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## Flu season just getting started

### Health officials encourage getting flu shot

By Chris Lusk  
Editor

Apparently, this year's flu shot has failed to provide immunity from the flu.

Publications Coordinator April Jackson is one of the many unfortunate people to learn this lesson firsthand.

"I missed four days last week with the flu," Jackson said. "I even lost my voice for a few days."

A yearly receiver of the flu vaccine, Jackson did receive a shot this year but like so many others, she still fell victim to the illness.

"I think this is the first time in five or six years that I've gotten seriously ill," Jackson said. "Usually the winter time hits my kids and my husband hard, not me."

Jacque Jones, University of Oklahoma Medical Center nurse, said two different strands of the flu are going around this year. While the vaccine protects against one strand, the other is making many people ill.

Like other public places, the OCCC campus has experienced the flu's effect.

"I have noticed a lot of employees getting ill," Jackson said, "and I've had a lot of students missing class due to sickness also."

When asked, other professors said they have noticed a drop in attendance. Some of these absences have been attributed to illness.

Jackson said not only has she seen the flu virus hit hard on campus, but throughout her family and other offices as well.

"Both sides of my family are all getting sick," she said. "And I hear about people's offices being short-handed because of the flu."

"Obviously it's pretty serious."

Serious enough in fact that influenza cases in Oklahoma have been upgraded to "widespread," according to the state Health Department press release.

The state Health Department's website reports "widespread" is the highest category possible for flu cases.

The release showed Oklahoma County is just one of many counties experiencing increases in flu cases.

Oklahoma County Health Department Administrative Director Paul Dungan said there are preventative measures that can still be taken.

"Because there is increased spread of influenza occurring in our communities," Dungan said, "we want to remind everyone who has not received their flu shot that it is not too late

to get vaccinated."

Dungan said there are still plenty of vaccines available at the Oklahoma County Health Department.

"We encourage those who have not yet received a flu shot to get one," Dungan said.

"Flu shots protect against three different strains of the influenza virus, so even persons who have had respiratory illness this winter could still benefit from the shot."

Flu season in Oklahoma peaks in February and sometimes even later, he said.

"Getting vaccinated remains the best defense against the flu," Dungan said.

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—Paul Dungan  
Oklahoma County Health Department  
Administrative Director

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Photo by Amber McBride

Students Randy Beavers, Matt Mattocks and Nathan Boone rehearse for the play "The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui," which will be performed Thursday, Feb. 21 through Saturday, Feb. 23 in the College Theater.

## Mob boss' life parallels Hitler's in OCCC play

By Alexandra Marcus  
News Writing Student

OCCC's latest theater production is under way as director and theater professor Brent Noel, along with his theater students, prepares to present European playwright Bertolt Brecht's narrative, "The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui, A Gangster Spectacle." The play, which will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 through 23 in the college theater, chronicles a manipulative gangster's rise to power in Chicago.

Gangster boss Arturo Ui's rise to power in the Depression era parallels the political success of Adolph Hitler and his Nazi followers in pre-World War II Germany, according to Brecht.

Noel said Brecht's use of parody is one reason he chose this play.

While Brecht's play corresponds with the rise of Nazi Germany, he tries to tell the audience

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

## Carry your bag, my wayward son

Has lethargy in our country come to the point where we cannot pick things up so we have to drag them?

My first day of class this semester, I felt like I was in an airport. Students were scurrying from place to place, trying to get to their next destination. But what drove home the airport feel were the bags on wheels.

I have not attended school in five years, and I did not realize so much information has been added to textbooks over the past half-decade that books cannot be carried and must be pulled.

I do understand some students require special circumstances for attending class. However, in our society of minimal effort, the extreme ease of dragging rather than carrying is just laziness.

I am enrolled in two art classes on Mondays. I have to manage two textbooks, two large sketchbooks and all of my art supplies. The other four classes I attend only require books. Sure, the books get heavy, but only if they were strapped to my back during a 5K fun-run.

Walking from class to class is not a pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago. There is, maybe, 200 to 300 meters from one end of the school to the other.

If you have a collection of textbooks that necessitate a hand truck, you may want to consider dropping a few courses or dropping off books between classes. If a car is not available for storage, there are lockers available next to the Testing Center.

I have seen rubbernecking traffic jams in the stairwells because of bag-draggers hauling their wheeled totes up each individual step, rather than carrying the bag up the 20-plus steps. There even is a landing between floors if you need to rest before ascending to the next floor.

If the average person is 5-feet, 7-inches tall, one arm will extend two feet behind the body. When there is an additional three-foot dragging bar attached to a backpack, five extra feet of space must be created for just one person to walk.

That means one person is basically dragging another person behind them.

Global positioning can pinpoint exactly where you are in the world. Text messaging allows us to instantly contact each other without speaking.

Are roller bags along those same lines of amazing technology that is advancing the human race, or do they just slow down those who are trying to add to the advancement of our species?

—Brian Schroeder  
Staff Writer

## Business students invited to compete for Governor's Cup

### To the editor:

College students armed with the spirit of Oklahoma entrepreneurs are invited to compete in the fourth annual Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup collegiate business plan competition.

The 2008 competition represents the fourth annual observance of the event which features a state competition, and new to this year, a tri-state competition.

The Governor's Cup offers more than \$230,000 in prizes—one of the largest pools in America.

Full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at any Oklahoma university or college are eligible to compete.

Multi-disciplined teams are encouraged. The business plans submitted for consideration must address the entire business concept, including seed, start-up or early stage venture.

Tasked with creating a culture of entrepreneurship, business leaders from Okla-

homa, Arkansas and Nevada developed the Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup Collegiate Business Plan Competition. Oklahoma initiated its first venture into the Governor's Cup program in 2005.

The business plan competition is designed to encourage students of Oklahoma universities and colleges to act upon their ideas and talents in order to produce tomorrow's businesses.

"Teams from past years have demonstrated the skill to act upon their ideas to promote the development and commercialization of technologies being discovered today in our universities," said Greg Main, president of i2E.

"Through the Governor's Cup, we are communicating a message to these students that it is possible to turn innovations into successful home-grown businesses within our state and that their efforts will be recognized."

Full details on the competition are available at

www.okgovernorscup.com. Students planning to participate should submit the "Intent to Compete Form" by March 7

—Grady Epperly  
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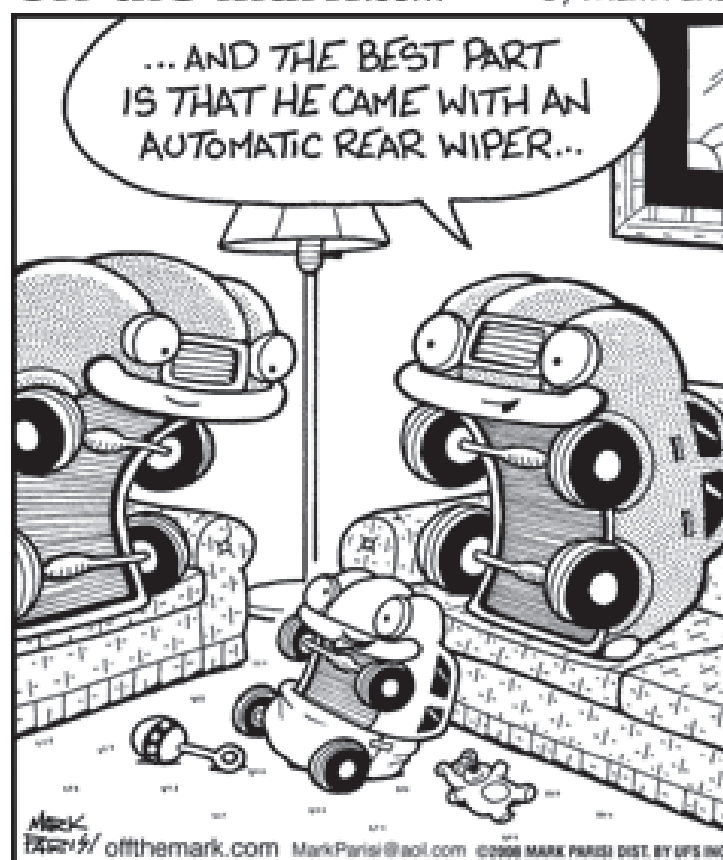
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## Comments and Reviews

# You're doing fine, Oklahoma

I have recently moved to Oklahoma via New York and have noticed my new state of residence is not too terribly bad. Compared to New York, there is three feet less snow and fewer people from Buffalo.

I'm originally from Dallas, so being south of the Mason-Dixon is somewhat of a homecoming. Somewhat.

It's the small things that are slowly making Oklahoma my new home, such as not having to worry if my french fries will be covered in brown gravy.

Now that I'm closer to the southern border, I can get a chicken fried taco with salsa actually made in-house, instead of the peppered tomato paste made in New York City.

Don't get me wrong, Oklahoma has more than food to offer on the entertainment menu.

There are the state's professional sports teams that still play on the collegiate level, except for the Dallas Cowboys.

Seeing households divided over a struggle between orange and crimson, so much so it carries over to license plate covers is dedication.

That is the drive and perseverance I want from my new state.

Don't forget the Sunday afternoon scenery when



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**—Brian Schroeder  
Staff Writer**

venturing away from the big city.

There is an opportunity to view the same countryside landscape the original Sooners saw when traveling across the state.

However, in these modern times, the milk and honey have rotted teeth and limited hair growth to the back of the head of some rural Oklahoma patrons.

Fear not, Oklahomans, for I have joined your ranks.

Together, we can happily go about our daily lives knowing orphaned and abandoned oil well sites are being restored, and the second-term governor is committed to ending cockfighting statewide.

Though our state is a bit behind the curve when it comes to recycling or even

placing litter, including cigarette butts, into designated trash cans and ashtrays rather than the ground, at least we have that strong wind that comes sweeping down the plain to carry it all out of sight.

One thing the wind will never carry away from this state is the hospitality.

You are always guaranteed a smile and an occasional, "Hi. How ya doin'," served with extra twang.

I've noticed when two Oklahomans are approaching a building, they both will quickly walk toward a door to be the first one there.

Not to be the first one inside the building, but to be the first one to open the door.

Thank you, Oklahoma, for reminding me there are genuinely kind people in this world.

Though my two-month residence in the latest state to be added to the state quarter list has been brief, it also has been a learning experience.

I now live in a place where roads are named after Olympic gymnasts and modern rock bands.

But I also have learned I now belong to this land — and this land is grand.

**—Brian Schroeder  
Staff Writer**

## CAREER POWER

We would like to invite you to the Spring Job Fair, March 5, in our College Union. It is a great opportunity to meet with over 100 employers, making it one of the largest Job Fairs in Oklahoma.

The OCCC fair is amazing in the wide range of employers we have from all fields, offering jobs from temporary and manual labor to lifetime professional careers, including small local companies and international giants.

General employers are here from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Health Professionals are from noon to 6 p.m. Don't forget the Medical Employers also hire clerical, information technology, accounting and other non-medical employees.

Some of the companies already registered include:

- AT&T
- OG&E
- Dillards
- UPS
- Intergris
- ODOT
- VA Medical Center
- OSU Medical
- KFOR-TV
- Braums
- OKC Personnel Management
- Radio Shack
- AutoZone
- KOCB/KOKH
- Deaconess Hospital
- and 100 others

The OCCC Job Fair offers you the perfect opportunity to get your foot in the door with the company of your dreams.

- Give your résumé directly to an employer
- Find out about salaries
- Make contacts within the companies
- Set up interviews
- Learn what positions companies are looking to fill
- Ask questions you might not ask in a formal interview

If you are looking for a job, come to the fair as if you were going to a job interview (some companies may hire on the spot). Come dressed professionally, bring plenty of resumes, and show them that you are a serious potential employee.

Even if you are not looking for a job, there is still a lot that can help you at the fair. Talk to the companies where you think you would like to work. Find out directly if there are college courses that will help you land the "ideal" job.

Career and Employment Services, located on the first floor of the Main Building, will be happy to help you prepare or update your résumé before the fair.

So dress for success, bring those résumés, grab your friends and we will see you at the OCCC March 5 Job Fair!

**—Judi McGee  
Employment Services Coordinator**

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at OCCC visit the Pioneer  
Online [www.occc.edu/pioneer](http://www.occc.edu/pioneer)**

# What you need to know

## Symptoms

Influenza (commonly called the "flu") is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. The information below describes common flu symptoms, how to protect yourself and those close to you from getting the flu, and what to do if you get sick with flu-like symptoms.

Influenza usually starts suddenly and may include the following symptoms:

- **Fever (usually high)**
- **Headache**
- **Tiredness (can be extreme)**
- **Cough**
- **Sore throat**
- **Runny or stuffy nose**
- **Body aches**
- **Diarrhea and vomiting (more common among children than adults)**

Having these symptoms does not always mean that you have the flu. Many different illnesses, including the common cold, can have similar symptoms.

## Facts

Flu is a serious disease. Each year in the United States, on average:

- **5 to 20 percent of the population gets the flu.**
- **More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications.**
- **About 36,000 people die from flu.**

*Source: www.cdc.gov*

# Germ-free lifestyle usually means flu-free

*"Flu,"*

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portant prevention measures include covering your cough, avoiding touching your eyes and mouth with your hands, staying home when sick, and washing hands frequently."

Jackson is one who is taking these prevention measures to heart.

"I have tried to become a major germ-a-phobic the last few days to help prevent spreading the virus, or getting it again," she said. "I have been washing my hands constantly and using paper towels to open doors."

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# Free flu vaccinations

The following list details where to find free flu vaccinations in the metro area.

• **MinuteClinics in CVS pharmacies.** Locations are spread around the metro area. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call 866-389-2727 for available vaccination days and to see if vaccinations are still available.

• **Canadian County Healthy Department** offers free immunizations for children and adults. Immunizations are available on a walk-in basis from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Locations are: 100 S. Rock Island Road in El Reno, and 1023 E. Vandament Road in Yukon. Phone numbers are 405-262-0042 and 405-354-5623, respectively.

• **Cleveland County Health Department** offers free immunizations for children and adults. Immunizations are available on a walk-in basis from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays. Locations are: 250 12th Ave. NE in Norman, and 224 South Chestnut Road in Moore. Phone numbers are 405-321-4048 and 405-794-1591, respectively.

• **Oklahoma County Health Department** offers free immunizations for children and adults. Immunizations are available by walk-ins only from 8:30 to 11 a.m., and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Location is: 921 NE 23rd Street in Oklahoma City. The phone number is 405-427-8651.

For more information on the flu vaccination, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [www.cdc.org](http://www.cdc.org), or visit the Oklahoma State Health Department website at [www.health.state.ok.us](http://www.health.state.ok.us).



# Flu prevention, protection

## Vaccinate: Take time to get a vaccine.

- A flu vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu.
- The flu vaccine protects against three different flu viruses.
- Getting a vaccine is very important for people at high risk for serious flu complications and their close contacts. People at high risk include infants, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart disease, and people 65 and older.
- This year, an all-time high supply of vaccine is available so more people than ever can seek protection from the flu.
- Because flu season can last as late as May, getting a flu vaccine now can still be beneficial.

## Stop Germs: Take everyday preventative actions.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze—throw the tissue away after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If you are not near water, use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.

- Stay away as much as you can from people who are sick.
- If you get the flu, stay home from work or school. If you are sick, do not go near other people so that you don't make them sick.
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs often spread this way.

## Antiviral Drugs: Take antiviral drugs if your doctor says you need them.

- There are flu antiviral drugs that can treat the flu or prevent infection with flu viruses.
- For treatment, antiviral drugs should be started within 48 hours of getting sick.
- For prevention, antiviral drugs are 70% to 90% effective in preventing infection.
- These drugs must be prescribed by a health care provider.
- If you develop flu-like symptoms (usually high fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches), or are exposed to the flu before you get a flu vaccine, your health care professional will decide whether you should take antiviral drugs.

*Source: www.cdc.gov*



# Leading businessman to speak Feb. 27



Akio Miyabayashi

**By Cynthia Praefke**  
Staff Writer

Business casual will be the attire of the day when the Center for International Business welcomes global business strategist and lecturer Akio Miyabayashi. His talk will be at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the college theater.

Miyabayashi was chief executive officer of Minolta Europe for 20 years and, according to his profile, is considered the outstanding Japanese businessman in Europe.

"Having someone of his caliber speak at this college is a first," said V.J. Ramachandran, Center for

Excellence: International Business co-director.

"You hear of world recognized speakers at [the University of Oklahoma] and [Oklahoma State University], but it is a big step forward for us," he said.

The purpose of the lecture series is to help students develop international awareness and global competency in business.

"We are involving the local business community in this series also by offering workshops to them," Ramachandran said. He said he is confident that, when companies realize the value of these resources, they will want to become financially

involved though sponsorships.

In a recent press release, Gary Tucker, business department chairman, said these programs will promote global business.

"These speakers will help bridge the gap between Oklahoma and the rest of the world when it comes to competing on a global stage," Tucker said. "The business community will be able to develop and plan opportunities with those half a world away, as well as increasing ties with those right here."

Information and complimentary tickets for this event are available online at [www.occ.edu/cib/](http://www.occ.edu/cib/) or by calling the center at 405-682-7870.

## Learn ethics, values in leadership series

**By Yvonne Oberly**  
Staff Writer

Having good leadership skills is something every person can use, said Jon Horinek, service-learning and student life coordinator.

Leader Quick is a free learning series for students that focuses on practical leadership skills, Horinek said.

The sessions are held every Wednesday at noon in the student organizations meeting room near the cafeteria and will last about 30 minutes, Horinek said.

"Our goal with Leader Quick is we want to make leadership easier to under-

stand by showing that leadership isn't only for positional leadership, such as presidents, corporate executives and elected officials. Leadership can be for anyone who wants to apply themselves," Horinek said.

Leadership is for everyone. The class will be focusing on personal leadership skills like assertiveness, personal goals and vision, he said.

Once students have completed the course, they will have learned things they immediately will be able to use in their lives, he said.

Students may not even realize that they have been or are being a leader every-day, Horinek said.

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—Jon Horinek

Service-Learning and Student Life Coordinator

Leadership is present everyday by being a single parent, and some may have grown up as a leader by being an only child, he said.

During the sessions there will be positive one-on-one interaction between participants so students will have a better understanding about being a leader, Horinek said.

"Leadership is for everyone and everyone can lead," Horinek said.

If students attend at least five of the sessions, they will receive a certificate of completion, he said.

Topics to be discussed, every Wednesday, through March 26 include goals and vision, ethics and values, trust and integrity, service,

organization, and leadership in action, he said.

Students may bring their lunch. Refreshments and snacks will also be provided, he said.

For more information, contact Horinek at 405-682-1611 ext. 7697.

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## New health building will house apartment for training

**By Sarah Madison**  
News Writing Student

The new Health Education Center will include a one-bedroom efficiency apartment intended for the training of occupational therapy students. This apartment will greatly increase the training available for this degree as well as the other Health Profession degrees, said Dean Jo Ann Cobble.

Occupational therapy students are trained to aid people with disabilities perform every day activities that people normally take for granted, such as dressing oneself or cooking meals.

The department currently has a small apartment lab that is used to train the students. The new lab will better accommodate the needs of the students, said Reeca Young, an OTA fac-

ulty member.

Young described the size of the current lab and its limitations.

"Though the current lab has served its purpose ... it is difficult for the students to be able to really simulate and practice professional skills ...," Young said.

Cobble said she is excited about the many learning opportunities this new lab will bring.

"This is the first upgrade that the department has received since before I came to the college," she said.

"It has been over a decade and it is much deserved."

The layout is going to be similar to that of a one-bedroom efficiency apartment with combination living room and functioning kitchen, a bedroom and a non-working bathroom. The

toilet will be sealed with concrete so as to avoid any usage of it since it will not be connected to any water pipes.

These rooms will be furnished just as a regular apartment would be to help simulate real-life working situations.

This apartment will not only benefit the Occupational Therapy students, but also the Emergency Medical Science students, Cobble said.

The lab will offer real-life experience training for the EMS students that will aid them in their future careers.

"Students need experience in how to gain access and move a patient in case of an emergency," explained Cobble.

The new OTA lab is scheduled to open this fall.

# 'Hot Club' set to perform Gypsy jazz

By Gregory R. Gullberg  
News Writing Student

Anyone looking for a soulful, toe tapping good time need look no further than The Hot Club of San Francisco, playing at OCCC as a part of the OCCC Cultural Arts Program, said Dan Yates, Cultural Programs director.

The concert will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the college theater.

This musical group plays with a rare style known as Gypsy jazz where they use a combination of guitars, violins, mandolins, and bass, all of which are acoustic. However they do not limit themselves to just that since the five musicians are well educated in a large number of musical instruments including banjos, harmonicas, and saxophones.

Gypsy jazz is a style that



The Hot Club of San Francisco

became popular in the 1920s and '30s in Paris where it was better known by the name Jazz Manouche.

With the highly cultured style of this group, mixed with its up tempo and highly-intoxicating beat, The Hot Club of San Francisco is simply delightful to even the most musically

educated connoisseur, as well as any student seeking some lighthearted fun said Arts Consultant Linda Bosteels.

The five band members all come from deep musical backgrounds and many of them are university educated in numerous instruments.

Paul Mehling plays

Selmer guitar, violin, mandolin, and Plectrum banjo. He is the mastermind behind this musical group. Growing up listening to his father's jazz and pop records from the 1960s, Paul Mehling's musical genius has been shaped by such artists as Sidney Bechet and King Oliver.

Violinist Evan Price is a highly competitive fiddler, who was a member of the Grammy winning Turtle Island String Quartet.

Price's talents have been well recognized by the musical community and he has performed with some

masters of fiddler lore including Stephane Grappelli, Johnny Frigo, and Claude "Fiddler" Williams.

He also has performed with such pop icons as Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page and Robert Plant, as well as comedian Steven Wright.

What makes this event so special is just how rare it is to find a band that is this talented and unique, said Director of Cultural Programs Dan Yates.

The show will be open to the public. Tickets will cost \$22 for general admission, \$17 for students and \$10 for children.

## Photography published

By Ana Karen Perez  
News Writing Student

"Insights: A Portraiture of Charles R. Rushton" is a book currently being published by the Mabree-Gerrer Museum of Art in Shawnee. Much of his work as a photographer will soon be bound and sold as a single volume.

Rushton is a digital photography adjunct professor at OCCC. Rushton said before he turned 11, he had begun taking pictures. His new book consists of 121 black-and-white portraits that he took between the years of 1980 and 2002.

In 1990, Rushton said, he tried to get his book published but did not have much luck finding a publisher.

"The Mabree-Gerrer Museum has had 60 of my portraits on display before, so it made sense that they would publish my book," Rushton said.

The book contains por-



Charles R. Rushton

traits of New Mexico artists, fathers with their children, and children.

"I took pictures of children when I was a school librarian," he said. "My own children are even in my book."

Many of Rushton's pictures can be found at [www.jpgmag.com/people/crushton](http://www.jpgmag.com/people/crushton). Most are formal portraits of artists but a few pictures show his sense of humor.

Rushton's "Artist Jerry

West" is a portrait of the artist leaning on a table. He is wearing a flannel shirt with his sleeves rolled up a little bit, as if he were getting ready to work. The artist has on jeans with a measuring tape attached to his side. Hanging on the wall is a puppet wearing overalls and a handkerchief.

On the other hand, "Dinner Interrupted by a Very Small Salesperson" is a self-portrait of Rushton answering the door. He is dressed casually with an annoyed, disgruntled look on his face. Rushton is looking down at the camera, which makes it seem like he is looking at a very small salesperson.

Graphic Communications Professor Randy Anderson said he is anxious to see the book. "I saw one of Rushton's picture on JPG, and I can't wait to get a copy of his book to see what he's done."

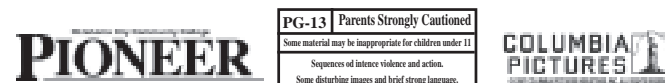
The book will be sold directly through Rushton.

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Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m.  
Harkins Bricktown 16

\*Supplies are limited. Complimentary passes are available in the Pioneer office 2M6 MB on a first-come, first-serve basis. One admit-two pass per person with a valid OCCC ID and proof of age.



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# Welcome to the Year of the Rat

## Campus World Languages and Cultures Center throws bash

Exactly 100 students celebrated the Chinese New Year Feb. 7 in the World Languages and Cultures Center, said Chiaki Troutman, the center's lab assistant.

The celebration marks the beginning of the Year of the Rat. The season lasts for 15 days ending on Feb. 22. Troutman said she was happy with the turnout.

The Chinese New Year is celebrated in Asian cultures including China, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Vietnam. The holiday usually is marked by visits to friends and family, and the removal of any bad luck from the previous year, said Kiok Kim, an international student from Korea.

Kim and Kiryun Lee, who also is from Korea, celebrated the New Year with their peers in the center. Lee said it is common for special foods to be prepared including rice cakes and other traditional foods.

Traditional costumes are also worn during the two-week celebration. The costumes typically are red and gold but the styling differs depending on the different cultures.

Lee said there are many traditions throughout the celebration. Some of the traditions include married daughters visiting their parents as a sign of respect and playing a traditional game called yut, which is played with sticks.

According to a handout provided by the center, each day has significance and traditions are celebrated differently by the cultures that observe the holiday.

On the seventh day, all Chinese people grow one year older. The celebration closes on the 15th day in which people celebrate by preparing large feasts of traditional foods and say farewell to the two-week-long celebration.



Eain Page, 4, points to Antarctica on the World Languages and Cultures Center map. The children visited the center where they learned about Chinese New Year. Although Antarctica had nothing to do with the presentation, Page described how Santa Claus lives there — calling it the North Pole — and how a dragon sits frozen under the ice.

While at the center, the children were shown traditional Chinese clothing as well as various board games that originated in China. The children were treated to fortune cookies once the presentation ended.



Above: World Languages and Cultures Center Director Chiaki Troutman hands student Emiliano Vargas-Sema a Chinese New Year trinket on Feb. 7. The World Languages and Cultures Center is located on the second floor in the Main Building directly across from the main staircase.

Right: An ornament of a dragon decorated one of the center's tables. Also found on the tables were local Chinese newspapers and treats.



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# Sports

## UPCOMING

### OSCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**Feb. 18 to 22:** Intramural billiards tournament will be held in the Wellness Center Gymnasium. For information about how to sign up, contact Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Feb. 20:** The 3-point and Spot Shooting Hot Shot Basketball contest will be held inside the Wellness Center Gymnasium. For information about sign ups, contact Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**Feb. 22:** Intramural basketball schedule. On court 2, Spartans vs. Mixed Powers at 2 p.m., and Go Home Now vs. Hustlas at 3 p.m. On court 3, Zilla vs. White Outs at 2 p.m., and Ice Cream vs. Geek Squad at 3 p.m.

•**Feb. 23:** Registration for men's spring basketball league ends. This basketball league is open to all men ages 18 and up. Game days are Thursdays and the league cost is \$230 per team. For more information about sign ups, contact Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**March 1:** Club Soccer opens the season against East Central University at noon on the campus of Rose State College in Midwest City. For information about joining the team, contact coach K.B. Yeboah at 405-255-7735.

•**March 2:** Club Soccer plays OSU-Japan at 4:30 p.m. on the campus of Rose State College in Midwest City. For information about joining the team, contact K. B. Yeboah at 405-255-7735.

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Hustlas forward Bradley Cosby shoots a free throw as the Spartans' Justin Blanson, (middle), and a Hustlas teammate, (left), look on in the final minutes as Cosby capped off the 61-56 win.

## Hustlas bring down defending champions in intramural opener

**By Matt Bishop**  
*Staff Writer*

The defending champions fell on opening day of the spring intramural basketball season.

The upstart Hustlas team, led by Bradley Cosby, beat the Spartans, 61-56, Feb. 8.

"It feels good to beat them because they won the championship last season," said Cosby, following his 25-point performance.

Cosby set the pace early for his team by hitting two consecutive 3-pointers and driving the full court attack in the opening minutes.

The Spartans looked a little weary, maybe due to having no subs on the bench.

Cosby kept the tempo flowing and scored 14 points in the first half.

Hustlas forwards David Hinds and Travis Brown contributed with their strong play in the post.

Hinds put up 8 points in the first

half. Brown contributed for 6.

Spartan guard Ty Ludvick also crashed the boards and put back missed opportunities for his team that kept the game manageable.

Spartan forward Drew Meadors had trouble finding his touch early in the first half.

Along with Ludvick, Meadors started gaining rhythm by converting many second-chance opportunities from the offensive boards.

This allowed the Spartans to keep the game in reach going into halftime. However, the Hustlas did have a comfortable lead going into halftime up 29-21.

Both teams played the second half more physically.

Players for both teams showed intensity by diving on the floor for loose balls.

The Spartans crept back slowly, but the consistency of Cosby at the line kept hopes of the comeback at bay.

Cosby went 5-for-7 from the foul

line during the game.

Brown and Hinds kept playing strong in the post until the game was settled at 61-56 in favor of the Hustlas.

"We put the team together at the last minute," Hinds said. "I think we have a lot of potential though."

Cosby said after his team's first win, "I want to win all of the games."

In other league play, the Go Home Now versus Ice Cream game came down to the last second.

With a 56-55 lead for Ice Cream, Go Home Now was sent to the line for two free throws.

The first was converted to tie the game, but the second free throw was missed.

The shot bounced off the rim to another member of Go Home Now and the offensive rebound was put in the net as time expired for the 58-56 win for Go Home Now.

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# Math whizzes compete

By **Cliff Cameron**  
News Writing Student

The OCCC union recently was transformed into a mathematical battlefield for some of the areas best and brightest middle school students.

Nineteen middle schools were represented in the 2008 Central Oklahoma Regional MATHCOUNTS Competition.

The union was filled with students dressed in matching team shirts and armed with calculators.

The tournament was a qualifier for the state competition being held March 8 in Tulsa. Three school teams and one all-star team from the Central Oklahoma Region have earned the right to compete in the state tournament this year.

Individual winners include Clay Newton and Jessica Ohrlein, who received 1st and 2nd place, respectively.

Ohrlein is the daughter of OCCC math Professor Chris Ohrlein.

She competed individually and will be a member of the all-star team at the state competition.

Newton was the individual champion.

He said he felt confident but was anxious as he answered the last question of the competition to finalize his individual victory.

Newton, the captain of his team, said he hopes to bring a state title back to Classen Middle School of Advanced Studies. He said he also is confident his team has the ability to send at least one competitor to nationals.

Team titles went to Whittier Middle School, Classen School of Advanced Studies and Alcott Middle School who received 1st, 2nd and 3rd, in that order.

The most important of the four formats is the countdown round — the last round of the day.

The 10 competitors with the highest point totals from two of the previous three rounds face off one on one until only one remains and is crowned the individual overall champion.

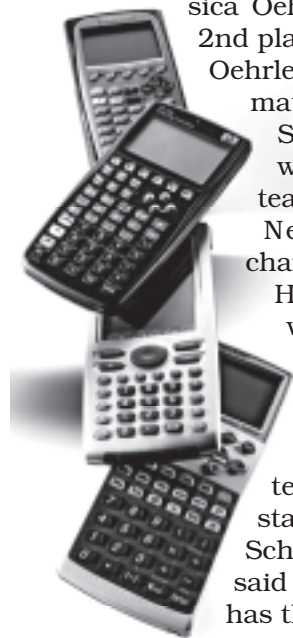
The questions consist mostly of word problems. The problems are projected onto large screens and then read aloud by the speaker presiding over the questioning.

Often a student would buzz in with the answer when the speaker is only a few words into the question.

Charlene Dietz, Western Heights coach, said she tried to answer the question but often came in behind the students.

Winners exited the union that day with MATHCOUNT glory and trophies in hand, but that was not all.

They left with dreams of being the next Oklahoma MATHCOUNTS champion and maybe even being crowned on the national stage.



# Gambling addiction to be explored

By **John Spencer**  
News Writing Student

The negative effects of gambling will be the topic of a workshop presented by two OCCC student service organizations.

At 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, in room CU3, Student Life and Student Support Services will present the health program "Understanding Gambling Addiction."

Student Counselor Kari Workman said people need to know the warning signs.

"We hope that this presentation brings awareness to signs and symptoms of gambling addictions, as well as where to go to get help," Workman said.

Sherry Bynum, Oklahoma Counseling Association president, will be the speaker for the presentation.

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—Carrie Workman  
OCCC Student Counselor

Bynum is a former professional educator and school counselor. She currently has a private practice in Norman and is working on her National Gambling Certification.

According to the National Council for Problem Gambling's website, in 2007, it was estimated 30 percent of the 18 million college students gambled on sporting events alone. In addition, at least 3 to 4 percent have begun to have serious mental health problems due to the effects of gambling, the site reported.

Jared Bryngelson, OCCC student, said he might have

an interest in the subject.

"I don't personally gamble, but I do have a lot of friends that do," he said.

Other students also said they have ties to gambling in some regard.

When asked if he would know how to spot the warning signs of gambling addiction in one of his friends, or where to get help, Bryngelson said he had no idea of how to do either.

Workman said those who attend the workshop will learn the answers to both questions.

The free presentation is open to all who would like to attend, Workman said.

# Theater students take on challenging roles

*"Play,"*

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a story without taking away the façade of the character, said Alex Massey, an actor in the production.

Massey said Brecht wrote the play in two weeks in Finland after being exiled from his homeland of Germany.

Theater student Jeff Dittenber, who plays several characters, said the play has a cerebral quality.

"Brecht tries to appeal to intellect rather than emotions," Dittenber said. "He presents the story in a way that encourages you to think."

The production will be presented in a non-traditional way, using minimal costumes and a simple setting, said theater student

Sean Graves. Additionally, he said, actors in the production will perform in a "unrealistic and overly-emotional way."

While discussing the effect of presenting a character without actually becoming that person, Jace Henley, theater student and actor in the production, said, "The best part of the production is getting to take the character where I want to take it. Too much is never enough."

A free performance for students, faculty and staff is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21. Additional performances — open for general admission — will take place at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and 23. Admission is \$5 for students and \$7 for the general public.

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# Highlights

## Black Student Association plans events for Feb. 19 and 20

The Black Student Association will host "Chew some knowledge" and a bake sale Feb. 19 and 20. Meetings are held at 1 p.m. each Friday in Main Building Room 1G7. For more information, contact Dijon Shepard at lildshep05@hotmail.com

## Health Professions Club meeting

The next general meeting for the Health Professions Club will be at noon Wednesday, Feb. 20, in Main Building Room 1C4. For more information, contact Zed at 405-535-9075.

## Jack Cain Memorial Scholarship offered

To honor professor Jack Cain, a memorial scholarship of \$500 will be presented at the Student Scholarship Luncheon on April 18. Applications are available in the Math Lab, located in 2G6 of the SEM Center. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 29, in the Math Lab. For more information, contact Gail Malmstrom at 405-682-1611, ext. 7184.

## Bill and Carol Sechrist Endowed Scholarship fund

The Bill and Carol Sechrist Endowed Scholarship fund supports low-income students' participation in international travel-enhanced classes. The scholarship award can be used toward a for-credit travel-enhanced course from OCCC any time in the 2008-2009 academic year. Applications are available in the Arts and Humanities Division or the Institutional Advancement Office located between the theater and Academic Affairs. The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on March 7. For more information, contact Pat Berryhill at 405-682-1611, ext. 7591.

## Free Income Tax assistance on campus

Drop by and receive free income tax preparation assistance between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Feb. 4 through April 14 at the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance booth across from Student Life. Bring your W-2's, 1099 tax forms, Social Security cards for all members of the household, a photo ID card, a copy of last year's return and any information concerning other income as well as information for deductions or credits.

## Scholarships available for area students

The Cox Connects Foundation, sponsored by Cox Communications, is offering up to \$60,000 in scholarships to local students who plan to attend college or career tech in Oklahoma. OCCC will match two \$2,500 scholarships from the Cox Foundation. Two deserving OCCC students will receive \$5,000 in total scholarship monies. Scholarship applications are available at [www.coxconnectsok.com](http://www.coxconnectsok.com) or by contacting Elizabeth King at 918-286-4546. Application deadline is March 3.

## Career and Employment Power Workshops

OCCC Career and Employment Services will host a series of workshops this semester designed to help students make the transition from school into the workforce. The next topic is "Optimal Cover Letter Creation" on Feb. 19. All workshops will be held from 12:30 to 12:55 p.m. Tuesdays in Main Building Room 1F6. For additional information, please contact Career and Employment Services at 405-682-7519 or e-mail [employmentservices@occc.edu](mailto:employmentservices@occc.edu).

## Cultural Arts Series Spring 2fer Offer

There are 20 2fers — two tickets for the price of one — available on a first-come, first-served basis from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the CAS ticket office located in the Office of Cultural Programs, Main Building Room 1G1. If you have questions, call 405-682-7579.

## Several scholarships available

There are 18 scholarships now available in Recruitment and Admissions. Deadlines for the scholarships are February and March. There are several for current students. For more information, contact Linda Sapp at 405-682-1611, ext. 7654.

## Student newspaper seeks work-study student employee

The Pioneer student newspaper has an opening for a qualified work-study student employee to serve as circulation manager. The job entails picking up the newspaper from the Edmond printer on Friday, so a valid driver's license is required. For more information, or to apply for the position, please contact Pioneer Lab Director Ronna Austin at 405-682-1611, ext. 7307.



Photo by Amber McBride

Education major Lindsay Payne donates blood to the Oklahoma Blood Institute Feb. 13 during a two-day campus blood drive. An OBI representative said turnout was higher than expected.

# OCCC students help boost depleted blood bank levels

By Scott Glidewell  
Staff Writer

Although donor turnout for the two-day OCCC Blood Drive Feb. 13 and 14 was low, it was slightly higher than expected.

Oklahoma Blood Institute Site Coordinator Trish Jimboy said she anticipated 53 total donors, down from 71 in the college's last blood drive in November.

However, at the end of the second day, 59 people had donated.

Jimboy said projections, based upon previous blood drive numbers and expected donor turnout, were lowered because so many people across the state had been sick lately.

Jimboy was pleased because turnout at OCCC on Wednesday was higher than expected. She said they were able to collect blood from 34 donors — eight more than the projected 26 donors for that day.

"I heard that some professors were giving extra

credit for students who donated blood, so that probably had some effect," Jimboy said.

Extra credit may have motivated some, but many OCCC students donated solely out of the goodness of their hearts. Joe Cunningham, liberal studies sophomore, said he never misses a chance to donate blood. Kelly Self, nursing freshman, said it's something she likes to do.

"It makes me feel like I've done something worthwhile ... and I like the cookies," Self said.

Oklahoma Blood Institute Site Coordinator Jennifer Beattie said some blood drives across the state have been canceled recently or forced to be rescheduled because of the large percentage of the population that has been affected by the flu or other illness.

Beattie said blood donations are important because so many patients in hospitals across Oklahoma depend upon them.

"The blood from our

drives is used by cancer patients, burn victims and in many surgeries and transplants," Beattie said.

Beattie said lower turnouts at drives across the state have resulted in a drop in blood supply levels at the blood bank.

"Now [the Oklahoma Blood Institute has] to play catch-up," Beattie said.

"Because we plan for so many donations daily, when so many people across the state are sick, it definitely has an effect,"

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## Brown Bag Lunch Schedule

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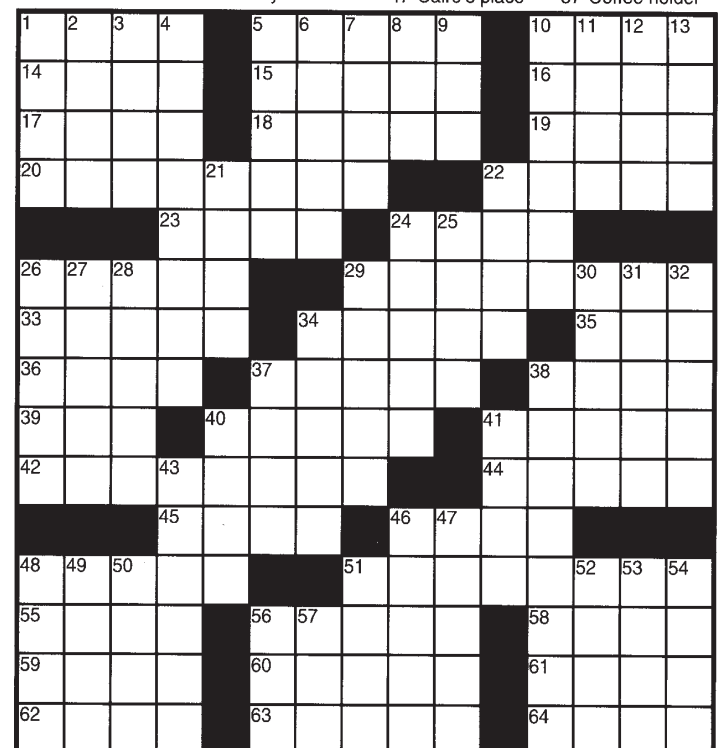
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