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OCCC e-mail system turns message board

Student accounts to be used to send official college communications beginning Oct. 9

By David Miller
Editor

Beginning Oct. 9, all students will be assigned an official college e-mail account that, hopefully, will help them stay better connected to OCCC.

"We're looking to provide improved communications [between] the students, the faculty and the campus community," said James Riha, Chief Technology Officer.

Important information such as billing notices and upcoming enrollment periods will be sent directly to a student's e-mail account, according to information at <http://itnews.occc.edu>.

And, once the system is in place and e-mail accounts issued, students will be encouraged to check their college e-mail messages on a frequent basis in order to receive necessary college communications, Riha said.

In fact, if a pending Student e-mail Acceptable Use Policy is approved by

OCCC's President's Council, students will be expected to check their college e-mail regularly. The policy, as proposed, reads, "Students are expected to check their official e-mail address on a frequent and consistent basis in order to stay current with College communications."

In addition to general college information, Riha said, Information and Instructional Technology Services administrators will work to provide students information based on their designated majors. Riha believes this aspect of the new e-mail system will likely encourage more students to use their college e-mail accounts.

Some students agree.

"I don't use my e-mail account that often because I have to remember the password, but I would check it regularly if I were to receive information regarding my major," said Chemistry major

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Enrollment dates nearing

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

Just six weeks into the fall semester, students are already having to decide what classes they'll take next semester.

Yes, it's time to enroll for the spring semester. Classes begin Jan. 22.

"The week of Oct. 9 is when returning students will be able to pick classes for spring," said Alan Stringfellow, associate registrar.

"Returning students have top choice in classes."

Stringfellow said the following week — the week of Oct. 16 — is when registration for all other students opens.

Students have options when enrolling, Stringfellow said.

Returning students can either enroll on campus or online, he said.

"They can go to <http://mineonline.occc.edu> or, if that site doesn't work, they can go to www.occc.edu and click on the MineOnline link."

New students must be admitted before they can enroll, he said. After admittance, the student can visit

See "Enroll," page 12



Flamenco flair



Photo by Carrie Cronk

A Flamenco dancer from the Zumbamba Dance Company performs during the lunch rush Sept. 21 in the College Union. The group's performance consisted of several Hispanic folkloric dances including the Fandango. The dancers were part of Hispanic Heritage Week, hosted by Student Life and the campus club Hispanic Organization to Promote Education.

Mark your calendar!

Oct. 9: Returning students can enroll for spring semester.

Oct. 16: Open registration for all students.

Jan. 22: Spring classes begin.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Cox doesn't communicate well

There is a saying: "you get what you pay for." But I don't necessarily think the saying's author had University of Oklahoma Sooners and the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders football teams in mind when that statement was penned.

Cox Cable offered the game to residents who have a cable box and \$29.99. This is too much for a Sun Belt division IA football game against the blue Pegasus nicknamed "Lightning."

This is not the first time a sporting event has been on Pay-Per-View and it won't be the last.

Boxing, professional wrestling and Ultimate Fighting Championships have been offered these Pay-Per-View services to their customers for years.

NBC bet that five million subscribers would pay between \$95 to \$170 apiece for access to daily live events of the 1992 Summer Olympics from Barcelona. This was a costly assumption and their losses came to nearly \$100 million, according to the Museum of Broadcast Communications.

Several of the sports bars showed the game and others had watch parties, but it's not the same as watching a football game on your own television in the comfort of your home. The viewing and camera angles don't seem to compare either when placed up against ESPN or ABC.

Another gripe is the audio doesn't seem to come in as clear as the other stations and the commentary is average at best.

This may seem like a small gripe, but when viewers rent movies from Cox, they expect the movies to look crisp and sound right.

Viewers want to get their money's worth.

A possible price reduction of \$20 would sway viewers to pick up this Pay-Per-View.

Another win-win situation is local stations could pick up these games. This could be a great local advertisement opportunity and would please even the casual college football watcher.

The bottom line is ... why pay to watch sports events that aren't worth it?

—John Savage
Staff Writer

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Katrina reveals Bush's racism

To the Editor:

A year has passed since Hurricane Katrina destroyed the city of New Orleans, and one thing is clear: America has moved on.

We would mourn those who lost their lives in that dreadful storm, but time has passed ... and Tom Cruise was fired from Paramount. Obviously the VMA's and "Snakes on a Plane" are more important than discussing the problems of classism and racism in a post-Katrina context.

America has moved on, for there has yet to be a national dialogue about the social ills Katrina exposed. Many scoff at the poor (who are mostly people of color) and reference their refusal to accept personal responsibility for their lives. Rarely is there more than a passing comment about the need for America to examine low minimum wages, poor education and laughable health care that are obstacles for the poor.

When Hurricane Katrina made landfall in New Orleans and the levees broke, we were given a chance to "make good" on the prom-

ises we've made as a country, but the poor have discovered the war on poverty has become a war on the poor.

In Nelson Mandela's autobiography, "Long Walk to Freedom," there's an opposite story in light of the response of America to Hurricane Katrina. Mandela's walking home and on his way he sees a white woman digging through garbage for food.

He's so moved by the sight he hands her the money in his pocket. Reflecting on the incident, he realizes he sees black women in the same predicament, yet is never moved so strongly by the experience. Mandela realizes by growing up in a racist society he has internalized the fact that when black people suffer it's just a fact of life, yet when white people suffer it's unbearable and must be remedied.

There's a lesson here for those who wonder why the poor blacks in New Orleans have vanished from the mind of America. What the poor in New Orleans need is justice, not merely charity.

Kanye West was right: Bush doesn't care about

black people. Bush is the face — the symbol — of the American government and the response of the government to the victims of Katrina supports that statement.

I'm sad to tell you that affirmative action is being fought on the grounds of reverse racism.

—Lawrence Ware
University of Central
Oklahoma Graduate
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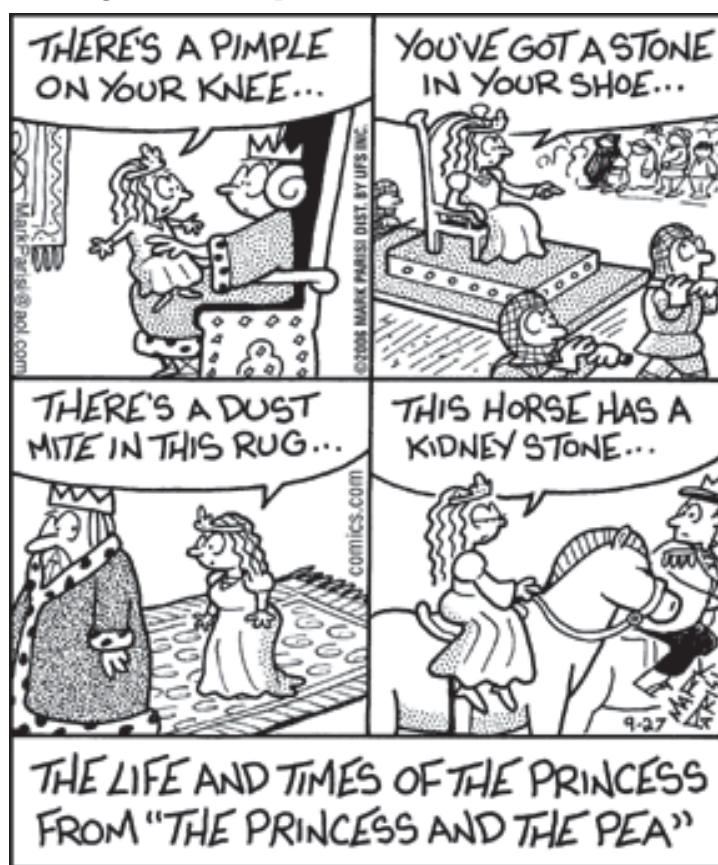
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Comments and Reviews

Jackass kicks again

Be sure to guard your nether region, Jackass is back to make the world cringe with their brand of painful exploits and juvenile stunts.

Finally, those young lads of such refined taste have collectively regurgitated to bring the masses another amalgam of stunts, which will cause you to experience laughter, disgust and shock, often in the same segment.

Ultimately returning for another round of self abuse are: Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Ryan Dunn, Chris Pontius, Steve-O, Preston Lacy, Jason "Wee Man" Acuna, Ehren McGhehey and Dave England.

The film opens with a lingering shot of a large plume of smoke from which the cast emerges with terrified expressions on their faces. Within a few seconds we see why. There's a large group of bulls running at top speed not far behind them. The setting's a typical suburban neighborhood in which the bulls chase, trample and ram the Jackass team through yards and houses.

As with the first film, there is no script, nor any plot whatsoever, just random segments, that rely primarily on the audience's mor-

bid curiosity as a means to keep the film moving at a steady pace.

During one segment, Steve-O acts as human bait for sharks. While Pontius operates the fishing pole, Steve-O places a large hook through his left jaw and jumps in the ocean. The sharks come frighteningly close to Steve-O, with him inadvertently kicking one in the head as it advances upon him.

Another shockingly tense segment depicts a "puppet show" involving Pontius' reproductive organ and a poisonous snake. I'll leave that one hanging (pun intended) for you to experience on your own.

There are a few celebrity cameos in the film, such as John Waters, Tony Hawk, David Weathers, Clyde Singleton, Three 6 Mafia, Luke Wilson and Jason Taylor.

The highlight of the film is when Bam Margera actually starts crying because he's so scared. If you've watched "Viva La Bam," you know Margera tries really hard to maintain his cool persona.

In this segment, Bam is tricked into thinking he's doing a stunt where he's going to be blown to the back of a long horse trailer

by a strong blast of wind. That part plays out, but as he reaches the back of the trailer someone locks him in, and then a King Cobra is thrown in with him. Bam backs up into a corner and just loses it.

There are a few classic segments, such as Lacy chasing "Wee Man" through the streets with both men wearing nothing but their underwear, Pontius as "Bunny The Lifeguard," and Pontius dressed as the devil bearing the sign, "Keep God Out Of California." Although this time he didn't get beaten up by a Christian.

Overall, the film is as humorous as the first. The cast focused more on the shock aspect as opposed to simple acts such as being thrown out of shopping carts.

The ending, while somewhat humorous, is definitely over the top. It's too campy even for the members of Jackass.

If you can handle gross out humor, male nudity and absurd stunts, go see Jackass Number Two.

The film is rated R for language, crude stunts and nudity.

Rating: A

—David Miller
Editor

'Slevin' is pretty lucky

Movie fans who like suspense, comedy and action can go pick up "Lucky Number Slevin" by Capitol films, and directed by Paul McGuigan. The plot will have viewers guessing what will happen next in the film.

The film is set in New York and introduces Slevin Kelevra (portrayed by Josh Hartnett) who is mistaken for the wrong man and finds himself owing two underworld bosses a large sum of money. Morgan Freeman plays "The Boss" and Sir Ben Kingsley plays

"The Rabbi."

Other notable characters are the hitman Mr. Goodkat, played by Bruce Willis, and Lindsey, an innocent neighbor, played by Lucy Liu.

Stanley Tucci portrays Detective Brikowski, who relentlessly tracks Slevin.

The action is intense and sometimes a bit graphic. As the characters' personas unfold, viewers soon learn they may not be what they appear. There are several plot twists mixed throughout the movie.

The DVD menu is colorful and has a mosaic feel to the selection screens.

The setup screen has audio options that can be watched in English or French with subtitles for the hearing impaired and Spanish subtitles as well.

The special features of the disc include feature commentary with Director Paul McGuigan, feature commentary with actors Josh Hartnett, Lucy Liu and writer Jason Smilovic.

There are deleted scenes and alternate endings with

optional commentary and also the trailer.

This movie is sure to keep viewers guessing which way the plot will turn.

My only complaint is that the editing seemed a bit choppy and there were a few holes in the plot.

Overall, I enjoyed the film and thought Bruce Willis played a great role.

Rating: B+

—John Savage
Staff Writer



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A reflection of this commitment can be seen in the recent change in our Training Center, which is now called Corporate Learning at OCCC. Corporate Learning offers credit classes and custom degree programs to business, governmental, and not-for-profit organizations.

Corporate Learning works with our faculty to tailor learning experiences that meet current and emerging needs in the surrounding communities. One current need is in the area of continuing education. Many professions require significant continuing education even after graduation. It is not only important to keep current in the professional field, but also it is often required for continued licensure in the profession.

An example of emerging workforce needs is in the area of nanotechnology. The academic Division of Mathematics and Science and Corporate Learning at OCCC have been working together to deliver short courses to practicing engineers as well as recruiting chemistry, biology and software engineering students interested in an Associate in Applied Science degree in Nanotechnology.

The new motto for Corporate Learning is "a higher degree of learning." As local businesses seek opportunities for continuing education for employees, custom tailored degree programs, personal enrichment or for meeting the needs of an increasing global and technological workplace, Corporate Learning at OCCC is the answer!

Skills start with covers

By Rachel Carlton
Staff Writer

Writing a cover letter for a job application can be key to being hired, yet many job seekers have no knowledge of what to say.

That's the topic to be addressed in the next Career Power Workshop from noon to 12:30 p.m., Oct. 11, in room 1F6 near the Testing and Assessment Services.

"Cover letters are the first thing employers see when you are applying for a job," said Laura Choppy, Employment Services coordinator.

Choppy said, if a person doesn't have a good cover letter, it will show employers they have poor communication skills. Communication skills are the number-one thing employers look for, she said.

Although the how-tos of writing a cover letter has

"I'm going to provide everyone with a checklist so that they can check off [the needed information] to make sure they've included everything."

—Laura Choppy

Coordinator of Employment Services

been discussed in lectures that included other topics, Choppy said, this is the first time the cover letter will have its own workshop.

"It is kind of a stressful thing," Choppy said.

"Whenever a student is sitting there, trying to type this cover letter, and staring at this blank computer screen."

However, she said, if the person has direction on how to write the letter, it will make writing one a lot easier.

During the workshop, Choppy will go over why a potential employee will need a cover letter and

what should be included.

"I'm going to provide everyone with a checklist so that they can check off [the needed information] to make sure they've included everything," Choppy said.

There is no cost to attend the Career Power Wednesdays.

For more information on Career Power Wednesdays contact Choppy at 405-682-1611, ext. 7369 or call Career Specialist Dr. Debra Vaughn at 405-682-1611, ext. 7535, or visit online at www.occ.edu.

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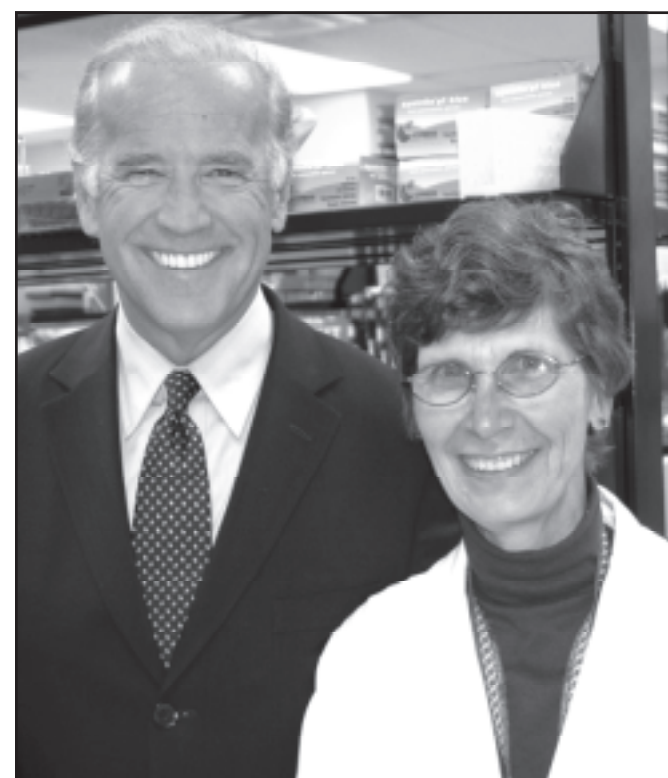


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OCCC Biotechnology Professor Charlotte Mulvihill and Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D. Delaware pose for a picture in front of the biotech lab. OCCC has received more than \$3 million in grants.

Absolute adds to staff, gears up for spring

By Dominic Mattachione
News Writing Student

"Absolute," OCCC's literary magazine, added two new student editors this fall, Greg Smith and Lyndsie StremLOW.

"[It is] pretty exciting," Smith said, describing his new role with the magazine. Last year's student editors were Micah Collinsworth, Robert Smith and Rebecca Seaton.

The editors are now accepting submissions for the April 2007 issue of "Absolute."

Submissions entered can range from poetry, art and photography to academic essays and short stories, said Professor Clay Randolph.

"We desperately need submissions in each category," Randolph said.

Anyone can send in submissions, he said. They are due by Dec. 1.

"The student editors are in the middle of reading manuscripts right now,"

Randolph said.

The editors have weekly meetings to discuss submissions and ways to improve the magazine.

"Although we have been happy with the quality of the journal, we are looking for new ways to present it," Randolph said.

Several old issues of the magazine can be viewed online at www.occ.edu under the publication tab.

The "Absolute" website also is changing along with the paper magazine.

Jon Inglett, English professor, works on the "Absolute" website.

"On our "Absolute" website, we are seeking color photography and a series of audio files related to original poetry, slam poetry or a short piece of prose," Inglett said.

The magazine provides an outlet for some writers, artists and photographers.

The magazine is great because it can be used for raw writers as a stepping stone and a way to make connec-



Photo by John Savage

OCCC English Professor Clay Randolph looks over last year's publication of the "Absolute" with this year's Editor Lyndsie StremLOW. The "Absolute" is OCCC's oldest publication. Submissions in several categories including poetry, art, photography and essays are currently being accepted for the April 2007 edition.

tions, Robert Smith said.

The submission guideline and release form can be found at the Arts and Hu-

manities office.

The form contains important information regarding the format and require-

ments of submissions.

For more information, contact Randolph at 405-682-1611, ext. 7238.

Expert says flu pandemic likely

By Rachel Carlton
Staff Writer

The last flu pandemic occurred in 1918 and 1919 when between 50 and 100 million people worldwide died of the Spanish flu, and another 500 million were infected.

Daniel Boatright, public health practice associate dean at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, will give a free lecture titled, "Pandemic Flu and Preparing Public Health for Disasters" at 2 p.m., Oct. 12, in room CU1.

He said he will lecture on the difference between a pandemic and outbreak.

"It's not a matter of if the next pandemic will hit," Boatright said. "It's a matter of when it will hit."

Boatright said, statisti-

"Between 40 to 50 percent of the workforce may have to stay home or in quarantine."

—Daniel Boatright

University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
Public Health Practice Associate Dean

cally speaking, it is highly likely there will be another pandemic.

When, and if, a new pandemic hits, Boatright said, the disease would spread much faster and more easily due to modern travel.

"Now, virtually every place in the world is 24 hours away," he said.

"Between 40 to 50 percent of the workforce may have to stay home or in quarantine," he said.

Nursing Professor Linda Cowen encourages health professions students, as well as non-health profes-

sion students, to attend the lecture.

Cowen said the lecture also will touch on what individuals can do to prepare themselves for a pandemic, as well as what to do if one occurs.

Jon Horinek, Community Engagement coordinator, said everyone could benefit from Boatright's lecture.

"It's good for people ... to hear from a researcher and scholar in that field to learn what's going on," he said.

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Constitution celebrated at college

By John Savage
Staff Writer

The U.S. Constitution was made part of the nation's foundation more than 200 years ago, and on Sept. 17, OCCC celebrated the Constitution's history.

To celebrate Constitution

"Americans take [the Constitution] for granted."

—John Hughes

Political Science Professor

Day, Student Life staff handed out informational brochures and held a con-

test in which participants filled out a questionnaire, and whoever scored the highest would win an OCCC sweatshirt.

Jon Horinek, Community Engagement coordinator, said the college also had a copy of the Constitution on display near the College Union.

As of press time, the contest winner had not been announced.

John Hughes, political science professor, said the Constitution and its history are important topics many people don't know about.

"Every public education facility from kindergarten through graduate school is supposed to have some sort of formal observation of it," Hughes said.

"Americans take [the Constitution] for granted."

He said the Constitution is something people need to be aware of and educated

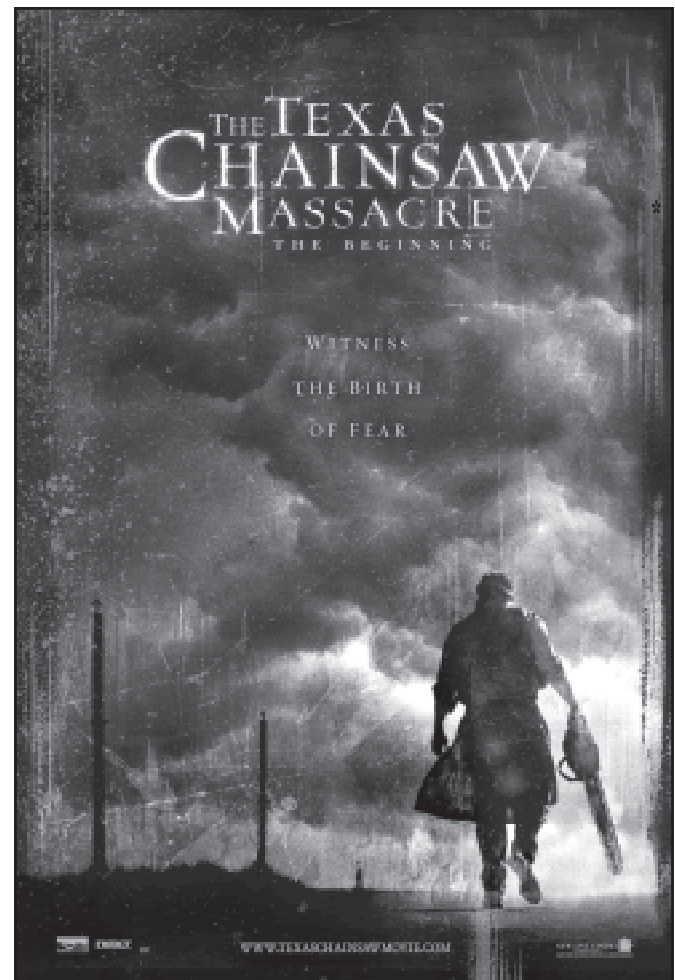
U.S. Constitution 101

The following are interesting facts about the U.S. Constitution:

- It was written in 1787 but it wasn't until 1788 that it was ratified by the necessary nine states.
- The U.S. Constitution was written in secret in a locked and guarded room.
- In 1791, Americans added a list of civil rights to the Constitution. The first 10 amendments became known as the Bill of Rights.
- Two of America's Founding Fathers didn't sign the Constitution — Thomas Jefferson was in France and John Adams was in Great Britain at the time.
- The U.S. Constitution is the shortest national constitution.
- The original Constitution is on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.
- When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, the original Constitution was moved to Fort Knox for safekeeping.
- More than 11,000 amendments have been introduced in Congress.

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about. He said it is America's backbone.

Hughes said the Oklahoma Bar Association donated the brochures, which have all 27 amendments printed in it.

Horinek said the cost of the celebration was covered by Student Life, but said he wants to see the government help out with promoting Constitution Day.

"I think it's a great idea ... but sometimes it would

be nice to get a little help."

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Floral cut and paste



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Nursing major Jo Humann carefully separates layers of colored tissue paper to form a paper flower. Students were supplied with various colors of tissue paper and other necessary tools to create their crepe floral designs. Hispanic Organization to Promote Education Club Sponsor Jessica Martinez-Brooks provided the instructions.

Business people need better skills

By Rachel Watson
News Writing Student

Global economics and a global society are facts of life, said Richard P. Rush, State Chamber of Commerce president, when the Business Professionals of America club sponsored his speech, "Oklahoma Business Going Global" Sept. 27.

The focus of his lecture was, "Where in the world is Oklahoma?"

Rush told those attending that Oklahoma was ranked as the United States' third fastest-growing exporter from 2004 to 2005. Oklahoma's exports have increased 36 percent for a total of \$4.3 billion annually, according to the State Chamber of Commerce.

He said Oklahoma is not simply a state located in the middle of the country, but rather a state that works with many other countries, sending out Oklahoma products as well as importing goods from elsewhere.

Oklahoma's top five export destinations are: Canada, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Japan and China, Rush said.

The State Chamber of Commerce has been working with China for more than 20 years, building relationships and business opportunities. In recent years, China has moved from tenth place to fifth place among Oklahoma trading partners.

Rush has traveled five times to China since 2001. He said he will represent Oklahoma in another trip soon.

He said that type of information is important to understand as the world becomes a global society.

Students have a large role to play in a global society where education and language skills are key to succeeding, Rush said.

He said students from anywhere in the country can play a part. "Education is our opportunity and passport to the world."

Two main ways students can be involved and work within the global society, Rush said, is to be aware of the world around them while they are young and to learn languages that can help them communicate with people in other countries.

Since business is global and international, he said, building relationships internationally with other people also will help build the state's economy.

Rush said because of the progress in technology where anyone can do business anywhere, or anytime, the world has been flattened.

Brown Bag workshops focus on transferring, budgets

By Kinber Roberts
Staff Writer

Transferring to a four-year college and money budgeting will be the topics of discussion at upcoming Brown Bag Lunch workshops.

The first workshop, over transferring, is at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10, in room CU1.

Michael Willis, from the University of Central Oklahoma, will host the Oct. 10 Brown Bag workshop. He will discuss transferring to a 4-year college.

The second workshop, over budgeting, is at 12:30 p.m., Oct. 12, in room CU1.

"Budgeting Basics," hosted by Jack Kraettli, OCCC Extended Services administrator, will provide tips on money management.

Brown Bag Lunch workshops are held regularly on campus during lunchtime.

Sara McElroy, Student Life programs coordinator, said new and continuing students who constantly struggle with hectic college challenges could benefit from the

"Brown Bag events may be a proactive approach to your education."

—Sara McElroy
Student Life Program
Coordinator

workshops.

"Brown Bag events may be a proactive approach to your education," McElroy said.

Most Brown Bag lunches last an hour and have a presenter knowl-

edgeable in the given topic.

OCCC student Larita Blandon has attended past workshops and said she's always learned something from them.

"It's like class," Blandon said. "I came out with good pointers."

Students are encouraged to bring their lunches to the workshops, McElroy said.

McElroy also said prizes typically are given away during each workshop.

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Professor recovering from breast cancer surgery

By John Savage
Staff Writer

Mass Media Communications Professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert underwent surgery for breast cancer Sept. 26.

She currently is recovering from a double mastectomy and has taken a leave of absence from her teaching position at the college.

Film and Video Professor Rick Lippert, Gwin's husband, said Gwin is recovering well from her surgery.

"She is feeling great, really phenomenal progress for being the day after surgery," Lippert said Sept. 27. "She has been up walking around and talking, and doing very well."

The recovery is expected to be an 11-month process and possibly might involve chemotherapy.

"It's a lengthy process and we're probably looking at six months of chemotherapy," Lippert said.

He said the initial word from the doctors has been positive.

"It's all very good news, and so far everything has been a best-case scenario," Lippert said.

Lippert said his wife discovered the problem when she noticed a lump on her breast after a self-examination.

"She initially discovered a [lump] and a recent mammogram hadn't really shown anything," he said.

"But, because she had discovered this change, she contacted her doctor and had an ultrasound.

"The ultrasound is what



Gwin Faulconer-Lippert

"She is feeling great, really phenomenal progress for being the day after surgery."

—Rick Lippert
Film and Video Professor
and Gwin Faulconer-Lippert's husband

Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities dean, said accommodations already have been made for Gwin's classes.

"... Gwin found the professors to take her place," VanSchuyver said.

"We are all thinking about her and we wish her a speedy recovery."

Mark Schneberger, Language Skills professor, said the college staff needs to continue to think positively for Gwin.

"It hasn't been the same without her here," Schneberger said. "We need to keep thinking positive thoughts."

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Services director cancer-free for 10 years

By Rachel Carlton
Staff Writer

It's been 10 years since Pat Stowe, Services to Students with Disabilities director, was diagnosed and treated for breast cancer.

Stowe said she had not been to the doctor for a check-up in six years and, on a whim, she decided to go.

"I was very lucky," she said. "I didn't even feel sick."

The way Stowe's cancer was positioned on her chest would have made it impossible for her or the doctor to catch on a regular examination. Only a mammogram was able to detect the cancer.

After surgery was performed, Stowe began six months of chemotherapy. When that was finished, she began radiation treatment — 29 rounds to be exact. "I was scared I was going to lose my hair," Stowe said.

She said it's a ridiculous thing to be worried about in a time like that, but for fun she went and tried on wigs.

Stowe said one of the biggest motivators to her during that time was being able to work. She said everyone deals with his or her illness in a different way. She chose to continue to work and pursue her masters degree.

She said she would have gone crazy at home and needed to be around people. In addition to keeping busy, Stowe said she also relied on family and friends for support.

"I had a friend who had cancer before me," she said. "When she came into my hospital room, she was wearing a shirt that said, 'been there, done that.'"

Stowe said a sense of humor, a positive attitude and seeing other women who had beat the illness helped. Ten years later, Stowe still goes in for annual mammograms and her outlook on life has changed a bit.

"I try to look at everything as, 'how important is this?' If you're fussing with someone, go make up, and if something is bothering you, go talk it out."

As for early detection, Stowe encourages yearly mammograms.

"I'm a strong proponent of getting checked on an annual basis," she said. "The sooner you catch it, the better off you are."

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Breast cancer facts and information

- Most breast abnormalities are benign and not cancerous. Some breast cancers are called in situ, because they have not yet spread beyond the area where they began. Nearly all cancers at this stage can be cured.

- Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, accounting for nearly 1 in 3 cancers diagnosed in U.S. women. Men generally are at low risk for developing breast cancer but should be aware of the risk factors, especially family history.

- White women have a higher incidence of breast cancer than black women after age 35. In contrast, black women have a slightly higher incidence rate before age 35.

- Obesity and weight gain, lack of physical activity and large consumption of alcohol are factors in breast cancer development.

- Early-stage breast cancer typically produces no symptoms when the tumor is small and most treatable.

- The most important physical sign of breast cancer is a painless mass. Less common signs and symptoms include breast pain and persistent changes to the breast such as thickening, swelling, skin irritation or distortion, and nipple abnormalities.

—Source: American Cancer Society

Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**Oct. 1 - Nov. 2:** Students can sign up for the Intramural swim meet. The swim meet will be hosted at OCCC from 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., Nov. 6 and Nov. 8. There will be 11 different categories ranging from breaststroke to butterfly. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit www.occrcs.edu.

•**Oct. 2 - 6:** OCCC Intramural weight lifting meet will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Oct. 2 and Oct. 6, in the Wellness Center. Contestants will showcase their strength in two categories: bench press and squat. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit www.occrcs.edu.

•**Oct. 2 - Nov. 9:** OCCC youth basketball league will tip off its season of non-competitive basketball for boys and girls, ages 5 to 12. The season starts Dec. 2. Registration ends Nov. 9. Each team will play eight games with the season ending Feb. 17. The cost for this league is \$60. For more information, contact Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786, or visit www.occrcs.edu.

•**Oct. 2 - 31:** OCCC Punt, Pass, and Kick Challenge will be back this fall. Contestants will test their skills in each of the following categories: Pass: complete four target passes in 10 yards, 15 yards, 20 yards and 30 yards. Punt: complete two punts: 1 distance kick and one timed kick. Final challenge is the Kick: which will have contestants complete two field goal tries from 20 yards and 40 yards. Challenge date is Thursday, Nov. 9. This event is free to all OCCC students. Sign-ups for the event can be found at the Wellness Center at 405-682-7860.

For more information on intramural sports, visit www.occrcs.edu.

Getting physical



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Wellness Center Attendant Billy McCoy checks sophomore Valerie Jobe into the Wellness Center. The Wellness Center provides facilities and equipment for students to work out and play basketball or volleyball. The Wellness Center is free to all students with a valid OCCC ID. For more information, contact the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611 ext. 7310.

Soccer team outgunned 7-0

By John Savage
Staff Writer

OCCC found themselves in the middle of a blowout as the Oklahoma University club soccer team rolled past OCCC 7-0 Sept. 23 at Rose State College.

Problems started the night before when word of a field change was passed from player to player.

OCCC's Coach K.B. Yeboah received word late Friday night that the game would be moved from Stillwater to Midwest City.

"I was called Friday night around 9 p.m. and notified that Oklahoma State University couldn't host the game due to some conflict of games," Yeboah said.

OCCC player Daniel Corey said he then got word from Yeboah that the game would be played at Rose State.

Yeboah said he attempted to call all players but some could not be reached.

"We had five players call right before the game started, asking where we were," Corey said.

Corey said with some players not receiving the message a few got stranded at the OSU field.

"We were lucky we had 11," Corey said.

About four other players showed up around halftime but, by that time, Corey said, the team was already down 3-0.

Corey said, had the whole team been there, he doesn't think the overall score would have been much different but many of the OCCC players wouldn't have been so overworked.

OU's team was a physical team that had good team chemistry and moved the ball against OCCC with

ease, Corey said.

OCCC player Bianca Lopez said this team was one of the toughest opponents they have faced this season.

"They were fast and they had one-touches," Lopez said.

"They played really well."

And, they were inspired to try harder. Lopez said, after the game, all players vowed to show up for the next practice, something that hasn't happened this semester.

The intensity was there early in the game but by about half time many of the players were feeling winded she said.

The next game is scheduled to be played at 2 p.m. Sept. 30.

OCCC will go up against Eastern Central University at Rose State College campus.

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Black Student Association readies for pageant

By Michelle Morrow
News Writing Student

OCCC Black Student Association's second annual Miss Black Student Association Scholarship Pageant is approaching this spring.

For any young woman interested in participating in this event, applications can be obtained from BSA President Carlos Robinson or in the Office of Student Life through Karlen Grayson or Larita Blandon.

The deadline is 5 p.m., Oct. 19. Applications must be turned in to Grayson or Blandon in the Student Life office.

Last year's winner Torey Jackson said the pageant was a great success and winning the

competition helped her gain more confidence, courage, a sense of belonging and opened her up to new experiences.

Jackson would encourage anyone interested in participating in the pageant to do so.

"Take advantage of each opportunity, always do your best and enjoy the moment," she said.

Last year's first runner-up, Alexis Griffis, said not knowing what to expect was nerve-racking at first but, over time, she became more confident.

"Determination is the key that unlocks the door of opportunity," Griffis said. "When life knocks you down, look up and a hand will be waiting to help you up."

Robinson not only helped organize the pag-

eanant last year but played escort to the reigning Miss BSA in the OCCC pageant as well as in the statewide Miss Black Oklahoma pageant.

Robinson said he was honored to be able to participate and help.

"It was an educational and motivational experience," he said.

The winner of this year's OCCC pageant will take her place in the Miss Black Oklahoma pageant.

Jackson said participating in the statewide competition is worthwhile.

"It enabled me to meet 26 of the most genuine, beautiful and driven women," she said "It also helped me to gain more confidence in myself."

OCCC literacy night helps kids develop

By Laurie Ghigliotti
News Writing Student

An unusual sight greeted students passing through the College Union Sept. 20 as 12 children gathered at the stage area anticipating an evening of stories and fun with members of the Child Development Club.

About eight members of the club and Cecilia Pittman, Child Development professor, took turns reading a variety of picture books to the children.

"[We want] to get parents to understand that reading begins at birth," Pittman said, and that parental involvement in literacy development is important.

Reading to children, Pittman said, helps with language development.

"[Parents and others who care for children should] begin from the beginning to show children that books are fun," she said.

Elizabeth Arnold, a Newcastle Christian Pre-

school teacher, brought her two children, Preston, 8, and Paige, 4, to the event.

Arnold gave the event a mixed review.

"Paige had a lot of fun [but] I would like to see [the club members] be more interactive with the children," she said.

Throughout the event, children were encouraged to pantomime the story, investigate the pictures, and guess what would happen next in the story.

The children listened intently and participated in the interactive story time, Pittman said. They responded to each story with enthusiastic applause.

Devin Bolser, 4, particularly enjoyed "The Very Busy Spider," by Eric Carle. His brother, Connor, 3, had a favorite as well, "Wow! City!" by Robert Neubecker.

After the event ended, club members could be seen reading to individual children who were not ready to end the fun.



Courtesy of Cecilia Pittman

A member of the Child Development Club captures the attention and imaginations of a group of young children while reading a book to them during Reading Night, held on Sept. 20 in the College Union.

Family Literacy Night is a community event, Pittman said. Club members distributed fliers to area elementary schools and OCCC's Child Development Center to be placed in the

students' backpacks. The club also placed posters in the community for publicity.

The next reading night is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 18, and

will have a Halloween theme. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume to add to the fun.

For more information, contact Pittman at 405-682-1611, ext. 7159 or e-mail cpittman@occc.edu.

Chevrolet vehicle stolen on campus not that uncommon

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

The first case of grand theft auto on campus this semester was reported Sept. 18 when a '91 Chevrolet Suburban, valued at \$2500, was stolen in parking lot B, located on the north side of campus.

Ike Sloas, Safety and Security director, said

Chevrolet vehicles are the most common type of theft on campus.

Since the beginning of the year there have been a total of seven auto thefts, Sloas said. Of those, five have been Chevrolets.

"Chevys that date from '98 and back are real easy to steal," Sloas said. "Once in the car, all thieves have to do is pop the [steering] column and start it."

The theft of the Suburban is the first auto theft of the semester, Sloas said.

Sloas said there are simple methods in preventing car thieves from success.

"Car alarms are good. Also any type of steering wheel lock, like the Club for example, could be used. A kill switch to start cars might work."

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Highlights

Professor to speak about anatomy course

Biology Professor Julian Hilliard will speak about his Human Anatomy Course at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, in room 1C4, across from the Science Center. Students interested in the course must have taken General Zoology and passed with a C or better. Professor permission is needed to enroll during early enrollment. Note: This course dissects human cadavers.

Parking lot to be closed temporarily Oct. 4

Parking area D-VIP (gated parking area lot D) will be closed for the Fall Job Fair, from 11 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 3, until 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Drummond to speak about transfer experience

The Psychology and Sociology Club and Psi Beta will host former PSC President Deborah Drummond at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 4, in room 1G7 of the Main Building. Drummond will discuss the transition from OCCC to the University of Oklahoma. For more information, contact PSC President Laurie Thornton at 405-606-3952.

Col. David Bennett to speak about Afghanistan

The Business Professionals of America will host Col. David H. Bennett at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the OCCC Theater. Bennett will discuss the topic of Afghanistan and rebuilding a democracy. Bennett currently is a professor at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Photo Club to discuss zoo trip at next meeting

The Photography Club will hold a meeting at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 5, in CU4 in the College Union to discuss the Oklahoma City Zoo trip, club T-shirt designs, future guest speakers and dates they will speak. For more information, contact Club Sponsor LaWanda LaVarnway at 405-682-1611, ext. 7329.

Student Life to hold children's concert

The Office of Student Life will present the annual Children's Concert featuring Dave Rudolf. The concert starts at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, in the College Union. The cost is \$1 and tickets can be purchased at the Office of Student Life. For more information, contact Sara McElroy, Student Life Programs coordinator, at 405-682-1611, ext. 7683, or e-mail smcelroy@occc.edu.

Deadline for 2007 Scholarship Pageant

The application deadline for the 2007 Miss Black Student Association Scholarship Pageant is 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19. For more information, contact Student Development Counselor Claire Echols at 405-682-1611, ext. 7729, or Rochelle Mosby, Arts and Humanities division assistant at 405-682-1611, ext. 7636.

Submissions needed for OCCC literary magazine

The editors of "Absolute," OCCC's magazine of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, photography and art, are now accepting submissions for the 2007 issue until Dec. 1. Forms may be picked up at the Arts and Humanities office or from Professor Clay Randolph. For more information, contact Randolph at 405-682-1611, ext. 7238, or e-mail crandolph@occc.edu.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer

Blood sucker



Photo by Carrie Cronk

Maria Quinn, Oklahoma Blood Institute phlebotomist preps the arm of Janice Adams, nursing sophomore major, to give blood during a blood drive held by the Oklahoma Blood Institute and Student Life on Sept. 28 in the College Union. Students and faculty who gave blood received their choice of a University of Oklahoma or Oklahoma State University T-shirt.

New ways used to find members

By Phillip Hemphill
Staff Writer

Using the Internet, word of mouth and food are just a few methods clubs at OCCC use to get students to join.

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education is one of the first clubs to use the Internet to recruit.

"We have a MySpace site to recruit people interested in joining," said Raquel Carranco, HOPE president. "It is also to help members and club officers communicate."

The MySpace for HOPE can be seen at www.myspace.com/hope_chick.

The next meeting for HOPE is at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, in room 2N7 on the second floor in the Main Building.

HOPE is not the only club that has caught on to using the Internet.

The Environmental Club has created a MySpace to attract prospective mem-

bers.

"We have a MySpace to recruit new members," said Carrie Cronk, Environmental Club president.

"We will post current information about events coming up, such as club meetings."

"We will use it as an extra source to get information to our members," Cronk said.

The Environmental Club also plans to use chat rooms to possibly hold some meetings in the future, Cronk said.

The MySpace URL for the Environmental Club can be seen at www.myspace.com/occcenvironmentalclub.

Although using the Internet is one way to gather members, other clubs have continued to use various low-tech methods of recruiting.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries uses free food to attract students.

"We offer doughnuts to students," said Chris

Haynes, BCM co-sponsor. "We offer fellowship and free lunch to anyone who shows up."

BCM will have its next meeting at noon, Monday, Oct. 2, in the OCCC theater foyer.

The Advocates of Peace club has followed a time-honored recruiting strategy, word of mouth.

"We invite friends and people we know," said Andrea Reichert, Advocates of Peace president.

"It is like networking."

"We also are attracting members from other clubs," Reichert said.

Advocates of Peace also invites students from Professor Steve Morrow's class, also named Advocates of Peace, Reichert said.

The next meeting for Advocates of Peace is at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19, in room 1G7 in the Main Building.

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Classifieds

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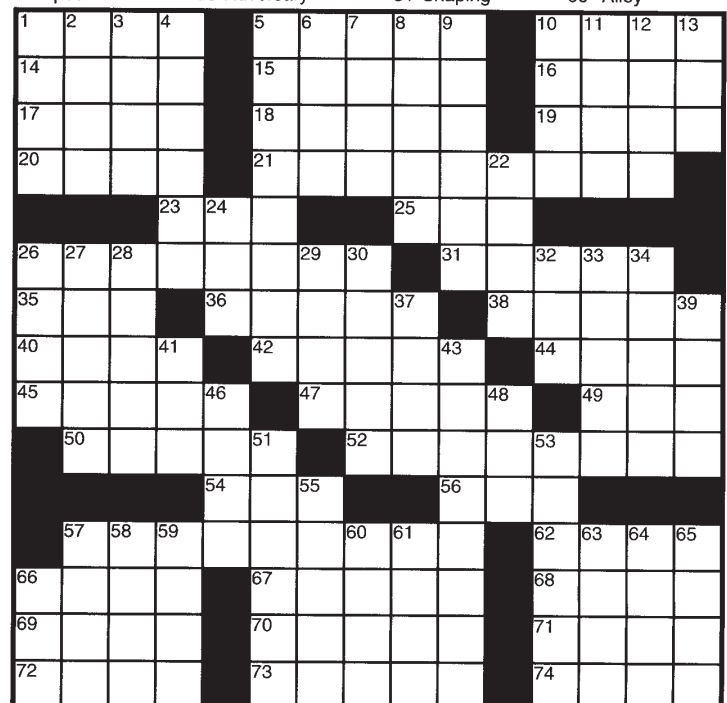
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Students expected to check OCCC e-mail regularly under new system

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Rory Mowdy.

Riha said another incentive is being put in place as well.

Students also can choose to redirect their college e-mail to another e-mail address, such as a Gmail or Hotmail address, he said.

But, Riha cautions, there are risks involved.

For instance, the college cannot guarantee the privacy of student information

once it leaves the college computer server, he said.

Student information is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Riha said that information would still be protected if e-mailed to a student, as long as the e-mail is sent and read through a college-provided e-mail account.

He said the college would require a federal subpoena before it would release any student e-mail with information covered by FERPA.

However, redirected e-mails are another matter, he said.

"If they decide to forward their e-mails to another account, we can no longer comply with FERPA because [the e-mails] are now on a server outside the jurisdiction of the college."

That possibility wouldn't deter some students from forwarding their e-mails.

"It would be a lot easier than having to check two e-mail accounts," said Tracy Brown, elementary educa-

tion major. "I really don't care."

However, some students value records privacy over ease of use.

"I wouldn't [redirect] the e-mails to my personal e-mail because it isn't for school-related stuff," said Lyndsie Stremflow, OCCC admissions assistant. "That's what my school e-mail is for."

"And therefore, I would take on the responsibility of checking both e-mails."

The college does understand and take into account that students don't want to have to remember several user IDs and passwords for different accounts

Because of that, the new system, provided through Information and Instructional Technology Services, will use a universal UserID and password which allows access to all online student

services — student e-mail accounts, MineOnline and OCCC's wireless network — with one login.

The UserID for the new system will be the student's first name, middle initial and last name.

The initial password will be the last six digits of the student's social security number which can be changed after a student logs on the first time.

Students aren't required to create a new password but, Riha said, it's recommended.

The update to the new system will take place the weekend of Oct. 7, during which time MineOnline will not be available.

For more information, contact Riha at 405-682-1611, ext. 7864, or visit the OCCC IT Services website at <http://itnews.occc.edu>.

Editor David Miller can be reached at editor@occc.edu.

Spring open enrollment starts Oct. 16

"Enroll,"

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with an academic counselor and enroll in classes.

Stringfellow said transfer students might not be able to choose certain courses.

"Some credits from other schools might not transfer over in the first week," he said.

"If the course the student tries to take requires a prerequisite and the class has already been taken [elsewhere], they might not be able to take the course here."

The last day to enroll for the spring semester is Jan. 26.

That date applies to all students, Stringfellow said.

Stringfellow said, when enrolling, students have plenty of options from which to choose.

"We have classes that last 16 weeks, eight weeks and five weeks," he said.

The next set of the eight-week courses begins Tuesday, Oct. 17, Stringfellow said. Oct. 6 is the next start date for the five-week [fast-track] courses.

"Students can enroll in courses until the second day [of classes]," he said.

"We advise that students enroll prior to the deadline date to ensure that they have a spot."

"The [shorter] courses cover the same information as the 16-week courses," Stringfellow said.

"The only difference is that the number of weeks the class is going on is shorter."

"They are just a condensed version of the 16-week courses."

Stringfellow said the variety in length of classes offers students more flexibility.

"[The shorter courses] are convenient," said Barry Harris, OCCC freshman.

"It is great that the courses allow you to learn the same stuff in a shorter

amount of time."

Those classes still cover a range of topics, Stringfellow said.

Students wanting to enroll in the shorter sessions can enroll just as they would with any other course — online or on campus, Stringfellow said.

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