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June showers



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

Kim Phuong Bui and Shayna Sims, freshmen, brave the elements for classes. There has been more than 6.9 inches of rainfall in central Oklahoma over the last 30 days, which is more than 2 inches over the average, according to <http://climate.org>.

Student records released under open records law

By Matt Bishop
Editor

OCCC has recently joined other Oklahoma colleges in releasing student grades to companies for posting on their websites.

The college released the grades under the guidance of the Oklahoma Open Records Act, said Vice President for Academic Affairs Felix Aquino. Tulsa Community College and University of Central Oklahoma also provide this information.

Grade distribution information can be found on sites such as www.pickaprof.com where students can choose a professor based on the number of A's, B's and C's that professor has given.

Under state open record laws, such public records must be released.

Aquino said, in an all-em-



ployee e-mail, that only grade distribution is being released, not individual student grades.

Dean of Admissions/Registrar Gloria Cardenas Barton said the college can release certain information about how many students withdraw, fail, or make A's because that information doesn't refer to an individual student, she said.

Cardenas Barton said, information also can be re-

leased if someone wants to know the breakdown in a certain class, as long as there is no way it can be tied to a certain individual.

The college also had to take into account federal laws outlined in The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Aquino said.

FERPA is federal legislation that protects students' records, Cardenas Barton said.

"FERPA says that anything that is personally identifiable ... cannot be released to anybody but the student without the student's signature," Cardenas Barton said.

However, school officials with a legitimate educational interest, such as information needed for a transfer, may gain the student's records without a student signature, Cardenas Barton said.

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Tuition hike, salary increase approved

By Matt Bishop
Editor

OCCC's Board of Regents unanimously approved the budget proposal allowing the college to increase resident tuition by \$6 per credit hour and out-of-state tuition by \$10 per credit hour.

OCCC students will see a 7.7 percent increase across the board for tuition costs.

Resident tuition fees will be \$84 per credit hour and

non-resident will be at \$224 per credit hour.

The tuition increase will take place in the fall.

The increase in tuition is due to the declining rate of state allocations given to OCCC and will ensure hourly employees get 50-cent raises, said President Paul Sechrist.

Student employees will see their hourly wages go from \$7 and \$7.50 an hour to \$8 and \$8.50 an hour.

Faculty who met perfor-

mance requirements will see a 1 to 2 percent increase based on performance, plus a \$750 salary increase, said Vice President for Human Resources and Support Services Gary Lombard.

The increases break down into three categories.

Employees who met job requirements can expect a 1 percent raise.

Employees who exceeded job requirements or had a significant accomplishment

will receive a 1.5 percent raise.

Those who both exceeded job requirements and had a significant accomplishment, will receive the 2 percent raise.

All three groups will receive the \$750 salary increase.

"The \$750 has a greater impact on the lower wage salaries," Lombard said.

This results in an overall employee raise of 3.5 percent, Lombard said.

OCCC Board of Trustees Vice President James White said, since the state wasn't allocating as much money in the past, this budget plan made sense.

"We trusted the OCCC administration on their proposal," White said. "[The proposal] looked very good."

The board also approved a 2 percent raise, plus \$750, for OCCC President

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Should Sonics come to OKC?

Should the Sonics be forced to fulfill their lease at Seattle's KeyArena? Or should Clay Bennett be able to take the team that he and an Oklahoma-based investment group bought for \$350 million in 2006 and move them here to Oklahoma City?

Bring them to Bricktown. Seattle has had its chance to keep its team and didn't do anything in order to do so. Oklahoma has wanted a professional team for years and has done everything necessary to acquire one.

We have passed laws to renovate our stadium, and we have gladly been the temporary home for the New Orleans Hornets.

While the arrival of a new NBA franchise in the OKC area will spice up urban development, state revenues and the overall economy of Oklahoma, it would also mean the departure of the same significance in Seattle. With new jobs becoming available at the Ford Center and all around Bricktown, there is a loss of jobs and a dwindling of excitement in Seattle.

Most would say that it's about time there was a professional team in Oklahoma, especially when Seattle voted against laws that would have improved Key Arena and tax increases for maintenance knowing full well that they would lose their team. So why is there such a commotion on when the team is coming? Is it this year, next year, the year after?

"The Sonics will be in Oklahoma, it's just a matter of when," Bennet said in an e-mail to fellow owners and investors.

Now that the team has been sold and ideas of bringing them to Oklahoma City have been revealed, Seattle fans and ex-owners are throwing a fit. The city of Seattle has different plans, with many lawsuits pending in support of keeping the team in Seattle for two more years.

If the city can keep their team in KeyArena it would allow them the possibility of making a compromise on stadium renovations and tax increases, which would then allow the city to make a new deal for SuperSonics to stay in Seattle for good.

The only thing is they don't deserve their team. The Sonics are 24th in the league in attendance, averaging 13,840 fans with just one sellout this season.

When the Hornets were in Oklahoma for the short stint, there was an average of 18,718 fans in the stands each night. We were ninth in the NBA with 17 more sellouts than the SuperSonics.

We need a pro team and our city needs new life. This is what we have been waiting for. Something like this could open the door for a number of new business and economic opportunities, more ideas of urban expansion and community development.

It will bring more money for the state, and maybe some more professional sports teams. Ultimately, if this deal is realized it will put OKC on the map.

We will be in the big leagues, with cities like Dallas, St. Louis, San Francisco, Chicago and Miami.

The only thing we do know is that Sonics fate will be decided soon. Let's just hope the NBA is on their way to Bricktown next season.

—Daniel Martin
Staff Writer

Last call for music experts

To the editor:

The Preschool A Class at the Child Development Center and Lab School has had a wonderful response to our request for "Musical Experts" and we would like to thank everyone who came and shared their

musical talent.

We would also like to extend our invitation to anyone else who has a musical talent they would like to come and share with our class.

The children are really quite interested and have

really enjoyed everyone who has visited the classroom so far.

So, this is our last call for musical experts.

For more information concerning music with the children, call 405-682-7561.

—Lisa Jones
Child Development
Teacher and Lab
Assistant

Help for Oklahoma farmers requested

To the editor:

Gov. Brad Henry sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer requesting disaster assistance for farmers and ranchers in nine northwest Oklahoma counties suffering from drought and extreme weather conditions.

Extreme heat, dry weather, high winds and stressful moisture conditions have damaged hay forages, livestock grazing lands, alfalfa, and other crops.

The request for assis-

tance covers farmers and ranchers in Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper, Woodward, Ellis, Roger Mills, Dewey and Woods counties.

"Farmers and ranchers in the Panhandle and northwest Oklahoma are suffering due to drought and other severe weather conditions," Gov. Henry said. "I hope the U.S. Department of Agriculture will act quickly to get them the relief they desperately need."

—From the office of
Gov. Brad Henry

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THE LATEST SPORTS SCANDAL:
BALLPLAYERS GENETICALLY ENGINEERED
TO HAVE SMALL STRIKE ZONES

—Daniel Martin
Staff Writer

Comments and Reviews

Story of the Year opens up, keeps style with new album

If Story of the Year's sophomore album was a little too aggressive for the ears of pop culture, their third album, "The Black Swan," may be for everyone.

"The Black Swan" has its tracks for more diverse listeners, but it still has the in-your-face lyrics and vocals that SOTY fans know and love the band for.

Lead singer Dan Marsala combines his harmonic screams with genuine singing well throughout the album.

This album has more of a political point of view that is bluntly addressed in the first track, "Choose Your Fate" after a sound byte of George W. Bush saying, "We will achieve our objective."

Marsala opens up the song by screaming "liar!" Marsala's vocals, screamo yet understandable, sends an urge to scream along with, much like previous tracks. "Our Time is Now," "In the Shadows" and "And the Hero Will Drown."

"Wake Up," "Angel in the Swamp" and "Message to the World" combine familiar riffs, with classic vocals of SOTY, that SOTY fans, along with new listeners should appreciate.

"We're Not Gonna Make It" may be the most popish song SOTY has ever come out with.

Back-up vocals by



rhythm guitarist Phillip Sneed give this song the sing along in your car vibe. It could be the most marketable track of the album.

SOTY fans will notice Sneed stepping in with back-up vocals much more than he's done in previous albums. In fact, the whole band steps in quite often in this album.

Not that Marsala needs help as a singer, but the new sound generates what SOTY has been about throughout the years, the "Five Against the World" attitude.

You can still feel the emotion Marsala puts out with every word.

What you may not hear as much is shredding guitar solo's from lead guitarist Ryan Phillips, but perhaps you may catch on to the distinguishing guitar riffs during verses.

This album is not as hard as the second, but perhaps

a little more like the first album "Page Avenue."

Now with Epitah records, SOTY may be closer to tackling their "true sound" in this album.

They have blended in their spice from previous albums and added some new flavor. However, some thing may have went slightly overboard.

Obvious computer generated mixes, give some parts an almost "trance-like" sound that had me wondering, "What is this?"

And if the first 10-seconds of a song don't please, stick with it, many intros are often entirely different from the song itself.

Whether 'The Black Swan' lives up to 'Page Avenue', it shows these guys can still rock while incorporating new ideas and lyrics.

Rating: A

—Matt Bishop
Editor

Jack Black makes a huge kick in 'Kung Fu Panda'

Awesome, adorable, cute and cool are what the audience members were saying about the movie as they left the premier of "Kung Fu Panda".

DreamWorks, once again creates magic in animation with this story of a panda named Po who dreams of becoming a Kung Fu master while working at his fathers noodle shop.

Po (voiced by Jack Black) wants to fight alongside the

Furious Five, a group of the best Kung Fu fighters led by Master Shifu (Dustin Hoffman's voice).

The underdog (or under panda) theme is the basis for the plot, so the audience knows it has to turn out well, but getting there is half the fun.

When the Valley of Peace is in danger from the vicious snow leopard, Tai Lang (Ian McShane), a Dragon Warrior must be

chosen to defend the land.

The choice is to be made from Crane (voice of David Cross), Viper (voice of Lucy Lu), Mantis (voice of Seth Rogen), Monkey (voice of Jackie Chan), and Tigress (voice of Angelina Jolie), but something goes wrong at the ceremony, and Po is chosen Dragon Warrior.

That is where the fun begins because Po must be trained to fight, which is not an easy task. Master

Shifu has his work cut out for him.

The fight scenes offer much humorous action, but the funniest one is Po and Master Shifu in a battle for a bowl of dumplings.

A fat and clumsy panda trying to get a morsel of food by using his inept martial art skills is hilarious.

The expression on the face of Shifu as he swallows

each dumpling he takes from the panda is priceless. While the results are predictable, watching the characters interact and reach those results is an exciting experience.

"Kung Fu Panda" is colorful, fun and short enough (91 minutes) to hold the attention span of both children and adults.

Rating: B

—Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

View from the PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



The years in which we elect our president to lead the nation for another four years are always a little unique.

These are years in which our system of government, a representative democracy, is highlighted for the world to see. It is also a reminder that we, as individual citizens, have a voice through our votes in selecting who will be the president.

The election of 2008 will be one that is cited for its significance in the history of the United States. All of us need to pause to reflect what is happening in this election. Never before has an African-American been nominated by a major party for the position of President of the United States of America.

The fact that for the first time a woman was also given serious consideration provides an additional reason to reflect on where we are as a nation.

The doors of opportunity for women and people of color to hold the highest position in the land have been permanently opened wide.

This momentous election is a reflection of our progress and evolution as a nation and as a people. This election symbolizes that all people have equal opportunity regardless of gender and regardless of color to aspire to be President, which means that you can aspire to do anything.

Many will argue that this time was too long in coming, and they are right. But, this election process is a validation that we have truly come a long way.

Regardless of your political affiliation, join me in taking a few moments to reflect on what is happening in 2008.

Yes, it is another election year — but this one is making history, and we get to be a part of it — which is cause for every American to celebrate. In this election year of 2008, I am especially proud to be an American.

—Paul Sechrist
OCCC President

 Comments and Reviews

'Flaming Lips' launch film with 'Christmas on Mars'

It's not exactly a new idea for a rock band to get involved in film making. The Who had "Tommy," Led Zeppelin made "The Song Remains the Same," Pink Floyd created "The Wall" and now the Flaming Lips have released "Christmas on Mars." But the Lips haven't created any sort of rock opera, instead they're first feature film is an almost David Lynch-like space epic that has nothing to do with their actual music.

Overall, "Christmas on Mars" is exactly what one would expect a Flaming Lips movie to be. It's weird, funny, crazy and a bit disturbing, but it's all capped off with intense emotion and poignancy.

"Christmas on Mars" tells the story of an isolated human colony on Mars and it's inhabitant's varying degrees of mental degradation. The group is dealing with the first human baby to be born on Mars as well as the arrival of a strange alien lifeform.

As interesting as the story is, it's never really the main focus of the film. It often takes a back seat to strange vibe and atmosphere created. The film less about telling a cohesive story and more about letting the au-

dience interpret the often bizarre images shown on screen for themselves.

The film was mostly shot in grainy black and white, with flashes of color used for effect. It was filmed mostly in warehouses in and around Oklahoma City, and the sets were clearly homemade.

The space station seems to have been made up of Styrofoam, PVC pipe and various other household objects.

The cheap, do-it-yourself feel of the film would be laughable in most sci-fi films, but here it just adds the charm and overall mood of the film.

The film begins with a brief interview with Coyne. He explains why he wanted to create such a film and why it took so long to produce.

The interview is followed by a short list of instructions for the audience that includes things like "applaud," "laugh," "have sex," and "smoke pot." The Flaming Lips' charm is in full effect during both of these segments.

The cast is a mix of Lips band members, friends and professional actors. The lead is played by Lips' drummer Steven Drozd, who does a solid job con-



sidering he's never acted before. Front man Wayne Coyne plays the alien, and creates an instantly likable and endearing character.

Actors include Adam Goldberg and "Saturday Night Live" alum Fred Armisen, who give the film a certain sense of credibility. Goldberg's scene in particular is one of the more memorable moments in the film.

The rest of the cast range from okay to terrible, but never really affect the film as whole. Bad acting is somehow excusable when it comes to a project like this. The band first began work on "Christmas on Mars" 2001, filming bits and pieces between tours

and recording sessions. During the film's seven year production, fans often wondered if the film would ever see a release.

"Christmas on Mars" made it's official premiere at the Sasquatch Music Festival last month. The band will be taking the film to various other music and film festivals throughout the summer.

The Oklahoma City premiere of the film took place June 13 as part of the DEADcenter Film Festival.

The film was screened inside of a massive circus tent, instead of a typical movie theater. Ordinarily this wouldn't have made much of a difference while watching the movie, but the

massive storms that night made the screening a unique event.

Thunder was heard, lightning could be seen though gaps in the tent, and rain soaked through ground turning everything inside into a muddy mess. And one couldn't help but worry about the massive metal poles holding the tent in place getting struck by lightning.

The Lips were present to oversee the proceedings. Before the start of the film, Coyne announced to the crowd they may have to stop the film if the storm got too bad.

Rating: B+

—Cameron Buckholtz
Staff Writer

Upcoming british singer Adele Adkins scores with '19'

Adele Adkins was not even in my vocabulary a week ago, but thanks to VH1 late-night videos her album "19" ranks among my top favorites.

"19" is Adele's debut album. It was released in January, the week after the lead single, "Chasing Pavements," was released in stores.

It debuted at number one on the chart in the United Kingdom in its first week.

This CD has the power to put you in a good mood no matter where or when you listen to it.

It's a must-listen for anyone and everyone with a good taste for good music, even all you tough guys who swear off female pop singer's.

Don't worry though; it even includes a cover of the Bob Dylan song "Make You Feel My Love" from his 1997 album, "Time Out Of Mind." The CD is simply captivating.

She comes off as a soulful English singer with similarities to the well-known Amy Winehouse, another young British pop sensation who helped pro-

duce the album "19."

Adkins is a fresh, welcome addition to pop music's current roster of big voiced songbirds.

Her vocal range is outstanding, and no matter what she sings, it all sounds pleasing to the ear to the listener.

Easy listening at its finest, the CD has songs that make me think of a female Jack Johnson and others that remind me of a female version of Cold play.

Rating: A

—Daniel Martin
Staff Writer



Temporary fix



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

Maintenance mechanic Ray Lewelling duct tapes plastic over a broken window at Entry 11. An OCCC incident report indicates an object likely was thrown through the window.

Veterans given help managing time, stress

By Kimberly Malkawi
News Writing Student

OCCC veterans are about to see positive changes to the services provided at the college including information about time management and handling stress, said Janis Armstrong, Student Aid Programs and Services coordinator. The changes will especially impact veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, she said.

The Veterans Services department, located in the Main Building, is implementing changes that will assist veterans who are challenged with returning to civilian style lives, Armstrong said.

One focus is giving veterans information about emotional health and integrating back in to society at a time when they are ready to hear it, said Financial Aid Adviser and retired veteran C.W. West.

"When soldiers come home from overseas, they go through a quick debriefing, usually a few hours, and are given a tremendous amount of information," West said.

He said soldiers don't retain all this information.

Drew Stanley, a veteran student, said he had a similar experience.

"I was given a lot of information regarding VA benefits, educational benefits and counseling but just handed it to my relatives," Stanley said.

Veteran students will be able to visit with staff at Veteran Services and receive information about where to receive help with post-traumatic stress syndrome, anger and other issues, Armstrong said.

However, Armstrong said, no one in her office would be able to make assessments about a veteran's mental health since they are not qualified.

Staff members will be able to refer the veteran to the Department of Student Support Services in the Main Building.

"It is up to the veteran to want the help," Armstrong said.

Veteran Services also will provide students with brochures and information as well as recommendations to different facilities and agencies that will offer the proper professional help.

Armstrong said non-veterans do not often consider the many issues facing a vet when returning home, such as mowing the lawn and taking care of household finances.

Reassuring these chores can have some impact on the balance of authority at home. This can be an issue and can be resolved with professional assistance, Armstrong said.

Change of pace can also be a problem when a veteran is used to a different time schedule to complete things, and then begins school and work full time, Armstrong said.

"A veteran may come home with a disability and need to learn to adjust. The resources that Veteran Services will have will help in these areas."

Armstrong said the college is dedicated to keeping these determined and focused veterans successful and keep their grade point averages high.

"Some vets," West said, "may have had an A/B average prior to deployment and coming home may see that their grades have dropped to a B/C; This is when a vet may want to turn to Veteran Services to enlist the aid of this office."

"A veteran may come home with a disability and need to learn to adjust. The resources that Veteran Services will have will help in these areas."

—Janis Armstrong
Student Aid Programs
and Services
Coordinator

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Where kids can be kids



(Top) Iain, in preschool class B, builds a pyramid out of cups. The class currently is studying the world of insects with teacher Brady Brown.



(Left) Maddisen, from preschool A, does activities with yarn and artificial flowers. Her class currently is studying plants by working on a garden at the Child Development Center and Lab School.

(Right) Jonah, who is in the infant/toddler class for students 16 weeks to 3 years old, plays with a toy vehicle during playtime in class. His class currently is working with mud to create art masterpieces.

Children at the Child Development Center and Lab School are enjoying many activities for a fun summer.

From water play on Fridays, to mud painting and studying variations of music, the young students are always having a fun-filled moment throughout the week.

Kendra Miller supervises the youngest group of children, ages 16 weeks to 3 years old.

Miller said the children have been doing projects with dirt that include mud painting.

Also, they go outside early to beat the heat, and on Fridays they have water play.

Lisa Jones supervises a group of 3- to 5-year-olds who have been studying music. The children have had three professors who have visited them with their different instruments.

The instruments include a violin, bass violin and drums.

Jones said, "We are trying to arrange with [OCCC President Paul] Sechrist to play piano in the music room."

The kids love it, she said, and some even got to play the instruments.

The kids also have been working a garden outside that have a variety of plants.

Pumpkins, tomatoes, sunflowers, strawberries, radish and a variety of flowers are growing in the garden, Jones said.

Brady Brown's group of 3- to 5-year-olds are learning about bugs.

"We find out what the kids are interested in, and they chose bugs," Brown said.

With all the activities, the children should have a summer to remember.

**Text by Matt Bishop
Photos by LaWanda LaVarnway**



Participants make waves, run for finish line

After 500 meters in water, 12 miles on bike and 5 kilometers on foot, Stuart Lisle won the 13th annual SuperSprint Triathlon with an overall time of 59:39.

Lisle, 24 from Oklahoma City, had an 8-minute time in the 500-meter swim and finished the 12-mile bike ride in 30:48.

Stuart blew away the competition in the 5K run with a time of 18:33 to secure his first place finish.

Lynette Shatlet, 37 from Bethany, took first in the women's division with a time of 1:08:43.

After coming out of the swim with a time of 12:29 in 31st place, Shatley had best time in the 12-mile bike and 5K run to earn her first place finish.

There was a total of 186 participants, 119 men and 67 women who took place in this grueling challenge.

Heather Brown and Candace Kiehn finish second and third in the women's division with totals of 1:10:55 and 1:11:39, respectively.

James Hawley and Phillip Vanlandingham finish second and third in the men's division with respective times of 1:02:20 and 1:02:46.

**Text by Matt Bishop
Photos by David L. Gray**

Clockwise from top:
Women's participant
Michelle Leach swims her
way to the 34 spot in the
triathlon.

Leach rides to the finish
line.

Participant Britney Brucker
jogs into the number 19
position.

A total of 67 women
entered the triathlon, which
was held on OCCC campus
June 14, and consisted of
swimming, running and
biking. A total of 119 men
also participated in the
triathlon.



Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

June 23-27: OCCC will hold its girls basketball camps at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 9 and 11 will be from 8 a.m. to noon, and the teen camp for ages 12 to 14 will be from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

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July 7-11: OCCC will hold two wrestling camps for teens at the Wellness Center gym. The camp is for ages 12 and 14. One session will be from 8 a.m. to noon, and the other will be from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

July 7-11: OCCC will hold girls volleyball camps at the Wellness Center Gym. The youth camp for ages 9 to 11 will be from 8 a.m. to noon. The teen camp for ages 12 to 14 will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost for the camp is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

Do you have a great sports story you would like to share over the summer? Contact Daniel Martin at 405-682-1611, ext. 7440, or e-mail StaffWriter3@occc.edu.



Coach Gary Martin instructs his participants during OCCC's summer golf camp June 18.

Martin was teaching the students correct putting techniques at Early Wine Golf Course during a game of Closest to the Pin, in which the campers competed against each other to develop their skills.

The golf camp lasted June 16 to June 20. The young golfers spent time swinging their clubs at various metro city golf courses.

Upcoming camps include girl's basketball, and wrestling.

Photo by Daniel Martin

Golf camp comes with perfect timing

By Daniel Martin
Staff Writer

On June 16, as Tiger Woods was pumping his fist in satisfaction and rejoicing with his family over his third U.S. Open Championship, dozens of young golfers were testing their swings at the timely sport all around campus in hopes that one day they might claim a U.S. Open title.

The summer blitz of sports camps and fun activities continued at OCCC with Golf and Tennis Camps June 16 through June 20.

Inspired by the greats like Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Phil Mickelson, students ages 10 to 14 gathered in the Wellness Center gym to polish up and develop the fundamentals, the forms and the techniques that playing golf requires.

The camp was held in the Wellness Center gym, at Early Wine Golf Course and in the athletic fields just west of OCCC's Main Building.

Coach Gary Martin, who ran the camp, said students learned a variety of skills including how to hold a club, proper swing speed, stance, balance and rotation.

"We played games like Closest to the Pin and longest ball," Martin said.

"Kids caught on quickly and had a blast competing against each

other."

He said he wanted to teach them the basic skills they need so that, when camp is over, the children have something to build on.

"I love golf, there is no life without golf," Martin said.

"I want to show them the game

OCCC hosts tennis camp

By Daniel Martin
Staff Writer

Golf camp wasn't the only thing stirring up noise in the Wellness Center gym June 16 through 20. Tennis camp was in full swing as well.

Children ages 10 to 14 eager to play tennis learned the ins and outs of the game during OCCC's continuation of summer sports programs.

Coach Brent Tempest, who helped lead the camp along with coach Timothy Braun, said students were taught the proper fundamentals for serving, forehands, backhands and other techniques used in tennis.

"We showed them how to hold the racquet, how to swing properly and how to move around the court," Tempest said. "The kids gained a lot of experience and a greater understanding for the game."

Since most of the camp was at

at its fullest."

For more information about OCCC summer sports programs, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

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the Moore Community Center, the campers were able to work on singles, doubles, scoring and footwork, he added.

"Physical fitness is a huge part of it though; we do a lot of plyometrics and stretching exercises," Tempest said, "a lot of the etiquette and form drills didn't even require a racquet."

While some kids were first timers to tennis and the camp, 12 year-old Kyndal Heath had a previous understanding for the game.

"I have had a lot of coaches but coach Tempest and coach Braun were extremely nice and constructive, it was really helpful and it made things a whole lot easier to understand," Heath said.

There are still opportunities to sign up for the OCCC Summer sports programs. For more information, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

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Protection against summer heat advised

By **Evan J. Noble**
News Writing Student

Temperatures last week were milder than many summer days in Oklahoma, but that's sure to change soon. When it does, people need to be prepared with ways to protect themselves from the heat.

Leaugeay Barnes, Emergency Medical Sciences director, said people should focus on water intake as soon as they begin to feel the first sign of extreme heat.

She said it's important to stay constantly hydrated and avoid over-exertion through strenuous activities such as jogging, biking, and roller blading.

Some students, new to Oklahoma, may be caught unaware.

Rick Smith, Warning Coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Center in Norman, said those new to the state might benefit in understanding it is normal to have extended periods of hot conditions in Oklahoma.

Heat waves in Oklahoma "[vary] yearly, but typically [occur in] July and August, and peaks in late July and mid-August," Smith said.

Many students said they already have plans in place to deal with the summer heat.

They offered their tips for those new to the state.

"Wear sunscreen with a high SPF," said Erin Lee, 22. "Drink plenty of water, and stay in the shade if you're going to be outside."

Lee said she plans to spend a lot of time inside in air conditioning and will wait until later in the day to exercise so that she doesn't become overheated.

Katie Oliphant, biology major, recommends staying inside before 4 p.m.

"Avoid the middle part of the day from say, 11 a.m.

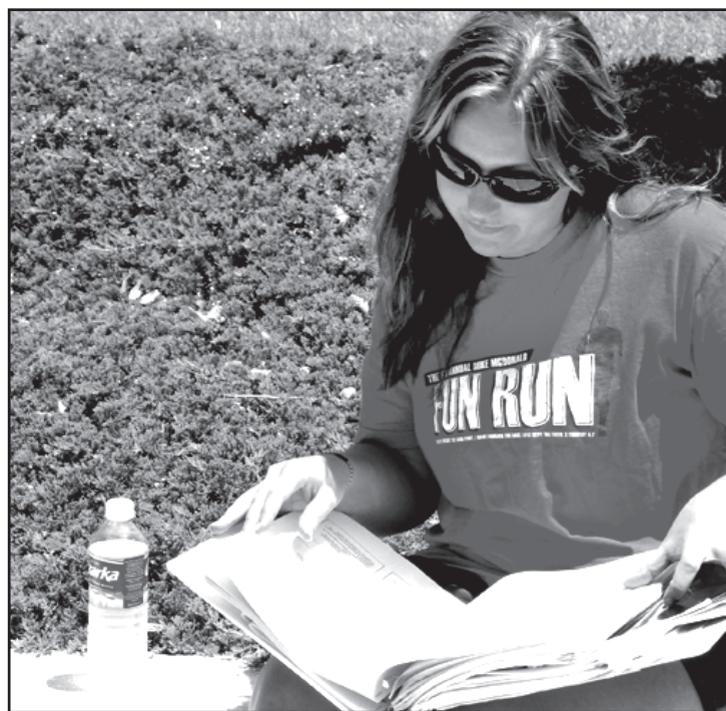


Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

Nursing major Breanna Schneberger keeps a bottle of water nearby as she studies outdoors on a sunny day. To help beat the heat, experts say be sure to stay fully hydrated.

"The biggest danger is going to be when the temp is over 90 degrees, combined with humidity of over 75 percent."

—Leaugay Barnes

Emergency Medical Sciences Director

to 3 p.m., if you can," she said. "Wear light clothing, and drink lots of water."

Oliphant said she has another method for dealing with Oklahoma heat. She leaves the state to camp and hike in caves in Colorado.

Ike Sloas, Campus Safety and Security director, said his staff is ready to assist anyone who succumbs to the heat.

To prepare for heat- and other weather-related emergencies, Sloas and Campus Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Bourque attend the National Weather Center's Severe Weather Conference held in Norman each March.

OCCC security officers also are trained as First Responders, Sloas said.

Sloas said, during heat

waves, people should drink plenty of fluids and stay inside since all of OCCC's buildings are air conditioned

Barnes said if people must be outside, they should watch for signs of heat exhaustion.

"The biggest danger is going to be when the temp is over 90 degrees, combined with humidity of over 75 percent," she said. "That is when we see the most problems because the body has trouble cooling itself."

For more information on heat-related illnesses and preventative measures, visit the Red Cross at www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/heat or the National Weather Service at www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/wxsafety/summerwx/heatindex.php.

—Heat Emergencies—

Heat cramps:

Most common and least severe. Caused by an electrolyte imbalance when people sweat too much from over exertion, don't have enough salt, or drink too much water, which leads to cramping.

DO: Get into a cool place and rest. Drink cool water and stretch the cramped muscles.

Heat exhaustion:

Signs of this are a person's skin will feel normal to cool to the touch. May feel dizzy or fatigued, will sweat and possibly look pale.

DO: Get the person into a cool area and remove any restrictive clothing. Fan them so they can start cooling off and provide cool water.

Heat stroke:

This is a true emergency. Call 911 immediately. Mortality can be anywhere from 20 to 80 percent if left untreated. Signs are that a person's skin is hot to the touch and red. The skin may be dry or sweaty. Sometimes, people will stop sweating at this stage. A person also could be nauseated, vomiting, have a headache, fall unconscious, or may have seizures.

A person can have a heat stroke without showing any signs of heat exhaustion or heat cramps.

DO: Get the person immediately into a cool area. Apply ice packs to the neck, groin and armpits. Put tepid water on the person and fan him or her. Try to avoid anything that causes a person to shiver as that may generate heat and create more heat.

—SOURCES:

• Leaugeay Barnes, OCCC Emergency Medical Sciences director

• American Red Cross

www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/heat.html

Safety Tips

- Children should never be left alone in a vehicle, not even to run a quick errand.
- Keep vehicles locked at all times, even in the garage or driveway.
- Keys should never be left within reach of children.
- Teach your children to never play in or around a vehicle.
- Consider installing cross-view mirrors and/or a backup detection device on your vehicle.
- Always make sure that all child passengers have left the car after it is parked.
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Highlights

CDCLS Reservation Room

OCCC's Child Development Center and Lab School has spots available for the Reservation Room. The Reservation Room provides child care from 5:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., with evenings available depending on children's needs. Cost for the summer semester is \$10 per evening per child, plus a \$15 activity fee for each child. For more information, call the CDCLS at 405-682-7561.

Classes offered in summer

Community Outreach and Education will offer a variety of summer non-credit classes. Classes include: Computer Basics, Microsoft Office, dance classes, sign language, Spanish, ESL and 'voice overs.' For more information, call 405-682-7859.

Highlights have a 5 p.m. deadline every Tuesday.



File photo

Education major Lindsay Payne donates blood to the Oklahoma Blood Institute during a blood drive hosted by OCCC on Feb. 12, 2008, in this file photo.

Blood institute to host blood drive on campus June 25

*By Cameron Buchholtz
Staff Writer*

The Oklahoma Blood Institute will host a blood drive on campus this Wednesday, June 25.

The drive will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room College Union room 3 of the Main Building.

Community Engagement Coordinator Jon Horinek organized the drive with help from the OBI.

"The OBI has been hosting blood drives at OCCC for over ten years," Horinek said.

A blood drive is held on campus 5 times a year, twice in the fall and spring and once in the summer.

The event will be open to all students and faculty, as well as the public.

Horinek said the number of students and faculty that take part in the drive varies from semester to semester. "We're expecting anywhere from 40 to 80 people this semester," said Horinek.

The actual donation takes between 8 and 10 minutes, with the entire process taking less than an hour.

Everyone who donates will receive an OBI tote bag.

According to the OBI website, healthy donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Before giving blood, donors must complete a physical exam, which consists of taking the donor's blood pressure, pulse,

temperature and hemoglobin concentration.

The average donation collects about one pint of blood, which could help up to the three patients.

The event was originally scheduled to take place June 18 but due to a scheduling error, was postponed.

For more information, visit the OBI website, at www.obl.org.

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What: Blood drive hosted by the Oklahoma Blood Institute

When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 25

Where: College Union 3

Why: To save lives

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Road rage moves to campus parking lots

By Stephen Sossamon
Staff Writer

On June 9, all officers were dispatched to parking lot G for a possible road rage incident, according to the crime report.

The road rage incident allegedly started off campus, on May Avenue, continued to parking lot A, and

ended at lots G and F, according to the crime report.

Student Christina Whitman, the victim, called 911 to request assistance from the Oklahoma City Police Department, according to the report.

OCPD met with both Whitman and suspect student Kevin Hecksher, and took their statements. Af-

ter the report, both individuals were released, according to the report.

June 6, at 10:19 a.m., Vice President for Business and Finance Mark Davis notified Safety and Security of cash missing from the Recreation and Community Services cash box, according to the crime report.

RCS employee Rita Man-

ning sent an e-mail to Bursar Brandi Henson, Bursar assistant Heather Wall, and Aquatics and Safety Training coordinator Roxanne Butler about the RCS cash box being short by \$44.50, according to the report.

Manning said, in an e-mail, she is unaware of when the shortage occurred, but said she thinks it was between May 12 and June 4, according to the report.

Manning said the missing money may have been caused by mistake when a student came in to pay for a class, and change was made but not placed back into the box.

Also last week, a cleaning crew member reported

a broken window at Entry 11, according to the crime report. Safety and Security officer John Hughes said the damage was consistent with that of a thrown object.

The bulk of glass appeared to be on the inside, as little glass was on the exit side, Hughes said.

June 6, a fire alarm sounded in the Main Building and the Science, Engineering and Math Center, according to the crime report.

Security Officer William Busby said falling riser pressure triggered the alarm.

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Grades released to online websites

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Aquino said the college will not release grade information on a class with small enrollment.

Hypothetically, if five students were in a class and all made F's, no information could be released because it could be known specifically what grade each student made, Cardenas Barton said.

However, if three students made A's and two made F's, in theory, FERPA would release that information because no individual students would be identifiable.

Also, under FERPA, each institution identifies directory information that can be released without the student's signature, Car-

denas Barton said.

Those include name, major, high school attended and students' college e-mail addresses.

Although some campuses choose to release home addresses and phone numbers as part of directory information, OCCC does not.

"Since all our students are commuter students, we don't really want to be in the business of releasing [addresses and phone numbers]," Cardenas Barton said.

Students can request the college not release any information.

She said students can send that written request to the office of Records and Graduation Services.

Cardenas Barton said students should keep in

mind that could affect students needing employment verification and verification for insurance purposes.

For more information, call Cardenas Barton at 405-682-7515.

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Employees get raises

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Paul Sechrist.

Sechrist's raise will put his annual salary at \$227,429 for the 2008-

2009 fiscal year, Lombard said.

That is a \$5,195 raise from the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

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The message to parents is clear: Never, ever leave a child alone in a car. Not for one minute. The message to auto manufacturers is also clear: Every single car should have the safer switches that must be pulled up to raise the car window. And, just as garage doors, every car should come with "auto-reverse" mechanisms on all power windows. Power windows have the power to kill.

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