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Drug rules outlined in handbook

Students in violation could face disciplinary action

By David Miller
Editor

Across the nation, people will observe Red Ribbon Week the last week of October by wearing red ribbons and participating in drug-free events such as runs, parades and rallies.

While OCCC isn't officially recognizing Red Ribbon Week this year, the college does have policies regarding drug use. The 2006-2007 Student Handbook, page 42, outlines that policy. It reads, in part, "Disciplinary actions will be taken against any student found to be possessing, using, or distributing illicit drugs or alcohol on College property or as part of any College activity."

Architecture and Constructive Science major Damian Comiskey supports OCCC's policy.

"I agree with it," he said. "It's common sense that you know the punishments by now ... that if you [have alcohol or drugs] in school or in the workplace, it's going to be a hefty consequence. It's going to be a negative consequence."

Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas said students in violation of the college's policy could face arrest. However, he said, there are other options, "depending upon the circumstances under which we come across the violation ...," Sloas said.

Safety and Security officers also have the option of giving the student a judicial referral, Sloas said. A judicial referral is submitted to OCCC's Director of Student Relations so disciplinary action in the form of suspension or expulsion can be administered.

Sloas said his officers follow a set of guidelines in every case.

"We'll generally bring them to our office to process them through and we'll call the police department," he said.

"If the police department thinks they've got a good case or it's a small amount [of drugs] ... we'll let them make that decision whether or not they want to come out and make the arrest. See "Drugs," page 16

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Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

Colder weather moving into the state didn't deter Jared Seay, microbiology major, and Kacey Roach, graphic design major, from spending time outdoors. Highs on Oct. 18 dropped to 55 degrees after a day in the 80s. For daily weather updates, visit www.occc.edu.

Set those clocks back Oct. 30

By Rachel Carlton
Staff Writer

Millions of clocks will have to be turned back one hour at 2 a.m., Monday, Oct. 30. This will mean the end of daylight-saving time and the beginning of an extra hour of sleep.

In preparation for the time change, OCCC will begin changing the clocks back Sunday, Oct. 29.

"Generally, on Sunday, Safety and Security changes some of [the clocks] back," said Gary Phillips, Building and Campus Services supervisor.

Phillips said the Physical Plant changes the remaining clocks on Monday morning.

He said 99 percent of the clocks, including a few automatic clocks that reset themselves, are reset by 5 a.m.

Despite the extra hour of sleep, some people don't enjoy the shorter days.

Physical therapy major Jamie Kilpatrick, 31, is one such person who does not like the end of daylight-saving time.

"It's dark when I wake up and it's dark when

I get off work," she said.

The end of daylight-saving time also can affect sleeping patterns said Nursing Professor Gina Edwards.

"Everyone has their own wake and sleep cycle," she said.

"If [the end of daylight-saving time] affects anyone it will be short term and not long term."

This year will mark the last time the end of daylight-saving time will take place in October.

Traditionally, daylight-saving time began on the first Sunday in April and ended the last Sunday in October.

However, a federal energy bill, which passed by Congress in 2005, will reset the daylight-saving time dates.

The new daylight-saving time will begin the second Sunday of March and end the first Sunday of November.

This adds an extra month to daylight-saving time.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Procrastinate later

Now is the time of the semester when we are all finding out how we did on our mid-term exams.

Didn't do as well as you thought you would?

Maybe now is the time to start studying for that bulky comprehensive final. For the sake of grades, don't procrastinate. Run, don't walk, to the nearest quiet spot, sprawl out with the books and folders, and get your study on.

Procrastination has a way of creeping into the lives of everyone when we least expect it. If left to its own devices, procrastination causes chaos, disorderly panic and, finally, a slight mental breakdown.

Mid-terms and finals are not the only things being forgotten. If you're set on getting into a certain class for next semester, the time to act is at hand.

Procrastinating will leave you with a small choice of classes that may include those that make you want to go "huh?" After all, who wants a schedule of afternoon and Saturday classes?

At the risk of sounding a bit like a mothering hen, it is simply easier to do what needs to be done as early as possible so that any mistakes can be fixed to obsessive compulsory perfection long before the teacher touches the assignment.

Classes fill up faster than a field trip to the moon when they are opened to the general public, yet we students still like a good ol' fashioned gripe session with our friends when the ever-popular Mass Communications, Trigonometry, or Macroeconomics is just too full to register for. Drat!

Use the time during the day when naps are normally taken in the comfy library chairs to study, research or write for those classes that need a little extra patience and tender loving care.

Wikipedia.org describes procrastination as being associated with an underlying psychological problem like depression or Attention Deficit Disorder. Maybe these people haven't experienced a full college schedule, a full-time job, screaming children, a couch full of clean laundry that needs folding and a dinner that won't cook itself. In these cases, perhaps a slight amount of procrastination is necessary.

The college has many amenities to help the eager procrastinator with all sorts of problems. The Communications Lab has tutors just waiting for the rush of students to come in and ask how to create their works cited page.

The IT Computer Lab on the third floor of the library has capable staff that can help with more technical computer programs.

Don't let the end-of-term blues or the graduation jitters get to the point that they have a coup d' état on your life. And for the record, National Procrastination Week has been postponed until next week. Pass it on.

—Valerie Jobe
Staff Writer

Computer Center overlooked

To the Editor:

The Oklahoma City Community College Student Computer Center is located on the third floor of the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library.

If you don't know, the library is the building with the big clock on top.

There are more than 100 computers in the SCC, each of which has Internet access and hooked to a networked printer. Even though the computer center is one large open room, there are three distinctly separate areas.

One area is for multi-media projects which should only be used by students enrolled in CAD or multi-media classes. One area is labeled for advanced programming students, and there's a general area where a large number of computers are available for a variety of classes.

Any student taking any class is welcome in the SCC. The SCC has a knowledgeable staff who will help in numerous ways with your school projects which might include Power Point presentations, Internet research,

or simple paper writings.

However, if you want proper grammar advice, visit the Communications Lab located on the first floor of the Main Building just across from the book store. Each member of the computer center staff has a different expertise, but each one will try their very best to help students as much as possible.

The operating hours during the fall, spring and summer semesters are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. till 10:45 p.m. and we are open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 4:45 p.m., with shorter hours of operation during the intersessions.

Only currently enrolled students are allowed to use the SCC. A current and validated OCCC student ID is required to access the SCC for usage.

No food whatsoever is allowed. A drink in a bottle with a lid is all right, but pop cans and cups from local vendors are not, even if they have a lid. No children are allowed in the computer center.

These rules are necessary to ensure each student who

uses the SCC will find it a warm and inviting place to work.

If you have any questions, contact Gary Dominguez at 682-1611, ext. 7208, or Michael Reeves at 682-1611, ext. 7174.

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Comments and Reviews

'Heroes' down to earth

What would you do if you woke up one morning and you could fly? What if you could heal any wound? What would you do with those powers?

These are the questions that plague the characters on the new NBC show "Heroes."

"Heroes" follows the stories of a diverse group of people who have developed powers described by one of the characters as the "next step in human evolution."

The story of "Heroes" doesn't revolve around a leather-clad group of mutants or spandex-wearing crimefighters.

The plots of the first three episodes deal with how the characters react to their newfound abilities and the changes it causes in their lives.

They quickly learn that things only get more complicated with these abilities and that life doesn't suddenly turn into a comic book fantasy.

Claire, a high school cheerleader from Odessa, Texas, can heal any wound

but is more concerned with her social status being affected by this new development than trying to do anything productive with her powers.

Matt, a down on his luck policeman, hears the thoughts of people around him, but isn't sure whether it's a blessing or a curse as he hears everything from the drunken musings of people in a bar to the anger his estranged wife has for him.

Hiro is the Japanese businessman with the power to stop time and teleport from place to place. He is easily the heart of the show with his enthusiastic outbursts about being able to teleport just like on "Star Trek."

An inadvertent trip a month into the future grants him a vision of the destruction of New York City and drives him to make his way to America to stop the impending disaster.

Other characters in the show include a pair of brothers who can fly, a woman with an alternate personality she can see in

mirrors, a painter who paints the future and a serial killer with a penchant for pinning his victims to walls with metal instruments.

The show is extraordinarily well written and approachable by anyone, whether they like super heroes or not.

The well-paced episodes answer just enough questions about the characters to satisfy the viewer while, at the same time, raising more questions to keep viewers tuned in.

Three episodes have aired so far. NBC will show a marathon at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22, of three episodes.

Previous episodes are available at nbc.com. "Heroes" airs at 7 p.m., Monday nights, with a second showing Fridays at 7 p.m. on the Sci-Fi Channel.

Can the heroes save the world? Tune in and find out. Monday night can't get here fast enough.

Rating: A

—Chris Borthick
Contributing Writer

Classic game explodes again

Namco has been around in the gaming business since the late '70's.

Many gamers know the recent titles like "Tekken," "Ridge Racer," "Soul Caliber" and "Dead to Rights."

These titles are the future of Namco, but their classic games are how the company established itself in the market.

In 1982, after they made other well-known games such as "Pac-Man" and "Galaxian," they came up with a little hit by the name of "Dig Dug."

For you young 'un's, the game revolves around Dig Dug as he destroys underground creatures by dropping rocks on them or filling them full of air until they explode.

The premise is simple, but the game can be pretty



addicting as the creatures increase in numbers and move faster with each stage.

Many of these Namco hits can be found on Xbox Live Arcade. Game tokens can be purchased online at Xbox marketplace.

Players can get 500 tokens for \$6.25 and the cost

of the game is 400 tokens. The game is an excellent port from the arcade, and the new features of the game include an online leadership board.

Options included allow players to set up the screen size and change some gaming options.

The game is simple to learn but challenging to even some coin-operated masters. There are several achievements that can be earned by progressing in the game but not many online options.

Overall, "Dig Dug" is a classic little time-waster and hasn't lost its appeal. It's a simple game that may seem ho-hum to gamers nowadays.

Rating: 2.5/5

—John Savage
Staff Writer

CAREER POWER

Disney is coming to OCCC! Yes, it's true. Please mark your calendars from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1, in College Union 3. Free refreshments will also be provided. Recruiters are looking for OCCC college students interested in:

- Working for a world-renowned entertainment company.
- Earning college credit.
- Enjoying admission to Walt Disney World Theme Parks.
- Getting great discounts on select Disney merchandise, food and beverages, and resort accommodations.
- Making a child's dream come true.
- Earning a salary during your internship.

The Disney Theme Parks & Resorts College Program is currently celebrating its twenty-fifth year and internships are available at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California, and Walt Disney World Resort near Orlando, Florida.

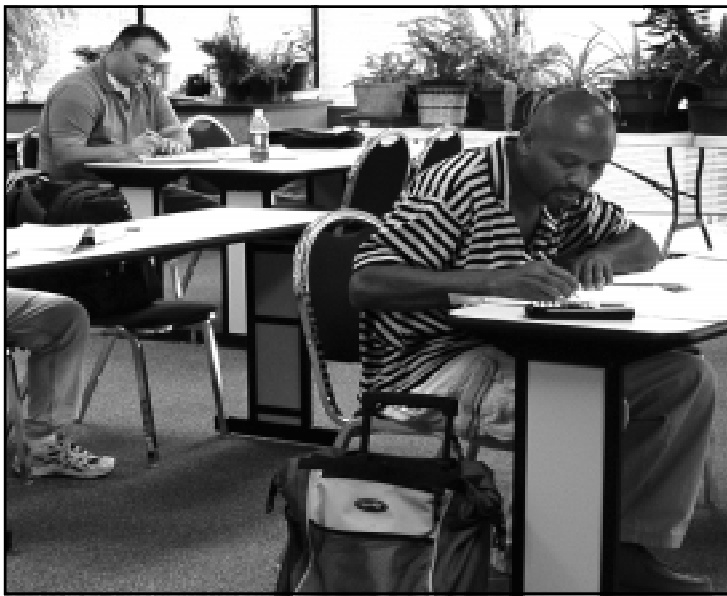
A wide variety of internship programs are available, including student performers. This focus provides opportunities to intern as a Disney animated character and/or parade performer. An application and audition process must be completed to be considered. Special consideration for these roles will be given to Disney Animated Character "look-alikes" and individuals standing 4'8" to 5' and 6' to 6'3" in height.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more! The Disney College Program Representative for the OCCC campus is Lacy Files. She may be reached for pre-workshop information at 405-623-0149 or through e-mail at Lacyd83@juno.com. We hope to see you at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1 in room CU3.

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Math Lab to increase exponentially next fall



File Photo

Students work quietly in the current OCCC Math Lab. An expansion will take place next fall.

By Scott Johnson
News Writing Student

Construction for the new Math Lab is to be completed June 2007, according to the Physical Plant contract.

Jane Harding, Physical Plant assistant, said construction is ahead of schedule.

Students can expect to access the facility in the fall semester of 2007, she said.

"The new Math Lab will have a larger room for more students [to attend]," said Sharon Coffman, Math Lab supervisor.

Coffman has been part of the OCCC faculty for more

than 16 years and the Math Lab Supervisor since 2001.

"The Math Lab is perfect for my online math classes," said Dirk Seager, OCCC student, "I have taken many of my classes online. Whenever I need help, I just go up [to a lab]."

The new Math Lab will be located in the south end of the Main Building in the Science and Math facilities on the second floor, but a room number is yet to be determined.

Like other OCCC labs, students are required to sign into the Math Lab using their student IDs.

The Math Lab offers four tutors at any one time, but

is very often crowded with students.

Students can expect help in a range of areas. Everything from Intermediate Algebra to Calculus IV and Engineering Math are subjects in which students can receive help.

The Math Lab is open from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Math Lab already offers the use of computers, calculators, and tutors, but the new lab will have all of this and more with the much-needed larger, newer room.

Sex offenders required to register with security

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

Campus Safety and Security had its first report of an unregistered sex offender Oct. 2.

According to a written report, John Morgan, 47, was reported by a student to Safety and Security as being a sex offender.

The state's sex offender registry shows Morgan was convicted of indecent exposure in 1993.

Under Oklahoma Statute, Title 57, Chapter 8B, any sex offender who is a student, employee or resident of a college or university must register with campus security, said Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director.

Sloas said once the claim was verified, the office filed a student conduct violation on Morgan and contacted the Oklahoma City Police Department sex crimes division.

Morgan also was contacted and told he had to register, which he failed to do, said Campus Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Bourque.

Morgan later told Bourque he had dropped his classes at OCCC.

"I told him to leave the campus and he was not welcome back," Bourque said.

Sloas said the office keeps names of offenders who register with campus security on file. Currently, there are four names on the list.

Offenders registering with Safety and Security must sign a form ac-

knowledging they understand the requirements set by state law.

Offenders also are required to fill out a second form that lists their name, Social Security number, race, sex and the crime of which they were convicted.

"We have two registry books that are public records," Sloas said. "One is for aggravated (sexual) assault and the other for non-aggravated."

Students with a conduct violation filed against them face one or a combination of disciplinary actions, that include oral or written reprimands, restrictions being imposed, professional counseling for a length of time, probation, suspension and expulsion.

According to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Morgan received a suspended sentence for being in violation of the Sex Offenders Registration in 2004.

Sex offenders who don't register also face state penalties.

Failure to register with campus security is a felony, Sloas said. If convicted, the offender could be fined up to \$5000 and/or spend up to five years in jail.

He said the college doesn't know if a sex offender is enrolled.

"I would like to stress that it is up to the offender to register with us," Sloas said.

Students have mixed feelings about the college's registry.

"As a female, I would like to know how many people are registered and what they are registered for,"

said Christina Witt, psychology major.

Another student said he has no strong feelings about the issue.

"I am indifferent," said Larry Yepdjuo, premed student.

The sex offender list also is a

matter of public record and can be obtained by filling out a request in the Public Relations office on the second floor of the Main Building.

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Pioneer Online source for exclusive news, information

By Rachel Carlton
Staff Writer

The Pioneer has moved up in the world of technology by making information virtually instantly available online.

Beginning in the summer of 2006, some news stories have been offered as online exclusives, for a couple reasons, Hall said.

"Being a weekly edition, we're not able to print everything and we wanted to fix that," said Richard Hall, Pioneer lab assistant.

"Stories will be placed online when we don't have enough room to put them into the regular paper or if they're timely," said Scott D'Amico, Pioneer online editor.

D'Amico said the school will benefit from posting timely stories exclusively online.

"Students and faculty don't know what they could be missing out on at OCCC," he said.

"That's what is so great about the site. We can post stories about an event that will happen on Wednes-

day that same day."

Hall said a new story can be posted online in a matter of minutes.

In addition to the advanced information timely stories provide, Hall said, the website itself offers convenience.

"The website is always there if a student can't find a newspaper," he said.

Hall also said the website is searchable and, if the student has an idea of what story he or she wants to read, it's easy to find using the search engine.

D'Amico said improvements are still being made to the site.

He said a graphic will be developed that will tell the reader which stories are online exclusives.

"There's a lot more content online for people to see," Hall said.

The online exclusive stories can be accessed at www.occc.edu/pioneer.

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College's aviation program flying high

By Amanda Bittle
Staff Writer

With its close proximity to both Will Rogers World Airport and Tinker Air Force Base, OCCC sees a lot of overhead traffic.

Chances are, some of those planes were serviced at one time or another by OCCC graduates.

Students of Metro Tech's Aviation Maintenance Technology program have the option to earn college credit by enrolling concurrently at OCCC, said Pete Lee, program director.

The Aviation Career Campus is located at Will Rogers World Airport.

Roughly three-quarters of the program's students take advantage of the OCCC college credit opportunity, Lee said.

Graduation rates vary from year to year, he said.

Two degree options are available with both requiring the same 18 months of training.

The training includes 1,980 hours of a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on apprenticeship at Tinker.

Tinker determines apprenticeship focus for each student, said Alvin Zitterkob, financial records specialist at the campus.

Students are placed according to Tinker's needs at the time, he said.

Molly Henderson, OCCC Cooperative Alliances director, said Oklahoma's aviation industry is strong and growing stronger.

She said jobs are available both at Tinker in Midwest City and Vance Air Force Base in Enid.

Ninety-five percent of the program's graduates find work at Tinker, Lee said. Average starting pay is \$17.50 per hour.

An associate degree in applied science prepares students to sit for the three exams (written, oral and practical) required for FAA airplane mechanic certification, Lee said.

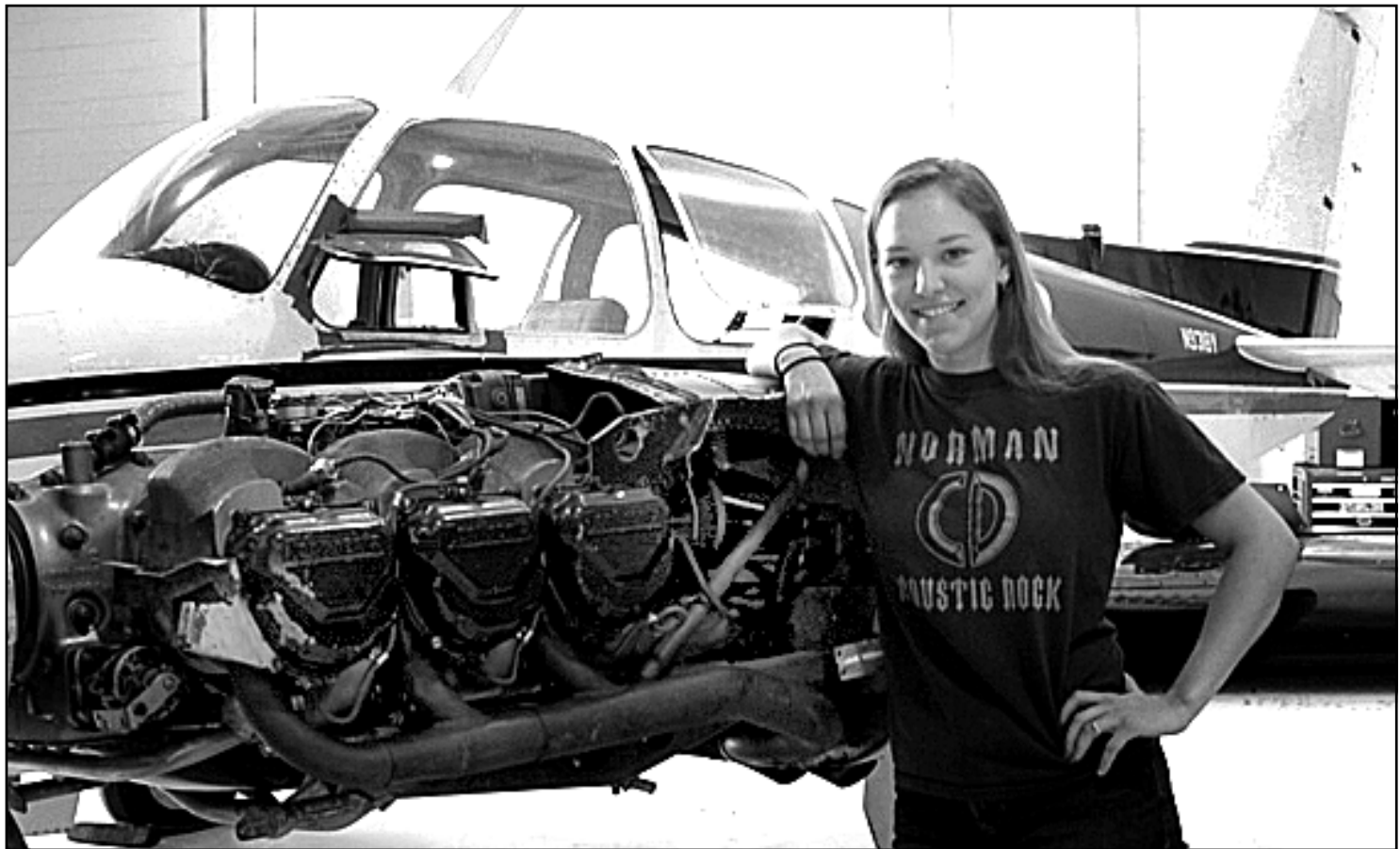


Photo by Phillip Hemphill

Kim Lingle, 21, stands next to a Cessna 210. Students work on the Cessna as part of the aviation course offered through Metro Tech. Lingle is an OCCC student and currently a member of the Oklahoma Air National Guard.

After becoming certified, graduates are ready to enter the workforce as airplane mechanics.

Lee said an associate degree in science with an emphasis in aviation maintenance technology also is offered.

This option constitutes the first two years of a bachelor's degree, which can be completed at a number of Oklahoma institutions.

Mary Nethercutt, part-time counselor at OCCC, said Durant's Southeastern Oklahoma State University offers a bachelor's degree in aviation management.

Oklahoma State University in Stillwater offers bachelor's degrees in both aviation management and technical services management, said Timm Bliss, Aviation Education program coordinator at OSU.

For concurrently enrolled sophomore Janae Starkey, 25, the program is a bit of a family tradition.

"I wanted to become an airplane mechanic," she

said. "My dad had gone through the program. He graduated in 2002."

After completing her apprenticeship in March, Starkey said, she plans to work for Tinker, where her father currently is employed.

Sophomore Kim Lingle, 21, learned of the program from a fellow member of the Air National Guard.

"One of the guys told me about the program here," she said. "I started at OCCC because I was on the waiting list for (the aviation program)."

Lingle will graduate from the program in March.

Lingle said she is impressed with the quality of training she's received in the program.

"A majority of the instructors are ex-military, and most have an aviation background ... they have good hands-on training here."

One hands-on project in which Lingle participated was the restoration of the Chieftain, a small private

plane damaged during Hurricane Katrina.

"Everything inside of it was underwater," Lingle recalls. "It smelled horrible."

Lingle and her classmates put the Chieftain, which arrived in four separate pieces, back together as part of their airframe training.

Lingle and Starkey both are completing powerplant

courses.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it's worth it," Starkey said of the training.

Program sections begin twice a year. Spring classes will begin in March, 2007.

Students interested in the program can find information at www.metrotech.org, Lee said.

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The 411 on study areas

Aviation maintenance technology at Metro Tech is broken down into three areas of study: general, airframe and powerplant subjects.

General subjects include classes such as Weight and Balance, Aircraft Cleaning and Corrosion Control, and Aircraft Batteries, according to the Metro Tech Aviation Maintenance Technology brochure. Students take these and other basic courses before moving on to airframe.

Airframe classes include Hydraulics and Pneumatics, Landing Gear Systems, Fuel Systems, Sheetmetal Repair, Non-metallic Structural Repair and Aircraft Inspections.

During the final section, powerplant, students learn about aircraft engines. Courses cover both reciprocating and turbine engine systems.

Professor all smiles in new position

By Joshua Sauer
News Writing Student

Psychology Professor Yuthika Kim is settling in at OCCC after making the move from Rochester, N.Y.

Kim, who taught at Monroe Community College in Rochester, said the change was a good one.

"I like the weather, the taxes and the people," Kim said.

Kim's teaching philosophy is simple — he wants students to be involved and not only to memorize things.

"As a professor, I don't want students to say my class is a joke," he said. "I want my students to say, 'Mr. Kim's challenging, but I learned a hell of a lot.'"

Kim said teaching is a major passion of his.

"Sometimes I don't believe that I actually get paid to do this," he said. "If I were a millionaire, I'd do it for free."

Cecelia Yoder, acting dean for the Division of Social Sciences, said Kim is a good addition.

"I really like his energy and passion," Yoder said. "He has a real desire to connect with students."

Family is Kim's number



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Psychology Professor Yuthika Kim is a new addition to the long list of OCCC faculty. Kim has taught in Rochester, N.Y. and said he welcomes the change.

one interest. Kim said he loves to spend time with his wife and two children. He

said, while living in New York, he realized his children needed to be closer to

their grandparents.

Kim's second interest is learning.

"I really like his energy and passion. He has a real desire to connect with students."

—Cecilia Yoder
Acting Dean for the
Division of Social
Sciences

"It becomes addicting almost," he said. "You realize your ignorance and you move forward to try and clarify that."

Kim acquired his associate degree in liberal arts at Monroe Community College. He then went on to earn his bachelor's in psychology at Geneseo State College in New York. He earned his master's in liberal studies from Empire State College in New York.

To further his knowledge, Kim said, he takes online graduate classes each semester. He said he believes people could learn a lot from history.

"In order to understand where we are and where we're going, we need to understand the past," he said.

"We need to understand cultures, we need to understand perspective."

From dummies to students — nursing prof takes stage



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Former student and now nursing Professor Monica Holland stands next to Dan, the Human Patient Simulator.

By Maria Garcia
News Writing Student

At 35, Nursing Professor Monica Holland is moving up from human patient simulator assistant to professor. Holland used to set up a human patient simulator to mimic a variety of scenarios so nursing students could diagnose it.

OCCC's Human Patient Simulator is a dummy named Dan. He breathes, talks and has a pulse like a human has.

Holland said working as a human patient simulator assistant for the past two years was fun.

"I love working with the dummy but I am ready to spread my wings," Holland said.

As a little girl, Holland said, she had a heart for helping and teaching people. She said she recalls locking her brother in her room as a child, forcing her brother to be taught by her whether he liked it or not.

Part of Holland's success at becoming a professor was the support given by her husband and mother-in-law.

Through that support she received, Holland made a decision to pursue her dream career as a nursing professor.

After earning her associate degree in nursing at OCCC, Holland earned her bachelor's at Southern Nazarene University. She will receive her master's in nursing from Southern Nazarene University in December.

Nursing Program Director Rosemary Klepper hired Holland and said Holland is a creative person and broad thinker.

"Holland was an outstanding candidate for this position," Klepper said.

"She is eager to face challenges that will improve the program."

One student said Holland is a good professor. "Professor Holland is a very competent and fun person," nursing student Debbie Mattachione said.

Holland said she plans to stay at OCCC as long as she can.

"I love it here," she said. "OCCC has always been a help for me."

Spanish professor fulfills dreams in state

By **Amanda Bittle**
Staff Writer

Midway through her first semester at OCCC, Ginnett Rollins said she is enjoying her position as the college's newest Spanish professor.

Rollins applied for the teaching position last year in order to be closer to her father, who suffers from the early stages of dementia.

Rollins taught for six years at Asbury College in Willmore, Ky. She said she was happy at Asbury but it was important to her to care for her father.

She said, last December, she was visiting her father in Oklahoma. He kept mentioning how fast OCCC seemed to be growing and suggesting she apply for a position.

"My father kept saying, as we would pass by OCCC on the way to our farm in Chickasha, 'You see that school? That's the fastest-growing school in the state of Oklahoma,'" Rollins said. "I bet you could get a job there."

Rollins did not take him seriously at first, but said she soon began feeling she ought to be closer to her father to help him receive the care he needed.

She said she didn't expect OCCC to be in the market for a Spanish professor, but followed her father's advice and did some investigating.

"I decided to at least see if there was a job opening at OCCC."

To her surprise, there was. Rollins applied and was hired on for the fall 2006 semester.

She said she has been impressed

with both her colleagues and the student body at OCCC.

"There are some really great students here ... and the colleagues are really kind, cooperative and encouraging, very supportive," she said.

Rollins studied at colleges and universities in Mexico, France and the United States. She holds a master's in Spanish from the University of Houston.

She began her doctoral work at the University of Oklahoma and finished the degree at Texas Tech University. Her doctorate is in Spanish, with a minor in French.

Rollins said her favorite thing about teaching is "the challenge of trying to get [students] to not only understand, but also appreciate what they're learning."

She said she recently received some rewarding feedback from one of her students.

"I gave [the students] a sheet with all the things they can say in Spanish ... and one of them said, 'This is just the sheet I needed,'" she said. "That made me feel really good."

Though Rollins currently teaches only Spanish courses at OCCC, she said she hopes to teach French in the future.

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Ginnett Rollins, who began teaching Spanish this semester, said she hopes to soon be teaching French.

Photo by Carrie Cronk



Math instructor sees teaching as easy as 1, 2, 3

By **Alana Cox**
News Writing Student

This is Professor Janet Mitchell's first semester teaching at OCCC but she is no novice at teaching mathematics.

Mitchell previously taught math at Rose State College for 12 years and also has experience teaching math to students in the seventh grade through high school.

She is teaching elementary and college algebra at OCCC.

Mitchell received her bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics education at the University of Oklahoma. She said she enjoys math, that it comes easily to her.

"It just seemed natural to teach it," Mitchell said. "I would like to help students develop more positive attitudes

toward math."

Throughout her career, Mitchell has taught algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus.

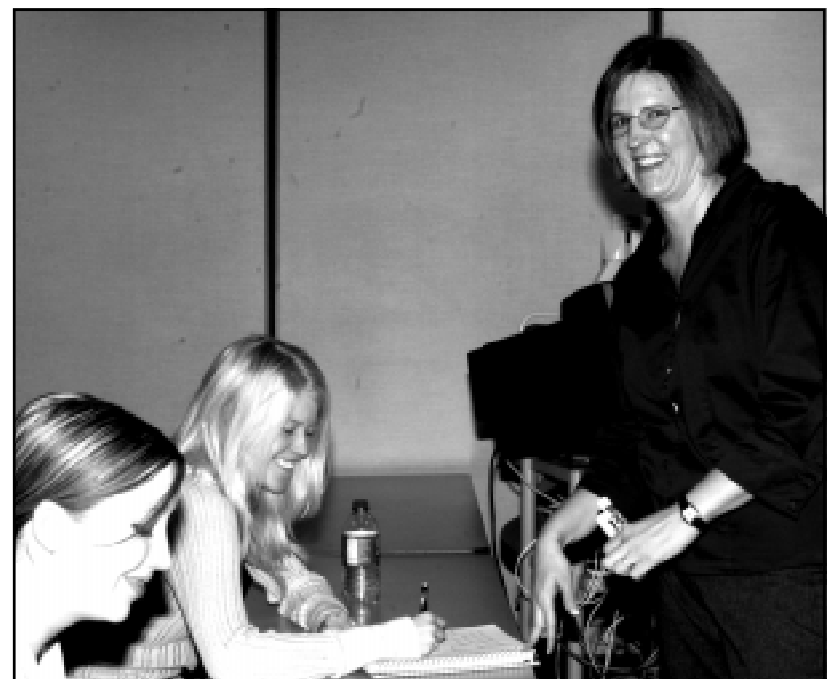
Mitchell currently belongs to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

She lives in her hometown of Norman with her husband and two daughters.

In her spare time, Mitchell said, she enjoys baking, gardening and spending time with her family.

Math Professor Janet Mitchell has a laugh with a couple of her students during class. Mitchell recently joined the Science and Mathematics Department's staff as a new professor teaching elementary and college algebra.

Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway



Expert says bird flu a concern for state

By Scott D'Amico
Staff Writer

The possibility of an Avian flu epidemic was the topic for Daniel Boatright, University of Oklahoma Associate Dean for Public Health Preparedness, Oct. 12.

At a lecture held at OCCC, Boatright said that the Avian (bird) flu is likely to cause a global epidemic and when it does, Oklahomans could suffer greatly.

"It's virtually impossible that it will not happen,"

Boatright said to a group of students and faculty. "It's nearly guaranteed that it will move human to human."

If it does happen, Boatright said, Oklahomans could be seriously vulnerable.

"When it hits or if a pandemic hits, the public health implications will be the same as if it were smallpox or anthrax," he said.

According to statistics from the 2005 America's Health Rating, conducted by the United Health Foun-

ation, Oklahoma ranks in the bottom 10 in five health risk figures nationally, Boatright said.

He said Oklahoma also holds the distinction of being the only state with a worse age-adjusted death rate throughout the 1990s and into the early 2000s.

He said Oklahoma has plans to deal with an epidemic when it hits, and those plans are constantly being revised. However, he said, public health recruitment has become a priority to deal with threats like

bird flu.

Boatright said within 10 years almost one half of the state's public health workforce will be eligible to retire. Of those working in public health today, less than 10 percent have formal education and training in the field.

Boatright said this means replenishing the state's health workers is a concern.

"It has become a key focus for the state of Oklahoma," he said.

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Program prepares students for industry

By Katie R. Jones
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The aviation technology program at OCCC is helping students gain the background information needed to pursue careers at airports and aviation fleet corporations.

Jim Schwark, Dean of Business Division, said aviation technology "is a major field in Oklahoma ... that is constantly looking for new people."

According to documents published by the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, "One in 10 Oklahomans derive their income from the aerospace industry." This represents more than 140,000 jobs in the state.

The Oklahoma aeronautics industry includes over 400 companies, according to the OAC documents.

Schwark also discussed the growth of the aviation program. He said there are currently 25 students declared as aviation technology majors.

Students pursuing a degree in the aviation fields have the opportunity to transfer with their associate degree from OCCC to Southeastern Oklahoma State University where they will be able to earn a bachelor's degree.

Southeastern Oklahoma State University has the largest aviation program not only in Oklahoma, but as well as in this region of the country.

One of the many careers available is that of airport operations manager, for which the average salary is \$57,214.02.

Aviation students will have no problem finding a great job in Oklahoma after earning a degree from either OCCC or any other surrounding university, Schwark said.

Security awareness continues

By Scott D'Amico
Staff Writer

Is someone trying to lure you into giving away personal information online?

If so, Cyber Security Awareness Month's topic for the third week, phishing scams, will try to make sure you don't get hooked.

Phishing scams occur when people try to bait other people into giving them their passwords or other sensitive information.

Computer Science Professor Albert Heitkamper said there are many ways to avoid being reeled in by someone trying to perpetrate a phishing scam.

He said one of the easiest ways to recognize a phishing scam is to realize that a company will already have your information if you have an online account with them.

"They won't ask you for your information," Heitkamper said. "They should already have it."

However, Heitkamper said, some phishing scams aren't nearly as recognizable.

He said some phishing scams can ap-

pear legitimate in e-mails. However, he said with careful observation you can find things that don't appear to be quite right within it.

"If you look closely, you can see graphics that appear grainy," he said.

He also said some e-mails perpetrating phishing scams often contain misspellings and typos.

The most legitimate e-mails will not contain these errors.

Perpetrators of phishing scams often use common websites like eBay or Paypal to solicit users' information, Heitkamper said.

One good way to tackle a potential phishing scam is to avoid links and go to the source of the site that the perpetrator claims to represent.

"I go straight to the site," Heitkamper said.

For instance, if you get an e-mail that you think is from a company like eBay, Heitkamper suggests going directly to the eBay website.

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Transfer hours can be applied toward degree from OCCC

By Koby Harrington
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Just one semester of classes at OCCC could be enough to graduate.

A student with credit hours from another university can take as few as 15 hours at OCCC and graduate from the college with an associate degree, Credentials Analyst Barbara Gowdy said.

A student Gowdy knew applied 15 hours of OCCC classes to the 45 hours he had earned elsewhere

and graduated from OCCC.

This is especially beneficial to commuter students who can apply an associate degree toward their education at another university, saving them time and money.

There are many benefits to an associate degree. Gowdy said that one student who took classes at OCCC and got his associate degree moved ahead a full semester at his university, bypassing all the school's general education requirements.

Gowdy stresses the importance

"We want everyone to think about graduating."
—Barbara Gowdy
Credentials Analyst

of attending OCCC with graduation in mind.

"I send letters to first-time students to congratulate them and remind them that the graduation office is here.

"We want everyone to think about graduating," she said.

Commuter student Grant Haines said, "I never really considered taking classes at OCCC to graduate. It seems like it would really help me be successful back at OU."

For more information on graduation requirements and to obtain graduation applications, visit the Graduation Office located on the main floor of OCCC.

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at www.occc.edu/pioneer.**

Children stir up some ideas for cookbook

By **Katie Pearson**
News Writing Student

The OCCC Child Development Center Preschool B Class is seeking recipes for a cookbook to sell as a fundraiser to improve the playground. The book will be a compilation of the recipes of children's parents and OCCC employees. It will be on sale in November.

"The class has been working on a cooking unit, learning the importance of good eating habits and healthy foods," said Jessica Hesselstine, preschool teacher. The cookbook will tie into the unit, and will involve parent participation as well.

An e-mail will be sent out by the teachers asking for employee's favorite recipes this week, as well as a letter to the children's parents. Once the recipes are compiled, the children will work on perfecting the book in class. They will illustrate the pages, as well as provide their own comments on the dishes.

"We would like to have [the cookbook] sold by Thanksgiving," said Anita Carson, CDCLS clerk, who is helping the teachers with the project.

The book should be compiled by late November.

"We hope to work with the college using the print shop," said Hesselstine.

Not only will the children participate in the book's creation, but also its distribution. Once orders for the cookbooks are taken, "the children



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

Lizzy Newman dons a chef's hat as she makes muffins using Play-Doh and also draws the muffins. "The class has been working on a cooking unit, learning the importance of good eating habits and healthy foods," said Jessica Hesselstine, OCCC preschool teacher.

will deliver them personally," Carson said.

The book will be sold to improve the playground, specifically adding

shaded areas. "We are looking at trying to get an awning," Carson said.

The price for the book will be

determined "once we see how many recipes we receive," Carson said. Children's parents will take orders for the book.

Program aims to help first generation students

By **Victoria Murray**
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Students at OCCC now have a chance for extra help through the TRIO program.

This program is for first-generation college students, low-income based students, or students who may have learning or physical disabilities.

"This program has grown extremely in the past year with astonishing numbers," said Director Sally Edwards. She said most TRIO students stay in college.

In the past year, 86 percent of TRIO students graduated, transferred to a four-year university, or were retained at OCCC.

TRIO is able to have a maximum of 160 students in the program.

"Once a student transfers or graduates, more openings are available," Edwards said.

The program arranges several trips for their students including visits to The University of Oklahoma, University of Central Oklahoma, and OU Health Sciences Center.

The visits are used to get the students used to the university environment.

The students of TRIO also have attained an 82 percent rating of good academic standing.

"Our first year has just been golden," said Edwards.

TRIO has introduced a new way to communicate with their members using Facebook.

With Facebook, students are able to speak with other TRIO members,

"Once a student transfers or graduates, more openings are available."

—Sally Edwards

TRIO Student Support Systems Director

check for events, and even broaden their social horizons.

This Internet site is a great idea for college students to keep in touch and find old friends, Edwards said.

The program also has added a movie club.

They have already had the chance to watch "Finding Forrester."

The students watch movies with a specific theme that can be used later to build encouragement.

The theme of the last movie was

motivation.

TRIO students who may need counseling due to any school or personal crisis are able to meet with a licensed professional counselor within the program.

For interested students applications are available on campus or one may call 405-682-7865 to have an application mailed to their address.

The TRIO office is located in the hallway between the nursing center and the Arts and Humanities building, room 1X7.

Macroeconomics from the other side

By **Amanda Bittle**
Staff Writer

Thanks to the Internet, OCCC students soon will have the opportunity to study macroeconomics with an instructor sitting halfway around the globe.

Russian scholar Sergey Moskalionov has committed to teaching the course online, said Business Department Chair Gary Tucker.

Though an official contract will not be drafted until after the fall semester, Moskalionov is expected to teach the online course in spring 2007, Tucker said.

Tucker said he is excited about the fledgling "global emphasis" online course initiative.

"I think it's going to allow

students to really have an eye-opening experience," he said.

Tucker said the global emphasis courses will be identified by the letters "GL" in the course code.

For example, the code for the spring macroeconomics course will be ECON 2113 W24GL.

Moskalionov taught business and economics courses at OCCC during the 2001-2002 academic year as a visiting Fulbright scholar.

Though he currently works as an associate professor in the department of economic theory at Ulyanovsk State University in Ulyanovsk, Russia, Moskalionov has kept in touch with friends he made while in Oklahoma.

Marty Ludlum, business and economics professor, said he worked with Moskalionov while he was in the United States and has continued to collaborate with him since his return to Russia.

"We've been working together on research even up until now," said Ludlum.

Ludlum, Moskalionov and a third professor from China give business ethics surveys to their respective students, then compare results, Ludlum said.

Moskalionov said he is excited about the prospect of teaching American students online.

"This is a new and unique opportunity...this is the first time when a professor (at Ulyanovsk State) will teach students overseas,



Sergey Moskalionov

"However," he said, "students will have a chance to know about macroeconomics from an international point of view, from the point of view of a professor based on the other side of our planet."

Tucker said he hopes Moskalionov will be the first of many former international Fulbright scholars to teach online courses for OCCC.

"This is not going to be just a one semester thing," Tucker said.

"Eventually, we'd like to move where with any online offering that we have (at OCCC), we can find someone in another country to teach (one of the sections.)"

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online, using the most advanced computer technology," he said in an e-mail interview.

Moskalionov said the course will be standard, taught using a "recommended U.S. macroeconomics textbook."

Kids fall into swimming at college Aquatic Center

By **Courtney K. Barrie**
News Writing Student

Summer may be over, but the swimming season continues unabated for the folks at the OCCC Aquatic Center.

OCCC's indoor aquatic center offers swim programs for children and adults on a year-round basis.

The Learn to Swim program is designed to educate both children and adults on water safety and swimming skills.

Roxanna Butler, Coordinator of Aquatics and Safety Training, believes that everyone should strive to be a skilled swimmer.

Butler explained that many parents only provide swimming lessons as a summertime tradition.

For children to retain the skills learned through summer swimming lessons, Butler suggests they continue in lessons throughout the year.

Classes are offered on both morning and evening schedules.

They cost \$19 per child for a class of four lessons, and \$30 per child for a class of eight lessons.

Financial assistance is available.

Butler said the fall semester is a good time to start swim lessons because Water Safety instructors tend to have more experience in teaching after a hectic summer schedule.

Children who have taken swim lessons come away with more than just swimming skills.

Five-year-old Derek Griffey has taken swimming lessons all through the summer, and is now enrolled for the fall semester.

"I love swimming lessons because I love water," Derek said, "[The swim instructors] helped me learn swimming stuff."

Derek's mother, Tiana Griffey, explains why swimming lessons are so important to their family..

"We are around water a lot. In case [my children] fall in, I want them to be able to swim and not have a fear of drowning."

Six-year-old Makayla Pitts is taking swim lessons now in preparation for next year's swimming season.

She wants to go to White Water Bay. She's happy to be participating in the LTSW program.

"I'll learn to swim better," she said with a smile.

For parents whose children have completed the swim program, or an equivalent program, OCCC extends an invitation to participate in the Mako Shark Swim Team. This program is designed for children as young as 6 years old.

Enrollment in the Mako Shark Swim Team is on a month-to-month basis.

Participation in the beginning

level is \$30 per month. If a child swims at a more advanced level, the cost is \$40 per month.

For more information regarding these programs, or if you are a

strong swimmer and interested in becoming a Water Safety Instructor, please contact Roxanna Butler at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7425, or by e-mail at rebutler@occc.edu.

Pathways high school offers college option to students

By **Erin Cory**
News Writing Student

High School on a college campus?

Pathways Middle College is a high school from grades 8 through 12 located on the third floor of the main building. It currently has 80 students attending.

Carol Brogan Pathways principal said students must apply for admission.

"We first take a look at grades, test scores and principle recommendations," she said.

"We're looking for people with motivation," Brogan said. "If you don't have a desire to go to college, then Pathways is not for you."

Class sizes are small, 20 students maximum. Once admitted to the school, a student also must keep at least a 2.5 GPA. Most students stay above that average, Brogan said.

Once students are juniors, they are eligible to begin taking dual credit hours.

Dual credit hours are when a student is taking college classes and getting credit for college and credit in order to graduate high school.

In the graduating class of 2006, seven of the 16 students took dual credit hours, earning a total of 204 college hours, Brogan said.

All of those hours plus tuition, fees, and books are paid for by Oklahoma City Public Schools.

OCCC also works with the student to continue college after high school. Graduates from Pathways who choose to go to OCCC get 12 hours of tuition paid each semester, for one year with the OKC Go Program. Janice Braxton, Brogan's secretary said, 90 percent of Pathways Middle College graduates from 2006 are now attending OCCC.

Horse trailer tops list of stolen items

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

A recovered horse trailer, a stolen imitation Rolex watch and two car break-ins kept campus Safety and Security officers busy one day last week.

Officers recovered a stolen horse trailer valued at \$15,000 on Oct. 10 after a night security officer had given an unidentified man permission to park the trailer overnight on campus grounds in parking lot D.

An officer coming on duty the next morning became suspicious of the unhitched trailer, called in a check and discovered it was stolen.

The Sundowner brand trailer had been reported

missing to the Mustang Police Department, said Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director.

"We recovered it an hour after Mustang filed the report," Sloas said.

Keith Bourque, Campus Safety and Security coordinator, said the owner of the stainless steel trailer came to campus and picked it up.

Bourque and Sloas said it's not unusual for people to bring trailers to campus.

"During swim meets, vendors bring trailers with their vehicles," Bourque said.

"What was strange with this instance was that the person just left the trailer here."

Two car break-ins occurred over the next two

days.

The first, reported on Oct. 10, involved the break-in of a 1989 Ford Mustang in parking lot A.

"I left my MP3 player, an iPod-type of device, in the center console," said Chris Mosteiro, owner of the car. "The MP3 player was worth \$200."

On Oct. 12, a 1996 Nissan was reported being broken into. The theft happened in parking lot C, when the driver's side window was shattered.

According to the report filed, an iPod Nano, valued at \$200, was stolen in that break-in.

The report stated the owner called later, saying her car stereo also was missing.

A stolen imitation Rolex, valued at \$20, was stolen Oct. 10. The watch was taken from a Wellness Center cage.

Sloas said the best way to prevent items from being stolen is to lock them in the car trunk.

Bourque said valuables could be checked in at the Wellness Center counter.

Christine Brubaker, Wellness Center attendant,

said, for a quarter, people can lock personal items such as a wallet or cell phone in a lock box.

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OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**Oct. 23 - 27:** Singles tennis tournament starts Monday, Oct. 23, and runs through Oct. 27. This will be the last event for the Intramural sports program until the spring. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit www.occc/rcs.edu.

•**Oct. 23 - 31:** OCCC Punt, Pass and Kick Challenge will be back this fall. Contestants will test their skills in each of three following categories: Pass: complete four target passes in 10 yards, 15 yards, 20 yards and 30 yards. Punt: complete two punts: 1 distance kick and one timed kick. Kick: contestants complete two field goal tries from 20 yards and 40 yards. Challenge date is Thursday, Nov. 9. Sign-up sheets for the event can be found at the Wellness Center. For more information, call 405-682-7860.

•**Oct. 22 - Nov. 9:** OCCC Youth Basketball League will tip off its season of non-competitive basketball for boys and girls, ages 5- to 12-years-old. The season starts Dec. 2. Registration ends Nov. 9. 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.occc/rcs.edu.

•**Oct. 23 - 28:** Dive Oklahoma will host the Fall Invitational starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4 and 5. Entries are due Oct. 28 and participants can apply online for dive entry. There will be a \$15 late fee per diving sheets for entries after Oct. 28. No charge for dive sheet changes up to 1 hour before the event. All events cost is \$65 or divers can pay \$25 to dive in one event. For more information, contact Meet Director Mark Butcher at 405-821-4674, or go to www.dive-oklahoma.com.

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

*By Savannah Sanders
News Writing Student*

Built in 1989, the OCCC Aquatic Center initially served as the outdoor location for all aquatic competitions during the '89 U.S. Olympic Festival.

Since the '91 completion of construction on the Health Technologies Center, which included enclosing the Aquatic Center, students and faculty have been able to use the Aquatic Center and Wellness facilities.

This is offered at no charge and students also receive discounts on some of the classes offered, said Roxanna Butler, Aquatics and Safety Training coordinator.

She said, the Aquatic Center staff is pleased with the numbers and variety of groups that use the facility, but would like to see more OCCC students use the pool. Butler said the best way to increase OCCC student numbers is to raise awareness.

"Many students on campus do not know the Aquatic Center even exists," Butler said. "They have no idea they can use the Aquatic and Wellness Centers just by showing a current student ID."

The main users of the Aquatic Center are community members that purchase memberships or attend classes. There also are several high school and younger age group swim teams that use the pool for practice everyday.

"We were awarded the 2002

National Recreation and Parks Association Award of Excellence," Butler said. "The Aquatic Center is regarded as one of the top facilities of its kind in the nation."

As a result of having a top aquatics facility and premiere indoor competitive natatorium in the state and region, OCCC hosts many state, regional, and national competitions.

The competitive pool is 25-meters wide and 50-meters long.

A four-foot wide movable bulkhead gives the ability to accommodate a 25-yard short course swim meet or a 50-meter long course meet.

Accommodations for the handicapped also are available.

The Aquatic Center also provides a side ramp that allows disabled or wheelchair-bound individuals to access the pool, Butler said.

In addition to the Olympic-sized swimming pool, the Aquatic Center houses a separate diving well.

The diving well is equipped with two one-meter springboards, two three-meter springboards, and platforms at five, seven and ten meters.

The well is perfect for diving practice as well as SCUBA classes with its depth of 18-feet, 6-inches.

The well facility has ample seating for spectators. "We can fit 1,000 in the bleachers as well as athlete seating for up to 500," Butler said.

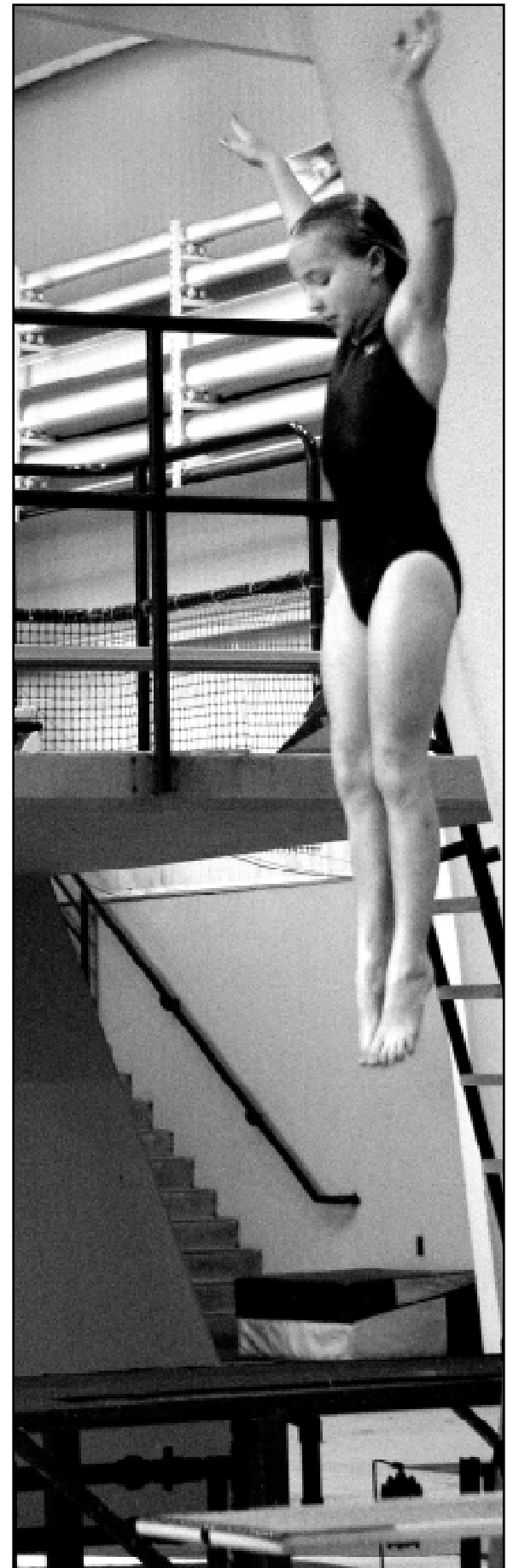


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Anna Schuelein practices her dives for the OCCC team Dive Oklahoma. The team practices in the OCCC Aquatic Center Monday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and from 10 to noon on Saturdays. The next Dive Oklahoma meet will be Nov. 4 and 5 at OCCC.

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American Karate.....	\$50

Prices shown are for current OCCC students.

New classes start each month.

Several are offered in the mornings.

Most classes are 30 minutes.

For more information or to enroll, contact the Recreation and Community Services office or call 405-682-7860.

French classes offered

By Heather Anderson
News Writing Student

OCCC is hoping to increase enrollment in its French classes, said Ruth Charnay, Arts and Humanities Department chair.

OCCC works with Rose State College in Midwest City, an estimated 20-minute drive, to offer more sections of French to its students.

Six sections of French are currently offered and four will be offered in the spring semester on both campuses, Charnay said.

Still, enrollment in those classes hasn't increased in five years, she said.

For some students, the issue is the cost of driving to the Rose State campus.

Although gas prices are down from summer, a gallon of gas still averages \$2.

OCCC student Chase Nottingham said gasoline prices would deter him from taking any class that would require travel to another campus.

Charnay said she understands the problems of travel costs for students, but believes that the arrangement with Rose State College allows the two colleges to use their staff in the most beneficial way.

A high interest in Spanish classes also may be a culprit in keeping numbers down.

"There is a greater, more immediate, need for Spanish," Charnay said.

For student Ben Brown, neither gas prices or trends matter.

"Next to English, French is one of the most important languages to know ..."

For more information about OCCC's French classes, call Admissions at 405-682-7512 or go online to the college's website at www.occc.edu.

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Highlights

BPA continues Leadership Development Series

OCCC Business Professionals of America and the Office of Student Life will present OCCC President Paul Sechrist at noon, Monday, Oct. 30, in the College Union.

Student Transfer Fair set for Oct. 24

Student Development will host a Transfer Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, in room CU3. The Transfer Fair is open to all students who are interested in transferring to a four-year college or university. Thirty schools are expected to have booths at the fair.

Computer and Design Society Sale planned

The Computer and Design Society will sell caramel apples and popcorn balls from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, Oct. 23, and Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the Main Building.

Health Professions Club to host speaker

Patti Matney, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Nursing speaker, will talk to the Health Professions Club about the OUHSC nursing program from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, in room 2N5 of the Main Building.

Future Teachers Organization plan Halloween fun

The Future Teachers Organization will discuss plans for a Halloween party from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, in room 2N5 in the Main Building. For more information, contact Publicity Officer Maria Acevedo at 405-642-4538.

Phi Theta Kappa seminar scheduled

The next of the satellite series by Phi Theta Kappa will feature speaker Jeffrey Birnbaum, award-winning author and television commentator, at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, in room 3N5 of the Main Building. His topic is "Money Talks: Lobbyists and the Power of Money in Washington." For more information, contact Publicity Officer Brittney Hodges at 405-760-0374.

Society of Performing Artists to host costume party

The Society of Performing Artists will hold a costume party at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26, in CU1. The theme is Rocky Horror or a general Halloween costume. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Sponsor Brent Noel at 405-682-1611, ext. 7246.

Tuition fee waiver applications available

Tuition fee waiver applications for the spring semester are now available in the Student Financial Aid office. Completed applications must be submitted by 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14. For more information, contact Student Financial Support Services at 405-682-7524.

Production team needed

A production team is needed to help organize a production of "The Vagina Monologues." The production is set for March 2. Men and women are needed to raise money, advertise and organize the benefit performance. Women who are part of the production will be able to audition as well. For more information, contact Elizabeth Shultz at 405-408-4005, or e-mail bibba@po.occc.edu.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer.

Club fun

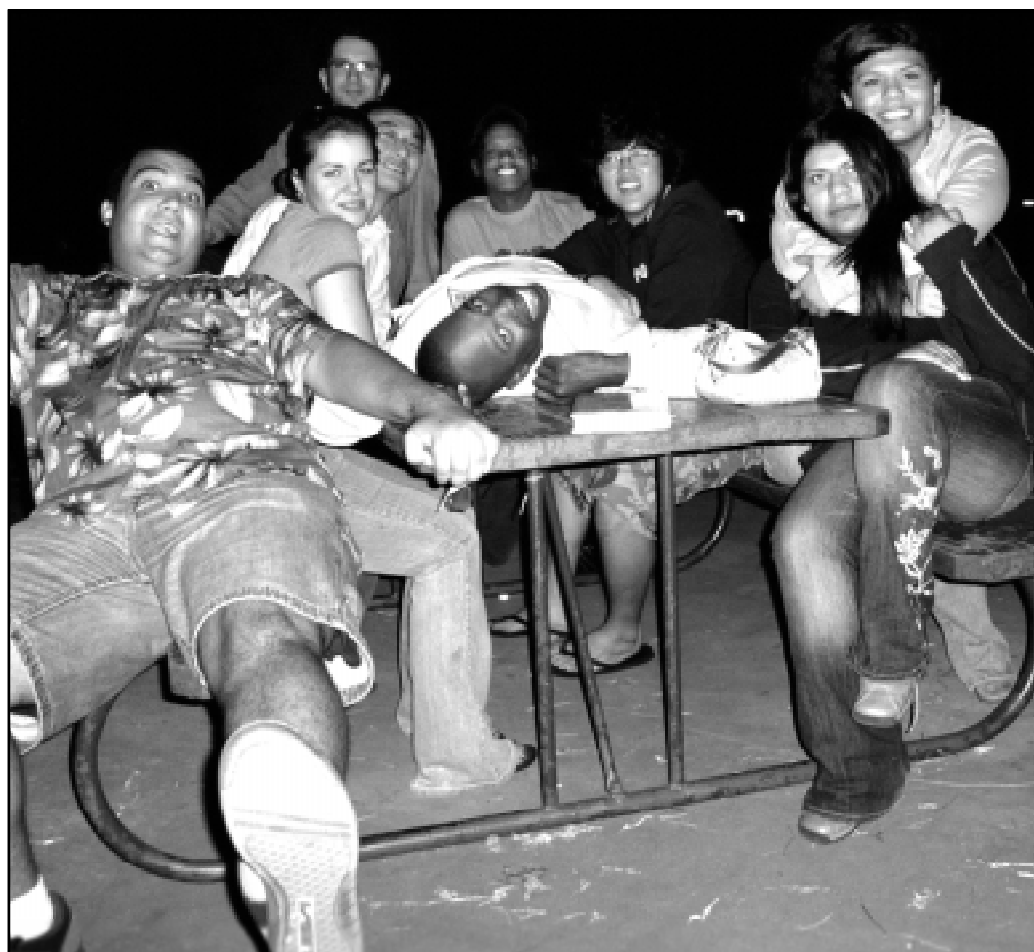


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International Student Association members (l-r) Philip Aken, Sarah Chastain, Sponsor Haifeng Ji, members Azfar Gul, E.J. Johnson, John Morgan, BongSoo Kang, Bonnie Jaramillo and Priscilla Jaramillo have fun at a barbeque at Lake Overholser. ISA promotes educational opportunities among the international student community.

Movie nights an excuse to dress up

By Valerie Jobe
Staff Writer

The Society of Performing Artists may be on to a new trend this semester — a schedule of free movies.

The next film to be viewed is "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at 7 p.m., Oct. 26, in CU1.

"We discussed the concept of a movie night during the last leadership retreat and everyone really liked the idea," said Nick Galbreath, SPA Vice president.

The first movie in the series was "Animal House," shown Oct. 5 to toga-clad SPA members and guests.

OCCC students and faculty dressed in togas on Oct. 5 and enjoyed snacks while they viewed "Animal House", their first installment in their series of movie nights.

The cult classic "Rocky Horror Picture Show," revolves around a newly-engaged couple, Janet (Susan Sarandon) and Brad (Barry Bostwick), who get lost in the rain and need some assistance.

This help is found at the creepy castle of Dr. Frank-n-Furter played by Tim Curry. The couple is tossed into an amazing cast of misfits who turn their world upside down.

"I really think this next movie will outdo the last in the sense of organized chaos," said SPA sponsor and theater professor Brent Noel.

Other movie night features SPA members are currently working on might include "A Christmas Story" and a prom night.

"Prom night will include everyone dressed up in old-style prom outfits and view-

ing '80s-themed movies like "Sixteen Candles," SPA President Jessica Myer said. "I am still working on this one but the excitement is already there."

One thing Myer said would improve the movie nights is attendance. "It was a huge success, and a larger turnout would be fantastic," she said.

Another project SPA is getting ready for is the annual play the students perform at the Baptist Homes for Children.

Myer said this service project has been done for the past two years. A play is chosen, cast, directed, and performed by SPA.

For more information about SPA, visit the club's profile at www.myspace.com/occcspa.

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Classifieds

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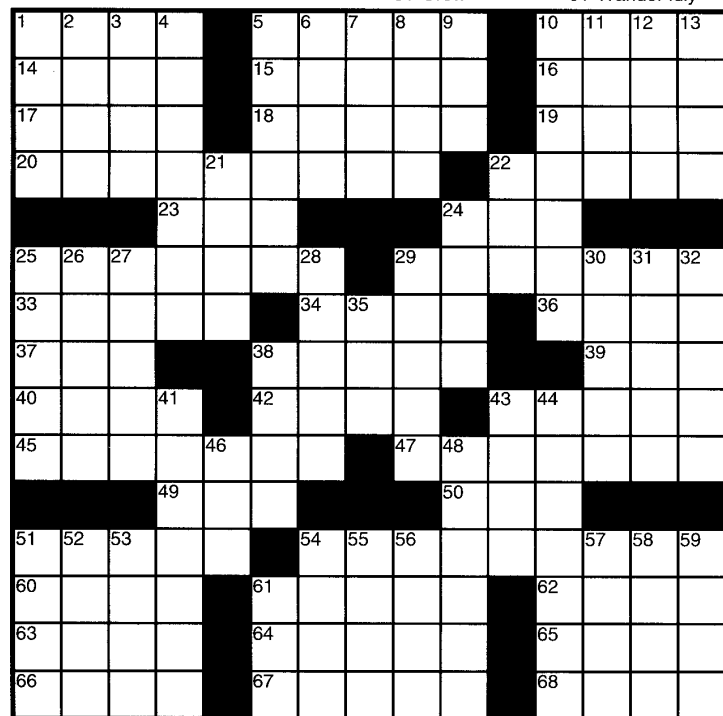
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REWARD OFFERED: I lost two rings Monday, 10/02/06, in the

wellness area restroom. They were left on the counter. One means a lot, was a gift from a grandfather who has passed. It's silver double-hearted with crystals. Not worth a lot in dollar value but personally means the world. If found, no questions asked just a big thank you and huge reward \$\$\$. If found please call Katrina at 405-326-7816 or 405-872-0616.

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Students offered drug counseling referrals

"Drugs,"
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"Each circumstance is different. If you're in the parking lot and you've got a pound [of marijuana] bagged up and you're selling it, you're probably going to go to jail.

"Regardless, any amount [of marijuana] is illegal. Don't think, 'Well, I'm going to take a small amount to class because that way I won't get in trouble.' We're going to call and if [the police come out], you're subject to getting arrested."

There were three incidents of drug possession on campus in 2005 in which only judicial referrals were issued, according to the OCCC Safety and Security 2006 Clery Report.

One was a case in which a student left her purse in a campus restroom, which was then turned in to Safety and Security.

During a routine documentation of the purse's contents, Sloas said, a bag of marijuana was discovered inside the purse.

"It was kind of accidental the way [Safety and Security] came upon it, so we drew up a referral," he said.

"We will talk to the student and do what ... we can. But, beyond that, we provide [students] with recourses that are appropriate and wide-ranging, which would depend on the issue itself and the severity of it."

—Liz Largent
Student Life and Development Dean

Sloas said Oklahoma City police were notified but declined to take a report because of the circumstances by which the drugs were found.

Diversified Studies major Glen McClein has his own perspective.

"I would recommend a referral, not calling law enforcement," said McClein. "I mean, everybody deserves a second chance. If they get caught at a young enough age and get scared, it might set them straight."

OCCC has services and programs in place to assist students with any questions or issues they might have concerning drug or alcohol abuse or awareness.

"We will talk to the student and do what ... we can," said Student Life and Development Dean Liz Largent.

"But, beyond that, we

provide [students] with recourses that are appropriate and wide-ranging, which would depend on the issue itself and the severity of it."

Largent said drug use is typically a low-profile issue at OCCC because the college doesn't have residence halls, Greek housing or football games — things typically associated with college alcohol and drug usage.

Page 44 of the Student Handbook provides information as to how a student can receive help for a substance abuse problem.

Students can visit with an Advising and Career Services counselor if they are in a crisis situation or need a personal referral for counseling, according to the handbook.

Also included in the handbook is a list of hotline

Red Ribbon week born from tragedy

Enrique "Kiki" Camarena most likely is not a household name but on Feb. 7, 1985, he became the poster child for drug prevention.

Working undercover, Camarena was close to exposing a multi-billion dollar drug ring in Guadalajara, Mexico, when, three weeks before he was to be reassigned, his identity was discovered and he was kidnapped by members of the drug ring, according to the Drug Enforcement Agency's official website.

Camarena's body and the body of his informant were found approximately one month later in a shallow grave. They had been tortured and murdered.

This led to a collaboration of the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth and the Drug Enforcement Agency to create Red Ribbon Week, a program committed to promoting drug awareness and prevention in the hopes of creating a drug-free America, the website reports. The week is celebrated the last week in October all across the nation.

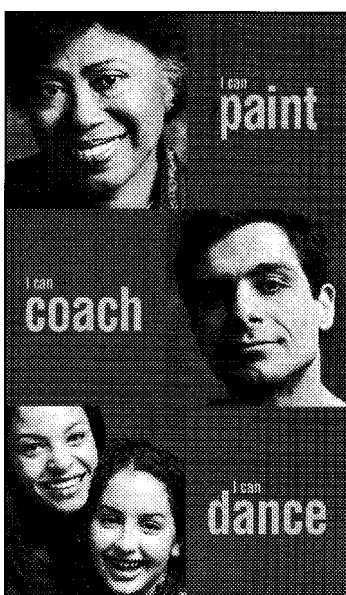
For a complete listing of Oklahoma crisis, referral and other hotlines, visit www.health.state.ok.us/phone/hotline

phone numbers for various alcohol and drug treatment facilities in the metro area.

Students wishing to obtain help with a substance abuse problem also can pick up the "Learning

About Your Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco-Free College" brochure at the Information Center and Advising and Career Services.

Editor David Miller can be reached at editor@occc.edu.



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