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# Financial Aid awards projected to increase over next five years

By Carrie Cronk  
Editor

Early on in the fall '08 semester, students receiving financial aid will find their award amounts larger than the previous year.

During a recent speech, President George W. Bush said he approved House Resolution 2669 in order to encourage more people to attend college, according to [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov).

"We're living in a global economy. And we've got to stay competitive as we head into the 21st century, and the best way to stay competitive is to make sure people have access to good education," Bush said.

Earlier that morning, Bush signed into law the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, otherwise known as H.R. 2669.

This law will increase Pell Grant awards by more than \$11 million over the next five years.

It will also decrease interest rates for Undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, and will provide more deferment flexibility for students who are military personnel on active duty.

Student Financial Support Services Dean Harold Case said he believes the two areas that will have the greatest impact on OCCC students are Pell Grants and Stafford loans.

Under the law, Pell Grant award amounts will be gradually increased over the next five years, from \$4310 currently to \$5400 in the 2012-'13 academic year.

"We have quite a few students that are Pell (Grant) recipients. Last year we did around \$6.8 million," he said.

Last year, 3220 OCCC students received Pell Grants, Case said. In total financial aid, approximately \$17.6 million was disbursed to approximately 6900 students for work-study, tuition fee waivers, loans and Pell Grants for that year.

That number could increase significantly if the law makes it through the appropriations process, Case said.

"If this all goes through, [OCCC] students can get up to \$4,800 (in) Pell (Grants) in '08-'09," he said. This would be an increase of \$490.

The other area which Case believes will help students most is the reduction of Stafford Loan interest rates.

Currently the interest rate for a Stafford loan is set at 6.8 percent. The new law will decrease interest on these loans to 3.4 percent over the next five years.

The law states that loans disbursed between July 1, 2008, and July 1, 2009, will have a set interest rate of 6 percent, and the rates will continue to decrease to the 3.4 percent rate for loans disbursed after July 1, 2011, and before July 1, 2012.

In addition to the interest rate reduction, the law also provides for the borrower's income to be considered during the repayment period for a loan.

"Our students will benefit in the repayment of See "Aid," page 13

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—Harold Case  
Financial Support  
Services Dean

## Ghoulish



Photo by Mike Ferak

Mindie Dieu, Communications Lab supervisor, gets in the spirit of Halloween. Makeup for the Stage student Matt Fowler spent about an hour putting on Dieu's face makeup, she said.

## College money out there

By Yvonne Oberly  
Staff Writer

It is now the time for OCCC students to begin filling out their paperwork to receive one of the many scholarships available for next spring and next fall. There also are scholarship options for students transferring to universities.

Continuing OCCC students can obtain scholarship informa-

tion by going to the recruitment and admissions office located at the main OCCC entrance.

Information can be obtained by phone at 405-682-1611 ext. 7580. Information is available online from the college home page at [www.occc.edu](http://www.occc.edu) by clicking "departments" to "Recruitment and Admissions" and then to "scholarships." Students are encouraged to come

and see about new scholarship information, said recruitment and admissions student services assistant Linda Sapp.

"Some students come in here once a month or even twice a week to check out the racks," she said.

Information is also available in the OCCC library.

Students are welcome to ask the librarians.

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

# Financial aid act falls short

Congress and President George W. Bush have recently passed House Resolution 2669, the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007.

This legislation will increase Pell Grants, increase student loan deferment periods for members of the military on active duty, and will also reduce interest rates on federal direct student loans over the next five years.

Although this legislation is a sizeable improvement for students receiving financial aid, it still isn't enough.

The new legislation will increase Pell Grant awards to \$5400 in 2012-13.

For the 2008-'09 academic year, the Pell Grant will increase to \$4800.

According to a CNN article, the national average tuition rate for public four-year universities is over \$5800. This does not include costs for textbooks and supplies, or living expenses.

A grant of \$5400 would currently be a help to many students, but by the 2012 academic year it most likely will be too little.

When H.R. 2669 was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives, the bill's proposed increase amounts were higher. Pell Grants for the '08-'09 academic year would have increased from \$4310 to \$7600. By the 2012-'13 academic year, the maximum award amounts would have increased to \$11,600 according to that version of the bill.

According to [www.ou.edu/bursar/fees.htm](http://www.ou.edu/bursar/fees.htm), the University of Oklahoma's in-state tuition for the '07-'08 academic year is \$6507 for 30 credit hours.

According to the University of Central Oklahoma website, as of the fall 2007 semester, tuition at UCO was \$3856.50. Books, supplies and on-campus housing costs are estimated to run approximately \$6900, bringing the total estimated cost \$10,756.50 per year.

As high as these in-state tuition rates are, the tuition and fee rates for private colleges and universities are much higher, making them an option which only students of means can afford.

Congress needs to do more to relieve the financial burden for low income students and their families.

Finding ways to curb tuition rates that are increasing faster than inflation could possibly help.

Establishing new programs to assist nontraditional students working to earn a degree to better the quality of life for their families could also help.

Congress needs to look further into the impact high tuition rates have on families, and do more to help ease this burden.

—Carrie Cronk  
Editor

# Technological regression

## To the editor:

Despite advances in technology in the past century that are absolutely astounding, we seem to be back at a communication level we had over a century ago.

I am speaking of Internet chatrooms, virtual journals and text messaging.

That's right, after over a century of development we now have the amazing ability to send a message and someone somewhere can read it. It's the telegraph re-invented. Telegraph 2.0.

The most amazing thing is how popular this has become.

People who you can't get to write a two page essay to save their life will happily bang away at a keyboard until 3 a.m. updating their MySpace pages.

Then they wake up red eyed and exhausted and go to work, where they do the same thing. Instead of banging on the keyboard to do their work, they get testy with anybody who dares to ask them to break from their Facebook long enough to provide some basic customer service.

They even have hamster size keyboards attached to

their cell phones to prevent them from missing an update opportunity.

A lady I saw driving through the parking lot awhile back was busily doing this while she narrowly missed several pedestrians and several vehicles including some parked ones.

Further, as you are enjoying the trendy new telegraph technology we have, please remember to do your job.

I realize people such as myself are a major nuisance when we ask silly questions pertaining to the department sign hanging over your desk, but you are being paid to do a job, so please do it.

The least you could do is to post your Facebook or MySpace address near your cubicle so that I could then pick at my own hamster sized keyboard and perhaps get my questions taken care of that way.

Furthermore, I beg you, do not text and drive.

As a last point, instead of crying about your woefully low GPA on your favorite version of the telegraph, try putting those amazing typing skills to work on actually doing your assignments.

ments.

Maybe professors should switch to this trendy telegraph format to teach their classes and deliver their lectures and assignments.

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## Comments and Reviews

# 'License to Wed' DVD good excuse to stay in

Robin Williams does it again, only this time he makes couples burst out laughing.

On Oct. 30, "License to Wed" was released on DVD for your home viewing pleasure.

Based on the idea that a couple must complete premarital classes before saying "I Do," this movie tells the tale of one couple that must do just that in less than three weeks.

First released in theaters on July 3, the film grossed \$43.8 million. The DVD is sure to improve those numbers.

With viewing available in English, Spanish and French, the DVD comes with additional scenes with commentary by director Ken Kwapis as well as additional scenes without commentaries.

By far the funniest extra I have seen on a DVD for a while is "Ask The Choir Boy."

Imagine a sarcastic 12-year-old Bible thumper, advising people on their marital problems and you're half way there.

The film stars comedian Robin Williams as the Reverend Frank, John Krasinski as Ben Murphy, the skeptical would-be groom and Mandy Moore as the all too-eager bride-to-be.

"In the beginning, God created man ..." or so Rev. Frank would try to tell you at the beginning of the out takes where you are first introduced to a few life lessons like, never play "one-on-one" with a minister. Never play "word association" with the in-laws is another good idea. Ben Murphy unfortunately learns this the hard way.

This romantic comedy brings to life some of the most serious issues couples face before taking the big leap, but there are important lessons to be learned along the way.

As Rev. Frank puts it, "I love cheesy curls but it is not the only salty snack food I am ever gonna eat for the rest of my life."

Granted, a couple should learn to communicate with and trust each other, but being blindfolded while driving may not be the best way to learn how to do this.

However, Rev. Frank is in complete control of the game plan. The couple must comply with his dictation in order to get the ministers seal of approval and their license to wed, even if that means living for the next six weeks with no sex.

Altogether, I not only recommend this movie for your collection, but for sitting down with your sweetie during the chilly fall and winter nights to watch the film with a bowl of popcorn and hot cocoa.

**Rating:** A

—**Jamie Laleff**  
Staff Writer

# 'Redeeming Love' story compelling and appalling

"Redeeming Love," a novel by Francine Rivers, is set in 1850s California, ranging from the start of 1850 to 1855. Angel, the main character, was sold into prostitution as a child by Rab, a man that had dated her mother.

After her mother's death, Rab thought it was best for her to go to a man that was looking to adopt. Yet, as it turns out, the man Angel is sold to wasn't looking for a daughter to adopt at all.

Angel thinks that she learns the ways of world, in the form that everyone uses each other.

Then she meets Michael Hosea, a man that follows God with all his heart. He

obeys God's command to marry Angel and love her no matter what happens.

Yet, as days go by and Angel tries to run away from the emotions Michael stirs, she finds her heart melting for him.

Even though Angel feels this softness coming through, she runs from it and back into prostitution where she feels unworthy to be with Michael.

This is a touching story that is hard for the reader to put down as Angel's life and struggles unfold with the turning of each page.

Angel's character has a spirit about her that speaks of the emotional struggle to survive against

the odds. This provides something that can be brought into tune with what ever someone is going through.

"Redeeming Love" is not a novel I would recommend to someone who is looking for some light reading. It has a lot of content, which is compelling due to the struggles that Angel experiences, but at the same time is appalling because of the graphic nature of the violence she survives.

There is some strong sexual content, so the book is suited to mature audiences.

**Rating:** A+

—**Amber McBride**  
Staff Writer



**Q:** *Some of the older model restroom stalls do not have coat hangers. This is something that is needed, more particularly for women. Will that be able to be fixed and if so, when?*

**A:** "That is definitely something we will look into. It's an easy fix."

—**J.B. Messer**

**Physical Plant Director**

**Q:** *Why don't we have a religion department?*

**A:** "At present, we offer a course in comparative religions. To have a separate religion department would imply that we offer a degree in that. We do not."

—**Felix Aquino**

**Academic Affairs Vice President**

**Q:** *When will the World Languages and Cultures Center be open for student use?*

**A:** "It will be open in spring. We hope to have it open before the semester if everything goes well ... we should have it open in January."

—**Susan VanSchuyver**

**Institutional Effectiveness Acting Dean**

**Q:** *Will the college be holding classes on the Oklahoma Centennial?*

**A:** "Governor Brad Henry has declared Nov. 16, 2007, the 100th anniversary of Oklahoma statehood, as an official state holiday. All state offices, agencies, colleges and universities will be closed on Nov. 16, including OCCC."

—**Paul Sechrist**

**OCCC President**

**Q:** *Is the college doing anything in honor of Veteran's Day?*

**A:** "Since Veteran's Day is on a Sunday this year, Veteran's Services will have free cookies for everyone on Monday, Nov. 12."

—**Janis Armstrong**

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## Comments and Reviews

# 'In Defense of the Genre' sends fans in search of defensive measures

Double albums are hard to pull off.

Few bands have really made a double album that wouldn't have been better simply as a single disc.

Even "The Beatles," otherwise known as the "White Album," and the Smashing Pumpkins "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness" had some filler.

"In Defense of the Genre" by Say Anything has simply too much filler.

Musicians and bands tend to have grandiose ideas after they reach a certain point of success. Usually it comes a little later in their careers, perhaps after a few good albums and a nice string of singles.

One could argue that in the current state of the music industry, many bands and artists have shorter careers, so maybe grandiose ideas come just a little earlier.

Unfortunately, these grandiose ideas tend to alienate a once excited fanbase.

Well, if that's what Say Anything wanted to do, at least they did something right.

Now, "In Defense of the Genre" does have good songs on it. But it just does not compare with "...Is a Real Boy."

"...Is A Real Boy" had some progressive ideas, and the band nailed them. The album was to the point, well executed and left the listener wanting more.

But "In Defense of the Genre" goes off the deep end.

The listener would be more inclined to beg for mercy.

If all of that isn't bad enough, the number of guest vocalists on the album reads like a typical rap album.

The album starts off promising with "Skinny Mean Man." It's a truly likable song with an energy similar to songs on "... Is a Real Boy."

But as soon as "Skinny Mean Man" is over, the album starts its decline.

The album has many of the same qualities "...Is a Real Boy" had but without similar results.

Having to listen to 27 tracks of the same musical ideas is just too much.



Where Max Bemis' heavily emphasized vocals were complimentary on "... Is a Real Boy," on "In Defense of the Genre," it gets old and makes it hard to find many standout tracks.

There just isn't much variety and the variety we get

comes in the form of campy show tunes and throwaway songs about hangovers.

At least the album has cool artwork.

Jeff Smith, known for his work on the "Bone" comic book series, illustrated the cover.

The album's standout tracks include "Skinny Mean Man," "Surgically Removing the Tracking Device," "The Church Channel," and "We Killed It."

**Rating: D**

—**Brian Stansberry**  
Staff Writer

# Thai action film lacks plot, fight action

An advertisement for the DVD "Spirited Killer" states, "Before filming 'Ong-Bak' and ... 'The Protector,' Thai action-director (and) stunt-impresario Panna Rittikrai and Muay-Thai star Tony Jaa first teamed up for the martial arts epic 'Spirited Killer.'"

The only thing "epic" about this movie is the marketing that tricked me into believing this movie could be as good as "Ong-Bak" or "The Protector." It's not.

Tony Jaa, who many believe may be the successor to Jet-Li and Jackie Chan in modern action cinema,

is only in the movie for a few minutes.

Rittikrai is actually the star of "Spirited Killer," although it's hard to tell since Jaa's face is on the front cover of the DVD case.

Expecting to see long fight scenes with Jaa's trademark acrobatics and bone-crushing Muay Thai martial arts style, I waited... and waited... and then Jaa's character was killed.

"Spirited Killer" is a low-budget, Thai action film produced and directed by, and also starring Panna Rittikrai.

Rittikrai, who spent years

in Thailand as an actor, stuntman and director in action-packed, low budget B-movies, finally struck gold with the release of "Ong-Bak" and "The Protector."

"Spirited Killer" is barely a B-movie. The budget constraints are painfully obvious.

The dubbing is horrendous, the lighting is often bad, and the fight scenes are far from exciting and barely entertaining.

The plot, which only exists as a vehicle to get the audience from lame fight scene to lame fight scene, focuses on the conflict be-

tween the residents of a remote village in the jungle and an evil witch doctor.

After killing several villagers with a potion that is supposed to provide immortality, the witch doctor is hunted down by the village chief and some villagers.

The witch doctor ends up being beaten and kicked into a river, after which a mysterious man (Rittikrai) appears in the jungle and begins to randomly kill anyone he comes across.

The presence of a homicidal maniac in the forest surrounding the village obviously means that the

chief and the villagers must protect themselves by destroying him before he destroys them.

The lack of any real plot, character development and acting in this movie might have been more easily ignored had the fight scenes provided any real action, style, choreography or effects.

I watched this movie expecting much more than was delivered, and I was extremely disappointed.

Save your money. Don't buy this DVD.

**Rating: D**

—**Scott Glidewell**  
Staff Writer

# Jazz sounds to fill the air at Nov. 7 show

**By Melissa Gates**  
News Writing Student

Some never-before-heard jazz tunes with a spin to modern jazz standards will be presented by music Professor Mike Boyle and his students in a free concert Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Every semester in the OCCC theater, Boyle puts together a plethora of music for his students to perform, showing off their tal-

ent for jazz.

The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the OCCC theater. Admission is free.

Boyle, a music professor at OCCC for two years, said he has been making music since the age of 12.

He said he brings his passion for jazz to his students in hopes of being able to convey the message of jazz to the whole audience.

"We will be performing jazz standards with a to-

tally twisted style and new approach that will blow the listeners away," Boyle said.

The performers are hoping to inspire the audience to let loose, tap their toes and enjoy the show, he said.

Boyle compares the sounds that fill the air in Bricktown in downtown Oklahoma City to what will be heard.

"These students are outstanding and we plan to

take a totally unusual approach to jazz," said Boyle.

Some performers to be heard at the concert will be David Avila, David Clayton, Ben Harrison, Toby Kraft, Lauren Fitzgerald, and Boyle. Johnlee Looking-glass runs sound for the group.

Boyle is excited to share his musical passion.

"I think my favorite song being performed is our new rendition of a Hank Will-

iams Sr. tune," Boyle said.

"This concert is not about smooth, melodic jazz but more of our 21st-century spin on jazz standards.

"Many songs have been rearranged and the students' performance will shadow the new take to jazz music."

For more information about the concert, call Boyle at 405-682-1611, ext. 7245, or e-mail MBoyle@occc.edu.

# Oklahoma poet offers insight to audience

**By Jenna Arney**  
News Writing Student

American poets sabotage their audiences by writing in a deliberately obscure way rather than connecting to everyday society, Oklahoma poet Nathan Brown said in a speech on campus Oct. 18.

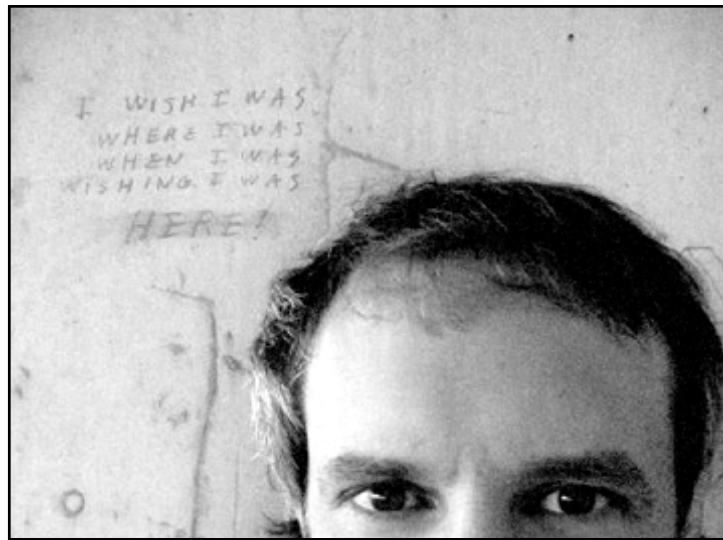
This is what he believes to be at the core of the problems for poetry in this country, he said.

Brown said the reasons that poets write are starting to change.

Historically, he said, they have written for others but now poets tend to write for themselves.

This causes confusion in understanding the poems.

The meanings remain so hidden that many who seek the answer remain lost,



Nathan Brown

Brown told the audience.

"If I have studied it for 20 years and still don't know what you are saying ... how in the hell is anybody else going to know what you are talking about?" he asked of

a fellow poet in another setting.

The hidden meanings are a reason why poetry lacks popular appeal in America, Brown said.

This also contributes to

the meager fan base, and is shown in the small representation of people attending poetry readings in the United States.

The difference in the way poetry is viewed in America and around the world is one topic Brown addressed in one of his poems.

After attending a poetry recital, five to 10 Americans sit in a coffee shop snapping their fingers "for the joy that it is over," Brown said during his poem "To Be Read Very Slowly."

In other parts of the world, soccer stadiums are filled just to hear poetry readings and the applause is exuberant, Brown said.

This is how he wishes it were in the United States, he said.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, Brown

obtained his master's and doctoral degrees in English.

This poet, storyteller and OU professor talked with approximately 30 people in an OCCC conference room.

One of his books of poetry was a finalist for the 2007 Book Award.

The main portion of the performance consisted of Brown reading poetry and discussing different aspects of this subject.

In these talks he spoke about both poetry in general and the poems that he writes.

Brown was sponsored by the "The Writer's Voice," an Arts and Humanities project started by Learning Skills Professor Amy Wilson.

For more information, visit [www.brownlines.com](http://www.brownlines.com).

# OCCC closed Nov. 16 in observance of statehood

**Kristin Hooper**  
News Writing Student

OCCC students, faculty and staff will have an extra day off on Nov. 16 as Oklahoma celebrates its 100th anniversary of statehood.

Gov. Brad Henry declared this day Statehood Day.

Since it is an official state holiday this year and since OCCC is a state school with state employees, the college will follow the decree, said Cordell Jordan, Media Relations coordinator.

Oklahoma's 100th birth-

day marks the state's entry into the union as the 46th state.

It is a time to honor the state, said Paul Sund, the governor's communications director.

Sund said since state schools will be closed, Henry wants to encourage students to take part in their community activities and brush up on the history of the state.

There are different events to celebrate the centennial.

At 7 p.m. on Nov. 16, the Ford Center will hold the

Oklahoma Centennial Spectacular.

Among the performers are Reba McEntire, Toby Keith, Garth Brooks, Vince Gill, Carrie Underwood, The All-American Rejects and more.

Event tickets range from \$45 to \$145. The event will be broadcast on OETA.

Also on Statehood Day in Guthrie, the state's first capital, will be a re-enactment of all the events that took place on the first day of Oklahoma's statehood.

Actors will stage the an-

nouncement of the presidential proclamation and the wedding of Miss Indian Territory and Mr. Oklahoma Territory.

This will be followed by a parade with antique cars,

horse carriages, and marching bands.

After the parade, a barbecue will be held in an historic park.

Events begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.



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# Clery Report released with new stats

**By Jacob Heisten**  
News Writing Student

The Department of Campus Safety and Security released a Campus Crime Statistics report earlier this month, also known as the Clery Report.

Crimes such as Auto theft and burglary are among those on the report, and among the crimes that have decreased on campus in the past year.

"Burglary is down about 50 percent and auto theft is down around

25 percent," said Ike Sloas, Safety and Security Director. "I attribute the decrease in crimes to the fact our staff is completely internal now."

The Clery Report is part of The Campus Security Act of 1990 and the Student-Right-To-Know Act. President Bush signed the law in 1990 after Jeanna Clery, a Lehigh University student, was raped and tortured in her dorm room.

The Federal Department of Education requires all colleges receiving money from the federal govern-

ment to submit an annual crime statistics report to students and faculty, due by Oct. 1 of each year.

All crimes that occur on campus grounds must be included in the report. Schools failing to comply with the law or properly fill out the report can be fined up to \$27,500 per offense.

The report not only requires schools to compile and submit crime statistics data, but schools must also issue timely warnings to students, faculty, and staff. Warnings are sent out over email and

posted on the OCCC website if a Clery reportable crime is occurring or has recently occurred.

The report does not stop there but also requires schools to compile crime reports at the end of each month.

The Clery report along with the month-in-review reports, and timely warnings can all be found online at the OCCC website under the Department of Safety and Security.

For more information, visit [www.occc.edu](http://www.occc.edu).

# Austin theater group coming to college

**By Samantha Ballard**  
News Writing Student

The Cultural Arts series is presenting The Salvage Vanguard Theatre at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, in the college theater.

The group is from Austin, Texas.

This performance is a live

radio drama on stage that is set in the 1930s.

Linda Bosteels, the head of Cultural Arts, said this will be unique and fun.

"This performance will let the audience hear the effects and see how they are produced," Bosteels said.

Bosteels said The Salvage Vanguard Theatre is simi-

lar to "A Prairie Home Companion," with Garrison Keillor.

Bosteels also said the radio show is an "intergalactic nemesis," which is a mix between, "Raiders of the Lost Ark," and "Star Wars."

"The Cultural Arts series' goal is to present culturally diverse performing arts,"

Bosteels said.

"It's not a possibility to see an event like this everyday," Bosteels said.

She said she is expecting to have a full house for this event. There will be an educational activity at 11 a.m. in room CU3, which is free to the public.

General Admission to the

evening performance is \$22. For students, seniors, faculty, staff and Alumni Association members admission is \$17, and \$10 for children.

For more information, call the Cultural Arts Series office at 405-682-7579, or go online to [www.occc.edu/cas](http://www.occc.edu/cas).

## Lt. Gov. Askins cancels speech

**By Amanda Black**  
News Writing Student

Lt. Gov. Jari Askins has canceled her speech at OCCC, originally planned for Wednesday, Nov. 7.

"The Student Activity Office hopes to reschedule Askins in the spring of 2008," said Jon Horinek, coordinator of community engagement.

He had scheduled Askins to be a part of the lecture series that his office usually hosts.

Askins was chosen as a local leader as a part of the lecture series.

"We usually try to get two speakers, one local and one national," Horinek said.

He said he thought Askins would be a good candidate because of her recent election.

When Askins spoke to Horinek and told him that she would be unable to come due to unexpected plans, she "was very polite and apologetic," Horinek said.

"She expressed her interests to come at another time."

## Veteran's Day celebration moved to Nov. 12 on campus

**By Chris Lusk**  
Staff Writer

The OCCC Veteran's Services department will serve cookies on Nov. 12 in honor of Veteran's Day, said Janis Armstrong, financial aid coordinator of programs and services.

Armstrong said although Veteran's Day is recognized on Nov. 11, the holiday falls on a Sunday this year so the college will celebrate the day on Monday.

"We will set up a table with cookies in front of the Financial Aid offices and will decorate the area as a treat for our veterans," said Armstrong.

She also invited all students to drop by and indulge in the treats.

Armstrong said the cookies are a small act of gratitude they do for the veterans enrolled at the college, which tally at 839.

**"Veteran's Day is designed to be a day of remembrance. People don't have to do anything extravagant. Just keep our past and present military men and women in mind and be grateful for what they are doing for us."**

—Blake Evans  
OCCC Sophomore

Sophomore Blake Evans was on campus last year during Veteran's Day and expressed his gratitude for Veteran's Services.

"It's always nice when the college does something to help celebrate Veteran's Day," Evans said.

"My brother is in Iraq right now and seeing people spread awareness about our military makes me smile."

"Many students might see cookies as insignificant, but anything to help people remember their veterans helps."

Many other events will be held throughout the city in celebration of Veteran's Day, and all students are encouraged to help remember veterans.

"Veteran's Day is designed to be a day of remembrance," Evans said. "People don't have to do anything extravagant."

"Just keep our past and present military men and women in mind and be grateful for what they are doing for us."

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# Recycle Day on the rise in Oklahoma

**By Adam Brand**  
Staff Writer

Gov. Brad Henry, in a proclamation on Oct. 2, declared Nov. 15 to be America Recycles Day throughout the state of Oklahoma.

Gov. Henry said in his proclamation that "... recycling saves precious energy, conserves valuable natural resources, protects the environment, reduces landfill needs and has a positive economic impact."

Henry urges all citizens to

join in the spirit of America Recycles Day and to use less stuff, buy products that are made from recycled materials and recycle at home and work.

"Americans consume more than 2.5 million bottles of water every hour and only about 10 per cent of the bottles are recycled," said the Oklahoma Recycling Association in a newsletter.

"Annually, we throw \$1 billion worth of plastic in landfills," according to the newsletter. It continues

saying, "America Recycles Day ... celebrates clean air and water, a reliable supply of energy, and a healthy future for our children."

Although more than 90 per cent of Americans have access to recycling services, Oklahoma trails behind at 50 percent, according to the newsletter.

Trish Heffley, nursing student at OCCC, lives in Mustang where, she said, there are no recycling trucks that pick up recyclables in her neighborhood.

"There is not a lot of access to recycling at OCCC," Heffley said.

Heffley said there should be separate recycling bins available at OCCC for recycling glass, plastic, aluminum, and paper.

On campus, recycling bins are located in some of its employees' offices, but student access is vaguely limited to the unlabeled bins near the photocopy machines in the Main Building.

On Nov. 15, the OCCC environmental club is going

to set up a booth with recycling literature and information on recycling. The booth is intended to raise environmental awareness and let students know what they can do to help the environment.

Did you know that it takes five years for a cardboard milk carton to decompose? Do you know what chemicals are added to cigarettes? Factoids like this, along with other information, such as the effects of dumping, will be displayed for students to read.

# New business management degree coming

**By Christina Graham**  
News Writing Student

The Center for Excellence: International Business has begun the development of an International Business Management degree program to offer students in 2008.

This degree program will offer four courses in the fundamentals of International business, marketing, finance, logistics management plus a capstone course.

The program also plans to offer an exchange program, to give students the chance to study abroad, and to bring more international students to OCCC.

Department Chair and Professor of Business Gary Tucker said the emphasis of the program is three fold.

The first emphasis is the students. "We want to provide a safe-haven for students to travel internationally and study amongst other cultures," Tucker said.

The second emphasis of the program will focus on surrounding businesses, and making them aware of what kind of work the college is doing so they know that OCCC is more than just a general education college.

The third emphasis will be on the college as a whole, and "boosting

the college's ability to say we are a premiere community college," Tucker said.

Sergey Moskalionov, professor of Business and Economics, is currently living in Russia and teaches his courses online.

In an email, Moskalionov stated, "I am very excited about the idea. All business students should be aware about all the essential differences in business, cultural, mental, legal and institutional conditions that surround international business in any country."

Business student Erin Prince believes the program would be very beneficial for OCCC students.

"We certainly need to be made more aware of the international side of business, seeing as the world is becoming smaller and smaller with the Internet," Prince said.

Heather Knowles, a student of Moskalionov, stated in an email, "Those courses definitely will expand a business student's repertoire and certainly add a competitive edge when pursuing a career."

The curriculum for this program will be brought before the curriculum committee some time this fall. For more information about this program contact Gary Tucker at [ceib@occc.edu](mailto:ceib@occc.edu).

# Internet threats, security issues real problem

**By Michelle Sparks**  
News Writing Student

No one is safe from the threats of online crimes. Even Al Heitkamper, professor of Cyber Security, admits that he has run into sticky situations while purchasing a product from eBay.

"The seller tried to get personal information out of me," Heitkamper said.

October is Cyber Security Awareness month and now is a better time than ever to protect yourself online.

With websites such as Myspace and Facebook being very popular among young people, being a safe online surfer is a must, Heitkamper said.

Cyber Security Awareness month was created by federal agencies with the purpose of educating American businesses, schools, and government agencies about ways to secure their part of cyber space, computers, and the nations critical infrastructure, according to [staysafeonline.org](http://staysafeonline.org).

Many online websites and magazines have contributed to this program by putting together a list of ways to protect yourself while online, Heitkamper said.

Staysafeonline.org gives you eight top ways on how to stay safe online. Some of these reasons include using anti-virus software and knowing

who you are dealing with online.

Sites such as eBay, PayPal and Consumer Reports are committed to protecting their online customers by making them aware of online crimes as well as making it harder for people to access their personal information.

In past years, OCCC has promoted awareness with different events throughout the month of October.

Things such as posters, luncheons, and game shows were set up to show students how to protect themselves over the internet.

Although this was a success last year, Heitkamper said, due to a lack of a program director at this time, no plans for this event have been made.

Even though awareness measures on campus are not happening this year, being safe online is still very important to all people involved with the web.

During the month of October, take some time to check out some of these tips and become a safe surfer. It pays to be protected, especially when it comes to online safety.

In Heitkamper's case, he said asking the seller to meet with him about the product helped protect him against having his personal information stolen.

He said sometimes being overly cautious, even though it can be a hassle, can keep your personal information personal.



# College Halloween bash hosts hundreds

More than 1,500 people came to campus Oct. 26 for the annual Halloween carnival. Hundreds of children in costume competed for space in line at many of the activity booths staffed by student clubs.

The event was sponsored by student services and every club that participated was given a table in the main dining hall or College Union where they could set up their own booths.

Deejay Darin Evers kept the tunes pumping for the packed house. The art table sold out of pumpkins and the photo club made bags of cotton candy as fast as the machine would go.

The International Student Club had a table piled high with candy for the children to dig through. The snow cones prepared by the Business Professionals of America kept people in a line that extended around the room.

"Every year it just gets bigger and bigger," said Marcy Roll, Student Life assistant.

The party wasn't only enjoyed by children. College students, parents and grandparents alike played dress-up at the Halloween party. Some brought tiny loved ones and others simply took part in the festivities for their own pleasure.

**Text by  
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Above: Children and adults alike spent Oct. 26 at OCCC for the annual Halloween carnival. Professional face painters were on-hand to create works of art on the faces of the party's patrons.

Left: Partygoers were able to participate in events like bobbing for pumpkins. Although lines were long, the college's clubs and organizations who hosted the Halloween bash did their best to accommodate everyone.

Right: Many attendants dressed for the occasion, sporting everything from cat costumes to superhero attire.





# Smokers can rest lungs Nov. 15

**By Cynthia Praefke**  
Staff Writer

Smokers who are thinking of quitting or just giving their lungs a rest for a day will be happy to know that Thursday, Nov. 15 is the Great American Smokeout.

This tradition began in 1971 as a fundraiser for a high school in Massachusetts. Residents were

asked to give up their cigarettes for a day and donate the money they would normally spend on tobacco to the school instead.

The idea became popular and in 1977 the government declared the third Thursday in November officially Great American Smokeout day in the United States.

The day is not just for giving the habit up for a day.

It has also become a vehicle for informing the public of the dangers of smoking.

When people associate the risks of smoking to their health, many think of lung cancer and emphysema, as leading threats.

The leading killer among smokers is actually heart disease, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

A web article on

About.com: Smoking Cessation, states, "There are approximately 4000 chemicals in cigarette smoke, many of them toxic.

The article states the ingredients in cigarettes affect everything from the internal functioning of organs to the efficiency of the body's immune system. The effects of smoking are destructive and widespread."

Smokers who want to quit can get help from the American Cancer Society.

"People who plan a quit attempt in advance double their odds of succeeding," said nurse Mary Specht.

Smokers who are planning to put their packs down forever, or for just one day can plan ahead to Nov. 15.

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# Oklahoma filmmaker shows work

**By KC James**  
News Writing Student

Oklahoma filmmaker Bradley Beesley showed two of his films Oct. 26 at the "OCCC Film Showcase." The event was held in the theater and sponsored by the Keith Leftwich Memorial Library.

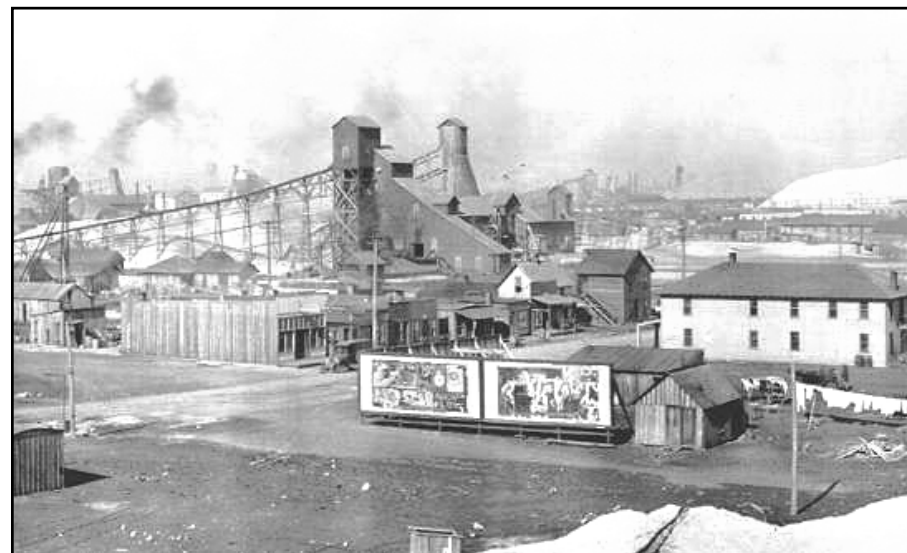
Beesley began the showcase by showing "The Creek Runs Red," a documentary about the environmental Superfund site in Picher, Okla. that began in 1981. It follows the town as several citizens are living in contamination from area lead mines, and portrays damages to the environment, which forced residents to choose between their health and their home.

As for the film, Beesley and co-director James Payne said they were lucky to begin their project at the end of this awful deterioration of the town of Picher. During their investigation they met several people who had been living in Picher for several years and did not wish to leave.

After the film was over, English Professor Clay Randolph introduced Beesley and Payne, and gave them the floor for a question-and-answer session. The first several questions were about the making of the film and reasons why the two were driven to create the documentary.

Beesley said his interest in the subject is due to his scenery of chat piles throughout his college career. Chat piles are large mountain-looking piles that are made from excess rocks and minerals from mining.

Payne and Beesley said the film was strung out over three years. They said they created the 56-minute film by making several



Picher, Okla. in 1919. Photo courtesy of www.homestead.com.

short films then tying them together with transitions.

During the question-and-answer session, Stephanie Holt of Oklahoma City told Beesley and Payne her father and grandfather were from Cardin, Okla., which is only one mile away from Picher.

She spoke of her memories from when she was younger and her visits to her grandfather's home. Holt explained the chat piles were scenery citizens saw from their backyards.

"I have been researching this superfund site for a long time," Holt said.

"My grandfather, Walter Guthrey, got out of World War I and followed a girl to Picher, and began working in the mines," Holt said.

Her father, George Guthrey, was born in Cardin and went to Picher-Cardin Public Schools. Guthrey worked in the mines until he decided it was not for him anymore.

"He hitchhiked his way to Tahlequah for college and later went to OU Medical School," Holt said.

The film is scheduled to air on Nov. 20 on PBS.

The second film shown was "The Fearless Freaks," a rockumentary about the band The Flaming Lips. It features the lives of the four band members and the struggles they faced to become a national music icon.

Beesley is a friend of band member Wayne Coyne, and began filming in 1992 and finished in 2005. He shot 400 hours of footage that

includes home videos and live performances.

Beesley began the question and answer session by saying he would answer one of the most commonly asked question: When will the film "Christmas on Mars" be released?

"It is finished now and will be shown in March at South by Southwest, [festival in Austin, Texas]," Beesley said.

Beesley said the film "Christmas on Mars" will be comical because of the weight gain of the band member Steven Droze. Droze was addicted to heroin during the first part of the movie. Once he stopped using the drug, he gained some weight, which could be humorous because the film is set as if it happens in one day.

The Showcase concluded with OCCC film graduate Jack Patchell's animated cartoon "Making the Grade."

"It took patience and sweat to get it done," Patchell said. He said he worked three-and-a-half years to finish his film. Patchell said he was excited to show it at OCCC because that is where he wanted it to be seen.

## 'Cimarron' shown Oct. 27

**By Kelli Linn**  
News Writing Student

A movie re-creation of the Oklahoma Land Run in 1889 as a centerpiece scene in the movie "Cimarron." The 1931 film was screened Oct. 27 as part of OCCC's Centennial Showcase.

Before the main show began, a short black-and-white film written and narrated by Oklahoma humorist Will Rogers was presented.

Elizabeth Anthony, author of "Reel Classics" and a film historian,

introduced "Cimarron." Anthony said the Oscar-winning film was a movie of its time because it was made a few years after the invention of sound in film.

The movie began with the starting gun, which signaled the beginning of the Land Run.

An audience of fewer than a dozen people attended. An onlooker reported her fondness for the film.

"I loved it," Barbara Fox said. "It was very old-timey and reflected the times well."

# Learn to deal cards in new OCCC casino program

**By Matt Bishop**  
Staff Writer

OCCC will be offering Casino Gaming instruction online that will give students the opportunity to gain knowledge in the field of blackjack and poker dealing.

OCCC, in partnership with Gatlin Educational Services, has built a gateway to the Johnny Chan Academy program, said Doralicia Sandoval, Corporate Learning consultant.

The program is designed by 10-time World Series of Poker winner Johnny Chan. The training teaches



students the basic concepts of dealing cards.

Sandoval said the pro-

gram is designed to educate the work force for the Oklahoma City area casinos.

Sandoval said the course is already being offered online.

Students will learn how to shuffle, handle checks and to understand limits and betting procedures.

The course is 100 clock hours long and will take anywhere from six months to a year to complete, depending on how fast the student works through the course, Sandoval said.

The fee for students to enroll in the program is \$1395.

Additional materials may

be sent through the mail such as a deck of cards and a webcam so students can show their progress in dealing, she said.

Also the Johnny Chan Academy offers an opportunity to record a video of their skills to potential employers.

Sandoval said students can go to [www.gatlineducation.com/occc](http://www.gatlineducation.com/occc) to register or to find more information about the program.

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## The history about cards you didn't know

- Playing cards were invented in China in the 1100s.
- A fifth suit was added in 1937 but never caught on because people had to buy new decks of cards.
- At least 65 million Americans regularly play poker.
- Las Vegas casinos are not legally obligated to pay off their gambling debts.
- Due to French influence, spades represent royalty, diamonds represent merchants, clubs represent peasants and hearts represent the clergy.
- Playing cards were introduced in Europe in the 1300s.
- Former President Richard Nixon won \$6,000 playing poker in his first two months in the U.S. Navy during World War II. That's nearly \$43,000 in today's currency. He used the money to finance his run for U.S. Congress in 1946, which he won.
- The origin of the name poker is uncertain. It may come from the German verb pochen, which means to brag or bluff.
- More than 70 million decks of cards are sold each year in the U.S.

—Sources: *TheGamblersEdge.com*, *PokerAll-In.com*

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# Career Day coming Nov. 7 to College Union

**By Liz Williams**  
News Writing Student

Career and Employment Services is presenting a career day with the Greater Grads Summer Internship Program Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Joyce Burch, manager of graduate outreach internships, will deliver a presentation to students about Greater Grads internships at OCCC in College Union 3 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

The Greater Grads Internship Program, sponsored by the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, focuses on college students getting professional internships for jobs in Oklahoma.

Director of Career and Employment Services Debra Vaughn said students might not know about the employment opportunities Oklahoma has to offer.

By partnering with the Greater Grads program, we're trying to increase the number of students in-

involved in the program from OCCC.

Greater Grads is in its third year. The program had 229 student interns last year, two from OCCC.

Vaughn said there are approximately 90 companies already this year, all looking for different types of students.

She said you don't have to be graduating this year to be a candidate in the program.

Students will work for four weeks during the summer. Aside from working in the company, interns will attend meetings with guest speakers who share information about Oklahoma City, Vaughn said.

For information on internships available refer to the Greater Grads website [www.greatergrads.com](http://www.greatergrads.com) for a listing of available internships.

Internships listed include Arts Council of Oklahoma City, Clear Channel Radio, Deaconess Hospital, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International

and Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores, Inc. Some paid internships are available, refer to the website for more information.

Vaughn said the individual employers choose the interns and each have

a different evaluation process.

"Greater Grads intern is great to place on resumes," Vaughn said.

She said it is another way for employers to see you're absolutely serious about

your career field.

For more information on the career day with the Greater Grads Summer Internships Program, contact Vaughn at 405-682-1611, ext. 7362, or e-mail [dvaughn@occc.edu](mailto:dvaughn@occc.edu).

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# Sports

## UPCOMING

### OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**Nov. 3:** Intramural Basketball will hold its post-season Single Elimination Tournament. Tournament starts at noon inside the Wellness Center Gym.

•**Nov. 8:** Registration ends for the OCCC Winter 2008 Youth Basketball League. This is a competitive league with divisions for boys and girls ages 9 to 12, grades 3 through 6. Each team will play eight games, all games will be held on Saturdays. The league fee is \$65. There will be a coaches meeting at 7 p.m. on Nov. 12. The league starts play on Dec. 1. For more information, contact Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Nov. 16-18:** The Aquatic Center will host the EAT Turkey Swim Meet. The meet is open to all registered USA swimming athletes. For more information on how to register, visit [www.oks.org](http://www.oks.org). For more information about upcoming Aquatic Center events, contact Coordinator of Aquatics and Safety Training Roxanna Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425.

•**Dec. 13-16:** The Aquatic Center will host the 16th Annual Chesapeake Elite Pro-Am Swim Meet. This meet is for USA swimming athletes who have met qualifying times specified by the Chesapeake Swim Club. For more information about upcoming Aquatic Center events, contact Coordinator of Aquatics and Safety Training Roxanna Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425.

For more information, visit online at [www.occc.edu/rcs](http://www.occc.edu/rcs)

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Photo by Eric Watson

Team Undeclared won the Fall Intramural Flag Football Championship, defeating the Devil Dogs 40-35 in the final game played on Oct. 30. The team is shown from left to right, Charlie Tarver, Sam Hamidi, Jesse Hargrave, Art Chansombat, Carlos Garza, Jake Swanson and Joe Garcia in front.

## Undeclared lives up to name

### Intramural flag football team runs table to win championship

**Kevin Hahn**  
*News Writing Student*

Team Undeclared won the championship game Oct. 30 ending the flag football league this year.

The intramural league ended Tuesday evening with a game between the number 1 ranked Undeclared and the number 2 Devil Dogs.

Undeclared won 40-35.

Going into the game the Devil Dogs were feeling good about the game due to their victory over Undeclared the week before.

Player Jeremy Hale even had a victory cigar ready for the win.

As the game started, Undeclared got off to a quick lead with the first touchdown and extra point by Joe Garcia.

However the Devil Dogs came firing right back.

Three plays later Andrew Miller took a 20-yard pass, fought to stay in bounds and ran it in for a touchdown. The referees called his play back, stating he stepped

out of bounds. The very next play the Devil Dogs went back to Miller in the end zone for an uncontested touchdown.

It was quickly shaping up to be a race for touchdowns between two skilled offensive teams, as the game stopped for halftime tied 21-21.

In the second half both teams rallied with much stronger defensive work.

Keir Butler from the Devil Dogs picked off a would-be touchdown pass in the Undeclared end zone.

As the Devil Dogs drove down the field trying to take advantage of their possession, Undeclared showed their defensive power.

Sam Hamidi made an interception. Then he proceeded to run the ball back for a touchdown.

During the final minutes of the game Charlie Tarver found the end

zone for the second time during the game to give Undeclared the lead of 40-35 with a little over a minute remaining.

During the Devil Dogs' last possession Undeclared managed to hold off their offense for the rest of the game to secure the win.

"I didn't think it would be this close," said Art Chansombat of Undeclared. "Congratulations to the Devil Dogs. It really was a great game."

Tung Ha from Undeclared added, "We went out there and gave it 110 percent. That's what you have to do."

For more information about Intramural sports, visit [www.occc.edu/rcs](http://www.occc.edu/rcs) or call Community Education and Health Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

**"I didn't think it would be this close. Congratulations to the Devil Dogs. It really was a great game."**

—Art Chansombat  
Flag Football Player



# Financial aid bill expected to help students within the coming years

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loans down the road under [the income-based repayment] plan that they're proposing," Case said.

Under this plan, borrowers who have low incomes will be able to have payment amounts calculated based on their income and the size of their families.

"[Starting] July 1, 2009 ...

your income (totals used for repayment calculation) is going to be based on how much it's higher than the poverty level, Case said.

"They're increasing that rate and tying it to the poverty level and ... it's going to make for smaller payments."

If after 10 years or 120 payments, the borrower is still on the income-based repayment plan, the Secre-

tary of the Department of Education will have the authority to forgive the remainder of the loan.

For borrowers who are

also military personnel on active duty, the law also provides longer deferment periods, including a 13-month extension after they

have returned from overseas.

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## Scholarships abundant for those willing to do the work

"Money,"

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ian at the reference desk about books with scholarship information, said Jay Ramanjulu, coordinator for Public Services in the library.

Books can also be found through the library college catalog by entering "scholarships" in the subject line, Ramanjulu said.

One very important thing to pay attention to is the scholarship application deadline and requirements for that particular scholarship, Sapp said.

For instance, Nov. 30 is the deadline for the Jean and Ralph Gamel Scholarship. It is available for the spring. Students can receive up to \$1,000 per semester for books, fees and tuition.

Eligible students must have a 2.0 GPA and be committed to earning a degree at OCCC.

The Career Development Scholarship has a spring deadline of Dec. 1. To be eligible, students must be a working adult and be enrolled in at least six credit hours.

If granted, students will have the choice to receive a book credit up to \$125 or a tuition waiver for six credit hours.

Some scholarship applications will require transcripts and essays, Sapp said.

She said scholarship

forms also must be completed as neatly as possible with no typos.

"Students need to realize they are competing against other students statewide and even nationally.

"It is not a good idea to submit a sloppy scholarship application."

In the OCCC recruitment and admissions office, there is a yellow form titled "Scholarship Search Web Sites" with 61 links to scholarship information.

Some scholarships are specifically for students who will be transferring to universities in the surrounding areas.

Specifically, those planning to attend the University of Oklahoma may contact associate director for transfer recruitment, Michael Hoggatt at 405-325-2151.

The Oklahoma City University contact is transfer admissions counselor, Janelle Warlick at 405-208-5053.

The University of Central Oklahoma contact is transfer counselor Abbey Charlow at 405-974-2267.

More information on scholarships for transferring students can be found on the transfer centers page at [www.occc.edu/ACS/Transfer.html](http://www.occc.edu/ACS/Transfer.html), which can be found by going to the OCCC college website homepage.

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## Attention traveling international students

International students who are planning to travel out of the U.S. during OCCC's winter break need to carry the proper paperwork with them to help ensure a trouble-free vacation. Students need two pieces of paper to travel; a new signature by a Designated School Official on the back page of their I-20 and a Letter of Good Standing. Please bring your I-20 to the Records and Graduation Office when you request your Letter of Good Standing. Students should visit the Records and Graduation office to request their paperwork be processed at least one week before they plan to travel. For more information, please contact International Student Services at 682-7518.

## Power in Religions seminar

Phi Theta Kappa will host a Power in Religions seminar, being presented by several religious leaders from the community, ranging from Buddhist to Methodist. The event will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 6, in room 3N0 of the Main Building.

## Children's Concert

Dave Rudolf, Grammy-nominated and award-winning songwriter and children's performer, will hold a children's concert at 6 p.m. Nov. 7 in the College Union. Tickets are \$1 for everyone and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Health Professions Club meeting

The Health Professions Club is having a meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, in room 2A7 of the Main Building. The guest speaker will be former OCCC professor Jane Carney. Carney will speak about Medical Ethics. For more information, e-mail club president Vaneza Ceballos at venezuela\_86@yahoo.com.

## OU Tour sponsored by OCCC

There are spaces available for students who would like to take a tour of the University of Oklahoma. OU will offer a question-and-answer section, and have a representative from the OU Financial Aid office available for questions. Each student will have an individual meeting with a faculty member from their intended major. Buses leave at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, and will return to OCCC by 5 p.m. Students interested in signing up must contact Leslie Jones in Advising and Career Services at 682-7567.

## Oklahoma Poet Carl Sennhenn to speak

College poets and writers present Literary Reading Night from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the cafeteria dining area. The event will feature members of the college poets and writers club, members of the OCCC faculty and staff, and special guest Carl Sennhenn, the 2007 Oklahoma Award Winner for his book of poetry, "Travels Through Enchanted Woods."

## HOPE donation boxes

Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will be setting up donation boxes throughout campus to collect both coats for kids and necessity items such as soap, razors and lotion for the troops. Two boxes will be set up by the main entrance, and two by the College Union and elevator. Donations will be accepted through Nov. 15. For more information, contact Jessica Martinez-Brooks at 682-1611, ext. 7426.

## Tuition Waiver Deadline is Nov. 20

Tuition Waiver applications for the spring semester are now available in the Financial Aid Office. Completed applications must be submitted before 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20. For more information, call Student Financial Support Services at 682-7524.

## Native American Month proclamation

Throughout the month of November, the Native American Association is bringing in speakers, Native American dancers, and planning two fund-raisers at OCCC. For more information, call Jeffrey Drake at 405-313-3566.

## Pie in the face



Photo by Mike Ferak

International Student Admissions Counselor Sunny Garner, dressed as Marilyn Monroe for Halloween, shoves a pie in the face of Personal Computer/Audio Video Specialist Mike Schilling as part of a United Way fund-raiser. Approximately \$500 was raised said Community Outreach Director Jessica Martinez-Brooks.

# Decorate the walls or feed a sweet tooth

By Stephen Sossamon  
Staff Writer

Mouth and eye candy will be brought to students by the Photography Club when the club hosts a print and bake sale from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Nov. 7 and 8, in the Main Building Foyer B, near the Coffee Shop.

Candy and baked goodies from club members will be sold.

Club members also will mount their photographs on white foam boards and sell the artwork, said Andrea Jarman, photography club vice president.

The fund-raiser was the idea of photography club members.

The club is hosting the fund-raiser to increase the club's funds for events, such as field trips, Jarman said.

Black-and-white photos, as well as color and digital prints, will be for sale.

Along with being mounted on foam boards the prints also will be placed in

clear sleeves.

Some instructors will donate their prints as well, Jarman said.

The prices will be around \$15 for an 8 x 10, \$10 for a 5 x 7, and \$5 for a 4 x 6.

Five to seven club members will staff the booth as well as officers such as Secretary Jonathan Elmore, Treasurer Stephen Elmore, and Jarman.

Club sponsors Professor Randy Anderson and La-Wanda LaVarnway also will be on hand to help run the booth.

"We are trying to plan for a big trip at the end of the year," Jarman said.

With Christmas approaching, the prints will attract customers, she said.

"The photographs make good gifts."

Jarman said college students are almost always

hungry and in the mood for some sweets, hence the bake sale portion.

Last year's print sale was a great success, raising about \$800, according to La-Varnway.

"We opened at 9 a.m. and were sold out by the time I got there, at 1 p.m.," she said.

The club is hoping for the same success this year.

The club also is planning field trips to the Oklahoma Museum of Art and the International Photography Hall of Fame.

The club will meet again from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, in room 2L7.

For more information on the club and its officers, visit [myspace.com/occcphotoclub](http://myspace.com/occcphotoclub).

Staff Writer Stephen Sossamon can be reached at [StaffWriter1@occc.edu](mailto:StaffWriter1@occc.edu).

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OCCC Photography Club Vice President



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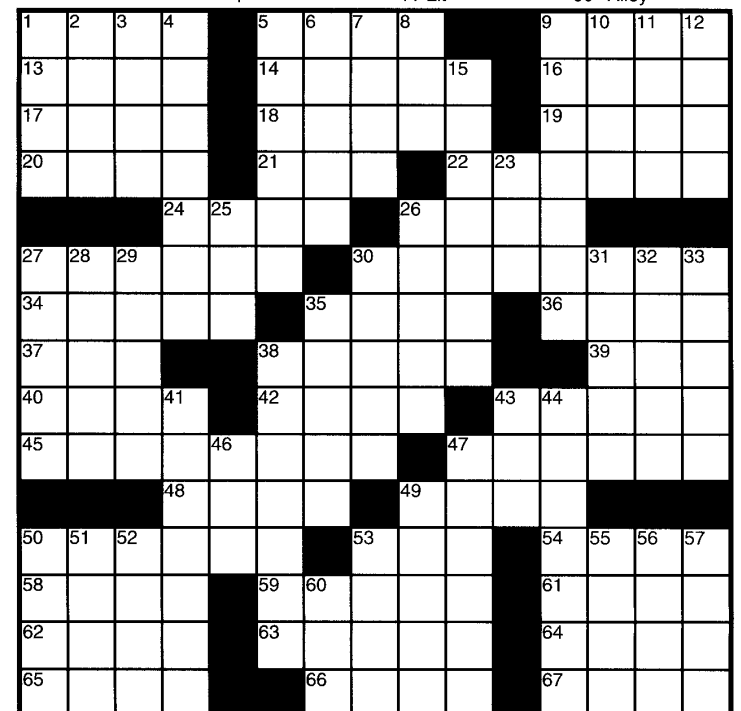
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