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A race to the finish



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

A triathlon participant finishes the first leg of the 11th annual SPRINT triathlon, hosted by OCCC June 6. Officials reported 168 people participated. See pages 7 and 8 for more photos and coverage.

College computer users expected to follow rules

OCCC'S Network Acceptable Use Policy states guidelines

By Eric Nguyen
Editor

When an OCCC library worker caught a person looking at obscene material online June 5, their response was to change the formatting of that computer allowing future users access only to the library catalog and the OCCC website, said Systems Librarian Dana Tuley-Williams.

"[The college] does not make it a policy to look over our patrons' shoulders," Tuley-Williams said.

"But, we do have a policy and we expect [users] to abide by it."

The policy she is referring to is the college's Network Acceptable Use Policy which, among other things, prohibits users of OCCC's network from viewing sexually explicit images, threat-



Art by Jay Rocamontes

ening or harassing others, or distributing viruses.

A condensed version of OCCC's Network Acceptable Use Policy is posted at each computer in the library, Tuley-Williams said.

She said the computer's format wasn't changed right away but, because the person who viewed the obscene material continued to use only that specific public computer on later visits

to the library, the change was made.

It was a solution chosen by library staff, Tuley-Williams said.

Library staff declined comment on other details of the incident such as the age, gender, and student status of the person, or whether any official action will be taken.

Tuley-Williams said the change is likely temporary and the other 77 public computers on the first floor of the library still provide full Internet access.

She said all complaints of possible computer misuse in the library are taken seriously. "We investigate any complaints we receive and address any violations we observe."

The Network Acceptable Use Policy, put into effect

See "Computer," page 12

Sweet deals on college surplus found online

By Carrie Cronk
Staff Writer

College students, faculty and staff can find good deals on items such as office furniture and computers online at the college's Internet auctions.

As the campus acquires new furniture and technological devices, the replaced items are sent to surplus, where they will eventually be catalogued and put up for auction at www.publicsurplus.org.

Material Control Supervisor Steve Duncan said excess or obsolete items enter either surplus realloca-

tion to be used elsewhere on campus or surplus disposal.

Items that may have a future use enter into surplus reallocation until a need arises, while items sent to surplus disposal have been determined as being no longer useful to the college and are placed for auction, Duncan said.

He said items sent out for auction range from classroom and office furniture to vehicles and portable buildings, and even cell phones and computers.

The college has held online auctions through the website for approxi-

mately two years.

Duncan said the site operates in a manner similar to eBay, except it "is designed specifically for government and civic entities.

"What it has allowed us to do is to not only create a marketplace but to vastly expand our market," Duncan said.

Duncan said surplus computers are often sold in bulk because his area receives them in large quantities.

"We are mandated by state guidelines and statute that we can only dispose of [items in surplus by] certain methods," he said.

"We have to assure we get the fair market value for the item."

He said, in order to accomplish this, there must be a market established, which is done by holding auctions.

In the past these auctions were held on campus or at other locations such as auction houses.

"There's several logistics issues to contend with in those types of situations," Duncan said.

The frequency of auctions varies and is dependent upon how long it takes to get items ready.

"There are preparations

on our part that has to be done," Duncan said. "We have to catalogue the items, create a description [and] photograph the item."

He said the auctions typically run about 10 days.

Duncan said the school usually tries to have items on auction all the time but lately that has been difficult, partly because of recent employee turnover in his area.

"Our new inventory person started last Wednesday," Duncan said. "We are hoping to have [items] listed by [June 15]."

See "Surplus," page 12

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

College transfer help inadequate

OCCC tries to focus on students.

If students are paying to get an education at a college, then the college ought to make more of an effort to help students transfer.

However, it is becoming more common for advisers to pass transfer students around until students get stuck in a tug-of-war with advisement between colleges.

Transferring to a four-year institution can be stressful enough without being passed around by advisers.

Students who already have started the transfer process may notice several issues advisers did not inform them of.

For example, if a student transfers to the University of Oklahoma prior to obtaining an associate degree, OU does not always take into account that the student still plans to obtain their associate degree when they advise him or her, academic adviser George Maxwell said.

Students who lack knowledge of this fact could be wasting time and income taking courses they will be forced to repeat.

Sometimes, it appears the staff at OCCC has little time to take care of students, sending them from one line to the next until the students either become confused or talk to the transfer school in order to get their questions answered.

For students, it is vital to know what school they are transferring to so advisement can keep students on track with their degree, Maxwell said.

The state Board of Regents requires a student with an associate degree to meet the general education requirements at the transfer college, Maxwell said. However, the four-year institution can oftentimes get away with adding additional requirements onto a degree path, so students are forced to take more courses after transferring.

Students need to be more informed about the system and the way colleges are set up.

However, by providing transfer students all the information they need, students will not meet any unexpected challenges such as additional courses, or differing degree requirements.

With all of the pressure on students, advisers at both schools need to be able to make transferring a smooth transition without weighing a student down with unknown antics.

Transfer students need to stay in contact with advisement at OCCC until the process is done.

On the other side, it is pertinent that a student's adviser at both colleges can, at the same time, meet the needs of the individual student throughout the transfer process.

—Shavon Bowman
Staff Writer

Incentive fund for teachers

To the Editor:

United States Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced [June 13] the award of \$38.2 million for 18 grants that will provide financial incentives to teachers and principals who improve student achievement and close achievement gaps in high-poverty schools.

The grants may also be used to recruit effective teachers to those schools, particularly for hard-to-staff subjects like math, science and special education.

The grants are projected to be funded for five years for a total of some \$237.4 million.

"If we expect results for every child, as we do with No Child Left Behind, then

we must support teachers who get the job done in America's toughest classrooms," Spellings said.

"These grants will help encourage our most effective teachers and principals to work in challenging schools where they can make a real difference in the lives of young people."

Funded for the first time in 2006, the Teacher Incentive Fund program is President Bush's initiative to develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need, disadvantaged schools, where at least 30 percent of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

The goals of the program are to improve student achievement by increasing

the effectiveness of principals and teachers, and, at the same time, increase the number of effective teachers for minority and disadvantaged students.

For more information about the Teacher Incentive Fund visit www.ed.gov/programs/teacherincentive/faq.

—United States
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Education

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Comments and Reviews

'Hostel' hostile toward suspenseful movie fans

Whenever a film has association with Quentin Tarantino, fans expect that film to be an off-the-wall quality feature such as "Reservoir Dogs" or "Pulp Fiction."

Tarantino produced writer/director Eli Roth's new sequel film, "Hostel 2." This 90-minute, R rated horror movie falls well short of other classic Tarantino movies.

What was played up to be the most scary movie of the summer turned out to be just another middling feature that wasn't worth a student discount ticket.

"Hostel 2" depicts two rich businessmen purchasing and murdering three young American women who had been backpacking through Europe.

The scenes of blood and gore make for good shock value but, overall, they are



not suspenseful enough to be scary. Anyone who has seen "Hostel" knows the story line and knows what to expect.

There is little deviation from the first movie, except that the audience gets to see the killer's point of view and not just that of a victim.

The first half hour reveals too much information and takes away any momentum

the opening scenes of violence started.

The slow start was compensated for by an enjoyable ending with a twist.

Unlike horror movies that are open ended and ready for a sequel, "Hostel 2" did viewers a favor and brought closure to a ring of mediocre horror movies.

Rating: C

—Jay Rocamontes
Staff Writer

'Ocean's' crew wants revenge

The roulette table spins one more time for Danny Ocean and his band of lovable crooks in "Ocean's Thirteen."

While this may look like another bland sequel Hollywood loves so much these days, the film is nearly equal to "Ocean's Eleven."

In "13," the crew looks for their biggest score yet: revenge. The target is tough hotel owner Willie Bank, played by Al Pacino.

This approach is new for the gang and it's fun to watch. Rather than just focusing on the money, the group works together for a common cause.

Bank gets the ire of Ocean and company after renegeing on a deal to open a new world-class hotel and casino with one of Ocean's original eleven, Rueben Tishkoff (Elliott Gould).

This leaves Rueben with



a heart attack and an extended hospital stay.

Upon learning about Rueben's condition, the remaining crew, Ocean (George Clooney), Rusty Ryan (Brad Pitt) and Linus Caldwell (Matt Damon) plan their revenge.

Rather than steal Bank's money, they plan to ruin his new casino.

Among their plan to beat the house are plots to rig each of the major games such as blackjack, craps, roulette and slots.

The other guys concentrate on bypassing Greco, the casino's high tech security system.

This means more explosive fun from ballistics expert Basher (Don Cheadle).

View from the PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



On Tuesday, June 19, at 2 p.m., in the hallway just outside of the new Math Lab, the college will hold a special ceremony to dedicate the Robert P. Todd Science, Engineering, and Math (SEM) Center.

The SEM Center is dedicated to the teaching and learning of science and mathematics. The Center bears the name of former President Robert P. Todd, who began his career at the college in 1972 as the Manager of the Institute of Natural and Applied Science and Mathematics and the Institute of Business and Management.

This ceremony is more than the dedication of a building; it is an opportunity to remember and honor Dr. Todd for his contributions to OCCC and to this community.

It is also important to note that the Robert P. Todd Science, Engineering, and Math Center was built by the students of OCCC using bond funds repaid through student fees.

The Center has eleven new classrooms, thirty faculty offices, six group labs and two large labs to support students studying math and science. It also includes a world-class botany classroom and greenhouse/laboratory.

The 65,500 square foot addition also houses the Center for Learning and Teaching (CLT), which supports innovation in teaching, the use of instructional technology and assistance to faculty who teach online courses.

The completion of the SEM Center aligns with OCCC's commitment to create the infrastructure that will fulfill our mission to empower our students to achieve their educational goals and empower our community to thrive.

Having more students succeed in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics is one of the keys to the future economic growth of our community, Oklahoma and our nation.

Please join me and others as the community comes together to celebrate our newest building and to remember our former president, Dr. Bob Todd.

—Paul Sechrist
OCCC President

He needs a large, underground drill to cause a fake earthquake to disrupt Greco.

Long time Ocean nemesis Terry Benedict (Andy Garcia) comes into the mix after the team comes up a little short on cash.

While his inclusion is the first of a long series of plot twists, they won't be revealed here.

The plot is complex and detailed, but not overbear-

ing.

Although "Ocean's Thirteen" has a lot of plot lines, they are tied together when the dust settles.

While it essentially matches the story of "Ocean's Eleven," nothing ever feels like the first time.

"Ocean's Thirteen" runs 122 minutes and is rated PG-13 for brief sensuality.

Rating: B+

—Matt Caban
Staff Writer

Comments and Reviews

'Ghost Rider' DVD a blazin' must have

As movies such as "Spider-Man 3" and the "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer" are released in movie theaters nationwide, Marvel is not leaving the DVD market without a hero.

Marvel's dark hero, Johnny Blaze, played by Nicholas Cage, rode into stores June 12 with "Ghost Rider," the DVD.

Blaze is a motorcycle daredevil who becomes Ghost Rider after making a deal with Mephistopheles (the Devil) to cure his father's cancer.

Mephistopheles sends Blaze after Black Heart (Mephistopheles' son), who is determined to steal all

souls on Earth and bring about an age of darkness.

Blaze teams up with an old cemetery caretaker who knows far too well the legend of the preceding Ghost Rider from 150 years ago.

The film, which was released in theaters in February, brings the legend of Ghost Rider to life through the use of flaming hot special effects and action packed storyline.

The sound and video quality of the DVD are exceptional, although as with other action films, something is lost in translation from the theater to the television.

The additional film footage in the DVD version con-



sists of additional clues leading to the caretaker's true identity, as well as formally introducing Grace, the motorcycle that be-

comes Ghost Rider's hell bike.

Special features on the two-disk set include three documentaries explaining

the different aspects of the making of the film.

The special features also include a feature on the animatics of Ghost Rider.

The movie combines characteristics from each stage of Ghost Rider's journey up the comic book evolutionary ladder.

In the commentary "Sin and Salvation," viewers learn the history behind the comic book hero from the writers and artists who evolved the character over a four-decade period.

The "Ghost Rider" DVD is a must have for any Marvel Comic or movie fan.

Rating: A

—Carrie Cronk
Staff Writer

Brit band's debut album a subtle Indie hit

British bands have been pumping out alternative-rock albums to the United States at a frantic pace.

The Lodger, from Leeds, is the UK latest export.

While most new British rock bands have glamoured themselves with pseudo-dance trickery, the Lodger stays out of the limelight.

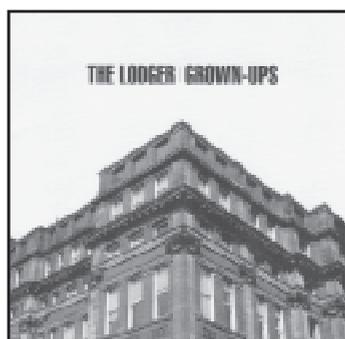
For example, Kaiser Chief's newest album, "Yours Truly, Angry Mob," serves a plate of poorly done, hollow pop rock.

Bloc Party's "A Weekend

In the City" sounds nothing like their energetically pulse-driven 2005 debut, "Silent Alarm."

The Lodger is not a new band. However, "Grown-Ups" is the group's debut album after three years touring England with Kaiser Chiefs and the Cribs, as well as issuing numerous single-track releases.

The Lodger was formed by vocalist/guitarist/songwriter Ben Siddall in 2004, and it also includes a bass guitarist and a



drummer. They transmit a simple, careful attitude, very much like the sharp tunes they play.

"Getting Special" is sweet, and harmoniously uplift-

ing. "Simply Left Behind" and "Let Her Go" are alluringly catchy, with smart guitar hooks to complement Siddall's expressively vulnerable voice.

The mesmerizing "Unsatisfied," implies a sound that makes the band come close to Editors, another recently-formed UK band with an unnatural sense of maturity.

Siddall's band, however, never overdoes its addictive niche, which is catchy pop rock. As a result, the band

may come off as being a little reserved.

The Lodger's willingness to not stand out from the rest of the British rock invasion has made them the new target of the praise-happy UK music press.

"Grown-Ups," a 14-track album, but less than 40 minutes long, is good. It is inevitable, however, the UK media will claim it to be great.

Rating: B+

—Eric Nguyen
Editor

Director's cut adds fun to 'That Thing You Do'

Sixties mop tops and pop rock are back in "That Thing You Do — The Director's Cut" DVD.

This extended version of Tom Hanks' 1996 directorial debut features 40 minutes of previously unreleased footage plus a host of extra features.

Although the film was only a minor hit at the box office, it is a blast from the not so distant past. Regardless of how it fared in theaters, it is a truly enjoyable movie.

"That Thing You Do" is the tale of The Wonders, a

garage band from 1965 Erie, Penn. The movie follows The Wonders on their ride from garage band to chart-topping stars.

The band's ballad "That Thing You Do" turns into a fast-paced pop rock masterpiece thanks to the fast pace provided by new drummer Guy Patterson (Tom Everett Scott).

Guy is joined by the talented but self-centered singer/songwriter Jimmy (Jonathan Schaech), guitar-playing goofball Lenny (Steve Zahn) and quiet bassist T.B. Player (Ethan

Embry).

Quickly, the band's success grows after their single, "That Thing You Do," nets them victory at a college talent show and lands them a regular gig at the local Italian restaurant, Villapiano's.

The band signs on to a record label, and then the real fun begins. First, they have to address what to do with Jimmy's girlfriend and unofficial band member, Faye (Liv Tyler). Faye becomes a costume mistress.

The extra 40 minutes offer viewers further insight

into this and the film's other subplots.

While the movie was fun to watch in its theatrical form, the extra scenes improve upon the original version.

The extra scenes chosen by Director Hanks explain a lot of the group's backstory and mesh well with the original footage.

They also offer more glimpses into the budding relationship between Guy and Faye, as well as Lenny's hilarious antics.

The extended cut has a second DVD packed with

extra features such as a "making of" documentary and a reunion of the cast. Additionally are two well-done features: "The Story of The Wonders" and "The Wonders — Big in Japan."

This two DVD set is a strong addition for any Tom Hanks fan collection. It is the complete Wonders experience.

"That Thing You Do — The Director's Cut" runs 155 minutes and is rated PG for adult situations.

Rating: A+

—Matt Caban
Staff Writer

Parking lot woes top crime list

By **Matt Caban**
Staff Writer

Crime returned to campus June 4 and 7 when two cars were involved in a hit and run, another vehicle was vandalized and a student's purse was reported missing.

Witness and sophomore nursing student Amanda Martin reported the hit and run to Campus Armed Security Officer John Hughes Jr. the morning of June 4 in parking lot A.

Martin said she saw a Toyota Tundra hit a Ford Mustang while trying to park in the space next to it.

The Tundra's driver, psychology freshman Jeanee Young, was unidentified until she was contacted by the Pioneer.

Young said she was in a hurry as it was the first day of summer classes.

"I was really late to class and accidentally hit the Mustang," she said.

"At the time I didn't leave a note, which I know wasn't a smart thing to do, but I thought the Mustang would still be parked there later."

Young said the Mustang's owner, Tabitha Rubino, left a note and the situation has since been resolved.

Hughes said the Mustang was parked within the marked lines of its space.

"What [the driver of the Tundra] did is she overshot the space and hit the [Mustang's] tire well."

Hughes said the Tundra left a one-inch deep crease midway through the tire well.

Witness Martin said she was putting her two toddlers in her car when the collision happened. She said her car was not damaged.

In another incident, Aa-

"Students need to know it's not just us looking after the campus and they can be involved with their community."

—John Hughes Jr.
Campus Armed Security Officer

ron Jourden reported his gold two-door Cadillac was vandalized to Officer David Shriver June 7 in parking lot G.

According to Shriver's report, Jourden parked his car in parking lot G at 5 a.m. and returned at 10 p.m. to find damage by the left rear molding, near the tail light.

Shriver estimated the damage, which was caused by some unknown tools, at \$200.

Also on June 7, pre-pharmacy sophomore Ha Trieu reported her purse missing from the science lab.

Trieu said she had left the purse after leaving the lab.

"I thought I had left it in the lab, but I couldn't find it," she said.

Trieu said Safety and Security contacted her two hours later at home to say it had been found.

"I'm so happy someone turned it in and nothing was missing," she said.

Hughes said students should always be willing to report any incident they see on campus.

"Students need to know it's not just us looking after the campus and they can be involved with their community," he said.

Hughes said anyone can report an incident to Safety and Security at (405) 682-1611, ext. 7691.

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Run aground



Photo by Carrie Cronk

The campus pond fountain sits on the bank of the campus pond located at the corner of S.W. 74 Street and May Avenue. Physical Plant Director J. B. Messer said the fountain had been moved to a location 15 to 20 feet from shore for maintenance before torrential rainfall caused the pond to overflow its banks early this spring. The high water level in the pond at that time caused the fountain to be pushed further inland.

Lab hosts national workshop

By **Carrie Cronk**
Staff Writer

The OCCC Bio Technology lab was filled with educators from around the country from June 4 to 8.

The educators were on campus for a five-day workshop covering Plant Molecular Genetics and Genomics. The workshop was sponsored by Dolan DNA Learning Centers Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, where Maurice Wilkins, James Watson, Francis Crick and Rosalind Franklin first discovered DNA.

Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Discovery Project Coordinator Don Bell said this is the second time OCCC has held workshops for the Dolan Center although the center normally selects different labs each year.

Bell said the OCCC lab was chosen because of its central location, the program's reputation and its state-of-the-art lab.

Participants of the workshop are high school and



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Biotechnology instructors extract DNA from a plant specimen during the Plant Molecular Genetics and Genomics workshop that was held in the OCCC Bio Tech lab from June 4 to 8.

community college instructors from Biotechnology outreach programs.

During the week-long workshop, participants attended lectures given by Uwe Hilgert and Bruce Nash, two of the county's top genetics researchers.

The participants learned about "plant genomics and

how to associate that biotechnology with the bioinformatics part of the plant technology," Bell said.

He said the participants performed new experiments on Arabidopsis plants, a member of the mustard plant family, which Bell grew specifically for the workshop lab experiments.

"The workshop illustrates key concepts of gene and genome analysis," according to a Dolan Center brochure,

The workshop presents "laboratory and internet-based curriculum" which the participants will take back to their students, keeping them current with modern research in plant genetics, according to the brochure.

Bell said information gathered from biotechnology plant genome research is used to develop better products in settings such as agricultural science and medicinal science.

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Entrance reopens after pipe installation

By **Carrie Cronk**
Staff Writer

On June 11, Entry 6 was reopened after crews completed the installation of a section of water pipes leading to the Arts Education Center.

From May 31 until June 9, the entry, which leads into the College Union, College Theater and Health Professions Division, was closed for the project.

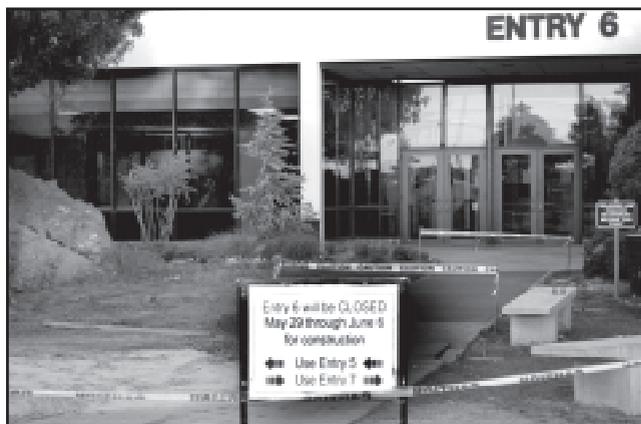
During the construction period, signs posted in parking lots and the drives surrounding Entry 6 listed May 29 to June 6 as the period of time during which the entry would be closed.

Larry Barnes, Physical Plant project manager, said the date on the signs "was a misprint."

The project and closure of the entry was actually scheduled to be from May 31 until June 9, he said.

The misprinted signs caused some inconvenience for various departments of the college.

College Union General Manager Corrine Aquilar said some patrons who had rented one of the College Union rooms had com-



Above: A sign outside Entry 6 displays incorrect dates for the entry closed during construction. The signs added to the trouble for students, staff and visitors of the college.

Right: Quality Mechanical Contractor Kli Campbell installs water lines leading to the new Arts Education Center. It will house a new student art gallery, classrooms and a new auditorium.



Photos by Jay Rocamontes and Carrie Cronk

mented on the awkwardness of the entry closure.

She said people attending meetings and events in the College Union were forced to enter through entrances leading into other areas of the college, and many needed additional directions to find their meeting rooms.

"I thought that construction was supposed to be done by the day that they were supposed to start and it wasn't," Aquilar said.

Students, staff and faculty of the Health Professions Division said they also were hampered by the closure.

Emergency Medical Sciences Program Director Leaugeay Barnes said some people had mentioned the entry's closing as being troublesome.

She said Health Professions students were using entry 7 near the Aquatic Center, while faculty and staff were using Entry 5

and entering through the Arts and Humanities building.

Recreation and Community Services Director Traci Wheeler said the parents and children enrolled in the summer camps use entries 7, 8 and 10 as they connect more directly to the RCS areas.

Barnes said the entry was closed while crews from Quality Mechanical installed portions of pipe for "chilled and hot water" for

the Arts Education Center.

He said during the construction there was a "trench ... up against the building" leading out across the sidewalk.

Crews installed the pipe, backfilled dirt into the trench and "compacted" it before pouring new concrete for the section of the sidewalk that had been torn out to lay the pipe.

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Upward Bound funded for another five years

By **Drew Hampton**
Staff Writer

In November 2006, OCCC's Upward Bound office submitted a proposal to the federal government to fund the program at the college for another five years.

The program received a perfect score from the federal government, which has agreed to continue funding the college's Upward Bound program for another five years.

"[The purpose of the program] is to help lower-income, first generation high school students be successful," said Upward Bound Director Carmela Pyle.

Over the summer, Upward Bound is holding a six-week "mini-college," allowing its students to take courses at the college four days a week.

"The students are here Monday through Thursday, taking classes

to prepare them for their next year of high school," she said.

Pyle said the courses are high-school level, with subjects including math, science, English, history, foreign language and ballroom dancing.

"They don't get credit for [the classes]," she said, "but hopefully it will help them when they start the school year [at their respective high schools.]"

In addition, these students participate in cultural activities and take field trips across the state, including visits to other college campuses.

Upward Bound recruits its students from seven high schools across the city, including Southeast, Douglass, Moore, Capitol Hill, Emerson and Westmoore.

Pyle said the program's requirements are based on income and family size, and usually are the

same as those of the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program, which provides financial assistance for the children of low-income families to attend college.

"Any [student's] parents making over \$50,000 probably wouldn't qualify, but they could still get in if their parents did not have a bachelor's degree," she said.

After a lengthy application process, prospective students are interviewed by Upward Bound staff and must wait 60 days before entering the program.

Pyle said the waiting period is designed to weed out applicants who are not fully committed to joining.

"We have to track them for 6 years after they graduate from high school, so we want to make sure they stick around," she said.

In addition, students prepare for college through ACT prep work-

shops and continue their cultural activities throughout the year.

"So many of [these students] come from low-income families, single-parent households, and even limited English-speaking households," Pyle said.

"They don't know the right way to prepare for college ... we want to give them a broader perspective of what's out there."

For more information on the Upward Bound program and the benefits it offers students, visit their website at www.occc.edu/upwardbound or call Pyle at 405-682-1611, ext. 7373.

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Weekend turns into sporting good time



Jack Downs, 13, of Oklahoma City, participates in the triathlon. With police escorts, competitors raced along a 12-mile course on May Avenue. The cycling division of the race followed the endurance swim and preceded the footrace. Competitors ranged in age 11 to 79.

The race was on at the 2007 Oklahoma City Super Sprint Triathlon June 9 at OCCC.

Aquatics and Safety Training Specialist Stephanie Scott said the triathlon consisted of three parts: a swim, a bike course and a run.

She said competitors started with a 500-meter swim at the Aquatic Center, then biked a 12-mile course along May Avenue to 149th Street and traveled back to campus using the same route. They finished the race with a five-kilometer two-lap run around Faculty Circle.

A total of 168 competitors vied for the top places, but only three came away as overall winners.

They included overall men's winner Norman Bradsher, a 35-year-old physical therapist from Ardmore; overall women's winner Jessica Tranchina, a 30-year-old physical therapist from Tulsa and overall youth winner Jack Coppedge, a 19-year-old from Tishomingo.

Leading in the men's race, Bradsher finished with a time of 1:00:39. James Hawley, 34, of Norman, was second with a time of 1:01:14. Meanwhile, the youth winner Coppedge had a strong enough time at 1:02:11 to placed third in the men's division.

In the women's race Tranchina finished in 1:05:53. Meanwhile, the battle for second place was heated.

Norman native Sally Cook, 31, edged out Colleen Isdale, 56, from Belton, Texas, by one second with a time of 1:16:25 to Isdale's time of 1:16:26.

The youth competition held special meaning, as it was a USA Triathlon Junior Development Race, said Shelly Campbell, the USAT Regional Athlete Development Coordinator for the South Midwest Region.

"We are here helping athletes under the age of 19," she said. "The series is for those specifically 16 to 19."

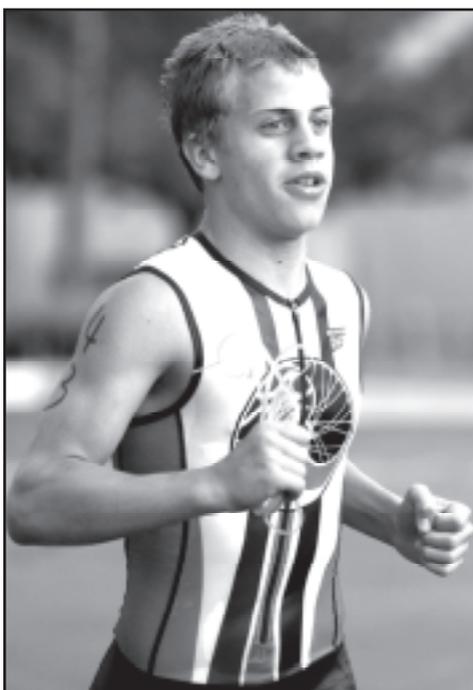
Campbell said four males competed in the Junior Development Race.

"There weren't any girls this time around," she said, "so we need more girls in next year's race."

Coppedge claimed a win in the hotly-contested boy's youth division.

He finished a mere 15 seconds ahead of second place finisher Aaron Gray, 19, of Norman who had a time of 1:02:26. Oklahoma City's Carter Cox, 18, finished third with a time of 1:10:35.

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Talbot Cox, of Oklahoma City, is one of 168 people who participated in the triathlon. Starting at Entry 12, competitors ran along faculty circle, lapping the OCCC campus twice and crossed the finish line in front of Entry 11.

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Participants began the competition in the OCCC pool for a 500-meter swim. Athletes were polled by estimated swim times and began the race every 15 seconds.

Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **June 18-22:** Recreation and Community Services hosts the OCCC Summer Sports football camp from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Cost is \$65 and includes a camp T-shirt. The camp is for boys ages 10 to 14. For more information, contact Recreation and Community Services Director Traci Wheeler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7280.

• **June 18-22:** OCCC girls basketball camp runs 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, at the Wellness Center gymnasium. The camp is designed to introduce girls ages 10 to 14 to basketball. The camp costs \$65 and includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, contact Recreation and Community Services Director Traci Wheeler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7280.

• **June 25-29:** Athletes ages 6 to 11 hit the pitch at OCCC's summer soccer camp. The camp runs 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at the OCCC soccer field on the southeast corner of campus near May Avenue. Cost is \$65 and includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, contact Recreation and Community Services Director Traci Wheeler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7280.

• **July 2-6:** RCS summer sports camps take a short break for the Independence Day holiday. It will reopen for normal business hours at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 5.

• **July 9-13:** RCS summer sports camps return from a short vacation with the golf camp for campers aged 12 to 14. The camp runs 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The cost of the camp is \$65 and includes a T-shirt. Registration and payment are due by Thursday, July 5. For more information, contact Recreation and Community Services Director Traci Wheeler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7280.



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Norman Bradsher and Jessica Tranchina were crowned the overall male and female winners in the Oklahoma City Super Sprint Triathlon, June 9 at OCCC. The event drew 168 runners from Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Triathlon winners stand out

By **Matt Caban**
Staff Writer

They train, they strain and they race. They are triathletes.

A group of triathletes descended on the OCCC campus June 9 for the 2007 Oklahoma City Super Sprint Triathlon.

While this year's three-pronged race of biking, running and swimming featured 168 racers, three stood out above the field.

First, there is 35-year-old Ardmore native and overall male

winner, Norman Bradsher.

He has run triathlons for five years and is a physical therapist.

"If I'm out there [competing] then my patients can do it, too," he said.

Bradsher isn't the only veteran triathlete in the winner's circle.

Jessica Tranchina joined him in the victory lane by claiming the overall female title.

Tranchina, a 30-year-old physical therapist from Tulsa, said her fiancé, Delfin Ward, 24, also runs in triathlons.

"We don't train together, but he

is my number-one fan," she said.

Triathlons also are a family affair for the Super Sprint's overall youth winner Jack Coppedge.

Coppedge, a 19-year-old Tishomingo native, is one of six triathlon-running family members.

"We've all raced together for the last two years," he said.

Coppedge said he finished in the bottom 10 of his first race.

"Since then, I've trained more and gotten better, I think," he said.

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Internet phones replacing analog devices

By Drew Hampton
Staff Writer

In an effort to update aging technology and reduce costs associated with upkeep, Telecommunications Systems and Services is installing new Cisco Systems Internet Protocol telephones.

All offices on campus will receive the phones, said David Anderson, Telecommunications Systems and Services director.

The black and silver IP phones, which send and receive calls through digital signals instead of traditional phone lines, were already installed in classrooms around campus in 2006.

"If you include the (previously installed) classroom phones, that's a lot," Anderson said.

In total, Anderson's department is installing 635 phones in faculty, staff, and administrative offices.

"This is what we've been doing for the past two weeks," he said.

Anderson said the phones function like web browsers, meaning custom programs and features could easily be added to the system.

"It saved us a lot of space ... [the new phones] cut our costs in half."

— David Anderson

Telecommunications Systems and Services
Director

"We can actually write [web] applications for [the phones]," he said.

One such feature, a live feed from the National Weather Service, allows users to check the forecast for Oklahoma County in real time.

Another feature is the ability to call Safety and Security simply by pushing an "emergency" button.

"With that kind of customization, the sky's the limit," Anderson said. "It gives us a lot of possibilities for the near future."

Anderson said the major difference between the old phones and the new is the IP phones are more efficient, using fewer resources.

"With the old phone system, we would have to put in a phone line and a data line. This one actually just uses a data line."

Anderson said the new system's server, which is roughly the size of a typical desktop computer

tower, replaced a mass of electronics that took up a space the size of three or four refrigerators sitting side by side.

"It saved us a lot of space," he said. "It cut our costs in half."

Anderson said he plans to have all the IP phones installed by June 15, though the switch to the new system will not be complete until June 28.

He said the old phones will remain in offices until then, and will still receive voice mail messages. Both phones can be used to make calls.

"We put the new phones in place so that [people] can go ahead and start learning how to use them," he said.

Kari Workman, Student Support Services counselor, said she is impressed with how fast the new phones were installed.

"So far, the phone has worked great," she said. "They're easy to use."



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Health and Exercise Science major Kristine Knox makes a call using one of the new Cisco IP phones. IP phones will soon be installed in every office and classroom on campus, offering a wide range of functions including caller ID.

Student Life Assistant Marcy Roll said, while the new phone system is not yet fully functional, she has already attended an optional training session to learn how to better use their more advanced features.

"I think [the phones] are going to be awesome," she said.

In addition to training sessions and online audio tutorials provided by the college, Anderson said, the phones have a built-in help system to aid faculty in us-

ing the new features. No special training is needed to use the phones.

He said the total cost of the project was around \$260,000, toward which the old phones will be traded in for credit as soon as the switch is made.

For more information on how to use the new phones' special features, visit the college's online audio tutorials at employee.occc.edu/evoice/phones.

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Students, faculty alike need parking permits

By Drew Hampton
Staff Writer

Although the fall semester is still months away, students and faculty need to make sure their parking permits are properly affixed before then.

Improperly placed permits carry a fine of \$3 per offense, while the owners of vehicles without any registration are fined \$5.

After four such violations, students may suffer disciplinary action including suspension of parking privileges.

Student parking permits, white and red decals bearing the OCCC logo and a registration number, can be acquired at the desk in

front of Records and Graduation Services in the Main Building lobby.

According to the Campus Traffic and Parking Regulations brochure, student parking decals must be displayed in the lower-right corner of their vehicle's rear window, or on the right corner of the rear bumper if there is no rear window.

Records and Graduation Services Clerk Laurie Thornton said the decals are free to students.

"All they need is either a student or a photo ID," she said. "That's it."

The process is just as easy for college faculty, said Campus Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas.

While faculty members

are issued parking permits in the form of tags that hang from a rear-view mirror instead of a decal, Sloas said, they can still be obtained at no cost with a current ID in the Safety and Security office.

A few faculty members reported that the old permits, made from plastic, had a tendency to weaken when left in the sun and eventually fall apart.

Others, however, said they had few, if any, problems with the tags.

"Mine broke one time, but I'd had [the tag] for two years," said Business Division Secretary Kristi Fields.

Art Labs Assistant Nora York said her tag didn't break until the last day she

removed it to make room for the new permit.

"It must have known," she joked.

John Richardson, director of Transition Systems and systems administrator, said the faculty parking tags get brittle over time but he never saw one fall apart.

"I had one for as long as [the college] had them, and I never had any problems," he said.

Sloas said his office began issuing replacement faculty tags two months ago and a campus wide e-mail had been sent encouraging employees to pick one up.

According to statistics provided by Safety and Se-

curity, a total of 23 vehicles were cited for displaying an improperly fixed parking decal this past semester.

Campus Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Borque said 21 of these offenses were secondary violations, meaning the owners also were ticketed for other violations.

In contrast, a total of 471 citations were made in that same semester for vehicles failing to display a college parking decal of any kind.

For more information about parking permits and regulations, visit Safety and Security's website online at www.occc.edu/security.

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Highlights

Jean and Ralph Gamel Scholarship offered

The Jean and Ralph Gamel Scholarship is now accepting applications for fall 2007. To be considered, students must submit the entry form with a summary of their educational goals and future desires. The recipient will receive up to \$1,000 per semester for tuition, fees, and books. Applications must be returned to the Foundation or Recruitment office no later than 5 p.m. Friday, June 29. For more information, contact Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Pat Berryhill at 405-682-1661, ext.7591.

Fall tuition waivers available

Department tuition waivers for the 2007 fall semester are available to students in the Financial Aid office. Waivers and academic histories must be submitted to Financial Aid no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1. For more information, contact the Financial Aid office at 405-682-7527.

Engineering scholarship offered

Kelly Engineering Resources is accepting entries for its fifth annual Future Engineers Scholarship Program. Sophomore and junior-level college students can apply by submitting an essay on a designated engineering topic for a chance at the \$5,000 scholarship. Applications are due Oct. 1. For more information, contact Amy Grundman at 248-224-5630, or visit the organization's website at www.kellyengineering.com.

Eighth Annual Okie Noodling Tournament and Fish Fry

Registration is now open for the eighth Annual Okie Noodling Tournament, Festival and Fish Fry. The tournament is 4 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at Bob's Pig Shop in Pauls Valley. Contestants must fill out a registration form by Thursday, June 22, to be eligible for prizes including cash and merchandise. For additional information or to download an entry form, visit www.okienoodling.com

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On June 12 in the College Union, Gary Brunlett teaches a group of students introductory ballroom dance steps. Brunlett, a private dance instructor, teaches both the introductory and intermediate ballroom dance classes offered by OCCC. For more information on ballroom dancing, contact Recreation and Community Services at 405-682-7860.

Club attends leadership conference

By **Shavon Bowman**
Staff Writer

Phi Theta Kappa, the OCCC branch of the International Honor Society, attended the 2007 Leadership Conference at Carl Albert State University in Poteau, OK from June 1 and June 2.

Members involved included Bekah Green, club president; Nhat Nguyen, public relations major; Sarah Chastain, vice president of leadership; Keith Hurdelbrink, alumni and former club president.

The conference included other chapters of the Oklahoma and Arkansas region, said Richard Rouillard, club sponsor and professor of English.

The title for this year's conference was "Planning and Preparing for Successful Leadership."

At the beginning of the conference, club members had the opportunity to listen to OK/AR Region Presi-

dent Anton Martynenko.

Hosted by the Alpha Delta Lambda Chapter of PTK, the conference offered several breakout sessions from which students could choose.

The sessions offered included, "Reaching Your Potential," "You and the Art of Networking," "Ethical Leadership," "Leadership Central," "Chapter President Round-Robin" and "Public Speaking."

Each of the sessions were taught by experts in the respected fields.

Edell Ewing, PTK publications director, said "break out sessions divide the group into several smaller groups."

There also was a brief history of Phi Theta Kappa given by PTK Regional Officer Coordinator Faye Christian.

Christian also gave PTK members a report from the headquarters at Jackson, Mississippi.

Several speakers gave

sessions at the conference, including Randy C. Frazier, Keep Kansas Beautiful vice chairman; Rep. Ed Cannaday (D), of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and Deborah Crow, Oklahoma and Arkansas regional coordinator emeritus.

The Regional Officer team at the close of the last general session gave closing remarks.

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Does your club have an exciting upcoming event? Drop off a highlight sheet at the Pioneer office or contact Shavon at StaffWriter1@occc.edu.

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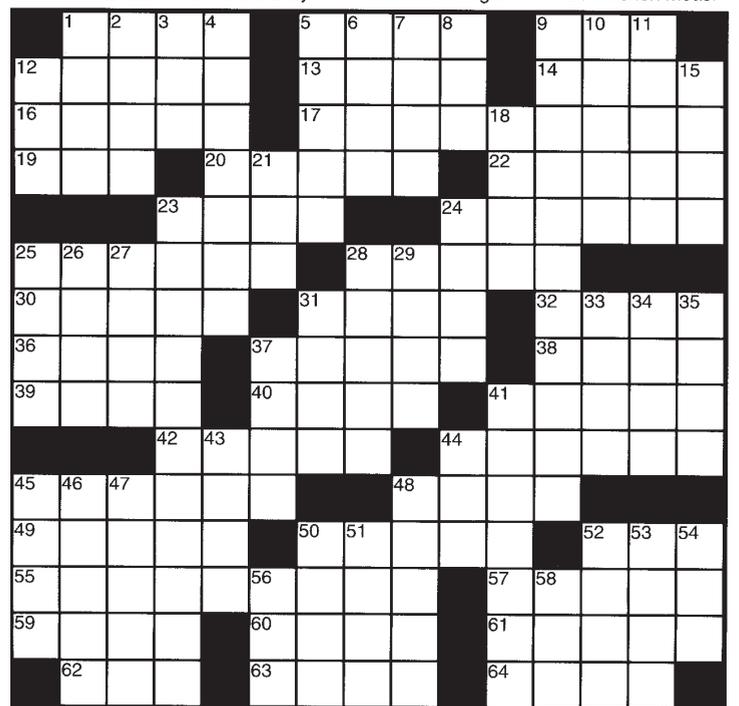
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Computer rules apply to campus network

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in 1996 and updated last year, also applies to personal laptop computers used on campus, said OCCC President Paul Sechrist.

"Anytime college-owned equipment, including the OCCC wireless connection to the Internet, is used, the acceptable use policy would apply," Sechrist said.

He said the policy applies to every college computer user and every college computer.

What, if any, deterrent is used to keep on-campus computer users within college guidelines, is up to each area.

Gary Dominguez, Student Computer Center supervisor, said computers in his area on the third floor of the library are closely monitored and their use requires a student ID.

He said he is stringent about enforcing the policy in the center because underage high school students from Pathways Middle College use those computers.

Dominguez said if a stu-

dent violates the campus policy in the lab, the computer would be shut down and the student removed.

The Campus Safety and Security office would be called if the user does not leave, he said.

Most computers on campus are specific to an area and not open to the general public, and many of those require users to have some sort of permission to access them.

Communications Lab computers in the Main Building and the Macintosh lab computers in the Arts and Humanities area require students to sign in.

The Math Lab in the Robert P. Todd Science, Engineering and Math Center also requires users to sign in.

Film and Video Professor Rick Lippert said he uses software that can lock computers in the video broadcasting classroom from access. Only professors and lab assistants can unlock the lab computers, he said.

The software, "Apple Remote Desktop," manages all other computers on the same network from one main computer, Lippert

said.

In the Main Building, users need to enter their username (the first name, middle initial and last name) and a password (the last six digits of social security number) to access the computers near the Welcome Center.

Despite all the precautions and the policy, some believe it's ultimately up to each student to do the right thing.

Macintosh Labs Assistant Cathy Bowman said it's impossible to dictate what people look at on campus computers.

"... if you are determined enough, you're going to do what you're going to do."

Psychology major Irene Hicks said she hopes students will adhere to the college's Network Acceptable Use Policy.

"I agree with [the policy] because there are some websites that can cause problems with [OCCC]," Hicks said.

"If a student needs to access those sites, there are other ways to do it than through [the college]."

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Computer misuse can result in trouble

By Shavon Bowman
Staff Writer and
Eric Nguyen
Editor

OCCC's Network Acceptable Use policy merely outlines the rules on-campus computer users need to voluntarily abide by when using the college's network, said James Riha, chief technology officer.

He said, while the college network doesn't contain any sort of filtering device to keep people from accessing prohibited websites, those who are caught doing so could pay the price.

Riha said if someone has an issue with what another person is accessing on a college computer or via the college's network, they can choose to file a formal complaint, asking the college to take action.

"We are not the Internet police here with regards to what's going on," Riha said. "We wait until someone would lodge a formal complaint through the procedures that the college has."

If someone does file a complaint that is found to go against policy, an investigation would be launched, said Marion Paden, vice president for enrollment and student services.

Paden said the policy doesn't only follow college guidelines. "What's unique about the acceptable use policy is [many of its guidelines follow] federal and state law."

An example would be the use and distribution of pornography, she said.

"[That] is against federal and state law ... If it's a violation of federal or state law, then the person could be charged criminally and that is beyond us."

Other parts of the policy could have a student dealing solely with the college.

"... a student could do something that is just a violation of our policy and procedures and if that is the case then [the college] just deals with it internally," she said.

"If a student or faculty felt [a student] violated the acceptable use policy, then they would file a student conduct code violation."

Then, Paden said, a student conduct procedure would take place which would be followed by an investigation to see if a violation had occurred.

"And then there are appropriate sanctions."

"If there are two disciplinary sanctions, the [person accused] can appeal it to a committee. If there is one [sanction], they can appeal it to me."

Although some OCCC computers are for public use, the ability to access most of the college's computers requires the user to be either a student or faculty member which cuts down on many of the potential problems, Riha said.

More information on the OCCC Network Acceptable Use policy can be found at www.occc.edu/library.com.

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Computers, desks and more can be bought at online public surplus

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Duncan said the Desktop Support and User Services office determines what computers are no longer of use to the college.

Joey Ware, Local Area Network specialist said his office surpluses printers and computers, both through reallocation and the online surplus auction.

He said student computers are on a plan where they are replaced every three years, so they are typically able to be reallocated within the college.

"Usually after that third year, the student computers can then go to faculty and staff, because ... tech-

nically they're still good," he said. "Especially with how fast computers are now, they're better than what some people had."

Faculty and staff computers are no longer on the three-year plan, Ware said. Instead, it's up to each division to assess their needs and determine when computers need replaced.

Ware said many divisions have recently adapted their budgets to include new computers for faculty and staff.

"So ... as [the new computers] come in we replace [the old ones]," he said. "If they're out of warranty, we try to surplus them."

Ware said sending computers to surplus alleviates

the need to replace hardware needed to keep the computers under warranty.

When computers are sent to surplus disposal, they are "wiped clean of the operating system," Duncan said. He said this helps prevent any cyber security issues from arising later.

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