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Tuning into DNA



Photo by Amber McBride

Liz Lerman of the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange studio explains how dance can be used to help people understand the importance of DNA. Interpretive dancers later performed the dance, "Ferocious Beauty: Genome." OCCC hosted DNA Day to raise awareness of mapping of the human genome and diseases transmitted through DNA. For the full story, turn to page 10.

Students, employers matched through career services office

By Shema Yearby
News Writing Student

OCCC's Career and Employment Services area can help students find jobs that mesh with their academic careers.

The department has many features and an experienced staff to help students with each necessary step, said Porsha Webb, Employment

Services assistant.

One is career services, which helps students conduct a job search and explore a variety of career goals regarding job-related skills and assessment, job search skills, and the student and employer job board, she said.

Career Services also holds student events such as annual job fairs graduations and transfer fairs,

and workshops, Webb said.

"Our job is to help students and employers find a connection to explore job opportunities," she said.

Employment services, also give students and community members an option to attend general job fairs, register online to search for job postings and attend student workshops.

See "Jobs," page 12

Rising gas prices fuel concerns

By Brian Schroeder
Staff Writer

As Americans decide what to sacrifice in their budgets so they can afford to put fuel in their cars, the U.S. government continues to shift its feet on what to do about the gas prices that are averaging \$3.60 per gallon across the country.

In a press conference April 29, President George W. Bush said Congress should open up the Alaskan wildlife refuges for drilling.

"I firmly believe that, you know, if there was a magic wand to wave, I'd be waving it," Bush said.

In the absence of a magic wand, people are forced to adjust to the higher prices in their own ways.

Kathleen Neeley, visual communications major, said, to combat the high prices at the gas pump, she is forced to drive less.

"I can't drive down to Norman to do legitimate projects for school because of the high gas prices," she said.

Neeley said she doesn't fill up every week. Instead, she said, she usually stops at the pump once or twice a week, getting just enough gas to get her to and from school.

Neeley said she doesn't understand why the prices are so high.

Marty Ludlum, economics professor, said fuel prices are going up mainly because of speculation.

He said large oil companies and Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries are pushing up prices to make money in the short term.

"They all have the same general interest in making money," Ludlum said.

"As a result, if all of them push for making money, then we have a rampant price increase like we have seen recently."

In a press conference April 28, OPEC President Chakib Khelil said the price per barrel of oil rises \$4 every time the U.S. dollar slips by 1 percent.

Ludlum said the declining value of the dollar is contributing to the rising gas prices.

"Relative price of gasoline in Europe and elsewhere has stayed about the same," he said.

"But in America, [the price of oil] has gone way up because the oil [price] has gone up and the declining value of the dollar both make oil expensive now."

Both Sens. John McCain and Hillary Clinton have suggested a suspension of federal tax on fuel over the summer months. Sen. Barack Obama said the tax suspension only would shorten the need for oil and save Americans very little in the end.

Ludlum agrees the tax suspension *See "Gas," page 12*

Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Rising gas prices got you down?

As the gasoline prices continue to rise, the calls for gasoline and gasoline station boycotts intensify.

Boycotts? Let's get realistic.

Nobody wants to say it but the single most effective way to fight back against high gas prices is simple: drive less.

I'm not saying don't drive, just drive less, because no amount of boycotting oil companies, in any form, will ever lower prices.

Here's why — oil and gas are global markets and demand is not going down.

The U.S. already is consuming more oil daily than the country can refine daily. Therefore, the remaining demand must be met with imported gasoline.

This means whichever company is being boycotted can just sell their product elsewhere, most likely to the companies that are now supplying their old customers.

If these companies don't sell the gas to us, they will sell it to someone else, and it wouldn't be any cheaper.

As a result, driving less appears to be the best solution.

Find ways to avoid using so much gasoline, such as carpooling or taking care of all your errands at one time.

Try walking, riding a bike or taking the bus. Not only will it cut down gasoline usage, but it also can benefit the environment.

Since driving has become a must in many people's lives, look for greater vehicle efficiency.

Even as prices skyrocket, new lines of gas-gulping SUVs and high-horsepower cars debut in flashy ads showing everything but the expected gas bills for a year of use.

Trade in those vehicles and resist the urge to own big and flashy cars. Purchase something more fuel efficient, or invest in a hybrid — 65 miles to the gallon sounds pretty nice right now.

Keeping vehicles well maintained also is worth mentioning.

Regularly change the oil and air filter, check tire pressure and don't over use the air conditioner.

Performing these small tasks can help get the best fuel economy possible from your vehicle and will help lower the daily demand for gasoline.

Only when the global demand for oil and gasoline goes down will the price of gasoline go down. Boycotting local gas stations will only hurt a local business and won't have any effect on the oil company that supplies it.

—Chris Lusk
Editor

OCCC partners with Integris

To the editor:

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education presented OCCC an Economic Development Grant of \$500 from the Partnership Recognition Program.

Corporate Learning at OCCC has partnered with Integris Health to offer an Associate Degree at Work program, providing Integris employees an opportunity to earn a degree in Business Management

without leaving the Integris campus.

OCCC has a commitment to making higher education accessible and this partnership opens the possibility of college to many adults. OCCC provides everything onsite — enrollment, registration, testing, and class instruction — at the two Integris locations in Oklahoma City. A Corporate Learning consultant is assigned to the partnership and coordinates pro-

gram details.

This business and education partnership between Integris Health and OCCC helps remove barriers to higher education for many adults who thought there was no easy way to go to college.

—Delores Jackson
Corporate Learning
Director

Bake sale a success

To the editor:

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the third Annual Business Bake Sale. With all proceeds being donated to the Connie Nieser Memorial Scholarship Fund, we raised in excess of \$900 this year.

We appreciate all those who made purchases and donations. Thank you also to the OCCC Foundation and OCCC Print Shop for your support in printing the cookbooks. Cookbooks are still available for sale in the

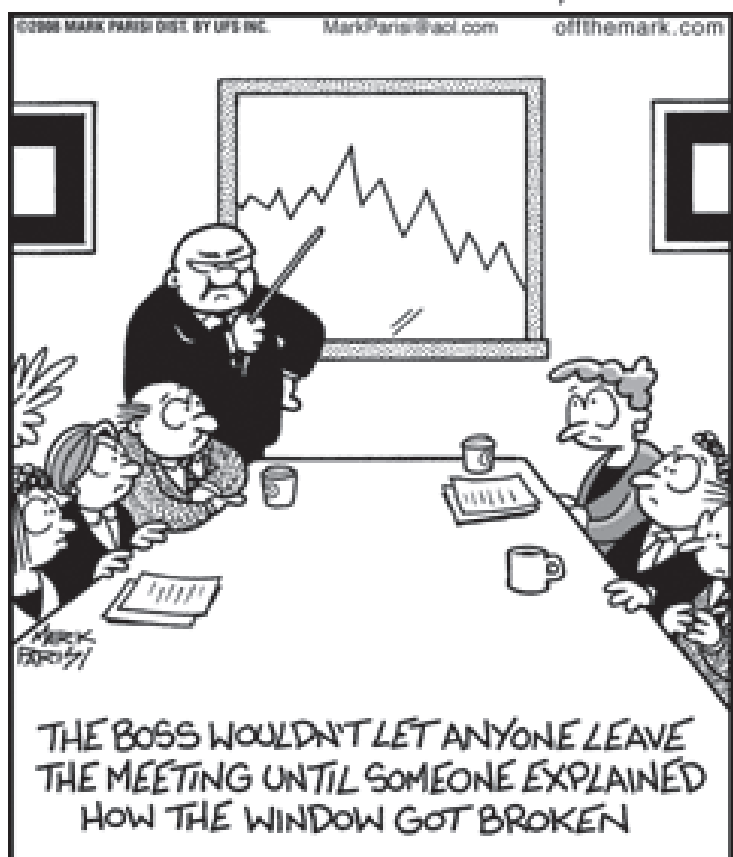
Business Division Office.

So many people helped make this a memorable event. However, I want to express special appreciation to professors Gary Houlette and Greg Holland and the Engineering Club. They donated a total of \$180 from Earth Day T-shirt sales. I am humbled by their generosity and caring.

Oklahoma City Community College is truly a wonderful "community" of which to be a part.

—Myra Decker
OCCC professor

off the mark.com by Mark Parisi



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OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Comments and Reviews

Prof announces retirement

To the editor:

I signed my first contract with South Oklahoma City Junior College in April 1972. I had no idea that the next 36 years would be positively rich with challenges, experiences, joys and accomplishments.

Now, as I announce my intention to retire from full-time faculty employment, I have determined that in those years my most im-

portant discovery was the meaning of service. I have proudly fulfilled my responsibilities to the State of Oklahoma by seeking to develop in every student I have served the desire to be a lifelong learner and an independent, critical thinker.

Although I have often stated in jest that I would not retire until I did my job perfectly one time, I look back and can see that I have served the vision,

mission and goals of our College as best I could and with very few misgivings.

It is impossible to name all who supported my journey: My wife Carolyn has been my most ardent fan; Karl, Michelle, Kenny and Kevin understood their father's desire to teach. But, the students have always been my source of energy. Serving them has been my joy and inspiration.

I treasure the rewards of my efforts: recollections of students whom I have encouraged and memories of relationships with colleagues. Now, I have a novel to write and eight grandchildren to inspire.

I invite each of you to my last lecture at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, in 3N0 My topic is "Yearning to Learn: The Humanities in my Lifelong Learning Journey."

—Richard Rouillard
English professor

Student in piano competition

To the editor:

I have been playing the piano since I was 6 years old and am currently taking lessons from professor Leon Whitesell.

I am entered into the Van Cliburn Foundation amateur piano competition and I would appreciate it if I could receive the help and support of my fellow OCCC students.

To see my entry, visit

YouTube.com and search for "Lori Colbart plays Liebestraum."

To support me in this competition, go to the Van Cliburn Foundation website, www.cliburn.org. Register in the guestbook and a ballot will be e-mailed to you.

The public vote is from May 1 to 15. Thank you.

—Lori Colbart
OCCC student

'Violence Stops' important campaign

To the editor:

"Until the Violence Stops" was an important awareness week that had a profound impact on me. It gave me information I needed to better educate myself on the social problems of domestic violence and sexual assault.

I feel better equipped to try and educate victims of vio-

lence and encourage them to seek assistance from available organizations.

Psychology/Sociology club president Jennifer Deemer was informed and shared information that should raise awareness so that victims know there is hope.

The performance on April 16 was moving and very well

organized.

The week-long campaign was very enlightening and the passion that Deemer has for this cause has inspired me to do all that I can to personally raise awareness.

Hopefully, others feel the same way.

—Jessica David
OCCC student

McDreamy scores big with laughs, comedy in 'Made of Honor'



McDreamy strikes again. Patrick Dempsey proves he is as accomplished an actor in the comedy genre as he is in the drama of "Grey's Anatomy."

In "Made of Honor" Dempsey plays Tom, a rich womanizer with many rules for life, and a habit of being brutally honest with everyone but himself.

Tom's best friend is a girl named Hanna (Michelle Monaghan). They are perfect for one another, but neither

knows it until it appears to be too late to matter.

Hanna goes to Scotland on business and Tom begins to realize how much she means to him. Of course, she comes back to New York with a Scottish fiancé in tow, and asks Tom to be her maid of honor.

He only has a few days to come up with a plan to stop the wedding, or lose his true love.

This movie is a chick-flick in every sense of the word. The

stereotypical male bonding, the women falling all over Dempsey's good looks, the hunk riding up on the horse to save the damsel — twice — all serve to honor the premise of the movie.

The plot is typical but the comedy is the saving grace and makes this a better movie than "27 Dresses" and "My Best Friend's Wedding." The audience roared at the antics of the "guy with too short pants" at the gym.

Lines like "I feel the test-

osterone draining from my body" as Tom and his buddies prepare baskets for the bridal shower brought hearty laughter from the viewers.

The scenic views of the Scottish landscape are breathtaking and brawny men in kilts are always a delight to the eye. There is plenty of both in this film.

This is a good date movie, or fun for a girls night out.

Rating: B

—Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer



Congratulations, graduates

The end of the spring semester includes one of the most significant ceremonies we hold at OCCC — our annual graduation ceremony referred to as commencement.

It is called commencement to reinforce the notion that the completion of a degree is not the end, but the beginning of what is next in life.

What lies ahead for graduates is truly amazing.

Your life-time earnings will be 60 percent higher than those who only have a high school diploma or less. You are more likely to hold jobs that include health care and retirement benefits. You are more likely to vote, volunteer and give back to your community. You will be healthier and enjoy a longer life.

In the end, earning a college degree is one of the most, if not the most, positive steps you can take to ensure that you and your family will have a better life.

To the students who will graduate, I want you to know how much I admire and respect you. I know that for many students, the road to graduation has not been easy.

To those who returned to seek a college degree after having already raised a family, to those who overcame enormous financial pressures, to those who in your journey of life have already experienced hardships, to those who had to learn a new language, to those who have had your studies interrupted by war, for those who were told that you weren't college material — I want you to know that your success is what inspires me and gives me hope.

Congratulations to the 2007-2008 graduates.

My best wishes for continued success.

—Paul Sechrist
OCCC President

More than 380 to graduate this spring

Below is the list for spring and summer 2008 graduates. If you feel you should be in the list but don't see your name, contact Graduation Services at 405-682-7512.

Associate in Arts

Tiniesha Allen, Yareni Alvarado, Emily Armstrong, Jenny Atteberry, Morgan Bateman, Aaron Bennett, Jeffrey Berry, Jessica Bottoms, Daryl Bottoms, Brett Boyles.

April Brook, Candace Brown, Jessie Brown, Beau Bruhwiler, Jodi Butler, Marie Card, Jessica Carnes, Kayrene Chavez, Dusty Choate, Jessi Clancy, Amanda Cochran.

Dalinda Cox, Heather Creekmore, Susan Culbert, Brian Cunningham, Jessica David, Kenneth Day, Marie Dee, Jennifer Deemer, Antonio DeLara Jr., Marva Dinwiddie.

Charlotte Donahue, Odon Esquivel Jr., Nubia Fiesel-Gallegos, Marcella Flores, John Foor, Matthew Fowler, Jessica Freeman, Christopher Gibson, Tina Glatzer, Jack Gouge.

Allecia Graff, Heather Graff, Eric Graham, Christopher Grant, Autumn Green, Makenna Green, Chauncey Hale, Christine Hanna, Elizabeth Haynes, Tracye Hickey, Sara Hill.

Heather Hogan, Brook Howard, Amy Hoyle, Monica Inderlied, Kathryn Jackson, Austin Johnson, Ma-nal Kari, Christopher Keith, Belinda Kiser, Diana Lavarn, Kristen Lee.

Royce Liston, Adrienne Loucks, Andrew Lozano, Ty Ludvicek, Natalie MacNak, Susan Maly, Brandi Maples, Amanda Mertes, Tracey Mosley-Jones, Hunter Musser, Nicholas Nelson.

Brittanie Paden, Amanda Parham, Lindsay Payne, Eric Price, Julia Raleigh, Starling Rhymes, Cory Roesel, Micah Rowe, Nora Saffo, Edward Safley, Brent Sexton, Natalie Sharp.

Elizabeth Shultz, Joshua

Shultz, Brian Stansberry, Le'Teecia Starks, Tiffany Stratton, Jennifer Stringham, Nalena Taylor, Brandy Tibbs, Ashley Tiedke, Lawrence Tran.

Demetra Triggs, LaToya Tubbs, Nicole Utz, Victoria Varughese, Signolia Vaughn, Jaiden Williams, Lindsay Williams, Dorcia Williams, Alicia Womack, Nicole Woodley, Gina Yearout, Gregory Yoder.

Associate in Applied Science

Elizabeth Acevedo, Cynthia Adams, Kemberly Adkison, Narges Afzoud, Whitney Ashford, Andrew Azelton, Stephanie Baird, Kyle Baker, Joseph Ball, Francine Ball.

Debra Barnett, Timothy Baxter, Shyla Beason, Hailley Bell, Courtney Beverage, Michelle Blaine, Patricia Block, Brad Blood, Angela Bolhuis, Cynthia Bothwell, Teresa Boyd.

Christina Brantley, Lori Brasel, Alisa Bray, Joseph Breedlove, Toni Bridges, Shelly Britten, Heath Brooks, Jennifer Brown, Jennifer Bryan, Meredith Bullard, Caroline Bunei.

Robin Burnett, Erica Cardiel, Leah Carter, Angelia Casteel, Michelle Childress, Shanita Cogshel, Laurie Coleman, Kelly Conley, Dobry Cunningham, Andrew Cypert.

Vanessa Darden, Jeanne Davilla, Cindy Davis, Wanda Day, Merette Dean, Michael Delaney, Mia Diaz, Cyndi Dorrell, Gregory Dudley, Michelle Durant, Linze Dyer, David Eccles.

Anna Edwards, Kayode Efunuga, Christopher Elsten, Deborah Faubion, Michal Ferak, Kassandra Fey-Ford, Donita Fisher, David Fleming, Cassandra Foley, Laura Fordyce.

Amber Freeman, Teresa Friday, Beth Gardner, Michael Gibson, Donna Goff, Lisa Goldsberry, Alan Gray, Barbara Grider, Koby Griesom, Shauna Hall, Frank Harrington, Ryan Harris.

Jessica Harrison, Coby Harvey, Kimberly Haskin, Cortni Hawkins, Johnnalee Haynes, Janis Heer, Jordana Heldreth, Sabrina Hill, Pamela Hillian, Andrea Hird, Nathan House.

Reign Howe, Glenna Huddleston, Kinsie Hughes, Lori Husmann, Susan Hyatt-Ortiz, Champella Isaac, Everett Johnson, April Johnson, Austin Johnson, Batiste Jones.

Mindy Jones, Connie Jones, Jason Keeble, Christopher Keisman, Daniel Kemp, Jackie Keyser, Michelle King, Jan Kinslow, Shawn Lammerts, Emily Langley, Tonya Lee.

Bryan Lewis, Patilane Liston, Cristela Lopez, Joyce Macharia, Bobbie Madison, Mark Magnus, Christy Marsley, Brenda Maston, Precious Matthews, Donna Mayes.

Charissa McCoy, Michelle McCully, Mark McKenna, Bobbie McKenzie, Ethel Mezi, Pamela Migliaccio, Antoinette Miles, Millicent Miller, Rebecca Miller, Michael Minton.

Lindsay Minyen, Lesley Monroe, Dana Moore, Ericca Morrison, Anthony Morrow, Jennifer Mueller, John Muzingo, Jessie Myers, Natsuko Nakama, Leslie Norrid, Pam Novak.

Lori Orr, Brandie Palmer, Kimberly Parrish, Ryann Paxson, Libia Pevey, Roy Post, Tammy Powell, Michael Powers, Stephanie Pratt, Elizabeth Rios, Chad Roberts, Krista Robertson.

Crystal Robertson, Juan Rosales, Melanie Rumsey, Michelle Schornick, Joy Schulz, Adam Shed, Jennifer Shockley, Brandon Slover, Christopher Smith, Kimi Smith.

Courtney Smith, Sheila Smith, Johnathan Soto, Lindsay St. John, Arica Stamper, Regina Stephens, Scott Stephens, Brandy Stroder, Trisha Sutterfield, Kate Taylor, Cristy Teply.

Eddie Terrell, Carey Terrell, Lana Teves, Aaron Thacker, Dustin Thomas, Kennethia Townsend,

Jerald Turnpaugh, Coleen Vache, Amanda Vance, Kuruvila Varghese.

Jennifer Vigil, Tiffany Wallace, Wendy Wilbur, Sasha Willis, Mary Wilson, Jarred Wion, Kristin Woodruff, Amanda Yarbrough, Shannon Young, Allison Zimmer.

Associate in Science

Christian Ackley, Juba Allen, Christina Arrow-smith, Tosha Barber, Cesar Barillas, John Bellymule, Lynette Berry, Rebecka Binion, Cheree Black, Andrew Blochowiak.

Kelly Bradshaw, Amanda Carrel, Helene Carson, Vaneza Ceballos, Samantha Coplen, Christopher Crider, Dana Cummings, Corey Darnell, William Darrow, Taffi Davenport.

Ashley Dempsey-Valle, Nayeli DeSantiago, Gwen Doshier, Cari Douglas, Kendra Dunnum, Tiffany Fleming, Meredith Franklin, Kwadwo Frimpong-Badu, Corina Garcia.

Christopher Gibson, Iliana Gonzalez, Karen Gonzalez, Rebekah Green, Oumar Haidara, Connie Hamilton, Kaydee Haney, Kensi Hargraves, Austin Harry, Shamorya Hayden.

Sheldon Herbert, Ana Hernandez, Jennifer Hess, Ashley Ann Hovda, Oba Hughes, Candace Hunter,

Yasushi Ichiki, Monsuru Iyanda, Darcie James, David Kamau.

Kyle Kauffman, Crystal Knox, Abhishek Kundalia, Tyler Lai, Amber Lampert, Jeff Liles, Jason Lilly, Natalie Lim, Betty Limas, Estrella Lopez, Christian Lowden, Lindsey McCracken.

Laura McGuire, Bethleem Mendros, DeAnn Messina, Derek Minor, Rosemary Montoya, Denise Morgan, Pantea Motian, Arnaud Mugisha, Sean Murray, Dongha Nguyen.

Ryan Ogle, Yvonne Orozco de Trigo, Charles Palmer, Tangie Partridge, Leah Payne, Han Phan, Shawn Phillips, Sandra Rangel, Misty Riley, Charissa Rojas, Yousef Salous.

Miranda Schallert, Nikki Schausten, Nirmal Shrestha, Renea Smith, Christopher Stewart, Sharon Swyear, Virgil Teter, Amanda Walker, Shannon Washington, David Watts, Aaron Westbrook.

Christina Young, Saousen Ziouani.

Certificate of Mastery

Elizabeth Acevedo, Lynnette Green, Tamara Harris, Rose Hawkins, Erica Hines, Melissa Munoz, John Muzingo, Juan Rosales, Joy Schulz, Kimi Smith, Johnathan Soto, Jennifer Vigil

"Graduates, you are to be commended for your achievement. A college degree is something you will have forever and will return benefits to you for the rest of your life."
—Paul Sechrist
OCCC President



Congratulations from the Pioneer to all grads!

Don't space out over parking worries

By Cynthia Praefke
Staff Writer

For those attending the commencement ceremonies at the Cox Center, parking will be plentiful.

The convention center has an underground parking garage with 900 spaces. The entrances are on the east side of the building on E.K. Gaylord Avenue, and on the west side on Robinson Avenue. The cost for parking in the Cox Center is \$6.

The Century Center, 100 W. Main St., also is available for special event parking.

It is located between Broadway and Robinson, and charges \$2 per hour.

Event parking is open during the event and for 90 minutes afterwards.

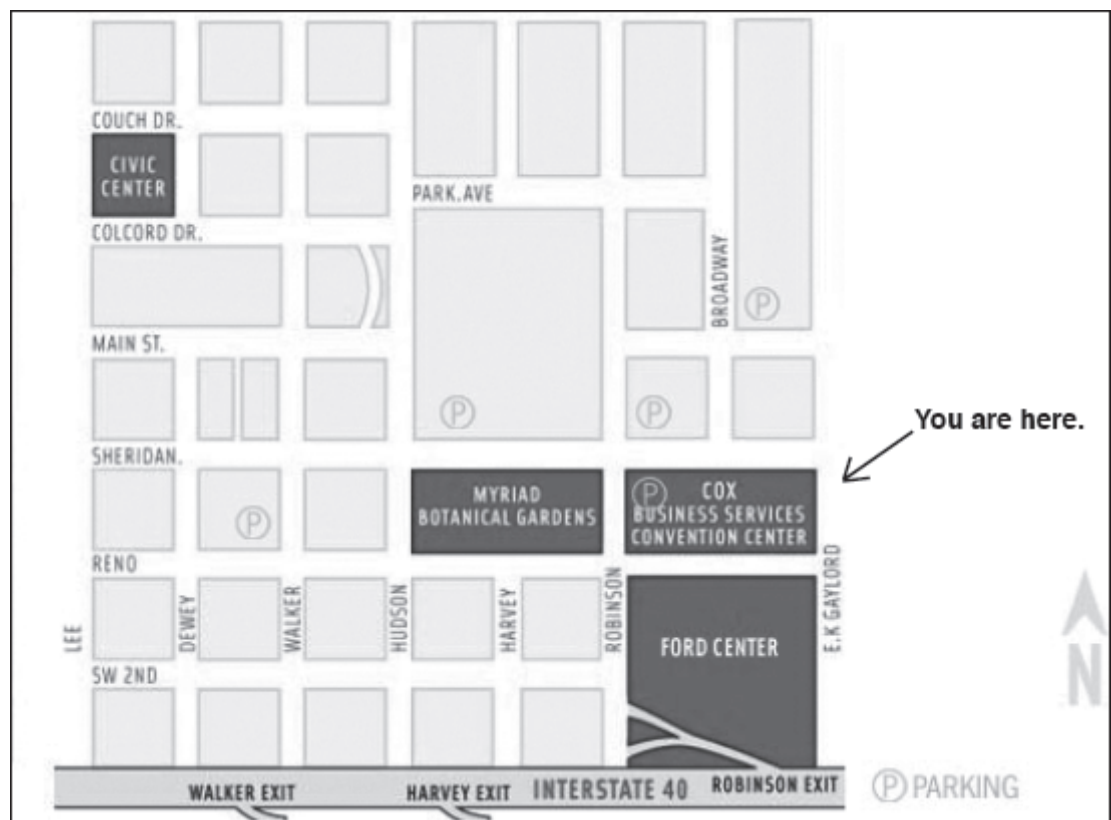
If students and families plan to have dinner before or after the ceremony there also is parking in Bricktown, if they don't mind a walk to the Cox Center.

The Oklahoma Spirit Trolleys stop at the Cox Center every 10 to 15 minutes, including evenings and weekends, and costs 25 cents for a ride. Call 405-235-7433 for route information.

Parking prices

Cox Center \$6

Century Center \$2/hour



State regents chairman to speak at grad ceremony

By Ryan Donahoo
News Writing Student

Bill W. Burgess Jr., chairman of the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education, will give the keynote address for the 2008 commencement on May 9.

Burgess was appointed to the regents in 1993, and re-appointed in 2002 for another nine-year term. He is one of the youngest regents to be appointed in the state's history.

Burgess is chairman emeritus of the board of Tchrizon, LCC (Computer Software Systems Analysis & Custom Design); chairman of the board of Vortex Inc. (an investment corporation) and is the senior partner of Burgess & Hightower Law Firm.

Student Joyce Neilson will attend commencement to accept her diploma in Computer Science Network Support.

She said she is proud to be recognized as an honors student through Phi Theta Kappa and is graduating with a 3.7 grade point average. Neilson's family will attend the ceremony. "I assure you they will be the loudest ones there," Neilson said.

Tiffany Fleming, diversified studies major, will attend commencement with "much excitement." Fleming also works for the college as a student instructor and an accommodations clerk in Student Support Services.

She said she's looking forward to progressing toward her future.

"The true feeling of accomplishment and knowing I have completed something great is the best feeling," Fleming said. "But I am also looking forward to all the doors that will open for me academically."

After graduating Fleming said she will start a career with the U.S. Postal Service with plans to complete her bachelor's degree at the University of Science and Arts Oklahoma in Chickasha.

Commencement begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Cox Convention Center.



Bill W. Burgess Jr.

**Check the Pioneer Online
for online exclusives and
breaking news over the
summer break!
Topics that will be covered
include:**

- The college receiving a \$1.72 million grant
- OCCC's aviation program
- Day of Peace and Justice
- New computers for the Information Technology lab
- Pilot Math Program
- A Multimedia Emphasis class
- A nursing professor who battled back from a paralyzed hand
- OCCC's Greater Grads program
- The college's new fiber optic class
- And more!

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Math professor to retire, return to roots

By Lee Johnston
News Writing Student

One of OCCC's long-time professors will part ways with the college after this semester.

David Palkovich, mathematics professor, is ending his 18-year career at OCCC in May.

Palkovich is known throughout the college as a professor who goes above and beyond.

When asked what he will miss most he said, "I will miss the individuals and people mostly."

Helena Romanow, psychology student, said she would recommend him to anyone.

"He has amazing repetition, great office hours, and explains everything very well," she said.

Along with teaching statistics, college algebra and

intermediate algebra, Palkovich tutors students in the career transitions program.

He said the program is designed to assist single parents in getting employment that will contribute to their self-sufficiency.

Palkovich assists with vocational and technical training to help students find entry-level jobs.

Recently, Palkovich helped automotive students Krystal Gordon and Travis Jackson find jobs in the automotive industry.

Trisha Burnes, former pharmacist student, said she was recently hired by Walgreens with Palkovich's help.

Palkovich creates and pieces together his own handouts, tests and assignments. The papers he makes are much more specific to the topics he

teaches, he said.

Robert Mason, nursing student, said he appreciates the thought Palkovich puts into his teaching.

"He is so thorough and planned out, making him much easier to follow."

In addition to teaching and tutoring, Palkovich is a sponsor for the Future Teachers Club, a club for pre-education majors. He helps plan activities, fundraisers and events.

Palkovich earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Illinois Institute of Technology, a master's in labor industry relations from Michigan State University, and a master's in mathematics from the University of Oklahoma.

Arriving at OCCC by chance, Palkovich said, he's "taught almost every math class over the years."

After leaving this semester, Palkovich will return to his home state of Indiana to be with his mother. He



Photo by Amber McBride

David Palkovich, mathematics professor, is ending his 18-year career at OCCC when he retires in May. Palkovich is known throughout the college as a professor who goes above and beyond.

ter, Palkovich will return to his home state of Indiana to be with his mother. He said he will still teach part time in connection with Purdue University.

Yoder to say goodbye after three decades

By Jimmie Hendrix
News Writing Student

Cecelia Yoder, Social Sciences acting dean, will retire July 9 after 31 years at OCCC.

Yoder began her career as an adjunct professor for her first year, then was full-time from that point on.

She taught as a psychology professor for 27 years, was department chair for psychology and sociology for seven years, and was coordinator for the Women's Career Development Program from 1986 to 1999.

History professor Ron Gray spent many of those years alongside her.

"I have known and worked with her around 30 years," Gray said. "Our cubicles were so close we could hear most of each other's conversations in the early years."

"Seems like we went off to war together, been in the trenches together. She is a great professional, very proper, great sense of humor, and she is a great

friend," he said.

Yoder will be missed by students who had her as well.

"Last semester she helped me with a project in my video productions class," said Laura Pittman, journalism major.

"It was about her creating jewelry out of her home, and she was very helpful and sweet."

After retirement, Yoder said she plans to spend more time with her husband Thomas, two stepdaughters and her four grandchildren.

Yoder said she also plans to continue her long-time hobby of designing and making jewelry, gardening, and training her dog Remy to be a therapy dog.

She said she also hopes to be able to travel some.

When asked what she will miss the most about OCCC, Yoder said, "I will miss the people I have worked with, those I have worked with in the past and the ones I have worked with in recent years."

"Seems like we went off to war together, been in the trenches together. She is a great professional, very proper, great sense of humor, and she is a great friend."

—Ron Gray
History professor



File photo

Cecelia Yoder, Social Sciences acting dean, will retire July 9 after 31 years at OCCC. She was a psychology professor for 27 years, psychology and sociology department chairwoman for seven years, and was coordinator for the Women's Career Development Program from 1986 to 1999.



Professor Anglin to enter 'life after higher-ed'

By Chris Lusk
Editor

After 30 years of service, psychology professor Richard Anglin will walk away from OCCC.

But don't tell Anglin he's retiring.

"I hate the 'R-word,'" Anglin said. "I prefer to say I'm entering 'Life After Higher-Ed.'"

Anglin first came to the college in 1978 as the Director of Admissions and Registrar. Since then he has held many positions ranging from professor to dean of Social Sciences.

Originally, his plan was to stay at the college for two or three years before moving on, he said.

"I'm a person who needs change and a challenge," Anglin said.

"Fortunately, OCCC has allowed me to change things up when I have felt like moving on."

Throughout the years, Anglin has made much impact on the college.

One change he brought about was transferring the admission records from hard copies to computer files.

"When I first got here, 99-percent of all records were in paper form," he said. "We worked closely with the Computer Center to get the process started."

"We were ahead of the game as far as electronic storage of files."

In recognition of his efforts, the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers invited Anglin to go to San Francisco to speak at a conference.

"We were one of the first colleges to store everything digitally," he said. "I was only invited because I was a member of the AACRAO. It was a team effort with the Computer Center. They did the work."

Anglin said, when all the files were finally transferred to the computers, the admissions staff had a party.



Photo by Amber McBride

Professor Richard Anglin is set to retire this spring after 30 years of service to OCCC.

"We went down to the river [and] had a bonfire ..." he said.

Across campus, people had nothing but positive things to say about Anglin and his effect on the college.

Sophomore Erica Burns said Anglin's psychology class was one of the most rewarding classes she has taken.

"He really cares about his students," Burns said. "Not that other teachers don't care, but he is so passionate about teaching that it rubs off on his students."

Mass Media Communications professor Gwin Faulconer-Lippert said she is fond of the 20 years she has spent working with Anglin.

"I hold Richard in such high regard," Faulconer-Lippert said. "He has such a heart for students. When advising students, I would feel so empowered to put them in his classes because I knew he would help them grow not only as students,

but also as people.

"I'm sad he's retiring."

In all actuality, saying Anglin is retiring is a misleading statement.

After completing the spring semester, Anglin will work part time as a life coach.

"Life coaching is a profession which helps people have the life they want," he said. "It's to help people have a happy life."

Anglin decided to make the move toward life coaching once he began pondering his future after leaving the college.

"I'm a person who likes to stay busy," he said. "There's no way I could sit at home and do nothing."

As he was thinking of new endeavors to undertake, a friend of his started a new job as an over-the-phone life coach.

Anglin said his friend was helping people deal with the stresses of work, and the idea of helping people appealed to him.

"I researched the field

and attended workshops," Anglin said. "After learning much about life coaching, I knew I could get great satisfaction from it."

The concept of a life coach appears to be a perfect fit for Anglin, as his background is based in both business and psychology.

Upon entering college at the University of Oklahoma, Anglin set out to take business for pre-law on his way to becoming an attorney.

He completed his bachelor's degree in 1966, but a traumatic event caused Anglin to rethink his future.

"I got into a terrible car accident," he said, "a head-on collision which wasn't my fault. The doctors said I shattered my femur into 23 pieces."

As a result of the accident, Anglin was forced to spend more than 11 months in bed with a full body cast, he said.

"I couldn't sit up," he

said. "The cast went from my chest to my ankles. I just laid in bed and had a lot of time to reflect on life."

Anglin said his time recovering forced him to slow down and reevaluate his life.

"I was always a hyperactive person," he said. "The accident made me take the time to stop and reflect on what was important and what would give me satisfaction in life."

Anglin came to the realization law was not the career field he was passionate about. Rather, his passion was found in a different subject.

"During my undergrad work I took a few psychology classes because I thought they would help make me a better attorney," he said.

Anglin said he never had considered teaching and counseling before, but after spending a year reflecting, he realized he should turn his interest in psychology to a career.

Following his recovery, Anglin earned his master's degree in educational psychology in 1972 from OU. He then went on to complete his doctorate in counseling psychology at OU in 1976.

As Anglin prepares to box up his office, he said he is faced with a wave of mixed emotions about the last 30 years of his career.

"[OCCC has] been home for years," he said. "I'm going to miss coming here every day, the students, the faculty and the staff."

"I'll miss the daily interaction with such a positive force."

Anglin said, while he has many reasons to feel saddened by his OCCC tenure coming to a close, he is excited for the next chapter in his life.

"I feel great anticipation for 'Life After Higher-Ed,'" he said. "Many great things await."

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Sports

UPCOMING

OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

•**May 10:** Signing day for all summer sports camps, 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 2-6:** OCCC will hold its Baseball sports camps at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 6 to 11 will be from 8 a.m. to noon, and the teen camp for ages 12 to 14 will be from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**June 2-6:** OCCC will hold its non-contact football sports camps at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 9 to 11 will be from 8 a.m. to noon, and the teen camp for ages 12 to 14 will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**June 9-13:** OCCC will hold its soccer sports camps at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 6 to 11 will be from 8 a.m. to noon, and the teen camp for ages 12 to 14 will be from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$65. For more information, call Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

•**June 9-13:** OCCC will hold its Boy's Basketball sports camps at the Wellness Center gym. The youth camp for ages 9 to 11 will be from 8 a.m. to noon, and the teen camp for ages 12 to 14 will be from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$65. For more information, 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

Pumpin' Iron



Photo by Amber McBride

Radiography major Tu Nguyen finishes a set of curls at the Wellness Center Weight and Cardio room. The Weight and Cardio room will be open this summer 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday. The Weight and Cardio room is free to all students with a valid ID.

New look for soccer this fall

By Matt Bishop
Staff Writer

Adding a little style and creating more chatter about the Club Soccer team is what the Recreation and Community Service department plans on doing this summer.

It will all start with the Club Soccer team getting new uniforms and a homepage on the college website.

Recreation and Sports Specialist Eric Watson said its time for the soccer club to be better known around campus.

"Club soccer has been around for a while," Watson said. "We want to keep them going as long as possible."

The soccer home page will provide easy accessibility to anyone interested in the team.

Users of the webpage can upload team rosters, photos, schedules, standings and other information Watson said.

Information about sign-ups or

tryouts will be posted on the website too.

Watson said he believes this will bring more players into the club because the students will be better aware of when the sign-ups and tryouts will be happening.

Practices days and times also will be posted when the team is set for the fall season.

Club Soccer coach K. B. Yeboah agrees with Watson on how helpful the website will be.

"It will let players know if there are any last-minute changes such as time or venue."

Yeboah said posting the news on the website would be easier than calling each of the players individually.

Yeboah and the soccer team ran into several incidents this past season where the time or venue changed. It caused confusion and left the team shorthanded for those games.

Club Soccer also will sport new

blue uniforms for the fall semester.

The previous uniforms were white. Having the new blue uniforms will keep uniform conflicts from happening.

"We have ran into incidents before where we played a team with the same uniform we had," Yeboah said.

"So we had to put on target jerseys to play. If something like that happens again, we will have the old ones for backup."

Watson said he plans to make the RCS website more accessible for not only Club Soccer, but also for other intramural activities.

Watson said he will work with OCCC Web Administrator Kathy Nix on the website this summer.

He said they are planning to have the new look to the RCS homepage finished before the upcoming fall semester.

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English Composition I sections added for multicultural, international students

By Lauren Waitman
News Writing Student

Multicultural and international students in the fall semester will have five special sections of English Composition I to choose from, said Cheryl Stanford, Language Arts Chairwoman.

Stanford said there currently is an English Composition I class offered to multicultural and international students.

However, only one section has been offered each semester.

The increase in number of sections for the class is made possible by the "Advancing the Success of Students at Oklahoma City Community College" grant program, Stanford said.

The grant program received funding sponsored by the office of Associate Vice President Brenda Harrison.

The grant is designed to train more faculty in the English Composition area, so more than one section of the special class can be offered each semester, Stanford said.

"The Arts and Humanities Division is very excited about the training this grant is offering our instructors."

—Cheryl Stanford
Language Arts Chairwoman

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Training for the faculty will be offered in nine sessions over the next six months. Training will consist of workshops and presentations that will train

the instructors how to work more effectively with multicultural and international students, Stanford said.

The goal of the class is to help students whose first language is not English become more successful in English classes. The students in this class will meet

the same standards as other English Composition I students, Stanford said.

Training also will be provided for language arts faculty who wish to participate in the training sessions. The grant sessions will continue through the summer and fall.

The initiative is called "A Pathway to Success: Successful Teaching, Successful Learning", Stanford said.

For more informational about Language Arts, contact Stanford at 405-682-1611, ext. 7142.

World Languages and cultures center offers international satellite television for students

By Jordan S. Neal
News Writing Student

Mexican entertainment programs and Italian soccer games are just a few examples of the satellite programming now available in the World Languages and Cultures Center.

The WLCC now has 12 international satellite channels, said Chiaki Troutman, WLCC lab assistant.

"The lab was able to use money out of the annual budget to purchase the programs," she said.

The program, called WinTV, will allow students and faculty to watch international channels from around the world in the center.

Some of the channels have English subtitles, but most do not.

This is one of the many opportunities the WLCC is extending to students studying foreign languages and to international students.

Jo'Landa Harris, OCCC student said, "The international television programs will really help foreign lan-

guage students learn the language in a unique setting, and hopefully bring international students a little closer to home."

WinTV offers channels in eight languages, including Arabic, Italian and Spanish. All of the programming shown is educational; however, they are not all news programs.

According to the handout provided by the WLCC, RAI International is an Italian channel that offers cultural information and programs in Italian.

In addition to cultural and news channels, there also is ESPN in Spanish, featuring sporting events from around the world.

One of the most recognizable channels available is Al Jazeera.

The Middle Eastern channel runs 24-hour news in Arabic, covering the Middle East and the world.

All OCCC students and faculty have access to the satellite television programs in the WLCC.

A valid student or faculty ID is required to view the channels. Headphones are

required as well, but, Troutman said, the WLCC has plenty for each computer equipped with the

program.

The WLCC is open to all students and faculty 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays

through Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fridays.

OCCC's first art gallery to be located in new building

By Lana Steverson
News Writing Student

An art gallery will be included in the new Visual and Performing Arts Center that is scheduled to open this fall, said Dianne Broyles, Communications and Arts department director.

Broyles said this is very exciting for the department because the college currently does not have a gallery.

The college has quite a large art program, but no place to display the work that is being done, she said.

Art professor Mary Ann Moore said, currently, any art that the professors or students want displayed has to be shown in the middle of the Main Build-

ing or in the foyer of the Theater.

Art students are very proud of the work they have done and love to show it off, Moore said.

Because of that, it is important to them to have it displayed because it generally expresses what they feel.

Art student Julie Colston said she wishes the gallery were available now.

"This is my last semester here so I won't get my art displayed formally," Colston said.

Moore said the lack of a gallery makes teachers and students look forward to the future.

In the new gallery Moore said, the department will have the capacity to display all kinds of art. Moore said there will be displays from

faculty, adjunct professors and art from all over Oklahoma.

Professors also are hoping to have some art displayed from other countries, Moore said.

The gallery also will give the art students a venue for their graduation portfolios, Moore said.

Broyles said the building is expected to be open and ready for use by August.

Moore said she and her colleagues are excited to finally get the art gallery. "It's something we have always wanted," Moore said.

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Highlights

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

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

CDCLS Reservation Room

OCCC's Child Development Center and Lab School has spots available for the Reservation Room. The Reservation Room provides child care from 5:15 to 8:15 p.m., with evenings available depending on children's needs. Cost for the summer semester is \$10 per evening per child, plus a \$15 activity fee for each child. For more information, call the CDCLS at 405-682-7561.

Pathways Middle College accepting applications

Pathways Middle College high school is accepting applications for eighth through 10th grade students for the 2008-09 year. Applications can be submitted until May 30. For more information, contact Principal Carol Brogan at 405-682-7762.

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.



Photo by Amber McBride

Business major Ryan Crow gives a little blood to phlebotomist April Troutt April 23. OCCC hosts regular blood drives throughout the school year, and students can find out what blood type they have while donating.

Donors give some red

By Chynna Collins
News Writing Student

Fifty-three donors gave their time, and blood, to the Oklahoma Blood Institute April 23 and 24. The blood drive marks the last of the

semester.

"[That] is what I expected," said OBI Coordinator Jennifer Beattie said. "OCCC is consistent and comparable to [the University of Oklahoma]."

She said OCCC's percentage rate is better than OU and that OCCC is one of the few colleges that hold blood drives every 56 days, which is the most a college can host.

Beattie said she would like to set a goal for the September blood drive.

"I believe OCCC could get 100 donors," she said.

She suggested getting organizations and clubs involved to promote the effort.

OCCC student Robbie Inman said he started giving blood in high school to get out of class. Now his reasons are different.

"I work in the [emergency room] and I know blood gets used a lot," Inman said.

Adam Wooten, five-time donor and OCCC student, said he first donated after 9/11.

He said there isn't much to donating.

"It wasn't that bad," Wooten said. "Now every

"It will definitely be used through May and especially Memorial Day Weekend, which is a high need time for blood."

—Jennifer Beattie
Oklahoma Blood Institute Coordinator

time one comes around, I do it."

He said his favorite thing about donating is "saving lives and getting free food."

OBI relies solely on volunteer blood donors.

Beattie said the blood that was donated during OCCC's blood drive will immediately be used for surgery, burn, trauma and cancer patients at various Oklahoma hospitals.

She said the blood comes at a good time.

"It will definitely be used through May and especially Memorial Day weekend, which is a high need time for blood," Beattie said.

The next campus blood drive will be June 25. For more information, visit www.obl.org.

Professor shares tactics at Harvard

By Cathy Murray
News Writing Student

On a recent visit to Harvard University, professor Julie Corff had the chance to share some of her teaching tactics with a fellow speech professor. Corff has her students write a critique after viewing a video recording of their speeches.

Corff had the opportunity to experience Harvard professor Marjorie North assign Corff's idea of a one- to two-page critique to her students after they watched their recorded speeches.

"There is no bigger compliment than seeing a Harvard professor implement my ideas and what I do," Corff said. North said she wants to add it to her curriculum.

Corff was invited to visit Harvard by North, after Corff began contacting her when she did research on how to improve her students' learning of public speaking at OCCC.

"We have been e-mailing each other back and forth as well as talking on the phone

about advanced public speaking for the last two years," Corff said.

She said that North is the one who gave her the idea of videotaping student speeches and then uploading them onto WebCT so students could see their performance and learn how to become better public speakers.

Corff gave a speech to North's advanced public speaking class about herself and OCCC. Corff also graded their speeches through oral and written evaluation.

While there, North and Corff discussed how they teach their own public speaking classes. North has her students tape their speeches and then watch themselves, like Corff does. Corff gave North the idea of having students write a critique sheet on their own performances.

Corff said that Harvard students were different from OCCC students because each have different perceptions of student interaction. Harvard students seemed competitive and distant from one another, she said.

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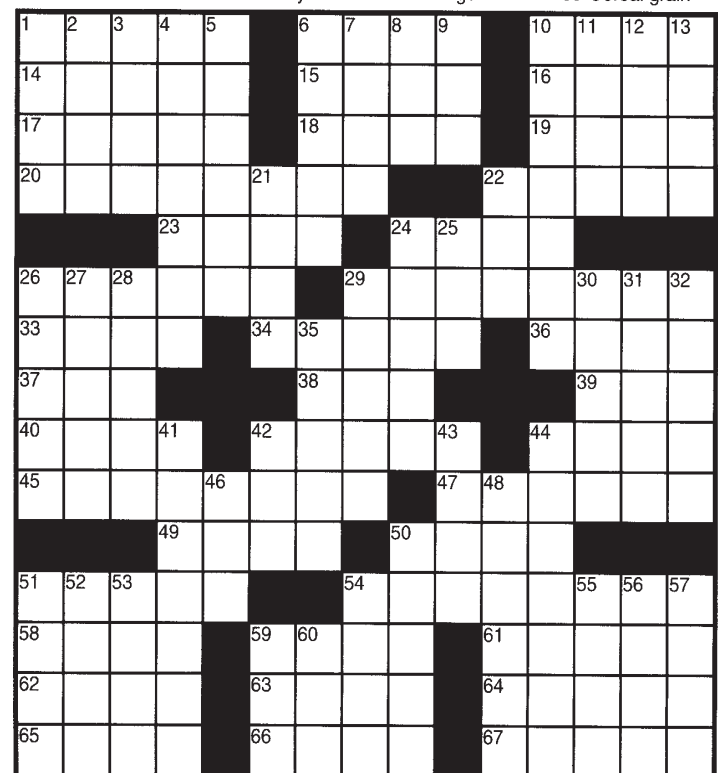
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Higher gas prices prompt prof to encourage carpooling

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would only prolong an inevitable price hike.

He said consumers would only save 18 cents per gallon of gas, and that money saved would be taken away from infrastructure projects, such as improving roads and bridges.

"It is like charging something on a credit card,"

Ludlum said.

"At the moment you feel better because you still have money in your pocket, but the bill is going to be due."

If there will be a drastic change in fuel prices, it will be after the presidential election in November, he said.

In the meantime, Ludlum recommends riding mass transportation or establish-

ing an informal carpool to take away the burden of gas prices.

"We need to do something on campus at the start of next semester to get folks organized so you can find someone with roughly the schedule as you (and traveling in the same direction)," he said.

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Students offered job-searching opportunities

"Jobs,"

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The workshops include job search skills, cover letter, résumé development, interviewing techniques and post interviewing techniques, Webb said.

She said some of the newer services offered are Optimal Résumé, Optimal Cover Letter, Optimal Application Letter and job interview programs, which allow students to develop and complete online applications.

Webb said she encourages students to come in and take the time to perfect skills that will be advantageous to their future careers.

Kristen Hoaglin, history major and peer adviser for Career and Employment Services, said when she first came to the department, the staff gave her a handout on what was available, walked her through the Optimal Résumé procedure, and coached her on job interview skills.

"It's definitely work it," Hoaglin said. "The staff is friendly and easy to work with."

To find out more about career and employment services offered at OCCC, contact Advising and Career Services, located in the Main Building on the first floor.

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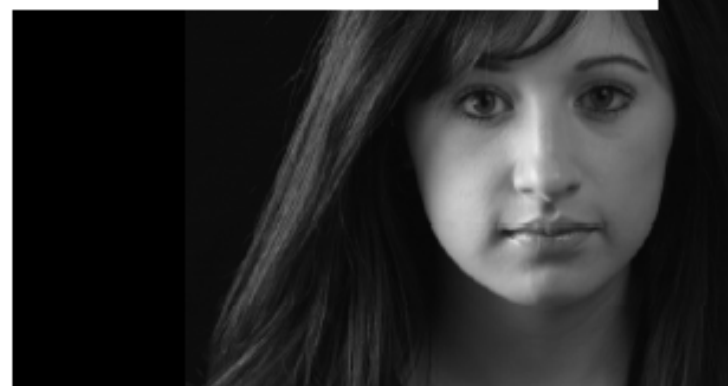


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