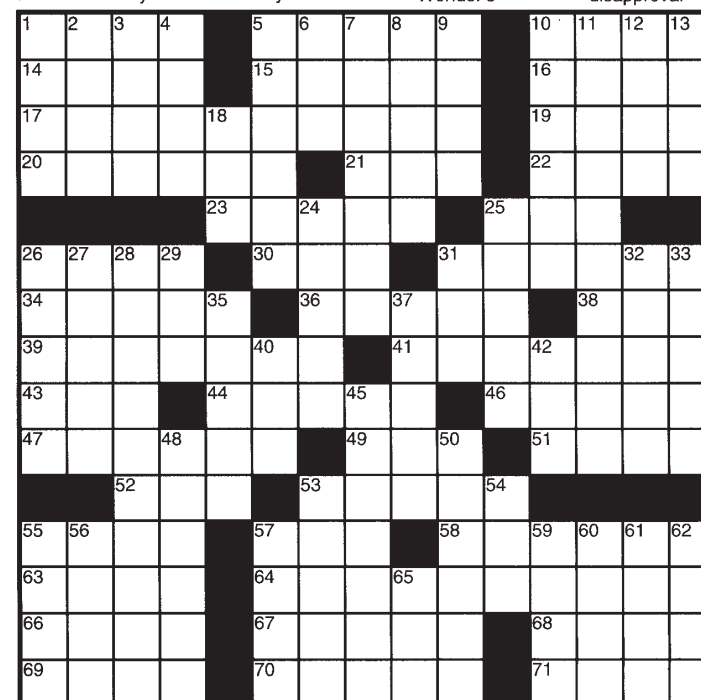
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Summer crime reports include stolen car

By Shawn Stawicki
Staff Writer

Stolen items, computer misuse and a stolen vehicle are just some of the crime reports filed this summer at OCCC.

On June 11, a 1996 gold Honda Accord was stolen from parking lot C. According to the campus report Safety and Security officer Jacob Roby was dispatched to meet with Wesley Pina who said he could not locate his vehicle.

"I thought it got towed away," Pina said.

After reviewing the security tape, Safety and Security officers reported back that his car had been stolen, Pina said.

Sgt. Kevin Tipton said the suspect was seen exiting a car a short distance away from where Pina had parked, and the suspect's vehicle was still on OCCC property, Pina said.

Tipton reportedly called the Oklahoma City Police Department who dispatched an officer who took a report and determined the recovered vehicle, a black Honda Accord, belonged to Rachel Cooper of Oklahoma City and was stolen from her apartment on S.W. 122 Street around noon.

The report shows Cooper's car had damage to the steering column and the stereo was missing. A review of camera footage

shows the suspect is a male wearing a white shirt and dark blue shorts at the time.

Pina said police told him there was a gang stealing Honda's because they are the easiest cars to steal.

A June 17 report shows a student's car was broken into and his book bag, containing schoolbooks and school supplies and a cell phone with an estimated value of \$740, was taken.

According to the report, Officer Eddie Connally was dispatched to parking lot G where he met with Kenyatta Brown of Purcell.

Brown said in the report he had gotten out of class at approximately 1 p.m. and returned to his 1999 black Honda Accord to find his rear passenger window busted out.

"I cannot afford a new window so I have been parking it as close to the building as possible," Brown said.

Brown said security told him there were no cameras located in that parking lot.

"They should have a camera if they have the ability," he said. "Or they should let [students] know where the dangerous spots are."

A report filed June 9 shows a 17-inch Toshiba laptop was stolen from room 1H1 of the Social Sciences area.

Dusten Carter Morris of Tuttle said he had left his

wife's laptop in the case during a bomb drill, and when he returned 20 minutes later, the laptop was missing from the case.

"There were no cameras in that particular area," Morris said.

Connally reported Morris did not notice the computer missing until he picked up the bag to leave around 1:15 p.m. Morris estimated the value of the laptop at \$700.

On July 2, Safety and Security reported a man's Visa debit card and \$31 was stolen from his wallet.

The report shows Officer Steve Coutee was dispatched to the Wellness Center in regard to stolen property.

Joseph Hung Tran of Edmond told Coutee he had placed his belongings in locker 12 around 5:35 p.m. and then, went swimming. Tran reportedly returned to his locker at about 7:50 p.m. to find his lock missing.

Tran said he canceled his Visa card before the thief was able to charge too much money on it.

Tran said a purchase was made on the card at Churche's Chicken and 7-11 both for amounts under \$20 before the card could be canceled.

"I bought a new lock and I hope that won't happen again," Tran said.

On June 8, a man was

arrested at the library and taken to Oklahoma County Jail.

According to the report filed, at approximately 3:50 p.m., Safety and Security officer Brandon Wheeler was dispatched to the library on a report of computer misuse.

The report states Wheeler was told a suspect had been seen looking at obscene material on the Internet.

According to the report, the suspect was identified as Khalloe C. Miles of Oklahoma City. Miles told Wheeler he had warrants for his arrest.

The report shows Oklahoma City Marshals took Miles into custody and transported him to the Oklahoma County jail.

Another report filed on June 10 states another man also was removed from the library for looking at pornography.

Safety and Security officer Tim Densmore was dispatched to the library on a complaint of computer misuse, the report reads.

Jason Kimball, lead library circulation assistant, pointed out a Hispanic male to Densmore and said he had been viewing inappropriate material, the report said.

The report identified the man as Walter Alberto Zal-

divar of Oklahoma City.

Zaldivar told Densmore he had been looking at pornography on the computer. Zaldivar was then served a notice to leave form.

On June 24, a report filed for obscenity on the library computers ended with another male being removed from campus.

The report, written by Densmore, states he and Connally were dispatched to the Library where Kimball pointed out the suspect.

According to the report, the suspect had no identification and told officers his name was Thomas Brown of Oklahoma City. Brown was served a notice to leave form.

Another report filed June 26 for misuse of the library computers led to security officers removing a man from campus.

A report filed by officer Coutee states he was dispatched to the Library on a computer misuse complaint.

The suspect, identified in the report as Marvin Beviel, had reportedly opened three browsers at "xmovies.com" with titles of "teens engaged in sexual activities." Beviel was served with a notice to leave form.

Security refused to comment on any of the incidents.

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with brochures have some sort of a student plan.

Time Insurance Company has Student Select, a renewable individual health insurance for college students.

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a full-time status for a minimum of 31 days.

For more information about Time Insurance Company, and to apply for their insurance, visit Student Support Services, Turner said.

She said students also should be on the lookout for a low deductible when searching for insurance.

"It may be beneficial to pay a little more now than

later," Turner said.

For more information about health insurance, and the various companies that offer health insurance, visit www.occc.edu and click on Student Support under Students, then click on Health on the left side, or call Turner at 405-682-1611, ext. 7544.

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CORRECTION
In last week's issue, it was incorrectly reported that the the OCCC Career Fair is Oct. 10. The actual date is Wednesday, Oct. 7.