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Enrollment numbers hold steady

Data shows a 0.1% decrease from last fall

By **Matt Montgomery**
Staff Writer

Enrollment numbers for the fall are almost exactly the same as this time last year.

Executive Director of Institutional Planning Stu Harvey said OCCC is projecting a final fall enrollment headcount of 12,550 students, which would be down 0.1 percent from last fall.

"Compared to last year, our enrollment numbers are only down by 0.1 percent which is so minute, the numbers are almost identical to fall 2007," Harvey said.

Credit hours also are down slightly from last fall.

Harvey said fall 2008 credit hours are 109,800, a 0.4 percent decrease from fall 2007.

Cooperative Alliance programs, including vocational technology programs and automotive, represent 3 percent of the total number of credit hours for the fall.

Certain areas did see increases, he said.

OCCC's online courses have had the largest increase from fall 2007.

"Our online credit hours are up 4.2 percent from last year," Harvey said. "The college's online credit hours are at 14,872 which represents 13.5 percent of the total credit hours of the college."

He said convenience is the motivating factor for students to take online courses.

"Our students tell us they choose online courses because they can complete assignments at their own leisure and do their homework around their work schedules," Harvey said.

Tuition also has had a positive impact on enrollment numbers.

"Our tuition rates are among the lowest in the state and have been for the past few years," Harvey said.

The nursing program has seen the greatest increase of students enrolled for the fall compared to previous years, he said.

"We have added a huge number of faculty in the past few years because there is a great demand for nurses in

"Our tuition rates are among the lowest in the state and have been for the past few years. OCCC is near the top regarding affordability rates."

—Stu Harvey
Institutional Planning
Executive Director

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Cracking the books



Photo by Kenny Hilburn

Janae Reynolds, fashion and marketing major; Jennifer Jackson, elementary education major, and Mckenzie Black, engineering major, use their lunch time to do homework. The college union is more than a place to eat. Students also can study, socialize and relax at all times of the day.

Lark Chamber Artists ready to showcase unique musical blend

By **Elisha Tetreault**
News Writing Student

A mixture of traditional chamber music, blended with a contemporary hip-hop sound, is on OCCC's calendar for 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the College Theater.

Lark Chamber Artists are an instrumentalist group made up of seven core members and occasional featured guest artists.

Their range of music includes African, Asian, Latin American, Middle Eastern, Jazz, Minimalism, Traditional Chamber Music and Baroque.

Lark Chamber Artists include Deborah Buck, violin; Harumi Rhodes, violin; Kathryn Lockwood, viola; Astrid Schween, cello; Todd Palmer, clarinet; Yousif



Lark Chamber Artists

Sheronick, percussion; and Stephen Salters, baritone.

Salters is the newest addition to the ensemble and has worked with leading conductors Christoph Eschenbach, James Conlon, Seiji Ozawa, and Robert Spano, according to the Lark Chamber Artists

website.

"These are top-notch artists," said Dan Yates, cultural programs and community development assistant. "You may not have a chance to see artists like this again."

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

It's your country, too; take a stand

The future of our nation will be decided in the upcoming election.

Some believe our nation's next commander-in-chief will either lead us out of the "rut" we are in or take us deeper into it.

There is no doubt that we as a country are going to "change," but will we be moving in the right direction?

Make no mistake, by the time the school year is over, George W. Bush will no longer be our president.

However, gas prices will still be at an all-time high, houses will still be in foreclosure and families will still be declaring bankruptcy.

The question is: who can help turn it all around?

Republicans this and Democrats that, who is winning the blame game? Do you really know the candidates who are running for president?

Everyone wants lower gas prices, alternative energy, higher employment rates and peace to prevail over war.

Whether you are conservative or liberal, a man or a woman, an adult with wisdom or an 18-year-old with a voter's registration card — we all want a better country.

We want lower taxes, better education and cheaper tuition costs.

Some want to cut government spending and some want to increase it. Some people want to increase the size of the government and some want to make it smaller. Some want to tuck tail and run out of Iraq while others want to fight on.

What do you want?

Turn on the television or listen to the radio. Read a magazine or check out a newspaper. After all, it is our decision. We are the voices who will elect the next president.

Stay informed and make your own decisions based on how you feel, not how your parents or professors feel.

Abortion, the death penalty, stem cell research, offshore drilling, trade policies and inflation are all headline issues today.

Do some soul-searching and find out what it is you believe, what you think is in the best interest of our nation and in the best interest of our future.

Election day is two months down the road. On Nov. 4 the fate of our beloved country will be placed in the hands of whomever we the people elect.

Your homework over that time period is to find out which candidate you support. Read about it, talk about it and discuss your thoughts with others. Watch the debates and debate with your friends and colleagues.

Don't just go through the motions. Immerse yourself in today's current events and make an intelligent choice.

Just think about your life after college. What do you want it to be like?

—Daniel Martin
Staff Writer

Employee offers solution to campus geese problem

Forget protection and enjoy a 'good meal'

This letter is in response to last week's letter, "Geese on college property need protection from traffic."

To the editor:

Just a little something that I thought I would share with the Pioneer. No sense in letting a good meal go to waste.

Goose a l'Orange:

- One goose
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 to 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 1 cup hot water
- 2 tbsp. orange marma-

lade

1 can (16 oz.) frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

Prick bird skin with a fork around the lower half.

Combine all ingredients except waterfowl and pour into the cavity of the goose. Place in a two-inch deep roasting pan.

Cook goose at 350 degrees F. two hours or until it tests tender.

Baste frequently. Pour drippings in bowl and skim

off excess fat.

Gravy is ready to serve with fowl.

—Denny Myers
Virtual and Enterprise Systems and Services coordinator

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Comments and Reviews

Hedberg serves up laughs

It's not often that a comedy album can make listeners both laugh and cry, but it's very possible that comedian Mitch Hedberg's posthumous release will have that effect.

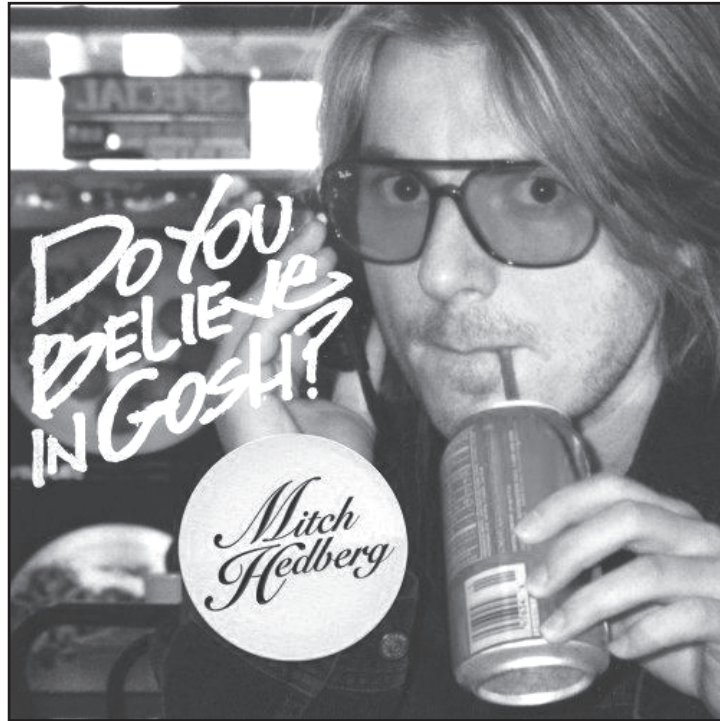
"Do You Believe in Gosh?" was recorded in January of 2005 in Ontario, Canada. A mere two months later, Hedberg died of a heroin overdose. He was only 37.

Since his death, Hedberg has become an icon in the comedy world. Despite his relatively short career, he is sure to be remembered among comedy greats like Carlin, Hicks and Pryor.

Thankfully, the drugs that took Hedberg's life had no effect on this set. It's clear that Hedberg is in the middle of refining and perfecting this material. While still hilarious, this isn't the well-oiled machine that was featured on Hedberg's first two albums. At times, he struggles to find his rhythm and the jokes suffer.

Those familiar with the material on Hedberg's previous two albums will feel right at home with the jokes on "Do You Believe In Gosh?" It's more of the same absurd one-liners and hypothetical questions that Hedberg is known for.

Texas toast, eating cantaloupe, Smucker's jellyfish and kids in Venice having "canal-smarts" are just a few of the many topics cov-



ered on the album.

At one point, Hedberg explains that he didn't get into comedy because he was funny, but because he was just "really good at holding ice cream cones." He later says that comedy is part of his "get-rich-really-slow scheme" and that it's working well.

Though none of these jokes appear on either of his previous albums, much of the material may not be completely new to Hedberg devotees. A lot of it was featured on the "Live in Chicago" bootleg that has been circulating around the Internet and was performed on Hedberg's last Letter-

man appearance.

It's almost impossible to listen to the album and not be reminded of Hedberg's untimely death. With every bit of laughter comes a little sadness that he's gone.

According to Hedberg's widow, Lynn Shawcroft, this album contains the last of Hedberg's material to be released.

"Do You Believe In Gosh?" is not only a hilarious album, but it also gives listeners a deeper look into Hedberg's joke-writing process and where his act was right before his death.

Rating: A

—Cameron Buchholtz
Staff Writer

New electro pop band injects catchy tunes into local scene

Boasting a strong pop sound, layered with levels of rock, Theatre Breaks Loose is an up-and-coming band out of Oklahoma City. Armed with a three-song demo and a full-length album in the works, Theatre Breaks Loose has garnered a healthy fan base locally.

Members include Matt Toney (vocals, guitar), Zach Dumbleton (drums), Casey Heald (bass) and OCCC's

own Brandon Lovelace (vocals, guitar). Formed in December 2007, the group has a short but interesting history. Originally members of three different bands, Toney, Dumbleton and Lovelace met up for an impromptu jam session that proved successful.

"We accidentally wrote a song that matched our potentials way more than the bands we were currently

in," Lovelace said. "So we literally dropped everything and went with it."

With influences that range from the Eagles to Forever the Sickest Kids, TBL writes music that is sure to appeal to the young listeners of today.

"Jessica" has a catchy chorus and may yet prove

to be a major hit, while "The Only" is a slighter slower-paced song which causes the listeners' hearts go out to the singer.

Their live show has a good balance, with the music never overwhelming the vocals. If there is any com-

plaint, it's that the members could show more energy for what is mostly a fast-paced set.

All in all, this is a group of local musicians to keep an eye on in the future.

—Holly Walker
Contributing writer

YOU asked FOR IT

Q: Why don't we have a fall break at OCCC?

A: The tradition at OCCC has been to have an extended Thanksgiving break instead of a fall break. However, with more schools, colleges and technology centers coming together for a common fall break, it may be time for OCCC to seriously consider aligning our calendar as well.

—OCCC President
Paul Sechrist

Q: What are the school colors?

A: Pantone Red #1805, described arm red with hints of robust black and warm ruby.

—Michael Cline
Marketing and Public Relations
Graphic Design Technician

Q: Where are Intramural sign-ups and how do I get started?

A: Students can visit the OCCC Recreation and Fitness website, and through the sports league link, they can access schedules and league specifics. Students can also come down to the Wellness Center desk or Recreation and Fitness office for a hard copy of information and sign-up sheets.

—Eric Watson
Recreation and Sports Specialist

Q: I heard that the old John Glenn Elementary school building is being donated to OCCC. What will the college use it for?

A: We will be moving the Child Development Center there. There will be student-scheduled evening childcare and daycare for the children of students. The Child Development degree program will also be there Fridays and Saturdays. We will also have English-as-a-Second-Language and GED courses there.

—Mary McCoy
Child Development Center
and Lab School director

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Comments and Reviews

The Uglysuit falls short of hype with release of nationwide debut

Earlier this year, Oklahoma City band The Uglysuit was signed to Touch and Go Records' imprint, Quarterstick.

Since then, their single "Chicago" has littered music blogs and a significant amount of hype has been built up around the band.

While on the surface this appears to be great news for the Oklahoma music scene, but it seems the band's success is mostly undeserved.

If there is one word that describes The Uglysuit's self-titled debut, it's boring. Painfully so, as the album's nine tracks all blend together to form an unremarkable, uninteresting and forgettable mess.

The reverb-heavy ambient pop leans far too much

towards the ambient side of things and winds up droning on aimlessly. The single, "Chicago," is catchy enough on its own, but when placed within the context of the album, it loses much of its steam.

The band is clearly able to write a solid pop song, but they just don't seem to be focused on doing so. Instead, they seem to be focused on long, meandering instrumental passages that never go anywhere.

For much of the album, lead vocalist Israel Hindman seems half-asleep, and it wouldn't be a surprise if it were the band's music that put him in that state.

As uninteresting as most of these songs are, the band members themselves

sound just as uninterested to be playing them.

They seem to carry a very nonchalant "yup, these are our songs, but we don't really care" attitude through most of the disc's runtime.

It's not until the second to last song, "Happy Yellow Rainbow," that the band achieves anything noteworthy. The second half of this track is noisy, epic and stands out as the best

moment on the record. It's a shame that the band did not spend more time working out that side of their



sound.

If you're looking for a solid example of Oklahoma music success, skip The Uglysuit's debut and check out

Evangelical's "The Evening Descends" instead.

Rating: D

—Cameron Buchholtz
Staff Writer

Remake of '39 classic 'The Women' strikes out

Not diamonds, but friends, are a girls' best friend. Or at least that is what Clare Boothe Luce would have us believe in the play she authored called "The Women."

Adapted to the screen in 1939, this work was considered an innovative film of its time.

When Diane English decided to rewrite the famous George Cukor screenplay of 1939, it was with the intention of updating an established success.

While the 2008 remake of this timeless tale — cheating husband and catty friends — is somewhat entertaining, it doesn't pack the same punch as the original.

The fault is not in the story or the cast that is a Who's Who of female actors.

No. The downfall is the attempt to put a serious spin on a story that was

written as a comedy and failing on both levels.

It was difficult to take this film seriously or to be amused because the cast seemed to be uninterested in the plot.

When Sylvie (Annette Bening) hears a rumor from her manicurist, Tanya (Debi Mazur) about an affair between a rich stockbroker and the "spritzer-girl" at the perfume counter, Sylvie is all ears.

When the man having the affair turns out to be the husband of Sylvie's best friend Mary, the gossip mill goes wild but the acting remains bland.

Mary Haines is a woman who just found out her perfect life is not so perfect, yet Meg Ryan as Mary, shows no signs of a woman whose life is falling apart.

In unpleasant contrast Mary's friends, played by Debra Messing and Jada Pinket Smith, overreact to

everything they see and hear.

Even Bette Midler as Leah Miller, a veteran divorcee, and Carrie Fisher as tabloid reporter Bailey Smith did not seem to put much effort into their meager parts.

Candice Bergen as Mary's mom gave an endearing performance.

Perhaps she was reminiscing about 1981 when she played Meg Ryan's mother in "Rich and Famous."

An unconvincingly evil Eva Mendes plays Crystal, the "other woman."

Cloris Leachman as Maggie, the Haines family housekeeper, gave the best performance.

She was the only one in



the movie who seemed to care whether the couple stayed together.

With songs by Lucy Schwartz and Annie Lennox, the soundtrack of the film is upbeat and detracts somewhat from the acting.

In the 1930s this play

was considered a delightful comedy. It seems to have lost something in transit to modern times.

Perhaps "The Women" acted bored because there are no men in this movie.

Rating: C

—Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

Aquatic observations



Photo by Kenny Hilburn

Matt Weis, biochemical engineering major, looks at the saltwater fish display near the biology lab. OCCC provides many visually stimulating displays for students as a way to reduce stress.

Safety and security here to help students in need

Public assistance is not 'beyond call of duty'

By **Danniel Parker**
News Writing Student

Conridge Iser's yellow Suzuki V-Twin Super Bike had seen better days, but on the evening of Aug. 27, it refused to go another mile. Iser was stuck in the OCCC parking lot. The clutch was broken and leaking fluid across the hot pavement.

One of OCCC's campus security officers stopped to help the stranded biker. Officer Brandon Wheeler loaded Conridge into a security vehicle and drove the marketing major to O'Reilly's Auto Parts to buy the items he needed to get his motorbike up and running again.

"I don't feel what I did was beyond the call of duty," Wheeler explained. "The basic policy in the event of a breakdown is we try to help the students as much as we can."

In the event of car problems, Campus Security's job is to help, Wheeler said.

Security officers will call a tow truck, call a locksmith or jump your vehicle. If you have a flat, they will get air in your tires, and if you need a spare part, they'll even drive you to the store to buy one.

They will do virtually everything in their power to get the vehicle moving again. It's their job in between responding to off campus emergency calls, Wheeler said.

According to campus records, the majority of the calls campus security fields are referred to as motorist

assists. Since the beginning of the fall semester security officers have helped drivers with their vehicles on 99 different occasions.

Only 31 reports have been written involving medical emergencies and crimes combined. There has only been one arrest.

"There is not any real crime here on campus, so 95 percent of our job is public relations," said Wheeler. "You never know, the other day I helped out Conridge with his bike. Now in return, he might one day help me out with an important case."

"These things are important."

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Child center preps for move

By **Dillon Hart**
Staff Writer

Starting in January 2009, John Glenn Elementary School in Oklahoma City will be used as an extension of OCCC's Child Development Center.

John Glenn Elementary is in the process of constructing a new school building. The college will use the old building.

Director of Child Development Mary McCoy said the move will add some much-needed space and capability for child care.

"We always have a waiting list," McCoy said, "our waiting list for toddlers is at least two years long. Right now we can only take two or three at a time for children under 12 months."

McCoy said the new center also will have classrooms for students in the Child Development Degree Program.

One program that has already begun on campus is student-scheduled care.

"Student-scheduled care is when a student reserves a semester," McCoy said. "If they have a class Monday, Wednesday and Friday, then the child will be

"It's exciting. It's very exciting because there's such a need out there and we need to meet that need."

—Mary McCoy
Child Development
director

there Monday, Wednesday and Friday. So it's not drop-in.

"It's hard to do [drop-in care] because you don't know how many staff members you need, and you don't know the ratio of the children or the age of the children. That's why we prefer to do the reservation."

McCoy said student-scheduled care is available during the daytime and the evening.

There are even plans for the new center to work with the Community Outreach Department on some projects.

McCoy said the new Child Development Center would be a welcome advancement for the college and the staff.

"It's exciting. It's very exciting," she said, "because there's such a need out there, and we need to meet that need."

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Several full-time profs added to fall lineup

From economics to math and sociology, 11 positions filled

By Cameron Buchholtz
Staff Writer

Incoming freshman aren't the only new faces on campus this semester. Eleven new professors also joined the faculty this fall.

One of those new instructors is nursing professor Peggy Holleyman.

Holleyman has been a nurse for 15 years, working all across the state.

She has experience teaching at the Practical Nursing Program level, and served as nurse educator for a statewide home health agency.

"It's always been my goal to be a nursing instructor," Holleyman said.

Holleyman, from Oklahoma City, said it's great to be working in her own community where she's comfortable.

"I'm just really looking forward to learning the ropes and the basics of teaching here," Holleyman said.

Nursing professor Jennifer Halpin earned her associate degree at OCCC and her master's at the University of Oklahoma.

Halpin was most recently a clinical adjunct at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Sarah Brown also has joined the nursing staff.

Brown earned her nursing degree at the University of Central Oklahoma and was also an adjunct there from 2003 to 2007. She most recently was employed at the Moore Medical Center as a registered nurse.

Germaine Pichop has joined the OCCC staff as a full-time economics professor, having previously taught at OCCC as an adjunct.

He also taught an online class while working in Tanzania, Africa.

"I'm just glad to be back with students and with the staff from before," Pichop said.

Pichop said the main reason he wanted to come back to OCCC was the nice people and environment.

"I just want to work where I feel comfortable and where people are friendly and professional," he said.

Pichop was born in Cameroon, Africa, and first came to Oklahoma to pursue his doctorate at Oklahoma State University.

Full-time math professor Daniel Benton also was an adjunct at OCCC for five years while working on his doctorate. He said he is ready to start teaching again.

"While working on my PhD, I realized that I like teaching a lot more than doing research," Benton said.

Benton said he was pleased with his time here and wanted to come back.

"I'm just looking forward to having fun teaching math classes and being more involved on campus," he said.

Psychology professor Gregory Parks (not pictured) has been in the psychology field since 1997.

He worked as an adjunct professor at OCCC from 2003 to 2007. He last worked as a psychologist at a juvenile probation department in Austin, Texas.

Parks said Oklahoma City is home so wanting to be back here was a major factor in his coming back to OCCC.

"I just really wanted to get back into teaching," Parks



Germaine Pichop
Economics



Daniel Benton
Math



Jennifer M'Lou Smith
Sociology



Tamala Zollicoffer
Sociology

said. "I had really enjoyed my time here."

Sociology professor Jennifer M'Lou Smith has been both a researcher or professor in the sociology field since 1992.

She has taught at the University of Oklahoma and Pennsylvania State University.

She was most recently a researcher for various state agencies.

"I've missed teaching and am excited to be back ..." Smith said.

Tamala Zollicoffer teaches accounting at OCCC. She has been an adjunct here since 2003, winning the Adjunct of the Year award in 2008.

"I love the diversity here as well as the class sizes," Zollicoffer said, "I also like our focus on competency-based education."

Learning skills professor Lori Farr has been an educator at various levels since 1988. She got her start teaching sixth and seventh grades for Norman Public Schools.

She's been an adjunct at OCCC as well as Rose State College.

"I'm just looking forward to getting my feet firmly established on campus," Farr said.

English professor Jeffrey Cleek has been an adjunct at OCCC since 2006. He's also been an adjunct at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Cleek said he takes writing very seriously and with a lot of pride.

Math professor Dale Duke was an adjunct professor at OCCC from 1987 to 1991 and from 2000 to 2008.

She's also been an adjunct at North Harris College in Houston, and at Oklahoma State University.

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Learning Skills



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Math



Peggy Holleyman
Nursing



Jennifer Halpin
Nursing



Sarah Brown
Nursing

Child center gives students chance to be social



Preschool A students Haleigh, 3, Camden, 3, and Tarin, 3, perform a song for their classmates. The Child Development Center and Lab School teachers develop classroom projects for all three classes throughout the semester.

The Childhood Development Center and Lab School is a great place for children — ages toddler to preschool — to learn, said Constance Pidgeon, a teacher for the Preschool B class.

She said it also gives children a chance to experience social networking.

Children there are provided with a multitude of activities and mind stimulating projects, Pidgeon said.

The Center is broken down into three different classes: Preschool A, Preschool B and the Infant/Toddlers class. Each class has a different project going at all times for the children.

The Infant/Toddler class is currently studying turtles.

"Turtles are funny," said 1-year-old student Jackson. The class recently took a trip to the college's retention pond to observe some turtles in their natural state.

The children in Preschool A are learning about water and its properties. The school has provided the children with an in-class water maze so that they can physically test the fluid properties of water in the tub.

Preschool B has taken a different path by studying music.

The class just finished a musical, where the kids were allowed to play actual instruments.

Aside from class projects, the students are allowed time for recess, naps and snacks.

"We focus on tactile learning," Pidgeon said. "And we continue most projects until the children lose interest."

The school is open from 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday through Friday for daytime care and from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for evening care.

Text and photos by Kenny Hilburn



Mackenzie, a 4-year-old student at the Child Development Center and Lab School likes working with the many puzzles in her Preschool B classroom. The center provides its students with many fun and challenging activities.

Child Development Center and Lab School student, Bella, 6 months, plays in her baby chair. The center provides care and learning for children from infant and toddlers to the preschoolers.



Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**Sept. 20:** OCCC will host the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick Competition Saturday, Sept. 20. The program is a national skills competition for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15 to compete separately against their peers. Girls and boys in four separate age divisions (8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15) compete against each other in punting, passing and place kicking in a fun and engaging forum. The PPK program will start at 10 a.m. and is free for everyone.

•**Sept. 17:** Intramural 7-on-7 flag football kicks off its regular season. For more information about signing up, call Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Sept. 17:** Captain/Team meeting for 5-on-5 Intramural Basketball. For more information about intramural basketball, call Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Sept. 20:** OCCC Club Soccer plays the University of Oklahoma-Black at 11 a.m. on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

•**Sept. 21:** OCCC Club Soccer plays the University of Central Oklahoma at 9 a.m. in Edmond.

•**Sept. 24:** 5-on-5 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.

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

•**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.



Photo by Matt Bishop

OCCC striker Francisco Esugeda (in dark jersey), challenges a Rose State defender late in the first half of OCCC's 8-6 shootout on Sept. 6, on the OCCC campus. Esugeda scored two of OCCC's six goals during the season opener. Coach K. B. Yeboah said OCCC was a much faster team, but lack of players was a factor in OCCC's loss. OCCC's next two games are against the University of Oklahoma at 1 p.m. Sept. 13, in Stillwater and against the OU-Black team at 11 a.m. Sept. 20, in Norman.

Soccer team scores six goals in season opener, falls two short

By Jeff Downing
News Writing Student

OCCC's soccer team began the season short-handed, under-practiced and without a designated goalie leading to an 8-6 loss to Rose State on Saturday, Sept. 6.

With only 10 players on the field, OCCC's team suffered fatigue and was unable to perform their best.

Rose State scored within the first minute, but OCCC's Francisco Esugeda countered a short while later.

Godwin Ebegune was able to get the ball past Rose State for another goal.

The first half ended with Rose State leading 4-2.

"I think we can come back from two goals down," Coach K.B. Yeboah said at half time.

"You guys are also faster than their defense."

In the second half, OCCC did step up and play more aggressively.

The team also was able to capitalize on a Rose State error with Esugeda scoring on the penalty kick.

Yemmy Bolly scored the remaining three of the team's six points on fortunate, under-matched situations.

A Rose State player had a break-away and a shot until Javier Careon skillfully broke it up.

Relief came later when the dominating Rose State player was given a red card. He had scored five goals and assisted on another.

Bolly then scored the final goal of the game but time soon expired.

"The guys did their best and did very well," Yeboah said. "We just didn't have enough players and we don't even have a goalie."

San Cho and Chris Lyes took

turns filling in as goalie during Saturday's game.

"Being out of shape was also a factor in the loss," Yeboah also said.

"If we work harder and get conditioned, we stand a better chance at winning."

Anyone interested in playing for the OCCC soccer team can join open practices. The practices are held at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays on the south field of the OCCC campus. Interested players can contact Yeboah at 405-255-7735.

A player must be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours at OCCC and have valid student ID.

The next game will be against the University of Oklahoma at 1 p.m. Sept. 13, in Stillwater. The following game will be against OU-Black team at 11 a.m. Sept. 20, in Norman.

Minor disturbance reported by student

By **Matt Bishop**
Staff Writer

Safety and Security officers responded to a disturbance concerning a man near the OCCC Coffee Shop in the Main Building on Sept. 5.

According to an OCCC crime report, at approximately 4:02 p.m., Calvin Murray Redmon approached OCCC student Heather Albritton and asked her if she had any "weed."

Albritton said she told Redmon she didn't do that and started walking away. Albritton reported that Redmon then touched her arm and suggested they go

somewhere together.

After Albritton contacted Safety and Security, officer Brandon Wheeler approached Redmon.

Wheeler asked Redmon what he was doing and Redmon said he was coming from the library and that he was waiting on a friend.

Wheeler asked for identification, but Redmon said he didn't have any on him, then told Wheeler his name was Jeffery Childress.

Moments later Redmon was identified by a driver's license in his wallet, according to the report.

Upon further questioning, Redmon said Albritton was likely complaining

about him because she had animosity against him.

Sgt. Kevin Tipton arrived on the scene to gather more information from Albritton who said she wanted to press charges for Redmon touching her.

Redmon was then told to place his hands behind his back.

He then tried to flee the scene and was tackled by Tipton.

According to the report, Redmon was detained after a short struggle and taken into the Safety and Security office to wait for an Oklahoma City Police officer.

While in the office, Redmon said he had just

been released from the hospital for having a herniated disk in his back and he had prescription medicine in his pocket.

His medication was located in his left pocket, while in his right pocket

were two other pills, wrapped in cellophane.

Albritton's mother arrived on the scene, shortly after. No charges were pressed.

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Highlights

Hispanic Heritage Day approaching

Hispanic Heritage Day is Sept. 15. Student Life will bring in a Mariachi band to perform from noon to 1 p.m. in the College Union general dining area. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Employment and Career Power Workshop

The Optimal Résumé Creation workshop will be from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Sept. 17, in the College Union advising area. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Leader Quick session Sept. 16

There will be a Leader Quick session at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 16, in the Student Organization Meeting Room in the College Union. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

Brown Bag lecture

The next Brown Bag lecture focusing on MineOnline will be from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 16 in College Union room 1. You may bring your lunch to the meeting. For more information, contact Student Life at 405-682-7523.

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.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries meeting

The Baptist Collegiate Ministries will meet at noon every Monday in the lobby in the Arts and Humanities building and at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday in room 3N0 of the Main Building. There will be a free lunch. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Mike Barnett at 405-323-0583.

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 to 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.

Meeting time



Photo by Kenny Hilburn

Members of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries listen as music major Joy Reeves gives her personal testimony. The Baptist Collegiate Ministries is a Christian organization that meets at noon on Mondays in the theater entrance and at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays in room 3N0 of the Main Building.

Black Student Association gears up for fall semester

By Stephen Sossamon
Staff Writer

One of the busiest organizations at the college is showing why they are active.

The Black Student Association has some events upcoming, said club President William Booker.

"We have several events lined up," he said. "They aren't all set in stone, but we are excited."

One big event the BSA will attend is the Big 12 Leadership Conference for BSA organizations across the Big 12 conference, Booker said.

The conference will be Feb. 26 through 28 at the University of Kansas, he said.

Booker said the BSA will have fundraisers to attempt to lower the cost of the conference for its members.

Michele Goar, admissions adviser and club sponsor, said the BSA also will be doing community service.

"We are going to be men-

tors for Western Oaks Elementary," she said.

"We will need our members to help mentor those from kindergarten to the eighth grade."

Goar said helping the community is what the organization is all about.

The BSA plans to host the 2008 Ms. Black Student Association Scholarship Pageant once again, Booker said.

He said the deadline for all applicants was Sept. 3 and the pageant will be held at 4 p.m. Nov. 22, in the College Theater.

Booker said officer elections also is on the calendar.

"We will be ... electing on Sept. 19," he said.

Activities coordinator

"[Being involved] helps us to stay in school and try to improve our GPAs. We need to take advantage of the many resources available to us."

—Michele Goar
BSA Club Sponsor

Sharee Demby said it's important for students to be involved and unified in the college.

"[Being involved] helps us to stay in school and try to improve our GPAs," she said. "We need to take advantage of the many resources available to us."

Booker said anyone is welcome to join BSA, regardless of ethnicity.

For more information about the organization or pageant, contact Goar at 405-682-1611, ext. 7514.

Staff Writer Stephen Sossamon can be reached at onlineeditor@occc.edu.

**Interested in joining a club?
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Average age of OCCC student has risen in the past year

"Enrollment,"
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the Oklahoma City area," he said.

OCCC enrollment is open to all types of students.

"Many of our students come to OCCC to upgrade their job skills or because they have chosen at this point in their lives to come back to school," Harvey said.

"With the economy in the state that it is in, I suspect we will see an increase in the number of enrolled working adults," he said.

Harvey said the average student age has increased to 25.7, up from last year when the average age was 25.5.

"The number of younger students has declined over the last few years," Harvey said. "We know for a fact the reason for the decline is the decreasing number of high school graduates."

Harvey said statistics show the number of graduates might continue to decline until about 2013.

Students who attend OCCC have various reasons for doing so.

Freshman Kevin Mercer said he chose OCCC because it is affordable and he likes the idea of being able to transfer to the University of Oklahoma.

Psychology major Taylor Barnett said she chose OCCC "because it is convenient and affordable."

Some students chose OCCC because they couldn't be admitted to other colleges.

Aerospace engineering freshman Brian Hiney said he had a really low grade point average and OCCC accepted him.

Harvey said student achievement will be discussed at the October regents meeting.

Typically, he said, the students who do best are those who are degree seeking at OCCC, transfer students or online students.

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Enrollment at a glance

Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Overall enrollment is 12,574.	Overall enrollment is 12,550.
Total credit hours is 110,239	Total credit hours is 109,800
Average student's age is 25.5.	Average student's age is 25.7.

—Information provided by Institutional Planning Executive Director Stu Harvey

Lark Chamber Artists offer lecture, concert Sept. 16

"Music,"
Cont. from page 1

Lark Chamber's new album entitled "Klap Ur Handz" was recently released and mixes traditional string performances with hip-hop in a fresh, contemporary style.

"The Addition of percussion to our classical strings really gives a twist to our music," Lockwood said.

"Our percussionist gets pumped up and it really gets us pumped up."

The Lark Chamber Artists also will offer a free lecture, open to the public, entitled, "The Anatomy of a Concert."

The lecture starts at 11 a.m. Sept. 16, in the College Theater.

The lecture will provide a guide of what to listen for

when attending the concert.

Questions such as "How should one listen to a performer" and "How do I know if a concert is good" will be answered.

They also will discuss behind-the-scenes details on how a concert is prepared and presented.

"This series is still a hidden gem," Yates said.

"We want to get the word out about these performances."

"Not everyone realizes what we are presenting them with."

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Fall 2008 Cultural Arts Series Schedule

Oct. 7: The Romeros — *Guitar Quartet* — *Special venue, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4400 N. Shartel.

Nov. 18: Jerusalem Lyric Trio — *Soprano, Flute, and Piano* — College Theater.

Dec. 2: The Four Freshmen — *Vocal Quartet, one of the top vocal groups of the 1950s* — College Theater.

All performances are at 7 p.m.