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OCCC offers a variety of student jobs

From food service to library jobs, employment is alive and well on campus

By Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

With Oklahoma's unemployment rates at 4.1 percent, one of the lowest in the nation, students are reaping the benefits, said Judi McGee, OCCC Employment Services Coordinator.

"We have up to 3,000 job listings some days," she said.

McGee said her office will do more than just help a student find work — they will help them through the process of being prepared.

"We do not only list the jobs," she said. "We assist the student in writing a résumé and walk them through the interview process to prepare them to be successful."

McGee said part-time work is just one of the viable options for students.

Tiffany Brown, first-year nursing student, filled out an online résumé through McGee's office, hoping to find a job that fits her schedule.

"I have a husband, a child and school," Brown said. "I only need to work two days a week."

OCCC workstudy student Chris White also went through Employment Services so he could get a job that fit his needs.

"I wanted a position on campus because the hours are flexible and fit my busy schedule," he said.

What he got was a position right there in the Employment Services office. Now the science and biology major helps other students find jobs.

"I enjoy working with the students and helping them find the jobs they need," he said.

McGee said, in addition to helping place students in jobs, OCCC holds job fairs each year to allow local businesses to speak directly with students about job opportunities and career possibilities.

The next job fair is Oct. 1, McGee said. "The October fair will highlight a good mix of manual labor through degree requirement positions."

While this is an opportunity to explore job options off campus, McGee said, 50 percent enrollment growths since 1996 and a budget increase have created a need to also fill job openings right here on the OCCC campus.

College President Paul Sechrist said there is plenty of employment opportunity at OCCC.

"More faculty and staff are needed to teach and

*See **"Student Jobs,"** page 12*

Problem solving

Photo by Kenny Hilburn

Travis Jandula, mechanical engineering major, and Lynn Shoemake, civil engineering major, work on a physics lab assignment in the physical sciences center. The center is open to students with assigned labs, classes and provides individual tutoring.

Literary journal accepting writing, photo submissions

By Lindsay Whelchel
News Writing Student

Submissions are now being accepted for the Absolute, OCCC's journal of literature, art and photography.

The deadline is Dec. 5, according to the official entry form, but artists are being asked to begin submitting right away.

People are encouraged to submit as many pieces as they want and are not limited to one genre, said English professor and Absolute adviser Marybeth McCauley.

She said poetry, essays, short stories, screenplays and other mediums are published in the book.

"Being chosen for publication is really encouraging to artists and writers to keep working on their crafts," McCauley said.

She said the Absolute, published since the early '70s, takes submissions from outside of the college as well.

"We take submissions from all over, but we also think of Absolute as a way to showcase the talents of the people at our school."

The pieces included in the final publication are selected by the student editors of Absolute, who, McCauley said, "need to be good writers themselves."

Student editor Cynthia Praefke said she enjoys reading the submissions.

"I would like to see a little more light-hearted writing, comedic writing," Praefke said.

She also stressed the importance of submitting work early.

She said, although the editors read everything thoroughly and never discount anything due to lack of time, they are always grateful for the extra time to enjoy the pieces.

Praefke said she has high hopes for the 2009 edition, sold in the bookstore for $5.

"I would like to see it go all over, because there is some very worthwhile writing found in Absolute."

Submission forms can be found outside of the Arts and Humanities office and online at www.occc.edu/ah/absolute/index.htm.

Submitted work is confidential.

"No one on campus is privy to what we get until it's published," Praefke said. "It's not over 'til it's over."

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Sportsmanship in jeopardy

On Sept. 6, University of Washington quarterback Jake Locker was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct when he threw the ball into the air after scoring a touchdown in the closing seconds of the game. Washington ended up losing 28-27.

Locker's penalty and Washington's narrow-loss marked the peak of a trend that has been developing for a long time and has gotten out of hand.

The authorities of collegiate and professional athletics have adopted a mindset that any sort of taunt or celebration is considered "bad sportsmanship."

The NFL's numerous penalties and fines on players have earned them the nickname: "No Fun League."

We can all agree that sportsmanship is important.

But it is possible to take it too far. When you look at Jake Locker tossing the ball straight into the air before high fiving his own teammates, do you really see bad sportsmanship?

Two weeks ago, University of South Carolina defensive back Emanuel Cook was flagged after dropping an interception.

He punished himself by doing a set of push-ups for not catching the pass.

If anyone can find the unsportsmanlike conduct in that, please let me know.

The core of athletic competition, the reason these teams battle each other, is to decide who the better team is.

How can you tell a 20-year-old athlete not to show his excitement when he runs in the game-winning touchdown?

These days, it seems the NCAA and NFL are more concerned with their players being emotionless robots than with fair competition.

Good sportsmanship is showing respect on the field and the letting the outcome of a game be decided by the players.

Bad sportsmanship is changing the outcome of a game and denying a team a hard-earned victory just because one of their players got excited.

It is perfectly understandable to preach sportsmanship, but the NCAA and NFL are going about it the wrong way.

They are taking the process too far and are hurting the spirit of the game.

The only question is, what's next? Will they penalize the crowd for clapping? Will they flag a coach for congratulating his players?

We need to stop this before it is irreversible. We should all take a step back, relax and just enjoy football.

Isn't it just a game?

—Dillon Hart
Staff Writer

College-bound generation

To the editor:

It is true that teachers, generally speaking, come from the bottom one third of their college's graduating classes. Although, we are fortunate that many come in considerably higher than that, some even from the top 25 percent.

In many states there is a practice of raising teacher salaries considerably, and tying the higher salaries to performance on the part of both teachers and their students. While I think this is a move in the right direction, a move toward treating teachers as professionals, it does not strike at the heart of the problem in education.

Today , we are facing the worst cultural malaise in the history of the U.S. What good does it do to have excellent teachers if students leave school for an environment in which learning is not highly regarded, there are no books, no one is home, or in some cases, go to neighborhoods that are unsafe?

Does it matter that we have excellent schools if the examples set by leaders and politicians are of partisanship, fraud, greed and cynicism?

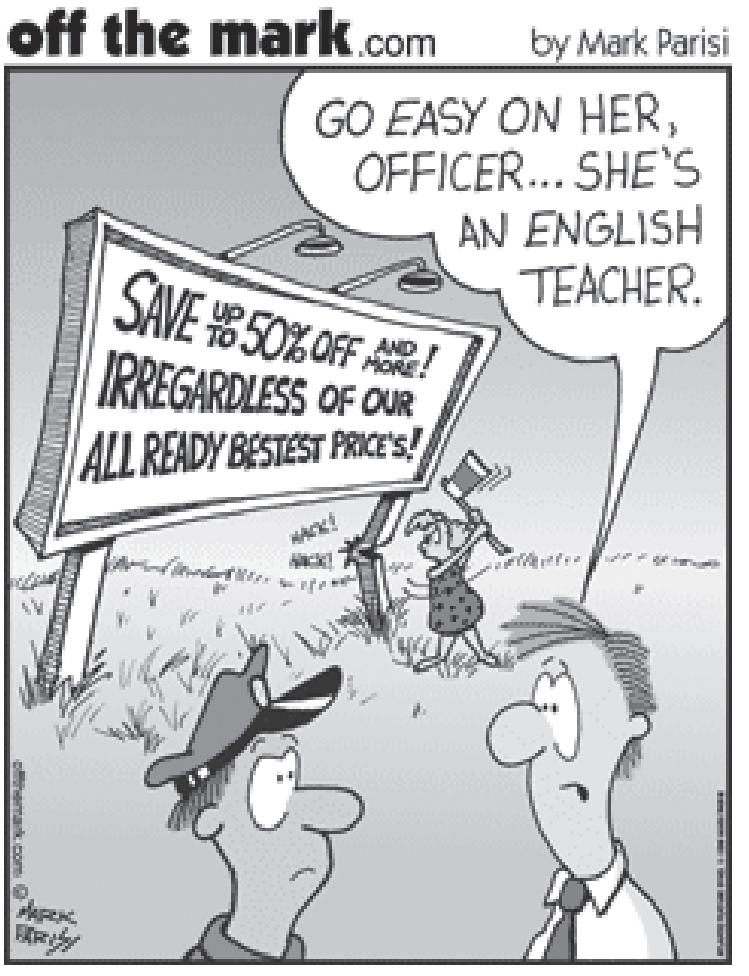
What I think we need is a plan that incorporates elements of something William James and President Theodore Roosevelt proposed in the early years of the 20th century.

James talked about the "Moral Equivalent of War," in which young people, both male and female, would be drafted into a domestic army to do the hard, dirty and mean work of society for a year, with the idea that it would make them more democratic.

If parents are too busy, too indifferent or too lazy to do the job of working with teachers and schools for the education of their own children, then the state should take over the job.

What I propose is dormitories be built in all public schools so that students might live at school for the first 10 grades so schools have a fair shot at teaching students the fundamentals, and when children finish high school, they would be drafted into a domestic army until we get a generation that is prepared for college.

—Ray McCullar
Professor of History



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Comments and Reviews

‘Kill’ packs a punch with Pacino, DeNiro

There is nothing unusual about two veteran New York City detectives investigating what seems to be a string of serial killings.

Nothing unusual, that is, except the officers in the film “Righteous Kill” are not too concerned that the murders are happening.

In fact, “Rooster” and “Turk” read the poems left behind by the murderer, and make jokes about each victim while standing over the dead bodies.

“Nothing wrong with a little shooting, as long as the right people get shot,” says Rooster.

Cold blooded perhaps, but the fact is that all the victims are people who committed violent crimes and were set free for one reason or another.

The police team sees the deaths as justified, until another detective (John Leguizamo) begins to investigate the partners as possible suspects.

Al Pacino as Rooster, and Robert DeNiro as Turk, are the consummate pair of wise-cracking, street-smart cops that make this type of movie interesting.

Pacino, DeNiro and a touch of Brian Dennehy as their boss is a formula for success.

While the story itself is a bit predictable, the acting is so remarkable that it makes up for the fact that most of the audience thought they had the ending figured out in the first 15 minutes.

On the flip side Donnie Wahlberg made the most of his small appearance as Detective Riley, partner of Perez (Leguizamo).

50 Cent cast as bad guy Curtis “Spider” Jackson is a joke. Cent needs to stick to his recording career and leave acting to people who know how.

At least cast him in a smaller film and not against such proven talent who emphasized his lack of acting ability.

This movie is rated R for violence, language, sex, and drug use.

In other words, it is 100 minutes of everything that sells in the media.

By the way, the audience only thought they had the end pegged.

Rating: A

—Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

Local musician provides on-screen entertainment

When the person responsible for writing and directing a movie openly admits he isn’t a filmmaker and had no idea what he was doing when making his film, it usually isn’t a good sign.

But in the case of local filmmaker Mickey Reece and his second film, “Bury the Gold, Eli,” it didn’t wind-up mattering in the slightest, even if it was obviously true.

Audiences may be familiar with Reece from his one-man band El Paso Hot Button.

“Bury the Gold, Eli” can’t really be called a good film, but it’s certainly entertaining.

It’s poorly shot, poorly acted and the story is as thin and cliché as possible, but it never ceases to be enjoyable.

The film begins with a short trailer for the fake film “The Michael J. Fox Story,” in which Reece and company humorously and mildly offensively show what it would be like if Michael J. Fox tried to make “Back to the Future 4” while dealing with Parkinson’s.

“Bury the Gold, Eli” is a western that tells the story of a man, Eli, seeking to avenge his father’s death by killing his father’s murderer, the infamous Jesse James, and find his father’s buried treasure.

Along the way Eli befriends a talkative Mexican who adds a lot of humor to the film.

Most of the film looks to have been shot in pastures and farms outside of Oklahoma City, but some viewers may recognize the film’s saloon as local concert venue The Conservatory.

The film ends on a cliffhanger and sets up Reece’s next film, “Get That Mexican.”

Both “Bury the Gold, Eli” and Reece’s first film, “Le Corndog Du Desespoir,” can be seen as part of the Vacant Era Film Festival from Oct. 2 through 5 at the Sooner Theater in Norman

Rating: B-

—Cameron Buchholtz
Staff Writer

ADVISER’S 411

October is advising month

Starting Oct. 6, if you are a current OCCC student, you can enroll for your spring and summer classes. Why should that matter to you? Because you have a chance to beat the crowds, get advised, get into the classes you want and be prepared for the upcoming semesters.

Now, I know that you have many options on where to go for advice, and friends seem to be a popular choice. While you may trust your friend’s opinion when suggesting a nice restaurant to take a date to or what outfit looks best to wear on that date, I encourage you to seek more professional advising when creating your academic plan.

In the spirit of Advising Month, stop by the Academic Advising Office, see an adviser and register to win a prize.

In case you are not familiar with it, here is what the Academic Advising Office at OCCC has to offer:

• Academic Advisers. Come in, meet with an adviser and get help planning your future. The advisers offer general information as it pertains the course offerings and your degree program. They have the most up-to-date information on courses and degree plans, and will help when planning your schedule — more so than your friends.

• Peer Advisers. Get advice from peers who have been trained by the best. Our peer advisers are students just like you, so they have the inside scoop on classes and professors. The peer advisers can also show you how to use MineOnline to register for your courses.

• Faculty Advisers. Have you already chosen a major? Confirm your major in Academic Advising and you will be assigned a faculty adviser. The faculty adviser is a great resource for you as you work through your major coursework. They will help you make more specific degree and career-related decisions.

—Sara McElroy
Transfer and Academic Advising coordinator

Election Coverage '08

Voter registration deadline approaching fast, Oct. 10

Students urged to take part in '08 election

By Matt Montgomery
Staff Writer

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 5 presidential election is just around the corner.

According to the Oklahoma State Election Board website — www.elections.state.ok.us — the deadline to register for the presidential election is Oct. 10.

A person must be 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and a state resident to cast a ballot.

Those in the OCCC community can register to vote on campus at the Student Life office, located just inside entry 11.

Voter registration applications are available at any local post office, tag agency or public library.

Applications also can be downloaded online at www.elections.state.ok.us/vrfrmshl.html.

Registering to vote is just the first step. Casting your vote is the most important part to any election.

OCCC President Paul Sechrist said voting is one of the most prized privileges citizens of a democracy have.

"Having the right to vote for our governing officials and having real choices are fundamental to the form of government that is envied and fought for throughout the world," he said.

Sechrist said he urges everyone to register and use his or her power to vote.

According to the State Election Board, the youth voter demographic, ages 18 to 24, is traditionally one of the most underrepresented groups in an election.

Political Science Professor Markus Smith said it's not surprising that young adults are the least likely age group to participate in the election process.

He said many times, youth voters believe their vote doesn't matter.

"All I can do as a professor of political science is to try and convey to young adults that their vote does count and they can make a difference," he said.

Smith emphasized the importance of youth voters participating in the coming election.

"Getting the chance to vote in this historical presidential election should be considered a privilege."

Sechrist agrees that it is important for students not only to register but also to actually vote.

"Let your voice be heard," he said. "Especially through your vote."

Many students cherish their right to vote.

Preston Bristow, pre-law major, said voting is very important to him.

"Getting the chance to vote in this historical presidential election should be considered a privilege."
—Markus Smith
political science
professor

"Having my right to vote means I decide what I want for the future," Bristow said.

Some of his peers agreed with him.

"My right to vote is extremely important," said Film and Videos Studies sophomore Robin Dennis. "I want my voice to be heard by my government, no matter how small it is."

Not everyone agrees. Political science major Randy Hutchins said he is unimpressed by the choices and doesn't know why anyone would bother voting.

"I chose not to register to vote because the past two [elections], the candidates have been worthless," Hutchins said. "It seems like it's never going to change, so what's the use in voting?"

For more information on voter registration, visit the Oklahoma State Election Board website.

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What *they* say... on the key issues

Barack Obama vs John McCain

Barack Obama	John McCain
• **Iraq** — early opponent of the war who has promised to remove combat troops from Iraq within 16 months of taking office	• **Iraq** — advocate of the decision to invade Iraq and strong supporter of the unpopular surge of troops in Iraq, which proved successful
• **Taxes** — remove the Bush tax breaks from those making more than $250,000 annually; introduce new tax breaks for lower and middle-income households	• **Taxes** — make the Bush's tax cuts permanent and reduce corporate tax rates; reduce the reach of the "wealth tax" that threatens the middle class
• **Energy** — wants to invest $150 billion in renewable energy over the next 10 years; would only allow a limited amount of offshore drilling, not as a permanent solution	• **Energy** — plans to push to expand nuclear power production and commit $2 billion annually to advance clean coal technologies; wants to lift ban on offshore drilling
• **Health Care** — keep the existing job-based system and expand government involvement; also supports universal health coverage for the uninsured and mandatory coverage for children	• **Health Care** — wants to shift from employer-based insurance coverage to an open market system where people can choose from competing policies; coverage would not be mandatory for anyone

**Sources: cnnmoney.com, barackobama.com, johnmccain.com*

Where can you go to register?

- **OCCC Student Life office**
- **Post offices**
- **Tag agencies**
- **Public library**
- **www.elections.state.ok.us/vrfrmshl.html**

**To be eligible to vote in the Nov. 5 presidential elections, all applications must be submitted by Oct. 10*

By the numbers — the youth vote

Members of the Pioneer staff surveyed 123 students ages 18 to 24 and asked them a series of questions regarding the upcoming presidential elections. This is what they found:

Are you registered to vote? ..... YES 80% NO 20%

If yes, what party? ... REPUBLICAN 54% DEMOCRAT 30% INDEPENDENT 16%

Will you vote in the '08 election? ..... YES 84% NO 16%

If yes, for who? ..... OBAMA 35% MCCAIN 41% UNDECIDED 24%

Degree Check It Out event Sept. 24 & 25

By Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

Students planning to graduate in the spring may want to attend the Degree Check it Out event to make sure they are taking all the right classes.

Barbara Gowdy, Graduation Services director, said students can drop in without an appointment.

"Two members of the graduation staff will be on hand Sept. 24 and 25 in the common area east of the coffee shop to help students determine whether or not they will be eligible for graduation in the near future," she said.

Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., the staff will be available to answer questions regarding the process of applying for graduation.

The staff members also will have computers available to run degree checks to determine if students are enrolled in the classes needed to complete their degree.

This will be a benefit to those who may have changed majors or have not seen an academic adviser for help in planning their course of action toward a degree.

Any student who has not applied for graduation will be able to do so at this time.

"There will be graduation applications available and we will help the students fill them out if necessary," Gowdy said.

The Degree Check It Out event will update students on any changes that may occur in their degree plan.

The staff of the Degree Check it Out event also will help students find out who their faculty adviser is.

Students are assigned faculty advisers to help them be successful in college.

For more information, contact Graduation Adviser Katie Kennedy at kkennedy @occc.edu

Staff Writer Cynthia Praefke can be reached at adman@occc.edu.

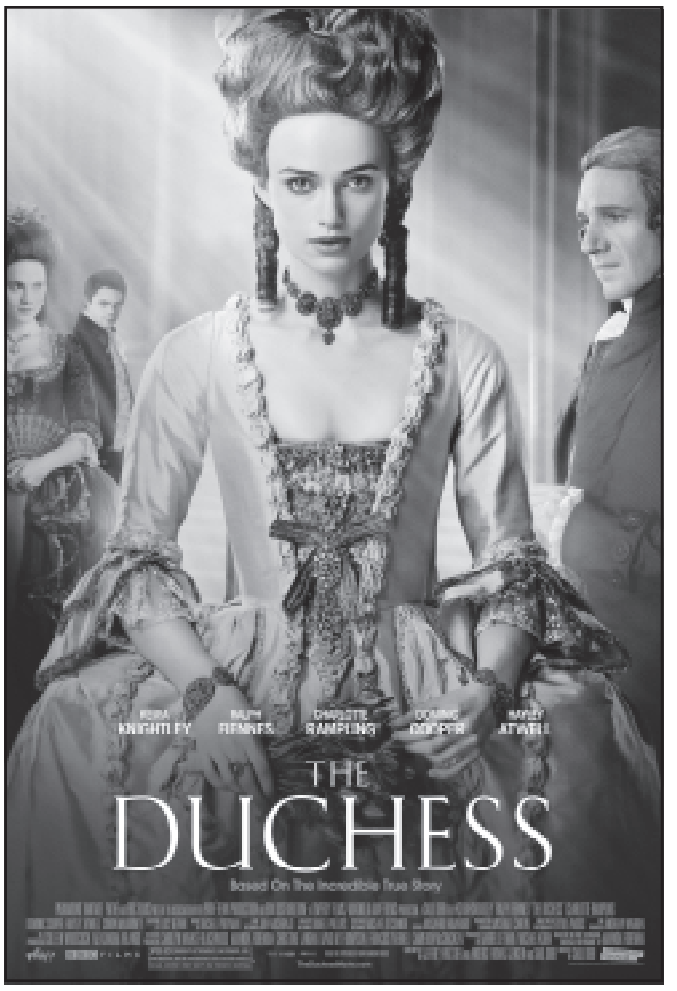
Correction

In last week's Pioneer, Professor Tamala Zolicoffer was incorrectly identified as a sociology professor. She is an accounting professor.

Need help or an escort to your car? Call campus security at ext.7691

OKC Community College SECURITY

YOU AND A FRIEND ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SPECIAL SCREENING



Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Harkins Bricktown 16

***Supplies are limited. Complimentary passes are available in the Pioneer office 2M6 MB on a first-come, first-serve basis. One admit-two pass per person with a valid OCCC ID and proof of age. No purchase necessary.**

Rated PG-13 for sexual content, brief nudity and thematic material

PIONEER PARAMOUNT VANTAGE

IN THEATRES FRIDAY, OCT. 3

Employment Services
Job Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Wednesday, October 1, 2008
College Union Dining Area

General Employment
10am–2pm

Health Professions
12noon–6pm

For information call
405-682-7519 or email
employmentservices@occc.edu

Man arrested for lewd acts on campus

By Stephen Sossamon
Staff Writer

Oklahoma City police arrested a man on campus Sept. 11 on a complaint of watching children while engaging in lewd acts, according to a report from the campus Safety and Security office.

The man was sitting in the Aquatic Center bleachers when his behavior caught the attention of a bystander who notified a member of the center staff.

Wellness Center employee Andy Jordan notified the security office of a suspicious man in the bleachers who appeared to be masturbating, according to the report.

Security officer Brandon Wheeler met with Jordan at the pool deck and was informed that the suspect entered the men's locker room, according to the report.

Wheeler said as he and Jordan went toward the locker room door, Jordan noticed the man had come out and was walking through the doors that led to entry 8.

The man was walking quickly, possibly in an attempt to elude the security officers, Wheeler said.

When Wheeler asked the man to stop, he turned around and asked if there was a problem, according to the report.

Security officers Kevin Tipton and Jacob Roby arrived shortly after the confrontation and identified the suspect as campus visitor Joseph Eslin, according to the report.

Eslin said he was waiting on his girlfriend to get out of class and said he had done nothing wrong.

Wheeler frisked him and noticed Eslin wasn't wearing undergarments, according to the report.

After talking with the witness, Angela Bumgarner, Tipton decided to call the Oklahoma City Police Department, according to the report.

When OCPD arrived, they determined there was sufficient evidence to arrest Eslin for watching children while engaging in lewd acts and he was placed under arrest.

Soliciting on campus requires proper authorization

By Matt Bishop
Staff Writer

Petitioning on campus without permission led one man to be handcuffed and taken to the Safety and Security office.

Although the First Amendment allows residents to speak freely, there are guidelines to petitioning at OCCC.

The rules are outlined in Administrative Procedure No. 3010:

"There will be no unauthorized solicitation on campus. Individuals who violate this procedure will be escorted from campus by Safety and Security personnel."

On Sept. 3, OCCC Safety and Security officers Brandon Wheeler and Jacob Roby were dispatched to approach a man who was on campus petitioning for the Hope Organization.

The man was identified as Anthony Beverage, according to the OCCC crime report.

Beverage asked if he was under arrest. Wheeler said he was not, but that he wanted to ask a few questions. The report shows that Beverage became uncooperative and agitated.

Sgt. Kevin Tipton then arrived to the scene and Beverage was handcuffed and escorted to the Safety and Security office, according to the report.

OCCC Administrative Procedure No. 5005. states that individuals must obtain permission to petition on campus.

"We're not telling people they can't petition," said Student Life Assistant Marcy Roll, "but they need permission to be here."

To petition at OCCC, all activities must go through the office of Student Life. Time, date and locations will be set up and must be followed strictly.

Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas said this procedure ensures students their right to roam freely around campus without being harassed.

"We don't want just anyone coming on campus and impeding our students from going to class," Sloas said.

Many times solicitors can get in the way of students making it to class on time, or from where they need to be, Sloas said.

"When someone doesn't want to abide by our policies, we can tell them to leave," he said. "If they refuse to leave then they are trespassing by state statue."

"If they are told by a security officer or a school official they are no longer welcome on the property and they refuse to leave, then it becomes a criminal issue and the police will be called."

"We're not telling people they can't petition, but they need permission to be here."

—Marcy Roll
Student Life Assistant

Sloas said petitioners can set up at a designated table where people can approach them with a question about the product or petition. There, the petitioner may speak about the issue.

No matter what the issue may be, everyone needs to be playing on the same field by going through Student Life, he said. "We ask a lot of people to please follow the policy and the majority of them either leave, or they follow the rules.

"It's very seldom we have people removed or have the police department involved in a solicitation."

For more information about petitioning on campus, contact Student Life located on the first floor of the main building. Or call Student Life Director Darin Behara at 405-682-7596.

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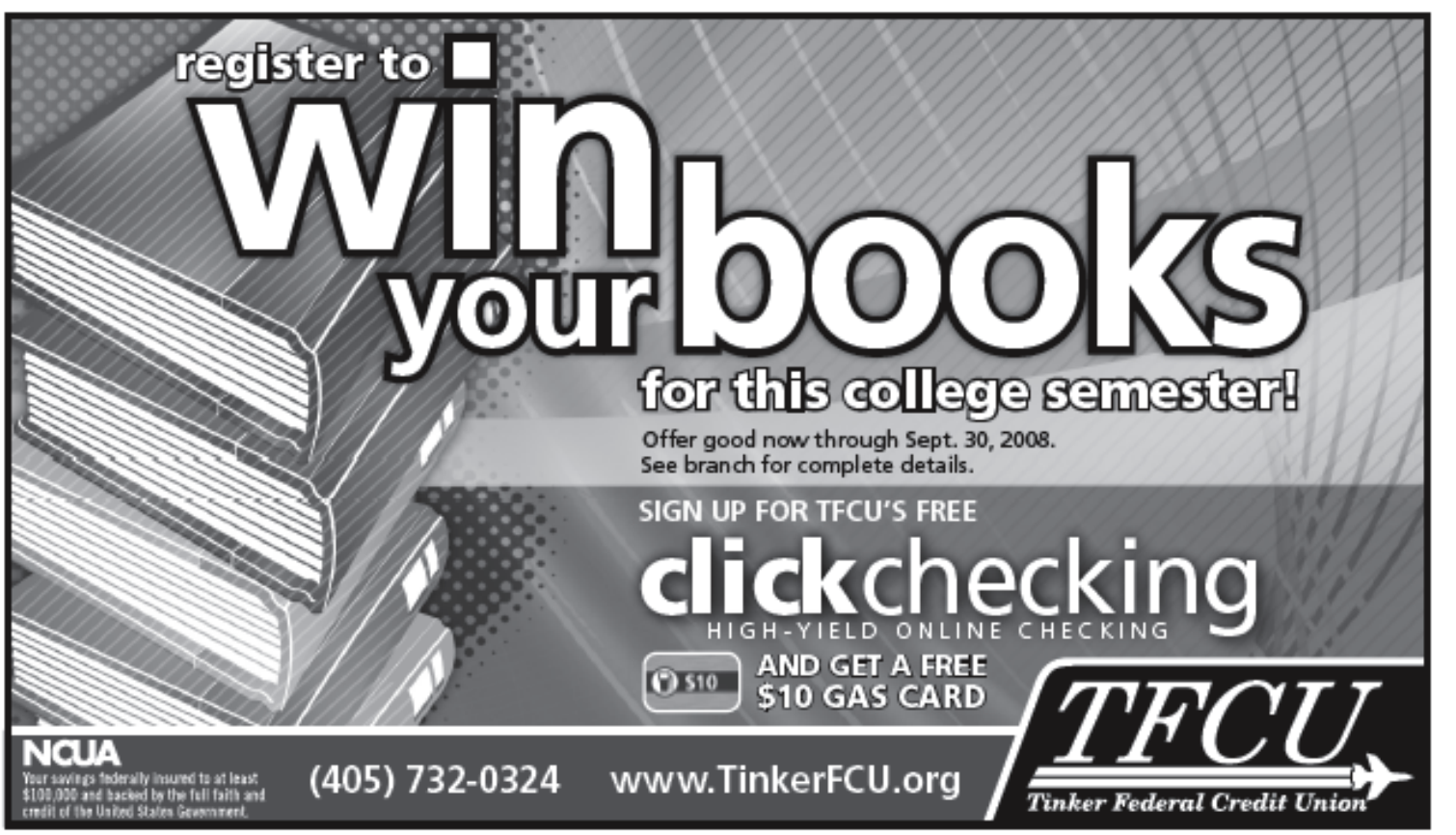

Top 100 modern books found in OCCC library

By Victory Reneau
News Writing Student

"[The Entertainment Weekly top 100 list] is an excellent book collection that has such variety and balance. There is something for everyone to enjoy."

—Dana Tuley-Williams
System Librarian

The OCCC Library is celebrating the top 100 books over the past 25 years, as listed by Entertainment Weekly, System Librarian Dana Tuley-Williams said.

Books of fiction, nonfiction and poetry are on display in the center, she said.

Tuley-Williams said these classics on display have been a wonderful contribution to society.

"This is a great way to connect students to literature that they can relate to," she said.

"There are so many contemporary books here that most students wouldn't have thought to have been on the list."

"The Road" by Cormac McCarthy, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" by J.K. Rowling and "Beloved" by Toni Morrison are some of the top listed books on display in the library.

These books have brought new ideas to the table with their innovativeness and ability to snag a reader with their enticing language and stories, Tuley-Williams said.

"[The Entertainment Weekly top 100 list] is an excellent book collection that has such variety and balance," she said. "There is something for everyone to enjoy."

Some of the books on display have been made into movies such as "Cold Mountain," "Bridget Jones's Dairy" and "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."

Students found the display to be a great way of encouraging others to read more books.

"I think the display is a great idea," Student Assistant Librarian Galexia Canada said. "It's a great way to get people involved and excited about reading."

Tuley-Williams said the books on display are some of the best pieces of literature in the last 25 years.

"These books are classics that will be read through this generation and the ones to come," she said.

Lead Librarian Circulation Assistant Jason Kimball said the library has many books to offer to students.

"Students don't realize that there are so many books that they might be interested in," Kimball said. "We have over 120,000 books in the library for them to choose from."

If a student or faculty member is interested in checking out a book on display, they can go to the college homepage, click "Library," then "Books" to see the availability of the texts they want.

Some textbooks are available at the circulation desk in the library for students to use.

For more information on the displayed books, go to Entertainment Weekly's website, www.ew.com.

Entertainment Weekly presents:

The New Classics: Books

The 100 best reads from 1983 to 2008

1. ***The Road***, Cormac McCarthy (2006)
2. ***Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire***, J.K. Rowling (2000)
3. ***Beloved***, Toni Morrison (1987)
4. ***The Liars' Club***, Mary Karr (1995)
5. ***American Pastoral***, Philip Roth (1997)
6. ***Mystic River***, Dennis Lehane (2001)
7. ***Maus***, Art Spiegelman (1986/1991)
8. ***Selected Stories***, Alice Munro (1996)
9. ***Cold Mountain***, Charles Frazier (1997)
10. ***The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle***, Haruki Murakami (1997)
11. ***Into Thin Air***, Jon Krakauer (1997)
12. ***Blindness***, José Saramago (1998)
13. ***Watchmen***, Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons (1986-87)
14. ***Black Water***, Joyce Carol Oates (1992)
15. ***A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius***, D. Eggers (2000)
16. ***The Handmaid's Tale***, Margaret Atwood (1986)
17. ***Love in the Time of Cholera***, Gabriel Márquez (1988)
18. ***Rabbit at Rest***, John Updike (1990)
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OCCC library offers services

By Daniel Martin
Staff Writer

Ever try to study and can't stay focused? OCCC's Keith Leftwich Memorial Library is here to help.

The library is open during the fall semester Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays.

All students, faculty and staff have access to the library free of charge. With a valid school ID, students can check out up to 10 books at a time.

Systems Librarian Dana Tuley-Williams said the library offers Internet access from more than 80 computers.

Online catalogs, archives for newspapers, copies of textbooks, magazines, books and videos can be accessed via the Internet.

"There is a vast amount of resources here for the students to use," Tuley-Williams said.

"We also have general interests books and pleasure reading material. We have graphic novels and best sellers."

Small group study rooms are available for students as well. Equipped with erasable whiteboards and accommodation for groups of four to eight people, the group study rooms are unlocked and available during library hours.

If you are looking for a quiet place to study, read or get work done, visit the library's second floor.

The "quiet floor" prohibits the use of cell phones and is designed to be a quiet relaxing work space for students, according to the library website.

Engineering junior Travis Cole said he enjoys the library because it's quiet.

"I can stay focused and concentrate on my work," he said.

He said he couldn't seem to get any work done at home. "There are just too many distractions," Cole said.

Tuley-Williams encourages students to ask questions. "I love helping students get acclimated. I enjoy showing them how to use our tools and resources," she said.

For more information about OCCC's library and a complete list of rules and policies, visit www.occc.edu/library.

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Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**Sept. 28:** OCCC club soccer plays East Central University at 3 p.m. in Ada.

•**Oct. 3:** 5-on-5 co-ed Intramural Basketball is scheduled to tip off. For more information about signing up, call Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Oct. 4:** OCCC club soccer plays Tulsa University at 1 p.m. in Norman.

•**Oct. 5:** OCCC club soccer plays The University of Oklahoma-Black team at 10 a.m. in Norman.

•**Oct. 8:** Meeting for co-ed Intramural Dodgeball will be held at 12:30 p.m. inside the Wellness Center Gymnasium. For more information about signing up, call Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Oct. 9:** OCCC Chance club basketball team tips-off its inaugural season against Mid America Bible College at 6 p.m. in the Wellness Center gym. For more information about signing up, call Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Oct. 13:** OCCC Chance club basketball team plays Southern Nazarene University at 7 p.m. in Bethany.

•**Oct. 20:** OCCC Chance club basketball team plays Southwestern Christian University at 7 p.m. in Bethany.

•**Oct 24-26:** The OCCC Aquatic Center will host the Chesapeake Halloween Invitational. for more information on Aquatic Center events, call Aquatic and Safety Training Specialist James Hensley at 682-1611, ext. 7662.

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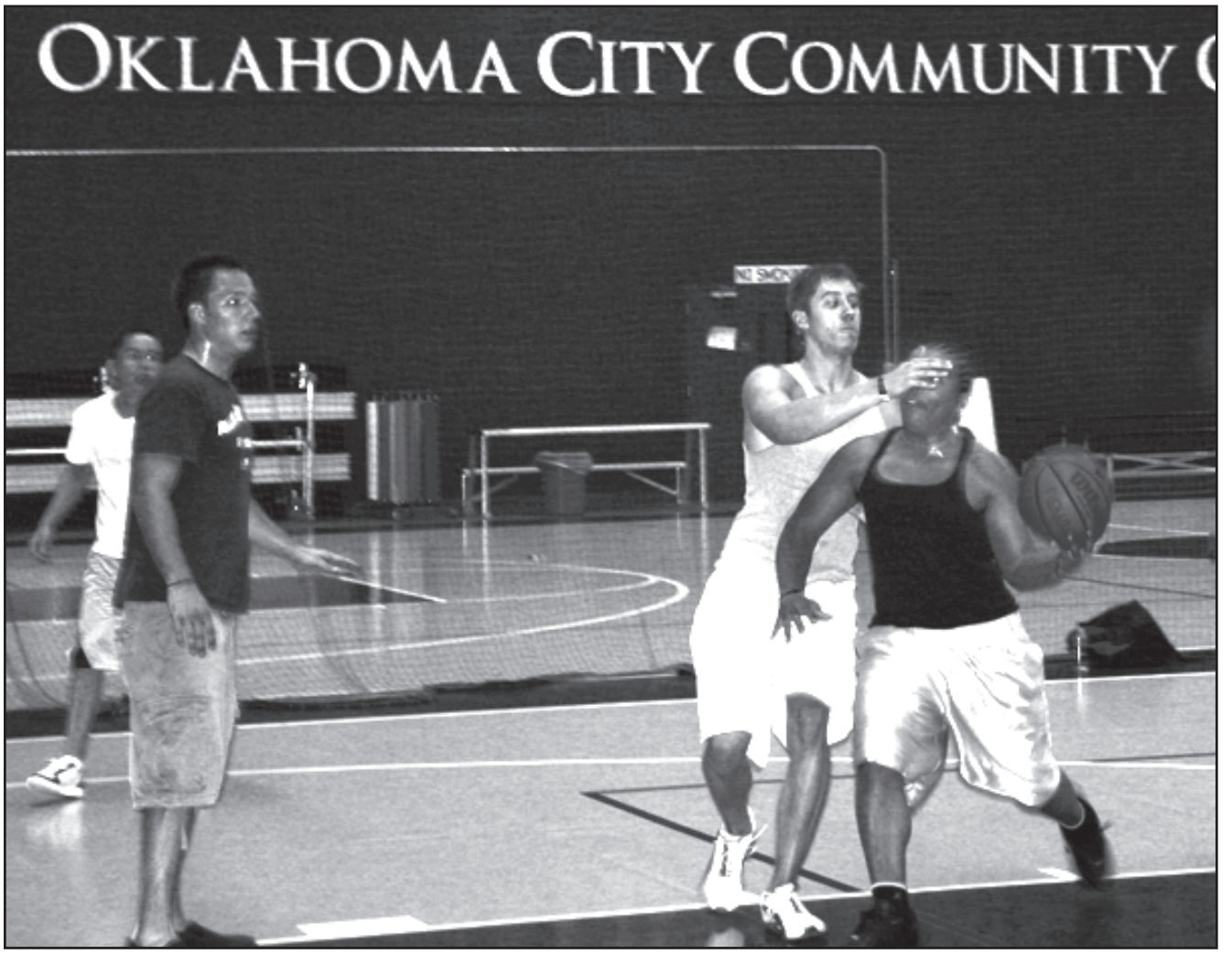

Photo by Matt Bishop

A group of OCCC students take part in an afternoon pick-up game of basketball at the Wellness Center gym. The Intramural basketball season starts Oct. 3 and students can still sign-up. For more information about signing up for Intramural basketball, call Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

Fatigue gets best of soccer club

By Jeff Downing
News Writing Student

The Sept. 13 match against the University of Oklahoma soccer team was a complete blowout, with a 13-0 dominance of the OCCC team.

The match began with the OCCC players looking strong and energetic, but quickly turned ugly.

Fatigue was a contributing factor in the loss, as OCCC had no fresh players to sub into the game.

The team had 11 players on the field this time, but still lacked a dedicated goalie.

Rudy Covarrubias began the game as goalie without the aid of gloves.

It took OU a little over 11 minutes to score the first goal.

It was apparent that the players were burned out halfway through the first half, when OU sent in five fresh players and Coach K.B. Yeboah had none.

At halftime, OU was in front of OCCC 3-0.

"I think you guys would do way better if you were in shape," Yeboah said at halftime. "You guys are too tired. When you try to pass the ball to your teammates, it's not even getting there."

One of the players echoed Yeboah's comment.

"I couldn't even kick the ball right now if I wanted to," Javier Carreon said.

After only a 15-minute break, the players went back onto the field.

D.J. Pursell started the second half as goalie for OCCC.

Three minutes into the second-half, OU scored their fourth goal.

OU came off the bench playing even more aggressively than they had played in the first half.

OCCC failed to capitalize on the onslaught of OU penalties and turnovers.

Pursell was bombarded with shots and deflected several.

He was unable to keep them all out of the net and the game ended with OU winning 13-0.

"I think this loss boils down to the guys are out of shape," Yeboah said after the game.

Yeboah said he would like to see more players join the team to help battle against the constant player fatigue.

Open practice is being held at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the soccer field on the south side of campus.

The next game will be against the University of Central Oklahoma at 11 a.m. Sept. 21, in Edmond. The following game will be against East Central University at 3 p.m. Sept. 28, in Ada

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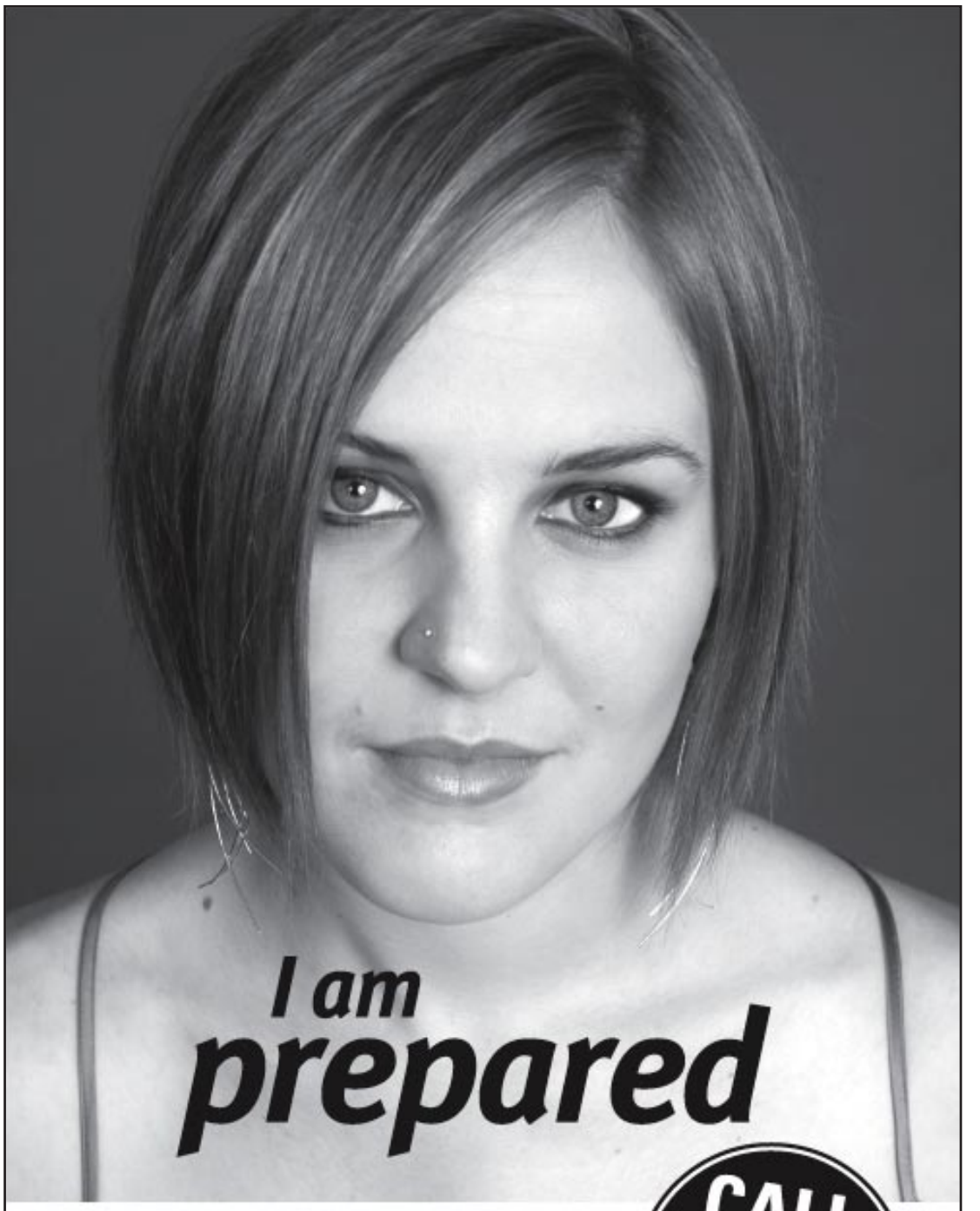

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Highlights

Degree Check It Out

Degree Check It Out will be happening Sept. 24 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Main Building across from the OCCC Coffee Shop.

Free Speed Learning Classes

Students wanting to learn better study skills, note taking and how to read faster can attend free Speed Learning Classes on Thursday, Oct. 2 from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or Wednesday, Oct. 8, from noon to 4 p.m. Classes will take place in the Library room 407 A&B. To register, call Corporate Learning at 405-682-7562.

Future Alumni Network meeting

The Future Alumni Network will meet Wednesday, Sept. 24 at noon in room 3K2 of the Main Building. For more information, contact Jennifer Harrison at 405-682-1611, ext. 7771.

Open Auditions

Auditions for the college production of Moss Hart and George S. Kaufmans' "You Can't Take It With You" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25,in the college theater; from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, in the college theater; and from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 27 — all audtions will be held in the college theater. For more information, contact Brent Noel at 405-682-1611, ext. 7246.

First Lecture Series of the semester

A speech on "Race, Gender and Media in the 2008 Elections," with media critic Jennifer Pozner, will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 9, in College Union room 1. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Chi Alpha meeting

Chi Alpha, a Christian group, will meet Wednesdays at noon in the theater lobby. Every other meeting will serve pizza. For more information, contact sponsor Greg Tiffany at 405-308-3737.

Black Student Association meeting

The Black Student Association will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. every Friday in room 1X5 of Arts and Humanities. The BSA aims to help the African-American community succeed in college. For more information, contact club president William Booker at 405-248-1886 or club sponsor Claire Echols at 405-682-1611, ext. 7729.

College Poets and Writers meeting

The College Poets and Writers will meet from noon to 12:50 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning on Sept. 17, in room 3E2 of Arts and Humanities. For more information, contact Chris Verschage at 405-682-1611, ext. 7140.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer. Students can submit any club event, or other function, into the Highlights section.

Accomplished

Photo by Kenny Hilburn

Martin Ramirez, political science major and president of the student group HOPE, receives a card congratulating him for multiple accomplishments. HOPE stands for the Hispanic Organization to Promote Education, and meets once a month.

College Poets and Writers make plans for conference

By Stephen Sossamon
Staff Writer

The College Poets and Writers Club may be small, but they are one of the up and coming bright spots of the college's organization community, said English Composition professor and club sponsor Chris Verschage.

Verschage said the club's motto is "guiding today's creative writers into a career in publishing tomorrow."

With this motto in mind, the club has big things planned for the semester, he said.

This month, the College Poets and Writers were admitted as official members of the Oklahoma Writer's Federation, Inc., Verschage said.

He said becoming official members opens the door for exciting opportunities.

"We have the chance to attend the conference they hold the first weekend of May," he said. "We can bring in manuscripts and have professional writers and editors go over them with us."

The cost for the conference is $150 per person, Verschage said.

He said in addition to the conference, club members to post writings and get feedback from other members on the club's website is clik.to/cpw.

Verschage said he is working with the college to make the website password-protected for members.

Verschage said the club will also host a literary night.

"Right now we are doing it once during the semester," he said.

"We could do it more, it's really up to the members."

The club will also allow members to bring in their work and have other members critique it.

Verschage said the club started out small and grew during the fall of 2007.

"We eventually had 10 to 12 people at the meetings," he said.

"When word gets out, more people get involved."

He said the club wants as many as can to get involved.

Club member and mass media major Lauren Prudy said she looks forward to bringing in her writings.

"I want to get feedback for stuff I've written," she said. "It's one of the main reasons I joined."

Club member Crystal Lemens said she is a poetry person."I could write for hours," she said.

The club will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 24, in Arts and Humanities room 3E2.

For more information, contact Verschage at 405-682-1611, ext. 7140.

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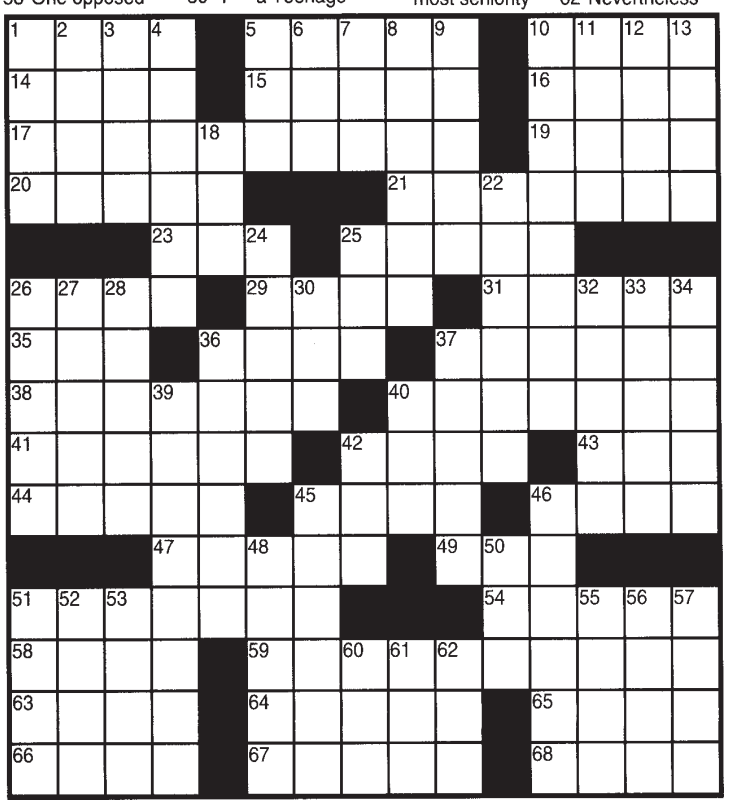

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Campus jobs save gas money

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provide services to our students," he said.

"While it has been possible to increase jobs on campus in the past, students (still) often preferred to work off campus," Sechrist said.

With rising fuel prices, he said, that attitude is changing.

"Many students found much of their hard-earned money went to putting gas in their cars rather than to living expenses," Sechrist said.

Therefore, he said, opening more on-campus jobs is hopefully a "win-win situation."

"A win for the college because we are able to fill positions with students and a win for students because they can work on campus, reduce gas costs, and use the earning to live and go to college," Sechrist said.

"If this results in allowing more students to stay enrolled, complete courses and receive a college education, then it's a good deal for them"

At this time, a number of on-campus jobs, ranging from cafeteria and maintenance work, to library and lab assistants, are available. Most start at $8 per hour.

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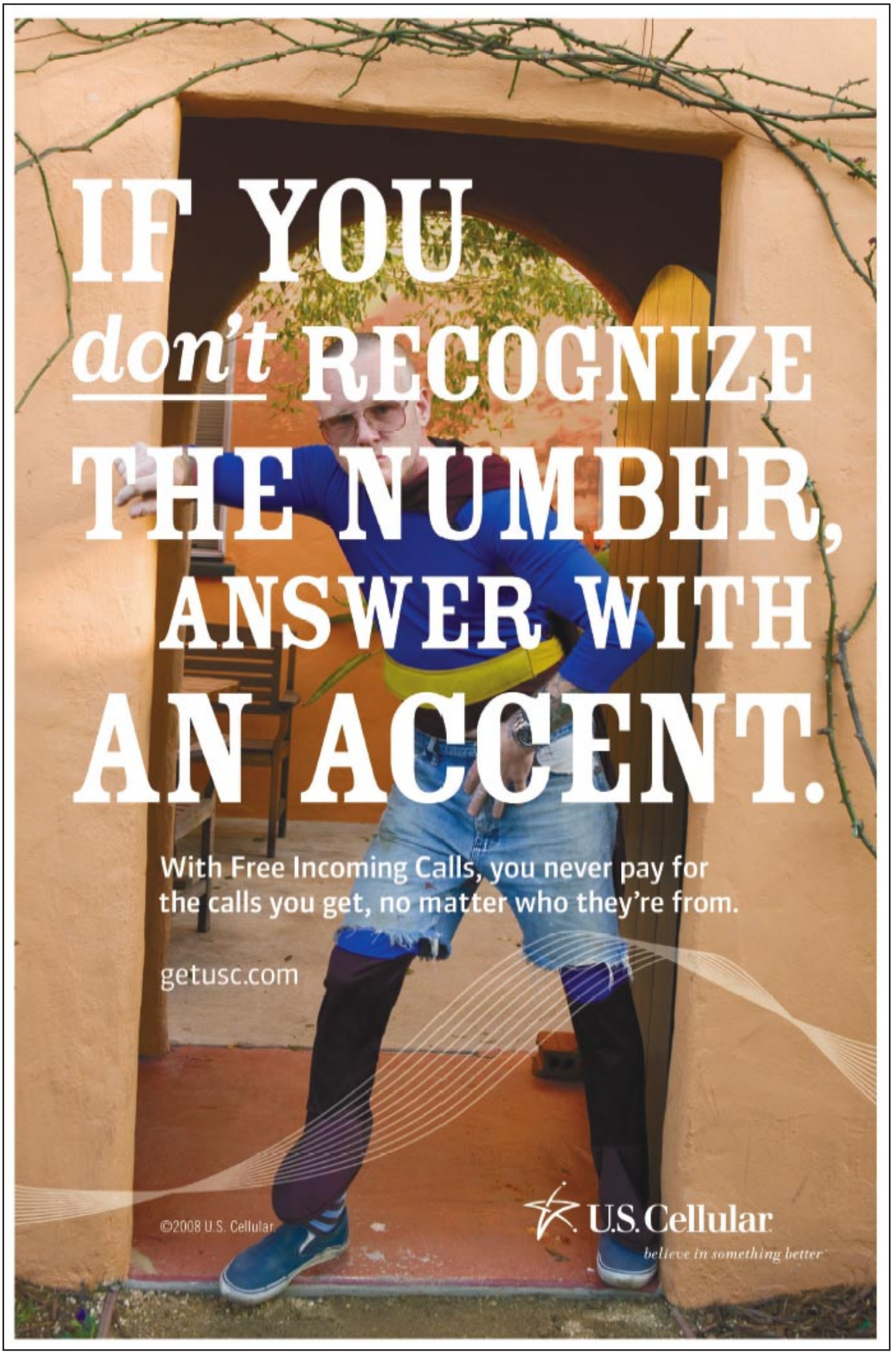
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