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# Oklahoma City Community College PIONEER

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## Remember to change time Nov. 2

**By Stephen Sossamon**  
Staff Writer

An extra hour of sleep awaits students Sunday, Nov. 2.

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. the first Sunday in November then returns the second Sunday in March, according to Web Exhibits' homepage at [www.webexhibits.org](http://www.webexhibits.org).

Facilities Management Director J.B. Messer said the college is ready for the change.

He said the commons areas, such as classrooms and office areas with built-in clocks on the phones, run on a central clock system that will be reset automatically overnight.

"There is a receiver transmitter that transmits a signal across the campus," Messer said. "There are microprocessors in some of the clocks that allow them to get updated instantaneously."

Messer said the college's other clocks also would be changed by the time students arrive the next day.

"The night of Daylight Savings, the clocks that are battery-driven or wound-up will be set by the security officers," he said.

Daylight Saving Time has been used in most of the U.S. and in many European countries since the first world war, according to Web Exhibits.

"At that time, in an effort to conserve fuel needed to produce electric power, Germany and Austria took time by the forelock," according to Web Exhibits.

"They began saving daylight at 11 p.m. on April 30, 1916, by advancing the hands of the clock one hour until the following October," according to the site.

The plan was not formally adopted in the U.S. until 1918, when "an act to preserve daylight and provide standard time for the United States" was enacted on March 19, 1918, according to the website.

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Photo by Kenny Hilburn

OCCC President Paul Sechrist takes to the podium Oct. 21 during the dedication of the new Health Professions Center. Joining him front and center were (l-r) Jim White, OCCC Regents vice chairman; Glen Johnson, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education chancellor; and Robert Jenkins, OCCC Board of Regents Chairman. Sechrist, along with a representative from an area hospital, spoke about how the new building will improve the future of the college's health professions students.

## Health Professions Center opens its doors

**By Dillon Hart**  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 21, OCCC dedicated the new Health Professions Center, a \$7 million, 43,000-square-foot academic facility with specialized classrooms, laboratories and offices for various health-related fields.

The facility was dedicated at a ceremony hosted by President Paul Sechrist.

Sechrist said the new center was built out of necessity. The college needed more space to train students in these high-demand fields.

There is a shortage of employees in health-related professions nationwide, Sechrist said. He said OCCC has the largest single-site nursing program in the state of



Photo by Kenny Hilburn  
Stanley Hupfeld  
Integrus Health  
President and CEO

Oklahoma, as well as the state's only nationally accredited paramedic program.

"We felt like we had to step up. We didn't have enough room for everything."

Glen D. Johnson, Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education chancellor, addressed the audience and praised OCCC for its direction.

"The work that we're invested in is very important," Johnson said.

"We need to (support) this initiative because OCCC and its staff deserve the very best," he said. "And I think we would all agree that with this facility and this dedication, we are all getting the very best."

The final speaker at the dedica-

tion was Stanley F. Hupfeld, president

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

## Fahrenheit '08

Roman censors were the men who took the census count and inspected the morals and conduct of citizens.

In fact, the word censorship comes from the Latin, *censere* — “to give as one’s opinion, to assess.”

You are probably thinking, “thanks for the history lesson, what does that have to do with me?”

If you honestly don’t know the answer to that question then you are among the millions of people in the U.S. who believe their First Amendment rights are safe and secure.

There are as many definitions of censorship as there are persons involved in practicing it.

While the encyclopedia defines censorship as the “official restriction of any expression believed to threaten the political, social, or moral order,” Oran’s Dictionary of Law says it is the “denial of freedom of speech or freedom of the press.”

Who has the right to impose their personal opinion as to what is right or wrong?

All you have to do is look at a list of books that has been removed from libraries and schools to see the impact of random censorship.

“To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee, “Gone With The Wind” by Margaret Mitchell and “Catcher in the Rye” by J.D. Salinger are three of the books pulled from shelves as being “filthy, trashy, anti-white and obscene.”

Is the American public so afraid of not being politically correct, that we must try to please everyone?

That will never happen.

“Huckleberry Finn”, an American classic by Mark Twain, has been removed from schools because it contains the n-word. “The Color Purple” by Alice Walker is accused of racial, sexual and social explicitness.

Freedom is based on individual choice.

If we all shared the same opinions it would be a boring world. If everyone had the same views, it would be an oppressed world. The problem with censorship is it can cause ignorance.

“Heather Has 2 Mommies” and “King and King” explain alternate lifestyles so children are more accepting of each other.

If the media is told to report only the news that appeals to one sector of the population, who will determine what sector that will be? We all think ours is the right opinion.

That may seem farfetched, but if citizens abandon the right to free press, what right will they be willing to turn their backs on next?

The search for knowledge is a privilege of freedom.

For the American Library Association censorship means “the removal of material from open access by government authority.”

If we allow others to decide what is best for us, we may soon be starting a bonfire with all the publications that have been deemed unfit to read.

—Cynthia Praefke  
Staff Writer

## What’s wrong with politics?

## To the editor:

A few days ago, at a John McCain rally, a woman called Barack Obama an Arab. McCain did the right thing, sort of, and defended Obama’s character. Here is the exchange:

The woman said, “I don’t trust Obama, I have read about him and he’s an Arab.”

McCain then responded, “No ma’am, no ma’am. He’s a decent family man, a citizen that I just happen to have disagreements with on fundamental issues. That’s what this campaign is all about. He’s not, thank you.”

Kudos to McCain for setting the woman straight but one thing irks me — since when did being Arab, or Muslim for that matter, become a bad thing?

Look around at this whole election. Arab and Muslim have become dirty words.

When the issue of Obama being an Arab or a Muslim comes up, even defenders of Obama react in such a negative way. As if it is a hurtful thing to say.

Is something wrong with

being an Arab-American or practicing the Muslim faith.

What about this disqualifies a person from running for office?

While the Internet rumors and the mass e-mails create these accusations, the media seems to do nothing but help cast them in a negative light. Watch the major news broadcasts from Fox News to CNN. It’s apparent that we’ve become too quick to accept Muslim as a slur.

There is a difference between the radical Muslims, who support taking down America, and Muslims who simply want to live free and practice their religion with the same freedom that everyone else enjoys.

What is wrong with the latter group?

What about the millions of Arab-Americans, and even more, Muslims, in this country?

Millions of good, honest, hard-working people who own businesses, pay taxes and participate in this society. What about all of them?

These American citizens are being thrown to the

side, through ignorance and blind-hatred. And we cannot tolerate these attitudes, especially in the media.

Colin Powell said it best, Obama is not an Arab, nor is he Muslim. But it shouldn’t matter.

—Name Withheld by Request

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## off the mark by Mark Parisi





## Comments and Reviews

# 'Saints Row' wows gamers

The "Grand Theft Auto" video game series gained some competition Oct. 14 when the second installment of "Saints Row" hit gaming stores everywhere.

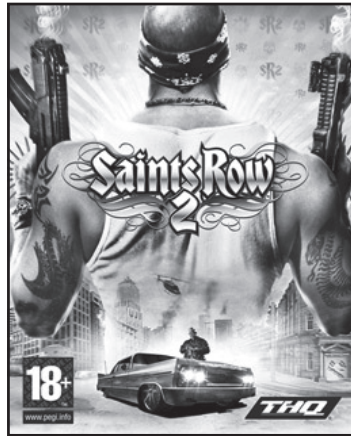
"Saints Row 2" begins with the protagonist, who becomes whoever started the game, waking up from a coma after surviving a yacht explosion at the end of the first "Saints Row."

While in the coma, the player meets different associates once with the now dead and gone Third Street Saints.

In the player's absence, several gangs have formed and the campaign highlights the eventual takeover by the newly-reformed Saints.

Much like the "Grand Theft Auto" series, "Saints Row 2" is gang-related. For the longest time, "Grand Theft Auto" was the reigning champion in free-roaming games.

"Saints Row 2" makes a compelling argument with a heavy assortment of



weaponry, multiple vehicles and a cooperative experience mode.

The game's crowning feature, though, may have to be the special character customization.

Players can create almost any kind of gangster they could imagine.

Throughout the course of the game, characters can go to various shops and buy anything from clothing, to food to regain health.

Players can also rob stores.

Don't like spending \$50 on a new coat? Simply keep your weapon aimed at the

cashier and follow them to the back where they will open the safe for you.

The game also offers a variety in the gameplay, as the game is not just "let's kill everyone in sight," but rather "let's methodically take over this place."

The variety ranged from car chases to spraying sewage from a sewage truck on buildings in rival gangs' territories.

And the excitement doesn't end there.

"Saints Row 2" offers a cooperative campaign online where players can connect on XBOX Live and play through the story with their friends, or just wreak havoc on the city of Stillwater.

With a long story line, plenty of side projects to keep the gamer busy and a free-roaming environment, "Saints Row 2" gives "Grand Theft Auto" a run for its money.

**Rating:** B+

—**Stephen Sossamon**  
Staff Writer

# 'Dance Gavin' adds new sound

Dance Gavin Dance, a band that dabbles in the sounds of psychedelic and hardcore, recently released their new 13-track self-titled album.

The album is the follow up to their critically acclaimed masterpiece "Downtown Battle Mountain."

Kris Krummet (Drop Dead, Gorgeous, Fear Before the March of Flames) produced DGD's new album.

The album was released on Rise Records, and recorded at Interlace studios in Hillsborough, Ore.

The new album takes listeners through tumultuous sounds ranging from pop to hardcore.

The thing that makes this album unique and most exciting is the debut of vocalist Kurt Travis.

Former frontman Jonny Craig left the band due to "extreme tensions," according to an online interview on Submergemag.com.

Regardless of fan disapproval, this changeup has not brought DGD down.

The album starts with a song aptly entitled Alex English, and introduces the audience to the spacey guitar riffs and blasting breakdowns that DGD fans are used to.

Four songs later, listeners are hit with the soft intro riff of "Hot Water On Woo."

This song should be considered not only one of the best songs on the new album, but also one of DGD's best songs ever.

While the instrumental sounds remain largely intact, the vocals propel DGD's signature sound to

new heights.

Listeners can expect to hear guest vocals from Nic Newsham of Gatsby's American Dream, Chino Moreno of The Deftones and Matt Geise of Lower Definition.

Audiences can expect to still see the uniqueness in DGD and new listeners can find a more approachable sound, especially in songs like "Uneasy Hearts Weigh the Most." This is the first "poppy" song ever created by DGD and is one of the catchiest songs on the album.

The album mainly focuses on vocalist Jonathan Mess's sometimes violent and relentless lyrics.

DGD's new self titled album is a must have.

**Rating:** B+

—**Kenny Hilburn**  
Staff Writer

## ADVISER'S 11

Some of you may want to transfer to a four-year institution to complete a Bachelor's degree but not know how.

Here is a suggested timeline to help you get started:

### Semester 1:

- Meet with an adviser at OCCC to discuss transfer plans.
- Start thinking seriously about interests and career goals, especially if you haven't chosen a major.
- Research universities you might be interested in attending.
- Attend Transfer Fairs. These are great ways to make contacts and get information about universities.

### Semester 2:

- Continue research on universities. The more information you gather, the better chance you have of choosing a university that is right for you!
- Develop a "short list" of schools that you would like to visit.
- Contact the schools you are most interested in and determine which of your credits will transfer to their degree program.
- Visit the universities on your list.
- Collect applications from schools you plan to apply to. Start thinking about essay topics, recommendations and other materials you will need to prepare.
- Look into financial aid.

### Semester 3:

- Schedule an interview at schools from your list that you have not visited yet.
- Send applications to schools you are interested in attending.

### Semester 4:

- Analyze your credit evaluation to determine the courses that will transfer.
- Review your financial aid package and compare the bottom line at each university.
- Double-check the deadlines for deposits, registration forms, and other university material.
- Take advantage of orientation programs and other opportunities for transfer students at your new school. Meeting other transfer students and getting acquainted with campus life will help ease the transition to your new school.

The Transfer Center can help you complete this timeline, answer your questions and get you connected to four-year universities.

Upcoming Transfer Center dates (*transportation is provided for each campus tour*):

- November 6—Campus Tour to OU
- November 13—Campus Tour to UCO

To register for a campus tour, contact Sara McElroy at [smcelroy@occc.edu](mailto:smcelroy@occc.edu) or 682-7567.

—**Sara McElroy**  
Student Life Program Coordinator

## Election Coverage '08

# Students gear up during last week before election

### What *they* say...

“

If you could ask Sen. John McCain or Sen. Barack Obama one thing, what question would you ask?

”



“I would want to ask McCain how he feels about censorship.”  
—Joshua Hagar, 19



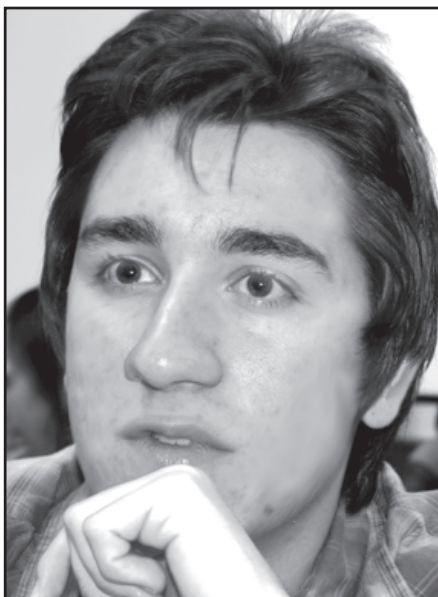
“Who do you identify with more, Superman or Batman?”  
—Chelsea Bradford, 18



“I’d like to know to who Obama owes his philosophy and outlook.”  
—Lynnda Newby, 30



“I would ask them when can our troops come home?”  
—Mekel Moore, 18



“What will you do about gas prices and the cost of petroleum?”  
—Alan Spaulding, 19



“Do you think it helps when you talk bad about each other?”  
—Ashley Boren, 19

### VOTINGFAQ

**Q:** *I don't know where I go to vote. Where can I find my polling place?*

**A:** Visit [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) or call the State Election Board at 405-521-2391.

**Q:** *Do I need an ID to vote?*

**A:** First-time voters who registered by mail must show a current driver's license or the last four digits of their social security number.

**Q:** *When will the polls be open?*

**A:** Polls will be open Tuesday, Nov. 4, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Q:** *I won't be able to vote on Nov. 4. Can I vote early?*

**A:** In-person absentee voting is available and no excuse is required. You may cast an absentee ballot in person at the county election board office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 31 or Nov. 3.

\*source: [vote411.org](http://vote411.org)

**The presidential elections are Tuesday, Nov. 4**

**Have you educated yourself?**



# Students, campers alike enjoy therapy camp

**Bonny Blackmon**  
News Writing Student

Occupational Therapy students went to Stroud the first weekend of October to host their annual camp for the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled.

Occupational Therapy is designed to enable a person who has lost physical skills because of illness or an accident, relearn how to perform daily tasks, said Occupational Therapy professor Reeca Young.

She said the camp is important for the occupational therapy assistant students because it gives them around-the-clock experience with developmen-

tally disabled adults who may also have physical limitations from morning to bedtime.

The camp has been a tradition for the better part of 25 years, Young said. Twenty-one men and 20 women campers, ages 18 to 66, attended this year.

Young said the campers seemed to enjoy the experience just as much as the students, if not more.

Each year the students get together and choose the theme for the entire camp, she said. This year was dubbed the Super Hero Summit.

The students met twice a week this summer to get

every detail planned out for camp. The campers played games, did arts and crafts, joined in the talent show, or participated in the dance, all focusing around the super hero theme, Young said.

Ruth Slaughter, Occupational Therapy Assistant student, said she enjoys attending the camp.

"I look forward to the talent show the most because I love to see them express themselves and have fun doing so," Slaughter said.

On Friday campers made capes and wristbands to show which team they were assigned to. Then the talent show began.

## This year's theme was 'Super Hero Summit'

James Robbins, one of the campers, said he really enjoyed making his cape but his favorite event was the talent show. He danced to the song "Beer for my Horses" by Toby Keith.

After lunch on Sunday a closing ceremony was held where all campers got a participation certificate accompanied by cheering from everyone.

"Campers get very excited about being recognized individually so it's something we do every year," Young said.

Cory Walkingstick, first

semester Occupational Therapy Assistant student, said he had a great time.

"I thought the camp was awesome and highly interactive — a lot more than I expected — but totally worth it in the end."

Walkingstick said he had to keep an open mind because he never knew what was going to happen next.

Thirty-five OTA students and 10 graduates attended.

Melanie McFarland, OKFD assistant director, said once OTA students come to camp they get hooked and want to keep attending, even after graduating.

## OCCC hosting emergency management training event

**By Kenny Coleman**  
News Writing Student

OCCC will host emergency management training for the region's campus public safety officials Oct. 28 to 30 in the college union, said Safety and Security Director Ike Sloas.

The training exercise is being held to aid campus officials in the event of a major crisis occurring in or around a campus, he said.

Through a series of emergency role-playing scenarios, Sloas said, officials will get a better understanding of how to react when faced with a major crisis.

These role-playing scenarios can range from a threat on campus, to a major fire occurring in or around the campus.

"The people hosting the meeting will literally give you an emergency and im-

mediately expect you to come up with a safe and effective result," Sloas said.

He said he expects the exercise to draw safety officials from all over the region, including Texas.

More than 50 officials are expected to attend the meeting.

"We are expecting a completely full event," Sloas said. "Many officials wanting to join are already being put on a waiting list."

## Non-injury wrecks reported

**By Stephen Sossamon**  
Staff Writer

Two non-injury automobile accidents occurred on campus in mid-October.

In an accident Oct. 14, the driver of one vehicle only had an Oklahoma learner's permit and did not have a licensed driver in the car, according to a report by security officer Jacob Roby.

Suzy Moussingue said she was driving her Saturn SL14D westbound on J.L. Keels Boulevard when she attempted to make a left turn.

She said she didn't notice

the oncoming Land Rover driven by Seelan Sivanesan.

Moussingue said she thought Sivanesan sped up to try to stop her from making the turn.

Sivanesan said he was driving westbound in the left lane when Moussingue attempted to make a left turn from the right-hand lane and struck his front passenger side fender.

His Land Rover spun around when was hit, damaging the passenger's side front fender, passenger side doors and the rear quarter panel, according to the report.

Moussingue received damage on the driver's side front fender.

Another non-injury automobile accident occurred Oct. 16 while security officer William Busby was on patrol in parking lot A.

The drivers of the vehicles, Marie McClendon and Rajnikant Patel, both said they were backing out at the same time when they hit each other's car.

The two exchanged insurance information and everyone left, according to the report.

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## Success course teaches skills

**By Gabe Lenners**  
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The Success in College and Life course at OCCC introduces students to a variety of skills necessary to succeed in college life and beyond. The one-credit-hour class is a requirement for degree plans at OCCC.

According to the OCCC course information sheet, in SCL 1001, students are taught about time management, major and career explorations, educational settings, and financial and personal goals.

Darby Johnsen, Student Learning coordinator, said the class serves to "give you the most benefit early in your college life. You can apply lessons learned in this class to other classes."

Johnsen said students are encouraged to take the course during their first semester in college because they are dealing with being in a new environment.

Professors have an insider's perspective on all of the services provided on campus. New students are unaccustomed to college life and the opportunities there are, Johnsen said.

"Students that make some sort of connection with a faculty member, other students, or a club are far more likely to complete their objectives ...," she said.

OCCC freshman Jordan Morris, who is currently in the class, said she believes it pushes students to want to focus and study hard.

"We have been taught about how to write a research paper and how to find information by using specific search engines," Morris said.

She said journals are written in the class to communicate how classes are going, what has been learned and what goals are set to achieve.

Lori Harris, a former student of the class, said her favorite part of the class was the "time management section because it taught us how to juggle school, home life and work."

"I also made very good friends in the class," Harris said.

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

# OSU professor leads journalism students in media ethics debate

**By Christina Barger**  
News Writing Student

The atmosphere got hot as Joey Senat, Media Law professor at Oklahoma State University, lectured on media ethics Oct. 14 in Professor Sue Hinton's journalism class.

Wearing an orange and black tie with OSU woven into the pattern, Senat stepped up to the podium.

"What are the ethical guidelines you should follow when you are publicizing what people would call private information about themselves?" he asked. "How ethical are you?"

According to a 2005 Louisiana State University test designed to measure reactions to ethical dilemmas, journalists ranked fourth on the list of most ethical professions, Senat said.

The top three on the list were seminarians, physicians, and medical students.

"Thinking like a journalist requires moral reflection and thinking about what we do," Senat said.

"Most people get into the business motivated by a sense of public mission and a want to help democracy work better."

Senat said that's why he got into the business.

Law and ethics are not the same thing, he said.

"The goal of the news media in a democracy should be to inform the citizens," Senat said. "But that's not what we seem to be doing when people watch the evening news and wonder how far advertisers will go to push a product."

According to the LSU ethics test, advertising professionals fared much worse ethically than journalists did.

Senat led the class in a deep discussion about eth-

ics and what students would choose to publicize when given private information about persons or groups.

He centered the debate on an issue that arose in Oklahoma a few years ago when a television news team legally obtained a video of a local attorney who had raped his unconscious, estranged wife after she had been drugged.

The man had filmed the act and left the videotape behind.

The wife found the videotape and turned it over to police after the man was charged in another rape case. The man's attorney denied any wrongdoing.

The question Senat posed to the students was: As a journalist, what would you do with the videotape?

Answers ranged from not using the tape at all, to using all of it, to extracting portions of it to show on the day's newscast.

"So what are the ethical implications of disclosing private information?" Senat asked. "When does it become newsworthy and override the privacy concern?"

Journalism codes of ethics, guidelines to which a professional is expected to adhere, publicly declare the industry's commitment to a certain moral standard.

These codes come from the Society of Professional Journalists, American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Radio Television News Directors Association, each with their own codes of ethics.

The SPJ code of ethics states that one must show compassion for those who may be affected adversely by news coverage, and only an overriding public need can justify intrusion into anyone's privacy.

The RTNDA code of eth-

ics states that journalists should treat all subjects of news coverage with respect and dignity, showing particular compassion to victims of crime and tragedy, and respect the right to a fair trial.

The news team did end up using a segment of the videotape that only showed the victim's feet and ankles and the perpetrator's face.

The woman sued for disclosure of private and embarrassing facts, but the court ruled in favor of the television station.

Everyone and every situation is unique and you

**"The goal of the news media in a democracy should be to inform the citizens, but that's not what we seem to be doing when people watch the evening news and wonder how far advertisers will go to push a product."**

—Joey Senat  
OSU Media Law Professor

have to make an individual decision based on the facts in front of you, Senat said.

"His speech was inspirational and left me asking myself where my ethics will guide me in life's decisions," said Michael Hendricks, one of the students in the class.

Senat received his doctorate in journalism and mass communication from the University of North Carolina, and his master's degree from Memphis State University.

He also received the Golden Torch Award from OSU.

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# Dean says students can come to school dressed up on Halloween

Costumes are allowed but they must follow campus dress code guidelines

By Barteas Cox  
Staff Writer

Although many students don't know it, the college allows students and staff to come to the campus dressed up for Halloween.

Student Development Dean Liz Largent said people usually do not come to school dressed in costumes.

However, she said, since Halloween falls on a Friday this year, many students might decide to participate.

If students choose to dress in costume, they must follow certain guide-

lines, she said.

As long as the costume attire is not offensive and follows the dress code outlined in the student handbook, students will be permitted to dress up if they choose.

Although, masks are not allowed, face paint is acceptable, she said.

The student handbook bans clothing that can distract other students or teachers from learning or

teaching.

In a campus poll, 31 percent of students indicated they would dress for the festivities.

Most students were not planning to wear costumes because they were not aware it was allowed.

Michael Bemus, English major, did not know costumes were permitted.

"I'll probably dress up for sure this year since it's allowed," he said.

Business major Josh Moses said he would not mind dressing up if he

knew it was an option.

"It is not advertised very well," he said.

After learning it's acceptable to dress up for Halloween, other students decided they would too.

Biology major Michael

Hakim plans to participate.

"Now that I know it's ok and I have time to plan for it, I will [dress up]," Hakim said.

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## Do you plan to wear a Halloween costume to OCCC?

31% Yes

49% No

20% Undecided

## DO YOU ENJOY GETTING SPOOKED?

five haunted attractions you will not want to miss this halloween

- **Bricktown Haunted House** — 101 E. California — three stories and 30 minutes of terror. Haunted Warehouse is \$12, 3-D Dungeon Ride is \$10, combo ticket is \$20. All ages welcome. **TERROR RATING:** 🎃🎃🎃
- **Ultimate Terrors** — I-240 & Penn (Southern Hills Plaza Shopping Center) — three uniquely-themed haunted houses with more than 60 live actors: Skull Manor (\$10), 3-D terror maze (\$8) and Code Blue (\$8). Combo tickets \$20. VIP tickets \$37. Children under 11 not recommended. **TERROR RATING:** 🎃🎃🎃
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- **Trail of Fear** — Lawton, Okla. (about 75 miles from OCCC) — four attractions. The Trail of Fear includes various scare scenes, winding pathways, fantasy forest and more; suitable for most ages; tickets are \$10. Cirque de Morte is a terror circus maze; suitable for most ages; tickets are \$10. Hackensaw Haunted Hayride is a highly-themed and intense journey; not recommended for children under 10; tickets are \$10. Combo tickets for all three are \$25. **TERROR RATING:** 🎃🎃🎃🎃
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\*Terror rating on a scale of 1 to 5, based on the opinion of the Pioneer staff.



# Sports

## UPCOMING

### OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

- **Oct. 31:** Intramural basketball games scheduled for 1:30 p.m.; Pretty Boyz vs. ReMix and Geek Squad vs. Zilla.
- **Nov. 1:** Intramural basketball games scheduled for 1:30 p.m.; Zilla vs. Spartans and Short Bus vs. Geek Squad.
- **Nov. 2:** OCCC club soccer plays the University of Oklahoma-Colosa at 11 a.m. in Edmond.
- **Nov. 4:** OCCC Chance club basketball team scheduled to play Southwestern Christian University at 7 p.m. in Bethany.
- **Nov. 7:** Intramural basketball game scheduled for 1:30 p.m., ReMix vs. Pretty Boyz.
- **Nov. 8:** OCCC club soccer plays Arkansas University at 3 p.m. in Tulsa.
- **Nov. 8:** Team meeting scheduled for OCCC Chance club basketball team at noon in the Wellness Center gym.
- **Nov. 9:** OCCC club soccer plays Oklahoma State University at 3 p.m. at Rose State College in Midwest City.
- **Nov. 21-23:** OCCC Aquatic Center will host the EAT Turkey Meet. For more information about upcoming Aquatic Center Events, call Aquatic and Safety Training Specialist James Hensley at 405-682-1611, ext. 7662.

**Get up-to-date information on all OCCC Intramural sports.**

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Photo by Eric Watson

Shown above, the 2008 fall intramural flag-football champion Devil Dogs. The Devil Dogs will represent OCCC in a statewide flag football tournament. The date and location of this tournament have not been determined yet.

## Devil Dogs crowned fall flag football champions

*By Eduardo de Leon*  
News Writing Student

The Devil Dogs flag football team will represent OCCC at a state tournament after winning a three-game playoff on campus on Oct. 18.

The Devil Dogs defeated Short Bus in two games to represent OCCC at the state flag football tournament later this fall.

OCCC's top two flag football teams agreed to play a three-game tournament, with the winner of two out of the three games claiming the championship.

Nine minutes into the first game, Short Bus scored first but the Devil Dogs responded with a deep pass to the end zone from quarterback Matt Edmonds.

The two teams scored back and forth and at half time the score was tied 20-20.

In the second half, both teams played much tougher. Short Bus began with good passes.

The Short Bus had possession of the ball, but the Devil Dogs made two interceptions. Those interceptions were the difference and the Dogs won the first game 52-34.

After a short break, the teams were ready to face each other again in the second game.

Three minutes into the game, Devil Dogs intercepted a fourth down pass and scored first to make the score 6-0.

Short Bus had a chance to answer, but couldn't convert. Devil Dogs took over and scored again. At half time the the Dogs were up 24-6.

During the second half, Short Bus played stronger. They took advantage of an interception and cut the score to 24-14, but the Short Bus ran out of gas.

The game ended with Devil Dogs winning their second straight game 24-14, and the opportunity to represent OCCC.

"It'll be a good challenge to play against different schools and different teams," said Collin Gentry, a player from Devil Dogs.

After the tournament ended Recreation and Fitness specialist Eric Watson said he was was happy with the results.

"It went well," Watson said. "We had good sportsmanship. It was a good tournament."

The Devil Dogs' players, who will represent OCCC, are Kameron Kralik (coach), Zack Pinberton (captain), Collin Gentry, Charlie Tarver, Matt Edmonds, Jeremy Hale, Austin Nunn, Nick Pinkerton, Aaron Rigsby, Cody Brooks, Ty Hamilton, Steven Wesnidge, Carlos Garza, Brian Bach and Matt Bacsinger.



# Sports

## Pretty Boyz' defense slows down Spartans

By Matt Bishop  
Staff Writer

The Pretty Boyz have stepped their game up, edging out the defending back-to-back intramural basketball champion Spartans on Oct. 18.

Robert Pruitt once again led the Boyz with 20 points in their 76-75 nail-biter.

The Spartans had a chance to win the game with 8.8 seconds left, but Pruitt stole the Spartans' inbound pass to seal the win.

The lead went back and forth throughout virtually the entire game.

Matt Lohn led the Spartans in the first half, scoring 22 of his team's 44 points in the first half. The

Spartans led 44-43 at the half.

Cassidy Young led the Boyz in the first half with 14 points.

Young hit back-to-back 3-pointers from between the 3-point line and half court, the second of which was shot while leaping in the air off one foot.

Right after that, Young would receive the ball for a slam. But during the next possession, he got too happy on the threes and became cold, allowing the Spartans to go on a run of their own, taking the lead at halftime.

Both teams played with just one sub throughout the game, mainly due to the game being played on Saturday.

The Pretty Boyz guard Ryan New said his team was feeling the effects of the weekend game.

"It's tough playing short-handed," New said at halftime. "We're still in it, just need to stay focused."

"We need to play better defense. They have shooters," the Boyz' Jared Williams.

"We need to keep them moving around the perimeter with our 3-2 [defense], maybe switch up to a little man-to-man."

The strategy worked for the Boyz, holding Matt Lohn to only six points in the second half. Lohn had 28 total.

The Boyz had a 13-point lead with 12 minutes left in the game.

The Spartans pulled the score to 69-60, and then went on an 11-2 run to tie the game with 2:11 remaining.

Pruitt led the charge in the last minutes, giving the Boyz the win.

"When we play the way we should, I don't think anyone should beat us," Pruitt said.

Young finished with 18 points, Williams with 14 points and New scored 10 for the Boyz. Jerrame Dockery scored 18 for the

Spartans, along with Beto Ceyala's 9 points and Drew Meadors' 8.

Many say the Pretty Boyz look like the most athletic team in the league this season and may win out if they play to their potential.

The Spartans, however, are one of the smartest teams. Lohn said that will enable the Spartans to win at the end of the season, when it matters most.

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Photo by Daniel Martin

Edward Winslett makes a move for the Geek Squad during an Intramural basketball game Oct. 17. Short Bus won 91-80.

## Short Bus owns Geek Squad

By Stephen Sossamon  
Staff Writer

The Short Bus came up long against the Geek Squad in intramural basketball Oct. 17, winning 91-80.

The Bus was coming off a loss in a rematch with the Pretty Boyz, whom they upset in overtime the first time around 88-83.

But, Short Bus wouldn't need to come from behind against a reeling Geek Squad team.

Dustin Nickel of the Geek Squad was the game's leader in points with 23.

Tu Nguyen also contributed 16 points in his team's losing effort.

The score was tied, 30-30 with 7:18 remaining in the

first half, when Short Bus went on the offensive.

The undisputed leader of the team, Josh Vanover, contributed 12 points.

Vanover's teammates said he is the backbone of the team because he constantly tries to keep everyone's heads on straight.

"Don't force it, guys," Vanover screamed. "Let's get it in the goal."

At the half, Short Bus had a 48-40 lead and never looked back.

The teamwork Short Bus showed was notable, with everyone on the team scoring at least two points.

Jeremy Phillips was Short Bus's leading scorer with 16 points, but his total didn't give him justice as his defensive skills matched his offensive skills.

Phillips was all over the court making plays.

He said he wasn't aware he was the leading scorer for his team but was glad he could contribute to the win.

In his usual comic fashion, Todd Holmes was

all smiles, even when he made an error.

Holmes finished with 12 points.

The Short Bus's next game is against Zilla at 1:30 p.m. Friday Oct. 24.

For their next matchup, Geek Squad is set to face the Spartans at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 25.

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## Aquatic Center offers plenty

By Saddy Rendon  
News Writing Student

Are you ready to take a plunge and try a new fitness activity?

The OCCC Aquatic Center offers a variety of activities to keep you in shape.

James Hensley, Aquatic and Safety Training specialist, said people should consider taking an aquatic exercise rather than working out.

Hensley said students can choose from water aerobics, water walking, lap swimming and a swimming class.

OCCC student Courtney Alexander said she enjoys

the facilities.

"[It's] a great way to get in shape without having to feel out of breath or exhausted," Alexander said.

If water walking is not suitable, lap swimming is also available.

Hours of operation for the fall and spring semester are from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; from 6 to 10 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 5 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Swimming lessons are offered throughout the school year for both adults and young children.

Private lessons also are available. All swimming classes are taught by American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors.

Water Safety classes are offered and are used for either becoming a lifeguard, lifeguard instructor or a water safety instructor.

In taking any of these courses, participants will learn the skills and knowledge needed in case of any aquatic emergency.

"The facility is open to the public," Hensley said.

Students, faculty and staff may use the facility for free with a valid student ID. The price is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

### Intramural Power Rankings

RANK	TEAM	RECORD
1.	Pretty Boyz	3-1
2.	Spartans	1-1
3.	Short Bus	3-1
4.	Geek Squad	1-1
5.	ReMix	2-1
6.	Zilla	0-4

# Highlights

## Lifeguard training offered

The OCCC Aquatics Center will offer a lifeguard training class from Thursday, Oct. 30 through Saturday, Nov. 8 in the aquatics center. Participants must be at least 15 years old and able to pass a swimming skills test. Fee for the class is \$130. For more information, contact James Hensley at the Aquatics Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7442.

## Absolute 2009 looking for entries

Absolute 2009, the college's literary journal, needs poetry, essays (non-academic), short stories, screenplays, plays and musical scores. OCCC students and staff are invited to submit their work. Deadline for all submissions is Monday, Dec. 1. Submission forms are available on the table outside of the Arts and Humanities division office. For more information, contact Clay Randolph at [crandolph@occc.edu](mailto:crandolph@occc.edu) or Marybeth McCauley at [mmccauley@occc.edu](mailto:mmccauley@occc.edu).

## OU and UCO Campus Tours

The OCCC Transfer Center will be taking students to the University of Oklahoma and University of Central Oklahoma. Students will receive a campus tour, information on application deadlines and transferring. Limited space is available. The tour date for OU is Nov. 6 and UCO is Nov. 13. Call Kim Lusk at 405-682-7566 for more information or to reserve a spot.

## College Poets and Writers meeting

The College Poets and Writers will meet from 1 to 1:50 p.m. Wednesdays, in room 1C3 in the Arts and Humanities area. For more information, contact Chris Verschage at 405-682-1611, ext. 7140.

## Native American club meetings

The Native American Student Association will hold its club meetings from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday in room 2N7 of the Main Building. NASA is an excellent place for Native Americans to meet other Native Americans and create life-long friendships. For more information, contact NASA public-officer Paul Varela at 405-313-2076.

## WLCC offering tutoring

The World Languages and Cultures Center is now offering U.S. History and Government tutoring for international students. Non-English speaking college students needing help in those areas are encouraged to sign up. For more information, contact the World Languages and Cultures Center at 405-682-7560.

## Fall writing workshop

A writing workshop entitled "Recognizing Rhetoric" will be held at noon Monday, Nov. 10, in room 2F3 of Arts and Humanities. Workshops usually last about 45 minutes. For more information, contact Communications Lab assistant Nick Webb at 405-682-1611, ext. 7678, or visit [www.occc.edu/commlab](http://www.occc.edu/commlab).

## Baptist Collegiate Ministries meeting

The Baptist Collegiate Ministries meets at noon Mondays in the theater lobby and at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays in room 3N0 of the Main Building. The BCM offers Christian fellowship and a free lunch to all who attend. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact BCM director Mike Barnett at 405-323-0583.

## Psychology and Sociology club meeting

The Psychology and Sociology club will meet from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, in room 1X3 of Arts and Humanities. For more information, contact Isela Perez at 405-519-6222.

## Tuition fee waiver information

Tuition fee waiver applications for the spring semester are now available in the Financial Aid Office. Completed applications must be submitted before 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. For more information, call Student Financial Support Services at 405-682-7524.

## Business Sense



Photo by Kenny Hilburn

Business Professionals of America officers, left to right: Roberto Sanchez, Secretary; Tino Cebellas, Public Relations Coordinator; Renee Brown, President; and Bao Pham, Vice President. The BPA's aim is to make college students more informed and interested in the business world.

# Native American students come together for fundraiser

By Cameron Buchholtz  
Staff Writer

Traditional Native American fry bread was sold as part of a Native American Students Association fundraiser on Oct. 21.

All the members helped prepare and sell the traditional Native American treat.

"We're just taking turns making it and showing each other various tricks," said sophomore Mosiah Bluecloud. "For instance, when you let the dough sit overnight, for some reason it makes it taste better."

Club sponsor Marcelene Rogers said the sale went very well.

"It really helps the fellowship when we come together and get to know one another," Rogers said. "It's almost not even about the money. It's about togetherness."

The sale is to help raise funds for the group's trip to

the Gathering of Nations.

The Gathering of Nations is the largest gathering of Native Americans in the country and takes place at New Mexico State University in Albuquerque.

"The Gathering of Nations will really help us enrich our knowledge of our culture and learn a lot," Bluecloud said.

Bluecloud said that the Native American Student Association is having a great year so far.

"We've had better turnout at the meetings than in the past, and there's been more involvement in the activities," Bluecloud said.

The club has recently been in talks with other local universities to be involved in their meetings and to take part in their fall and spring powwows.

"The University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and the University of Central Oklahoma are all really supportive of

our association," Rogers said.

"They know that these students will eventually go on to their universities."

The club's ultimate goal is to put on their own powwow.

"Putting on a powwow takes a lot of effort and requires a lot of things to come together," Rogers said. "Perhaps if it were sponsored by another university it would be easier."

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**Does your club or organization have an event coming up? Call Stephen Sossamon at 405-682-1611, ext. 7410, or e-mail [onlineeditor@occc.edu](mailto:onlineeditor@occc.edu)**



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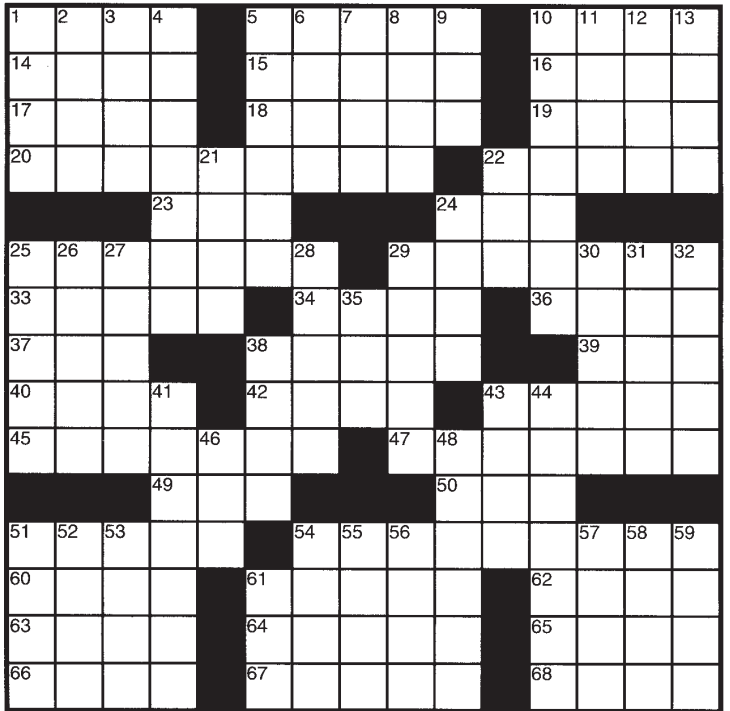
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# Red Rock Canyon site of Spanish Immersion trip

By Lauren Dennison  
News Writing Student

The rock walls of Red Rock Canyon will echo in Spanish Nov. 14 through 16. That weekend, OCCC students will be completely surrounded by the Spanish language and culture.

Students who are enrolled in Spanish classes or have taken Spanish classes in the past are encouraged to enroll in the Spanish Immersion weekend, said Patricia Jimenez-Brooks, modern languages profes-

sor. Students will receive one credit of foreign language for attending.

During the weekend, students will participate in games, dance classes, nature walks and plays, Brooks said. International students from Spanish-speaking countries will serve as facilitators.

Dianne Broyles, modern languages professor, also will teach a singing class in Spanish.

If the weather permits, students will hike the canyon trails to see pinós, rob-

les, piedras, pájaros, and tortugas (pines, oaks, rocks, birds and turtles.)

"We have even observed culebras (small snakes)," Broyles said.

The main focus of the weekend is to help students improve their comprehension of spoken Spanish and to become more comfortable speaking it.

"I hope students come away from the weekend with a better sense of self confidence in oral skills and that they finally realize that what we do in class will

**"I hope students come away from the weekend with a better sense of self confidence in oral skills and that they finally realize that what we do in class will translate to daily life."**

—Patricia Jimenez-Brooks  
Modern Languages Professor

translate to daily life," Jimenez-Brooks said.

"We've been doing this program for about 15 years and it has always been successful.

"We have students that return to the program many times because they feel that it helps them improve their oral skills."

The volunteers for the weekend are English as a Second Language students from countries such as Mexico, Uruguay, Peru and Panama.

"We like to have the ESL students teaching because they are so patient," Brooks said.

"They understand what it's like to be learning a new language, so they understand how frustrating it can be."

Students and volunteers

will leave OCCC at 3 p.m. Friday and travel to Canyon Camp and Retreat Center in Hinton.

When everyone arrives at Canyon Camp, students will be required to sign a contract agreeing not to speak English the entire weekend.

Besides the \$84 in tuition, students also must pay a \$150 fee, which includes two nights in a lodge, five meals and all needed materials for the weekend.

The deadline to enroll for the Spanish Immersion weekend is Oct. 31.

Students interested in attending should contact Jimenez-Brooks at 405-682-1611, ext. 7655, Broyles at ext. 7657, or Ginnett Rollins at ext. 7704.

## Health Professions building officially open

*"Dedication,"*  
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and CEO of Integris Health.

Hupfeld also offered praise, emphasizing the importance of the college's relationship with the health professions field.

"Hospitals and colleges are perhaps the most difficult organizations to manage," Hupfeld said. "So, we are true brothers. The work that we do goes on every day.

"(Colleges and hospitals) represent, in my mind, the very best of the human spirit," he said.

After the dedication, attendees were invited to tour the new facility.

Classrooms and labs had been converted into demonstration areas.

In the physical therapy department, people were subjected to a balance test.

They were required to cross their arms, close their eyes and stand on one leg for as long as they could.

The instructors said college-age students should average around 24 to 28 seconds.

Also in the PT room was a Nintendo Wii fitness test, where people played fun mini-games that required balance and physical control.

In the EMS department, tour-takers were given the chance to save a life or, at least, pretend to.

Practice dummies were set up with instructors nearby. People could perform life-saving techniques and find out exactly how much work goes into it.

A full-sized, functional ambulance, which was donated to OCCC by Tulsa Life Flight of Saint Francis Hospital, was used to simulate transporting an injured patient from the scene.

Emergency Medical Sciences program Director Leaugeay Barnes said the ambulance is one of many steps the school has taken to make paramedic training

as realistic as possible.

"The more realistic we can make it, the better our students are going to be when they get out into the field," Barnes said.

"They're going to be more confident. They'll be able to make those split-second decisions.

"This is as real as it gets, without using real people."

Barnes said, with a remote control held by the professor, practice dummies can say "yes" or "no," cough, gag, moan or even vomit while students are practicing on them. She said they use real electricity in the defibrillators when "resuscitating" them.

The dedication was attended by many OCCC students and faculty members, as well as faculty and staff from the OCCC Health Professions Division.

Among those in attendance were Health Professions Division Dean Jo Ann Cobble; Physical Therapist Assistant Program Director Jennifer Ball; Nursing Director Rosemary Klepper; and Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Director Tom Kraft.

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