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## A night of dialogue



Photo by Amber McBride

Students John-Printes Davis as Roma (left), Jonathan Allen as Greenwool, and Matt Fowler as Ui (sitting) perform in the mobster-based play "The Resistible Riste of Arturo Ui" Feb. 20. In this scene, Roma warns Ui about their fellow mobsters' plans to possibly turn on him as Greenwool listens. For tickets and more information on upcoming plays, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7246.

## Students seek good textbook deals online

OCCC Bookstore director says their prices 'within industry standards'

By Raquel Haggard  
News Writing Student

Students are fighting mad about high textbook costs and are seeking alternatives to college bookstores. Priscilla Phillips, geology major, said she thinks OCCC bookstore prices are "a rip off."

"It's highway robbery," she said.

She isn't alone in believing college bookstores are making big money on textbooks at the expense of students' pocketbooks.

Brenda Reinke, OCCC Bookstore director, said that's just not true, that only about 20 percent of the cost of a textbook goes to the bookstore.

"According to the National Association of College Stores, publishers get 64.3 percent, bookstores 22.4 percent, authors 11.6 percent, and shippers 1.7 percent for each dollar spent on a new textbook," Reinke said. "The proportions have not changed over the years."

"The OCCC Bookstore margin on new textbooks is within the industry average," she said. "After all expenses are paid, the percentage that the bookstore generates in revenue goes directly back to support the vision and mission of the college."

Reinke said the college bookstore is a support service of the institution, so all store expenses are covered by the store income. Store expenses include salaries, benefits, freight and other expenses common to a retail business, she said.

Many students choose to look for deals online.

And, while the Internet does offer several alternatives to college bookstores, students have to be prepared to wait the necessary time for the books to arrive in the mail.

Nursing student April Etzler said she usually buys her books at [www.half.com](http://www.half.com).

Biology major Vaneza Ceballos buys her books at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

"One of my books was \$98 used in our bookstore but at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) I could get a new book for \$55," Ceballos said.

Kristina Godwin, nursing major, said she also searches the Web before buying her books.

"I like to use a search engine that pulls from several different sources, and then I pick the one with the best price for the book and shipping," Godwin said. "The last place I ordered from was [Biblio.com](http://Biblio.com)."

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## Mid-term classes start March 10

By Brian Schroeder  
Staff Writer

Students interested in completing classes in half the time of regular 16-week classes have until March 11 to get enrolled in mid-spring classes. Those classes begin March 10.

Students can enroll in the 8-week accelerated classes through the Enrollment and Student Services office on the first floor of the Main Building.

The 8-week classes allow students to complete a normal course in half the time

of a 16-week semester, said Academic Adviser Melissa Aguigui.

She said many students enroll in the classes because they are more condensed than 16-week courses. "They are simply faster to complete," Aguigui said.

"Some students may not have 16 weeks available to dedicate toward classes."

Aguigui said 8-week classes fill up quickly, so she encourages students to enroll as soon as possible.

The Enrollment and Student Services office has late hours on Mondays, she

said, staying open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Mondays.

The office also will stay open late the last day of late registration, March 11, until 8 p.m.

Registration also can be done online at [www.occc.edu](http://www.occc.edu) if all prerequisites for the classes students are registering for have been fulfilled.

For more information, contact Associate Registrar Alan Stringfellow at 405-682-7522.

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

# Ten steps to the top

I have the secret to a successful professional career.

Thank you. You may present me with your awards, give me your recognition and honor me at your banquets. I am here to make your life easier.

Class, welcome to Networking 101.

Networking is the key that too many people seem to be missing. This tool can get you a job, earn you a promotion, or otherwise expand your horizons.

The key to networking is taking the initiative and sharpening your communication skills. Here are some important steps to take when networking:

**Step 1** – Keep in touch. Continue some form of communication with the people you meet, even if they can't help you immediately. You don't want to go to someone only when you are desperate for their help.

**Step 2** – Talk, talk and talk. Meet new people everywhere you go. Don't limit yourself to the typical gatherings within your field; talk to people anyplace, anytime.

**Step 3** – Join every group, club, association, etc. available in your field. These are the people who will take you the farthest.

**Step 4** – Don't be afraid to ask people what they do for a living.

**Step 5** – Listen! Being a good listener is one of the most important things you can do. People want someone to listen to them, and if you provide your contacts that opportunity, they will be more willing to help you.

**Step 6** – Diversify your approach. Learn how to be bold or subtle because everyone responds differently. Practice these approaches and become comfortable using them.

**Step 7** – Never be afraid to learn or to improve on your skills. Take classes in speaking and writing.

**Step 8** – Have something to hand out to people, at all times. Business cards are essential. As goofy as you may feel passing them out, people will remember you better if they are given a business card.

**Step 9** – Earn a reputation as a nice, hard working person. Everyone wants to associate with these types of people.

**Step 10** – Follow up! Follow up on every lead you come across, no matter how small it may seem.

So there you have it, world, your key to furthering your professional career has been listed into 10 easy steps. Yet, as easy as these steps seem, too many people omit them from their business life.

Don't be one of the many people who overlook this highly effective tool. Your career depends on it.

—Chris Lusk  
Editor

# Roller bags stir controversy

## To the editor:

I look forward to each publication of the Pioneer. Thanks to the First Amendment, we as Americans have the freedom to speak our minds. I very much honor that. However, the editorial written by Brian Schroeder ("Carry your bag, my wayward son") left a bad taste in my mouth.

This piece of "journalism" did not settle with me at all. Even though I have no physical handicap and I am far from lazy, I find this article to be offensive, insulting and downright rude.

Schroeder briefly mentions he does discern some individuals cannot carry a backpack; "I do understand that some students require special circumstances for attending class." Still, the quote that really perplexed me was, "Sure, the books get heavy, but only if they were strapped to my back for a 5K fun-run."

Does the entire populace have the same Superman-like ability to maneuver a backpack like Schroeder can? I think not! That statement bothered me enough to do some research, including what I already knew from the "duh" factor of pain resulting from heavy backpacks.

When searching for a corre-

lation between carrying weighted backpacks, and if that could pose no physical threat ... my research engine results came out pretty blank; but I did find reports and statistics confirming that "duh" factor precisely.

According to a scholarly journal from Harvard Medical School, an article was published titled "Bad backs and Backpacks," which states "whether hauling textbooks and supplies in a backpack or a side bag, students are doing long-term, severe damage to their spines, back muscles, and nervous systems by carrying heavy loads."

Seriously, you do not get a more credible source than Harvard University. Any journalist should know that. And when he states our campus is not a pilgrimage, I can argue for more than one person who parks their car on the far end of the Arts and Humanities parking lot who have 10 minutes between classes to get to their science or math class.

But toughening it up and not being lazy is just so much better for our own health, I suppose. I think a nicer editorial could have been titled, "Ways to prevent back pain and muscle spasms due to that heavy backpack, lighten

up your load!" Well, seems like some people really do need to lighten up, in more ways than one.

I must reiterate I respect that everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but this editorial leaves me to wonder how many offended readers wound up throwing this issue in the nearest trash bin.

—Kalea Moniz-Bra  
OCCC student

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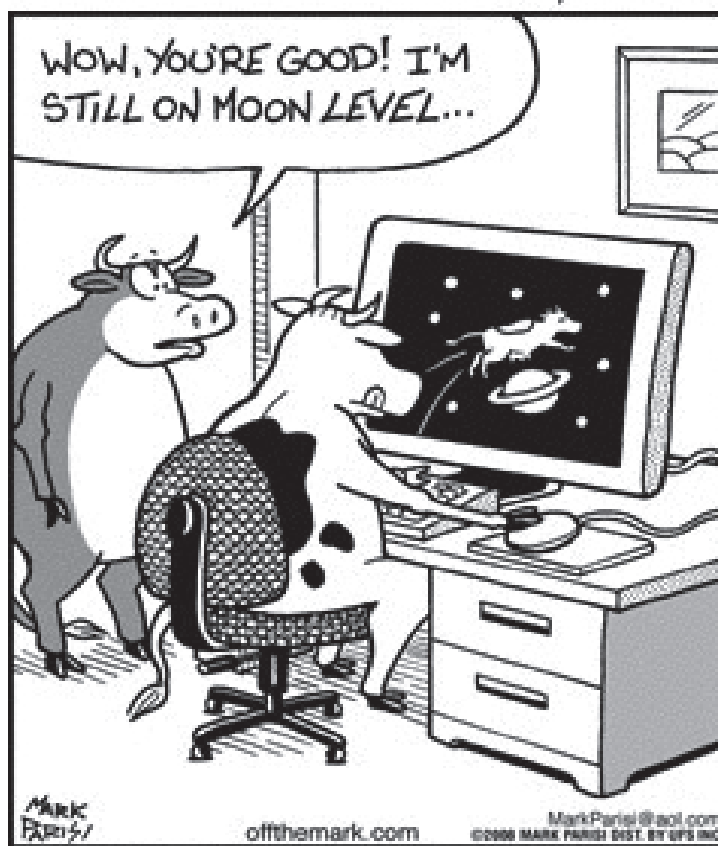
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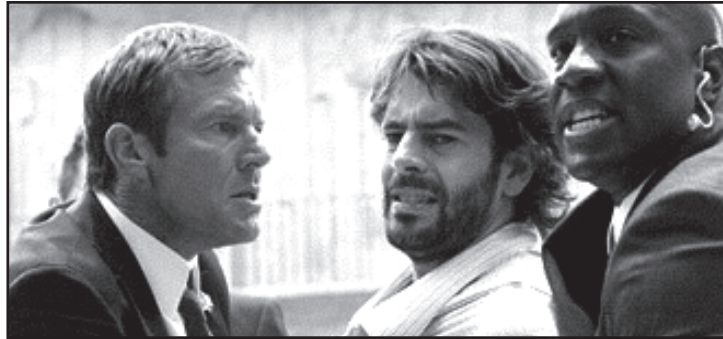
# Wait for 'Vantage' on video

"Vantage Point" is billed as a "Rashomom"-type film (a film that looks at a crime from four points of view). "Vantage Point" investigates a crime from eight perspectives.

This political thriller begins as U.S. President Ashton (William Hurt) is about to address a crowd in Spain at the opening of an international conference on terrorism. Shots ring out and it seems the president has been assassinated. Explosions follow the shots and the flashbacks begin.

I understand the reason for the first showing of the clock in the reverse sequence, but after that it was annoying. Although I did not see a reason for laughing, many audience members did. We got the point the first time.

The shots of the journalists and the press box were realistic. Sigourney Weaver filled the bill as a news director. "Don't editorialize, stick with



the story" is what she keeps telling the young reporter.

Dennis Quaid as Secret Service Agent Thomas Barnes was convincing as an agent back on the job after having been shot. His car chase at the end rivals "Bullitt."

Forest Whitaker is a tourist who happens to get the entire shooting and bombing on tape. His ability as an actor is wasted on this role, until the end of the movie.

Eduardo Noriega is believable as a Spanish policeman whose girlfriend is part of the

terrorist movement.

The twists in the plot as more points of view are shown keep the story interesting.

This movie opened as number one with an intake of \$24 million its first weekend. That says as much for the built-up anticipation for "Vantage" as for the film itself.

From my point of view, it was an entertaining movie, but not overwhelming. You could wait for the video on this one.

**Rating: B**

—Cynthia Praefke  
Staff Writer

# 'The Rise of Arturo Ui' falls flat

Bertolt Brecht wrote "The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui" in 1941. Brecht himself said "it was written to be seen in 1941," because it is a parody of the rise of Hitler in Germany. That information was in the program given to the audience, but after watching the OCCC production I wondered if the actors had this information as well.

When I attended the play, I was not expecting a Broadway performance, but I expected more than I received, especially vocal accents. I realize this is amateur theater, but when admission is charged, entertainment becomes mandatory, and good acting is part of that.

Matt Mattocks was a pleasant start to the event with his introduction of the cast members. He did not miss a beat or a word as far as I could tell. Not so with the next scene.

The members of the Cauliflower Trust forgot their lines and stumbled through the dialogue as if they were

in a hurry to get it over with. I know I was.

Nick McDaniel and Alex Massey had some humorous exchanges as father and son. Phillip Aken's acting ability was apparent in his delivery. Although he often forgot he was supposed to have a clubfoot, he was believable in his role as Givola, "the florist."

Sean Graves was much better at playing the drooling Fish than when he attempted other roles. His facial expressions were priceless.

Jace McKenzie Henly got a well-deserved laugh for her Judy Holiday-like rendition of the moll. Well-played, young lady!

Matt Fowlers' portrayal of Ui was rather bland. His character never changed tone or grew as the play progressed. I kept waiting for some sign of emotion, but even his closing monologue was dull. Once more with feeling, please.

Jonathan Allen over simplified the part of Giri. Al-

though Giri was a psychotic killer who enjoyed his work a bit too much, anyone walking around that playful would not be taken seriously. Herman Goering was not silly, he was evil.

Vivian Le played her small roles with much honesty and feeling, making me wish she had been on the stage more. Perhaps she would not have overacted the role of Betty Dullfeet the way actor Jesse Valdez did.

The highlight of the evening was the portrayal of Ernesto Roma, by John-Printes Davis. Davis is a fabulous young actor with a flair for the stage. If he ever forgot a line I would not have noticed because his delivery was so smooth. Kudos, young man. You made me want to stay and watch the show.

In my opinion, "The Resistible Rise ..." fell flat.

**Rating: D**

—Cynthia Praefke  
Staff Writer

## YOU asked FOR IT

**Q:** Since there have been incidences of lockers being broken into in the locker room, will there ever be a possibility of cameras in the locker rooms that will focus only on the lockers?

**A:** No, you can't put types of devices like that inside the doors of locker rooms, bathrooms or showers. The legal term for that is, "reasonable expectation of privacy." We are working with the Recreation and Community Services department on putting cameras in the hallways outside of the locker rooms, near the gym and pool area as long as they are in public areas.

—Ike Sloas  
Safety and Security Director

**Q:** I know Club Soccer already started. Is it too late to sign up? If not, when is the deadline?

**A:** We don't have a deadline for the regular season. But all interested students must sign up before the playoffs, which are April 26. Just come to practice with a valid student ID.

—K.B. Yeboah  
Club Soccer Coach

**Q:** What happens to the suggestions students put in the suggestion boxes around campus?

**A:** The Leadership Council gathers the information from the boxes weekly, and then suggestions are reviewed at the officer meetings. Mary Candler, Student Relations director, then takes the suggestions to the specific divisions which they apply to for further review.

—Chris Stewart  
The Leadership Council Student President

**Q:** How do the increases in enrollment due to the OKC Go! program affect tuition and fees for other students at OCCC?

**A:** The tuition waivers provided to OKC Go! students has very little impact on the tuition and fees paid by other students. OCCC receives a small portion of its funding from a taxing district that is primarily in the Oklahoma City Public Schools District and the Western Heights School District, which is why the program is limited to high school graduates from these two districts.

The total amount of funds received from the taxing district is significantly more than the amount of tuition-waivers provided to students in the OKC Go! program, and therefore, the funds received help to lower the tuition and fees for all students at OCCC.

Also, some of the OKC Go! student fees are paid through an endowment set up just for this program at the OCCC Foundation. These privately donated funds were contributed by individuals and corporations and can only be used for this program.

—Paul Sechrist  
OCCC President

# Famed jazz band coaches OCCC musicians

Hot Club of San Francisco known for gypsy-style music



Photo by Amber McBride

Hot Club of San Francisco play a gypsy tune for the audience attending their performance Feb. 26 in the theater. From left: Evan Price, violinist and Grammy-award winner; Paul Mehling, lead guitarist; Clint Baker, bassist; and Jeff Magidson and Jason Vanderford, guitarists, also conducted a masters class where they taught and critiqued OCCC's jazz ensemble class.

**By Jessica Shadid**  
News Writing Student

When the Gypsy Jazz band Hot Club of San Francisco came to the OCCC campus Feb. 26, they offered up more than an evening stage performance.

Evan Price, violinist and Grammy-award winner; Paul Mehling, lead guitarist; Clint Baker, bassist; and Jeff Magidson and Jason Vanderford, guitarists also conducted a masters class where they taught and critiqued OCCC's jazz ensemble class.

Mehling said good teachers are what led him to where he is today.

"This was my destiny," he said.

"[OCCC] is all about the teachers. I had good teachers, and I was a bad student, but teachers saw in me a desire."

The masters class session began with a piece, "Swing Gitan," played by the Hot Club.

After the performance, students David Avila, keyboard; Tim Gregory, guitar; Jon Loveless, electric guitar; Lee Williams, bass; and Lauren Dale, vocals, took the stage.

After playing their first piece, "Satin Doll" by Duke Ellington, Baker began his critique by first asking the students to play parts individually, and then together, while making slight changes and improvements.

Soon, all of the members of Hot Club were interacting with the students.

The students then played "Seven," "Come Eleven" by Oklahoma artist Charlie Christian, this time without the vocalist.

Baker said his group was looking for balance among the student group members.

When the opportunity arose for one of the members to shine as a soloist, Baker told them to add their own flare and make the music interesting.

"You have to eventually rely on your own musicality," Baker said. "It's what you hear and feel."

With this encouragement, the students began to unveil their talent, generating smiles from Hot Club members as well as the audience.

At the conclusion of the class, almost every member of the Hot Club was playing along with the jazz students, creating new sounds and harmonies.

The Hot Club of San Francisco is known for the style of jazz they play, called Gypsy Jazz.

This approach to jazz was created by musicians in France known as gypsies, who were trying to copy the sounds of American jazz in the 1930s and '40s.

Americans eventually brought the gypsies style of music back to the U.S. where it is now referred to as Gypsy Jazz.

The group said they got their inspiration from gypsies Django Reinhardt and Stéphane Grappelli, who played similar sounds in Paris with their group, the Hot Club de France.

After the class, the musicians talked about some of their memorable performances.

"There was that time in Kentucky when a group of old women playing cards asked us if we would play for them," Vanderford said. "As we played, they sang the lyrics to every song."

Magidson said the group also likes to play in airports "because we spend so much extra time there."

For more information, visit the Hot Club of San Francisco's website at [www.hcsf.com](http://www.hcsf.com).

## Interviewing workshop on calendar

**By Yvonne Oberly**  
Staff Writer

Students who are not sure of the proper etiquette when being interviewed by a future employer can get answers at the career workshop "Optimal Interviewing," said Debra Vaughn, Career and Employment Services director.

The workshop is from 12:30 to 12:55 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, in room 1F6 of the Main Building.

Among other things, students will gain knowledge about registering for and using a computer program called Optimal Résumé, Vaughn said.

So far, she said, 177 students have registered for the computer program. Vaughn said it helps students with interviewing, as well as helps them create an application, résumé, and cover letter.

At the workshop, good interviewing skills also will be taught, Vaughn said.

Students will learn every-

thing there is to know about keeping their composure and correctly answering all questions asked to them during an interview at the workshop, Vaughn said.

"Interviewers can put you on the spot with some of the questions they ask such as, 'How will this organization benefit from hiring you?'" Vaughn said.

She said students may not know how to react, so this program is good to practice with.

"Doing well during an interview is very important, because it could be the difference in landing the job or not.

"Students need to learn how to interview professionally," she said.

In addition to attending an interview, potential employees will likely be asked to gather other items that future employers will want to see, Vaughn said.

Those would likely include a college transcript, an application, a résumé

and a cover letter.

It also is important to have a good grade point average, she said.

"There are so many steps to follow in the professional world," Vaughn said.

She listed a few more that she said are important.

"Students will want to arrive five minutes early, have a small portfolio with extra résumés, make sure you have done some research on the company you are interviewing for, smile and have a good firm handshake.

"They will be evaluating you as soon as you walk through the door."

The workshop is free, Vaughn said.

Students who are unable to attend can visit the Career and Employment Services office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Vaughn said, where staff is available to work with students one-on-one.

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# Gambling addiction discussed on campus

**By John Spencer**  
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Gambling addiction's increasing presence in Oklahoma was the topic of a presentation provided by Student Life Feb. 19.

Sherry Bynum, a nationally certified gambling counselor, gave the speech.

Current estimates of the population of Oklahoma state that 3 to 5 percent of the population meet the criteria for pathological gambling, Bynum said.

She said gambling addiction is becoming an increasing problem due to the availability of more gambling outlets.

"I have patients who can't escape the urge to gamble because they can't avoid seeing casinos on their way home," Bynum said.

Oklahoma has more than 80 casinos throughout the state. This is more than some entire countries. Australia and Canada combined only have 73, according to the Oklahoma Association for Gambling Addic-

tion Awareness.

Also, Bynum said, with the growing popularity of poker websites as well as the relatively easy access to credit cards, more and more young people are facing problems due to gambling addiction.

"It is not uncommon for college students to find themselves with thousands of dollars of credit card debt, due to gambling, before they even graduate," Bynum said.

The key to recognizing gambling addiction, Bynum said, is understanding and awareness.

Gamblers themselves can be broken into five different categories, professional, anti-social, casual, serious social, and pathological. The last is the worst of the five.

Why pathological gambling is so dangerous, Bynum said, is that it has ceased being a hobby and has taken over every aspect of a person's life.

Action and escape gamblers make up the two sub-

categories of pathological gambling.

Of the two, escape gamblers exhibit behaviors most like that of other substance abuse addicts.

Escape gamblers, much like the name implies, are trying to get away from their normal lives and lose themselves into something. These are the people sitting at slot machines for hours, or the ones who spend their entire paycheck on lotto tickets, Bynum said.

One problem a recovering escape gambling addict faces is substituting one addiction for another, such as substituting playing poker with drinking alcohol, Bynum said.

One sign to look for to see if a person has a pathological gambling problem is if a person is always short of money. If a person has to borrow money to pay monthly bills, even though their income has not changed, it could be a sign of gambling addiction. Also if a person seems withdrawn and does not have

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—Sherry Bynum  
Nationally Certified Gambling Counselor

much to do with friends or family, Bynum said.

Sylvia Martin, OCCC student, knows all too well the devastating effects gambling addiction can have.

Martin's father was, and still is, an avid gambler. It has cost him millions of dollars, as well as his marriage, she said.

Never knowing what to look for to recognize a gambling addict, Martin said, she felt through this presentation she now has the tools and the knowledge to spot the warning signs. It is a skill she wished she had had a long time ago.

Gambling addiction is not a problem one must fight alone, Bynum said.

Help can be sought through counseling ses-

sions, group meetings, and Gamblers Anonymous programs.

If a person believes that someone they know or they themselves need help, there are facilities available dedicated specifically to this problem.

The National Problem Gambling Helpline is open 24 hours a day and can be contacted toll free at 800-522-4700.

Bynum is also available for counseling at her private practice, A Renewal Center, which is located at 2202 Westpark Drive Suite A in Norman.

"Gambling addiction is a growing problem but can be overcome if people are given a chance to change," Bynum said.

## Auditions for Shakespeare play to be held March 10, 11

**By Taylor Truelove**  
News Writing Student

Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 11, in the college theater for roles in "Shakespeare in Pieces," directed by Rachel Carter.

The drama department is looking for five to seven versatile men and women to act in the upcoming play.

"Shakespeare in Pieces" is a play based on a common theme demonstrated through scenes and monologues from a variety of Shakespeare plays said Brent Noel, professor of theatre arts.

It is not necessary for students to be a drama major to audition. In fact, auditions will be open to all students as well as members of the community who do not attend OCCC.

People interested in au-

ditioning are encouraged to do so, said Noel. Noel said the play was a "blend of tradition and innovation."

Individuals who wish to audition are asked to choose a Shakespeare sonnet to recite and become familiar with the language. The individual should be able to communicate the language so the audience can relate to the characters, and understand what is being said, said Ruth Charnay, Arts and Humanities acting dean.

"It is stressed that persons wishing to audition not feel intimidated," Charnay said. "Auditioning is a way to become familiar with the processes involved in producing a play."

There are positions available behind the scenes as well, Charnay said. These include working with the set, costumes, lighting, and

other important parts to making the play a success.

Rehearsals will begin after spring break. The play

will be performed May 1, 2 and 3.

Fliers concerning the auditions can be found in the

library. For more information, contact Brent Noel at 405-682-1611, ext. 7246, or e-mail bnoel@occc.edu.

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## It's a green world



Photo by LaWanda LaVarnway

Ross Kiddie, biology lab assistant, spends time in the college greenhouse. The greenhouse, located in the Robert P. Todd Science, Engineering and Math Center near parking lot G, houses a large variety of plants, and is used by students for specific projects and lesson plans.

**If you're a current OCCC student or alumni and you're in a band, e-mail Stephen at [onlineeditor@occcc.edu](mailto:onlineeditor@occcc.edu) and give him the details on your act. A new section of the **Pioneer Online** is up-and-coming at [www.occc.edu/pioneer](http://www.occc.edu/pioneer).**

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## Study shows shortage of state healthcare workers

**By Scott Glidewell**  
*Staff Writer*

Oklahoma currently is experiencing a shortage of healthcare workers, specifically registered nurses, according to a study of the healthcare industry conducted by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

If current trends continue, Oklahoma is projected to have a shortage of 3,135 RNs by the year 2012.

OCCC Nursing Director Rosemary Keppler said she believes this projection is a significant understatement of the state's true needs.

Keppler said the data for the study came primarily from hospitals, but she pointed out nurses also work in hospices, home health care, doctor's offices and other places as well.

Keppler said the nursing shortage as a "serious social issue" facing Oklahoma residents, and said she wasn't sure if it is a problem that can be solved.

"I'm not sure this nursing shortage will ever end because of the many places and many ways in which nurses are needed to provide healthcare," Keppler said.

She said the shortage is not a simple problem. She said there are several things driving it.

Increased specialization and technology within the industry has decreased the patient load for many nurses.

Keppler said, 20 years ago, it was normal for one nurse to oversee the care of 20 patients, but now with advances in technology, most nurses in a critical care unit would oversee two patients at a time.

Changes in demographics are another factor in the shortage.

According to the Health Care Industry Study, Oklahomans aged 65 and older will increase 63 percent by 2030. This will cause an increase in the need for nurses because the elderly consume up to three times more healthcare than younger people.

The study showed the aging of the population affects the nursing industry in another way as well — currently 36 percent of Oklahoma RNs are aged 50 or older. This means within the next five to 15 years, 36 percent of the existing RN staff in Oklahoma will retire, leaving the workforce and reducing the supply of workers.

In an attempt to address the nursing shortage, Keppler said, OCCC is trying to maximize the potential for students who are interested in becoming RNs, but they still have more people applying than they can admit. Keppler said the biggest problems are the availability of qualified faculty and training space.

Keppler said OCCC's nursing program has expanded over the last four years and recently has added two new ways for students get their degrees.

She said 293 students enrolled in OCCC's nursing program in fall 2006, and 373 enrolled in fall 2007. In 2004, OCCC graduated 112 from the nursing program. This number has steadily risen since then, with 121 graduating in 2005, 129 graduating in 2006, 134 graduating in 2007 and 54 last fall.

Keppler also said 136 students were projected to graduate in May, which would put the total number of graduates for academic year 2008 at 190.

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# In their own bubble

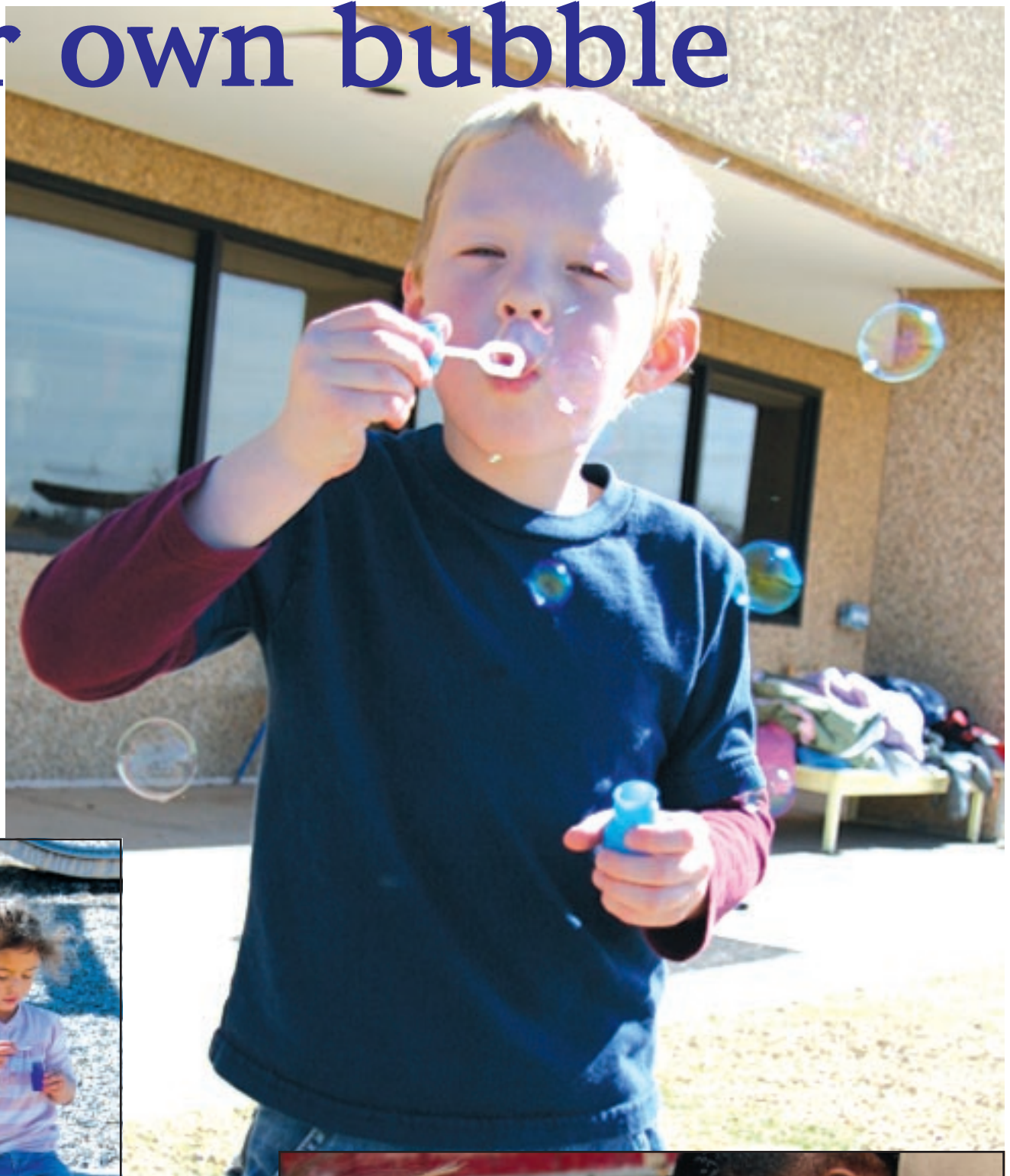
The Child Development Center and Lab School is looking not only to provide children with skills to succeed in school, but also to succeed in life, teachers said.

"We are doing finger painting," said Jessica Hesseltine, child development teacher and lab assistant. "We are trying to get [students] prepared for kindergarten, and seeing what we can do for them as an individual."

Hands-on experiments are created by the teachers and then carried out by their students. If the experiments work out for the kids, they will pass on the information to the next teacher.

The teachers look into a specific school a child will be attending when they leave the CDCLS. From there, teachers make a program for students to follow, to get them ready for kindergarten. Currently, the center has 38 preschool students enrolled.

If parents want to enroll their child, they must go to the center and pay a \$25 application fee. They then will be placed on a waiting list. The time spent on the list is determined by how old the child is and if parents are looking for preschool.



**Photos  
and text  
by  
Amber  
McBride**

(Above) Three year olds Gael, Jocelyn and Kylie sit on the playground blowing bubbles together Monday, Feb. 25.

All the kids enjoyed the bubbles, and sunny weather allowed for them on the warm day.

(Top right) Five-year-old Max blows bubbles while out on the playground Monday, Feb. 21.

(Right) Marielle (left) and Jasmym (right), both 3, play on the playground during a sunny afternoon Monday, Feb. 25. The temperatures hit 74 degrees amidst a week of cold weather.





# Sports

## UPCOMING

### OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

- March 7:** First round of the Intramural basketball post-season tournament will begin. Game times are to be announced.
- March 8:** Second round of the Intramural basketball post-season tournament will begin. Game times are to be announced.
- March 9:** Club soccer plays OU-Colsa at 5 p.m. on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.
- March 10:** Meeting for the Student, Faculty and Staff Volleyball league will be held at noon inside the Wellness Center Gymnasium. This intramural event will be open to all students and faculty and the season is scheduled to start in April. For more information, contact Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.
- March 14:** Intramural Basketball Championship. Game time is to be announced.
- March 15:** Club Soccer plays the University of Central Oklahoma at noon on the campus of Oklahoma State in Stillwater.

### Intramural Basketball Standings After Week 3

1 Hustlas	3-0
2 White Outs	2-0
3 Ice Cream	2-1
4 Geek Squad	2-1
5 Spartans	1-1
6 Go Home Now	1-2
7 Zilla	0-3
8 Mixed Powers	0-3

### Club Soccer Season Schedule

March 1 vs. East Central @ Rose St  
March 9 vs. OU-Colsa @ UCO  
March 15 vs. UCO @ Okla St  
March 29 vs. Rose State @ Home  
April 5 vs. Okla St @ There  
April 12 vs. Oklahoma @ There  
April 19 vs. Arkansas @ There  
April 26 Playoffs TBA  
May 3 CHAMPIONSHIP TBA

## And-One



Photo by Amber McBride

Spartan forward Matt Lohn steps up to the foul line as teammate Ty Ludvick and opponent Paris Triplet of the Mixed Powers team prepare to battle for the board in their Intramural Basketball game on Friday, Feb. 22. The Spartans won the game 72-39. The regular season concludes on March 1. The single elimination post-season tournament is slated for Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8. The season championship will be held on Friday, March 14. All intramural basketball games are in the Wellness Center gym and are free to watch,

## Soccer club gives college chance at statewide bragging rights

By Matt Bishop  
Staff Writer

Did you know OCCC has a sports team that can put a kickin' on other colleges and universities around the state?

Aside from the camaraderie of intramural sports, OCCC Club Soccer gives the college a chance at claiming good old fashioned bragging rights and giving soccer fans around campus something to cheer about.

With many players returning from last season, including Ricardo Sigala, Javier Careon, Santana Diaz and Lorenzo Ontiveros, Coach K. B. Yeboah is looking forward to a winning season.

"So far, the season has been great," Yeboah said as he commented on the practices.

Yeboah said about 16 players have been showing up to practice.

During cold weather, Yeboah has been taking the team to the gym in the Wellness Center to build strength along with their conditioning, Yeboah said.

He said he would like for more fans to show up to the games to cheer players on.

"It would be great if more people came to watch us play," Yeboah said on fan attendance.

He said the players work hard as athletes and deserve it.

OCCC, however, will be without their leading striker from the fall, Dennis Cardona.

Cardona scored 10 of the teams 16 goals last season, but coach Yeboah said the team will do just fine.

"We will definitely miss him," he said. "But one player can't make the game. It's a team effort and I believe everybody is ready."

Yeboah said there are a few new players to help fill the shoes of Cardona. Those players will get into the rotation early to showcase their abilities.

OCCC will play all games on the road except for the March 29 showdown against Rose State College, on the south fields of the OCCC campus.

OCCC will travel as far away to

Stillwater on March 15 for a game against the University of Central Oklahoma, and on April 5 to play Oklahoma State University.

They are also set to travel to Fayetteville, Ark., for a match versus the University of Arkansas on the final weekend of the regular season on April 19.

Although OCCC plays a grueling schedule, Yeboah said, it will be no excuse for the team not to play their best.

"Everybody has to play on the road," Yeboah said. "It is part of the schedule and we will not make any excuses for it."

OCCC is set to open its season Saturday, March 1 against East Central on the campus of Rose State College in Midwest City.

OCCC opened the season last fall against ECU, only to see a 1-0 half-time lead slip away in a 3-1 loss.

OCCC will play its next game verses OU-Colsa at 5 p.m., March 9, on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

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# Learning center helps citizens with skills

By **Raquel Haggard**  
News Writing Student

Improvement and expansion of the OCCC Capitol Hill Center is listed as one initiative in OCCC's 10-year plan, "The Way Forward And Why It Matters," a plan that, among other things, is designed to better the surrounding community.

The center's mission mirrors that initiative, said Director Alejandro Rendon Sanchez.

He said the goal is to provide access to quality educational and cultural programs to the Hispanic community and the citizens of Oklahoma.

Residents of Capitol Hill are the main users of the center, he said.

The center moved six months ago and currently is housed in the Latino Community Development Agency at 420 S.W. 10th.

The center got its start in the fall of 2000 as the Capitol Hill Community Technology Center, housed in the Capitol Hill Elementary school building.

At that time funding was provided by a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Sanchez said funding is now provided solely by OCCC.

He said he hopes to move the center again, this time into its own building in the heart of the Capitol Hill



Photo by Amber McBride

Residents near OCCC's Capitol Hill Center take advantage of computer classes taught there.

community, with more space and staff to increase the classes and services currently provided.

"Right now, we are a little crowded but we are excited about the direction [OCCC] is moving us."

The center currently employs a director and two full-time staff members.

Marco Ojeda is the Spanish language computer instructor, and Yeol Kim is the computer specialist, and English and Korean language computer instructor.

Many services are offered to the community, Sanchez said.

In 2002, he said, the center started "From Information Technology to Work," a program primarily for students who want to improve their job skills.

Those students meet

**"You have to take the first step even if it looks difficult. We have everything inside of us, we just need to look for help."**

—Beatriz Fraire

OCCC Capitol Hill Center Student

three hours a day, Monday through Friday, for six weeks. The class covers topics such as English as a second language, Microsoft Windows, keyboarding, word processing, customer service, interview skills, résumé writing, Internet/e-mail and Internet job searching.

The course is taught three times a year with classes starting in January, April and October.

Sanchez said one of the goals at the center is to teach computer skills to people who have no experience with the machines.

"Many of our students are afraid to touch a computer, afraid they will break it."

Sanchez said computer classes are taught in English, Spanish and Korean.

Sanchez said one student has brought her son to the center since he was 3. Now, at the age of 5, he can turn on the computer and navigate the Internet to play children's games.

Community members also are allowed to use computers for personal use when class is not in session.

The center also offers classes on GED preparedness and U.S. Citizenship.

Sanchez said more than 5,600 people used the resources of the center in 2007 but said that is a significant decrease from 2006.

He attributes the decrease partly to the location.

When the center was located in the Capitol Hill Elementary School, Sanchez said, they had instant referrals as people brought their children to school and stopped by the center to find out how it worked.

Now that they are in the Latino Community Development Agency, he said, more marketing needs to be done to increase usage.

Even so, he said, as Hispanic families are helped at Latino Community Development Agency, they are referred to the center as well.

One student, Beatriz Fraire, said she learned about the center when she was seeking vaccinations for her children at the agency.

"I saw a flier that said 'free computer classes' and I knew it was for me."

Fraire attended one semester at OCCC but said she often found herself behind since she lacked computer skills.

"It was hard to keep up," she said. After being on a short waiting list, she is now attending the "From Information Technology to Work" classes.

"Because of this class, my opportunities are now months away instead of years," she said.

Fraire encourages others to follow her lead.

"You have to take the first step even if it looks difficult. We have everything inside of us, we just need to look for help."

The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call 405-272-5140.

## Library card opens new doors

By **Kati O'Kelley**  
News Writing Student

For some students, doing research at a library closer to home would be easier than driving back to campus.

With an OKshare Card, students can check out their materials at other college libraries, said Barbara King, Library Services director.

The OKshare Card is an agreement between Oklahoma colleges and universities. All OCCC students

and staff members are eligible for a free card, King said.

She said the OKshare Card is the result of an effort by the Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors.

The group wanted to do something about distance education and to help students who commute, King said.

"Libraries have always been known for their high reciprocation of services."

David Pappoe, premed freshman, said, since he

commutes from Moore, he would use the card at the University of Oklahoma library to do his research because he lives closer to Norman.

King said to get an OKshare Card, students can come to the circulation desk at the library and fill out a simple form.

Then, the library will issue an identification card that is good for one semester. She said the card is renewable every semester as long as the user is a student.

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# Highlights

## Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarship offered

Applications are being accepted for the Kay Edwards Memorial Scholarship. Applications are available in the Institutional Advancement Office, located on the first floor of the Main Building, and in the Arts and Humanities building. Applications are due March 7.

## Scholarship information

In memory of Accounting Professor Connie Nieser, a \$1,000 scholarship will be presented at the Student Scholarship Luncheon April 18. Applications are available in the Business Division Office (2N4 Main Building). The deadline for scholarship applications is 5 p.m. March 7. For more information, contact Myra Decker at 405-682-1611, ext. 7332.

## 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.

## Auditions for Shakespeare play

Auditions for "Shakespeare in Pieces" to be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 11, in the college theater. Play has five to seven openings. Auditioners must have prepared one sonnet to demonstrate familiarity with Shakespeare's language. Performances begin May 1. For more information, contact Brent Noel at 405-682-1611, ext. 7246, or e-mail bnoel@occc.edu.

## 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.

## 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 Cultural Arts Series ticket office located in the Office of Cultural Programs, Main Building Room 1G1. If you have questions, call 405-682-7579.

## Student newspaper seeks work-study

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.

## OCCC medical billing and coding classes

In an effort to meet the demands of the growing medical and health care industry, OCCC now offers classes in Medical Billing and Coding. For more information, visit [www.occc.edu/corporate-learning.com](http://www.occc.edu/corporate-learning.com).

## Keep it together



Photo by Amber McBride

The OCCC Jazz Ensemble poses for a picture after playing in the College Union Wednesday, Feb. 27. Any other performances held in the College Union is run through Student Life, located on the first floor of the Main Building.

# Expert to speak on civil liberties and terrorism

By Phillip R. Marek  
News Writing Student

An expert on civil liberties, government and surveillance will speak at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the College Union. Award-winning author Roger K. Newman will speak about "Surveillance, Terrorism and the Constitution."

Newman said he hopes to provide information on the idea that the government has over reached in its spying on American citizens. He wants students to walk away from this lecture with "an increased awareness of dangers concerning civil liberties," he said. "We're in a civil liberties mess."

Newman argues that what the government is not telling Americans is dangerous, especially information being withheld from the public. He believes the government is collecting more information than the public knows.

Newman received master's degrees from New

"Hopefully he (Newman) will generate some good discussion on fighting terrorism and protecting our civil liberties."

—Jon Horinek  
Student Life Coordinator

York University and the University of Virginia. He has taught at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in addition to a 16-year tenure at New York University.

Jon Horinek, Student Life coordinator, said he hopes

that Newman's lecture will provide a unique perspective and stimulate critical thinking. "Hopefully he (Newman) will generate some good discussion on fighting terrorism and protecting our civil liberties," Horinek said.



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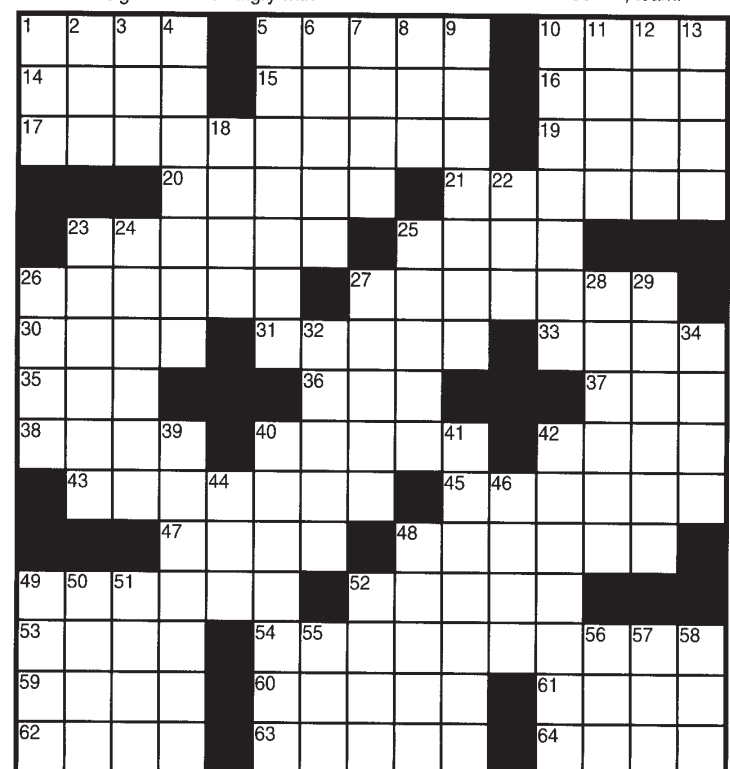
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# Stolen phones top campus crime list

**By Scott Glidewell**  
Staff Writer

Several missing items and a hit-and-run accident were reported to the Office of Safety and Security at OCCC during the week of Feb. 18 through 24.

On Feb. 18, Jacob Hart reported his Intro to Advertising book missing.

Hart said he bought the textbook, valued at \$171, earlier in the day, but accidentally left it sitting on a table outside the Testing Center at 8 p.m. When he finished his test around 9:15 p.m., the book was gone.

Joshua Worrel, a friend of Hart's, said when he came out of the Testing Center at 9 p.m., the book was still lying on the table.

Hart said he has been checking at lost and found,

but the book had not yet been turned in as of presstime.

On Feb. 21, OCCC student Kevin Gordon reported his T-Mobile Krazr cell phone missing to Safety and Security officers about 4:45 p.m.

Gordon said he left his phone near the computers by the Welcome Center. When he returned, Gordon said he was unable to find the phone.

He immediately had his SIM Card deactivated. The reported value is \$150.

That same day, OCCC student Christina Godwin reported her AT&T Black-jack II cell phone stolen at 9:30 p.m.

Godwin said, upon arrival to class that day, all students in her class were instructed to leave their book bags, purses and other per-

sonal belongings outside the classroom.

Godwin said she and the other students left their belongings together in the area adjacent to the nursing computer lab at 5:30 p.m. and then entered their class in rooms 1N4 and 1N5.

Godwin said when she finished class and went to pick up her belongings at 8 p.m., her book bag was in the same place, but her purse appeared to have been moved.

Godwin said she didn't think anything of it until she tried to call her house on the way home from school and realized her cell phone was missing. Godwin also reported a study guide missing from her book bag.

On Feb. 19, OCCC student Brian Wiley reported

a hit-and-run accident involving his green Lexus SC400.

According to a report, Wiley's car was parked in Lot C from 9:25 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. When he returned to his car after class, he noticed his driver's side mirror was pushed inward, a chunk of the mirror was missing and the paint was scratched.

Wiley said he remembered reading a story about the security cameras in OCCC's parking lots in the Pioneer, so he called the Safety and Security office to see if they could help.

"The technology is really neat," Wiley said.

"They pulled up a laptop in their [Safety and Security] car, and we watched video of my car for the whole day."

Wiley said the footage was a little blurry, which made it difficult to tell which car might have caused the damage.

"I don't expect anything to come of it, but if I had done that to somebody else, there's no way I would have left it like that," Wiley said.

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## Online sources offer affordable textbooks

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Bigwords.com is one such search engine that will run a price comparison on textbooks.

Laura Newton, humanities major, likes to use websites such as www.craigslist.com, www.ebay.com and www.alibris.com.

"If you can get away with older versions [of textbooks], alibris is very helpful," Newton said. "I got my ecology book for \$2."

Several students also suggest textbookbrokers.com. A search on Google turned up websites such as textbooks.com, barnesandnoble.com, studentmarket.com, abebooks.com, ecampus.com, bookbyte.com and many others.

Reinke said she believes there has been a decrease in textbook sales in the bookstore but feels the cost of textbooks is the problem, rather than the Internet.

"According to a 2006 U.S. Department of Education report, textbook prices rose an average of 6 percent a year from 1986 to 2004,"

Reinke said.

"This was twice the rate of inflation and the same book costs more in the U.S. than in other countries.

"As an adjunct instructor and bookstore director, I see many students not purchasing books from any source because of the high price," she said.

"In many instances, students will go to class and try to do without a textbook."

Some textbooks can be found on reserve in the library, said Library Services Director Barbara King.

"The Library does not automatically place all textbooks on reserve," King said. "The high number of textbooks, the cost and the continual changes would not allow us to do that.

"Textbooks are purchased for the Library at the request of faculty and student development."

Available textbooks can be found on reserve at the circulation desk and can be checked out for two hours for in-library use only, King said.

A few textbooks can be

found in the Communications Lab. Most pertain to the Communications area.

Rebecca Weber, Communications Lab assistant, said the lab has six or seven copies of books for classes such as Learning Skills, College Writing I and II, English Composition I and II, Study Skills and Success in Life.

Weber said students need to request a textbook loan program form from their instructor, complete the form with their instructor and then take it to Financial Aid to sign off.

Then that form can be taken to the Communications Lab where books can be checked out for 30 days. Books can be rechecked after that if no one is waiting for that title.

And, students might consider borrowing textbooks from a friend.

Sarah Peters, a Norman North High School student, who also is enrolled at OCCC, did just that when she borrowed a textbook from a friend who had taken the same class a year earlier.

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