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# PIONEER

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## Pathways student dies in accidental shooting Sept. 9

By **Stephen Sossamon**  
Staff Writer

Students in the high school on campus found themselves grieving the loss of a classmate who died Sept. 9 after a gun accident.



**Kenneth McCauley**

Kenneth McCauley, Pathways Middle College junior, died after accidentally shooting himself the night before.

He was a junior at the high school located within the college on the third floor of the Main Building.

McCauley had been attending Pathways since

2005. The school has 80 students.

Pathways principal Carol Brogan said tragedy has brought the students closer together.

"Pathways students are a tightly knit group. The death has united the school as

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## Play acting



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Theater professor Brent Noel and theater graduate Stacy Kettner give powerful performances earlier this month during David Mamet's "Oleanna." The play depicted a relationship between a college professor and the student he is trying to help. (See page 6 for stories.)

## Tornado, fire, safety plans in place at OCCC

By **Carrie Cronk**  
Editor  
and **Cynthia Praefke**  
Staff Writer

Each semester, fire alarms and severe weather alerts can sound on campus at any time.

In the past year, 10 fire alarms have sounded on campus and two have sounded at the John Massey Center.

When these events occur, students need to know what they should do and where they should go.

Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director, said the college has equipment, policies and procedures in place to help ensure the safety of students, employees and visitors.

The college has emer-

gency escape route maps and approximately 300 fire extinguishers located throughout the campus.

"We don't consider any alarm false," Sloas said. "The system has detected something and wants the building evacuated."

He added that students, employees and visitors should use the nearest stairwell not affected by fire to evacuate the building.

Persons with physical disabilities unable to reach handicap accessible exits, should move to the nearest "Area of Refuge" stairwell landing and wait for security or fire department personnel to assist them, Sloas said.

Once outside, people should move to the parking lots, as the fire department

will need to park near the curbs, he said.

Sloas said in the event of a fire the college has "a large fire suppression and detection system that is inspected quarterly."

If the fire detection system sounds an alarm, the fire doors will close to isolate the area where the fire has occurred.

Campus Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Bourque said there are two types of fire doors on campus, which are closed automatically by the system during a alarm.

One type of doors resembles heavy curtains on a track and can be found near the Testing Center, Student Support Services, the Communications Lab on the first floor of the main

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—Ike Sloas  
Safety and Security Director

building, and near the new math lab in the Robert P. Todd Science, Engineering and Math Center on the second floor of the Main Building.

The other fire doors are magnetic release doors, which are double doors that can be found between the Main Building and the Al Snipes Boardroom, and also at the ramp leading up to the Automotive Center.

To prepare for severe weather, Sloas said, Safety and Security officers monitor storm warnings with

weather detection systems in the office and their vehicles, and they attend weather training annually.

If a severe weather alert directly affects the college, he said, warnings would be sent via phones, which are located in offices and classrooms campuswide.

"[The phones] flash and use a tone like the emergency broadcast tone used on your TV," he said.

Although the Child Development Center and Lab School,

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

# Take me to the leader

Do you know the name of OCCC's president? Many students do not know the answer: Paul Sechrist. Even fewer students have actually seen or spoken with him.

About half the students polled knew Sechrist's name. Only about 10 percent of students polled had seen Sechrist in person and had a conversation with him. Most of the students who had seen or spoken with the president were also OCCC employees.

A college or university president has many roles, many of which take place behind the scenes. But the president still needs to maintain a presence on campus. Without this presence, many students might forget there is a college president, if they knew there was one at all.

If someone visits the University of Oklahoma campus, chances are most students there would know the name David Boren. These students are too young to know of his political career — they know him because they see him on campus. They know him because he will stop to talk to them, or sit by them in the student union.

OCCC's president could have the same presence someday. It has to start small. Being seen having coffee with someone at the coffee shop would be a nice start. Making a daily trip through the halls and saying "Hi" to those he passes would be wonderful.

Spontaneity is the key. A monthly President's lunch would be a good idea, but by itself would still be lacking. The students who want to know the president will seek him out. For others, it might not be a priority or even something they've considered.

Despite its smaller size OCCC will always be compared to OU, partly due to its close proximity to our campus. But the fact is many students have a choice for college. Part of the appeal of a community college is access to administrators — to the people who can have a large impact on one's education.

OCCC is a fine academic institution that deserves recognition. A more noticeable presence from President Sechrist would build a better relationship with students. That relationship could do wonders for recruitment. It could also help students have a better experience simply by having access to the president and other members of the administration. That's something that needs to be passed on to others. If a prospective student hears and sees how much a president cares, it means something.

One student said she didn't care who OCCC's president was because she wasn't going to be at OCCC long. Is she getting the most out of her time? All students should care, because OCCC shouldn't be seen simply as an in-between, or as just a stepping stone. It should be one of the best educational experiences one has.

—Brian Stansberry  
Staff Writer

# AmeriCorps seeking student applicants

**To the editor:**

Students seeking money for college could receive help through a program that teaches Oklahomans about money management.

Oklahoma Money Matters, the financial literacy arm of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loan Program, is currently enrolling members in its statewide AmeriCorps Education Award Program, Called OKMM-EAP.

OKMM serves as a clearing house of information and resources to help Oklahomans successfully manage personal finances, understand consumer credit issues and navigate the student financial aid process.

OCCC, an OKMM-EAP field site, is now accepting member applications.

OKMM-EAP members are trained to provide free financial education services in their communities.

In exchange for their service, members receive a

\$1,000 education award from the National Service Trust to pay direct educational expenses, such as college tuition and room and board, and repay student loans.

Angela Caddell, OKMM director, said the education award isn't the only benefit students receive.

"Members finish our program with an impressive array of professional skills and are identified as alumni of a nationally recognized network of volunteers, which helps them stand out from the crowd when applying for jobs or graduate school," she said.

Qualified applicants must be at least 17 years old, a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, and have a high school diploma or GED.

No prior financial knowledge is required.

All candidates are subject to an OSBI background check. For more information or an application, call Jack Kraettli, Extended Services administrator at 405-682-7553 or visit

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—Jack Kraettli  
Extended Services  
Administrator

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## Comments and Reviews

# 'Shoot Em' Up' packs in action and humor

If you want a high-octane and action-packed movie with a twist of humor, then "Shoot Em' Up" will trigger a satisfying rush of intense excitement.

Mr. Smith (Clive Owen) is an eccentric madman whose mission is to lay down his own brand of justice.

Along with his extensive military background, Mr. Smith also was a British gunsmith and has become ridiculously handy with a gun.

With no true home, Smith begins the movie sitting on a bench on a secluded urban street.

A pregnant woman runs by after being chased by a man with a gun. Smith comes to the rescue, shooting the man and all his partners who show up during the first scene.

It was a precursor of what was to come in the rest of the movie as "Shoot Em' Up" certainly lives up to its name.

After saving the baby, who had been born during the shootout right before the mother killed herself, Mr.

Smith takes care of the baby, while a gang of criminals hunt for it.

Mr. Hertz (Paul Giamatti) is the brilliant mastermind behind the criminal activity.

His psychological gifts enable him to predict when, where and what his targets will do with near flawless accuracy, until he meets Smith.

Hertz is stumped in every attempt to find the baby and kill Smith.

While protecting the baby, Smith asks Dairy Queen (Monica Bellucci), a prostitute who treats her clients as if they were her own kids, to help take care of the baby.

From then on the movie consists of dozens of crazy shooting scenes that are ridiculously unrealistic.

Smith often takes on around 10 enemies at one time, coming up unscarred in most battles.

Although farfetched, there is a possibility Smith could become one of the biggest and baddest action heroes of all time.

From managing to shoot

people after flying out the windshield during a head-on collision to spraying a gang of enemies by throwing a gun in the air with a carrot holding the trigger, it was nearly a turn-off in the sense that it was almost too easy.

The clever humor, however, keeps the movie entertaining and interesting, and who said that fiction can't be entertaining?

The final scene is a perfect climax to the rest of the movie. It will surely leave people talking.

Also, the quote at the end will please anybody who is rooting for Smith.

Overall the movie was entertaining throughout every scene.

It never has a dull moment, including a battle during a sex scene that will indeed please the ladies, and gather a few laughs.

This clever action movie, is made for the guys and girls. Everyone can indulge in this movie and enjoy every moment of it.

**Rating: A**

—**Matt Bishop**  
Staff Writer

# 'Mr. Woodcock' funny for mature audiences

Movie buffs usually associate Billy Bob Thornton with the most crude and offensive kind of humor. Some people are taken aback by his style while others can appreciate it. I have to admit that I have never been a big fan, but I gave "Mr. Woodcock" a chance anyway, and it was truly enjoyable.

John Farley (Seann William Scott) was an overweight kid tortured by Mr. Woodcock (Thornton), a ruthless gym teacher whom he strongly believed was re-

sponsible for destroying his fragile, young self-esteem.

After accepting an invitation back to his home town to receive an award for his new bestselling book, Farley returns to his mother's home to find his worst nightmare realized. Mr. Woodcock is dating his mother (Susan Sarandon).

From the battle within himself to overcome the horrors of his past, and the hilarious verbal and physical war waged between the two men, John learns that

the self-help book he wrote can not aid him in the greatest dilemma of his life.

When John finally stands up to his abuser, he gains the respect he always thought he deserved as a child.

The movie's rating of PG-13 is appropriate, with much sexual humor and just a few curse words. The film is good for a few good laughs, though only for a mature audience.

**Rating: A**

—**Jennifer Uhls**  
Contributing Writer

## CAREER POWER

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—**Vince Lombardi**

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Everybody loves a fair and on Oct. 3 Employment Services is hosting our fall Job Fair — General Employers and Health Professionals.

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—**Judi McGee**  
Employment Services  
Coordinator

# Controversial play prompts discussion

By Jennifer Uhls  
News Writing Student

Sexual harassment cases hinge more on the perception of the victim than the intent of the accused, one expert said in a panel discussion that followed the Sept. 6 performance of "Oleanna," a play by David Mamet.

Millie Tibbetts, OCCC's Equal Employment Opportunity compliance officer, said the fictional characters in the play committed a number of mistakes that made the situation worse, including meeting privately after a complaint had been filed.

The campus production attracted an almost-full house Thursday night, Sept. 6, with about 100 members of the audience staying for

the discussion that followed.

Tibbetts stressed the importance of the individuals involved not meeting alone during a sexual harassment investigation.

This is for their physical and legal protection. The characters in the play met alone more than once after a complaint had been filed, ultimately leading to the professor attacking the student.

The discussion was led by play director Ruth Charney, the Arts and Humanities acting dean.

On the panel with Tibbetts was sociology Professor Jerry Ludlow; theater Professor Brent Noel, who played the male role; and University of Central Oklahoma theater graduate Stacey Kettner, who played

**"You can't look at yourself as the bad guy. You must believe that you are right and justified in your actions."**

—Stacey Kettner

University of Central Oklahoma Theater Graduate

the female role.

Kettner said her character, Carol, was looking for guidance when she went to the professor's office after class.

She said Carol and Professor John both had the opportunity and the power to stop everything that was happening, but they did not until it was too late.

Kettner remarked on her ability to make her character seem realistic.

"You can't look at yourself as the bad guy," Kettner said.

"You must believe that you are right and justified in your actions."

Noel spoke of the professor's responsibility in the "mentor-to-protégé relationship." The professor has more authority in these situations.

Ludlow commented on Professor John's physical conduct, specifically com-

ing to the student's side of the desk and sitting on it in front of her while she is seated in a chair.

"This puts her in a submissive position," Ludlow said.

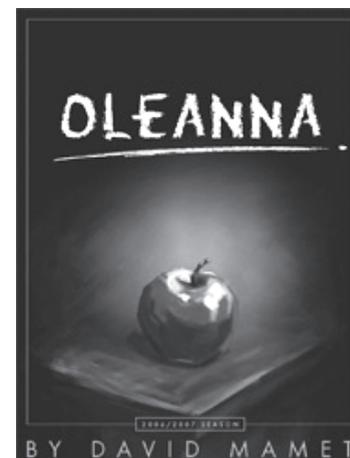
The panel discussed the importance of ethical conduct during one-on-one meetings with students. "It is easy to cross the line," Ludlow said.

An audience member asked if it would be right for the professor to lose his job because of this student's complaint.

"Is perception really more important in this case and can it rightfully destroy a man's career that he has worked 20 years for?"

Noel and the rest of the panel agreed that if this had been a real life case, they did not know if such a punishment would be justifiable.

When a student is asking



him personally for help and advice, Ludlow said, if he feels the student is very distressed, he is more comfortable referring the student to the school counselor, rather than risking dangerous involvement with a student's problems.

The discussion lasted about 45 minutes and covered many issues raised in "Oleanna."

Was Professor John pushed into his actions or would he have behaved that way no matter what? Was it sexual harassment or a confused girl being influenced by her peers?

The panel agreed that this was for each person to decide.

## Play considered a success

By Adam Brand  
Staff Writer

A bit of controversy has been added to the conversation circles of those who saw "Oleanna" Sept. 6 through 8.

Approximately 80 people attended the production of David Mamet's "Oleanna" Friday night.

Professor of Theatre Brent Noel played the role of John, a professor at an unnamed university.

Stacy Kettner played the role of Carol, a student of John's. Kettner graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma, where she studied theater.

Both actors enticed a variety of emotions from the audience, ranging from irritation and anger, to a bit of laughter.

The play is set in the professor's office during the course of a couple months. Carol is a frustrated student seeking counsel from John because she doesn't understand his lectures. Due to miscommunication, the situation gets out of control when Carol accuses John of sexual ha-

arrassment.

OCCC pre-law student Josh Key said he enjoyed the play Friday night. He perceived the play was very thought provoking.

"I thought the woman in the play had an exaggerated view of what happened," Key said.

"Her perception was very skewed.

"I did not find anything wrong with what the professor was trying to teach Carol," Key said.

Around half of the audience stayed for an open discussion after the play.

During the discussion, a poll revealed that most people in the audience were not sure what "Oleanna" was about before they saw it.

Speech student Antranetta Willis said she thought the play was mainly about pride and power.

"It was a very eye opening play," Willis said. "I thought the woman was misunderstood, The professor really used his power to his advantage."

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# Biology professor to hold book signing

By **Dennis McClain**  
News Writing Student

Biology Professor Richard Trout will sign copies of his new book, "Sign of the Dragon" an adventure set in China, the fifth in his

"MacGregor Family" series, from noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 20 in the college Bookstore.

The bookstore will offer copies of Trout's books on the day of the signing.

Pam Simonds, bookstore clerk, said she's excited for

the signing.

"[Having book signings] is something that we like to do," Simonds said.

The adventurous fiction books, which are written for the 11- to 17-year-old age group, have been success-

ful with reaching the desired audience, Simonds said.

Simonds has three nephews who have read Trout's books, and have been following his work since the first book of the series.

"They like them and they use them for points in their scholastic reading at school," she said.

The bookstore will have a large display that includes a poster of Trout and artwork from all five of his books. The books also will be displayed for sale in the front window.

Trout, who has been writ-

ing for 30 years, has received a number of awards. Among those awards is the OCCC 2007 President's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Some of his writing awards include being the finalist for Writer's League of Texas, and the Young Adult/Long Works Teddy Award for his book "Czar of Alaska."

He also won an award for "Cayman Gold" in National Geographic's The Jason Project.

Trout's books cost about \$16. His sixth book will be released in the spring.

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## Professor wins prestigious award

**By Yvonne Oberly**  
Staff Writer

Gary Houlette, Physical Science professor, was this year's winner of the 2007 Faculty Employee of the Year award.

Before the award was presented, a brief description was given about him and he thought, "That kind of sounds like me," he said.

Houlette teaches geology, Earth science, rigid body mechanics and strength of materials.

He has been an employee at OCCC for the past 21 years and absolutely loves his job.

"This is the best job I could ever ask for. It is so nice to come to work and teach something you have a passion about," he said.

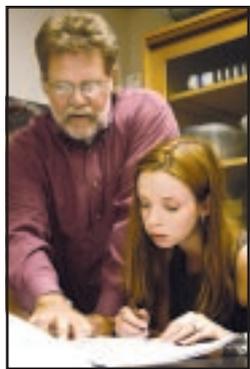
He said he hopes his students' have the same opportunity to find something they are passionate about because "that's what it's all about."

Houlette lives on his farm, which is 50 miles away in Wanette, Okla.

He has been happily married for 23 years.

When asked if he had kids he replied, "I have 150 of them every semester."

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**Gary Houlette**

## Dean honored by peers

**By Chris Lusk**  
Staff Writer

A division dean with 30 years of experience at the college was honored recently for her dedication as an educator.

The 2007 Elven Gray Award was presented to Acting Dean for Social Sciences Cecelia Yoder at the Fall Convocation and Employee Recognition ceremony Aug. 14.

"I was overwhelmed, and still feel very honored," Yoder said.

"This award means a great deal to me."

Established in 1991, the Elven Gray Award is presented to one college employee each year who has gone the extra mile — displayed a positive attitude, shows devotion to the college and who has become an inspiration to peers and students.

Yoder credits her father as her biggest inspiration.

"He was the kind of person who would have won this award," she said.



**Cecelia Yoder**

"He always displayed the required characteristics."

Psychology professor Bruce Cook explained why he believes Yoder deserved the award.

"She always has had high standards for academic excel-

lence and a caring attitude in meeting students needs," Cook said.

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## Professor wins heartfelt award

**By Brian Stansberry**  
Staff Writer

It's no surprise a long-time professor in the business department, Anita Williams, won this year's Robert P. Todd Leadership Award.

Williams, a 25-year veteran, was surprised at her win.

"It's always nice to be recognized for your work, for your efforts."

The award is named after former OCCC President Robert Todd. Todd died December 2005 from heart complications.

Williams said she knew Todd well.

"I interviewed with him when I got my first job here. To receive an award that has his name attached to it [has special mean-



**Anita Williams**

ing]," Williams said. "[Todd was] such a hard worker, had strong integrity and really cared about students. [That] makes it more special, I think."

Lisa Adkins, Administrative Office Technology professor, said working with Williams for 25 years has shown her what Williams is capable of.

"[We know] what she does in her classrooms, how she presents herself to people. We're just glad she [won]."

Not one to take full credit for her win, Williams acknowledged her colleagues as well.

"They're all just super supportive and very congratulatory," she said.

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## Grad director wins big

**By Stephen Sossamon**  
Staff Writer

Graduation Services Director Barbara Gowdy was awarded the Professional Employee of the Year Award this fall.

The award is given to an individual who displays extraordinary dedication to the college and students.

Gowdy has been a part of the college staff for 13 years, beginning in September 1994. She first worked a year in the 1970s, but left the college to raise her children.

Natalie Wells, Gowdy's assistant, has known Gowdy since February. "She is very deserving," said Wells.

Gowdy said she thoroughly enjoys working for the college. She is in charge of working through graduation applications, and helping students meet degree requirements.

"It's one of the best places to work, and my particular job is the best," Gowdy said.

She is in charge of working through the applications that students fill out for graduation.

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**Barbara Gowdy**

## Secretary recognized for ethic

**By Adam Brand**  
Staff Writer

Barbara Fulton recently received the Classified Employee of the Year award.

Fulton is secretary to Pat Berryhill, Institutional Advancement executive director.

Institutional Advancement works to raise donations for new buildings, college improvements and student scholarships.

Berryhill had nothing but good things to say about Fulton.



**Barbara Fulton**

"She is a caring individual who gets the job done," Berryhill said.

Fulton said she considers it an honor to work at OCCC.

"I love the students, the staff, and the administration," Fulton said.

"I just love everything about the job. It is the best place I have ever worked.

"I was shocked and overwhelmed when I heard they were giving me the award."

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**Photos by Jay Rocamontes**

# Downtown mosaic nears completion



Oklahoma Centennial Mosaic Mural employee and OCCC student Joseph Green replaces tiles on the oil cloth for the woman's mosaic wall. The images for the walls were drawn onto oil cloth along with a grid system to aid in the production of the epic sized mural project.

The face of a Native American woman gazes into flowing water as mosaic employees reassemble the colorfully glazed ceramic tiles that surround her on the final wall of the mosaic project in downtown OKC.

Since 2004 OCCC Visual Arts Professor Mary Ann Moore has dedicated her talents and those of numerous employees, students and volunteers to the creation of the nine-wall mural.

On Oct. 3 the product of their efforts, the Oklahoma Centennial Mosaic Mural, will be unveiled and dedicated at the northwest end of the Bricktown canal.

As crews begin installing the first walls of the mural over the canal, artists and volunteers will finish assembling the final wall.

"We're at the ... very last stage," Moore said. "We're glazing and putting all the pieces back together."

This month contractors worked to prepare the walls at the canal for the installation of the murals.

"They actually started by grinding the wall to get it flatter [and to remove] all the bumps and protruding cement," Moore said.

After the initial grinding, Moore said, crews water blasted the walls to remove any remaining debris, and then applied a coating to seal any cracks and prevent them from growing larger.

The mural walls depict numerous official Oklahoma state symbols such as the red bud tree, bison and scissortail flycatcher. It also includes a soaring hawk, which was the idea of late OCCC President Robert P. Todd.

The final wall depicts three Native American women pouring water from large ceramic pots, which are aligned with fountains in the existing wall.

Moore said the women represent life.

"The women give life and the water sustains life."

She said the women are "pouring the elixir of life" and could be seen as the three sisters (corn, rice and beans) or the three charities or graces.

"It's going to be left up to the viewer as to what they want the three women to represent," Moore said.

In addition to the state symbols represented in the wall, she said, Oklahoma clay was also used in some of the glazes used on the tiles.

"We also added ... real Oklahoma clay," she said. "I wanted to have ... some of our own earth in it (symbolically)."

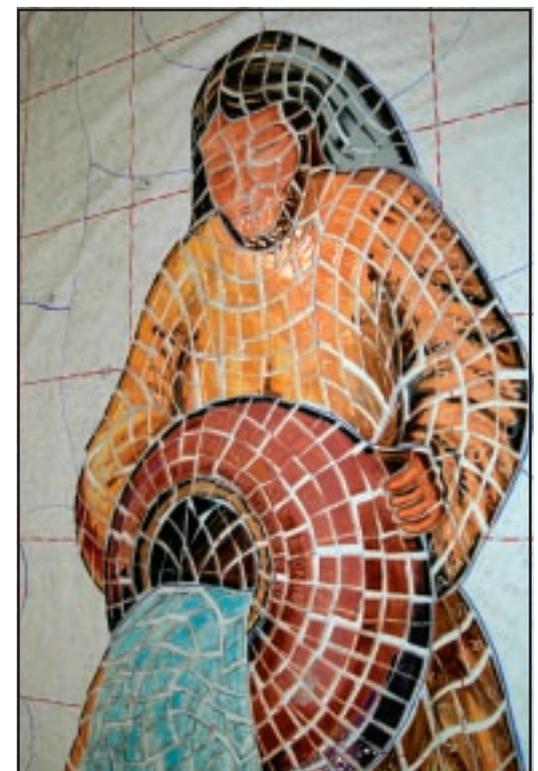
Moore said rose rocks, the official state rock, would also be installed in the walls.

Along the top edges of the walls, tiles with the names of the state's 77 counties will be installed with tiles of Indian Blanket wildflowers separating them.

The mural's dedication is open to the public. It is being held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the Northwest end of the Bricktown Canal, just below the railroad tracks.

(Left) OCCC Personal and Academic Adviser Brenda Clink cleans glaze from the sides and bottoms of porcelain tiles before they are loaded into a kiln to be glaze fired. Workers rolled clay slabs, cut tiles and bisque fired those tiles before applying glazes. Each of the mural's nine walls is constructed of thousands of the handmade tiles.

(Right) A Native American woman is depicted pouring water from a ceramic pot on the Centennial Mosaic Mural. The women's wall is the last of nine walls to be created by numerous employees, students and volunteers from the college.



**Text and photos  
by Carrie Cronk**

# Sports

## UPCOMING

### OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**Sept. 17:** Intramural flag football begins. Teams consist of OCCC students. Each team must place at least five players on the field for each game. For more information on how to join, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext 7786.

•**Sept. 22:** Soccer team plays a 1 p.m. game versus Rose State at Rose Sate College.

•**Sept. 24:** Club basketball begins. For more information on how to join, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Sep 24:** Team meeting for the CoRec Table Tennis Tournament will be held at 12:30 p.m. For more information on how to join, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext 7786.

•**Ends Sept. 28:** Registration for Head Start Basketball Program, a basic basketball fundamentals program for boys ages 5 to 8. Program costs \$40 per person and begins Oct. 6.

For more information, visit online at [www.occc.edu/rcs](http://www.occc.edu/rcs)

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## Stretchin' out



Photo by Jay Rocamontes

Emergency medical services freshman Gregory Fous takes time to stretch before a workout in the Wellness Center weight room. The Wellness Center provides a large assortment of exercise equipment from which to choose. Students with valid IDs can use the Wellness Center for free.

## Game canceled, due to conflict in schedule

**By Matt Bishop**  
*Staff Writer*

The soccer game against the University of Oklahoma that was scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 9, was postponed until a later date.

OCCC Head Coach K.B. Yeboah said that many of the players were not going to be able to make it because many of them had to work on Sunday.

"Most games are scheduled for Saturday," Yeboah said. "Our players should be able to play the rest of the games because they are on Saturday."

The game was set for Sunday, due to the Oklahoma-Miami football game.

"The larger campuses are just too crowded for soccer games when they are hosting football games," said Jalal Daneshfar, Oklahoma Collegiate Club Soccer League director.

OCCC sent in a request to reschedule, but a date has not been set at this time.

The larger schools in the league that host football games, such as OU, Oklahoma State and Arkansas have revised their schedules so that their home soccer games are on Sunday, Daneshfar said.

This revised schedule will not affect OCCC's schedule anymore, but they will have to set a date with OU for their make-up game.

The game must be rescheduled before regionals on Oct. 26 through 28, Daneshfar said.

Although the team didn't have enough players for the Sunday game, Yeboah said that the team has had 14 players showing up on a consistent basis to practice.

"We have a good amount of players on the team, and I hope we keep working very hard," Yeboah said.

"We could still use some more help though."

Yeboah said that anybody wanting to join the squad can still sign up until the end of the regular season, which is the end of October.

Practices are being held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thurs-

days and Fridays.

"If anybody is still interested in signing up, they can show up at one of the practices and talk to me," Yeboah said.

OCCC's squad is looking to fire up the pace with a more attacking style of soccer.

"We have got two returning players from last year ... We have a couple international players," Yeboah said.

"We have some talent and speed this year and I think we can be very successful if we attack."

Yeboah and the team is looking forward to the next game on their schedule against East Central University. The match will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, in Ada.

"The players are motivated and ready to get out on the pitch," Yeboah said.

East Central kicked off their season with a 1-1 draw against the University of Arkansas.

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# Break-in suspect found, apprehended off campus

By **Chris Lusk**  
and **Matt Bishop**  
Staff Writers

Surveillance cameras in campus parking lots provided information that led to the arrest of a suspect in a car break-in on campus Sept. 10.

Safety and Security Officer David Shriver was called to parking lot A South in response to a possible break-in that day.

According to the incident report, Barbara Williams returned to her vehicle at approximately 7:28 p.m. and discovered her laptop computer, radar detector, various credit card numbers, and checking account numbers were missing from her vehicle.

Williams went to the Welcome Desk where campus employees contacted campus security, Sgt. Kevin Tipton said.

Shriver noted that entry to Williams' vehicle was made through the driver's side door using an unknown tool, according to the report.

Tipton examined the video footage and discovered the suspect's method of operation.

"[The suspect] drove up and parked next to the victim's car, driver side to driver side, and got out of his vehicle," Tipton said.

"He got her door ready for entry, got back in his car and started it for getaway purposes."

After three trips in and out of Williams' vehicle, the suspect drove off, Tipton said.

Williams said an alarm on her car didn't go off.

Video surveillance tapes show her arriving at her vehicle approximately 13 minutes after the suspect drove off.



William Herbert

"I am very glad and fortunate to have not walked up while he was breaking in," she said.

Tipton said he noticed the suspect's vehicle had black flares over the tires.

Once their shift was over, Tipton and Safety and Security Officer Jacob Roby drove around local parking

areas, looking for the vehicle matching the description caught by surveillance cameras.

While driving through Cambridge Landing, an apartment complex located on S.W. 89th and Drexel Avenue, Tipton and Roby found a vehicle matching the description.

Tipton contacted the Oklahoma City Police Department and watched the vehicle until police arrived.

Once police arrived at the scene, Tipton, Roby, and the Oklahoma City police officers searched the vehicle and, during the search, noticed a Cadillac parked next to the vehicle.

William Herbert was found passed out and intoxicated in the front seat of the car, Tipton said.

Police questioned Herbert concerning the location of his car keys, but Herbert was incoherent and was unable to answer.

Tipton said a set of keys with approximately 20 different car keys was discovered on the top of the vehicle being searched, and the key to Herbert's Cadillac was one of those keys.

Inside the vehicle, police

discovered various items that had been reported stolen from Williams' vehicle, Tipton said.

"We found the victim's laptop bag with a name tag with her name in the vehicle," Tipton said. "The laptop has yet to turn up though."

Tipton said officers believe Herbert pawned the laptop before they arrived on scene.

Oklahoma City police arrested Herbert after linking him to the campus crime.

According to the Oklahoma City Police Department, the suspect was taken into custody, but was released on \$8,000 bail. Charges are still pending.

Williams said she is happy with the way things turned out.

"Campus police were very helpful with everything," she said. "They have contacted me with every update and they went way over and above to help me out."

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## Safety procedures set in place at OCCC

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Pathways Middle College High School both perform their own fire and tornado drills, Sloas said, the college does not, and is not required to do so because there are no dorms on campus.

OCCC Administrative Procedure 3048, Safety and Security of Students, Employees and Visitors, contains the procedures the college would follow during certain emergency situations such as fires and severe weather.

Section three of the policy sets forth the procedures to be used in the event of a tornado and lists the safe areas where all people on campus should relocate.

The policy also states that the OCCC Board of Regents "does not sanction the use of the college as a shelter."

A link to the Safety and Security procedures policy has recently been added to the Safety and Security

website, [www.occc.edu/Security](http://www.occc.edu/Security).

Nursing student Darrin Schmidt said an alarm sounded one day as she was going to lab, but she wasn't sure how to respond.

"I continued on to my class until I could determine if this was a legitimate emergency, or a drill,"

Schmidt said.

"I have confidence in the response team of this school but as adults, we are ultimately responsible for ourselves."

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# Highlights

## Business Professionals of America's first meeting

The Business Professionals of America will hold its first organizational meeting and elections at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19 in room 2N7 of the Main Building. For more information, contact Professor Marty Ludlum at 405-682-1611, ext. 7412 or at [www.occc.edu/BPA](http://www.occc.edu/BPA).

## Classical guitarist Edgar Cruz to perform

Classical guitarist and OCCC alumnus Edgar Cruz will perform as part of the Cultural Arts Series at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 in the College Theater.

Student, staff and faculty admission is \$17, general admission is \$22 and admission for children is \$10. For more information contact Scott Tigert at 405-682-7579.

## Job hunting made easier

An Effective Job Searches seminar will be held from 12:05 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, in room 1F6 of the Main Building. The seminar is part of the ongoing Career and Employment Power in 25 Minutes. For more information, call 405-682-7519.

## Job fair coming soon

OCCC's annual job fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3 in the College Union. It is free to attend and will include more than 100 employers looking to hire full-time and part-time positions.

The health job fair is held the same day but from noon to 6 p.m. in College Union rooms 2 and 3. For more information on both fairs, contact Employment Services Coordinator Judi McGee at 405-682-1611, ext. 7369.

## College choirs performing twice this semester

The Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Symphonic Community Choir will be presenting two concerts this semester. One concert will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 4 and the other at 7 p.m. Dec. 7. Concerts will be held at Mid-America Christian University, located at 3500 S.W. 119th St.

## Communications Lab looking for help

The Communications Lab needs student volunteers willing to help other students who speak English as a second language practice conversation skills throughout the fall semester.

The lab is organizing groups who take English as a Second Language. The groups will meet for one hour each week during the semester, from 1 to 2 p.m. Time slots are available Monday through Friday.

Students can sign up to lead a group or participate in them by contacting Lab Assistant Brandon Isaak at 405-682-7588 or e-mail [bisaak@occc.edu](mailto:bisaak@occc.edu).

## Engineering scholarship offered

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Advocate of Peace volunteer Mary Patrick (left) lifts the spirits of pre-education freshman Laynie Hankin's during the Advocates of Peace sponsored Free Hugs Day. The club used hugs to spread smiles and lightened moods in an attempt to help every student have a better day.

## Hugs make day go 'round

By **Stephen Sossamon**  
Staff Writer

For a rough day in class, the Advocates of Peace club had a solution. The officers and student members of the peace club hosted a Free Hugs Day Sept. 11.

The Free Hugs day was the students' idea.

"They (student members) wanted to do it as a way to show who we are as a club," said club sponsor Stephen Morrow.

"The AOP wishes to educate the campus on principles of peace and provide a group where students feel safe," Morrow said.

Morrow first learned of this event when he stumbled upon a video about it while preparing for his Advocates of Peace class last year.

He brought it up during the first club meeting and the student members agreed to host the event.

"It's a way of showing that it's better for the world to

reach out with our similarities, rather than attack each other for our differences," Morrow said.

"The event was held once last school year and was very successful."

According to Wikipedia, the event was established by Juan Mann. His mission was to brighten someone's day with a hug. At one time, the Free Hugs event was banned, but after receiving 10,000 petition signatures, the event kept on with the pursuit of showing the world peace.

"Advocates of Peace members strive to show other students that everyone can work towards peace," Morrow said.

"And the free hugs are just a step in that direction. Students may also walk away with a smile on their face."

The officers gave out most of the hugs, while the student members helped during the officers' off times.

"There were people who

were excited to get hugs, and others that would pass by, then come back to get a hug," said club President Anne Hovda.

The members' hope was to brighten someone's day with the reception of a hug.

Several students agreed that everyone needs a hug.

"It just might help if you're feeling down," said student Bryan Harding.

Engineering major Justin Kline received a free hug and thinks the club should host the event again.

"The Advocates of Peace are trying to get a point out, and as long as they are getting their point out, they should stick with what is working," Kline said.

For its next event, the club is offering transportation to the Peace Walk in downtown Oklahoma City on Sunday, Sept. 23. The bus will leave campus at 1:15 p.m.

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## Pathways student will be missed

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a family," she said.

Pathways juniors Thumy Phan and Holly Gordon were two close friends of McCauley.

"We have come together as a junior class, and have settled our differences because we know it's how Kenneth would have wanted it," Gordon said.

"We are depending on each other to get us through each day."

Phan said she also was deeply heart-stricken.

"It was really hard on me because I was really close to him," Phan said.

On Sept. 12 a remembrance ceremony was held for McCauley, hosted by the Pathways students, Brogan said.

"For the students who were saddened by the event, grief counselors were on stand-by all week, willing to help any of the students needing help coping with the loss.

"The students are coping as well as can be expected," Brogan said. "There are different levels of grief based on different levels of contact. The juniors are feeling it the worst."

Brogan knew McCauley personally and said he was "a good kid."

"We are all very personal and close," Brogan said.

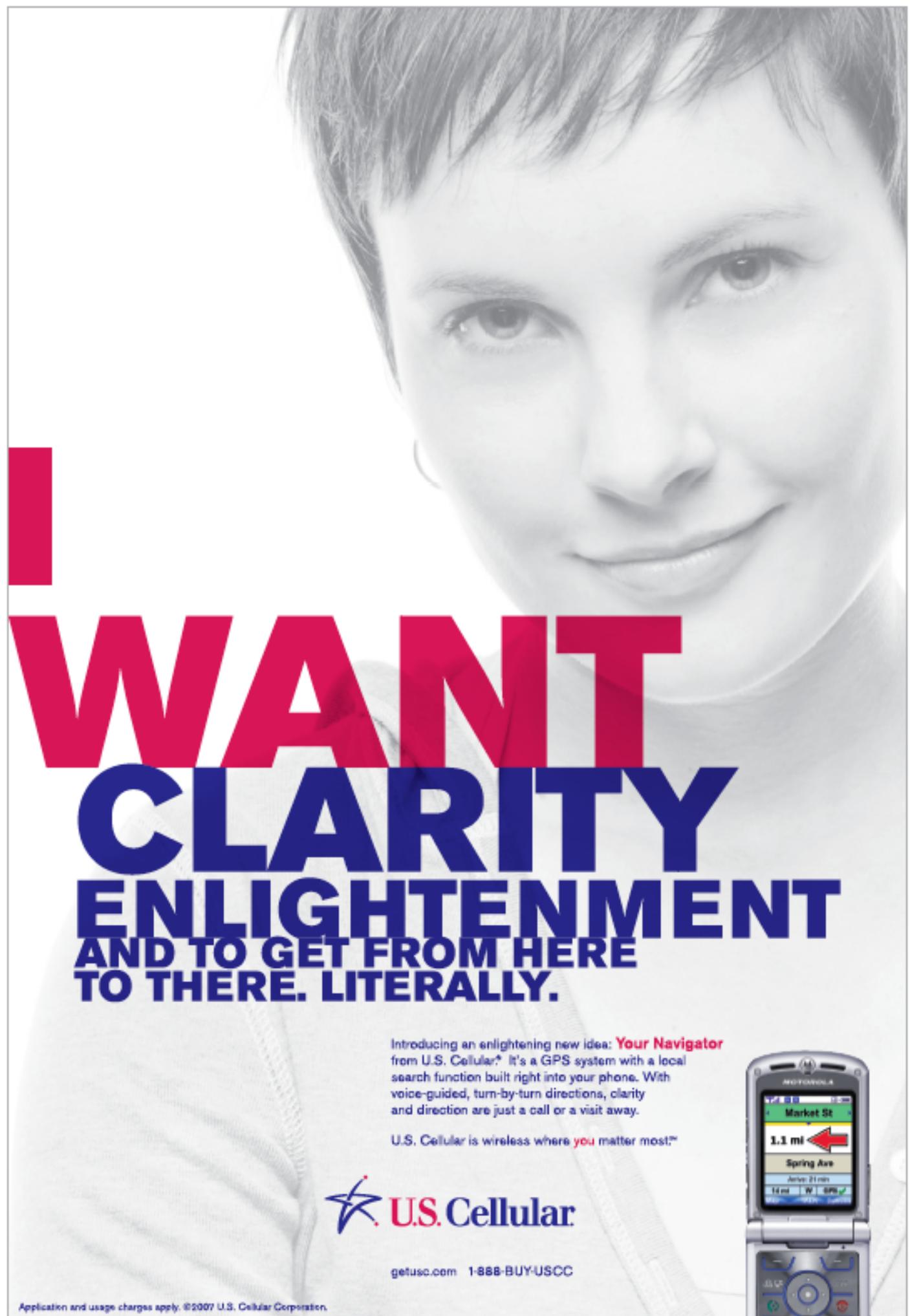
OCCC has also been supportive of the students, making available rooms for counseling to take place.

"[McCauley] will be deeply missed by faculty and students alike," Brogan said.

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