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Budget advice: spend a little, save a little

By Jill Dankbar
News Writing Student

"For the last eight years, the citizens of the U.S. have spent more than they have."

Jack Kraettli, Extended Services administrator, shared this fact with a group of students during a recent Brown Bag Lunch that focused on students' budgeting habits.

"Budgeting is a necessary exercise and application that must be learned to ensure a person's best and extended lifestyle," Kraettli said.

He then offered several steps to achieve budgeting bliss:

- Students must live within their means and remember to not spend every penny they make. Many students try to live a lifestyle they can't afford, he said.

- Students need to track their money to make the best budgeting decisions for their lifestyle. Keeping receipts is key to making good budgeting decisions.

- Students must prioritize. Kraettli said students should try cutting back on less important items.

- Saving should be a part of a student's monthly budget. Before spending, students should set aside a portion toward savings.

- Students also should avoid racking up credit debt. Kraettli said never purchase items on credit that decrease in value, such as clothing, food, entertainment and vacations.

It is smart to always try paying with cash, he said, especially for

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Coming-out party for campus magazine

By Weston Mize
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The annual reception for authors and artists published in the 2008 issue of OCCC's literary magazine *Absolute* is 12:30 p.m. May 1, in rooms CU1 and CU2. The presentation will include readings of selected essays, short stories and poetry by student authors.

"The *Absolute* reception is a time when students can showcase their work before an audience," said professor Clay Randolph, a faculty adviser for the publication.

He said the Critic's Choice Awards will be presented in the categories of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, photography and art. The awards are personal selections by faculty members, based on quality of writing and artwork, as well as

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Tuning into nature



Photo by Amber McBride

Alec Sharp shares his music with photography major Cecily Digregorio at the fountain near the library. Sharp often visits the campus to play his guitar by the Main Building and library entrances.

Students offered help in dealing with stress

By Callie Campbell
News Writing Student

It's crunch time again, and students are beginning to feel the pressure.

Looming deadlines, fast-approaching finals, plus often juggling family stress and job pressure all lead to stress, said Mary Turner, learning support specialist in Student Services.

OCCC offers several opportunities for students who are struggling, Turner said.

For starters, students can stop in and talk with Turner.

She said she can help students who feel like all their work is due at the same time, or feel they are struggling to pass.

"I can help students figure out how to balance

their workload in the next few weeks," Turner said.

Faculty can get help for students by having Turner speak to their classes about end-of-the-year preparation, she said.

For students feeling mental strain, OCCC offers the free services of a licensed professional psychiatrist.

The psychiatrist is available at the campus to talk to students from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in the Student Services Center.

One student has her own way of coping with stress.

"The most important thing that helps me reduce stress is scheduling time to do nothing, just relax," said Sandie Womble, a student pursuing her degree in Organizational Leadership.

"I like to sit on my porch

and watch the stars."

Turner said the OCCC Wellness Center also is available to help students work out some of their anxiety.

"Being more active can help a lot with stress," she said.

The center is open from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday to students with a valid student ID.

There, students can choose from a variety of athletic services, including a cardio room, a gymnasium, a weight room and a pool.

Students can get more information about the various counseling and support services available by visiting www.occc.edu/support/counseling.

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Social network sites not to blame

High school student Victoria Lindsay was brutally beaten March 30 in Lakeland, Fla., by six other girls. They attacked her when she entered the home of her supposed friend Mercades Nichols.

The fight stemmed from "trash-talking" occurring between the girls on the girls' MySpace pages.

Videos of the beating can be found all over the Internet right now.

The six girls involved in the beating are all being tried as adults. They range in age from 14 to 17. The girls took turns beating Lindsay and holding the camera to capture the event on tape. Two males also are being tried as adults, at age 17 and 18, who stood watch right outside the house.

Perhaps the most shocking thing that happened was that after beating Lindsay unconscious, the girls brutalized her again when she awoke.

The parents of the victim are placing the blame not only on the girls involved, but also on the social networking sites YouTube and MySpace for promoting such actions.

Shouldn't the blame be placed on the shoulders of the attackers?

Or, maybe the blame should be placed on the shoulders of the parents of the attackers, for evidently failing to teach their children fighting is not the answer?

In a video interview on YouTube, the parents of the victim argued that mass media's inability to filter such videos is the reason these kinds of attacks happen.

YouTube has a "flagging" ability, which users can click to indicate the video is in violation of terms of use.

Hemanshu Nigam, chief officer for MySpace, said the company reviews every image and video that is hosted on the site and removes them if they violate terms of use, whether they are flagged or not.

MySpace and YouTube are not at fault for the action of the attackers.

Since video recording devices have been around, many have placed the blame on such devices for crimes, including fights.

The manufacturer's intentions, when creating these recording devices, was not to promote violence.

The mind behind the machine is to blame.

In the Lindsay case, the attackers probably didn't think they would be tried as adults, considering their youth.

Everyone who performs acts of violence and videotapes them knows that it is the wrong thing to do.

But, hey, 15 minutes of online fame is well worth the possibility of life in jail. Right?

—Stephen Sossamon
Staff Writer

Keep propaganda off OCCC

To the editor:

At present, Americans are faced with many pressing issues, including a health care crisis, the uncertain future of Social Security, under-funding of schools, climate change, a looming recession and the ongoing U.S. military occupation of two foreign states.

These issues should be and are debated vigorously, publicly and frequently on college campuses. What get we at OCCC? We get Baptist snake

oil salesmen peddling "freedom from homosexuality."

These marketers of morality, ostensibly animated by Christian love, seek to help homosexuals "repent," "heal" and thus avoid damnation.

Sadly, this "ministry" confirms Senator Barack Obama's observation that some people, when faced with unsettled times, soothe themselves by invoking the name of God and casting stones at those who are different.

I suspect that most of the

students, staff and faculty at OCCC would prefer to learn and to work free from such propaganda.

If the purveyors of piety should return to our campus, tell them either to do something worthwhile or to sell their "message" elsewhere.

—John Ehrhardt
OCCC professor

Continue the awareness

To the editor:

I am a nursing student with plans of doing volunteer nursing in Africa with the organization "Doctors without Borders." I just wanted to applaud Murod Mamatov for his piece, "Bloody Olympics."

I am always disappointed in the lack of knowledge it appears some students have. It amazes me that people's personal issues here seem to overshadow those who have it so unimaginably worse.

As I read the letter I felt as though Mamatov could have

gone on and on forever, as could I. I thought he did a great job of condensing it down and bringing a passionate tone that delivered the point to those who are so ignorant. I hope to see more pieces like this.

Please continue to put the word out there. Maybe even add some website information for those who would like to learn more. Such as www.savedarfur.org. Anyway, thank you again and keep up the good work.

—Hailey Hill
OCCC student

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Comments and Reviews

Former prof believes OCCC 'doing it right'

To the editor:

Several days ago I received a letter from OCCC announcing those individuals who are planning to retire at the end of the current academic year. Some of the names are good friends of mine with whom I had worked for many years such as Cecelia Yoder and Richard Anglin.

The timing of the letter was ironic seeing as I, too, will be retiring in May after teaching for 38 years. Most of that period was spent at OCCC, but it began in North Dakota and will end here in California. So what, you may ask, have these experiences taught me?

First, OCCC is doing it right and could serve as a model for other community colleges. For many years, California was considered the leader in business, education, science, medicine, etc. This is no longer the case. If you focus on education and how technology is being integrated into the class-

room, we have some catching up to do.

While I am now teaching on a brand new campus and all the classrooms have been wired with the latest technology, I was doing all of this — and more — back at OCCC in the mid-'90s.

Also, when you focus on the educational philosophy of the two states, Oklahoma is much more conducive for student success.

California has become "bewitched" by the need to be "sensitive" to the needs of our "diverse" student body. A certain amount of sensitivity is fine, but our students have been given a new policy known as "right to fail." This is not being sensitive, it's being outright silly. Never in my 38 years of teaching have I heard of such a destructive philosophy.

Rather than pushing our students to succeed, they are only required to show up for

class and breathe. They don't need to buy a textbook, turn in an assignment, or take a test. Just show up, collect your "F" and re-enroll for 12 more hours for the coming semester to continue receiving state financial aid and/or health insurance from Mom and Dad. This attitude was never tolerated at OCCC. We were about student success not student failure.

Now California has been good to me. It gave me a teaching position in a state where my wife could reconnect with her family. I will always be grateful for that. But I sorely miss my good friends and colleagues at OCCC, the Oklahoma educational attitude and the Midwestern way of life. So if any of you come through the Fresno, Calif. area, I'm listed in the phone book. My wife is a great cook and our door is always open.

—Jim Johnsen

Former OCCC professor

'Graduation' fails with flying colors

High school graduation can be a defining moment for those students walking across the stage with diploma in hand. That diploma is the key to opening certain doors in the lives of those graduates.

"Graduation" should have been held back a few years until it was taught to be a decent movie.

Two weeks before graduation, a cliché foursome of friends — the jock, the jock's girl, the guy who wants the jock's girl and the pierced, odd-hair-color outcast — decide robbing a bank is the best way to help one of the group.

Polly (Shannon Lucio) is the only female in the circle of friends, and her father is conveniently the president of the bank the group plans to rob.

Through improbable combinations of plans that somehow come together in the end, the four friends execute a bank robbery.

The no-logic-or-plot-nec-

essary approach to filmmaking in Hollywood shines bright with the collection of actors from TV shows on the CW (formerly known as the WB). In an attempt to add some element of drama to a bland screenplay, the writers decided to add a hostage situation to the movie that mirrors the over-acted drama of a too long for TV episode of "The O.C."

Chris Marquette had the most convincing portrayal as Carl, the friend in need who gets the other three main characters involved in a bank robbery to pay for his mother's hospital bills.

Save your tissues to clean the sick off your mouth, not your tears. If viewers are able to manage the first half of the movie that has no direction, they are in for a real treat when the final credits roll and they realize the pain of yet another teen movie played by actors in their late

20s has finally ended.

The direct-to-DVD movie was the third movie by director Mike Mayer, but his first movie longer than 15 minutes. Maybe he could have kept audiences more entertained if he stuck with his previous short-film style.

The producers of the film did make wise choices when deciding to lace the movie with songs from The Decemberists, Bloc Party and Iggy Pop and the Stooges.

To save money in the declining economy, it is not economical to spend money renting "Graduation" when the movie can be watched on basic cable TV, just under a different name. Check your local listings for any cliché high school television drama to fill any hankering "Graduation" might fulfill.

Rating: F

—Brian Schroeder
Staff Writer

CAREER POWER

Computer fields hot

I recently had the pleasure of visiting with computer sciences professor Kathy Cupp. I learned that in the world of IT, there are career titles that may need some clarification.

Cupp teaches Computer Programming and she is contacted on a regular basis by job recruiters searching for students with computer programming credentials and coursework. The problem is there seems to be a myth that the career field of computer programming lacks employment opportunities. This is not true.

Apparently, over the past five years, the title of computer programmer has been replaced by Software Engineer or Developer. Job titles such as Database Administrator, Software Architect or Systems Analyst also require programming. So, when students conduct job searches, the term computer programmer may seldom appear and students are hesitant to pursue this field of study.

As evidence of the indeed healthy and in-demand field of computer programming, I wanted to share some recent U.S. Department of Labor statistics. All of which have titles that may not say "Computer Programming" but without a doubt must have programming in the degree plans of study.

In an article from Career Builder entitled "Top 10 Jobs for the Class of 2008," seven of the top 10 jobs require some computer programming:

- Computer Systems Analysts, Major: Information Sciences and Systems
 - Median annual salary: \$69,760
 - Jobs Created: 146,000
- Computer Systems Software Engineers, Major: Computer Science
 - Median annual salary: \$85,370
 - Jobs created: 99,000
- Civil Engineers, Major: Engineering
 - Median annual salary: \$68,600
 - Jobs created: 46,000
- Chemical Engineers, Major: Engineering
 - Median annual salary: \$78,860
 - Jobs created: 2,400
- Electrical Engineers, Major: Engineering
 - Median annual salary: \$75,930
 - Jobs created: 9,600
- Mechanical Engineers, Major: Engineering
 - Median annual salary: \$69,850
 - Jobs created: 9,400

My thanks to the Computer Science faculty for sharing their expertise and dedication to helping students move successfully into IT career fields. For additional assistance, please visit the Career and Employment Services office located on the first floor in the Main Building.

—Debra D. Vaughn

Career and Employment Services Director

Play raises awareness of violence against women

By Ashley M. Karr
News Writing Student

Rocky Balboa, James Bond and Austin Powers were just some of the characters portrayed in Ben Atherton-Zeman's one-man show, which he performs to get his point across about domestic violence and men's violence against women.

Atherton-Zeman gave his performance, April 15, at OCCC.

Lasting just short of an hour-and-a-half, his production included commercials, movie excerpts from "Rocky," "The Perfect Stranger," "Bad Boys," "Under Siege" and many more, along with skits and poems.

Atherton-Zeman said he had performed his play in 40

different states, trying to get America to speak up against men's violence against women.

The audience of about 100 people ran the gamut from young children to students, adults, parents and couples.

Atherton-Zeman kept the audience intrigued with the different characters he portrayed while giving numerous statistics on the number of women abused and raped by men.

He made eye contact with everyone in the audience, walked around the entire dining hall to make everyone feel involved, and had someone dimming lights in the dining hall for effect.

The play started at 7 p.m. with the chiming of a small gong every 12 seconds, while

a video showed a domestic violence commercial that included pictures of women in hospital beds who had been beaten. Once the videos were over, Atherton-Zeman explained that every 12 seconds a woman is a victim of domestic violence.

After his introduction, Atherton-Zeman did his impression from the "Rocky" movies, proving all the different ways a woman can say no. He kept his Balboa accent during his entire skit.

After that, he transitioned into his Bond character with a Sean Connery accent. This skit touched on the fact there are classes for men who have abused women, and most of the men are required by court to attend. But sometimes people can realize they have

the same tendencies as an abusive man. It doesn't always have to be physical abuse — words can do the same damage, he said.

After Bond had left, Jennifer Deemer read a poem titled "Apology Not Accepted."

The poem was an indirect way of describing a girl's first time sitting in the front seat of a boy's car, and that it is not alright to pressure a girl into sex.

Silence fell over the dining hall. Sniffles were heard and tears were shed. Then, to lighten the mood, Atherton-Zeman appeared in his Austin Powers character to dis-

cuss the meaning of feminism.

He explained feminists aren't just women who think all men are scum. A feminist is anyone who believes in women's rights and believes women aren't just objects for a man to look at.

To close his lecture, he read a pledge that he would stand up against violence against women.

All but one male stood and said the pledge with him.

Atherton-Zeman was part of the Psychology and Sociology Club's project to raise the awareness of violence against women.

Five ESL English Composition courses offered in Fall semester

By Nathan Feken
News Writing Student

For the fall 2008 semester, Multicultural English Composition I will be offered in five sections at OCCC.

This course was approved at a March 13 curriculum meeting, said Cheryl Stanford, Department of Language Arts director.

The course was designed to help meet the needs of the increased number of students who speak English as a second language.

Although this is a different type of English Composition I course, it will have the same standards as all the other sections. The same books and curriculum will be used in the course as well.

There will be no more than 20 students per class to help increase interaction between teachers and students.

Students will be exposed to a high level of interaction with instructors.

"I learn better with these students and I get to know other people from other countries."

—Yuli Evans
OCCC student

Having a class of all multicultural and international students allows students to feel more comfortable learning, knowing they are all struggling with the English language together.

A current student in the class, Edgar Matamoros, said the class "lets me not be shy and talk more fluently."

Another student enrolled in the class, Yuli Evans, said, "I learn better with these students and I get to know other people from other countries."

Mary PUNCHES, who will teach a section of the course, said the class isn't meant to be easier for students but makes students more comfortable.

PUNCHES said the course will help with vocabulary building and writing errors.

Students will do lots of talking and give several oral reports, she said.

These assignments are geared to help improve the student's proper speech in English.

A total of five sections will be offered in the fall, Stanford said.

All the sections are at different times to provide convenience for students interested in enrolling in the course.

The times being offered are 10 and 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Stanford said, if students plan to transfer to other colleges, this course will transfer to area institutions.

PT program seeks re-accreditation

By Julie Pierini
News Writing Student

OCCC's physical therapy department is looking to be re-accredited this semester. Its current accreditation expires this year.

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education issues the accreditation. Representatives of the agency visited the OCCC campus April 7 through 9, said Jennifer Ball, Physical Therapist Assistant program director.

The team reviewed the physical therapy curriculum, policies and procedures, faculty qualifications, and general OCCC policies. Afterward, the team reported their findings to the board.

The board will meet again in October to vote and divulge the program's status.

"The PTA Program faculty are confident that our standards were reviewed in a positive manner and that our current accreditation status will be continued," Ball said.

Beginning with plans

for a new building in spring 2009, the physical therapy department has done a lot in preparation for its review.

The faculty has eight to 10 years of experience in the college. It also is the only program in the state to offer a pro-sected cadaver anatomy course, which helps students learn the function of bones, muscles and nerves, all of which are used everyday during therapeutic exercise.

With a variety of options in the job market, physical therapy students help fill jobs in hospitals, nursing homes, outpatient clinics, sports medicine, home health, rehabilitation centers, school settings and long-term acute care facilities.

With this, students are currently at a 100 percent employment rate.

"The team's visit was a part of the PTA program's normal re-accreditation process," said Anita Rhea, OCCC administrative assistant.

"The team members' remarks about the program and the college were very positive."

Professor lobbies on behalf of paramedics

By Jessica Shadid
News Writing Student

Concerned with the diminishing number of ambulance services across the state, Leaugeay Barnes has become involved in the legislative decisions being made about EMS in Oklahoma.

Barnes, OCCC's Emergency Medical Sciences Program director, also is webmaster for a fairly new organization, called the Oklahoma EMS coalition.

She told students at a speech recently that the coalition was created for people and students in the emergency medical field, and for the public to learn about current issues concerning Oklahoma's emergency services.

Barnes said she has made several trips to the State Capitol to work for legislation that will enhance those services.

Every semester, she said, she takes students with her to talk to the legislators.

All of the bills currently being discussed can be located on the website www.OK-EMSCOalition.org.

Barnes said the main reason she has become so involved is the constant struggle to maintain a safe number of paramedics in Oklahoma.

"I'm lucky to get 25 people [in the program] per semester," she said.

Barnes said one reason is the low pay. She said most paramedics start out making only \$10 to \$12 an hour.

Because of the low interest in the field, paramedic numbers have dwindled so that, of the 77 counties in the state, only 22 provide paramedic level care, she said.

Ambulance services in some of the counties have to supply aid to four or five counties surrounding them.

Barnes said it is no longer

a guarantee that, in the case of an emergency, a paramedic will be the one providing help to the injured victims.

She said many ambulances are run by Basic Emergency Medical Technicians who have received only one semester of schooling, and mainly have just basic first aid skills or someone who is one step above at the intermediate level of training.

That includes taking a test after the first year of school, she said.

"Ninety-nine percent of people think they will get a paramedic when they call about an emergency," Barnes said.

Barnes said by the year 2012 every paramedic must come from a nationally accredited program, and OCCC happens to be the only nationally accredited program in the state of Oklahoma.

Despite her concerns, Barnes is enthusiastic about her job and proud of the program's accomplishments.

She said the emergency medical field is the perfect lifestyle for her.

"I love chaos," she said.

Barnes said emergency medical workers must think fast and act quickly at the scene, which requires independent decision making.

She continues to work part-time in the field on a helicopter ambulance in Tulsa.

She encourages anyone who is interested to get involved in the program. "You must have an independent, yet aggressive, personality."

For more information on OCCC's program, visit www.occc.edu.

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Photo by Amber McBride

Student John Shelton does homework in the library. New brown leather love seats and yellow, striped chairs, located on the first floor of the library, are meant to create a welcoming spot for students to study and relax, said librarian Jay Ramanjulu.

Library gets new furniture

By Kati O'Kelley
News Writing Student

New furniture arrived in the OCCC library in late March, said librarian Jay Ramanjulu.

Brown leather loveseats and yellow striped chairs, now located on the first floor of the library, are meant to create a welcoming spot for students to study and relax, he said.

"We wanted it to feel more like a coffee shop where students can come and have food and a drink, and be comfy studying."

Chris Pierce, a sophomore MIS major, said he likes the new furniture because it is more comfortable, but sug-

gests pillows for the chairs.

"The old chairs had pillows and I miss the pillows," he said. Pierce said he likes to take an occasional nap on the furniture.

Librarian Rachel Butler said this is the first new furniture since the library was built 12 years ago.

She said students have always liked the soft furniture in the library with many of them stopping to take a nap between classes, using them to read or study on and occasionally having class meetings.

Butler said the library staff is hoping to get even more furniture and decorations to make the atmosphere as pleasant and comfortable as possible.

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Students honored at ceremony



Photo by Amber McBride

Pre-engineering student Alexandra Wilkes receives an award from Lise Adkins from the Business Professionals of America.

More than 90 students took part in the 32nd annual Student Awards Ceremony April 18. With speakers such as President Paul Sechrist and Academic Affairs Vice President Felix Aquino, students, faculty, staff and guests were present for celebratory speeches and refreshments.

By Taylor Truelove
News Writing Student

More than 90 students took home proof of their academic accomplishments at the 32nd annual Student Awards Ceremony April 18.

President Paul Sechrist welcomed students, faculty and guests to the ceremony with a speech.

"The kinds of things we celebrate say a lot about our institution," he told the audience.

"Getting into college won't change you. Graduating is what will benefit you and your community."

Felix Aquino, Academic Affairs vice president, presented the President's Award for Excellence. This award is the most distinguished award available to students at OCCC.

Recipients of this honor for Arts and Humanities are Jessica Bottoms, music; Matt Fowler, theater arts, film and video program; Ashley Ann Hovda, diversified studies; and Leah Kenton, liberal arts.

Students who received the Pres-

ident's Award in the Business department were Elizabeth Acevedo, business-administrative office technology; Ryan Crow, business; and Chris Stewart, business.

Stewart said he plans to go into law after earning his bachelor's degree at the University of Oklahoma.

Stewart said he plans to major in international business, accounting and Spanish.

He said he encourages other students to pursue college with a passion.

"Go into school as if you can succeed," he said.

Stewart also stressed the importance of "time management and putting things in order of importance."

Health Department recipients were Ryan Stewart, emergency medical services; and Coleen Vache, nursing.

Vache, who plans to receive her bachelor's degree in nursing, dedicated the award to God and her husband.

"Without them, this would not have been possible," she said. She also had some advice for other students.

"Understand the little things and the big picture will fall together," she said.

Information Technology recipients of the President's Award were Robert Osburn, computer aided technology/ computer aided-technology emphasis; and Joy Schulz, computer science: web design and development.

Shultz said she plans to continue her education at the University of Central Oklahoma. She gave credit to her family.

"I would like to dedicate this award to my family," she said.

Osburn said he plans to pursue a job in drafting after graduation.

He said he has learned the importance of being in class and completing assignments.

"Just show up and do what you are supposed to do," he said. He said he sees these traits as keys to success.

Science and mathematics recipients of the Presidents Award were Rebekah Green, biology; Michael Hakim, pre-pharmacy; and Thierry Ngansop, physical science.

Social Sciences recipient of the President's Award was Heather Creekmore, political science.

Students receive awards in all fields of study

At the Student Awards Ceremony April 18, a large number of students — more than 90 — were recognized for their academic achievements in various fields of study.

Five students will graduate with honors May 9. These students have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and completed 15 hours of honors work. As a reward for all of their hard work they will receive an "H" on their transcripts showing they graduated with honors.

Nina Smith, honors program director, presented the Recognition of Honors Graduates Awards.

The honors graduates are Elizabeth Acevedo, Terry Bayne, Heather Creekmore, Murod Mamatov and Arnaud Mugisha.

The Civic Honors Award, a new award, was presented to three students who completed 50 hours of community service and were able to maintain

academic excellence. The first three graduates to receive this award are Rebekah Green, Ashley Ann Hovda and Chris Stewart.

Kim Jameson, English professor, presented the Student English Essay Awards to six outstanding students. These award winners were: Nicholas Pierce, English Composition I, first place; Brian Wiley, English Composition I, second place; Neisha Gonzalez, English Composition I, third place; Cristian Sirera Salvador, English Composition II, first place; Marijan Adams, English Composition II, second place; and Michal Ferak, English Composition II, third place.

The Certificate of Achievement Award is given to students who display excellence in their academic field.

Ruth Charnay, acting dean of Arts and Humanities, presented the Arts and Humanities Certificate of Achievement

Award to Jenny Atteberry, public relations; Matthew Bishop, broadcasting; Beau Bruhwiler, philosophy; Jodi Butler, music; Mia Diaz, graphic communications, photography; Michal Ferak, graphic communications, multimedia; Stephanie Foraker, pre-education; Heather Graff, visual arts; Makenna Green, literature; Chris Lusk, journalism; Jeffrey Miller, humanities; Dylan Steverson, literature; Sarah Smith, diversified studies; Kyndra Spaulding, liberal studies; and Mouna Taleb, languages.

The Business Certificate of Achievement Award went to Dylan Butler, automotive technology — GM automotive service educational program; Kevin Cameron, business; Michael Campbell, automotive technology intern program; Regina Cobb, administrative office technology — legal secretary; Daniel Elizondo, automotive technology — GM

painting and refinishing; Heather Knowles, business aviation management emphasis; Lisa Lewis, administrative office specialist; Melissa Munoz, general office support; Floyd Perry, business and finance; Amy Renfrow, medical transcription; Jennifer Shockley, accounting; Theresa Giovanni Vanderlois, management; and Breket Yosef, aviation maintenance technology-general emphasis.

The Health Professions Certificate of Achievement Award was given to Debra Barnett, nursing; Joshua Moll, emergency medical services; and Krista Robertson, occupational therapy assistant.

Vickie Gibson, dean of information technology, presented the Information Technology Certificate of Achievement Award to Daniel Bailey, AS computer science OU; Rachel Boydston, AAS computer science — Web design; Hugo Lopez, computer aided

technology — multimedia emphasis; Erin Mason, computer aided technology/computer-aided design emphasis; Matthew Reynolds, AS Computer Science/cyber information security emphasis; Kristina Seeds, computer aided technology/game design emphasis; Kimi Smith, AAS computer science/computer system support emphasis; Kenneth Stull, AS computer science/multimedia/multimedia information systems emphasis; John Vanhoutan, AAS computer science/cyber information security emphasis; and Nicholas Wilson, AAS computer science, computer programming emphasis.

Max Simmons, science and mathematics dean, presented the Science and Mathematics Certificate of Achievement Awards to Corey Darnell, pre-medicine; My Huynh, pre-pharmacy; Yousef Salous,

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Characters abound in Shakespeare production

By Alexandra Marcus
News Writing Student

Actors are putting the final touches on the upcoming play "To Die, To Sleep, Perchance to Dream." The cast consists of Jonathon Allen, Rich Bailey, Vaneza Caballos, John-Printes Davis, Jeff Dittenber, Dana Hanley, Vivian Le and Jace Henley.

The play begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1, and has additional showings at 7:30 p.m. May 2 and 3.

The performers, under the direction of Rachel Carter, take on the roles of various Shakespearean characters for this unique production.

Theater major Hanley plays Juliet, Helena, Rosencrantz, Desdemona, Gentlewoman and Snout in the production.

Aside from regular rehearsal hours, the students participating in the production put in a lot of extra hours of practice outside of the theater, Hanley said.

"Performing Shakespeare takes time," she said.

"You really need to understand every aspect of your scene and especially your characters' objectives. That way you are able to portray your character to the audience so that they are able to understand what's going on."

Dittenber will take on the roles of Flute, Romeo, Lorenzo, King Henry V, Guildenstern, the doctor and Demetrius.

"We have to do line studies and research into Shakespeare's plays," said Dittenber, theater student.

"We also view movies based on those plays so we know exactly what we are saying."

Though Shakespeare's works are hundreds of



Photo by Amber McBride

Theater art alumnus Jonathan Allen plays the character of Bottom with sophomore Vaneza Ceballos as Titania in the next play that will include segments of various Shakespeare plays. The play will open at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1.

years old, the students are finding they can relate to the characters they play, Le said.

"I love the character Portia since she's daring enough to confront her husband," Le said.

"Since women were not allowed to question or intervene in their husbands' business back then, I love how [Portia is] so strong-willed."

Le plays Peter Quince, a fairy, a spirit, a soldier, Lady Macbeth and Portia.

Bailey plays Oberon, Lysander, Benvolio, Romeo's spirit, Claudius, Bates and Brutus. He said

there is relevance and universality of Shakespeare today.

He said the conflicts Shakespeare writes about are things people see all the time.

"Teenage suicide like Ophelia in 'Hamlet,' forbidden love such as 'Romeo and Juliet,' or siblings at war like Goneril, Regan and Cordelia in 'King Lear' are issues today," Bailey said.

The cast focuses on getting their parts right and taking the criticism and suggestions from Carter.

"As actors and performers, you can never stop learning," Hanley said.

She admitted that nothing but good has come from the rehearsals because each time, they see tremendous improvements.

Le said, not only is this play a learning experience, but opportunity for each actor to have a chance in the spotlight since there is no main character.

Besides all the hard work and practice, this group of actors is having a fun time, they said.

At play practice, the actors take on their characters and interact well with one another.

Bailey has acted with Oklahoma Shakespeare in

the Park for six seasons.

"The best part has been making new friends out of the experience," he said.

Le said she hopes to get a teaching degree in theater.

She said she is excited to see what the audience thinks because the play is extremely entertaining and the audience will never know what is going to happen.

Admission is free May 1 to OCCC students, faculty and staff.

The May 2 and 3 performances are \$5 for students with valid ID and \$7 for general admission.

Dozens of students recognized at ceremony

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pre-dentistry; and Aaron Westbrook, engineering.

Cecelia Yoder, acting dean of Social Sciences, presented the Social Sciences Certificate of Achievement Awards to Jessica Cook, child development;

Heather Creekmore, political science; Marian Johnson, psychology; Amanda Parham, child development.

Twelve Student Organization Awards were given to students who demonstrated leadership skills in clubs.

The Advocates of Peace award was presented to

Ashley Ann Hovda. Alexandra Wilkes won the Business Professionals of America Award. The College Democrats award went to Jed Green. The College Poets and Writers Award winner was Kristen Hoaglin. The Empowered Students and Individuals Award winner was Michael Hendricks. The His-

panic Organization to Promote Education Award went to Martin Ramirez. The Leadership Council Award winner was Chris Stewart. The Phi Theta Kappa Award went to Rebekah Green. The Photography Club Award winner was Mia Diaz. The Student Nursing Association Award went to

Coleen Vache. Barbara Grider won the Student Occupational Therapist Assistant Organization Award. Tammy Powell won the Student Physical Therapy Assistant Organization Award. Faculty Adviser Sue Hinton presented the Pioneer award to Stephen Sossamon, staff writer.

Sports

Playoff bid falls short for club soccer

By **Ashley Karr**
News Writing Student

OCCC's club soccer team fell to the University of Central Oklahoma 3-0 in a game played on April 18 in Stillwater.

Before the start of the game, the players and coach were all laughs, joking, kidding around and trying to keep warm in the 55-degree weather.

Thirteen OCCC players made the trip, leaving two players to substitute during the game.

Just minutes after the first half started, four players, two from each team, went diving into the goalie area; two UCO players trying to score a goal and two OCCC defenders trying to stop the goal. UCO scored their first goal despite a defensive effort by OCCC.

"Come on, guys, keep your head up," coach K. B. Yeboah repeatedly told the players after the score.

Six minutes into the first half, OCCC goalie Osvaldo Covarrubias took a shot to the head.

Yeboah was called out to the field to tend to his downed player. After about a minute, Covarrubias was

back up and the game continued.

OCCC had a great shot just minutes before the first half was over, but the shot went too high and bounced off the cross beam.

Lots more laughs were to be had during half time. The temperature had dropped 6 degrees in the first half of play.

Minutes into the second half, UCO scored a goal almost immediately.

Within a minute after that, they scored another quick goal.

OCCC had another close goal not long after UCO's goals but the shot was too high over the top of the goal.

"Come on, guys, don't give up, you've got time, you've got time" Yeboah said encouragingly. In the end, UCO prevailed.

When the game concluded, all the players were in good spirits despite missing out on the playoffs.

OCCC played short handed the next day as they traveled to Fayetteville, Ark., to play the University of Arkansas.

With only 10 players suited up, OCCC lost 5-1 as their season ended.

Getting fit

Engineering sophomore Donna Schruben uses one of several different exercise devices the Wellness Center has to offer. It is free for all students with a valid ID. The Wellness Center will open for the summer from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. May 28 and from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

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Amber McBride



Do you have a great sports story you would like to share over the summer? Contact Matt Bishop at 405-682-1611, ext. 7675, or e-mail SeniorWriter@occc.edu.

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**May 2-4:** The Aquatic Center will host the EAT Early Bird Meet. For more information about this event, call Coordinator of Aquatics and Safety Training Roxanna Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425.

•**May 10:** Signing day for all summer sports camps begins from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All camps are at a 10-percent discount this day only. For more information about summer sports camps for youths and teens, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**June 14:** OCCC will host the 13th annual Oklahoma City Super Sprint Triathlon Saturday, June 14. The triathlon will hold a 500-meter swim, 12-mile bike and a 5K run. Cost is \$40 for individuals, \$30 for juniors and \$75 for relays. Add \$10 after May 16 deadline. No race day registration. For more information or to register, visit www.occc.edu/rf/triathlon or e-mail Triathlon Race Director James Hensley at jhensley@occc.edu.

Sports and recreation look for more officials to officiate sporting events

By **Elizabeth Valles**
News Writing Student

The Recreation and Community Service department is searching for 10 energetic, motivated and responsible students to serve as officials in the OCCC intramural sports, according to the OCCC job website.

The job consists of officiating intramural sports such as basketball, volleyball, tennis, softball and dodgeball or any other activities assigned. The students can choose the sports they want to officiate.

One of the greatest benefits of being an intramural official is "interaction with [other] students...", said Eric Watson, Community Education and Health Specialist.

This job gives students the opportunity to socialize with their peers in a healthy and fun environment.

"I would definitely recommend this job to students, no doubt about it"

—Sam Hamidi
OCCC Student

Besides supervising the games, the officials also must check every student for their student IDs before each game.

The officials' most important job is to provide all students participating in the games with a safe environment while competing, according to the job board website. Training for the positions is provided by OCCC.

The applicants also must be able to work well with the intramural staff and students. They must be current OCCC students and have a valid ID.

OCCC student Sam Hamidi described his experience as an intramural official as a good one.

"[The job is] good, flexible and fun," Hamidi said. "The games are fun, intense and very competitive."

The application process is simple, Watson explained.

"The students [interested in the job] would need to go to the OCCC jobs website (www.occcjobs.com), where [they] would need to create an application and submit it," he said.

Hours for this part-time job vary depending on the intramural schedule. The positions will be open until filled. The pay is \$8 per game.

"I would definitely recommend this job to students, no doubt about it," Hamidi said.

Dean takes time off to finish her doctorate

By **Weston Mize**
News Writing Student

Arts and Humanities Acting Dean Ruth Charnay will spend the summer and fall semester of 2008 working on the final stages of her doctorate in fine arts at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

She will be taking next semester off through the Extended Professional Development Leave program.

Charnay said before coming to OCCC, she had completed a majority of the coursework for her doctorate. Four exams are required as well as a dissertation.

Over the last two years she has taken three of the four exams and, rather than taking another two years to finish, she decided to see it through to completion.

Charnay was optimistic about her plans in spite of the difficulty of writing a dissertation. Charnay de-

scribed it as an academic paper where one presents "an original take" on a subject. "Imagine spending six months to a year writing one lengthy research paper," Charnay said.

Charnay is planning on proposing her dissertation topic the summer. It would be a documented paper concerning the theater management problem of creating a memorial service.

Charnay is experienced in this theatrical field. She worked on the stage adaptation of "The Laramie Project" at OCCC in the fall of 2006. "The Laramie Project" is a dramatic interpretation of news interviews and personal discussions concerning the brutal murder of a young gay man in the town of Laramie, Wyo.

Charnay also researched, wrote and directed a similar performance entitled "The Oklahoma City Project," a documentary

drama giving first-hand accounts of the Oklahoma City Bombing and its impact on the Oklahoman spirit.

Charnay has worked with many religious and cultural organizations in Oklahoma. She is a founding member of the Oklahoma City Repertory theatre, on the board of the Jewish Federation of Oklahoma as well as the artistic director for Yom Hashoah, the day of remembrance for the Holocaust.

"I just want to find a way to help people do this in their own community, allowing people to tell their own story, but not making drama of their story," she said.

A committee comprised of OCCC faculty and staff evaluated and unanimously approved Charnay's application for extended leave, sending it up the ladder to be signed by President Paul Sechrist.

Vice President for Human Resources and Support Services Gary Lombard said of the extended leave



Photo by Amber McBride

Arts and Humanities Acting Dean, Ruth Charnay, will take time of this summer to work on the final stages of her doctorate at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

program: "This is an excellent opportunity for our faculty and staff to continue professional growth. I encourage them to avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity."

Charnay assumed the role of acting dean in February of 2007.

Charnay said she has been very pleased with her term as acting dean. She said she has taken great pride in all of the work involved in constructing the

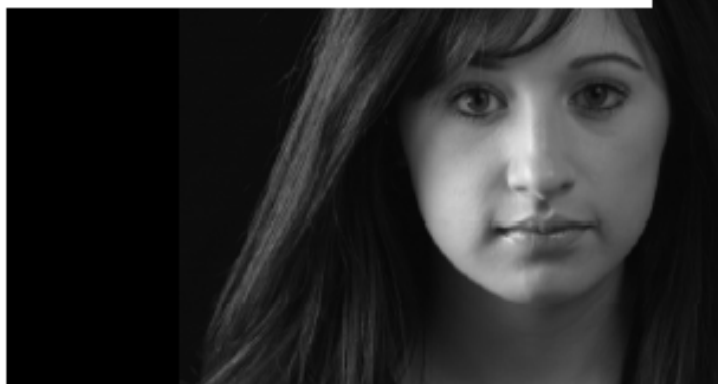
new Visual and Performing Arts Center.

"We have put a lot of time into ensuring it has all of the facilities needed by students and staff," Charnay said.

When Charnay's leave begins, Susan Van Schuyver will resume her post as dean of Arts and Humanities. Upon her return, Charnay will resume her work as department chairwoman for Communications and Arts.

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Library offers good student jobs

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

OCCC librarian Rachel Butler said colleges prefer to employ students because it is convenient for both the school and the students. The OCCC library currently employs four students, Buddy Norman, Galaxia Canada, Megan Williams and Malonna Davis.

Student employees at the OCCC library help students find their way around the library. They also check books in and out, and keep the library organized and clean. Norman, a diversified studies sophomore, has worked for the college library for five months and

said he applied for the job because he is on campus all of the time. He said he thought it would be good work. Norman said he enjoys his job because he likes the library staff and it is convenient. Norman is paid \$7.50 an hour and works about 20 hours a week.

Canada, a physics freshman who has worked at the OCCC library since the summer 2007, said she likes her job as well. Canada chose to work in the library because she wanted to directly help students.

She said she also likes working at the library because it is not a high-stress job and the people are great

to work with.

Librarian Ray Ramanjulu said, "Students that work for the library know the library really well, so in the future, when they need to write a paper, they will be familiar with where things are and be able to help their friends."

Ramanjulu said he often sees employees helping their friends find their way around the library.

"We get satisfaction as librarians that we made a life-long library learner out of the students that work here," Ramanjulu said.

There are no openings for a job right now, but the library hires each semester when a student employee graduates.

Highlights

Foreign language workshop

From 2 to 2:40 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, the World Languages and Cultures Center will host a foreign language workshop called "Let's Speak!" The topic is "Greetings in Japanese." For more information, e-mail wlcc@occc.edu.

Meteorologist Gary England to speak on campus

News 9 meteorologist Gary England will be on campus 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. May 1 to discuss severe weather in Oklahoma. The event is taking place in the College Union and is open to students, faculty and staff. The event is free.

Commencement name cards to be available

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 1, the Graduation Department will have a table set up for graduates to pick up their name cards for commencement. The table will be located in the Main Building across from the main staircase.

HOPE tamale sale

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education will have a tamale sale from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, May 5, in the College Union. All proceeds go to the HOPE scholarship fund. Pre-orders can be taken by e-mailing hopeorg11@yahoo.com

Classical guitar concert

The OCCC classical guitar concert will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, in the theater. It is free. For more information, call Terry Isaacs at 405-682-7558.

Science club seeking help

OCCC's Science Club is looking to bring more speakers from the science world, but needs help from students. Club members hope the project, called Neo-Scientia, brings more attention to the scientific community. For more information, contact club member Quillet Aurelien at spartyan-117@hotmail.com.

Highlight submissions have a 5 p.m. deadline every Tuesday for inclusion in the next issue. Highlight forms can be picked up in the Pioneer office, located in 2M6 of the Main Building.

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Exchange rate



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Theater major Danielle Allen sells some cookies to nursing major Charnele Lewis during a bake sale hosted by the Black Student Association April 21 to raise money for a club scholarship banquet. The BSA meets at 1 p.m. each Friday in room 1G7.

Shh — silent auction coming

By Yvonne Oberly
Staff Writer

The Business Professionals of America will host a silent auction from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 1.

Some items up for bid will be jewelry, Oklahoma State and University of Oklahoma throw blankets, a discount card from Textbook Brokers that will allow students to receive 10 percent off their next book purchase and 5 percent more money during "book buy back," plus many items from Starbucks, said club President Ryan Crow.

The auction will be in the main college foyer area, next to the coffee shop. The club thought it would be a good location, since there is a lot of traffic in that area, Crow said.

Club members are looking forward to the event.

"I think it's come together quite nicely," Crow said.

"We have had a lot of help from all of the officers, members and sponsors."

"We are hoping for a real big success and are very excited," said public relations officer Alex Wilkes.

The auction will involve people placing bids on sheets provided. Bidders have to keep checking to be sure they're still winning. If another bidder tops the bid, they get the item. The cut-off for bidding will be 4 p.m. That's why it is called a silent auction, Wilkes said.

The person with the highest bid will get the item, once payment for the item has been made.

Payments will be due by 5 p.m. May 2.

"It has taken a lot of time getting ready for the auction, since a lot of our members are full-time students with families," said Tino Ceballos vice president/treasurer.

In past silent auctions at OCCC, BPA has raised more than \$900, Ceballos said.

The club uses the money to help with costs when they go to the BPA State

and National Leadership Conference/Competitions, Crow said.

On March 7, the state competition was held in Tulsa, where Crow won first in advanced accounting and Meredith Dake won first in extemporaneous speech. They will compete in the national competition May 7 in Reno, Nev.

Auction proceeds also will help next year's club get off to a nice and easy start, Wilkes said.

"We were very blessed for what the club from last year left for us, so we would like to help next year's club," Wilkes said.

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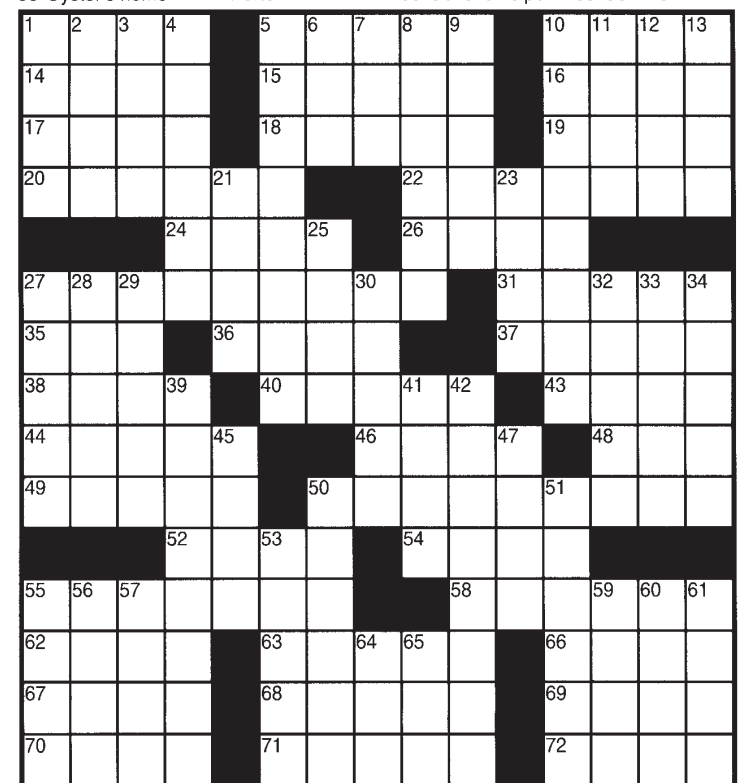
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everyday items. He said this is an easier way to see exactly where a student's money is going.

•As a basis for budgeting, a student should always

record every expenditure. It also is helpful to categorize expenditures and then total each category, Kraettli said. Students can then analyze where the majority of their spending is focused.

•Have a safety net.

Kraettli said it's a good idea to have an emergency fund to serve as a financial cushion.

He also discussed the importance of planning for the future and having a retirement plan.

"What you do today will affect what you are able to do in the future," he said.

During the presentation, Kraettli shared the website

moneycentral.msn.com/retire/planner.aspx.

He said the site offers help planning for retirement.

Student Greg Edwards said he will be able to use the information presented.

"The information on the website is going to be very beneficial ...," he said.

Student Lacey Scott said she left more informed as

well.

"The budgeting tools presented have opened my eyes to the future," she said.

Kraettli said he enjoys helping students learn about budgeting their lifestyles.

"When I see students that are growing in life and lifestyles, I feel generously rewarded for my time."

Literary publication plans May 1 reception at OCCC

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overall preference of the critic.

Refreshments will be served and OCCC's jazz band, led by professor Michael Boyle, will perform.

Copies of the 2008 Absolute can be purchased for \$5 at the reception. They will be available in the college bookstore after May 1.

Submissions for this year's Absolute were accepted over the course of the spring and fall 2007 semesters.

Student Editors Jeffery Miller, Cynthia Praefke, Johnathon Seratt and Robert Smith reviewed the submissions.

After reviewing, scoring

and editing choices for the latest installment of the anthology, the student editors sent the selections to faculty advisers Randolph, Jon Inglett and Marybeth McCauley for review.

"We generally follow the recommendation of the student editors 100 percent," Randolph said.

Students or staff interested in submitting any works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, art and photography for the 2009 Absolute should pick up an application in the Arts and Humanities office or access the Absolute website via the OCCC home-page.

Electronic copies of all submissions should be sent to Randolph via e-mail at crandolph@occc.edu.

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