OBU nursing students serve as first responders at car accident

Juniors Ashley Eubanks and Kirsty Green just finished their first semester clinicals.

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Friday, Oct. 31, junior nursing majors Ashley Eubanks and Kirsty Green went to clinicals on a cold, rainy day. “We saw two bodies laying in the street side next to OU Children’s Hospital, Eubanks said. In Green realized that two women had been hit by a car. “The driver kind of freaked out, and Kirsty put the car in park, and we both jumped out to help them, because their clinical experience also included patient care, and we didn’t feel comfortable,” Eubanks said. “It was two bodies—one of them had major head trauma, so there was a lot of blood, and she was in kind of bad shape. The other lady had blood on her face and she just kept reporting her hip pain.”

Eubanks and Green were able to offer comfort to the victims when no other help was there, the driver, a bystander who witnessed the accident, and a nurse were the only others there to help. “I asked her [for] her name, because no one was by her. I said, I know it hurts, but help is on the way. What’s your name? ” So she told me her name. And so I just kind of assessed her, her respiratory rate, made sure she had a pulse.”

While Eubanks helped the victim with an injured head, Green ran first to help the woman with head trauma. “When we got there, the other nurse that was there was starting to do some stuff for bleeding to try and stop it,” Green said.

When Green struggled to find the woman’s pulse, the patient couldn’t do much. “I was really the only one there, and the victims that the victim with head trauma struggled to stay still. We kept saying, ‘you’re doing super well, calm, because we’re trying to get you up and move, probably because her adrenaline was going,’” Eubanks said.

Although not physically assessed, the two students switched victims to double-check their observations. “So each of them have their own body,” Eubanks said. “I have no doubt she was putting pressure on the other nurse that was there without the nurses there to help. “So if you look at our school, that’s pretty high for a campus of our size. Being a private church school, that’s pretty good. Still have a long way to go but I think that the university is making strides to celebrate and to capture a greater diverse student and faculty and staff population.”

And while OBU has been increasing diversity, students still think OBU can improve. “OBU isn’t as diverse as it could be,” Clark said.

Diversity week included a visit from a different Church Day, a Diversity Forum, a community service project, a diptcha to be put on like Diversity Center. “We try to raise awareness for the lack of diversity and the need of it as well. This can be done by having forums to have uncomfortable conversations about the separations that are among us. We can also do by having events that bring people in to do things they normally wouldn’t do so that other students have done because of their cultural background.”

After another successful Diversity Week, OBU will continue to be a different road. “OBU isn’t as diverse as it could be,” Clark said. “OBU isn’t as diverse as it could be.”
The phrase ‘Election Day,’ usually conjures up strong political leanings and opinions of presidential candidates. But ‘Election Day’ isn’t just about the race toward the 2016 Presidency.

Nov. 3 was Election Day in Potawatomi County, and voters said yes to the proposition to raise sales tax. The $0.495 tax increase will go to fund public schools and a small percentage of it will also go to the Family Mission. “It’s more revenue for the kids,” Shawnee Superintendent Dr. Marc Moore said. “We’re appreciative to the voters who decided to vote for it and approve it and say, ‘Hey we think you have some needs for the kids and we want to help fix it.’”

Moore said that the 1.1 million dollar Shawnee Public schools will be annually receiving is much needed. “During our facility planning, we’ve identified 65 million dollars worth of needs,” Moore said. “The vote was for a 10-year period, so we’re looking at about 3.941 million dollars worth of revenue over 10 years.”

Over that 10-year period, Moore said he plans to repair Shawnee facilities. “We feel like with education budget cuts and changes that we have been dealing with over the past few years, there’s a backlog of maintenance and repair type issues,” Moore said. “We’ve identified 5 million dollars in roofs and HVAC units that need to be repaired. That will be our first so-called bucket that we’re trying to fix.”

A large amount of work needed to be done is hard to truly fathom. Moore said that the task ahead will not be a small one. Out of the 11 million dollars, most of it will go to roofing, but there will be other repairs made as well.

“We have 4000 students here, 100 employees, and we’ve got seven different sites,” Moore said. “That’s a lot of roofs, a lot of air conditioning. But that will be a big chunk of it. We think probably two to three million of it will be in other upgrades: windows, doorways, electrical upgrades.”

So when Shawnee public schoolstart to see their facilities improve? Unfortunately, the way that the tax fund work will cause repairs to be slow and steady process. “The collection of tax begins in the summer of 2016,” Moore said. “It differs from a traditional bond issue where you pass a bond issue, you get the money upfront and then you pay it off. This is kind of a spend-as-you-go method.” Moore said that with 65 million dollars worth of roofs, and two to three million dollars worth of other repairs, you won’t see all those right up front… getting done.”

“In our opinion, the community can look forward to the seeing some progress happening so soon,” Moore said. “I would think you would see some of those projects beginning in the Fall.”

Although a 65 million dollar repair project is almost too large to handle, Moore was looking forward to making a dent in a teacher. “That $11.1 million, it won’t solve all five of them, but it will sure help,” he said. Several Oklahoma Baptist University students agreed with the passing of the proposition. “I agree with this decision because the school system will use the money in a positive way,” sophomore Communication Studies major Allison Power said.

Junior Communication Studies major and political science minor Landis Skinner also saw the need for the increase in sales tax. “I think that’s that’s a really awesome and wonderful decision for them because if you walk into any Shawnee public school, I’ve talked to the officials and teachers there, and they all talk about having out time books and things.”

Skinner also said the funding for Family Creation Center is positive. “I also see where fighting against domestic violence is important,” Skinner said. “The female incarceration rate is insane in Oklahoma. If we can help the domestic violence issue in Oklahoma, I feel like the female incarcerate rate will go down as well.”

Sophomore music major Seth Getz said that while the increased cost may be difficult for some, the impact on education makes it worth it. “I don’t think that’s a good decision to be in favor of the raise because it would make things cost more,” Getz said. “However, schools leading to someone being prepared for college, college leads to jobs. In the long run, I feel this change is necessary and valid. However, I would more hope for decreased low-incomes.”

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Ewing has now written several stories for the Bison on different sporting events. “The ‘Wolverines versus Paquio advert’ I wrote before their historical matchup has been my favorite story to write so far,” Ewing said. The Bison has given Ewing to work on his writing skills, and gives him the opportunity to write for a paper with 3000 volumes of history. “It’s a great opportunity to help build my portfolio and master my craft with the backing of a newspaper that has withstood the test of time,” Ewing said.