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Juicy fun



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

Jacob Hedges, 3, enjoys a slice of watermelon during the Watermelon Feast for parents and students of the Child Development Center and Lab School on Aug. 25. Clerk typist Anita Carson said the feast is similar to an open house in that it gives parents the opportunity to meet with Mary McCoy, center director, and with their child's teachers.

—Mark your calendar—
Student Life Lecture Series
Oct. 12 - Pandemic Flu & Preparing
Public Health for Disasters
2 p.m. in CU3
Dr. Daniel Boatright presenter

Identity theft can happen to anyone

One person in 20 falls prey each year in the U.S.

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

One OCCC employee knows first hand the trauma of identity theft. Jessica Martinez-Brooks, Media Relations coordinator, was victimized when her purse, containing her driver's license and credit cards, were stolen from her car several years ago. It took two years to correct the damage, she said.

Martinez-Brooks is not the only victim. One in 20 adults is the victim of identity theft, according to research conducted by the Federal Trade Commission.

Identity theft, according to a story by Security expert Chris McGoey, is one of the fastest growing crimes in the world. He reports that in America alone, roughly 11.8 million people have been victimized.

Brooks' identity was stolen when her car was broken into and her purse taken. However, people's identities can be stolen in many ways, some more subtle, said FTC spokeswoman Claudia Bourne-Farrell during a phone interview.

She said the most common type of iden-

tity theft is the unauthorized use of credit cards.

Other types of identity theft, according the FTC website, are:

•**Dumpster Diving:** Thieves rummage through trash looking for bills or other paper with your personal information on it.

•**Skimming:** Thieves steal credit or debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your card.

•**Phishing:** Thieves pretend to be financial institutions or companies and send spam or pop-up messages to get you to reveal your personal information.

•**Changing Your Address:** Thieves divert your billing statements to another location by completing a "change of address" form.

•**"Old-Fashioned" Stealing:** Thieves steal wallets and purses; mail, including bank and credit card statements; pre-approved credit offers; and new checks or tax information. They steal personnel records from their employers, or bribe employees who have access.

Bourne-Farrell said many times, a per-

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OCCC rehires President Sechrist

By David Miller
Editor

The Board of Regents unanimously voted to rehire OCCC President Paul Sechrist for another term Aug. 21.

Sechrist took over as acting president in January 2005 when former president, Dr. Bob Todd underwent heart surgery. Sechrist was officially hired as president Nov. 21.

At the Aug. 21 regents meeting, Board of Regents Chairman Tom Hoskison told those in attendance the decision to rehire Sechrist as president was an easy one for him.

Sechrist said he is pleased with the decision.

"[My] focus is on providing access to a quality college experience and supporting students as they seek to achieve their educational goals," said Sechrist.

Sechrist initially served as OCCC's Business and Computer Technology dean here, followed by serving



OCCC President Paul Sechrist

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Scientists place Pluto in planetary black hole

Science books will have to be upgraded after leading astronomers declared Aug. 25 that the planet Pluto is no longer a planet.

Historic new guidelines have downsized the solar system from nine planets to eight, according to CNN.com.

NewsOk.com offered a poll that asked the question: "Do you agree with the decision to strip Pluto of its planetary status?"

This seemed like an easy question as I clicked yes but to my surprise I found that 520 people that answered the question said no while only 99 said yes. Eighty-four percent of Oklahomans don't agree with the stripping of the name status. Why can't people accept scientific facts? I can understand if one scientist suggested downgrading it from its planetary status for his own personal reasons or agenda but this was voted on by hundreds of members of the International Astronomical Union.

Pluto has now been classified as a dwarf planet meaning it differs from the definition of the planet in that the dwarf planet has not cleared the path of its orbital neighborhood, according to www.wikipedia.org.

Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto on Feb. 18, 1930, but the original study of this terrestrial body began in 1905 by Percival Lowell, according to space.com.

Is it such a bad thing that Pluto is now called a dwarf planet? Do we not pride ourselves on our scientists being right and precise?

One Oceano, Calif., resident just didn't understand why we should change the label after all these years.

"It's absurd, I mean why would you change something after it's been the ninth planet for so many years?" asked Shawn Goddin.

If hundreds of scientists have concluded that Pluto is a dwarf planet then I have no problem accepting that decision.

If one person tells you that you have a wagging tail, ignore that individual.

If 100 people tell you that you have a tail, then you might want to take a look and see what all the wagging is about.

—John Savage
Staff Writer

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Men need checkups often, early

To the Editor:

The Oklahoma State Department of Health is celebrating the month of June as a time to educate men about their health and how to take simple steps for a longer, healthier and happier life. During this month, men are encouraged to schedule an appointment with their health care provider for a routine checkup.

The following is recommended:

- Ages 20 to 39 Years:
 - Complete physical examination at least every two to three years.
 - Blood pressure measurement every two to three years.
 - Dental examination at least two times a year.
 - Skin and mole exam; repeat every three years.
 - Tetanus booster every 10 years.
 - Conduct self-exam of the testicles.
 - Be screened for sexually transmitted diseases if sexually active and if you consider yourself at risk.
- Starting at Age 35:
 - Have a baseline cholesterol test and have repeated every five years.
- Ages 40 to 49 Years:
 - Complete physical examination at least every two to three years or discuss frequency with your

health care provider.

- Discuss appropriate blood tests or other screening tests with your health care provider.
- Blood pressure measurement every two to three years.
- Dental examination at least two times a year.
- Skin and mole exam and repeat every three years.
- Cholesterol test every five years.
- Tetanus booster every 10 years.
- Eye examination; repeat every two to four years.
- Diabetes glucose test and repeat every three years.
- 50 years and Older:
 - Complete physical examination at least every 2 years or discuss frequency with your health care provider.
 - Blood pressure measurement every two years.
 - Cholesterol test every five years.
 - Baseline prostate cancer screening tests (rectal exam and PSA) and repeat at least every year.
 - Diabetes glucose test; repeat every three years.
 - Dental examination at least two times a year.
 - Skin and mole exam and repeat every three years.
 - Eye examination and repeat every two to four

years

- Annual fecal occult blood test
 - Have a double contrast barium enema, colonoscopy or a flexible sigmoidoscopy and then repeat at least every 10 years
 - Hearing examination should be discussed with your health care provider
- For more information about basic health care and disease prevention, contact the county health department in your area.

—Oklahoma State
Department of Health

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Comments and Reviews

'Idlewild': a lush drama

Set in 1930s Georgia, the musical drama "Idlewild" celebrates the Golden Age of Jazz, Southern style.

The film follows the exploits of bashful piano player Percival (Andre Benjamin) and Rooster (Antwan A. Patton), his too-cool-for-his-own-good childhood companion.

By day, Percival tends to the family mortuary business and Rooster to his ever-expanding family but, by night, they enter the grimy world of Church, the heppiest of speakeasies run by gangsters.

As the story unfolds, a double murder and the appearance of a mysterious lounge singer from St. Louis upend the lives of the two friends.

Through a series of predictable plot developments, Rooster and Percival learn fundamental lessons about who they are as individuals and who they are meant to be.

Though the script is too long and lacks serious character development, the movie is a joy to watch.

Benjamin and Patton, known for their innovative critical triumphs as the musical group Outkast, also serve as the music supervisors of the film.

Working with Tony Award-winning choreographer Hinton Battle, they create dazzling musical numbers throughout the film.

The song and dance scenes at Church are perfect specimens of flash and camp.

Ladies clad in swinging short skirts and waving luxurious ostrich plumes fan out across the stage as acrobatic audience members perform "swop," Battle's hybrid of swing and hip-hop dance styles.

New music by Outkast combines classic jazz and blues sounds with the newer hip-hop beats for which they are known, and the members' natural lus-



ter as performers is showcased well.

Pascal Rabaud's cinematography is stunning, highlighting dark, rich colors while using swooping camera movements and unexpected shot angles, creating a topsy-turvy feeling that complements the action well, particularly during the dance sequences.

There are a number of scenes in which the dialogue drags, particularly those between Percival and his father in the funeral home, as well as those between Rooster and his family.

There are places, however, where the writing really works, accomplishing

delectable film noir-ish decadence.

The film would have been better off focusing more on the seedy nightlife of the characters and less on their personal struggles.

Even with a running time of nearly two hours, writer-director Bryan Barber has a difficult time fully developing either aspect of the characters' lives.

"Idlewild" is rated R for violence, sexuality, nudity, and language.

See it for electrifying musical numbers, slick period costuming and striking cinematography.

Rating: B+

—Amanda Bittle
Newswriting Student

'When Harry Met Sally' revisited

Behind every good marriage there is an even better story of growth and love.

MGM's 1989 movie, "When Harry Met Sally" (starring Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan), is no exception.

Best known for Ryan's orgasmic performance during a scene in which Sally and Harry are having lunch in a diner, the movie has earned its place amongst the classics.

The movie takes the audience through the numerous phases of both Harry's and Sally's journey through personal growth as each one discovers who they are and what they want in life.

Over the course of 12 years, Harry and Sally have numerous meetings, beginning with their move to New York after completing college, where they gladly part ways, meeting up again in their mid-20's.

During their first encounter, we see how naive and contemptuous post college youth can be. The movie then presents to us in not only Harry and Sally, but also their friends, how sanctimonious people can be before the experience called life truly has a chance to build our wisdom. When they finally become friends in their 30s, we are shown how people

grow from their experiences and how they change.

Throughout the friendship, the couple goes through various steps of self-discovery as well as the discovery that love and romance often emerge when and where we least expect it to.

Life is a journey through which we learn about ourselves and life from our experiences. We never stop growing as individuals. "When Harry Met Sally" portrays this aspect of life beautifully, which makes this movie worth watching even today.

The film manages to capture the many emotions

involved in life and romance in a manner that translates exceptionally for any generation.

Throughout the film we are presented with couples telling the story of how they fell in love and have lived happily married ever since. Often, the best marriages are built on a solid foundation of friendship, as Harry and Sally's illustrates.

"When Harry Met Sally" is an exceptional movie for anyone who wants to see a truly remarkable romantic comedy or that has a love of classic movies.

Rating: A

—Carrie Cronk
Staff Writer

View from the PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



The start of a new academic year always brings with it a sense of excitement and anticipation.

OCCC begins this year with approximately 3,000 new students to the college. There is also a host of new full-time faculty members and many new staff members. To all, I offer a warm welcome.

You have made an excellent choice in choosing to attend Oklahoma City Community College. OCCC is not only one of the least expensive colleges in the state and region; it is also one of the best.

Whether you are here to eventually transfer to another college or begin your career, we want you to be successful. Our faculty and staff are highly skilled, dedicated, and willing to go the extra mile to help you achieve your goals.

This year will include the opening of the new Science, Engineering, and Math Center in the spring. The building is named in honor of OCCC's former president, Dr. Robert P. Todd. By the end of the fall semester, you will see the beginning of construction on two additional projects, the new Health Professions Center and the new Arts Education Center.

More important than the new buildings is what happens inside the new classrooms and labs — exceptional teaching and learning leading to a college education.

Your choice to further your education and earn a college degree is one of the most powerful life-changing decisions you will ever make. I am proud that you are taking a part or all of the journey to a college education with us at OCCC.

Have a great fall semester.

—Paul Sechrist
OCCC President

Comments and Reviews

Man still bites dog fourteen years later

The controversial Belgian film, "Man Bites Dog: It Happened In Your Neighborhood," is a graphically-violent film harshly critiquing how far people will go to achieve their goals.

Shot in a verité style, this controversial mockumentary revolves around a film crew who follow Ben, a charismatic mass murderer, documenting his killings as well as allowing him to philosophize about life and society, which he does in order to justify his actions to himself.

Still, strangely enough, Ben is a likable character.

Despite often being devoid of a conscience, Ben does seem to care about the film crew and often displays an innocent, childish sense of humor the audience can't help but find endearing.

Rémy Belvaux, André Bonzel and Benoit Poelvoorde wrote and directed the film. Belvaux and Bonzel portray film crew members and Poelvoorde portrays the mass murderer, all using their real names in an effort to add to the realism of the subject matter.

The filmmakers hold nothing back in their depic-

tion of violence, which caused widespread controversy upon the film's initial release in 1992. Most of the murders are shown in split-second shots, but others are depicted in unflinching, realistic detail, even when children are involved.

Typically, in a film such as this, the mass murderer would be the main character. However, in this case the film crew is the main focus of the film. This challenges the audience to alter their perception and initial reaction to the film.

As the film crew develops a rapport with Ben, their

sense of values and ethics seems to dissipate. Caught up in the experience, they begin to assist in the killings even after two members of their crew are killed.

As the film progresses, the graphic violence virtually disappears and the intended message that humans can be viciously desensitized begins to unravel.

The audience is left asking itself, "Who's worse?" the filmmakers for creating such a film or the viewers for watching?

The black-and-white film is in French with English

subtitles, monaural sound and a widescreen 1.66:1 aspect ratio. The special features include a video interview with the filmmakers, "No C4 for Daniel-Daniel" short film, stills gallery, new essay by Andre Bonzel about the making of the film and the original theatrical trailer.

The film is rated R for graphic violence, language and nudity. Watch the film for its unique examination of societal violence.

Rating: A

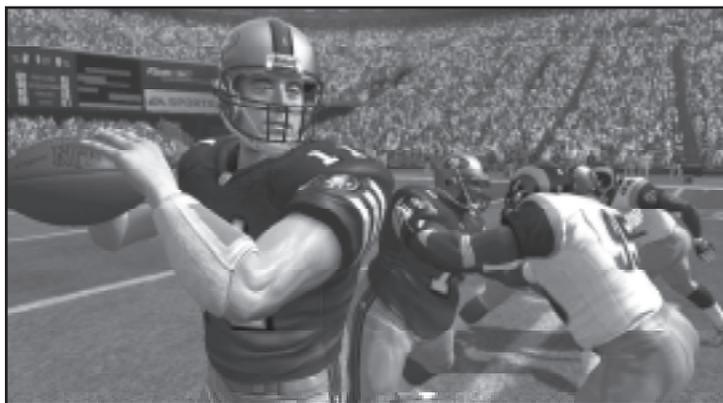
—David Miller
Staff Writer

More of the same, but 'Madden' is still classic

Ever had the feeling of déjà vu? There is a good chance you will experience it again when you play this year's Electronic Arts Inc. "Madden' 07." Although the game is more fleshed out than last year's Xbox 360 game, the changes will leave your palate dry and thirsty for more options. This year's title has some nice changes like the lead blocker control.

This allows players to take control of fullbacks, tight ends and offensive line players, and throw blocks, then switch back to the running back and finish the play.

Another newer option is



the highlight stick. This allows players to run and juke like the real players. Larry Johnson will bowl over players and run right through them. Other smaller backs like Reggie Bush juke more and rely on not being tackled to get big

gains. This year the teams have defensive specific playbooks that are actually used by the official teams.

One of the newest modes to Madden' 07 is the Superstar mode. This resembles the Race for the Heisman mode that NCAA' 06 had

last year. Superstar mode places the player in control of his agent, whom he plays for and how he plays on the field.

This is a great idea but it has several flaws. The Superstar mode doesn't allow enough hands-on control. Players will find themselves at the mercy of the computer. If a player is using a running back then they are only responsible for running.

Other times when the superstar is on the bench players have to take control of the action, which is usually third and forever.

In the end, my running back didn't receive enough

touches. Or the computer decided, on third and inches, to run a pass play and get intercepted. This game play option was a great idea but it needs to be retooled.

In the end, players feel like the computer is playing more than the human, although playing on rookie level will increase players numbers in the SS mode.

I am hoping EA Sports finds a way to put in some of the options that the older generation titles have.

This game is more of the same.

Rating: 4 out 5.

—John Savage
Staff Writer

'Poseidon' remake floats belly up in the DVD line

There are no snakes on a ship in the DVD release of "Poseidon." This may sound dull, but the problem with "Poseidon" is that it is upside down. This has the apparent effect of producing electricity, fire, and lots of water on the ship.

The course of the movie seems to confirm that the director had the same assumption.

Directed by Wolfgang Peterson ("The Perfect Storm," "Das Boot") "Poseidon" is a remake of "The

Poseidon Adventure."

The movie stars Kurt Russell, Josh Lucas, and Richard Dreyfuss.

The movie begins with a New Year's Eve celebration aboard the Poseidon. A rogue wave hits the ship shortly after midnight and capsizes it.

The plot then follows the trials and tribulations of a small group of people who try to escape the ship.

Gravity keeps rearing its ugly head, only to be beaten down by the valiant group,

and then there is water. Lots and lots of water.

Water, being rather fluid, keeps assaulting them from all directions.

Water comes at them from above, from below and from the sides.

Just to balance out the line of opponents, we get a particularly dramatic attack by air as the final obstacle to overcome before freedom can be reached.

Fortunately, Kurt Russell's character is an ex-firefighter, so he has expe-

rience at fighting these things.

The same director brought us "The Perfect Storm." At the risk of spoiling the plot, I will say do not fear. Some people do survive. The "Poseidon" DVD is rather lacking in special features.

It has a "Poseidon: A Ship On A Soundstage" feature which may make special effects and technical minded people happy.

Apart from that, all else that is extra is the theatri-

cal trailer.

Languages available for the DVD include English, French and Spanish.

"Poseidon" is a suspenseful film which will keep disaster movie fans happy. For people who have seen enough disasters in their time, the movie will be "just another disaster film."

The movie is rated PG-13 for language and sequences of disaster and peril.

Rating: C

—Tim Cronk
Staff Writer

Illegally-parked car hit in accident

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

A double-parked car was damaged in a hit-and-run accident on Aug. 22 in parking lot A on the east side of campus.

The '99 Thunderbird was hit on the passenger side rear bumper at 2:46 p.m.

Safety and Security Officer Brent Williams said he had cited the car almost an hour before it was hit because it was illegally doubled-parked.

"[The student] said that the vehicle was doubled-parked due to the accident," Williams said. "But when I issued the citation earlier that day, her car was doubled-parked."

Williams said security officers have had problems with parking violations.

"Most of the violations we have are ones of people taking up two spaces or just parking in no parking areas," Williams said.

He also said if the \$10 fine goes unpaid, the college would hold transcripts and prevent students from enrolling in classes.

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Administrative unit divided in two

By David Miller
Editor

One of the college's administrative units has been separated into two segments, each assigned to a different vice president, said President Paul Sechrist in an e-mail.

With this new structure, the Training Center and the Downtown College Consortium will become part of Academic Affairs, which is currently being overseen by Brenda Harrison, acting vice president of Academic Affairs and acting chief academic officer.

"If you think of the Vice President of Academic Affairs as the chief officer of instruction versus the chief academic officer, then including Corporate Learning (previously the Training Center) and the Downtown College Consortium only seems appropriate," said Harrison in an e-mail.

Corporate Learning, previously the Training Center, offers continuing education options for businesses, government agencies and non-profit groups, said Corporate Learning Director Delores Jackson.

The Downtown College Consortium is an alliance of five colleges and universities, which offer credit and non-credit classes in downtown Oklahoma City.

The remaining areas, called Community Development, are now under the control of Vice President Jerry Steward, thus earn-

ing him the new title of Vice President for Government Relations and Community Development.

These areas include: Recreation and Community Services, Career Transitions, Capitol Hill Center, Cultural Arts Series, Arts Festival Oklahoma, Manufacturing Alliance and the

Nigh Institute.

Recreation and Community Services includes the aquatic center, gym and weight room, while the Capitol Hill Center serves the Hispanic community. Arts Festival Oklahoma is an annual event at OCCC showcasing numerous artists from around Oklahoma

and the nation.

"[The Community Development area] reflects an emphasis on the focus of community development, primarily through non-credit educational and cultural activities for the community," said Sechrist.

The re-organization will provide a more efficient

process in reaching overall goals and the change should be seamless to students, Sechrist said.

"In the long run it will be much more effective for communication in [the Academic Affairs and Community Development areas]."

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Power outage leaves students in dark

Staff Reports

A power outage cut the lights to half of the campus on Monday due to a burned underground wire and faulty power cable.

In two separate incidents, power to the Health Professions Building, College Union, and Arts and Humanities area were without power from about noon to 3:15 p.m. The outage to

Health Professions and the Union were a result from the burned underground wire. The outage to the Arts and Humanities area was a result of the faulty power cable.

Soon after the blackouts were reported to the Physical Plant, OG&E electrical crews arrived on campus to restore power. During that time, Carson's Market Fresh Café employees were

busy throwing away food.

Corrine Aguilar, Event Center manager who oversees the food court, said Carson's had to toss out food that couldn't be kept at the right temperature.

The power outage, Aguilar said, cost Carson's about \$1,400 in service. She also said Carson's employees were sent home early but the food court would operate Tuesday as

normal.

Shortly after the power went out, many classes being held in the Arts and Humanities area ended early, said Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities dean.

Up until the power was restored to the area, VanSchuyver said, she wasn't sure if evening classes were going to be held.

Learn ways to study better and not longer

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

Did I study enough for my class? Was I prepared for the test in English? How should I study for tests in the future? How did the test go?

Students ask these questions to themselves and friends, not always sure of the answer. Thanks to Advising and Career Services, students no longer need to worry.

The free Brown Bag lunch series that debuts with "Study Skills" at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 6, in room CU3 will prevent students from having to guess the answers to those sometimes frustrating questions.

At "Study Skills," people will learn to schedule their time in a way to be able to study, said Mary Turner, Student Development counselor.

"Students should attend because sometimes more time applied to their studying doesn't get them further," Turner said. "The workshop will help them to get the maximum benefits."

During "Study Skills," Turner will hand out pamphlets with information she will discuss it.

"The information that we will go over will be very general," Turner said, "If anyone wants to know more specific items, they can set up a one-on-one interview with me. I also encourage questions during the session."

The workshop is scheduled to last 50 to 55 minutes and students who come to the workshop will have to bring their own lunch, Turner said.

The second workshop, "Test Taking," also led by Turner, will be at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 7, in room CU3.

At "Test Taking," Turner will go over different types of tests, strategies for taking them and ways to pass.

"I will take them through strategies they can use to

"Students should attend because sometimes more time applied to their studying doesn't get them further."

—Mary Turner

Student Development Counselor

prepare," Turner said. "We will also show the students different types [of tests]."

A final note is that students attending the Brown Bag workshops will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gas card that will be drawn at the end of the series.

For more information on "Study Skills" or "Test Taking," contact Mary Turner at 405-682-7535 or via e-mail at mturner@occc.edu.

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International students fill classes

More than 320 students from 54 countries attend OCCC

By David Miller
Editor

For international students, adjusting to college life in America can often be a frightening and difficult task.

There are 323 international students currently enrolled at OCCC, representing 54 different countries, according to a report provided by Joyce Morgan-Dees, OCCC's research coordinator.

Surmounting language barriers, finding a place to live, enrolling in school, establishing friends and adapting to western culture while preserving their own, are just a few of the obstacles facing international students.

The International Student Association at OCCC offers students a comfortable place where they can talk about issues they face, share their culture and learn about other cultures, said English Professor and ISA sponsor Michael Punches.

"It's an opportunity for them to get together for companionship, friendship, to meet new people, and feel comfortable," Punches said.

All students, including American students, are welcomed and encouraged

to join the ISA.

In addition to providing a place for international students to interact with each other, the organization also wants to educate American students about other cultures.

"Most of the domestic students join the ISA for the express purpose of meeting people from other cultures, learning about them and exchanging information from other cultures," said Punches.

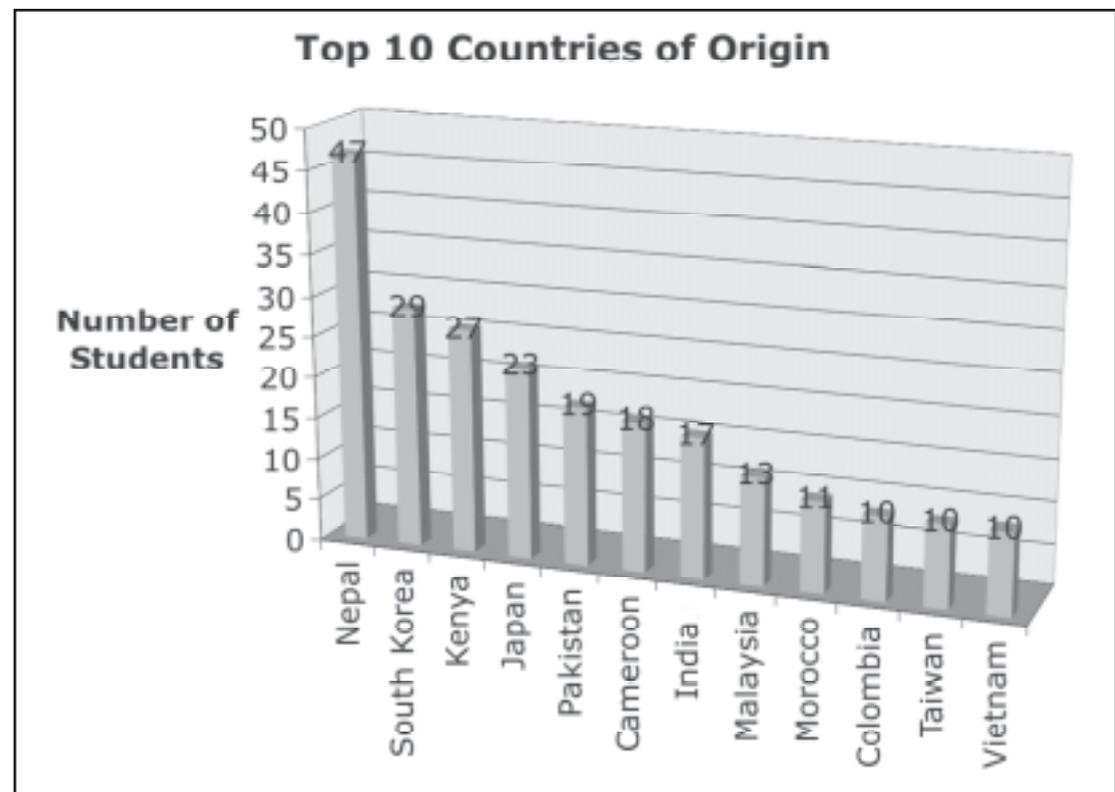
Admissions Officer Sunny Garner helps international students with any issues they have regarding their visa.

She also helps them adapt to a different culture by addressing how those issues affect their enrollment and college experience.

The definition of an international student does not simply mean a person of a foreign nationality.

An international student is a person who is visiting from another country for the purposes of obtaining an education, who then plans to return to his or her home country upon completion of their education, Garner said.

The largest obstacle international students face is moving to America from their home country, adapt-



A total of 323 international students represent 54 countries from around the world. Above is a graph of the 10 countries most of the international students call home. Nepal leads the way with 47 students attending OCCC. In distant second is South Korea with 29. The countries of Colombia, Taiwan and Vietnam round out the end of the top 10 in a three-way tie with only 10 students each.

ing and working within a different culture to achieve their educational goals, she said. "It's a big adjustment."

In addition to international students, there are currently 114 undocumented students enrolled at OCCC.

An undocumented student is one who resides in

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—Michael Punches
English Professor

the United States without being a legal resident.

The Communications

Lab on the first floor of the Main Building serves as a catalyst in helping students who speak English as a second language.

Students from various parts of Asia, France, Great Britain, Africa, Czechoslovakia and Russia all come to the Communications Lab for assistance in speaking English, said Cole Bridges, Communications Lab assistant.

ISA meetings are every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The room location has yet to be determined.

For more information, contact Punches at 405-682-1611, ext. 7637.

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Students come from around the world

The graph at the top of the page represents the top 10 countries with the most international students currently attending OCCC. The following list gives details on the remaining 42 countries other OCCC students come from.

•Bangladesh and Indonesia both have **eight** students currently attending OCCC.

•China currently has **seven** students attending OCCC this academic year.

•The nation of Ghana has **six** students currently attending OCCC this year.

•Bulgaria and the Bahamas each have **five** of their students currently attending OCCC.

•Nigeria and Venezuela each both have **four** students representing their countries at OCCC.

•Our neighbors to the north, Canada, and neighbors to the south, Mexico, each have **three** students attending OCCC.

•The nations of Hong Kong, Niger, Singapore and Lithuania each have **two** students currently attending OCCC.

•The following 28 countries each have **one** student attending OCCC: Bahrain, Belize, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Denmark, Egypt, El Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Israel, Jamaica, Lebanon, Slovakia, Mali, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, St. Lucia, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, West Bank, Zimbabwe and Iran.

—Source: Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC
INTRAMURALS
EVENTS

•**Sept. 7:** OCCC National Football League flag football will start registration for the upcoming season Sept. 7. The season starts Sept. 19 and runs through Oct. 28. The non-competitive leagues are for boys and girls, ages 6 to 14. The cost is \$65. Game days will be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Each team will play a total of eight games. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit www.occrcs.edu.

•**Sept. 26:** Five-on-five flag football will make its way back to the OCCC campus. Season starts on Sept. 26 and is free to all OCCC students. The season is six weeks long and games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays. Teams must have at least four players to avoid a forfeit. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit www.occrcs.edu.

•**Sept. 26:** Ultimate Frisbee is one of the new games for the Intramural league. The game will be played like American football except players will be using a Frisbee. Sign up is Sept. 26 and the season is six weeks long on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit www.occrcs.edu.

•**Oct. 2 :** OCCC youth basketball league will tip off its season of non-competitive basketball for boys and girls, ages 5 to 12 years old. Registration ends Nov. 9 and the season starts Dec. 2. Each team will play eight games. The season ends Feb. 17. The cost for this league is \$60. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit www.occrcs.edu.

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Sports club kicks the boredom

By John Savage
Staff Writer

This year Recreation and Community Services will do something new to encourage more athletic participation among the students, said Director Traci Wheeler.

She said, a new Recreation and Community Services club has been started.

Wheeler said she is excited because this is something that has never been tried before at OCCC. The goal is to get more students involved and participating, she said.

"I started working on this last year," Wheeler said.

More than 24 members signed up Aug. 30 at the Club and Organization Fair held in the college union.

Freshman Whitney Butcher Chemistry major visited the booth.

"I was involved in sports in high school. I just want to see what it has for me and the opportunities it has."

Another student who felt this club could be a fit for him was freshman film studies major Edgar Torres.

"I love playing baseball, football, soccer and even ultimate Frisbee. The more people that are active the better it is for everyone."

Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson said the numbers in Intramurals sports have been low.

He is hoping the new RCS club will change that.

Intramural sports will be back as soon as Sept. 27 with five-on-five flag football making its appearance.

All students are welcome to join the RCS club but must be enrolled in six credit hours at OCCC.

The student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average and be flexible in being available for activities that are not scheduled during normal, operational hours.

Wheeler said the project that will take form this fall and will be the inaugural RSC club.

She said this club will not only play sports but plan them as well.

This new club is now part of the Student Life official school clubs.

"We're going to have officers and we will have representation at The Leadership Council," Wheeler said.

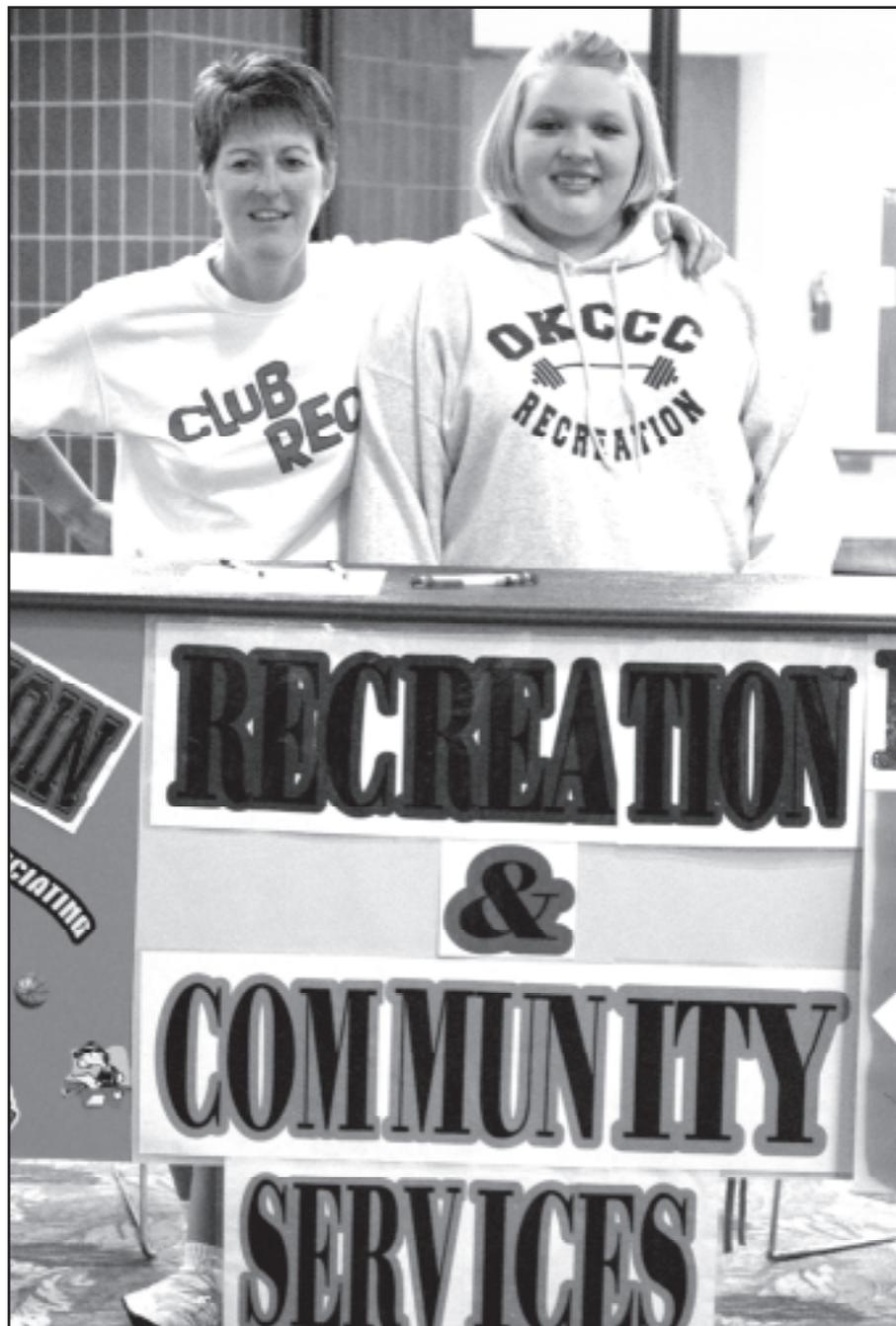


Photo by Carrie Cronk

Recreation and Community Services Director Traci Wheeler and Wellness Center attendant Jennifer Lundy host the Recreation and Community Services Club booth on August 30 during the Organization Fair in the College Union. The RCS created the club for those interested in intramural sports.

"I love playing baseball, football, soccer and even ultimate Frisbee, The more people that are active the better it is for everyone."

—Edgar Torres
OCCC film studies student

Although the club will be involved in all areas of the RCS/Aquatic areas they also will have a hand in intramurals, youth league play, volunteer opportunities, aquatic events and community outreach.

Wheeler said there would be a president, secretary and a few oth-

ers that will need to be recruited.

Meetings aslo will be mandatory and will be scheduled the first Tuesday of every month.

For more information, contact Wheeler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7280, or visit www.occrcs.edu.

Staff Writer John Savage can be reached at StaffWriter2@occrcs.edu.

Most effective emergency plans involve teamwork

The Oklahoma City Office of Homeland Security has designated September as National Preparedness Month.

As a public service, the Pioneer, in conjunction with the OCCC Safety and Security office, will run a week's worth of safety tips each week for the next three issues.

Look in the Aug. 28 issue for the first week of tips or go online to www.occ.edu/pioneer.

Sept. 8: Go through your calendar now and put a reminder on it every six months to review your emergency plan, update numbers and check supplies to be sure nothing has changed, spoiled, or expired. Also remember to practice your tornado, fire escape or other disaster plans.

Sept. 9: Check your child's school Web site or

call the school office to request a copy of the school's emergency plan. Keep a copy at home and work or other places where you spend a lot of your time and make sure the school's plan is incorporated into your family's emergency plan. Also, learn about the disaster plans at your workplace or other places where you and your family spend time.

Sept. 10: Teach your children how and when it's appropriate to call 9-1-1 or your local Emergency Medical Services number for help. Post these and other emergency numbers by telephones.

Sept. 11: Practice. Conduct fire drills and practice evacuating your home twice a year. Drive your planned evacuation route and plot alternate routes on a map in case main roads are blocked or gridlocked. Practice tornado drills at home, school and work. Commit a weekend to update telephone numbers, emergency supplies and review your plan

with everyone.

Sept. 12: A community working together during an emergency makes sense. Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together during an emergency.

- Find out if anyone has specialized equipment like a power generator, or expertise such as medical knowledge, that might help in a crisis.

- Decide who will check on elderly or disabled neighbors.

- Make back-up plans for children in case you can't get home in an emergency.

Sharing plans and communicating in advance is a good strategy.

Sept. 13: What if disaster strikes while you are at work? Do you know the emergency preparedness plan for your workplace? While many companies have been more alert and pro-active in preparing for disasters of all types since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, a national survey indicates that many employees

still don't know what their workplace plan is for major and minor disasters. If you don't know yours, make a point to ask. Know multiple ways to exit your building, participate in workplace evacuation drills, and consider keeping some emergency supplies at the office.

Sept. 14: If you or someone close to you has a disability or a special need, you may have to take additional steps to protect yourself and your family in an emergency. Individuals with disabilities should:

- Create a support network to help in an emergency.

- Tell these people where you keep your emergency supplies.

- Give one member of your support network a key to your house or apartment.

- Contact your city or county government's emergency information management office. Many local offices keep lists of people with disabilities so they can be located quickly in a

sudden emergency.

- Wear medical alert tags or bracelets to help identify your disability.

- If you are dependent on dialysis or other life sustaining treatment, know the location and availability of more than one facility.

- Show others how to operate your wheelchair.

- Know the size and weight of your wheelchair, in addition to whether or not it is collapsible, in case it has to be transported.

- If you have special needs: Find out about special assistance that may be available in your community. Register with the office of emergency services or the local fire department for assistance so needed help can be provided.

More tips will be published in the Sept. 11 issue of the Pioneer. For a complete list, visit www.homelandsecurity.ok.gov.

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Student Life to hold Brown Bag Lunch Series

Student Life will hold a series of brown bag lunches that will teach attendees about study skills, test taking and using MineOnline. The first workshop, on study skills, is scheduled for 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6, in room CU3. The majority of the presenters will be faculty and staff. Door prizes will be given away to those who attend. Students who attend the workshops will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gas card. For more information, contact Sara McElroy, First Year and Student Life Programs coordinator, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7683, or via e-mail at smcelroy@occc.edu.

Health Professions Club will hold first meeting

The Health Professions Club will vote on events that will be scheduled during the Fall and Spring semesters. Free pizza is available to those who attend. The first meeting is scheduled from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 7, in rooms CU1 and CU2. For more information, contact Health Professions Club sponsor Steve Kamm at 405-682-1611, ext. 7268, or via e-mail at skamm@occc.edu.

Photography Club will hold first meeting

The Photography Club will have its first meeting at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 7, in room CU3. For more information, contact LaWanda Lavarway at 405-682-1611, ext. 7329.

Career Power in 25-Minutes aims to help students

Advising and Career Services will hold "Let's Talk Careers," the first of the 11 scheduled workshops, from noon to 12:25 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, in room 1F6 of the Main Building. Free information regarding careers and transferring will be available to all in attendance. For more information, contact Career Specialist Debra Vaughn at 405-682-1611, ext. 7362, or via e-mail at dvaughn@occc.edu.

Meet with the nursing program director

The nursing program director Rosemary Klepper will hold meetings to provide an opportunity for students interested in the Nursing Program to meet with her. The first meeting is from noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, in room CU1. At the meeting, information such as where students will do clinicals to what immunizations are required will be covered. For more information contact Klepper at 405-682-1611, ext. 7289.

Student Life set to begin 'Campus Voices'

The "Pandemic Flu and Preparing Public Health for Disasters" will be at p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12, in room CU3. Speaking at the lecture will be Dr. Daniel Boatright, presidential professor of Occupational and Environmental Health at the OU Health Science Center.

St. Andrews to hold Divorce Adjustment Workshop

St. Andrews United Methodist Church, located at 2727 SW 119th St., will hold a two-day divorce workshop from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, and from 1:30 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17. Cost is \$30. Attendance for both days is required. Topics covered at the workshop include grief, rebuilding and self-esteem. The topics will be presented by trained professionals. To register call 405-692-4242 or visit www.saokc.org. For any questions or comments contact Lesa Stiger at 405-692-9268 or 405-202-5220.

Looking cool



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Health Professions Club members Anthony Shuler and Vaneza Ceballos ham it up for the camera at the club's booth at the Organizational Fair on in the College Union. Club members worked to recruit new members to their club during the fair.

Clubs recruit at Organizations Fair

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

The Society of Performing Artists was one of many clubs recruiting new members at the Organizations Fair last week.

At the fair, SPA recruited 64 members as of press time.

SPA promotes the theater arts program. Club leaders have plans of instigating movie nights, said Jessica Myer, club president.

"We are still planning our first movie night right now," Myer said.

"We want to show 'Animal House' along with hosting a toga night at the same time."

SPA vice-president Nicholas Galbreath said the club has performed plays at the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home.

"We have been doing it for three years now," Galbreath said. "We are the only adults the kids see outside the home."

SPA meets at noon, Tuesdays, in room 1F5 of Arts and Humanities.

For more information about SPA, e-mail spa@po.occc.edu.

Also present at the fair was the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education.

HOPE is committed to promoting higher education within the Hispanic community, said Raquel Carranco, vice president.

"We are getting prepared for Hispanic Heritage Week, which will be Sept. 18 to 22," Carranco said.

"We want to have folkloric dancers and mariachis. We will also be holding a fund-

raiser where we will sell burritos and nachos."

Jessica Martinez-Brooks, co-sponsor of HOPE, said the proceeds from the fundraiser would go to help members go to conferences and provide a Christmas party for Rockwood Elementary School, an elementary school in Oklahoma City.

HOPE meets twice a month at 12:30 p.m., on Thursdays, in room 2N7.

For more information, contact Martinez-Brooks at jmbrooks@occc.edu.

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Does your organization have things planned for the fall semester?

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son is a victim of identity theft without knowing his or her identity has been stolen.

And the damage inflicted is often traumatic, she said.

Bourne-Farrell said victims' credit could be scarred or ruined, items can be repossessed and those wanting to purchase their first home or automobile could be denied.

Martinez-Brooks was one such person.

"After my purse was stolen I tried to rent a house with my [future] husband and my credit report stated I wasn't approved."

Brooks said when she took a closer look at her credit report, she saw something unusual.

"[The credit report] stated that I had an outstanding cable bill in Louisiana,"

Martinez-Brooks said. "How could I have a cable bill in Louisiana when I live in Oklahoma?"

Martinez-Brooks said the person who stole her purse had set up residency in Louisiana and used her credit card to pay bills.

"It took two years to clean the mess up," she said. "I had to call Cox Communications and explain to them that the bill did not belong to me."

Often the situation can get even worse, Bourne-Farrell said. Thieves can give the stolen name to police if they are arrested and then, when they fail to show up for a court date, a warrant would be issued in the victim's name.

Bourne-Farrell said people can take steps to minimize the risk but said identity theft cannot be entirely prevented. Tips to minimize identity theft could be

found on www.consumer.gov/id.

"If a someone's identity is stolen," Bourne-Farrell said, "they should file a police report, call identity fraud agencies, and close all existing accounts (bank and credit) and open new ones that are password protected."

When personal information is stolen and victims report the crime, it can take hours, days and even months for victims to redeem their reputation, she said.

(This is the first story in a two-part series. Next week, the Pioneer will tell readers steps they can take to avoid handing someone personal information when selling or throwing out unwanted computers or cell phones.)

Staff Writer Phillip Hempill can be reached at SeniorWriter@occc.edu.

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OCCC Regents keep Sechrist on as president

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as the vice president for Academic Affairs and finally, as provost, which is a high-ranking position under the college president.

"I continue to be very proud of our faculty and staff who are dedicated to seeing students achieve

their dream of a college education," Sechrist said.

"Our graduates continue to rate very highly in the quality of education received at OCCC."

Sechrist will serve as the president throughout the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

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