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PIONEER

State budget cut takes \$185K of college funds

By Eric Nguyen
Editor

OCCC experienced a \$185,000 budget cut in its June monthly payment from the state after a shortfall in the state lottery, meaning some upcoming purchases might be placed on hold.

The college has regularly received \$2,096,000 each month from the state during fiscal year 2006-'07, OCCC President Paul Sechrist said.

He said State Regents made the budget cut to cover a shortage in lottery revenue, which is partly used to make bond payments for 2005 construction projects at Oklahoma colleges and universities.

While other colleges and universities have delayed purchases and cut student services to manage the reduction, Sechrist said OCCC will not do that.

The college will manage the reduction by under spending on budgets, he said, but couldn't yet specify which budgets would be affected.

"We won't have to [cut services]. We just won't add as many services as we would like."

The budget reduction also would not affect any college employees, said Mark Davis, vice president of Business and Finance.

The June budget reduction was part of an overall \$6 million statewide cut made by State Regents to colleges and universities.

Sechrist said monthly reductions don't happen often, so the \$185,000 taken away won't have serious implications.

He said \$6 million in new funds the college received from the state for fiscal year '07 has been managed conservatively.

Therefore, carryover money remains as a part of the college's contingency budget plan, which allows the college to make adjustments in its budget, he said.

Still, Sechrist said, he hopes a solution to the state's lack of funding comes soon.

"We are ... hopeful that the lottery and gaming revenue goes up and has enough of the profits to make a payment on the bonds," Sechrist said.

"Or the state figures out a different source of revenue than to take it out of money we use to operate colleges, faculty salaries and keep the lights on."

Sechrist said OCCC is managing the June reduction well, but the college only is *See "Shortage," page 12*

Study Buddies



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Engineering majors Han Pxin, left, and Bachir Mahomad discuss analytic equations in the foyer of the Main Building. Students readying for mid-terms this week can be seen doing homework in the numerous study areas throughout the campus.

Enrollment up after two-year decline

By Eric Nguyen
Editor

OCCC summer enrollment is up for the first time in two years, according to preliminary numbers from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.

The total number of students enrolled has risen 3.3 percent from a year ago, and the total number of credit hours taken has risen 3.4 percent.

These numbers reverse two years of declining summer enrollment, when 2.7 percent fewer students enrolled in 2006 and 3.1 fewer enrolled in 2005.

OCCC President Paul Sechrist said the college had anticipated decreases in summer enrollment the previous few years because more students were taking full-time schedules in the fall and spring.

"However, these [enrollment] numbers for this summer indicate that the trend may be chang-

ing," Sechrist said.

Finance sophomore Jason Hoskinson said he takes summer classes because he prefers the 8-week summer semester to a 16-week fall or spring semester.

"[During summer semesters], I feel like you can absorb the information quickly rather than get bored over the long run," he said.

The number of credit hours taken this summer is 27,362, up from 26,456 last summer.

The headcount is 5,771, up 3.3 percent from last summer's 5,584, said Janet *See "Enrollment," page 12*

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—Jason Hoskinson
OCCC Student

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Financial Aid process frustrating

The actions and apparently negative attitudes of OCCC's Financial Aid counselors are often a source of much frustration for students.

When students are confused or have questions regarding their aid, they should be able to meet with a Financial Aid counselor to discuss the policies or their eligibility status.

This often has not been the case.

Many students, after being denied financial aid or continued eligibility, have had difficulty obtaining a meeting with their assigned counselor.

Instead, the financial aid clerks behind the counter act as go-betweens and tell students their counselor doesn't have time to meet with them.

If the Financial Aid counselors are not going to be available to meet with students and advise them about eligibility, then perhaps they should have a title more fitting to their job performance. Perhaps "Financial Aid Auditor" is appropriate.

Many students have described Financial Aid counselors as acting more like judge and jury rather than as counselors who help students understand the bureaucratic nightmare of aid eligibility.

The Pioneer has documented many cases of student frustration since Jan. 27, 1992, when it printed a letter to the editor titled, "Bureaucracy gets under student's skin."

Since then, many students have continued to experience frustration after being denied financial aid because they do not meet eligibility criteria.

This frustration only increases when the Financial Aid office tells the students to refer to the college policies.

According to the 2006—2007 Student Handbook, students receiving financial aid must meet three criteria to maintain eligibility.

They must complete 66 percent of the credit hours they attempt each semester; they must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average consistent with progress towards their degree or certificate; and they must complete their academic program within a maximum of one and one-half times (90) the minimum number of credit hours required for their degree or certificate.

Confused? Many students are, after reading these policies and are left with unanswered questions.

Much of this confusion could be prevented if the Financial Aid counselors would stop hiding behind their doors and take the time to meet with students and explain the policies.

With a college handbook stating that students are "in it for the success," maybe the Financial Aid counselors should look to helping the students achieve that success.

—Carrie Cronk
Staff Writer

Award nominations needed for contribution to disabled

To the Editor:

The Oklahoma City Mayor's Committee on Disability Concerns is seeking nominations for awards to outstanding metro area citizens with disabilities, and leaders in promoting people with disabilities.

This year the Mayor's Committee is seeking nominations for the first time for a "Clearing the Path" Award.

Each October during National Disability Employment Awareness Month, awards are presented to individuals, employers, organizations and the media for contributions to the employment and social advancement of persons with disabilities.

The MCDC supports the concept of creating residential spaces that make our community accessible to everyone.

To that end, nominations are being accepted for any architect, designer, builder, contractor or individual who is embracing "Universal Design" and "Clearing the Path" for all.

Three primary features qualify a residence for nomination for the MCDC "Clearing the Path" Award:

Clear Access — a step-free entrance into the central living area of the home from a driveway, sidewalk or firm route onto the main floor.

Clear Passage — ample space to pass through doorways (32-inch minimum clearance) on the main floor as well as turnaround space for a wheelchair (5-foot diameter).

3. Clear Use — A bedroom, kitchen, entertainment area and full bathroom with sufficient maneuvering space for a wheelchair, all located on the main floor and accessible via the step-free entrance.

[Submissions] may be mailed to Mayor's Committee on Disability Concerns, 200 N. Walker Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73102. Nominations may also be submitted by facsimile to 405-775-5154 attention: Jackie Haverly.

Deadline for submission

of nominations is Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007.

More information on the Committee and nomination forms are available at www.okc.gov/council/disability_concerns.

—Pam Henry
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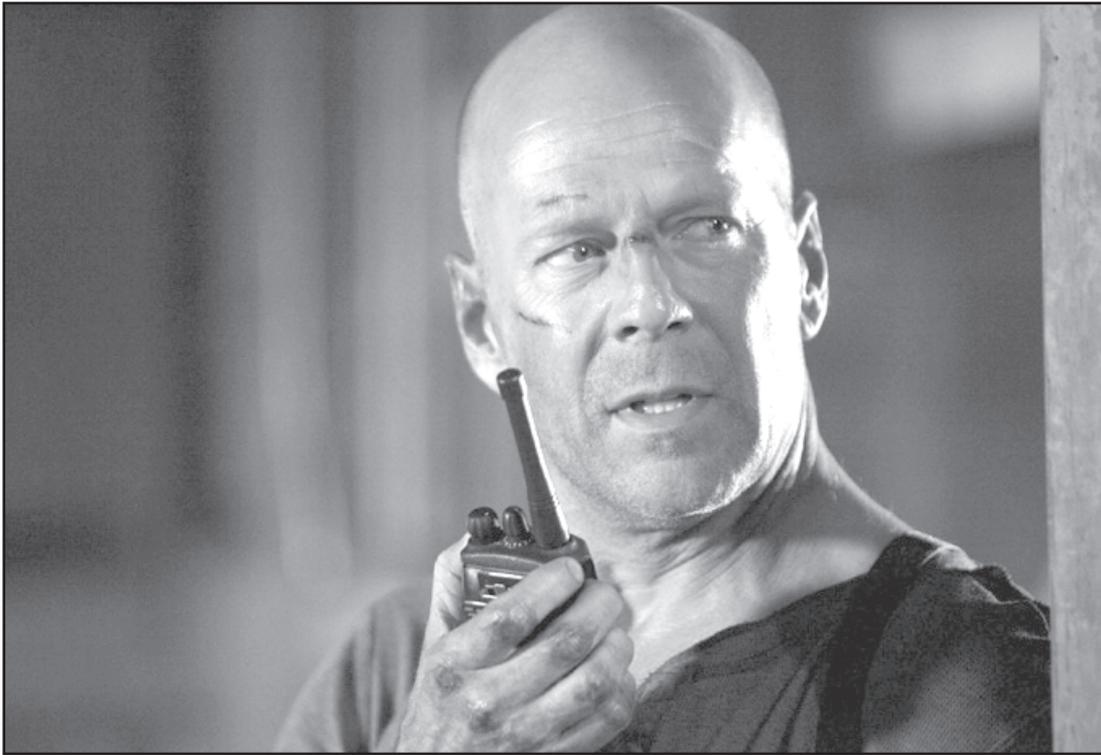


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Comments and Reviews



Yippi-ki-yay, moviegoers

Those hungering for a summer action movie need look no farther than “Live Free or Die Hard,” the latest installment of the classic “Die Hard” franchise.

Bruce Willis reprises his role as John McClane, a hardened NYPD detective with a talent for violently resolving seemingly hopeless situations.

After the FBI suffers an unprecedented computer security breach the night before Independence Day, law enforcement agencies across the country are sent to escort the nation’s most notorious hackers to Washington, D.C. for questioning.

McClane grudgingly agrees to escort Matt Farrell (Justin Long), a top FBI suspect in the incident, to the capitol for questioning. McClane reaches Farrell’s apartment and ends up spoiling an intricate assassination attempt on the young hacker.

By the time the two reach Washington, those behind the security breach have begun systematically taking command of computer-controlled infrastructure across the nation — including television broadcasts, 911 service and traffic signals.

As crippled government agencies try to deal with the elusive threat, McClane and Farrell begin tracking down and stopping those responsible before the plan is complete — as violently as possible, naturally.

“Live Free or Die Hard” easily fulfills audience expectations with its intense ac-

tion sequences, from brutal close-up fights to explosive chase scenes.

The film, coming in at 130 minutes running time, also manages to strike a perfect balance between action and humor.

McClane’s eternally cocky outlook and Farrell’s just-barely-serious hacker attitude feed off of each other as the two throw themselves into harm’s way, resulting in a memorable mix of action, plot development, and one-liners.

Avid fans of the previous “Die Hard” films, however, might take issue with the near-absence of McClane’s well-known catchphrase: the venerable cop doesn’t utter “Yippee-ki-yay ... ” until the film’s climax.

This is likely due to the film’s PG-13 rating, which forces McClane’s language to consist of marginally less profanity than the previous films.

The attitude behind the words, however, hasn’t changed a bit and neither has McClane’s direct approach to problem-solving.

The end result is an action-packed thriller that manages to be both gripping and fun. “Live Free or Die Hard” is completely worthy of the hype. Both newcomers and longtime fans of the series will love it.

Rating: A+

—Drew Hampton
Staff Writer

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Academic Advising comes in many shapes and sizes and is never a one-size-fits-all. With the summer semester well under way and the fall semester quickly approaching, we ask ourselves and the students, “What is next?” and “What will the next generation of students need?” Then, in preparation for the changing needs of the students, the Academic Advisers (often still referred to as “Counselors”) work together to plan for the future and the continued success of the students, because Academic Advising isn’t “just advising” anymore.

Some of the exciting things that are planned for the fall semester include:

New Handbooks — These handbooks are designed for parents and families of college students and offer a wealth of information and answers.

“A Family Guide to Academic Advising”

“A Guide for Families of Commuter Students”

“Helping Your First-Year College Student Succeed, A Guide for Parents”

New Student Advising — This short presentation covers the foundations of education at course catalog, class schedules, credit hours, etc. The presentation will be hosted in the Academic Advising area; will be available in several sessions each hour; and is designed for both students and parents.

Peer Advising — Our Peer Advising program began in April and has really taken off. Peer Advisers, who are also students, work with students offering hands-on assistance with Mine Online and class schedules, as well as answer basic education questions.

Transfer Center Fair — The fall Transfer Fair is scheduled for Oct. 10. This event hosts colleges and universities from several surrounding states who participate to assist in offering our students unlimited possibilities for their educational experiences.

Triage Desk — Our new front counter should be installed in July with seating for the student, the Academic Adviser and a support staff member to assist with scheduling appointments, telephone calls, and general questions from the students.

As Academic Advisers, we strive to find and promote all of the resources that are available for the students. Three additional resources that we promote to the students are:

Career Fair — The fall Career Fair is scheduled for Oct. 3 and is hosted by the office of Career and Employment Services. This event hosts over 100 businesses offering students and the community opportunities to learn about the businesses and apply for jobs.

Learning Communities — Learning Communities are noted as a growing trend and promoted for aiding in student success in college classes. This fall, OCCC is offering Learning Communities in English, History, and Sociology.

New Student Orientation — These sessions are hosted by Student Life and offer the new student a great overview and the resources available at OCCC.

—E.J. Warren
Academic Advising Director

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Comments and Reviews

King-adapted '1408' flourishes in theater

Stephen King's short story, "1408," has been brilliantly brought to life in director Makael Hafstrom's new suspense/horror film of the same name.

The story revolves around a room where 56 people who stayed the night have died, 36 of which were suicides.

John Cusack stars as Mike Enslin, an author in search of a substantial paranormal phenomenon to illustrate in his next book.

Samuel L. Jackson plays Gerald Olin, Dolphin Hotel manager, and keeper of the gruesome history of room 1408.

Running only 90 minutes, this psychological thriller has an excellent plot that develops steadily and results in an unusually-terrifying movie.

It is said that no one lasts more than one hour in room 1408, and that "once you check in, you don't check out."

The well-positioned shock scenes and use of dramatic intensity affirms this film's billing as a horror movie, despite its PG-13 rating.

The most interesting part of "1408" is that it's hard for the viewer to discern reality from the character's imagination. As Enslin starts to question the possibility that his horror show is merely a drug-induced nightmare, im-



ages of reality begin to interrupt his lucid hallucination and further distort the audience's view of what is going on.

The angle the director took with "1408" achieves a horror movie that isn't corny or cheesy, and is highly effective.

The film is well made, interesting and genuinely frightening. It's an hour-and-a-half well spent.

Rating: A+

—Jay Rocamontes
Staff Writer

Comedy appeals dark humor fans

One man's somber funeral becomes a fiasco punctuated by dark humor in the British comedy "Death at a Funeral," directed by Frank Oz.

The film begins slowly, introducing the deceased's extended family on their way to the funeral and giving a slight taste of the chaos to come.

Matthew MacFayden stars as Daniel, the harried son, who is in charge of his father's funeral arrangements.

After finding the wrong body has been delivered to the ceremony, Daniel is forced to cope with his famous (and largely unhelpful) brother Robert, verbally abusive and wheelchair-bound Uncle Alfie and a houseful of other impressively dysfunctional family members.

The funeral begins spiraling out of control as Simon, the fiancée of Daniel's cousin Martha, begins to act bizarre and inappropriate. It turns out Simon has

mistakenly taken a hallucinogenic drug incorrectly labeled as Valium.

Adding to the chaos is Peter, a dwarf who threatens to reveal embarrassing details about the dead man's past unless the family pays him money.

The acting throughout the film is excellent. Of special note is Alan Tudyk's brilliant performance as Simon.

Tudyk's facial expressions and antics stand out even among the surrounding insanity.

While the film's humor is dark and often crude, filled with profanity and bathroom humor, it works well in advancing the painful but funny plot.

While this is decidedly not a family movie, those who appreciate dark humor are sure to enjoy it. "Death at a Funeral" runs 90 minutes and is rated R for language and drug content.

Rating: A

—Drew Hampton
Staff Writer

Destruction aplenty in 'Transformers: The Game'

Paramount Picture's hotly-awaited blockbuster, "Transformers," won't be released until July 4, but fans can get a head start in the war for Earth with "Transformers: The Game," on PlayStation 2.

"Transformers: The Game," released June 26, allow players to either protect the world as a part of the Autobots, or destroy it with the Decepticons.

The game contains two single-player campaign modes. Once selected, players are placed right in the action and immediately into an early mission to win the planet.

Each robot in the game has his own unique transformation effect and hand-to-hand combat moves.

Both robot-mode and vehicle-mode are required to complete some missions.

Similar to the "Grand Theft Auto" series, "Transformers: The Game" allows players to either roam a city to pick up missions, or to freely go anywhere and destroy every building in sight.

Also hidden throughout the city are Energon cubes. You can locate all of them to unlock bonus content.

If you're tired of the missions, you can just perform robot stunts (ala "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater") by hitting combinations of buttons to surf from one car roof to the next, or see how far you can hurl a building.

Even transforming from a bot to a car is addictive, if

only to watch the effects.

The missions do become repetitive, and the storyline gets uninteresting, so players will eventually drift toward wandering aimlessly through the city.

Another downside of the game is that the city is quite small.

For an open-ended game that gives gamers the freedom to explore unique places, this is a let down.

Also, Optimus Prime, in all of his glory and weapon choice, is only given missions that involve driving around the city to random places. This does not do.

Optimus is a dominant force; he is not an errand boy.

But overall, "Transformers: The Game" provides



fun with its destroy-all-objects arcade entertainment.

Anyone interested in filling a couple of hours with simple, mindless mayhem

will find the game more than serviceable.

Rating: B

—Eric Nguyen
Staff Writer

On-campus hit and run tops crime list

By Matt Caban
Staff Writer

A hit and run was among crimes reported on campus June 19 to 21.

OCCC student Britney Johnson reported the hit and run to Safety and Security June 21.

Johnson said she had left her afternoon class and was walking west along the curb in parking lot C.

She said she was talking on her cell phone when she saw a white Kia Rio backing out of a parking space in the west area of the lot.

Johnson said the car applied its brakes, but then sped backwards and hit her on the right hip area. She said she didn't seek medical treatment.

"I'm small, so it knocked me down," she said.

Johnson said because she was crying she couldn't read the license plate.

She saw the car drive away and run a stop sign in the parking lot.

Safety and Security Sergeant Kevin Tipton said a witness saw a number three in the Kia's license plate.

Johnson said she saw an OCCC parking permit on its rear window.

The information was provided to the Oklahoma City Police Department for follow-up, Tipton said.

Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas said both the parking permit and ticket databases were searched as part of the investigation.

"We didn't find a match," he said.

Sloas said the car may have had a parking permit registered to another vehicle.

Sloas said Safety and Security is still looking for the vehicle.

Meanwhile, two cars were reported vandalized June 19 in the northern section of parking lot A.

Business sophomore Tony Doan said the front

driver's side window of his Honda Civic was cracked at the base.

"It didn't shatter because of my window tint," he said. "They couldn't get in, so nothing was stolen."

He said the window replacement cost \$200.

Officer Dennis Shelton said the damage was most likely caused by a window punch.

"There was a small, bb-size hole in the window," he said.

He said Doan told him about the other car, a Chevrolet Cavalier that had been damaged.

Shelton said the Cavalier's front passenger window was completely shattered.

The vehicle's owner, freshman Nicole Frantz, said everything was taken out of the front seat.

"They went through the glove box ... the console was empty and my CDs were gone," she said.

Frantz said the CDs were

worth \$500 to \$600 and the window replacement was \$200.

"I never thought this would happen to me," she said.

Shelton said the two crimes are likely related as both were reported at the same time and place.

"We figure it's the same people," he said.

Shelton said students can help prevent thefts.

"Most of the time, it's a crime of opportunity, so don't leave anything valuable like an iPod or a laptop out in the open," he said.

Officer William Busby reported a case of public intoxication June 20 at the Child Development Center.

According to a report filed by Busby, he saw a man

identified as Kirby Close sitting outside the center's kitchen door on the building's west side.

In the report, Busby said, the man smelled of alcohol.

Busby had the man leave campus but, according to the report, he was later stopped by OCCC Safety and Security Officer Brian Gilbert at the college's main entrance on May Avenue.

Sloas said Close, who is not an OCCC student, was picked up by the OCPD.

He said in the case of public intoxication, the OCPD officers have the choice of arresting suspects or taking them to the downtown detox center.

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Security patrol goes high-tech

By Charli New
News Writing Student

OCCC's Safety and Security officers out on patrol will soon have the same hi-tech advantages they have in their office.

On June 20, the college received two new 2007 Ford Expeditions which will soon be equipped with new Dell laptop computers and Globalstar phones, said Ike Sloas, Campus Safety and Security Director.

The laptops will allow officers to use wireless Internet and view images from 10 new security cameras around campus, he said.

Sloas said the cameras also are a new addition, but are only partially installed due to recent rain.

The satellite phones will allow patrolling officers to send messages to any IP phone on campus, allowing warnings to be sent campus wide during an emergency, Sloas said.

They also can directly receive weather notifications.

Sloas said the vehicles



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Officer Keith Thompson patrols campus in one of OCCC's new 2007 Ford Expedition security vehicles.

also carry a complement of weather gear, car battery boosters, locksmith tools, and first aid tools.

He said the new equipment is part of a series of changes the department has made over the past three years.

These changes allow the Sport Utility Vehicles to serve as fully-operational command centers, Sloas said.

The vehicles will operate daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

with officers working from the vehicles on a rotating schedule, he said.

"All 17 officers have access to them."

Sloas said the college is leasing the SUVs for \$30,000 each after lighting systems installation.

The college will use funds from the general campus budget and would make payments over a three-year period, he said.

"We will pay \$20,000 each year," he said.

By Shavon Bowman
Staff Writer

As of July 1, OCCC students have a convenient way to create résumés online.

Optimal Résumé is a new software program installed by the Advising and Career Services office to offer students help with résumés.

Students will be able to create résumés securely, as a seven-digit student ID number and password are required to access the system, said Debra Vaughn, Career and Employment Services director.

The program features online spell checking, sample action words and help text to assist users.

After creating a résumé, users have three options for presentation.

The résumé can be saved in Flash, Microsoft Word, or in Plain Text format.

If saved in Flash, the document can be used to create a personal website for future employers to visit. The file also can be saved and used as an e-mail attachment or can be

Online résumé service offered

pastored to applications on OCCC's job board.

Users can save up to five résumés at a time, allowing them to use each of the different formats.

In addition, any of the documents can be changed at any time by the user.

Also, to use the Optimal Résumé Builder in conjunction with OCCC's job board, students can go to the Manage My Account page and select the View/Save Word Résumé option.

After the résumé has been saved to the computer, students can upload the file to other job boards or employer systems, according to www.optimalresume.com.

Many students at OCCC think the new program is a good idea.

Business major Richard Tran said, it sounds "helpful and convenient."

For more information about the Optimal Résumé program, contact Career Services at 405-682-7535, or at ljones@occc.edu.

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Hundreds make president's honor roll

Students are eligible to be on the President's Honor Roll by achieving a GPA of 4.0 while carrying at least 12 hours.

Part-time students are eligible if they have maintained a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters.

Michele Abbitt, Abdul Abdul Wahid, Elizabeth Acevedo, Maria Acevedo, Lawrence Acha, Amanda Adams, Audrey Adams, Jennifer Adams.

Randi Adkins, Shawna Aguilar, Hyejin Ahn, Jennifer Akpabio, Cindy Alexander, Lacey Alexander, Christopher Althoff, Younes Amini, Angela Amstutz.

Kahley Andrews, Amber Andros, Tami Anthony, Lisa Armstrong, Kyle Ashley, Stephanie Ast, Emmanuel Attah, Jenny Atteberry, Elizabeth Aven.

Beri Bamnjo, Jessica Banks, Stacy Barnard, Jeffrey Barry, Alexandra Bass, Jonathan Bates, Chastity Baucom, Cobey Bean, Megan Beavers.

Sabrina Bingham, Amanda Bittle, Lanita Blevins, Amber Bode, Carrie Boevers, Alden Bordwell, Daryl Bottoms, Jessica Bottoms, Brandi Bowin-Mantooth.

Geoffrey Boyd, Rachel Boydston, Bradley Bracher, Joshua Bridge, Kristen Broussard, Jessie Brown, Kyle Brown, Randy Bruecks, Aaron Bryant.

Geneva Bryant, Charles Burgess, Thomas Burkhead, Owen Burnett, Dylan Butler, Jodi Butler, Ron Butler, Rachael Cameron, Michael Campbell.

Michael Campbell, Christie Cannon, Miranda Canon, Johnny Cardenas, L Carey, Carrie Carter, Angelia Casteel, Kuan Tuck Chan, Sally Chancellor.

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Meredith Dake, Randal Dane, Corey Darnell, Thomas

Dauffenbach, Kayla Davis, Lesley Davis, Kenneth Day, Natalie Deitz-Bales, Elizabeth Derr.

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Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **July 2-6:** RCS summer sports camps take a short break for the Independence Day holiday. The RCS office will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the holiday. It will reopen for normal business hours at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 5. For more information, contact the RCS office at 405-682-1611, ext. 7860.

• **July 9-13:** RCS summer sports camps return from a short vacation with the golf camp for campers ages 12 to 14. Campers hit the greens 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 the RCS office at 405-682-1611, ext. 7860.

• **July 9-13:** Athletes ages 10 to 11 can serve it up at the RCS tennis summer sports camp. Campers will learn the basics of tennis 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. The cost of the camp is \$65 and includes a T-shirt. Each camper's payment and registration are due by Thursday, July 5, to the RCS office. For more information, contact the RCS office at 405-682-1611, ext. 7860.

• **July 16-20:** Hoops are happening at the RCS coed basketball summer sports camp. The 6-to-9-year-old camp runs 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at the Wellness Center gym. Camp costs \$65 and includes a T-shirt. Payment and registration are due Thursday, July 12 to the RCS office. For more information, contact the RCS office at 405-682-1611, ext. 7860.

• **July 16-20:** Children ages 10 to 11 can learn the basics of golf at the RCS golf camp. Camp registration and a \$65 camp payment are due Thursday, July 12 to the RCS office. For more information, contact the RCS office at 405-682-1611, ext. 7860.

Future all-stars



Branden Robinson, 10, guards Ryan Spencer, 10, right, June 12 during an OCCC youth basketball camp scrimmage in the Wellness Center gymnasium.

Kids from the community participated in the week-long fitness for life basketball camp held in the wellness center gym.

Campers were taught the fundamentals of teamwork, strategy and sportsmanship while building a strong base of fundamental shooting and dribbling skills.

The Department of Recreation and Community Services hosts a variety of youth fitness for life camps during the summer.

For more information, contact Recreation and Community Services at 405-682-7860 or visit www.occ.edu/rcs.

Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Football campers learn basics

By Matt Bishop
News Writing Student

With football season just around the corner, the pigskins were flying on campus.

A group of 18 players, ages 10 through 14, attended OCCC's Summer Sports Football Camp June 18 to 22 at the Wellness Center gymnasium.

The camp originally was scheduled to take place on the football playing fields on the south part of campus.

However, heavy rains forced it to move indoor to the Wellness Center gym after rain showers.

Mount Saint Mary High School football Coach Rone Tempest taught the youths the fundamentals of football.

"We want to teach these guys football from all aspects," Tempest said.

The children were interested in everything from the X's and O's of game strategy to a series of drills

to improve agility, catching, passing and kicking.

They dug into the playbooks and were taught different formations such as the "I" and the Shotgun.

They also learned about receiving terminology for patterns, such as the curl and the fly.

Every day Tempest conducted a punt, pass and kick competition.

He said the event was designed for the boys to have fun and to track progression in their game.

Scrimmages also were held against each other for the players to get a feel for live game situations.

"My favorite part of camp was the scrimmages and coaches," Austin Browning, 11, said.

Dana Browning, from Dibble, said, as a parent, she was pleased with the camp.

"Everybody involved has been supportive and encouraging towards one another," she said.

Although these participants may have wanted to come out of the camp being the next NFL Hall of

Famer such as Joe Montana or Walter Payton, they had to learn a few things, Tempest said.

He said the main goals of camp were to teach priorities, the meaning of teamwork and to build character.

It was Tempest's first year teaching the camp.

"I love teaching these younger guys because of their enthusiasm," Tempest said.

He said the campers were excited to work on anything he would teach them.

Coaches, parents, and the youths involved in the camp said they loved the campus facilities.

On the final day of camp, awards for fundamental skills and character were presented to the campers, Tempest said.

He said the awards will serve as reminders of what they learned at the football camp this summer.

Tempest said, overall, the camp was a success and he will look forward to camp next year.

Biotechnology workshop helps students, teachers

By Robert Matejka
News Writing Student

July 25 through 29, the Biotechnology/Bioinformatics Discovery program hosted a beginner's workshop for teachers across the state who are new to the field or want to work with the equipment.

The workshop was held in room 1C7 and was free to teachers. Approximately 12-15 teachers attended.

For the past four years, the program has been funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute for Health.

"The project started with four teachers and 200 students and now reaches over 200 teachers and 20,000 students," said Biotechnology/Bioinformatics Discovery Project Coordinator Donald Bell.

Bell and DeAnn Campbell, also a project coordinator for the program, oversee the workshops on campus and train teachers

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Biotechnology/Bioinformatics Discovery Program
Coordinator

the techniques used in biotechnology.

Bell said workshops are not the primary focus of the program, however.

The program's purpose, he said, is to generate interest in biotech sciences for teachers, as well as students in rural areas who rarely have the opportunity or the resources available to study the subject.

Bell said the program uses resource centers in rural areas of Oklahoma as working centers to enrich students' and teachers' lives with biotechnology information.

He said the project also is used to foster interest in biotechnology in Oklahoma as well as create a friendly image to biotechnological

industries.

After the workshops at the OCCC campus end, Bell said he travels to each center to overhaul the equipment and replace any materials used.

He said Max Simmons, Sciences and Mathematics dean, has been very supportive of the program.

"The resource centers are great for school districts that normally do not have the budget for the equipment and materials needed for the activities," said Yukon Biology teacher Kim Rex.

"This program is great because it shows teachers innovative ways of giving students a hands-on approach to science in the classroom," she said.

Future facility encourages cultural exchange at college

By Tiffany Thompson
News Writing Student

Plans are under way for the construction of a World Languages and Cultures Center set to open this fall, said Dean of Special Initiatives Susan VanSchuyver.

Available in the center will be tutors for the languages currently offered at OCCC, as well as books and other resources for students and the community to gain a better understanding of the growing world and global interconnectedness, VanSchuyver said.

The center, which will be similar in appearance to the Math and Communications Labs, will be in Main Building 2J4, with remodel-

"We hope [the center will] be a resource for students as well as the community."

— Susan VanSchuyver
Dean of Special Initiatives

ing plans to include double glass doors, VanSchuyver said.

"We hope it can be a resource for students as well as the community," she said.

International students and native English-speaking students can use the center as a place to socialize and learn about the languages and etiquette of different cultures.

OCCC Sophomore Adam Roland said the lab will be a great social tool for students.

"This will be an awesome

place for students to hang out and learn languages from each other," he said. "Things ... that you don't normally get taught in a classroom setting."

Emma Cardosa, parent of an OCCC student and native of the Philippines, said she would have found the center to be a valuable resource when she moved to America.

"A center like this one would have been a nice way to become acclimated with a culture foreign from my own. I hope everyone will benefit from it."

Student awarded more than degree



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

OCCC graduate Jenah Henderson claims a \$250 Wal-Mart gift certificate in the Advising and Career Services center. Henderson was randomly chosen from a pool of OCCC graduates from December 2006 and May 2007 who had received survey cards from Advising and Career Services at OCCC. "This card really helps us gather information from our students about their plans [and] how we've helped them," said Debra Vaughn, Advising and Career Services career specialist. Advising and Career Services helps students find jobs and choose degree paths. Henderson said it is beneficial for OCCC students to use the services provided by Advising and Career Services.

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Highlights

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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.

Frontier City and White Water Bay tickets available

Consignment tickets to Frontier City and White Water Bay are now available for purchase in the OCCC Bookstore. Tickets are \$19 for a one day pass and \$65.01 for a season pass. Also available are one-day passes to Six Flags at \$28 each. For more information, contact Brenda Reinke, bookstore director, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7242.

All Highlights are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday in room 2M6 on the second floor of the Main Building.



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Leadership Council Chairman Chris Stewart displays a project proposal. If adopted, each hallway on campus will adorn a hanging nameplate. Halls on the second and third floor of the Main Building have not yet been given names. Student suggestions for names should be taken to the Student Life office as soon as possible.

Hallway signs proposed

By **Shavon Bowman**
Staff Writer

Help may be on the way for OCCC students who have difficulty finding their way around campus.

The Leadership Council has developed a proposal to post signs around the campus to help students and faculty navigate through the college.

The proposed signs would hang from the ceilings of the different halls and have the name of the hall in the middle with the building on the bottom right-hand side.

The Leadership Council came up with the idea for the signs after repeated comments about needing better directions, said Chris Stewart, TLC chairman.

Carlos Robinson, a Welcome Center attendant and former chairman of TLC, said he thought signs would be an asset to OCCC students who don't know the campus very well.

He said, "It's a great idea. [Students] could benefit

from it."

Psychology freshman James Holden said signs would be a great idea because "all the people at the desk are too busy to show students [around campus]. It would make everything flow a lot smoother."

Lindsey Dill, a freshman at the University of Oklahoma taking courses at OCCC, said "signs would be good, especially for upcoming freshmen."

"In my situation, I didn't even know there were hallways in some places [of the college]."

"[With the signs], the freshmen will know all of the places that they can go to get help," she said.

Sign-A-Rama, the company that developed OCCC's original signs, will create the proposed signs with the same look as the old signs, said Stewart.

"The signs will be 11 inches high and 22 inches long," said Stewart.

"The enhancements [to the signs] will be the raised text [for the lettering] and

the almond frame," he said.

Also, Sign-A-Rama has offered to sell OCCC the proposed signs at a discounted rate of \$265 per sign, if the college orders a quantity of at least 14 signs, according to the quote from Sign-A-Rama.

The total estimated cost for the signs will be \$3,760, including a shipping and handling fee, according to the quote.

A deposit of 50 percent of the total cost would be required prior to delivery of the signs, according to the terms of payment for Sign-A-Rama.

The proposal is awaiting approval from Marion Paden, vice president for enrollment and student services, and OCCC President Paul Sechrist in order for funding for the project to be provided.

For more information on the proposal, contact Stewart at 405-682-1611, ext. 7146.

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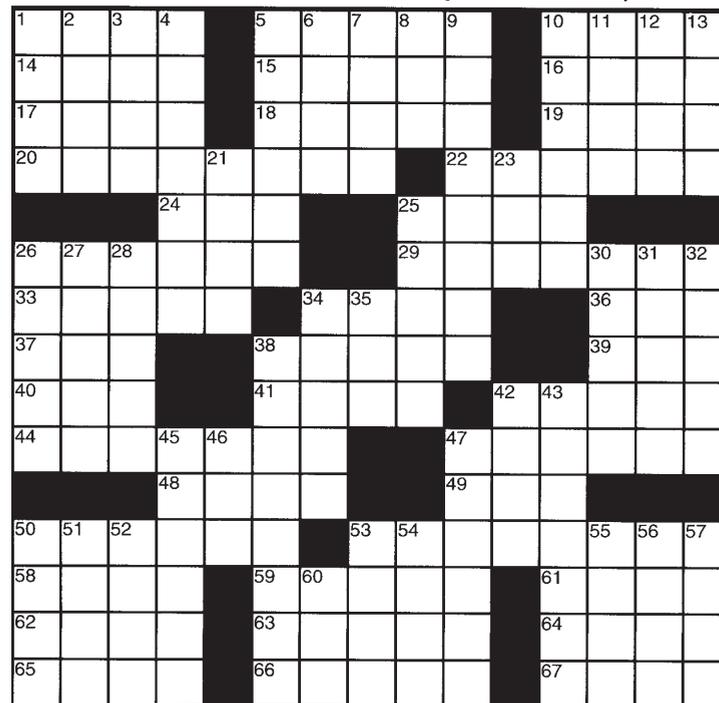
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Summer enrollment rise attributed to concurrent, online enrollment

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Perry, director of Institutional Effectiveness.

Helping to drive up enrollment numbers, the number of Hispanic students rose from 5.6 to 6.8 percent.

Concurrent enrollment students — those taking college courses while still enrolled in high school — also pushed enrollment figures higher, increasing 197 percent this summer, said Stu Harvey, Executive Director of Planning.

Harvey attributes that increase to good planning.

"We now have a full complement of recruiters at local high schools," he said.

Online enrollment has been a factor as well, he said.

OCCC is offering 117 online classes this summer, 21 more than last summer, Harvey said.

In comparison, only 34 were offered in 2001 and 58 in 2003.

Online student Heather Creekmore, Political Science/Pre-law sophomore, is taking Survey of Women's History and Introduction to Child Development.

She said online classes

allow her more time for personal matters because she doesn't have to be in class.

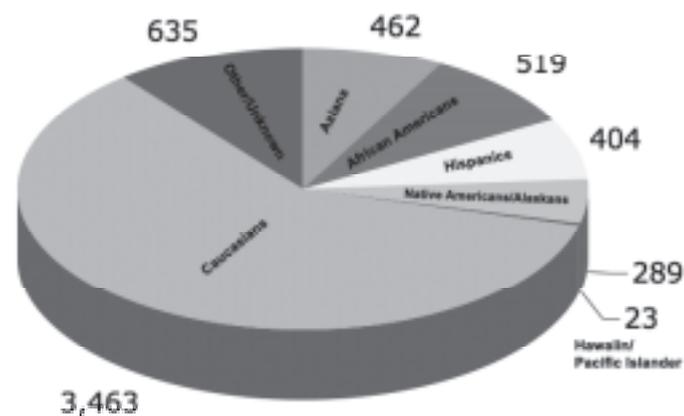
"This semester ... I am attempting to free up more time for family and work," she said.

Sechrist attributes the rise to many factors including recruiting efforts, an emphasis on completing degrees before transferring and new summer classes.

"Having more students get a solid start on a college education while still in high school is important to have more Oklahomans prepared for college."

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Approximate Ethnic Breakdown for Summer 2007



The 5,771 students enrolled at OCCC this summer bring the headcount up by 3.3 percent from last summer. Shown is the ethnic breakdown of those students.

Lottery shortage creates \$185K monthly state payment decrease to OCCC

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equipped for short-term management.

"Long term, that's very difficult," he said.

"You can do that once or twice, but if you have to do it often, then you can't go back to the contingency budget."

Sechrist said if more cuts

were made, the college would have to dip into its reserve funds.

Davis estimates the college has about \$2.5 million in its reserves.

In addition to the June reduction, OCCC saw about \$1.4 million less than it requested to State Regents in new funds for its 2008 budget.

To make up for that

shortfall, the college plans to raise tuition starting in the fall and increase student facility fees \$3 per credit hour, Sechrist said.

He said the college will receive an additional \$828,000 in revenue from increased tuition and fees.

"We had a pretty good idea back in April that we were not going to get significant increases in our

state appropriations," Sechrist said.

"So we recognized that we were going to have to raise tuition a little bit."

The Board of Regents approved the tuition hike at its June 18 meeting.

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