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OCCC’s summer enrollment numbers are up a notch over last summer’s population.

The rise — a 1.8 percent increase — is due, in part, to the appeal of shorter sessions, said John Barker, director of research.

Many students agree.

“I basically just wanted to get the coursework over quicker,” said Tommy Thomas, OKCCC chemical engineering major.

Barker said students also tend to fare better over the shorter terms, as well.

“It should be noted that it appears that students enter the shorter sessions, especially in the intersessions and fast track, with a heightened sense of commitment, which is one component of classroom success and satisfaction.”

One of the factors of the overall enrollment increase is the increase in OKCCC’s telecourse area of the distance education program.

Glenda Prince, OKCCC coordinator for distance education, said telecourse enrollment is at its highest — 531, a 20 percent increase over last summer.

Prince said the increase was a good jump over last year and that it was partly due to the flexibility and convenience of the courses that let students watch courses on television or on tapes in the school’s library.

“The telecourse classes make it easier because I don’t have to be here all the time. There’s not a set schedule which helps out with having to work during the summer,” said Jimmie Herell, OKCCC student.

Regents elect chairman of the board

Dan Hardage says it is an honor to be able to serve the community

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

Dan Hardage was recently elected Chairman of OKCCC’s Board of Regents, succeeding former chair Dennis Clowers.

Hardage said he is ready for the challenge.

“Dennis Clowers did an excellent job in his position as chair,” he said. “I hope that I can do equally as well,” he said.


He worked as a senior engineer for Lucent Technologies for the next 30 years, retiring in 1996.

Hardage was appointed to the OKCCC Board of Regents in 1995 by Gov. Frank Keating.

Prior to this, he served as a member of the Western Heights School Board for eight years.

“It is really gratifying to be able to serve the community in this way,” Hardage said. “It is quite an honor.”

Hardage’s seven-year term will end in April 2002.

Other board members are Lea Anderson, Darrell Lanier, Helen Camey, G. David Casper, John Williams and Darrell McAllister.

OKCCC President Bob Todd said Hardage will serve the college well.

“Mr. Dan Hardage brings a wealth of experience to his role of Chairman of the Board of Regents. His professional experience in business, his previous service on a public school board and his commitment to OKCCC students combine to make him an outstanding chairman,” Todd said.

An Oklahoma native, Hardage graduated from Elmore City High School and earned a master’s degree at Oklahoma City University in 1974.

Hardage has lived in Oklahoma City for more than 30 years. He and his wife, Rosemary, have one son, Zachary.
Editorial

Forever and ever, Amen

Hannah, 5, closes her eyes very tightly as she makes a wish before blowing out the candles on her birthday cake.

Everyone asks her what she wished as the cake was being cut.

With a tear in her eye she said she wished her mommy and daddy were together again.

Justin, 8, told his teacher at church his biggest fear was not having daddy with them.

Two little boys sat on their grandma’s lap and asked where daddy was and didn’t he love them anymore.

Nathan, 12, was withdrawn and depressed thinking it was his fault mom and dad were not together.

It’s time we start deciding if we really mean “I do.”

Divorce is a very serious and hurtful word not only to the partners in the marriage, but to everyone their lives have touched.

Many individuals should never have said “I do” in the first place.

I will be the first to say “leave” if any type of abuse, drugs, or drinking is involved.

Perhaps if you are wise when you pick your lifelong mate these insurmountable hurdles will never be an issue.

“I do” means I will live with you forever, even when money is tight, when evenings are long and hum drum, when the kids are crying and I’m tired and, most of all, when you’re just plain grumpy.

When two people say “I do” they are taking two different backgrounds and all the excess baggage and merging them into a single background.

It is a never-ending cycle from generation to generation.

Opposites attract.

It’s not easy to give and take when your way is the only way you have ever known.

Expect disagreements all your life, no matter who you say “I do” to.

Commitment is the missing ingredient in many marriages today.

Some folks even choose not to take a vow of “until death do us part.”

Before you get angry and storm out without just cause, pray, seek guidance and counseling from the experts.

Many marriages could be saved if we would just count to 10 and stop hollering.

When you say “I do” remember, “I don’t” cannot be an option.

—Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

College’s handicapped provisions not up to par

To the Editor:

I am writing to express some displeasure with the facilities on campus. These issues relate to handicapped accessibility and need to be brought to the school’s attention.

First, there is the elevator problem. If you are physically unable to use the stairs for transportation, it is next to impossible to get onto the elevator during the fall and spring semesters. In high school, the people who needed the elevator had a key. Giving approved students a key to the service elevator may be a solution OKCCC should look into.

Second, the college union only has one table designated for the handicapped. Also, it does not have a ramp onto the raised dining area (the cafe). These things get bothersome when there are several people in wheelchairs wanting their friends to sit with them, or when the main dining area is closed for some reason. Those people in wheelchairs get singled out and are unable to use the facilities available to “normal” students. Ramps are easy to build.

I know. We have had to build quite a few since I became disabled. Also perhaps, there could be a second table put in the college union. This way, the handicapped can have friends even while eating.

Another problem in the college union is disrespect. There is a cart set up so people who are unable to reach the counter can get their flatware and other items. I won’t name names this time, but I have seen people (from students to college employees) select the cart items for no reason. Please, respect the handicapped sign. They come in all different colors, but they still mean the same thing.

Third, the gym and swimming areas are great, but, if you have balance problems or are in a wheelchair, it is next to impossible to change clothes. There is no place in the locker rooms to do so. There are beds that raise and lower to different heights that people can use to change clothes. This has been brought up before and so far, I haven’t heard anything about fixing it.

Last (for now), the automatic doors are sometimes not turned on. What is the use of having these things if you don’t turn them on?

It is a simple procedure — all you do is flip a switch and they work.

—Name withheld by request

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Why blame guns when you can blame everything else?

To the Editor:
I am upset almost every time I read an editorial written by Melissa Guice. The editorial on women cussing? Please.

The one this time was on gun control being the answer and posting the Ten Commandments wrong. How much sense does this make? I have a 16-year-old son who is active in church, goes to Oklahoma City public schools, and is a member of Junior ROTC. They shoot guns almost weekly on the rifle range under U.S. Grant High School. These kids are being taught valuable gun safety.

I fought with myself on what to write about this issue because I believe that morals are the key and that more controls on us as citizens of the United States of America are not.

I received an e-mail from a church member forwarded to me from what Paul Harvey stated on his show (when I don’t know) but it is just right to me. I couldn’t have said it better.

Here goes:
For the life of me, I can’t understand what could have gone wrong in Littleton, Colo. If only the parents had kept their children away from the guns, we wouldn’t have had such a tragedy. Yeah, it must have been the guns.

It couldn’t have been because of half of our children are being raised in broken homes.

It couldn’t have been because our children get to spend an average of 30 seconds in meaningful conversation with their parents each day. After all, we give our children quality time.

It couldn’t have been because we treat our children as pets and our pets as children.

“I am upset almost every time I read an editorial written by Melissa Guice.”
— Mike Reeves
OKCCC Student

It couldn’t have been because we place our children in day care centers where they learn their socialization skills among peers under the law of the jungle while employees who have no vested interest in the children look on and make sure that no blood is spilled.

It couldn’t have been because we allow our children to watch, on average, seven hours of television a day filled with the glorification of sex and violence that isn’t fit for adult consumption.

It couldn’t have been because we allow our children to enter virtual worlds in which they can be anything they want. The only high point of the movie is the villain Dr. Arliss Loveless (Branagh), a bitter Southern patriot, who lost his lower half in the war and rebuilds himself as half man/half wheelchair.

While the film’s promotional website (www.wildwildwest.net) terms the film “a fast-paced adventure sparkling with comedy, action, and fantasy,” it actually comes nowhere near this glowing description.

Infinite slow-paced, “Wild Wild West” sparkles like a lump of coal, with no action or comedy and the only fantasy is that this movie is any good.

Smith, who usually oozes with charm and wit, is a former slave turned government agent. (Can we say stretch?) who seeks revenge on Loveless for a massacre in which his family was killed.

With such a serious characterizations, Smith’s trademark charm is hidden behind a scowl and a cowboy hat.

Loveless’s “mechanology” brings to mind the childhood erector set in the hands of an evil wacko.

Also, one wonders where the comedy and action went in this sci-fi action comedy. In its place are cheap jokes and excess sexual innuendo.

“Artimus Gordon, (Klein) and 1800s Inspector Gadget, is also a government agent. Gordon along with West (Smith) try to stop Loveless (Branagh) from overthrowing the United States. West and Gordon’s headquarters, throughout the movie, is the Wanderer—a train filled with all sorts of mechanical gadgets.

Basically, “Wild Wild West” is a pseudo-comedy filled with overt sexual humor and non-essential violence.

It has a great cast but wastes their talent with a script that fails flat on its face.

Don’t waste your money on the movie, buy the soundtrack. It’s a mix of rap, R&B and Latin dance music.


On the popcorn scale, “Wild Wild West” rates down there with the kernels.

It keeps giving you more stars, more special effects, more flesh, but with a plot that is less. In this case, more is definitely a bore.

—Danielle Keel
Writer

Wanna put in your two cents? Write in today!

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Comments and Reviews

‘Wild, Wild West’ turns out to be dull, dull mess

Nothing—not even an all-star cast like Will Smith of “Men in Black,” Oscar-winning Kevin Klein and Kenneth Branagh of “Much Ado about Nothing” could save this movie.

Based on the ’60s television show of the same name, “Wild, Wild West” stars Smith as James T. West, a shoot-now-ask-questions-later government agent.

Klein is also an agent, but with a very different style. He is a master of disguise and a mechanical genius.

Selma Hayek stars as Rita Escobar, whose only purpose in life is to show her cleavage and get cheap laughs.

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—Danielle Keel
Writer
Coordinator trades job for family time

By Darcey Ralls
Staff Writer

Myron Mayberry, coordinator of college retention programs, resigned from OKCCC July 6. Mayberry had worked for the college for just over four years.

He said he enjoyed the time he spent working with students.

“I’ve been extremely fortunate to work with the students at OKCCC,” he said.

Mayberry said he left so he could spend more time with his wife Tausha and his one-year-old son, Ethan Myles.

Mayberry is the owner of an independent consulting firm, MT Consulting Service, Incorporated.

“We do project management and evaluation as well as policy analysis and research,” Mayberry said.

He said he plans to devote time to his company and finish his doctorate at the University of Oklahoma.

After graduating from OU, Mayberry said, he will hold a doctorate in institutional psychology and technology.

He said he eventually plans to teach at an institute of higher education.

Summer bookstore hours
Mondays: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fridays: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
These hours are in effect until the week of Aug. 9

Snap-On donates auto equipment

By Melissa Guice
Editor

OKCCC automotive students will have about $150,000 of donated equipment to work with starting in the fall.

Snap-On/Sun Corporation, a branch of Snap-On Corporation, will provide the automotive diagnostic equipment as a result of a newly-established partnership with OKCCC.

The partnership allows Snap-On/Sun to use the college’s facilities as a place to house their equipment and train their employees about three or four days out of the month.

On the other end of the deal, the college’s students will get to use the equipment the rest of the time.

The equipment consists of automotive diagnostic tools — computerized tools that can analyze and diagnose malfunctions on vehicles.

Larry Grummer, OKCCC automotive coordinator, said the agreement is a good deal.

“Snap-On is a world leader in the automotive industry, and we’re going to get to use their equipment,” Grummer said.

“I’m glad we got to snatch it up.”

The equipment will be rotated out about every four to six months, Grummer said, allowing students to be constantly in touch with the latest automotive equipment.

“We’re getting a chance to better serve our students,” he said.

“They’ll be exposed to the newest and latest equipment out on the market.”

While an exact schedule of Snap-On time versus OKCCC time on the equipment has not been arranged, Grummer said a meeting to discuss the details will take place in August.

The school has already received some of the equipment and is expecting more later this summer and into the fall.

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—Larry Grummer
OKCCC Automotive Coordinator

Barbara Cornelison — OKCCC Credentials Analyst — knows...

“It pays to know these people”

—Ann Ackerman, Associate Vice President for External Education Programs
—Douglas Gregory, Professor of Computer-Aided Design
—Gloria Cardenas Barton, Dean of Admissions
—Keith Wilson, Professor of Mathematics

Congratulations Barbara! Readers, be sure to pick up next week’s PIONEER for round four of “It Pays to Know These People.”
Kids college combines learning, fun

Through College for Kids, offered by OKCCC’s Recreation and Community Services, kids have been able to participate in summer adventures that include rapelling, science discovery classes, theater, music, computer classes, baby-sitting courses and water activities.

OKCCC provides this opportunity each summer for children to be involved in and learn through many different types of fun training courses.

*PHOTOS BY RICK TAUTFEST*

Above: Children who signed up for the Safe and Healthy Kids Camp get a welcome wet spray from members of the Oklahoma City Fire Department. The firefighters were on hand to give a demonstration of their equipment.

Left: OKCCC lifeguard Lyndee Meade, left, instructs Madison Pickett and Ashlee Perisho, top, during their swim lessons at the OKCCC aquatic center.

Right: Children enrolled in the Safe and Healthy Kids camp, as part of OKCCC’s College for Kids, get to tour a ladder truck belonging to the Oklahoma City Fire Department, station 25. From the bottom of the steps up are: Lynlee Kerley, 8; Stephanie Bowen, 10; and Allison Harvey, 11.

Above: As part of the Oklahoma City Fire Department’s fire safety education, children are taught to recognize a firefighter in the event they ever need to be rescued. Claire Pickens, 5, left, and Kathryn Pickens, 10, are told to listen for the sound of the firefighters breathing apparatus if ever trapped in a smoke-filled room.
### Highlights

**A time to sing for OKCCC students**
Auditions for OKCCC choirs will be held Aug. 23 through 26 in room 1CS on the first floor of the Arts and Humanities building. OKCCC offers many different choirs to suit a variety of student needs. Financial aid is available for eligible chamber singers. For more information or to sign up for an audition time, call 682-1611 ext. 7245.

**Balloon Fest ‘99 needs volunteers**
Volunteers are still needed for Balloon Fest ‘99, a three-day event with hot-air balloons, games and other entertainment. The event, Aug. 13 through the 15, will be at Wiley Post Airport in northwest Oklahoma City and will benefit the Oklahoma City Food Bank. Volunteers are needed for concession stands, the children’s activity tent, lost and found, ticket taking, balloon crews and other areas. For more information, call the food bank at 236-8349 or visit www.balloonfest.com.

**Fun camps for kids offered at college**
OKCCC’s Office of Recreation and Community Services is offering informative summer camps for kids and teens. The Art and Cartooning Camp, offered for kids age 6 to 16 years, will be held July 12 through the 15. Kids will explore the world of art by learning to paint with watercolors and tempera, sketching and shading, elements of light and shadow and composition and perspective. Sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to noon for youngsters ages 6 to 10 and from 1 to 4 p.m. for teens ages 11 to 16. Cost is $45 plus a $5 supply fee.

The Computer Graphics Camp, for teens ages 12 and older, provides a hands-on introduction to computer-aided design, applications and learning how to create basic 3-D drawings. The camp will be held Aug. 2 through 5. Cost for the camp is $135.

For more information about the kids camps, call Jonie Welle at 682-7560.

**Continuing education offered for insurance agents**
The Training Center at OKCCC is offering continuing education opportunities for life and accident/health insurance agents. The Oklahoma Insurance Department approves the courses for credit toward license renewal.

“Professional Ethics” is scheduled will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 30. The course is worth two continuing education credit hours at a cost of $25.

“Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Update June 4, 1998” will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31. It is approved for six hours of continuing education credit at a cost of $45.

“Trusts Used in Estate Planning,” worth four hours of continuing education credit, will be presented from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. Cost for this course is $30.

Registration in all 12 hours is offered for only $75. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call The Training Center at 682-7562.

**Fall tuition fee waiver applications available**
Fall tuition fee waiver applications are available in the student financial aid center located on the first floor of the main building. The deadline to submit applications to the student financial aid center is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. Fall tuition fee waiver awards will be posted in the student financial aid center on Friday, Aug. 20. For more information, call 682-1611 ext. 7524.

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### Student leaders invited to summer workshop

**By Darcey Ralls  
Staff Writer**

A workshop for student leaders will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 17, in college union room 1.

The Summer Safari Leadership Experience is for current student organization leaders or anyone else who is interested in becoming an officer of a student club or organization. This workshop will be devoted to helping students understand the student organizations manual said Student Life assistant Janice Raney. The student organizations manual includes information about the student organizations office, club mailboxes, how to reserve meeting rooms, how to fill out the various forms along with other information that is necessary for the successful operation of student clubs and organizations. The upcoming Summer Leadership Retreat which is scheduled for Aug. 13 through 15 at Roman Nose State Resort will also be discussed.

Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities, and Raney will be conducting the summer workshop. Pre-registration is encouraged, as lunch will be served to all participants.

For more information about the workshop, the retreat or to register, contact Jones or Raney in the Office of Student Life at 682-1611 ext. 7523.

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**It’s not too late to let us know what your club or organization is doing!**

Call Darcey at 682-1611, ext. 7676
Classifieds

Pioneer Classified Advertising is free to all currently enrolled OKCCC students and employees for any personal classified ad. Ads must be submitted in writing with IDs supplied or work area and college extension included. Deadline for advertising is 5 p.m. Tuesday prior to the publication date. Call 682-1611, ext. 7674 for more information.

AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE: 89 Honda Accord LXI, automatic, 4 dr., am-fm stereo, A/C. Reliable. Good deal. $4300. Call David or Woody at 525-8359.


FOR SALE: 95 Izuuu Rodeo 4 cyl, 56K miles, all power, tilt, cruise, alloys, tint, super nice! $13,800 OBO. Call 682-9190.

FOR SALE: 91 Nissan Sentra, 4-door, 5-speed, new clutch, cold air, good tires, tinted windows, am-fm cassette, runs good. $2000, call after 6 p.m. at 681-2902.

FOR SALE: 86 Ford, E150 van. Highway miles, runs great. Bivouac Conversion 302, V-8, power brakes, steering, windows (FR) and locks. Auxiliary gas tank, front and rear air. $2600, OBO. Call 960-6968.

FOR SALE: 94 Mitsubishi Galant LS. 79K miles, 4 door, automatic, all power, alarm, tint, spoiler, am-fm stereo, A/C. Very nice car. Asking $9299, OBO. Must see. Please contact Andy at 728-5712.


ROOMMATE NEEDED: Looking for an Asian female roommate. NW or near OKCCC. Call Sania 947-7003.

FOR SALE: HP 5040 Pavilion, 1.2 MGH, 40 MG RAM, Windows 98, fax-modem, speakers, and monitor, $350. Also, 85 Sony Trinitron 19” color TV, $125. Call 672-6328.

FOR SALE: Truck box. Heavy plastic “Work Box,” black, locks, 5 ft. across. $25, call 672-6328.

FOR SALE: King-size waterbed. 4-months old with waveless mattress and Blue Magic heater. Etched mirrored glass and glass doors. 6-drawer pedestal. Asking $250. Call 579-7669.


FOR SALE: Glass top dinette, $150. King sq. box springs, $50. Beautiful porcelain unicorns with sterling silver on hooves, 12 inches tall, $50 each. Call 681-2296.

WANTED: Tutor to teach guitar to a beginner. Call Valerie at 319-1690.

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Editing/Proofreading $5 per hour
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MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE: White wedding dress and veil, worn once. $500 OBO. Dress was $900 brand new. Also used cake topper. Please call Christine at 728-5712. Can e-mail pictures.

FOR SALE: King size bed w/ mattress, box springs, frame, headboard and 2 bedside tables. $160 OBO. Call 949-2363.


FOR SALE: Queen-size bed with mattress and frame, $150. 9X12 Emerald Green Chinese Rug, $125. 10-drawer dresser/with mirror $100. Call Vickie at 891-2732.

FOR SALE: Notebook, one year old, Pentium Processor w/MMX, Intel inside, high speed CD rom, MS Office 97, Chinese software, $1000. Call Ellen at 686-1542.

ROOMMATE NEEDED: At my home, S.W. 74th and May. Various hours, mostly evenings. Own transportation a must. 1 child during summer, then 3 children rest of the year. Call 680-7843 and leave message.

BABYSITTER NEEDED: At home, S.W. 74th and May. Various hours, mostly evenings. Own transportation a must. 1 child during summer, then 3 children rest of the year. Call 680-7843 and leave message.

HELP WANTED: Seeking tutor for English Comp I. Urgently needed to assist with essays, 3 weeks a week for up to 2 hours. Pay Rate $5 an hour. Call 946-3681. Leave message on call notes if no answer.

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“I don’t do weekends.”

Because working part-time at UPS...I don’t have to. They have five-day schedules that leave your weekends free. That is plenty of time to study or go out with friends. And I make plenty too...almost $10,000 a year working about 4 hours a day. UPS knows students value time as much as money. So if you don’t do weekends, do contact UPS.
Enrollment increases

“Enrollment,” Cont. from page 1

— are between the ages of 18 and 22.
About 22 percent of the students are between the ages of 23 and 27.
Those aged 28 to 37 make up about 18 percent.
Those aged 38 or older make up the remaining 14 percent.
Those attending classes part-time outrank full-timers nearly 63 percent to 37 percent.
Forty-three percent of students attend only in the daytime while 33 percent attend exclusively evening courses.
Students who attend the combination of day and night courses make up the remaining 24 percent.
Preliminary figures for the fall indicate an increase, as well, Barker said.
A result, students are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible in order to help ensure that the classes they want will be available at the desired times.

OKCCC Student Enrollment by Age for Summer 1999

Pertaining to age, OKCCC’s average summer student’s age is about 27.
The majority of the summer students — 45 percent —

Meeting of the minds...

In June, local international business development agencies organized a luncheon at OKCCC to promote a trade mission to Europe from Sept. 18 to Oct. 1.
Business leaders who participate will tour France, Germany and Poland as a way to reach the global marketplace.
Some of the dignitaries in attendance were, from left to right: OKCCC President Dr. Bob Todd, President of World Affairs Council William Cameron, Guest speaker and Deputy Consul General of France Jean Pierre Cerveau, Manager of International Business Development for the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce H. Lance Johnson, and former Oklahoma Governor and emcee for the luncheon George Nigh.