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Parking woes likely to end in a few weeks

By Carrie Cronk
Editor

At the start of the semester, many students experience frustrations caused by the limited number of available parking spaces on campus. This occurs when students are most numerous on campus. Besides attending classes, they also are buying books and changing schedules, putting pressure on campus parking lots.

J. B. Messer, Physical Plant director, said there are 2,800 total parking spaces on the main campus.

Of those, 233 are reserved for staff and faculty, 85 are handicap spaces and 25 are assigned as other, he said, leaving about 2,450 spaces for students and visitors. And when those are full, something has to give.

Traditionally, parking lots A and C fill up faster than other lots on campus. Campus Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas said students should look for available parking in lots D and E, as they routinely have more openings than parking lots A and C.

In the past, when spaces filled up in the parking lots, the grassy area across Faculty Circle

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Remains identified as those of missing student

By Carrie Cronk
Editor

The remains of a woman discovered in April at Camp Kickapoo in rural south Oklahoma City are indeed those of missing OCCC international student Mayuko Kawase, the Oklahoma City Police Department announced Aug. 16.

Kawase, who was 21 at the time of her disappearance, was reported missing Aug. 27, 2001, after her mother, who lives in Japan, had been unable to reach her for several days.

A press release from

"The announcement that the human remains discovered at Camp Kickapoo are those of missing student Mayuko Kawase rekindles the sadness we have felt when we first learned of her disappearance. While this confirmation does answer some questions, her death is a profound tragedy. We express our heartfelt sympathy to her family in Japan and to her friends she made in Oklahoma and here at OCCC."

—Paul Sechrist
OCCC President

the Oklahoma City Police Department reported the findings.

"The OCPD Homicide Unit received word from an independent lab in Texas ... that the DNA samples were a match and the human remains found in April were in fact

Mayuko Kawase," the report stated.

State Medical Examiner Chief Investigator Kevin Rowland said the DNA testing procedure used was mitochondrial DNA testing and was completed out of state.

"You have to use mi-

Summer science



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Jake Casey, 15, uses a self-fashioned clinometer to measure the height of the OCCC flagpole during an indirect measurements lab for the summer math, astronomy and science-tech class taught by college math and physics teachers. Eighth- and ninth-grade students from area schools spent July 23 through 27 learning techniques, theories and their application in various fields of study.

tochondrial testing when you're trying to compare skeletal remains to living relatives to determine paternity," Rowland said.

"What the DNA testing says is that these remains are an offspring of these people."

He said testing was done on samples from

Kawase's mother, father and sister, and then compared to test results from the remains.

The remains are still being examined and a cause of death should be released Aug. 17, Rowland said.

OCPD Assistant Public Information Officer, Sgt. Paco Balderrama, said the po-

lice have some leads and suspects, but would not comment further about the ongoing investigation.

"We don't have enough information to charge anybody," he said.

Balderrama said the missing person and homicide case have

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Get advised, for your sake

Earning a college degree can be tricky, especially for students who plan to transfer their associate degree to a bachelor's program.

With the start of the fall semester, many students refer to the college catalog or meet with advisers to check their degree requirements and to help them choose the right classes for their OCCC degree.

Many students don't realize they should also be checking degree requirements for the university they plan to attend after graduating or transferring from OCCC.

Many universities and colleges have transfer guides which list what OCCC courses will transfer to their institution, and what the course equivalent is there.

Often a degree program at one college will have different course requirements than another school, or the course may be an upper-level course at a senior institution.

For instance, OCCC offers Photoshop I and Photoshop II, which are 1000- and 2000-level courses respectively. At the University of Central Oklahoma, Photoshop is a 4000 level course and is only available for students in certain majors.

Aside from the transfer issues, there also are concerns with a student obtaining too many credits to qualify for financial aid.

After a student at OCCC attempts, not completes, more than 90 credit hours, they must apply for continued eligibility to be considered for further financial aid, and there is no guarantee they will receive that aid.

Most Oklahoma colleges and universities calculate the maximum number of credit hours a student can attempt and qualify for financial aid by multiplying the required number of credit hours for the degree by 1.5.

In addition to the course credit transferring and the financial aid qualification issues, students should also be aware that at many four-year colleges and universities there is a minimum number of credit hours that must be completed at a senior institution, and a certain number of those must be completed at the degree-granting institution.

The University of Oklahoma requires students to complete at least 30 credit hours on their campus for graduation. UCO requires 60 credit hours to be completed for the degree at senior level institutions, 40 of those being in upper-division level courses. Thirty of the credit hours must be completed at UCO. On top of these, UCO has several other credit hour requirements for majors and minors alike.

Students should meet with a transfer adviser at the university they plan to transfer to, so their transition will be smooth and they will be well on their way to completing their bachelor's degree when they finish at OCCC.

—Carrie Cronk
Editor

Recent graduate gives thanks

To the Editor:

I am a recent graduate of OCCC and would like to send my heartfelt appreciation to all the faculty, administration, staff and students at OCCC who helped to make my time at the college a great experience.

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to some special people whose influence will stay with me throughout my lifetime.

I would like to thank David Palkovich, Vijay Ramachandran, Marty Ludlum, Markus Smith, Ralph DeCardenas, Lisa Adkins, and LeAnn Hall for their support and help as sponsors for clubs I participated in.

I would like to thank Liz Largent, Darin Behara, Karlen Grayson, and the Student Life staff for their encouragement, help, support and guidance with the students and the clubs.

To Debra Vaughn and the entire Career Services staff, thank you for your help with many club endeavors and bringing in speakers for numerous club events.

To my many professors, including Mary Punches, Michael Punches, John Ehrhardt, Germain Pichop, Myra Decker, Kayla Fessler, I'd like to thank you for giving me the encouragement to go farther and providing me with a professional classroom experience.

I would like to thank Gary Tucker, Mary Candler, Jerry Steward, John Boyd and President Paul Sechrist for providing me with the opportunity to serve on numerous committees.

To Carlos Robinson, thank you for your support and friendship, as well as all the help you provided while you were chairman of the Leadership Council.

I would also like to thank Julie Young and the accounting lab staff for their assistance, and also the staffs of financial aid, the math lab, the Pioneer, the divisions of Business and Math and Science, and also everyone in President Sechrist's office.

I would like to thank everyone else that was part of my educational experience

at OCCC, and all the students that I have cultivated relationships with.

From a student whom you have influenced greatly, a million thanks for helping me become who I am today, for teaching me the importance of never giving up on my dreams, and for preparing me to proceed into my future.

—Dustin A Fisher
OCCC graduate

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Comments and Reviews

'Potter' saga triumphantly ends

Ten years after she began writing about a certain boy wizard from London, J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" saga comes to a climactic end in "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

As the book opens, the magical world is at war with the sinister dark wizard Lord Voldemort — and the war is not going well.

Harry and his companions Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger are anxious to begin their search for Voldemort's horcruxes, artifacts into which the wizard stored fragments of his soul in an attempt at immortality.

After the anti-Voldemort Order of the Phoenix suffers casualties while evacuating Harry and his estranged family from their house in London, the trio is persuaded to remain in hiding until after the wedding of Ron's brother.

When the dark wizard launches a nearly bloodless coup against the Ministry of Magic, however, Harry and his friends are branded as criminals — and are hunted by both Ministry officials and Voldemort's Death

Eater minions.

From the very beginning, Rowling manages to make "The Deathly Hallows" stand out from its predecessors.

While the book still opens at the home of Harry's less-than-pleasant aunt and uncle, it quickly departs from the formula established in the other novels.

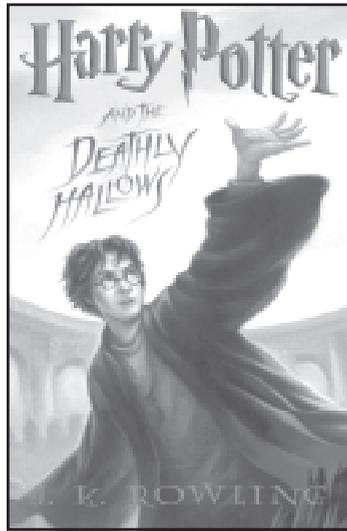
Instead of heading to the magical Hogwarts academy, Harry and his friends have dropped out to carry out the wishes of the late headmaster Dumbledore: destroy the last of Voldemort's horcruxes so that the Dark Lord can finally be killed.

More notable than the change in formula is the change in tone.

With the onset of Voldemort's fascist new order, Harry and other rebels are unable to act openly for fear of reprisal against friends and family.

In addition, troubling secrets about Dumbledore's past are unearthed, forcing many to question the motives of the late headmaster.

More unsettling still is



the sense that no character is safe.

After the events of the opening chapter, it seems all too possible that not everyone will make it to the end of the book.

Rowling does an admirable job of bringing the series to a close.

The final chapters, filled with plot twists and more action than the rest of the series combined, pits Harry and Voldemort against one another in an epic battle at Hogwarts itself... and no questions are left unanswered.

At 759 pages long, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hal-

View from the PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



The fall semester signals the beginning of a new academic year. To those returning students, welcome back. To our new students, let me be one of the first to extend a warm welcome.

Your choice to further your education and earn a college degree is one of the most powerful and life-changing decisions you will ever make. A college degree has never been as important for your financial security as it is today.

OCCC is a world-class college. And, because of the high quality and low cost, OCCC is often the first choice when selecting colleges. Whether you are here to eventually transfer to another college or begin your career, the faculty and staff at OCCC are dedicated to seeing you achieve your dreams.

You have noticed that there is a great deal of construction on campus. The new Health Professions Center and Arts Education Center will open next summer. The new outdoor arts and performance site will be ready in time for the annual Arts Festival Oklahoma over Labor Day Weekend. These new venues are part of OCCC's commitment to compliment the finest faculty and staff with the finest facilities that together provide for an exceptional collegiate experience.

Welcome and have a great semester at OCCC.

—Paul Sechrist
OCCC President

lows" is fairly hefty for a joy it.

supposed children's book — but kids are far from the only audience that will en-

Rating: A+

—Drew Hampton
Contributing Writer

Don't have a cow — 'Simpsons' was worth the 20-year wait

After 20 years as the longest running television sitcom ever, America's most dysfunctional cartoon family finally arrives on the big screen.

"The Simpsons Movie," released July 27, packs a punch full of parody, hilarity and hot diggity fun.

Laced full of satirical humor that makes fun of everyone, "The Simpsons Movie" never stops with witty jokes about environmentalists, politicians, Hollywood actors and Middle America families.

In the film, Arnold Schwarzenegger is the U.S. president and he has ordered a glass dome be placed over Springfield, the Simpsons' hometown, because the city has gotten so polluted that mutated animals were found.

The pollution is the result of Homer dumping waste into the town's lake, most of which belongs

to his adopted pig, which he calls Spider-Pig (he renames it Harry Plopper later in the film).

The city becomes enraged at the Simpsons, forcing Homer to talk Marge into taking the family and escaping far away... to Alaska.

Meanwhile, Bart empathizes with Ned Flanders and begins to take a closer look at how good of a father Homer truly is.

Lisa falls in love with Colin, an Irish boy who shares her interest in saving the environment.

Grandpa Simpson becomes possessed by a demon and Marge stores useful items inside her hair.

Much more of the TV show's typical elements are found in the film.

Written by 11 of the show's best writers, "The Simpsons Movie" is nearly 90 minutes long, but feels like an extended version of a half-hour episode. That's a good thing.

The production crew manages to fit just about every trademark Simpsons experience into the film, from catchphrases and one-liners, to places and characters.

In a scene where all of Springfield's citizens form an angry mob to march toward Homer's house, the camera pans over every single character that has ever made a reoccurring appearance on the show, from Ralph Wiggum and Groundskeeper Willie, to Hank Scorpio and the Comic Book Guy.

The show's creator, Matt Groening, said he tried to include all 320 supporting characters into the film.

Whether or not all of them made it onscreen isn't clear, but the attempt to do it to please the show's loyal fans is commendable.

It is clever features like this in "The Simpsons Movie" that makes the film worthwhile for anyone who

even watched a few episodes, let alone someone who watched the series for years.

That the film incorporates fresh novelties while fitting (but not cramming) most of the famous elements that made "The Simpsons" the longest running TV sitcom ever is feels satisfying.

Rating: A

—Eric Nguyen
Contributing Writer

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Irate swim referee arrested after altercation

By **Matt Bishop**
Staff Writer

A man was arrested earlier this month on charges of destruction of property in the OCCC Aquatic Center.

On Aug. 11, Bret Lackey, 41, was arrested for breaking a hand-held radio. The incident began while he was volunteering as a referee at the YMCA Swim Meet on campus.

Referee Kathleen Dubea, 41, had asked another referee to walk with Lackey because, she said, he had made some bad calls.

When Lackey found out that Dubea had sent another referee to supervise, he went on a tirade, Dubea said.

She said when Lackey approached her, he started yelling, eventually throwing a \$50 Motorola radio at her.

"The radio didn't hit me, but it landed on the pool deck and broke into pieces," Dubea said.

Spectators looked on in shock as Lackey expressed his emotions, she said.

"YMCA teaches respect, caring, and honesty," Dubea said. "He certainly didn't express any of those actions in front of all those kids."

After security officers were called, Lackey left the pool area and headed into the bleachers but, according to the report from OCCC's Department of Public Safety, he was not seen after that.

Security Sgt. Kevin Tipton arrived on the scene and learned Lackey drove a green Chevrolet Suburban. Tipton then alerted other campus officers about the situation, according to the report.

Officer Dennis Shelton found a man fitting Lackey's description in a green Suburban at the intersection of Regents Boulevard and Faculty Circle.

Shelton escorted the man to Tipton at the Aquatic Center where Lackey acknowledged what he had done and apologized, according to the report.

Dubea said she still wanted to press charges on Lackey.

Oklahoma City Police Department sent Sgt. Donny Kidd to arrest the man.

Lackey was arrested and taken to the Oklahoma City Police Department for booking for destruction of property.

Tipton said Lackey had been arrested on a previous

count for injuring a child.

Lackey, from Muskogee, also had brought a youngster to the swim meet. The child was taken into the care of other adults.

In another matter, there was an incident of a per-

son going to homes and fraudulently soliciting donations for an OCCC Bookstore fundraiser.

According to the bookstore, they are not soliciting donations.

A woman called the book-

store regarding the person soliciting and was told by bookstore employee Jon Robertson that they were not soliciting funds.

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OCCC Coffee Shop open for business

By Jay Rocamontes
Staff Writer

By popular demand, the OCCC Coffee Shop is now the newest addition to student life on campus.

The kiosk offers a multitude of classic Starbucks signature hot or iced espresso coffees or blended beverages.

Various coffee alternatives such as hot or cold Tazo teas, hot chocolate, spiced cider and an all-new line of bottled beverages also are offered.

Student idea evolves into on-campus store

By Jay Rocamontes
Staff Writer

In January 2006, the campus coffee shop got its start as the brainchild of International Business major and Carson Foods employee Murod Mamatov, or D.J., developed an innovative idea that ultimately changed the OCCC campus.

"As a class project in Introduction to Business, D.J. developed a very professional and well thought-out presentation proposing the idea of an independent, on-campus cyber café called the OKCCC coffee shop," Administrator of Extended Services Jack Kraettli said.

Mamatov's proposal suggested that a centrally located coffee shop would maintain profitability and promote the socialization of students and faculty in a non-formal environment, Kraettli said.

He said the presentation started a breeze of support and enthusiasm that swept through the class overcoming the students and the professor.

This firm boost in confidence motivated Mamatov to refine his presentation and deliver it to the former OCCC food vendor, Seller's Café.

The apparently costly project, originally deterred advocates, and narrowed the road DJ traveled to make this dream a reality.

With Kraettli's help, Mamatov's presentation made it into the hands of Acting Associate Vice-President for Community Development Gary Davidson, who then presented the proposal to college administrators.

Assistant Directors of Finance Linda McMurtry and Brenda Carpenter saw definite potential in Mamatov's proposal and deemed the project a positive and worthwhile revenue opportunity for the school, Davidson said.

The support of college administrators and the formal recommendations of two directors of finance helped to solidify President Paul Sechrist's decision to approve the project and allocate funds.

"Students are an excellent source of ideas and should feel very comfortable making suggestions," Sechrist said.

"Students suggesting ideas for enhancing the OCCC experience should submit [those] via the suggestion boxes located throughout campus or by talking to the Student Leadership Council," Sechrist said.

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"The coffee shop will be providing previously unavailable services to all students, including those attending evening classes."

—Paul Sechrist
OCCC President

OCCC food service providers Carson's Market Fresh Café staffs the kiosk and prepares the majority of items sold.

"Not being a licensed

Starbucks kiosk keeps Carson's from using trademarked drink names such as the popular frappuccino line," said College Union General Manager Corrine Aguilar.

"However, the service and product will be much the same."

Aguilar said, for now, the kiosk will open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturdays.

"Shop hours of operation will be geared more towards student convenience than of the college union.

"Hours may be subject to change pending staffing and the student enrollment of both evening and weekend courses," she said.

While a soft opening was held on Aug. 6 to refine the skills of coffee shop employees, the grand opening for the fall semester will be Aug. 20.

Student focus groups, led by independent business consultants brought in by the college, illustrated the favorable opinion students had for an on-campus coffee shop, serving Starbucks brand coffees.

Made fresh daily food items such as premium salads, deli wraps, sandwiches, fresh cut fruit, breakfast quiche and a soup of the day will also be available.

Cookies, pastries and cakes will be brought in from an outside source that has yet to be determined.

Radiology-technician sophomore Hillary Moesinger said it's a good idea.

"[It] will be an excellent addition for when the weather gets cold; I enjoy having coffee or hot chocolate in the morning."

Bio-chem major Lily Herrera agrees.

"It will be nice to get coffee or snacks in the evening to help you stay awake while you study."

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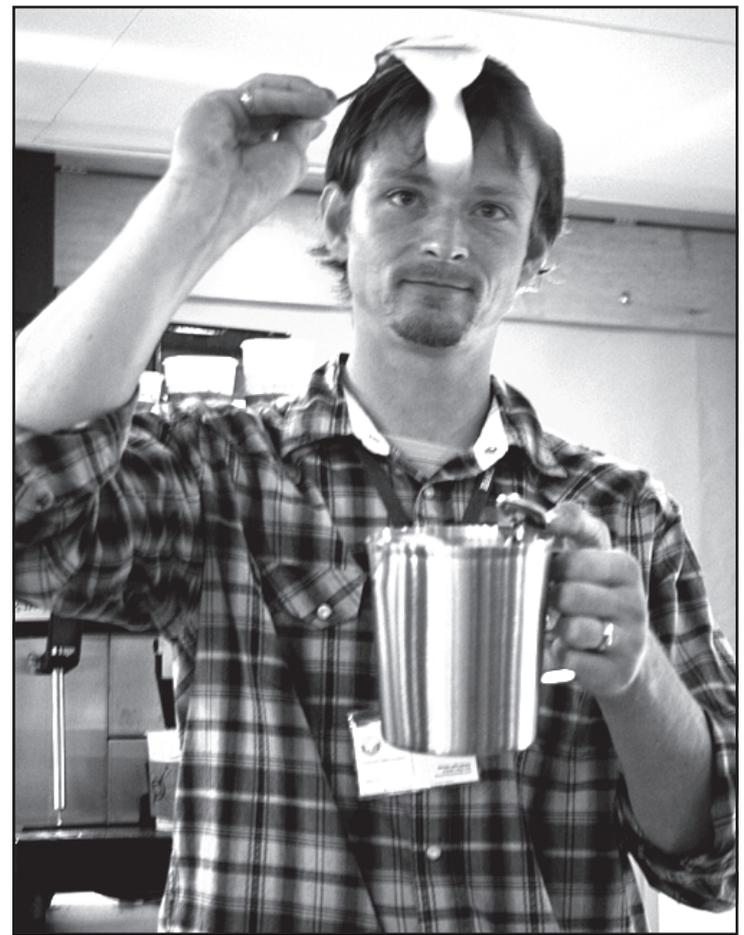


Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Bryan Nixon teaches future OCCC Coffee Shop employees the fine art of manufacturing cappuccino foam. Opening for business for the fall semester, the new coffee shop is run by Carson's Market Fresh Cafe employees and feature Starbucks brand coffee. Nixon is the South Central Texas Oklahoma Account Services Representative for Starbucks.

After numerous informal discussions with students, OCCC President Paul Sechrist found excellent reason to fully support and fund the addition.

"The coffee shop will be providing previously unavailable services to all students, including those attending evening classes," he said.

The \$71,500 project was funded through a contingency reserve used for the replacement of broken or

damaged school property.

"It's an awful-lot of money they spent on the place when they could be doing other things with it," OCCC student Jared Merz said.

An informal poll of student interviewed illustrated 9/10 students believe the OCCC Coffee Shop was a good idea and will bring in steady profits for years to come.

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Love them, hate them, but rate your professors online

Website allows students to critique professors

By **Eric Nguyen**
Contributing Writer

OCCC students are turning the tables on their instructors with RateMyProfessors.com, a website that lets the pupil do the grading.

The site, which includes

a database of more than 500 OCCC professors, allows students to post a review rating on the performance of instructors, based on easiness, helpfulness and clarity.

Students also can rate whether the instructors are “hot” or not.

Instructors receive an overall rating with 0 being the lowest and 5 being the highest.

Smiley faces are given those who rate above a 4, an indifferent face for those ranked between a 3 and 4, and a sad face for a ranking below 3.

Students also can post comments about their experiences with professors without being registered users.

Physical education major Lauren McGinley said she enrolled in a biology class instead of a geography class at Missouri State University in the spring after reading negative comments about a professor.

“I looked up a teacher with a smiley face instead and enrolled in [the professor’s] class,” McGinley said.

The site provides a useful source for students, she said. “[The ratings] seemed to be accurate.”

English professor Pamela Stout said she has visited the site and looked at her ratings.

Stout currently receives an “overall quality” rating of 4.4 out of 43 submissions.

She thinks the site’s rating criteria is too limited and the site doesn’t always attract complete student input.

“[RateMyProfessors.com] attracts the students who are passionate, one way or another,” Stout said.

“Maybe [some students] have gotten a grade they didn’t feel good about and go to the site [to post a comment].”

History professor Ray McCullar said he agrees that students only rate professors they either like or don’t like, but says most students tend to be fair in their comments.

“Students are decent and reasonable people and I think they give [professors] the benefit of the doubt,” McCullar said.

On the site, he has a 4.6 overall quality score out of

OCCC profs on RateMyProfessors.com includes...

Richard Anglin, psychology
Melinda Barr, history
Gary Dominguez, graphic arts
Rick Lippert, communications
Mary Punches, English
Ron Staton, music

59 ratings.

While most comments started with words such as “Awesome” and “Amazing,” one user posted a comment on McCullar’s page stating, “I had a bad experience with this teacher after answering a question he asked.

“I guess I got the question wrong, but he humiliated me in front of the entire class to the point I was in tears,” the user said.

McCullar said he wasn’t aware this happened at the time and said he takes into consideration all comments he reads on the site — good or bad — as an indicator of what he is doing right and what he could do better.

Comments on RateMyProfessors.com are submitted anonymously.

Stout cautions students not to take the teacher evaluations there too seriously because, she said, not every student in a class registers with the website to post ratings.

Math professor Jay Malmstrom said he has been to the site to look at professors’ ratings, and agrees with Stout, saying since the site depends on students to voluntarily submit ratings, it isn’t a reliable site to determine an instructor’s performance.

“There’s really no control to who gets on there ... [so the ratings] can be manipulated,” Malmstrom said.

“I can get on there myself and leave a rating 3 or 4 times ... and artificially boost results up or drive it down.”

Stout said the college administers its own kind of teacher evaluation with the Student Input on Instruction forms given to stu-

dents near the end of each semester.

“The SIIs are more of a true representation [of teacher evaluation] because everybody fills those out,” Stout said.

The SII forms are voluntary as well, but Malmstrom said most, if not all of his students, complete the forms in class.

McCullar said he doesn’t think there is much difference between RateMyProfessors.com and the SII forms given by OCCC.

Both essentially serve the same result, he said, which is students grading professors, not necessarily on job performance, but on whether or not they like them.

“That’s not to say there’s not such a thing as a valid low rating,” McCullar said. “If you have 50 students and 40 say [a professor] doesn’t seem to care what happens in class, that’s probably right.

“That is simply because most people are reasonable and fair, and most people would be really reluctant to say that unless it’s the truth.”

Science education major Samantha Hammon said a good instructor knows the material they are teaching, teaches it well and takes time out of class to help students.

RateMyProfessors.com is a good tool to get a feeling for what an instructor might be like, she said.

“I’ve enrolled in classes because of it,” she said. [The ratings] have some merit, but some of them are just from people who are blowing off steam. You have to take in all the comments, not just one or two.”

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OPENS NATIONWIDE AUGUST 31

Get to know the many labs on campus



Lab Assistant Ross Kiddie eagerly helps sophomore Martha Velasco with zoology homework in the Bio-Science Center. Students can get help with homework by using models and various hands-on equipment in the lab. Computers and video equipment are also available for online or computer-based labs. Fall Bio-Science Lab hours are 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

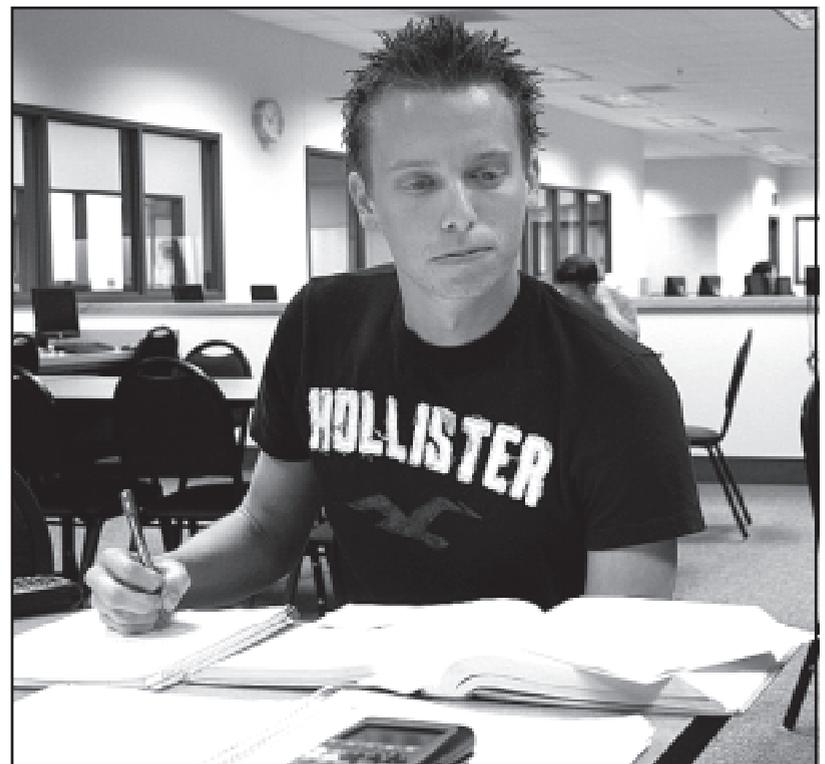
OCCC has more than a handful of labs geared toward students and specific areas of study.

Labs ranging from communications to biology are available to students with help on lab projects, homework and for those with general questions.

The labs are found in the buildings where that subject is taught most. For instance, any science lab can be found in the Robert P. Todd Science, Engineering and Math Center. The Communications Lab is in the Main Building since it's a general lab to help students across all majors.

Each lab has different operating hours but all are staffed by current and former students as tutors and lab assistants.

For more information on any given lab, refer to the photo captions on this page.



Top: Math student Clayton Earlywine works on homework in the OCCC Math Lab. There, textbooks, instructional DVDs, computer learning programs, answer keys and a knowledgeable horde of math tutors are available for use by OCCC students. Math Lab hours are 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.



Left: Communication Lab tutor Yousef Kazemi helps sophomore Ann Hovda revise a summer assignment. Students can visit the lab for word processing, learning to proofread, and assistance with revisions in grammar, spelling, and composition of papers. Fall Communications Lab hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays, and 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays.

**Photos and text
by Jay Rocamontes**

Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**Aug. 20:** Registration for fall intramurals begins. Fall semester's intramural sports list includes basketball, bench pressing, flag football, soccer, table tennis and bowling.

For more information, contact Community Health and Recreation Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Aug. 28:** A meeting for those interested in joining OCCC's club soccer team will be held at 7 p.m. in room 1C1B, near the Recreation and Community Services office.

The cost for joining the club soccer team is \$35 per semester.

Have a great sports story you want to share? Know an athlete the Pioneer should talk to? Contact Matt at 405-682-1611, ext. 7440 or by e-mail at StaffWriter2@occc.edu.

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Time for fall cleaning



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Lifeguard Brandon Booth scrubs algae from the OCCC Aquatic Center pool during the week-long locker room renovations that took place Aug. 13 to 17. The Wellness Center gym, pool, locker rooms and Recreation Community Services office were all closed for the installation of new lockers and mirrors. Regular fall hours of operation will resume Aug. 20. For more information regarding fall fitness enrollment or Wellness Center hours, call Recreation Community Services at 405-682-7860.

Fall adds bowling to the mix

By Matt Caban
Contributing Writer

OCCC students can look forward to a full slate of intramural and club sports this fall, said Eric Watson, Community Health and Recreation specialist.

Sports will include basketball, bench press, flag football, soccer, table tennis and a new addition, bowling.

"We're doing a bowling tournament this fall," he said. "We're setting up a thing with the Holiday Lanes 44."

Watson said the bowling tournament will have a fee unlike other intramurals, which are free to currently enrolled students.

"[It is] a fee for \$10 that includes shoe rental and a drink from the concession stand," he said.

Watson said the idea to host a sport off campus isn't new.

"When I originally came here there was intramural pool at a [lo-

cal] pool hall," he said.

Watson said he would like to have more off-campus events in the future.

As for the present, open registration for all fall intramurals starts Monday, Aug. 20, he said.

Watson said participants must be current students. He said students can register in the Recreation and Community Services Office.

Watson also said any student who registers for an intramural sport must provide current contact information to complete their registration.

Participants also should pick up a copy of the revised intramural handbook, he said. It is available at the Wellness Center, RCS office and online at www.occc.edu/rcs.

Watson said the most notable change to the rulebook is the addition of a sportsmanship grade for all intramural teams.

"All teams must have at least a C average to be in the playoffs," he

said. "This is to hold [players] accountable during activities."

He said the sportsmanship grade began because there have been a few incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct in past semesters.

Other sports and programs will be offered this fall alongside the intramurals, Watson said. He said both club soccer and the Fall-into-Fitness program will return.

"We had Fall-into-Fitness back in 2005," he said. "It is a self-paced fitness program."

Meanwhile, club soccer returns after going dormant in the spring semester, Watson said.

He said there will be a meeting for those who want to play club soccer at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, in 1C1B.

The cost for club soccer is \$35 per player. The club soccer team plays teams from other Oklahoma colleges. For more information, contact Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

New on-campus site to host Arts Festival Oklahoma

By **Brittany Legako**
News Writing Student

Arts Festival Oklahoma is rapidly approaching. The annual festival, to be held Labor Day weekend on OCCC's campus, will include arts, crafts, an area for children and food vendors.

Beginning Aug. 31 and ending Sept. 3, the festival will be held at a new location, which was constructed solely for the event.

The festival site is located on the northwest side of the Main Building.

The new site was developed after the previous site was earmarked as the location for the Arts Education Center, which currently is being built.

Gary Phillips, Building and Campus supervisor, said the new area will help

keep those in attendance dry, in the event of rainfall.

He said the festival is open to the public. There is a \$3 parking fee and parking is available on the campus lots.

Hours for the arts festival is 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 3.

Nursing student Becca Oberfield said she enjoys attending the arts festival for the atmosphere it delivers.

"I love going to the arts festival. I like the culture that it brings, and the food is always a plus, too," Oberfield said.

The new festival location will house two 60-foot by 90-foot tents, and three 60-foot by 150-foot tent, Phillips said.

One of the smaller tents will be designated as an area for children to create arts and crafts, finger painting and a giant sand pit.

The other smaller tent will be designated for arts and crafts for adults, Phillips said.

The three larger tents will include two artist tents and one crafts tent that will include clothing, jewelry and yarned crafts.

Magic performances and live entertainment also will fill the festival.

Parking lot C will house 14 food vendors. Phillips

said the vendors will serve food ranging from burgers to ice cream, and Indian tacos to shaved ice.

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Moving forward



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

OCCC student organization and club representatives attended a Student Life sponsored leadership retreat held at Roman Nose State Park Aug. 10 through 12. Club leaders learned the fundamentals of maintaining and developing successful student organizations while simultaneously creating valuable friendships and contacts for the upcoming semester.

Highlights

Open audition for OCCC play

Auditions for Director Mikie Park's interpretation of Shirley Lauro's "A Piece of My Heart" will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 6 p.m., in the OCCC theater foyer. Auditions will consist of one male and six female roles chosen from a cold reading from the script. Rehearsals will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and Saturday afternoons starting after Labor Day. For more information, contact director Mikie Park at 405-476-6668, or at mikie.pocd@gmail.com.

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 www.kellyengineering.com.

OCCC chamber singers auditions

Auditions for the OCCC performing choir will be Monday, Aug. 20, and Tuesday, Aug. 21, in room 1D4B. A sign-up sheet can be found outside Professor Ron Staton's office for securing audition times. Tuition Fee waivers will be available for members of this choir. For more information, contact Ron Staton at 405-682-1611, ext. 7249, or rstaton@occc.edu.

Jazz ensemble auditions

OCCC Jazz ensemble auditions will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, and Wednesday Aug. 22, in room 1C5. Regular rehearsals will be Tuesday and Wednesday nights. At least two concerts will be held during the fall. Guitar, bass, drums, piano, trumpet, trombone, saxophone and vocals welcome.

Clubs make the difference

By Drew Hampton
Contributing Writer

As the fall semester begins and new students flood the college, student clubs and organizations that lay dormant in the summer will become active.

TLC Chair Chris Stewart said students could benefit from joining a club in a number of ways, including gaining leadership skills, meeting professionals, and learning to network.

"I cannot express how important networking is," Stewart said.

"You could be meeting your next boss, or the person who could get you your next job."

Even if finding a job isn't a student's top priority, Stewart said, club members would still be meeting friends and faculty members that could help them in a variety of ways.

In addition, Student Clubs and Organizations Assistant Karlen Grayson said individual clubs might be able to offer more immediate benefits, such as possible scholarship opportunities and an increased

chance to impress potential employers.

"By being active in a club or organization, it does show ... that they are leaders and team players, which will enhance their résumé," she said.

Grayson said there are close to 36 active clubs and organizations currently on campus, categorized into four general types:

- Honor societies such as Phi Theta Kappa and Psi Beta.

- Departmental clubs such as the Business Professionals of America and Psychology Sociology Club.

- Special interest organizations like the College Democrats and Hispanic Organization to Promote Education.

- Religious organizations such as Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship and Baptist Collegiate Ministries.

While club membership is currently down, Stewart said he is optimistic.

He said a significant number of incoming students had already expressed interest in campus organizations.

Stewart and Grayson said

there are several ways students interested in campus clubs can find more information, mostly centered around the Student Life office.

"At Student Life, we have mailboxes for the various clubs," Grayson said.

"[Students] can leave messages in the club mailboxes, or they can pick up a club brochure [with contact information]."

Grayson also suggested students routinely check the club boards posted across campus, which are regularly updated with contact information, meeting dates and events for individual clubs.

"Normally, the students don't start posting club activities until August, because we can't actually schedule (events) until we find out exactly how much space is available and what is available," she said.

Stewart said he would encourage students to get involved in clubs or organizations to enhance their educational experience.

"You can learn so much," he said. "It can do great things."

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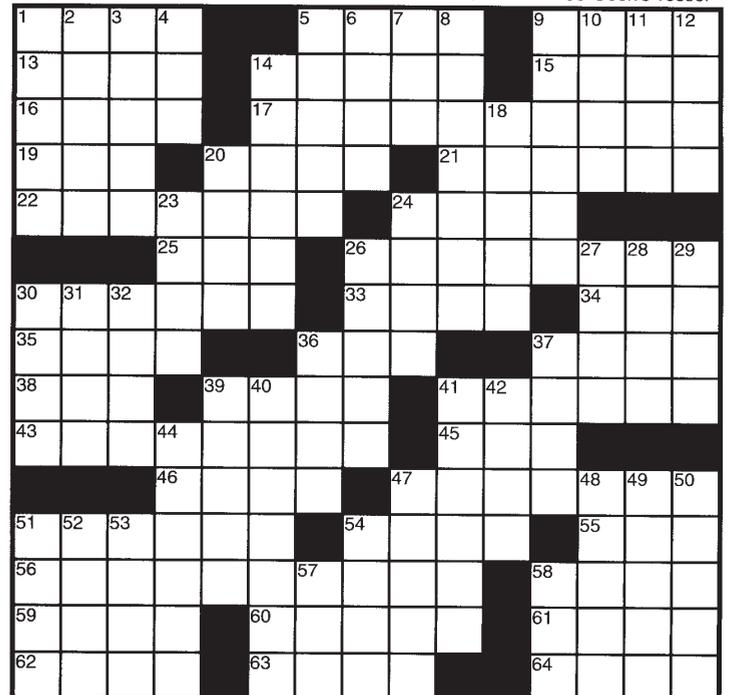
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Students encouraged to park in less popular lots D and E

"Parking,"
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from the Arts and Humanities building was used for overflow parking.

That area is no longer available as the Arts Festival Oklahoma site was relocated there with the start of construction for the Arts Education Center.

Sloas said the overflow parking this year would be moved to the grassy field just south of the Aquatic Center, located near parking lot E.

"In lot E there's a curb cut where you can drive up onto the curb and drive onto the field."

Sloas said if the overflow parking area is needed Safety and Security would have people directing traffic in that area.

Sloas said he recommends students arrive 10 to 15 minutes early until after the first few weeks of the semester, when parking areas tend to have more

space.

Although a parking lot was constructed in the arts festival area, it will not be available for use until a week after Labor Day weekend, Messer said.

"We'll still have a lot of work going on in that area, so we won't be utilizing that area for parking until after the arts festival is completed," he said.

The 68 spaces in that lot will not be available for student use as the lot will be needed for arts festival vendors as they arrive the week before the festival.

Construction in other areas should have minimal impact on parking availability, Messer said.

In addition to the construction site traffic, access to Arts and Humanities building Entry 5 will be available only from parking lot C.

Messer said access would not be available from lot D until the walkway to the new Arts Education Center

is completed.

Limited parking availability is only one worry for students, staff and faculty in the parking lots. Theft also is a concern.

Sloas said drivers should lock their car doors and lock valuables in their trunks, glove compartments or consoles.

He added everyone should be aware of what's going on around them and know the location of the emergency call boxes.

Call boxes are located on the plaza and also on the lettered light poles located in each parking lot.

"If [students] see anything (suspicious) or need our help, they can push those call boxes and talk directly to us," he said.

In addition to the call boxes, there also are security cameras located in every parking lot now.

"We have all the lots covered and they record 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Sloas said.

The cameras are programmed to zoom in on the call boxes when someone calls security from one.

Sloas said he strongly discourages anyone from approaching any suspicious person or activity.

"Please use the call boxes (to) call us when stuff's going on in the parking lot because we can zoom in very quickly and find out what's going on, where you're at and what's happening to you," Sloas said.

In addition to safety concerns, Sloas said Safety and Security officers would

be issuing citations for parking lot and traffic violations.

"The first couple of weeks we're concentrating on the fires lanes, faculty parking spaces, handicapped (parking), and double parking," Sloas said.

Information about traffic and parking policies and fines can be found in the student handbook, in the Safety and Security Office, or online at www.occc.edu/Security.

Editor Carrie Cronk can be reached at editor@occc.edu.

Missing student's remains identified Aug. 15

"Kawase,"
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both remained open since Kawase's disappearance was first reported.

Phyllis Switzer, daughter of Kawase's host family, said her family learned the remains were Kawase's when a news station called her mother for an interview.

Switzer met Kawase when she was an international student at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Switzer and her mother decided to each sponsor international students when UCO's program was in need of host families.

Switzer said Kawase was like a little sister to her and that Kawase was close to her host family.

"She loved my kids," Switzer said.

"She loved to listen to them play."

She said Kawase also enjoyed listening to her younger son play guitar for

her.

Kawase was a sweet, innocent and trusting young woman, Switzer said.

"She always had such an innocence about her.

"She would trust anybody and everybody, it didn't matter who it was, and I tried to tell her you just can't trust everybody."

Switzer said Kawase often told her host mother when she was going out with friends, but didn't mention who the friends were.

"When [Mayuko] came up missing, her mom said (Mayuko told her) she was going to go to the bookstore with a friend but (that she) never did say who the friend was," Switzer said.

Kawase's professors have also expressed their sadness at her death.

Learning Skills Professor Carlotta Hill said Kawase was a sweet girl who had



Mayuko Kawase

made close friendships in her class.

"She was a wonderful student, and her loss is great ... she could have contributed tremendously to society, and she al-

ready had, because she (had) made friends."

Learning Skills Professor Linda Robinett said Kawase was a quiet and intelligent student.

"She was such a great student and so sweet," Robinett said.

"She got along so well with everybody ... she didn't know anybody at first but she was so nice that others just included her and she had such good friends in the class.

"She was a nice girl."

Kawase's family lives in Japan.

Editor Carrie Cronk can be reached at editor@occc.edu.

Veterans share parking secrets



"I usually park west of the library in parking lot C, [because] it is close to my classes and there are always available parking spaces. It's nice not to have a far walk when you are tired after a long day."

—Laura Brinkman
OCCC Student

"I try to park by the building that is has the majority of my classes. Sometimes I use the library parking lot and just walk through the library to the Main Building. It's convenient and there are always ample parking spaces."

—Chris Scott
Psychology Sophomore



"I take a lot of morning classes and i just try and get here early to find a good parking place. Just make sure to keep you eyes peeled and be aware of your surroundings if you take evening classes and get out late."

—Nicki Weed
Business Sophomore

"I try and park near automotive... there are usually open spaces, and it is close to the building. It's great for hot days or when it's raining."

—Trent Steward
Psychology major



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