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Slippery when icy



Photo by Christina Barger

Garv Belcher, Building Maintenance and Operations supervisor, drives as Dan Gurka, HVAC maintenance mechanic, spreads salt on campus sidewalks at OCCC on Monday, Jan. 28, after an ice storm moved into the city. Classes were canceled that afternoon and evening, and for the next two days after the storm pelted the state with several inches of ice and snow.

Well-liked political science professor dead at age 66

By Cynthia Praefke and Matt Bishop Staff Writers

ong-time professor ✓John Hughes Sr., 66, died Jan 28.

Hughes was a political science professor at OCCC for many years. He was also dean of Social Science from 1996 until 2002.

Employees were notified of Hughes' death in an email sent Jan. 29 by Felix Aquino, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

"He was an institution at this college and will be deeply missed," Aquino said in the e-mail. "Our hearts and prayers go out to his family.'

On a personal note, Aquino said Hughes' passing was devastating news.

OCCC President Paul Sechrist said Hughes would

be remembered for his wit and his compassion for others.

"Having worked closely with Dr. Hughes for a number of years, I personally feel a great sense of loss," Sechrist said. "My deepest sympathy to his family and col-

leagues. He will be greatly missed."

Political science professor Randy Hopkins said he was sad to hear that a "good friend and colleague" had died.

Hopkins said one thing he enjoyed most about Hughes was his sense of

He said Hughes was a very positive person and had vast knowledge in po-



John Hughes

litical science.

Although students of the spring 2009 semester only got to know Hughes for just over a week, his impact on his classes left an impression on one student.

"[He] was different for me because I see the

world they way he did," said OCCC student Tyler Miller.

"You [often] don't see a guy with his nature, outlook and views of the world," Miller said.

Hughes could gain the respect of his classes immediately while keeping a down-to-earth demeanor, Miller said.

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Scholarships go a long way when paying tuition

OCCC offers help in finding funding

By Christina Barger Staff Writer

Everyone likes free money to help pay for college, but some students are more successful than others in finding it.

Alex Wilkes is one student who has applied for numerous scholarships, and could receive funding from several of them.

"It's easy to apply for a scholarship," said Wilkes, a pre-engineering major and student employee at the Recruitment and Admissions office on campus.

Wilkes received a scholarship from OKC-Go because she graduated from an Oklahoma City public high school — Classen School of Advanced Studies.

She also is applying for the Nigh scholarship of \$1,000 cash, the Datatel scholarship, and the All-USA scholarship.

She learned about these sources by visiting the scholarship rack in the Recruitment and Admissions Office and talking with Linda Sapp, Recruitment Student Services assistant.

"There is money available," Wilkes said. "All you have to do is apply for it." Sapp agreed.

"Most students don't even know these scholarships are available," Sapp said.

Wilkes said applying for the first scholarship is always the hardest because there is usually an essay that has to be submitted with the application.

"There is money available. All you have to do is apply for it"

> -Alex Wilkes **OCCC Student**

The scholarship form also asks about campus leadership, community involvement and grade point average, Wilkes said.

She said scholarship sponsors usually are looking for students who are actively involved in their campus or community, so it's important to participate in college life beyond the classroom.

Wilkes is active in OCCC's leadership council and is the student representative on President Paul Sechrist's advisory council, which meets monthly and includes college employees as well as students.

To apply for a scholarship, students will also need a copy of their transcripts. Free transcripts can be acquired from the records office.

The records office will place the transcript in a sealed OCCC envelope if requested. Transcripts can also be requested from the OCCC website through MineOnline. Transcripts can be faxed or mailed.

Wilkes said the deadline to apply for some scholarships is approaching as many have an early spring deadline, such as February, to receive funding for the fall semester.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

False threats just as illegal as the real deal

A lesson can be learned in the recent sentencing of Jason Shandy to 27 months in a federal prison after the 19-year-old falsely reported to police that he overheard someone making plans to bomb the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond back in April.

More recently and closer to home, a note, written on a paper bag and containing a threat to blow up OCCC on Jan. 28, was found on the campus Dec. 15. It's still unknown who wrote the note but it continues to be investigated.

That threat, just as Shandy's report, was responded to with immediate caution and serious action by campus security officers, and local and federal law enforcement.

The people in charge of protecting the campus community are trained to heed such a statement with full expectations of it being an actual promise with malicious intent.

Since Columbine in 1999, and more recently, after shootings at Northern Illinois University in early 2008 and Virginia Tech in 2007, all threats, even hoaxes, are taken seriously.

Bomb threats violate federal law and those found to be lying about such a threat will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law as seen with Shandv's case.

So, what would prompt someone to make such harmful statements or manufacture threats of violence, that if followed through, could end innocent people's lives?

Maybe Shandy thought he would be seen as a hero for turning in information on a bomb

Perhaps the people who make these threats don't realize the repercussions of their actions. Maybe they see it as a harmless prank.

But they are mistaken and are usually shocked to learn of the consequences if they are caught.

According to a letter in The Oklahoman written by the president of UCO, Shandy was ordered to also pay \$21,512.23 in restitution — on top of serving time — for the money and time spent by federal security and local law enforcement on the investigation of his false report.

Perhaps these hoaxes are just some people's way of having a big joke to laugh about, but this is no laughing matter.

In the sentencing of Shandy, U.S. Attorney John C. Richter said it "sends a message that the making of false terrorism hoaxes will have very serious consequences."

Serious, indeed.

—Justin Combs **Staff Writer**

Community asked to join state project

To the Editor:

The Child Abuse Prevention Month Action Committee invites every community to take action for children by "Building a Blue Ribbon Tree."

The blue ribbon is the international sign for child abuse prevention and serves as a constant reminder that all of us have a responsibility to help keep children safe.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) along with various community organizations will display pictures of the trees and their sponsor information during Child Abuse Prevention Month at the State Capitol in April 2009.

Last year's theme, "It Only Takes a Minute ... to make a difference in the life of a child," will be used again this year.

A "Tree Registry" form is provided for people and organizations to register their trees with the OSDH Office of Child Abuse Prevention where photo entries will be put into a PowerPoint scrapbook with music to be shown at the state capi-

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participate, trees must be completed and registered before April 14. The registration form is available to print from the OSDH Web site at http:// fsps.health.ok.gov.

To "Build a Blue Ribbon Tree," select any materials you choose. If using a living tree, choose a highly visible location and secure needed permission. Creativity is encouraged. Decorate the tree with blue ribbons to represent any of the following:

- The confirmed number of abused and neglected children in your county
- The number of new babies born in your commu-
- Or to show your community's support for children, or something important to your organization, agency, program, or community

Mail, fax or e-mail completed form to: Sherie Trice, OSDH Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant Coordinator, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Family Support and Prevention

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Service, 1000 N.E. 10th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73117, phone 405-271-7611, fax 405-271-1011, or e-mail SherieT@ health.ok.gov.

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Comments and Reviews

'The Mentalist' whets appetite

Major networks have axed several shows this season (NBC: Lipstick Jungle, CBS: Ex-List, ABC: Pushing Daises), but they also have provided ones that have flourished, such as "The Mentalist."

CBS's website describes the show this way: "The Mentalist' stars Golden Globe Award nominee Simon Baker as Patrick Jane, an independent consultant with the California Bureau of Investigation (CBI), who has a remarkable track record for solving serious crimes by using his razor sharp skills of observation."

Many are hearing about the show but are asking, "What's the buzz about?"

The answer is the show's scrumptious menu.

Chef and creator of the recipe is Bruno Heller. His bright writing and knack for directing give the show its refreshing taste.

The show's crew can be described as the "taste bud-tickling" drinks.

However, the menu wouldn't be complete without its satisfying entrées.

Acting as the commanding appetizer, Robin Tunney plays the strong and



beautiful Teresa Libson.

Being senior agent of the California Bureau of Investigation allows her to ensure her team closes every case. Lighthearted, the other agents (Cho, Rigsby, Van Pelt) offer the perfect balance of comedy and drama for the main entrée. Completely euphoric and hypnotizing, the menu's mouth-watering dessert is the story's protagonist, Baker.

He enchants viewers each week as Patrick Jane. Jane has lived his life as a TV psychic, but resigned when his wife and daughter were murdered by psychopath serial killer, Red John.

Now, Jane uses razor-

sharp skills and acute observation in assisting the CBI. Men envy his cleverness and women swoon over his suave charisma.

This menu truly satisfies everyone with the right blend of comedy, drama, suspense, and even romance. So, why not watch it? Sixteen million-plus viewers a week do.

If a good mystery and mind blowing tricks (i.e. hypnosis and mind reading) sound appetizing, "The Mentalist" is a succulent meal worth craving.

"The Mentalist" airs at 8 p.m. Tuesday nights on CBS.

Rating: A

—Stephanie Pham News Writing Student

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"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."

The predominant American culture is a competitive one. To some degree, we are always sizing each other up. My baby should walk and talk and learn French before your baby. Your child should be the star of the team. Some communities even host turtle races and frog jumping contests. Yet, when it comes to academics, we too often believe that we can't master a skill because someone else seems better at it.

While it's true that we will probably run into people who can make the things we struggle with seem embarrassingly easy, we're missing the boat by thinking that the competition is between us and them. To really grow and stretch ourselves academically requires that we compete with ourselves. To do this effectively requires, in part, for us not to worry so much about what the other people in class are doing.

There will always be someone who exceeds us in some aspect of life. Our task as a student is to learn as much knowledge and as many skills as possible so that we can put that knowledge and those skills to work for us later.

Unfortunately, we've been conditioned to believe that tasks should be easy and that all grades should be A's. That's an irrational belief that only serves to shackle us rather than set us free. When we put learning first, the grades will follow. They won't always be the highest grades, but they will be meaningful, and that's very important. Real learning means that you have real knowledge and skills to take with you to the next level of classes, or on to a real job in your chosen profession.

I challenge each of you to begin this semester with the idea that you will improve on your personal best in whatever classes you are taking. Use our campus resources. Work with your professors. Develop a network of peers for support. Become the little engine that could.

When you believe you can be successful, and you add the necessary hard work that we all must invest to do well. Then you really will be able to compete with yourself and always come out on top.

Remember that we in Student Support Services are always here to cheer you on. Drop in any time.

—Mary Turner Learning Support Specialist

Last Chance' heart-warming see

Amid the insane comedies, inane thrillers, and mundane dramas that pour out of Hollywood, a more realistic love-story such as "Last Chance Harvey" is refreshing.

Written and directed by Joel Hopkins, this film is about the relationship that develops between a rumpled underachiever in his 50s and a rather stiffnecked Brit in her 40s.

Harvey Shine, played by Dustin Hoffman, is a jingle writer from New York who aspired to be a jazz pianist, but when life got in the way, he settled for the ad business.

He is traveling to London to see his estranged

daughter get married when he bumps into Kate Walker (Emma Thompson) gathering statistics at the airport. This is not love at first sight.

Kate is devoted to her work and her over-protective mother, who calls her cell phone constantly.

Except for a few blind dates and a writing class, Kate has not been socially active lately.

Harvey makes a poor first impression.

Harvey goes on to the wedding rehearsal and is told by his daughter Susan (Liane Balaban) that she would like her stepfather (James Brolin) to give her away.

Devastated by the slight, Harvey decides to return to New York ahead of schedule.

A combination of not being able to get a flight and being fired when he calls his boss leads Harvey to an airport bar, where he once again encounters Kate.

The very human and honest way the two begin to interact is a prelude to the rest of the movie being fine entertainment.

The chemistry between Hoffman and Thompson is pure and heart-warming.

This is not a "running into each others arms" or "jumping into bed" type of love story.

This film shows a devel-

oping friendship between two lonely people who were afraid to take a chance on a relationship until they met each other.

Rated PG 13 for some strong language, "Last Chance Harvey" is a delightful movie for anyone and encouraging for those looking for love.

Rating: B+

—Cynthia Praefke Staff Writer

Read the Pioneer each week to get the 411 on the latest movies, books and music.

Larger variety goal of eatery

By Matt Bishop Staff Writer

Holding the line on prices while adding more variety to the menu is the goal this semester of Carson's Catering and Food Concepts, which serves food in the college union.

Carson's General Manager Corrine Aguilar said no food prices have increased since the fall semester.

Carson's offers different foods from hamburgers and salads, to pizzas and catfish. They also offer a hot entrée line daily.

Carson's will be offering a wider variety of choices in the entrée line this spring, Aguilar said.

She said the entrée menu changes daily and encouraged everyone to check for new menus posted weekly at the entré station.

Entrées such as the Asian and Italian station will return with the mix this semester.

Although the economy is affecting how some businesses are pricing their items, Aguilar said Carson's has taken steps to keep cost under control.

Carson's has purchased alternate brands of items such as bread and chicken to keep prices low, she said.

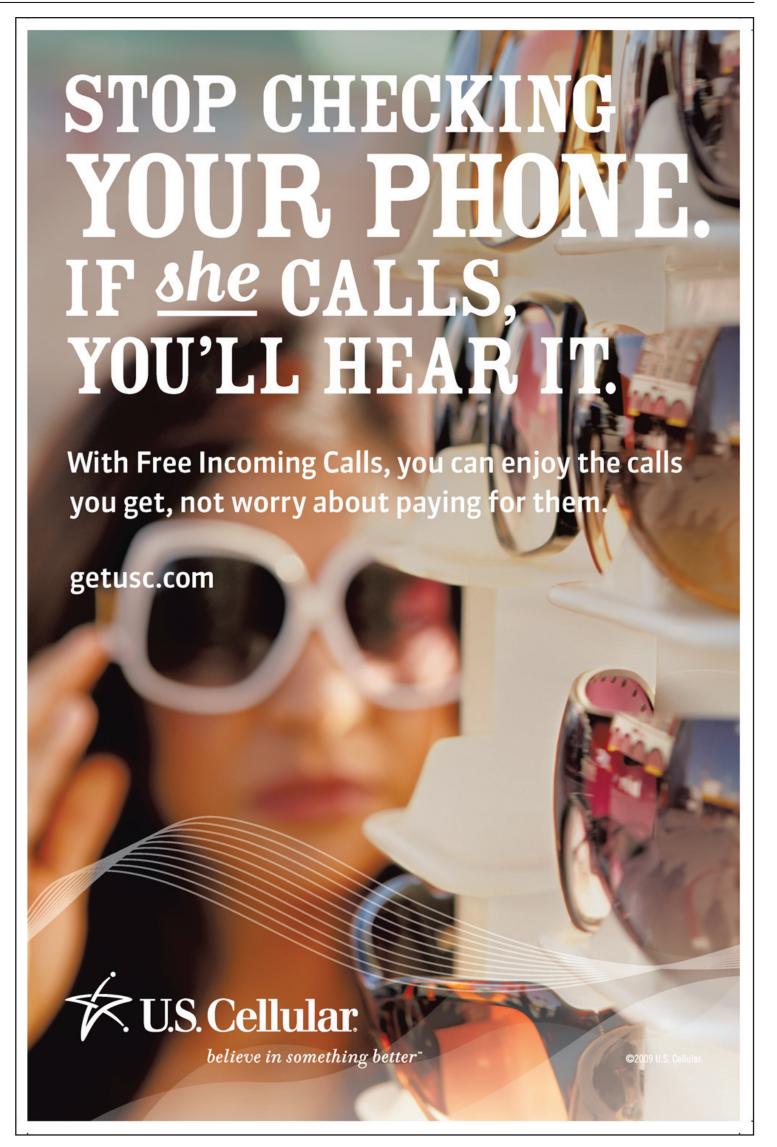
The company is planning to offer "cost saver" items on the menu to keep more money in students' pockets, Aguilar said.

Items that may be added to the cost saver menu include tacos and bean burritos, she said.

Carson's is open for breakfast from 7:30 until 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

They remain open until 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and until 4 p.m. on Friday.

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Chinese New Year celebrated at OCCC



Photo by Christiana Barger

From left to right: World Languages and Cultures Center Lab Assistant Chiaki Troutman spends time with Gi Hyun Kim from Korea, Ngoc Chau Tran from Vietnam, and Jiapeng Song from China on Monday, Jan. 26, to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Chinese New Year, also known as the Lunar New Year, is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. It consists of a period of celebrations, starting on the New Year's Day, celebrated on the first day of the first month of the Chinese calendar. It ends with the Lantern Festival, the fifteenth day of the month. Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese students often miss their home countries during this time of the year.

Tax preparers offer free service to lower-income families

By Stephen Sossamon Editor

The college is offering free income tax preparation to low-income taxpayers through the Volunteer Tax Assistance Income program.

VITA tax preparers will be on campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Monday through Thursday starting Monday, Feb. 2, until Wednesday, April 15, on the first floor of the Main Building outside the office of Student Life, said Marcy Roll, Student Life

assistant.

The tax assistance is available to families with a household income of less than \$50,000 a year, according to an OCCC press release.

According to VITA's website www.vita-volunteers.org, volunteers are trained and certified to do certain types of returns, mostly the basic returns with W-2 income, interest, dividends, unemployment income, Social Security benefits, Schedule A and Schedule C-EZ.

Most volunteers are not

certified to complete military returns or returns with international income, according to the website.

Those interested in the VITA services need to bring the following with them to the college:

- W-2 forms
- •1099 forms
- information concerning other income, information for deductions or credits
- Social Security cards for all members of the household
- a photo ID card
- copy of last year's tax

Roll said of the income nience," Woods said. tax service, "It's a wonderful thing for the students with low income.

"[VITA volunteers] have been coming here since before I worked here and I've been here 13 years," she said.

"They actually contact us to come."

Kay Woods, OCCC Student Account Representative, used VITA in the past and found it to be a great

"I used it previously at the library for many years and enjoy the conve-

For more information, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7792 or visit the VITA

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Sports___

UPCOMING

OCCC **INTRAMURALS EVENTS**

- · Feb. 2: 2009 Spring Club Soccer meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. inside the Wellness Center Gymnasium.
- Feb. 6: 5-on-5 Intramural basketball season tips off. For more information about games, call Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.
- Feb. 6-7: The OCCC Aquatic Center will host the Mid-State/ Metro Conference swim meet. For more information about OCCC Aquatic Center events. call Recreation and Fitness Director Roxanna Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425.
- Feb. 13: Intramural Free Throw Hot Shot Challenge. For more information, call Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext.
- Feb. 20-21: The OCCC Aquatic Center will host the Oklahoma High School State Championship. For more information about OCCC Aquatic Center events, call Recreation and Fitness Director Roxanna Butler at 405-682-1611, ext. 7425.
- Feb. 27: Intramural 3-Point Shooting Challenge. For more information, call Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.
- March 2: Adult volleyball league begins. For more information, call Recreation and fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

Deadline for the OCCC Intramural Sports Calendar is by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for inclusion in the next issue. Go by the Pioneer office in 2M6 of the Main Building or e-mail your event to Justin Combs at SaffWriter2@occc. edu. Be sure to include a contact number.

Outdoors brought inside



Dave Lindo, owner and operater of OKC Kayak, teaches kayaking in the OCCC Aquatic Center's indoor pool. Lindo said kayaking is an activity that people of all body types, abilities and disabilities can use to advance their fitness regimen. "You can come out and do it leisurely from just a recreational standpoint, like riding a bike, or if you want more of a fitness regime you can go all out and get a cardiovascular exercise program going in the kayak," he said. For more information on the lessons, call OKC Kayak at 405-830-9689.

Volunteers needed for swim meet

Mountain West competition will be held Feb. 25 through 28

By Justin Combs Staff Writer

OCCC is looking for volunteers to help out with the upcoming Mountain West Conference Swimming and Diving Championships that will be held Feb. 25 through 28 in the Aquatic Center.

"We need as much help as we can get for the event," said Kristen Hoaglin, event volunteer coordinator.

"We expect 400 athletes as well as parents, coaches and other training staff," Hoaglin said in regards to the number of people that will occupy the Wellness and Aquatic Center during the competition.

Hoaglin said at least 75 volunteers are needed to make the event run smoothly.

Volunteers will receive a T-shirt for their participation she said. Snacks will also be available in the hospitality room for those assisting during the various shifts.

Volunteers are needed to assist as timers, ticket sellers, ticket takers, door guards, general hospitality and more.

Volunteer registration forms are available at the Recreation and Fitness office inside the Wellness Center. Volunteer forms must be returned by Feb. 18.

According to the Mountain West website http://themwc.cstv.com, the Mountain West Conference is composed of university teams from Wyoming, Utah, Nevada-Las Vegas, Texas Christian, San Diego State, New Mexico, Colorado State, Brigham Young and Air Force

This will be the ninth year OCCC has hosted the Mountain West Conference Swimming and Diving Championships.

This competition is very competitive with Brigham Young University and the University of Nevada in Las Vegas being the two leading competitive teams in this division.

Tickets for the event are on sale at OCCC. All-session tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for students and children. Single-ses-

sion tickets for preliminaries are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and students, and for the finals they are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and children. The action begins at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information on volunteer days and times, call Hoaglin at 405-682-7860.

Staff Writer Justin Combs can be reached at StaffWriter2@occc.edu.

Do you have sports news you'd like to share? Maybe you know of an OCCC athelete worthy of a mention. If so, contact Justin at StaffWriter2@occc.edu or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7440.

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Scholarship money there for those who are willing to do the searching

"Money," Cont. from page 1

"The more you apply, the easier it gets," she said.

Sapp said students need to be sure to check requirements carefully before submitting an application.

"Be neat, take time and pay attention in the application process," she said.

Students can pick up a list of available scholarships, application forms and additional information

at the Recruitment and Admissions office located by entry 1 of the Main Building of the campus or by calling 405-682-7580.

Christina Barger can be contacted at StaffWriter3@ occc.edu

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Professor's impact on campus remembered

"Hughes," Cont. from page 1

"I couldn't think of a better thing to have in a Federal Government professor than to tell you how the world really is, versus the way we are 'supposed' to know," Miller said.

Hughes' attitude about life may have been formed in part by his service as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps.

During his service Hughes served in Vietnam before his honorable discharge in

Hughes received his doctorate in political science from the University of Mississippi in 1979. He went on to teach in both the U.S.and in Europe, before applying at OCCC in 1996.

Hughes is survived by his son John Hughes Jr., who is a Safety and Security officer for the college. He is preceeded in death by his wife.

A memorial service is being planned with details forthcoming.

Updates to this story will be posted online at www. occc.edu/pioneer as they become available.

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Highlights

Daytime concert opportunity

The Cultral Arts Series will host Korean pianist Ji-Yong at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3 in the Bruce Owen Theater. For more information, call the CAS office at 405-682-7579.

Make It, Bake It sale planned

The Faculty Association Scholarship Committee is organizing a craft and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Main Building. There will be a silent auction, baked goods and craft items. For more information, contact Linda Boatright at 405-682-1611, ext. 7468, or e-mail lboatright@occc.edu.

Military Career Fair at OCCC

OCCC invites students and community members to the Military Career Fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the College Union. Military recruiters will provide information on enlistment and educational benefits to all guests. The Oklahoma Veterans Regional Office also will be available to share updates on the new GI Bill. Oklahoma Veterans center will make a presentation from 10 a.m. to noon in the College Union.

Volunteers needed for Swim and Dive Championship

OCCC is calling all the volunteers for the 2009 Mountain West Conference Swimming and Diving Championsip, which will be held from Feb. 25 to 28 in the Aquatic Center. Volunteers will be needed to assist as timers, ticket sellers, ticket takers and door guards. Interested students can pick up the volunteer sheet from Recreation and Fitness Office which must be returned by Feb. 18. For more information, contact Kristen Hoaglin at 405-682-1611, ext. 7442.

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 lifelong friendships. NASA welcomes all new and returning students to join the club. For more information, contact NASA President Paul Varela at 405-313-2076 or Kristi Fields at 405-682-7550.

Baptist students is offering a noonday lunch

Baptist Collegiate Ministries is offering a Noonday Lunch at noon every Monday and 12:30 p.m on Thursdays in Main Building room 3NO. BCM invites all students for free food, guest speakers, games, music and Christian fellowship. For more information, contact publicity officer Mike Barnett at 405-323-0583 or e-mail occcbcm@gmail.com.

The Texas Gypsies in Concert

The Texas Gypsies will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, in the Bruce Owen Theater. The Texas Gypsies are the winners of "The 2008 Swing Group of the Year" by the National Academy of Western Artists. They perform songs with lightning-fast guitar runs darting in and out of beautiful violin melodies. To purchase tickets, visit the Cultural Arts Series ticket office in the Main Building, room 1G1(A) or call 405-682-7579.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for inclusion in the following week's issue. Highlight forms are available in the Pioneer office, located in 2M6 of the Main Building. Highlights information also may be e-mailed to Club Reporter Bishal Malla at StaffWriter1@occc.edu.

Be sure to include contact information.



Photo provided by Bishal Malla

OCCC students play a game called Ice Breaker at the Leadership Workshop which was held on Jan. 24 at the Oklahoma History Center. Thirty-five students, faculty and staff participated in the workshop.

Social networking site introduced to leaders

OCCC first two-year school to use Ecampus

By Bishal Malla Staff Writer

OCCC has launched its own electronic social networking site for members of student clubs and organizations, said Darin Behara, Student Life director.

Called Ecampus Group, the system will make it easy for students to stay in touch with their fellow club members and members of other student organizations.

Behara announced the launch of the new system at the Leadership Workshop on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Oklahoma History Center.

He said Ecampus Group allows student clubs and organizations to manage their events and meetings, send e-mails to the entire club membership, and also create or check their club profiles.

Behara said OCCC is the first community college in the U.S. to use this system.

Student Life has joined with Novalsys Company to introduce the new program at OCCC. Novalsys is the company that built

the networking website for student clubs and organizations.

"Ecampus Group is a group-oriented networking program which has a function similar to Facebook or Myspace," Behara said.

Students can join the group by visiting www. occc.edu/studentlife.

Any student or faculty member who has an OCCC e-mail account can join the Ecampus Group, Behara said.

Students wanting to join the group have to be a member of at least one club or organization.

Students who are joining the group for the first time have to register with their OCCC e-mail address and create their own password, Behara said.

Behara didn't reveal the exact cost of the program but said the funding for the new system came from the Student Life budget which is supported by student fees.

"It's a very cost-effective program," he said.

"Ecampus Group is a social networking system where students of any club and organization can "It's a very costeffective program." —Darin Behara

—Darin Behara Student Life Director

come together into the same platform to interact with each other," said Novalsys Chief Executive Officer Yorick Ser.

Students said they find the new program effective for networking between the club members.

Martin Ramirez, Hispanic Organization to Promote Education club president, said he believes the new program will "help clubs and organizations to recruit new members."

Susie Fryrear, Nursing Student Association president, said she is impressed with the new program.

She said it's a good way for students to communicate with other club members.

Thirty-five students and faculty members participated in the Leadership Workshop.

Participants also visited the Oklahoma History Center after the workshop.

Staff Writer Bishal Malla can be reached at Staff Writer 1@occc.edu.

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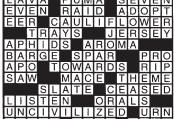
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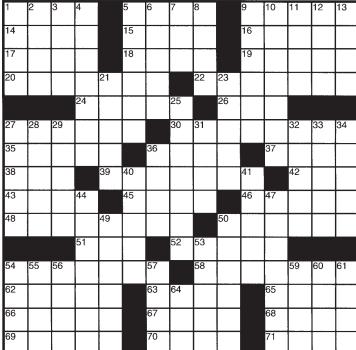
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