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Enrollment up by 5%

Preliminary numbers show
11,941 students attending OKCCC

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Fall enrollment is up 5 percent again, but the jump is not as high as recent fall semesters. The average percentage of enrollment increase has been between 4.5 to 5 percent for the last two weeks.

OKCCC currently has 11,941 enrolled students this semester.

Institutional Effectiveness Specialist Joyce Morgan-Dees said it was a little surprising to see such an increase, because the college was expecting that figure to be 4 percent.

After the last day for students to drop and add classes — Sept. 3, Morgan-Dees said, the college would drop any students who had not made payment arrangements.

"That gives us a lot cleaner look, at that point, as to who's really (enrolled) here and how much we're up from last year," Morgan-Dees said.

Total credit hours have increased from 102,636 last fall to 107,366 this fall, a 4.6 percent increase.

The average credit hours for the fall is 8.99, compared to 8.8 last fall.

Targeting the market of high school students can help raise the average credit hours, Morgan-Dees said.

Morgan-Dees said she's expecting the average credit hours to stay stable.

She also said the number has slowly risen over the last three to four years, and she thinks that it'll continue to go up.

To see how many OKCCC students are considered full-time, Morgan-Dees said, take the total number of students enrolled and divide it by 12, because a student taking 12 credit hours is considered full-time.

There are 8,947 FTE (full-time equivalent) students this fall, she said.

Morgan-Dees said the college has seen tremendous enrollment increases over the past few years, and now it's coming back down to an average.

"We've experienced phenomenal growth for about three years," Morgan-Dees said.

"Last spring, we saw that begin to decrease and then this fall, we're seeing more."

Enrollment Management has worked very hard with high schools students to recruit their students, Morgan-Dees said.

The OKC-GO program also will attract more high school students from the Oklahoma City public schools.

"I think we'll continue to grow..."

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Photo by Ann Lushbough

Welcome Back: Jon Horinek, coordinator of community engagement, and Student Life Director Liz Largent pass out free popcorn in the college union Aug. 23. Student Life planned a number of activities for the fall semester to welcome students to the college.

Former professor given 5-year deferment for computer crime

By Caroline Ting
Editor

Former OKCCC Business Professor Stephen McCloy, 53, received a 5-year deferred sentence Aug. 30 from Oklahoma County District Judge Jerry D. Bass. McCloy pled guilty to unlawful access to computers, computer systems and computer networks for the purpose of violating Oklahoma statutes, said Debra Forshee, public information officer for the Oklahoma County District Attorney's office.

McCloy also had been charged with possession of an obscene material involving the participation of a minor under the age of 18, according to the court docket.

That charge was dismissed, Forshee said.

The case dates back to 1999 when McCloy asked a college computer technician to check his computer because he was experiencing problems.

The technician discov-

ered files containing pornographic images while fixing the computer and reported

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Construction moves full speed ahead

By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

New classrooms in the main building moved one step closer to being finished last week. The Board of Regents accepted the eight rooms as substantially complete at a special meeting Aug. 27.

"The term substantially complete means that the rooms are occupiable for

their intended use," President Bob Todd said. "Staff will be allowed to move furniture and equipment during this next week."

J.B. Messer, Physical Plant director, said the Oklahoma City fire marshal gave the college a temporary occupancy permit.

"[This permit] allows us to occupy classrooms while

See "Classes," page 12

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Toys make fun of tragedies

In the aftermath of any world-changing event, memorabilia will begin to surface in stores, online at places like eBay, and in street markets. For better or for worse, these items mean profit the companies who distribute them.

Certain pieces of memorabilia seem to capitalize on tragedy, while others serve as lasting memorials to victims. The events of Sept. 11, 2001, are no exception. While searching on the Internet, it is easy to find pieces of 9/11 memorabilia. Some are tasteful, others offensive and a few are borderline.

Among those borderline items is a set of trading cards recognizing victims of the attacks, rescue workers and volunteers. The cards called "Heroes of the World Trade Center" were released to consumers prior to Thanksgiving 2002.

Victims' families and firefighter organizations are offended by the cards for capitalizing on the tragedy, according to an article on www.cnn.com. The creator, Kingsley Barham, said family members approved each word on the cards. He also said some of the profits are to be donated to the families of 9/11 victims.

Other products pay tribute to those who died.

A handcrafted figurine, "America's Finest Commemorative Firefighter" was sold at www.smallblueplanet.com in late 2001 and early 2002. The website said the figures serve as "a tribute to the firefighters who risked their lives and those who lost their lives after the terrorist [attacks]."

Included in the various forms of memorabilia are toys. Within the first year following the attacks, military, action and rescue toys were released en masse.

Watching companies capitalize on a tragedy is nothing new. However, it is disturbing when toy manufacturers will stoop to new lows to bring up their profit.

That was the case in December 2003 when a toy celebrating the 9/11 attacks was sold in Palestinian parts of Israel. The toy shows Osama bin Laden holding the Pentagon and laughing next to the burning World Trade Center.

In the past week, more than 14,000 bags of candy were recalled when a toy of the World Trade Center depicting a plane flying into one of the towers was discovered. Each toy had the product number 9011, according to an article at www.cnn.com.

The wholesaler that distributed the toys, Lisy Corporation, did not immediately blame the company the toys were purchased from.

In 9/11 memorabilia, there is the good, the bad and the stupid. Whether or not the people making war-related action figures or plastic planes flying into buildings were making a political statement or not, it just shows how rampant insensitivity and greed are.

—Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Problems with college parking

To the editor:

I am a second-year student studying nursing, with some issues about the college parking problems.

I think the parking situation on campus is completely ridiculous. We have over 10,000 students with only 2,578 parking spaces. I do not think that is nearly enough. In the Aug. 23 issue, you did not specify if that number was just student parking or if it was faculty and handicapped also.

Why can't we make the grassy area next to 74th Street a parking lot, considering almost everybody wants to park out front? If it is because of the landscaping or something, then there isn't even anything out there.

And, why in the world do we need the pond on the corner of 74th and May? It

would be a nice place to go to study or something, but it is right next to the street and there is too much noise. I think that it was a waste of money when we could have used it for parking or something.

If the college wanted to make a nice place for students to go and relax, then they shouldn't have put it there. I think it's a nuisance. We have way too many students with enrollment on the rise and not enough parking.

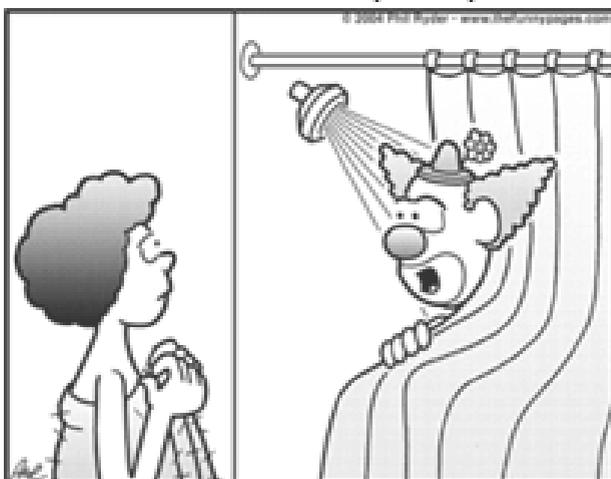
Spend the money on something useful. This college is a small, convenient, homey place which is becoming bigger and more popular. I have talked to many other students who agree with me about the parking and pond situation. I think that the college should ask the students'

opinion (for example, with a survey) before they go and spend all of this money on that kind of stuff.

We are many people with many opinions, but not everybody speaks up. This is only my second year of college and I am just now posting my own opinion. I hope this letter fazes someone.

—Jenny Liles
OKCCC nursing student

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Comments and Reviews

Babies aren't super this time

"Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2" is the worst sequel since "Caddyshack 2."

The first "Baby Geniuses" was enjoyable, even though it was a bit far fetched. The sequel has a poor script filled with stale one-liners and useless jokes. They even went so far as to throw in an "Hasta la vista, baby" and a rubber chicken.

Everything that happened during the entire one hour and 40 minutes of boredom has been done before.

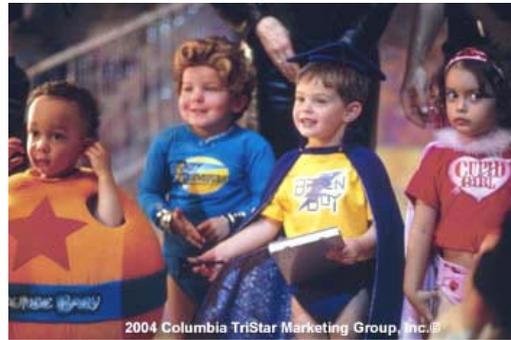
The villain, played by Jon Voight, is a billionaire who is trying to take over the world. He plans to brain-wash the planet into buying only his products. His brain washing method of choice is to send subliminal messages through the television. Now that's original.

A baby gains superhuman strength when he drinks a juice bottle of some secret formula. Then, he must team up with the other superbabies in order to save the world.

If the script isn't bad enough to ruin your viewing experience, the cast will certainly take care of that.

The only real acting in this film came from the babies, whom I must admit were very cute, but still unable to carry the rest of the cast.

Scott Baio, from "Joanie Loves Chachi," and Vanessa Angel, from "Kingpin," give bland performances as parents of one of the



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superbabies. There also is a pointless cameo by Whoopi Goldberg that is less than funny.

This film even borrows a line from "Casablanca" and pays homage to "Star Wars," but that still couldn't keep this film from flopping. Don't waste your time or money seeing this one in the theater. The most interesting part of this movie was the previews.

—Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

Shyamalan needs a different path

The movie, "The Village," revolves around an isolated town in Covington, Penn., that is imprisoned by a forest infested with "Those We Don't Speak Of."

When Lucius Hunt (Joaquin Phoenix) is badly injured, his blind love interest, Ivy Walker (Bryce Dallas Howard) must travel to the "towns" to get medicine. But first, Walker must venture through the infested forest to reach her destination.

Film writer and director M. Night Shyamalan has proven himself successful by making suspenseful movies with great story lines and twisted plots.

Shyamalan has used this format in movies such as "The Sixth Sense" and "Un-

breakable." Who actually saw either of those two movies before overhearing the surprise ending?

Take a hint, Shyamalan. Choose a different path to walk on before you wear out your shoes.

Shyamalan's film, "Signs," was a great approach in an attempt to change his current style, but it still resembles every other film he has ever made. The introduction and climax of the story builds up the viewer for something absurd to happen but in the end the viewer is left feeling let down.

There are movies that make the actors and actresses, but in this case, the actors and actresses

made the movie.

The cast consists of some of the most talented people in the film industry, such as Phoenix, Adrien Brody, William Hurt and Sigourney Weaver. Not to mention, famous director Ron Howard's daughter, Bryce Dallas Howard, debuting outstandingly in her first lead role

Shyamalan used the amazing cast he constructed as a lifejacket, because the absence of a single person would have sunk "The Village" at the box office. Put it this way, the only thing that will be remembered about this flick is the credits at the end.

—David Kilcrease
Staff Writer

Counselor's Corner

A warm welcome

"Real success is finding your lifework in the work that you love."

—David McCullough

What a pleasure it is to welcome you back to school. We hope you were able to enroll in an ideal schedule (whatever that means to you). If not, remember to enroll early for spring (that process begins again on Oct. 11). In the meantime, we in the Center for Student Development want you to know that we are here to assist you with settling in and becoming a successful college student.

If you are a returning student who has not yet confirmed your major and been assigned a faculty adviser, we invite you to come visit with us so we can help you with that process. An important component of your education is having a content expert to assist you with choices within your major and to help you understand what to expect when you transfer to a four-year institution. Your professors also can serve as mentors to you, and will make great references when you are ready to apply for scholarships or a job.

If you are a brand new student to OKCCC, we hope you'll take a few moments to read about all of the resources we have to support you in your academic endeavors, and also to let us tell you about a scholarship we award each semester to first-time college students.

First of all, we encourage you to ask questions. That is one of the primary keys to success, but many students are reluctant to ask for help because they think they will look dumb. Students who ask questions are the ones who will get the answers, and the people who have the answers are the ones who can move forward toward their goals. If you aren't sure whom or what to ask, come by and see us or give us a call so we can give you some direction.

Students who participate in college activities and feel that the campus is theirs tend to enjoy more academic success than those who simply take their classes and then leave. We recognize the challenge of engaging you in events outside of the classroom since ours is a commuter school, but we encourage you to find out what kinds of clubs and organizations are available and to participate in something of interest to you. We also have a wide array of recreation and community service activities and events, including intramural sports.

It is easy to qualify for a First Year Success scholarship from the Center for Student Development.

Attend a First Year Success Workshop. Check with the Center for Student Development for a schedule of times; successfully complete at least 12 college credit hours in your first semester here (developmental courses are OK), and be in good standing with the college; accumulate success points during the semester. See a Student Development Counselor to learn how.

—Student Development

Quote of the Week:

"You cannot fly like an eagle with the wings of a wren."

—William Henry Hudon

Crab apple tree delight on college campus

**By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer**

The “cherry” trees in OKCCC’s courtyard are actually crab apple trees that were planted on campus about 20 years ago, said Gary Phillips, building and campus services supervisor.

The ripening fruit is turning into a rainbow of bright gold, orange and red this month, indicating that the fruit is ready to be harvested.

Phillips said that a land-

scaper most likely planted the crab apple trees during the project of building the Arts and Humanities building.

The trees will only grow to be 20 to 25 feet tall. They are heavily decorated with pink flowers in the spring and are weighted down with fruit in the summer and fall.

Students and faculty are allowed to pick the fruit, although Phillips doesn’t recommend it.

The fruit can be made into juice, applesauce or jelly. The fruit can be eaten off the tree, but may be too

sour for some people.

The following recipe from www.cooks.com is for crab apple jelly:

- 5 lb. crab apples
- 5 c. water
- 9 c. sugar
- 1 pkg. powdered pectin

Wash crab apples; stem and cut in half. Put in saucepan with water; sim-

mer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Strain through jelly bag. Measure 7 cups strained juice into large kettle. Add powdered pectin to juice; bring to a boil over high heat. At once stir in all of the sugar.

Bring back to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil at a full rolling boil, that cannot be stirred down, one full

minute. Skim off any foam with a metal spoon. Fill hot sterilized jars, leaving 1/8 inch at the top. Screw covers on tightly and put in boiling water bath 10 minutes.

More recipes for crab-apples can be found at www.spruce.ca.

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Engineering professor needed at OKCCC

**By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer**

OKCCC is in need of an engineering professor. The college’s only full-time engineering professor resigned last summer, said Max Simmons, dean of Science and Mathematics Division.

“We will have somebody hopefully by fall of next year,” Simmons said.

OKCCC looked for a new full-time professor over the summer, but could not find enough high quality candidates to interview, Simmons said.

“We did try for this fall,” said Simmons. “It just didn’t work out.”

OKCCC only has one full-time engineering professor who normally doubles as the engineering program director.

Physics Professor Gary Houlette is teaching some of the engineering classes, and has picked up the duties as engineering program director for the year.

Adjunct professors will teach some of the engineering classes this semester as well.

“At the moment, the effect (of being short an engineering professor) on students is pretty minimal,” Simmons said.

Enrollment in the engineering department is down slightly from last year, Simmons said, but he doesn’t believe enrollment numbers are an effect of the professor shortage.

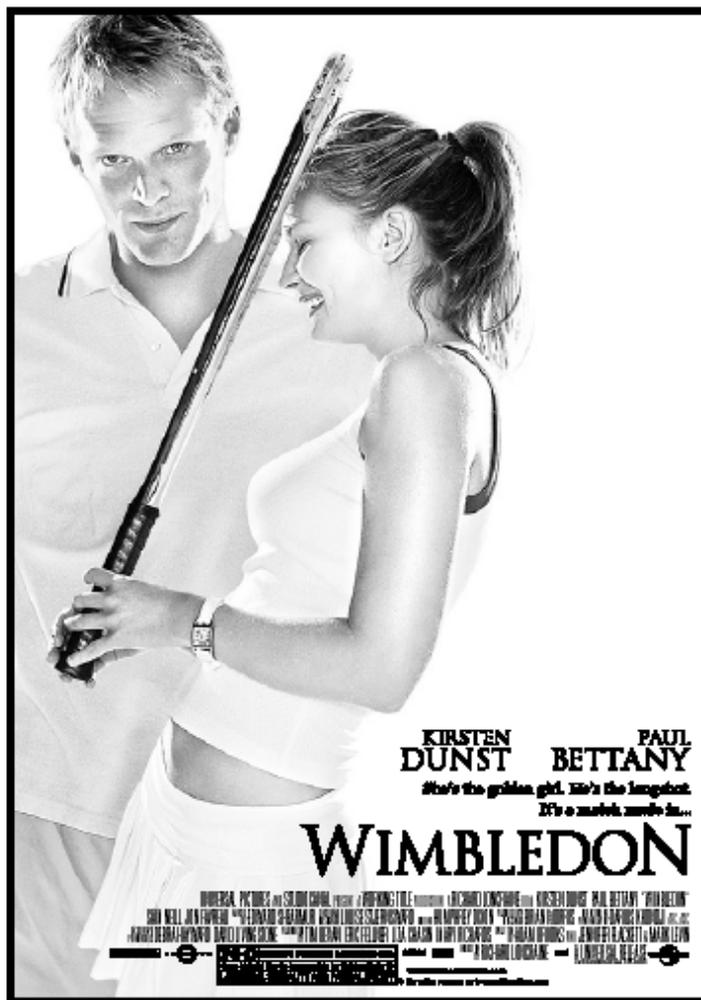
Simmons said that the higher-than-normal numbers in the engineering department last year is most likely the cause for the numbers looking low this year.

Two engineering classes had to be closed due to low enrollment. All of the other classes are still available to students.

OKCCC students can learn more about engineering classes at the college’s website, www.okccc.edu.

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Deregistration practice under review by college officials

By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer

The practice of dropping students from class rolls for non-payment before the semester begins should be changed, according to a resolution passed by the Faculty Association.

Students who have enrolled in a class only to show up the first day and find their names aren't on the roll may have experienced deregistration.

Psychology professor Martha George made the motion for the change during a recent Faculty Association meeting.

"We're the only college in the area that practices (deregistration)," she said.

The association approved

"We're the only college in the area that practices (deregistration)."

—Dr. Martha George
OKCCC Professor and
Faculty Association Member

her motion and voted to send a resolution to the President's Cabinet to be reviewed.

The resolution states, "The Faculty Association of Oklahoma City Community College urges the President's Cabinet to stop the current practice of deregistering students for non-payment and to implement a more effective alternative."

The President's Cabinet is reviewing the resolution. President Bob Todd issued a response by e-mail on Aug. 30.

It reads: "Prior to receiving the Faculty Association resolution, the President's Cabinet had been reviewing the current process with its purpose being to improve our services to the students."

"We appreciate and welcome Faculty Association input and will give it consideration in implementing any changes."

Faculty Association Chair Sue Hinton said the group learned only after passing the resolution that the President's Cabinet was al-

ready studying the problem. "We all have the students' best interests at heart," Hinton said.

To learn more about payment deadlines, see the college's website, www.okccc.edu.

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Some OKCCC part-timers go full time

At the all-college convocation in August, president Bob Todd introduced several new full-time faculty and staff, all ready to begin the fall semester.

Some of those professors have been here all along, teaching part time, while others are new to the college.

Part-time professors who were hired on full-time are: Steve Morrow, learning skills; Marybeth McCauley, English; Charles Nunley, math; and Linda Cowan, nursing.

Newly-hired are: Stephanie Hayes, psychology; David Carlisle, history; Courtney Dodd, chemistry; Ronald Staton, music, and Gina Edwards, nursing.

"I am extremely pleased with the new faculty joining OKCCC this year," Todd said.

"Each individual brings with them a broad range of education, experience and excitement to the classroom."



Steve Morrow

**By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer**

After 14 years of part-time teaching at OKCCC, Steve Morrow now teaches learning skills full time.

Morrow said his years as a part-time professor have given him valuable experience.

Morrow teaches College Writing I and II. In the past, he also has taught English Composition I and II, and several humanities courses including Philosophy and Beliefs and Believers.

Morrow said his favorite class to teach is College Writing II.

"I get to see some dramatic changes in (the) success of the students' writing," he said. "I get to see a kind of shift from a beginning writer to a more polished writer."

Morrow has a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Slippery Rock State University in Pennsylvania.

He has a master's in education from the University of Dallas.

He is working toward a degree in pastoral ministry through Cardinal Newman College in Kansas.

Morrow said he plans to work at OKCCC for the rest of his career and use his pastoral degree to minister for his church part-time.

Morrow has lived in Oklahoma with his wife for 18 years. They have three sons ages 10, 12 and 14.

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Marybeth McCauley

**By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer**

After eight years of part-time teaching at OKCCC Marybeth McCauley has made the full-time roster.

She is teaching English composition courses at OKCCC and English Composition I at Capitol Hill High School.

She previously taught English Composition I and English Composition II at the college, and creative writing at OKCCC's Training Center.

"I got an adjunct position right after college and loved teaching here... I don't want to be anywhere else."

McCauley also worked for her father's oil equipment company. For 15 years she "ran the office, made deliveries, and took lumber and equipment orders."

McCauley has a bachelor's degree in general studies and a master's in English from the University of Central Oklahoma.

McCauley lives with her cats Luna and Little Tina.

She enjoys writing creative non-fiction, poetry and short stories.

One essay was published in a literary magazine, the New Plains Review. It was about Joseph Conrad's novel, "Heart of Darkness."

McCauley plans to take up a new hobby. "I acquired a Yamaha acoustic guitar this summer," she said, "and I will take lessons."

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Charles Nunley

**By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer**

Although Charles Nunley was just recently hired as a full-time math professor, he is a veteran of the college. He has been an adjunct professor for the last eight years.

"This is a very nice atmosphere and the people are so friendly," Nunley said of OKCCC.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in theoretical math from the University of Oklahoma where he taught as a graduate teaching assistant for seven years.

Nunley said he decided to teach because his father had Alzheimer's. Teaching allowed him to stay closer to home and his dad. Plus, he had majored in math.

"There aren't a lot of jobs for a math major," he said. "So I became a teacher."

Nunley teaches all types of math, but said his favorite subject is differential equations.

"It is the first place where people who have been forced to take all these math classes see everything come together and how it relates to the field," he said.

In his free time, Nunley loves watching movies, both classic and current. His favorite movies are "Seven Samurai," "Casablanca," and "The Lord of The Rings" trilogy.

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Linda Cowan

**By Caroline Ting
Editor**

Linda Cowan, nursing professor, has seen the college grow from the time she was a student here in 1978.

Cowan has gone from part-time teaching last spring to full time this semester.

Cowan, 56, is a graduate of the college's Emergency Medical Technology program. She also did her pre-nursing studies here.

"I liked [OKCCC] as a student," Cowan said. "...I'm really faithful to the nursing program itself and the college as a whole."

Cowan said she's proud of everything the nursing program has to offer. She said the program is one of the best in the state and is "consistently beating the University of Oklahoma's College of Nursing in the number of graduates passing the nursing boards."

"I'm excited to be a part of a program like that."

Cowan also works part-time in the special care nursery at OU Medical Center. She has an associate's degree in Emergency Medical Technology from OKCCC, a bachelor's in nursing and a master's of science with a pathway of nursing education from OU.

She lives with her sister and five dogs in Midwest City. She has two daughters and two grandsons.

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Photos by Ann Lushbough

Students greeted by a few new faces



Stephanie Hayes

**By Ann Lushbough
Staff Writer**

Former Washington, D.C., police officer Stephanie Hayes has joined the Social Sciences department this semester where she will teach psychology.

Hayes also previously counseled juveniles and worked in pregnancy prevention programs.

She has done volunteer work with Hospice of D.C. and with Alzheimer's patients as well.

Her most recent position was as the Senior Resident Director and adjunct faculty at Clinton Community College in Plattsburgh, New York.

She said the resident director job was particularly interesting.

"It allowed me to see students in their living environments," Hayes said.

Hayes graduated from U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma City in 1985.

From there, she went on to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Oklahoma.

She earned her master's degree and Ph.D in social psychology at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Born and raised in Oklahoma, Hayes said she plans to stay put.

"I like our values in Oklahoma," she said.

"I have always been an Oklahoman no matter where I have lived."

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David Carlisle

**By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer**

A former visitor to Oklahoma City, David Carlisle is now a full-time professor on campus.

Carlisle came to OKCCC from the University of North Texas in Denton. There, he served as a visiting lecturer. Here, he'll teach history.

He has worked at Collin County Community College and Richland College in Dallas and at North Central Texas College in Gainesville.

He has taught U.S. history, Texas history and Colonial Mexican history at the college level.

Carlisle holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

He has two degrees from the University of North Texas — a master's in history and a doctorate, also in history.

Carlisle said he tries to keep classes interesting.

"I... try to make things humorous," he said. "I use narratives to keep class interesting and lively."

Carlisle enjoys spending time with his wife Monica and daughter Miranda.

Some of his hobbies include swimming, golf, collecting stamps and reading.

Since his arrival on campus, Carlisle said he has enjoyed his experience. "I looked around and saw how nice it was," he said.

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Courtney Dodd

**By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer**

Chemistry Professor Courtney Dodd may be new to OKCCC but is ready to help students. She said she loves to teach.

Dodd's most recent position was as adjunct chemistry professor at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond and at Rose State College in Midwest City.

She also worked at Western Electric [later Lucent] in Oklahoma City where she ran the Failure Analysis Lab dealing with various problems in the manufacture of circuit boards.

Dodd has a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and a master's in physical chemistry from Oklahoma State University.

Dodd said her OKCCC classes will be taught differently than classes she's taught before. "I am converting my notes to Microsoft PowerPoint," she said, so students can download them.

Dodd enjoys teaching at a community college. "They are a great [way] to get credit while finding out if you want to finish a four-year degree."

Dodd was born and raised in Oklahoma City. She is married and has two sons. Her hobbies include watching sports and NASCAR auto racing and water skiing.

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Ronald Staton

**By Christiana Kostura
Staff Writer**

Former Del City High School vocal music teacher Ronald Staton has joined the OKCCC staff as a music professor.

Staton taught at the college as an adjunct professor several years ago.

He said he is happy to have the opportunity to teach full time.

"I was extremely excited (to be hired)," Staton said.

He said he appreciates OKCCC's music students.

"Vocally, they're more mature [than high school students]," he said.

Staton is currently teaching Music Theory I and III, Concert Choir, Symphonic Community Choir and Chamber Singers.

Staton earned his master's degree in music at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. His undergraduate degree comes from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

Staton plays several instruments. Those are: piano, organ, trumpet and the baritone horn.

He said the piano is his favorite instrument although he does play the organ at Church of the Servant.

Three grandsons and a granddaughter take up Staton's spare time. He said he enjoys spending time playing with them when he is not busy at the school.

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Gina Edwards

**By Caroline Ting
Editor**

Recently-hired Nursing Professor Gina Edwards said she finally gets to do what she has always wanted to do — teach in a classroom setting.

Edwards, 37, previously worked at various hospitals and clinics before joining the college staff. She specialized in critical and coronary care, as well as in wound care she said.

Edwards said, although she enjoyed teaching others within a clinical setting, she always wanted to experience classroom teaching.

Edwards said she is impressed with the equipment, facility and resources in the college's nursing department.

"Everything we have that we can use to teach is wonderful," she said.

She has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. In March she completed a master's in nursing at the University of Phoenix.

Her co-workers and other college employees are what Edwards likes the most at OKCCC, she said.

Edwards said she has three pets — two cats and a dog.

She is ready for her latest role as college professor.

"I've always wanted to teach," she said.

"I love it."

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Renters should consider insurance to cover losses

**By Ann Lushbough and
Christiana Kostura
Staff Writers**

Freshman Jamie Galaviz got lucky recently when her apartment was saved from being destroyed in a fire by Oklahoma City firefighters.

Two of her neighbors weren't so lucky. Their apartments and all their belongings burned. Neither family — both single moms with children — had insurance.

Many renters don't think of buying insurance or believe it may cost too much.

Area insurance agent Mark Pemberton said renter's insurance may not be as costly as people think.

"Ten thousand dollars worth of [personal property] insurance can cost as little as \$100 per year," he said.

"Or you can pay as much as \$200 per year for more coverage..."

He said other types of insurance are available as well.

"There is insurance for additional living expenses that will cover a moving truck, groceries, difference in rent or liability."

Before rushing out to get renter's insurance, Pemberton said it's important to inventory all personal property. "Someone may buy a \$10,000 policy and actually have \$20,000 worth of property," he said.

In addition to renter's insurance, a working smoke alarm is crucial to safety in case of a fire.

Oklahoma City Fire Chief Brian Stanaland said in the case of the apartment fire, the apartment where the fire started had a working alarm so tenants were

warned early enough to escape unharmed. "Smoke alarms are very important," he said. "Check them every month and change the batteries every year."

In the meantime, Galaviz counts her blessings — and plans to get renter's insurance in the event she ever goes through such an ordeal again.

"If (the firefighters) would have been any later, it would have [gone] over the [fire]wall," Galaviz said.

For more information about renter's insurance, contact any area insurance agent. For more information about smoke alarm safety, contact the nearest fire station.

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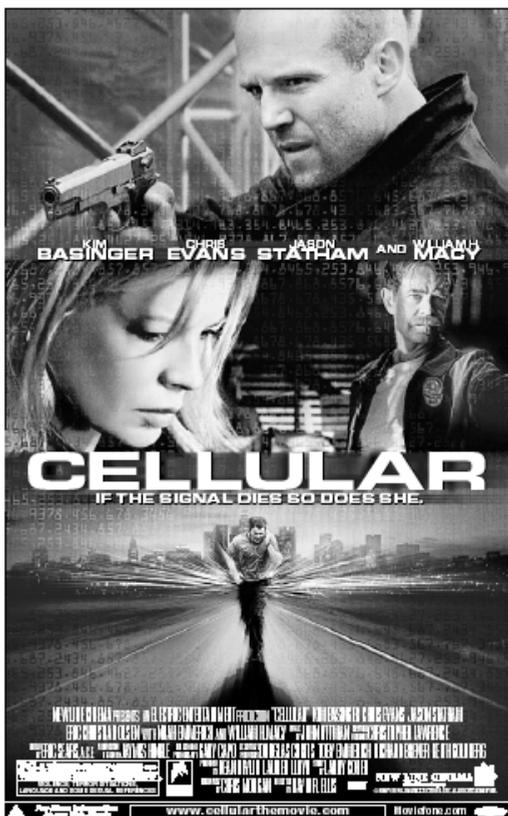
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Kayla Parks, 25, and her children receive treatment from Oklahoma City firefighters after her home was destroyed in a fire at Hillcrest Green apartments, across from OKCCC at S.W. 74th Street. Two units were destroyed and a third severely damaged. The tenants did not have insurance.



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IRS provides tips on how to avoid fraud



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Special Agent Jennifer Brake works for the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. Brake was in charge of the booth for teaching students about fraud in Oklahoma, and what they should do to avoid becoming a victim.

Overtime law changes little for OKCCC workers

By Shawn Bryant
Staff Writer

New overtime laws that went into effect Aug. 23 will change little for employees at OKCCC.

"The new laws will have little impact on those that work at the college," said Gary Lombard, OKCCC's vice president for human resources and support services.

"Almost all of the college's professional staff are paid salaries and therefore (are) ineligible for overtime," he said.

However, Lombard said, most of the college's student workers are eligible for overtime.

According to money.cnn.com, the new laws provide for three conditions which determine who qualifies for overtime pay.

All workers who are paid on salary are not eligible to receive overtime, the website reports.

The second factor is the amount of wages being paid. The laws raise the minimum amount to be considered ineligible from

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\$155 to \$455 per week.

The final standard deals with the duties of an employee. Anyone considered executive, administrative, or professional does not qualify for overtime.

Lombard said the employer has a responsibility to pay overtime to those who are entitled.

Students who have inquiries about overtime eligibility should contact Human Resources at 682-1611, ext. 7810.

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By Shawn Bryant and
Ann Lushbough
Staff Writers

Jessica Larson, a math major, learned about fraud the hard way when \$800 was stolen from her checking account by way of her debit card.

"The thief used a device called a 'skimmy' that downloads a card's information when the magnetic strip is scanned," Larson said.

Larson was reimbursed for the full amount, but had to do all of the legwork herself.

"I had to go to about 30 places," Larson said. "The authorities did nothing and will do nothing."

The Internal Revenue Service, along with nearly 20 other state and federal government agencies, were on the OKCCC campus Aug. 27 teaching students how to best avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

Awareness seemed to be the overall focus of the event.

"The best thing you can do is be aware," said David Stell, an IRS spokesperson.

He also told students to "Make

sure you know whom you are dealing with."

While identity theft was a primary concern, other forms of fraud also were discussed.

Mike Favors, a special agent for the Department of Treasury, warned students against throwing credit card applications in public dumpsters.

"Some people are filling out the applications and then having the card sent to their house in someone else's name," Favors said.

The event was definitely considered a success, said Nancy A. Farrell, Oklahoma territory manager for the IRS.

Farrell was responsible for the event. She said she was very pleased with the outcome.

"We'll probably do this again," Farrell said.

Larson said acquaintances can be as dangerous as strangers.

"Be careful whom you trust, because it could be someone you know that steals your identity."

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Case against professor finally decided in Oklahoma courtroom

"McCloy,"

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that to the college's attorney Jerry Steward. Steward then contacted the police.

The pornographic images found on McCloy's computer were of "several children aged approximately 6 years of age to 11 years of age engaged in fellatio and sexual intercourse," Oklahoma City Police Detective James Chiles told a judge, according to a story in *The Oklahoman* on Sept. 25, 1999.

McCloy left the college and was suspended in 1999. After an investigation by the Oklahoma City Police Department, he was arrested at his home on Oct. 5, 1999.

McCloy had taught at OKCCC since 1982.

McCloy's attorney, David Ogle, explained the deferment. "[McCloy] is on probation for a non-child pornography crime which, in essence, was in violation of (OKCCC's)

school policy."

As part of McCloy's probation, Forshee said, he must also attend sex offenders' counseling.

"It was a 1999 case," Forshee said. "At that time computer crimes were a whole lot more difficult to prosecute than they are now.

"...Nowadays, forensically, we can do the investigation that's needed," she said.

Also, Forshee said, the security measures at OKCCC probably weren't as good as they should've been, which is not unusual for the time period.

"[It] was a relatively new crime for that time," Forshee said.

Ogle said once McCloy's probation period is up, his record will be cleared.

"The case will be dismissed and his records sealed at the end of his probation," Ogle said.

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Highlights

'Candid Campus' to air on OETA

This fall broadcasting professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert will be a reporter for a new OETA show called "Candid Campus." Former OKCCC Public Relations Director Lance Ward is the show's host. "Candid Campus" will visit Oklahoma colleges and universities to highlight the best features of public centers of higher education. It will air at 10 p.m. on Mondays, starting Sept. 13.

First meeting of fall for Health Professions club

The Health Professions club will hold its first general meeting of the fall semester at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9 in 1C4 in the main building. The club will provide lunch, including free pizza. Officer elections will be held along with a discussion of this year's plans. For more information, contact club sponsor Steve Kamm at 682-1611, ext. 7268.

GEAR UP looking for student mentors

Second-year OKCCC students are needed to visit nearby Oklahoma City Public Schools. This is for gathering data about the students' educational and career plans. Those OKCCC students involved will be given an OSBI background check and required to attend a 2-3 hour training session. The work will be 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and begin after Sept. 15. Those hired will be paid \$8.00 per hour. For more information, contact DeAnn Campbell at 682-1611, ext. 7654.

Ready, set, act!

The theater program has announced its lineup for the 2004-'05 season. "The Barber of Seville" by Beaumarchais will be staged Oct. 14 to 16. A comedy with music, "Nonsense," will run from Dec. 9 to 11. An original play, written by OKCCC adjunct English professor Mark Price called "La Corbeau" will be performed Feb. 17 to 19. The final performance is William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," from May 5 to 7. All performances will be held in the college theater. For more information, contact theater professor Ruth Charnay at 682-1611, ext. 7246.

Fifth annual global essay contest

The Oklahoma Global Education Consortium is now holding its fifth annual essay contest. Three contest winners will each receive cash awards of \$200. The subject of the essay may be any aspect of globalization, but global education is preferred. The essays must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 10 and mailed to Dr. Bill Brown, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs - College and University Parallel Programs, Rose State College, 6420 SE 15, Midwest City, OK 73110. For more information, visit www.ocec.org.

Fusion to hold Back to School Explosion

Fusion Student Ministries will hold a Back to School Explosion at 7 p.m. Sept. 9 at Grace Assembly of God, the church is located at 2212 SW 55 St. There will be free pizza, worship, double-dare games and prizes. Contact Michael Bergstrasser Jr. at 602-6498 for more information.

AVID training available at OKCCC

The Training Center will offer training for AVID Express DV digital editing software. These classes will be taught by an AVID authorized instructor using the AVID curriculum and materials. Classes will be held Sept. 11, Sept. 25 to 26, Oct. 2, Oct. 30 to 31, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 to 12. One-day classes cost \$425. Two-day classes cost \$815. For more information, contact the Training Center at 682-7562.



Going retro: Sophomore Sheila Foreman shows her new tie-dye T-shirt she made Aug. 26 in the college union. Student life set up the tie-dye activity to welcome students back last week.

Foreman is working toward an associate in science degree at OKCCC.

"Everyone's shirts turned out completely different," Foreman said. "It was so much fun."

She was one of 125 people who made tie-dye T-shirts during the event said Jon Horinek, coordinator of community engagement.

Photo by Ann Lushbough

Student Life offers help to students starting clubs

By Matthew Caban
Staff Writer

Although there are three dozen active student clubs and organizations on campus, new groups are formed each semester, said Karlen Grayson, student clubs and organizations assistant.

Grayson said one or two new clubs become official each semester.

Students who would like to start a new club or organization should visit the Office of Student Life.

Starting a new club requires 10 interested students and two sponsors, one of whom must be an OKCCC employee, Grayson said.

"We provide an information packet to students interested in starting a club," Grayson said.

Grayson said the packet includes an official student petition. This is the petition

for formation of a club or organization.

She said the petition must include signatures and student ID numbers of 10 currently enrolled OKCCC students and two sponsors.

Grayson said both sponsors must be aware of their duties and responsibilities as sponsors.

"Once the petition and the related documents are completed, they should be turned into the Office of Student Life," Grayson said. "The Director of Student Life, Liz Largent, may or may not recommend approval of the club."

"If approval is recommended, the petition will be forwarded to the Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Marion Paden," Grayson said.

"Upon approval, the new club needs to request a meeting location," Grayson said.

She said the Office of Student Life will try to help clubs locate a meeting

place.

Grayson said each approved club is given a \$400 stipend from OKCCC each academic year.

In order to receive their stipend, clubs must maintain their official status, Grayson said.

She said clubs must submit their current constitution, list of officers and sponsors, officer contact information, naming representatives to The Leadership Council, list of currently enrolled members and schedule and location of meetings.

Grayson said this information must be submitted to the Office of Student Life on Oct. 1 and May 1 of each academic year.

For more information on starting a student club or organization, contact Grayson at 682-1611, ext. 7185.

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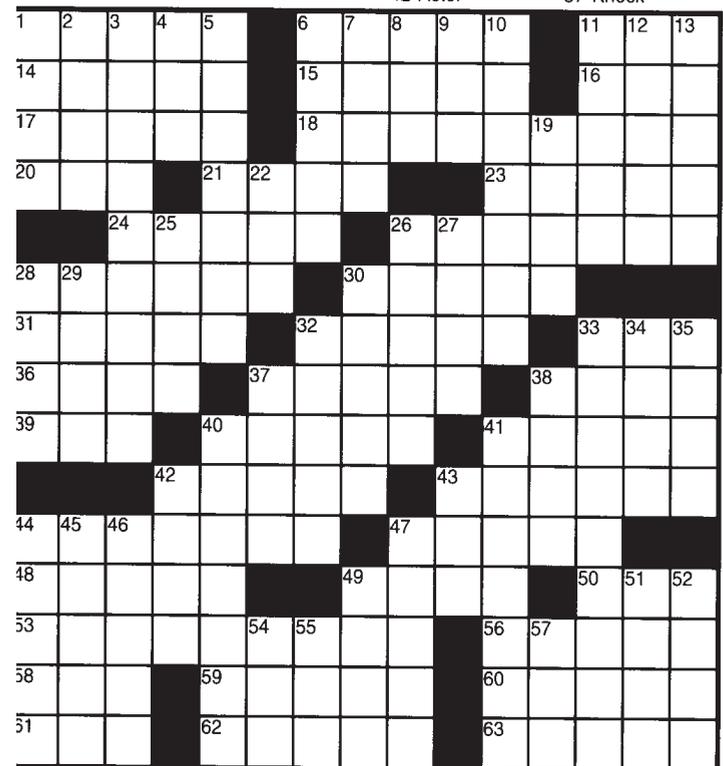
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Classrooms ready to be occupied

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construction continues," Messer said.

College workers will be installing data communication lines, multimedia teaching systems, pencil sharpeners and clocks.

The regents all agreed that the classrooms looked great before making a motion to accept them. A spokesperson for the office of the vice president for business and finance said, based on furniture delivery, classrooms should be available the week of Sept. 7. Offices in the construction area will be finished later.

"The office portion of the project will be reviewed by the board in September," Todd said.

Vice President for Business and Finance Art Bode said the contractor was told to focus on the classrooms first.

"The offices were not near as important as the classrooms," Bode said.

Regents also accepted the 289 new parking spaces as substantially complete. Bode told the board he was glad the new spaces were useable the first week of school, although they had not been officially accepted as substantially complete.

"It would [have been] a shame to have 289 parking spaces that were unavailable to students," Bode said.

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