

## Stimulus package equals good news for OCCC students

Financial aid increase just one plus

By **Stephen Sossamon**  
Editor

The stimulus package President Barack Obama recently signed comes attached with good news for college students and education in general.

What does this mean for OCCC?

"In terms of direct financial assistance for students, the package includes an increase in the Pell Grant maximum by \$500 in each of the next two years," said OCCC President Paul Sechrist in an e-mail. "The maximum award will increase to \$5,350 beginning July 1."

Economics professor Mike Machiorlatti said students should take advantage by applying for financial aid.

"When there are increases it is not always the case that the change is something that is longstanding," he said.

**"Not using the funds is like throwing money away"**

—Mike Machiorlatti  
OCCC Economics Professor

"Although we see an increase for the next two years, it might be the case that it is gone after two years."

"Not using the funds is like throwing money away."

Machiorlatti said the college might see an increase in purchases on campus and at the bookstore if there is an increase in financial aid.

"I think it will be more of a spring board to retain more students and to give them additional funds which they can then use to be better prepared inside of the classroom," he said.

Sechrist said in terms of financial support for education, the legislation provides \$53.6 billion for what is called the state fiscal stabilization.

"Some of the funds should be available to community colleges for infrastructure funding, such as building renovation, technology upgrades and facilities modernization," he said.

However, the direct funding for building projects for colleges in early drafts wasn't included in the final version that became law.

Also included, the American Tax Credit expands the existing Hope Scholarship tax credit and would be worth as much as \$2,500 for higher education expenses, up from the current \$1,800, according to CNNMoney.

The full credit would be available to those making less than \$80,000 or, \$160,000 for joint filers, according to CNNMoney.

The break also would be partially refundable, meaning lower income families with little or no tax liability

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## Number crunching



Photo by Christina Barger

Michael McCoy, civil engineering major, receives help with calculus problems from two-year Math Lab assistant Clayton Earlywine who has a bachelor's degree in math. The Math Lab is located in the Science, Engineering and Math Center, 2G6, just inside Entry 24 from parking Lot A and Entry 23 from parking Lots F and G. There, students can get free help with and math problem from Basic Math to Calculus. For hours and more information, visit [www.occc.edu](http://www.occc.edu).

## Clocks to spring forward March 8

By **Cynthia Praefke**  
Staff Writer

At 2 a.m. March 8, clocks should be set forward one hour.

"Just as a sunflower turns its head to catch every sunbeam, so too have we discovered a simple way to get more from our sun."

That quote is what greets the inquiring mind going to the official website of Daylight Saving Time, [www.webexhibits.org](http://www.webexhibits.org).

By now, most of the population is familiar with the spring forward, fall back concept that occurs each year. And, while many know it will happen, most are taken by surprise when it does.

The brainchild of Benjamin Franklin, DST was



designed to lengthen the amount of sunlight during the summer months in order to save lamp oil.

That is more of a concern in our staggering energy market than it was in Franklin's day.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has studies that show a 1 percent decline per day in electricity usage during DST.

While the savings is good for the environment and the wallet, many people

see it as a way to enjoy the summer evenings after working all day.

Among those not enjoying the change will be the OCCC maintenance crew.

"We begin resetting the clocks a day or two ahead of the time change," said Larry Barnes, Facilities Management project manager. "We put out a memo to everyone when we start. There are too many clocks for us to do them in one day."

He said the crew is familiar with the project, which makes it run smoothly.

The college clocks will be set correctly before classes begin March 9, he said.

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## Editorial and Opinion

## Editorial

## Not too late for financial aid

Most students can't afford to pay for college out of their wallet. Luckily, the government offers financial aid to help cover the cost.

All students need to do is fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

But it never fails. Each semester, thousands of financial aid dollars go to waste because many students do not apply.

Why is this? What could be the harm in having a good portion of your tuition paid so you can focus on getting books?

Or, maybe students rely on scholarships.

Sadly, though, there are only a few scholarships that pay for books as well as tuition.

With all the different types of expenses which may occur — such as housing, food, tuition and books — why not apply for free money?

The less a student has to pay for college usually helps alleviate the stress of school, even if it is just a little bit.

The deadline for 2008-09 school year FAFSA is June 30 via FAFSA.com and April 15 via the college.

So, with all of these options available, why not take out the time to apply?

There are applications for FAFSA located on the first floor of the Main Building in the Financial Aid area and the process is fairly easy.

First, students need to obtain a personal identification number, or PIN, to electronically sign the application. Students can apply for their PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

In order to fill out the FAFSA forms, students will need a copy of their taxes from 2007 if applying for financial aid for the 2009 spring and summer semesters.

If a student is providing parent information, he or she needs their parents' tax information, according to the FAFSA application.

Typically, with all the resources in hand, students can fill out the FAFSA form in about an hour to an hour-and-a-half.

If students do not qualify for grants through FAFSA, they will have the option of taking out low interest government-backed loans.

Don't let free money go to waste. Make it a point to apply for FAFSA every semester.

College can be rough and finding a way to pay for it can be even tougher.

Even if financial aid doesn't completely pay for college, there are other ways out there and readily available to get college paid for.

It's just a matter of taking the time to look.

—**Stephen Sossamon**  
Editor

## Info for health professionals

### To the editor:

The Health Professions Division and the Office of Academic Advisement encourage students interested in a health professions career to see me or an Academic Adviser in the Academic Advisement Office.

Opportunities to obtain information are provided continually.

Health Professions Information Sessions are offered for each semester, advisers from specific bachelor's degree health professions programs are available each semester, and academic plans are developed for the chosen major to provide a clear-cut map for course completion.

Health professions advisers from the University of Central Oklahoma, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, and Northeastern State

University, will be on campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 5.

The purpose of their visit is to evaluate transcripts for those students who are pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing directly from an Associate in Science Degree at OCCC.

This will include those students who graduate from OCCC's Associate in Applied Science Registered Nursing Program.

There are several information sessions remaining for the spring semester.

Information sessions also will be scheduled for the summer semester and for the 2009-10 academic year.

It is felt that a student who is informed and prepared has less difficulty achieving his or her desired educational goal.

I would like to encourage

prospective health professions students to take full advantage of the services available to them. These services will help them look at the total picture.

— **Claire Echols**  
Health Professions  
Academic Advisement  
Coordinator

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## Comments and Reviews

# Oscar nominee 'Reader' proves worthy of hype

It's not a movie about a young love affair and sex. It's not a movie about war and peace, though Nazi rule during Hitler's era was portrayed in the movie.

"The Reader" is a movie about the secret memories of an old man, whose memories get younger with the pace of time.

It's also the story of a woman who cannot reveal her life secrets.

Starting with Ralph Fiennes as old Michael Berg and Kate Winslet as Hanna Schmitz, the movie carries many emotions from sexuality to anger, love and relationships as well as sympathy and resolution.

Winslet performed the role of an ex-Nazi guard so well, she won the Oscar for the best actress in a leading role.

The movie is based on Bernhard Schlink's novel "The Reader," which was published in 1995 and became the first German novel to reach No. 1 on the New York Times's best seller list.

The first 30 minutes of the movie include soft

porn, but director Stephen Daldry related every scene with the story of a boy named Michael and a woman named Hanna.

In the story, the 15-year-old Michael (David Kross) falls in love with an older woman, Hanna.

Hanna cannot read, so Michael reads Hanna his school assignments.

Michael becomes so involved with Hanna that he never hangs around with his friends.

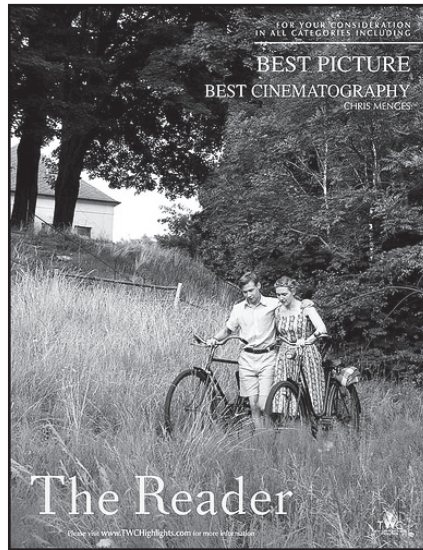
One day, Hanna disappears and Michael finds himself alone.

Nearly a decade after his affair with the older woman, Michael encounters Hanna while attending a trial for German guard crimes against Jewish prisoners.

Hanna is one of the defendants.

The court sends Hanna to prison for life after she is found guilty.

Years later, Michael is determined to sort out his



feelings of guilt and love towards Hanna.

The film is intensely emotional.

As author Schlink wrote about his novel, "The Reader" is not a story about redemption or forgiveness.

"It is about my generation of Germans coming to terms with what the generation before us had done," Schlink writes.

The movie portrays the love, emotions, sentiments and life of Germans after the Second World War.

**Rating:** A

—**Bishal Malla**  
Staff Writer

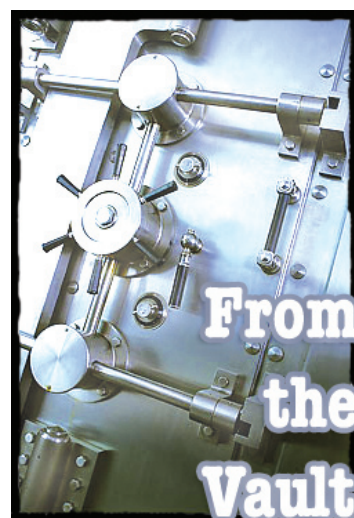
# Old cop movie still must-see

It has been a long time since Kurt Russell starred in a big role in a movie. Sylvester Stallone's plastic surgery has gone bad, but in the 1989 film, "Tango & Cash," the two stars partner-up to fight the slimy streets of Los Angeles.

Ray Tango (Stallone) and Gabriel Cash (Russell) are two of the most prestigious narcotics-cops in their precinct. The two have seized millions of dollars in drug busts over their careers.

In the opening minutes, Tango makes a drug bust on the desert highway of southern California.

When Yves Perret (Jack



Palance), the mob boss, drives past Tango's bust, he decides he has had enough of Tango and Cash.

Perret has a plan to put

the two best cops out of action before another multi-million-dollar deal turns sour.

Tango and Cash are led to a false drug bust, where they are set up and accused of killing a federal agent.

During the trial, several witnesses are paid off by Perret to testify falsely.

After pleading guilty, Tango and Cash are supposed to be sent to a minimum-security prison, but they are sent to a maximum-security prison. To make matters worse, they are put in the general population.

From then, the two have to find a way to escape the prison and find out who set them up.

Tango and Cash are an unstoppable force on the street, but soon find out that prison isn't as easy.

However, the two make a great duo, partly due to their sense of humor. The two learn to coexist and become the unstoppable

force they once were.

If you like action and comedy movies, you will love "Tango & Cash."

It is definitely a great movie to watch during a weeknight. Guys, let your girls watch too, because it is a movie girls will enjoy just as much as guys.

**Rating:** A+

—**Matt Bishop**  
Staff Writer

## YOU asked FOR IT

**Q:** Whom should we contact to turn in our essay for the Essay Competition?

**A:** "Students can turn in their essay at my office located in the Visual and Performing Arts Center, room 155, or drop it off at the Arts and Humanities Division office, located in the Arts and Humanities building. For more information, students can contact Professor Kim Jameson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7653, or e-mail [kjameson@occc.edu](mailto:kjameson@occc.edu)."

—**Kim Jameson**  
English Professor

**Q:** Why is the bathroom water in the automatic sinks so cold?

**A:** "I don't know why they are. It may be situational."

—**J.B. Messer**  
Facilities Management Director

**Q:** Does the cafeteria offer any type of food beside American?

**A:** "We serve Asian food every other week at the sauté station which we do three different sauces, meats and a variety of fresh vegetables that are stir fried to order. It's \$5.29 a plate and comes with brown or white rice and egg rolls. Every once in a while, we'll have different Mexican dishes and Italian dishes."

—**Corine Aguilar**  
Food Service Manager

**Q:** Is there a fine if someone checks out a textbook and takes it home?

**A:** "As long as they return it, they won't be charged anything. We don't have late fees in the library, but if they never return it, there will be consequences. But they are fine as long as they return it."

—**Michelle Hanley**  
Librarian

## Comments and Reviews

# Poet reads pure, compassionate poetry

The coffee shop lights are low and a roomful of intellectuals snap their fingers as the poet begins to read.

The audience may not understand one word of the poem, but they are not there to judge, they are there to read and soon it will be their turn, so they think "deep." Now, hurry and finish.

That is the scenario many people think of as a poetry reading, but when award-winning poet Nathan Brown read his poetry at OCCC, Feb. 19, the room was as bright and illuminating as the poet's words.

More important than the lighting was the pure entertainment of poetry that is logical.

"Poetry for people who don't like poetry" is the name of Brown's presentation, and also his philosophy for writing.

"We have gone from folk



Nathan Brown

to indecipherable poetry in the U.S.," Brown said. "We need to find the way back. It is OK for a poem to make sense."

His verse "The Sign" was a lovely apology for misunderstanding a circumstance.

"I made a judgment about a situation," he said. "I was wrong, and I did not have a way to change that, so I wrote about it."

His poetry is pure, simple and compassionate.

That human touch, along with his sense of humor, is what makes Brown's work a pleasure to read.

His wit is evident in the shortest poem he read "Pair-a-dice... Lost." That is the poem, not the title.

Brown not only read his selections, he gave an insightful and amusing lecture as well.

Brown said he writes a poem every day, and if he misses a day, he writes two poems the next day.

"They are not all masterpieces, but I am writing."

Brown did not always write poetry. He began his career as a musician and songwriter.

He worked professionally in Nashville, Tenn., Austin, Texas, and Oklahoma for 15 years, and has recorded five albums. "Why in the Road" and "Driftin' Away" are two of his most recent recordings.

His appreciation for Bob Dylan's song lyrics, as

well as his extensive travels, have helped develop Brown's philosophy about poetry.

"Writers need to get out of the house and have some fun," he said. "They need to experience life."

Brown said he enjoys sitting in cafés while observing the actions of people around him.

His selection "Beautiful Problems" highlights two young girls in a coffee shop exchanging daily concerns. It is a delightful, yet simple observation.

Brown is not only a poet; he has a doctorate in English from the University of Oklahoma.

He currently teaches for the Human Relations and Liberal Studies departments at OU.

"I enjoy teaching," he said, "but if a one paragraph poem from one of my students sends me to the dictionary five times, I have to say 'No. You don't

get it.'

"If a poem doesn't make sense to the reader, it probably doesn't make sense to the writer either.

"Sometime poets write crap that doesn't mean anything because they think it sounds deep."

That is one of the reasons Brown said given the opportunity, he would revise the way students are taught poetry.

"If someone wants to write a new textbook, I volunteer to be on that committee," he said.

To those who have a desire to write poetry, or to listen to someone who does it well, Brown's lecture series is worth the two hours.

Brown's books, music and schedule of appearances can be found on his website [www.brownlines.com](http://www.brownlines.com).

**Rating: A**

—Cynthia Praefke  
Staff Writer

## Trail of Dead finally delivers again with sixth album

Judging by their name, ...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead is a creative group to say the least.

The sextet from Austin, Texas, just released their sixth full-length album, "The Century of Self," on Justice Records.

The album was released Feb. 17 to a surprisingly positive review.

Surprising because after the release of "Source Tags and Codes," the album which put them on the verge of stardom, the band released two follow-up albums which fell flat.

With their new release, the Trail of Dead finally delivered what many fans have been patiently waiting for.

"Source Tags and Codes," their third studio album, still remains one of the most beautiful indie/prog-rock albums I have ever

heard.

"The Century of Self" is a nice continuation to the feeling "Source Tags" evoked.

One standout song on the album is "Halcyon Days."

The song is like a summer storm. It seems to thunder throughout and drives with a pulse that evens out slowly towards the end, leaving you wanting just a little bit more. Then just when you think it's over, it rushes back over you, granting your wish.

The song ends leaving the feeling like it has given you all it has and it's going to move on to the next person to deliver the same.

If Sonic Youth was the successor to Pink Floyd, then ...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead is the heir apparent to Sonic Youth.

In case you were wonder-

ing, ...And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead does have an explanation for their interesting name.

Lead Singer Jason Keely explained it like this at their fansite, [www.trailofdead.org](http://www.trailofdead.org):

"Obviously the full name is very important to us and it has been for a long time," Keely said. "When Jason [Reece] and I first started playing together in '94, we didn't have a name.

"It was there and then, staring at the carnage we had helped create, we decided to name the band as we did. We wanted to have a permanent reminder of the death and destruction, however unintentional, our music had caused. Each dot in the ellipses has meaning.

"Each word is important. It's a brand we branded ourselves with. Like a big, bold line of scarlet letters



across the chest.

"So you see it's a memorial to those people we lost. We couldn't change it. Anyone who tells you otherwise is stepping on graves."

For more information on ...And You Will Know Us

by the Trail of Dead, or to listen to their music, check out their myspace page at [www.myspace.com/trailofdead](http://www.myspace.com/trailofdead).

**Rating: B+**

—Luke Carter  
Staff Writer

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# Research degree added to fall schedule

Jobs available in clinical research, says new program director

**By Justin Combs**  
Staff Writer

OCCC will have a new two-year degree program next fall thanks to the U.S. Labor Department, said Kimberly Kyker, director for the program.

The college received a \$1.72 million grant from the government to fund a clinical research coordinators program, she said.

Max Simmons, Science and Mathematics Division dean, said the program will offer an associate in applied science degree.

Simmons said they also will offer a certificate of mastery.

"If you're doing a clinical research job or a similar job and need credentials or certification, you can come in, take the core courses, and get the certificate of mastery," he said.

Kyker said the clinical research industry came to OCCC and asked the college to develop the program to train people to conduct clinical research.

Clinical research is research done on human subjects, she said.

"Every pill you've ever taken when you go to the

doctor, someone has been a guinea pig and done the trials to see if that drug is working," Kyker said.

She said there is a need for clinical researches in the current job market.

There are many federal guidelines and proper methods to conduct clinical research, Kyker said, so a formal education and proper training are important.

She said drug companies will go to doctors and ask them to hold a clinical trial on their promising drugs.

But the doctors are not always able to properly do so.

"Doctors don't (typically) have staff on board who know how to do clinical research," Kyker said. "They'll pull a nurse ... or a secretary and they're all trained as they go."

Clinical research isn't limited to biological studies, she said. Students studying psychiatry may find interest in the field.

"A lot of people are doing research on drugs for schizophrenia, depression and insomnia," she said. "There's a large array of studies that clinical researchers do."

Kyker said she participated in a human subject research project which was a psychiatric evaluation.

She was a control subject for a victim of Hurricane Katrina who was the same race, ethnicity and age group as she.

The evaluation was to see if the victim was having post traumatic stress.

Kyker said researches were looking at stress hormone level.

"I didn't (experience) the trauma the victim had suffered," Kyker said.

She said she had no stress hormones in comparison to the Hurricane Katrina victims who were stressed or had post traumatic stress and therefore would have a high stress hormone level.

Kyker said the research subjects were asked a series of questions over what would cause them stress, such as violence.

"They actually collected our spit," Kyker said. "Stress hormones can be tested through the saliva."

Some projects involve assistance devices or prosthetics.

"There are also new devices that researchers are

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—Kimberly Kyker

Clinical Research Coordinators Program Director

giving to patients [who] are quadriplegics or paraplegics," Kyker said.

She said researches are implanting tiny nanobots, or little chips, into the body to stimulate muscles and the subjects are regaining some ability to move their limbs.

Kyker said students in the program will participate in summer rotations where they work at hospitals.

She said graduates will be ready to enter the job field after completion of the program.

The program is expected to be offered entirely online, Kyker said, unless needs dictate otherwise.

"We are gearing it primarily online and, if there is a need, we will offer it in the classroom as well," she said.

Kyker said sponsorship also is available to those

who qualify academically. The sponsorship would pay for tuition, books and fees.

"The people we want to target are energetic people that can truly focus," Kyker said. "We're looking for people who have an interest in the medical field and those who may have applied for nursing school but didn't get in."

"We'd love for them to come and see us," said Kyker. "We're just looking for an array of people."

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To learn more about the clinical research field, or to learn about the FDA approval process for new medicine, visit the Pioneer Online.

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Your source for information.

# Students warned about dangers of eating disorders

**By Derek Jones**  
News Writing Student

Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness, said Chylene DeLarre, mental health education counselor for Disorder Eating Center Of Central Oklahoma.

DeLarre spoke to about 50 people Feb. 19 about the most common types of eating disorders: anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating.

She explained anorexia nervosa as reducing food consumption below what is needed to sustain a healthy weight.

Bulimia nervosa usually consists of eating food and

then vomiting to prevent the calories from being absorbed by the body.

"Mood is adversely affected if we're not allowing our body enough food," DeLarre said.

She said the least known of the three, binge eating, consists of eating a large amount of calories in one sitting.

DeLarre spoke to a student who suffered with an eating disorder during her teens, partly because of pressure placed on her by her mother to be thin.

One out of five girls has an eating disorder and 20 percent of those will die from complications caused by their disorder, accord-

ing to the Oklahoma Eating Disorders Association.

Starvation and binge play a significant role in the mortality rate.

People who suffer from an eating disorder may reduce their food to the level of starvation.

Without food, the body is forced to feed off of vital organs, causing them not to function properly.

An eating disorder is an illness triggered by emotional and psychological factors such as: being overweight, suffering mental abuse, depression, and low self-esteem, according to the National Eating Disorder Association.

Eight million Americans

suffer from eating disorders, according to the South Carolina Department of Mental Health.

Of the 8 million, 7 million are women and 1 million men. The age group of 12 to 25 represents 95 percent of those with the illness.

Treatment lasts an average of two years, with only 60 percent making a full recovery.

Approximately 20 percent make a partial recovery, meaning they have a normal life but a high focus on weight and food.

Cost for treatment can be around \$1,000 per day.

DeLarre told a story about a semi-starvation

experiment.

This experiment consisted of eating only 1,550 calories a day to see what effect it would have on the body. The results were disturbing, she said.

On a 1,550 calorie diet, those who participated in this experiment lost 23 percent of their body weight. Concentration became difficult and participants had an enormous urge to binge eat.

"[Eating disorder victims] have been hurt and they have been wounded," She said.

For more information about eating disorders, contact DeLarre at 405-292-1000.



Photo provided by Michael Cline

From left to right: Susan VanSchuyver, Arts and Humanities dean; Glen Johnson, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education chancellor; Bob Jenkins, OCCC Board of Regents chair; and OCCC President Paul Sechrist present the dedication plaque for the Visual and Performing Arts Center. Although the VPAC has been in use since January, the center was officially dedicated Feb. 26 in front of about 200 people.

## Visual and Performing Arts Center dedicated

**By Cynthia Praefka**  
Staff Writer

Glen Johnson, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education chancellor, was the keynote speaker in front of an audience of 200 plus at the Visual and Performing Arts Center dedication Feb. 26.

Johnson said in these tough financial times it is important to give students the best possible education.

"This facility is a landmark in the history of the school," he said. "Higher education is critically important, and OCCC offers one of the best environments for learning."

"This new state of the art center is an investment in the future."



Glen Johnson

OCCC President Paul Sechrist welcomed an impressive list of guests and speakers to the dedication ceremony.

The ceremony also included a musical interlude by the OCCC Jazz Ensemble.

Brent Noel, theater professor, said the dedication was a very exciting event for him.

"Anything that supports the arts is wonderful," he said. "Art teaches people how to be human."

Also in attendance were Oscar and Emmy, those testaments to cinematic excellence.

In fact, there were two Emmys present for the ceremony.

Gray Fredrickson, artist-in-residence, and Greg Mellott, film and video production professor, displayed their awards for guests in the film and video studio.

Fredrickson received his Oscar for "Godfather II." He also received an Emmy for producing "Dream No

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—Glenn Johnson

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
Chancellor

Little Dream," a documentary about the life of Robert S Kerr.

Mellott received his Emmy for writing and directing the same documentary.

After the dedication, guests were invited to tour the building.

"This is a beautiful building, and we are fortunate to have it, but I am also proud of my staff," Sechrist said. "They could teach in an

empty lot if they had to."

That is not an issue, as the next phase in construction will be a reality by 2012. The goal of raising \$16 million is almost within reach, with \$11.4 million already committed. Sechrist invited everyone to the next dedication being held in 2012 for the performing arts theater.

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# Women's history celebrated in March

**By Matt Bishop**  
Staff Writer

The month of March has been designated as Women's History Month.

The event traces back to 1981, when Congress passed a resolution making Women's History Week a national holiday.

The holiday was legally expanded to an entire month in 1987.

Since then, the National Women's History Month Resolution has been approved with bipartisan support in both the House and Senate.

In today's society, women own property, earn wages, sign contracts and vote.

However, there was a time in history when women did not have these rights.

There was a time when women were expected to be obedient wives who could not voice an opinion, or even speak in public, according to

www.history.com.

Sound familiar?

Sounds a lot like slavery. However, slavery was abolished in the U.S. in 1865. It wasn't until 1920, 55 years later, that women won the same rights as men.

The 19th Amendment, ratified under President Woodrow Wilson, states:

"The right of citizens of the U.S. to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the U.S. or by any state on account of sex."

It has not been an easy road for supporters of women's suffrage.

The Women's Suffrage movement started in 1848 with the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton were among the first women to lead the movement.

During the Seneca Falls Convention, Stanton presented her Declaration of Principles using the guidelines of the Declaration

of Independence to "discuss the social, civil and religious rights of women," according to www.history.com.

The 14th Amendment abolishing slavery, however, provided a setback to women's suffrage, defining "citizenship" and "voters" as "male."

It raised the question of whether women were considered citizens.

During the Civil War, the women's movement was halted. President Abraham Lincoln was quoted as saying, "This hour belongs to the Negro," according to www.history.com

In 1872, Susan B. Anthony was arrested for attempting to vote for Ulysses S. Grant during the presidential election.

From that point, many women's groups began to organize.

By the 1890s the Women's Rights Movement had gained many supporters and a lot of recognition.

Once again, however, the movement was slowed by war. This time it was World War I as women pitched in for the war effort. After the war ended in 1918, the movement was finally successful and paved the way for women's role in today's society.

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## Distinguished Oklahoma women from the past and present

- Alice Brown Davis
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- Clara Luper
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## From your view — *Who is an important American woman?*



"When I think of an important woman from Oklahoma, I think of Annie Oakley. She was a really, really good [sharpshooter]."

—Teresa Clayton,  
visual arts major



"When I think of an important woman, I think about Carrie Underwood because she showed that you can come from a small town and still become a well-know American Idol. She also helps other people."

—Crystal Lanigan,  
psychology major



"I think Rosa Parks is an important American woman. Sitting down on that bus when she wasn't allowed to (was very important)."

—Kaci Stockstill,  
interior design major

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information about famous  
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# Sports

## UPCOMING

### OCCC INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **March. 7:** 5-on-5 Intramural Basketball Tournament will tip-off. Match-ups and times will be announced after the regular season has ended. For more information, call Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

• **March. 7:** Club Soccer plays Oklahoma State at 3 p.m. on the Oklahoma Baptist University campus in Shawnee. For more information, call K.B. Yeboah at 405-255-7735.

• **March. 8:** Club Soccer plays Rose State College at 3 p.m. on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman. For more information, call K.B. Yeboah at 405-255-7735.

• **March. 12:** OKC Kayak Day Trip Registration ends. For more information about Kayak Day Trip, call Dave Lindo of OKC Kayak at 405-830-9689.

• **March. 14:** Saturday Morning Bike Hikes in Moore begin and is free to students. For more information, call Recreation and Fitness Specialist Eric Watson at 405-682-1611, ext. 7786.

• **March. 27:** Clubs Soccer plays the University of Oklahoma Colson team at 4 p.m. here at OCCC. For more information, call K.B. Yeboah at 405-255-7735.

• **March. 28:** Club Soccer plays Oklahoma City University at 11 a.m. here at OCCC. For more information, call K.B. Yeboah at 405-255-7735.

• **April. 5:** Club Soccer plays Oklahoma Baptist University at 5 p.m. on the University of Central Oklahoma campus. For more information, call K.B. Yeboah at 405-255-7735.

Do you have sports news you'd like to share? If so, contact Justin at StaffWriter2@occc.edu or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7440.

## Feel the burn



Photo by Christina Barger

A student takes advantage of the weight room inside the Wellness Center on campus. In addition to the weight room, the center has personal trainers, fitness classes and water exercise classes available to students. For more information, contact the Wellness Center desk at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

# Wichita Mountains hiking trip offered to students

By Justin Combs  
Staff Writer

Nature lovers are invited on a trip to the Wichita Mountains on Saturday, April 11. Dave Lindo, who also teaches kayaking lessons on campus, will coordinate the trip.

Participants will spend a day viewing deer and bison on the prairie, and hiking through the Charon Gardens wilderness area, Lindo said.

"Students will need to bring their student ID, hiking boots or a good pair of tennis shoes," he said.

There will be a lot of hiking around on these granite mountains so students will want to dress for the climate, he said.

"You don't want to bring your Sunday finest, sunglasses and a water bottle will be a good idea to bring as well."

Lindo said students should

bring a backpack to carry the things they bring.

"This is the first time we've done this through OCCC," Lindo said.

The Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge was established in 1901, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service website [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov).

The Wichita Mountains are one of the oldest ranges on Earth.

The mountains were formed 500 million years ago and, over time, climatic forces molded the mountains until they remained the round boulder mountains they are today.

It's also home to two of the tallest mountains in the state Mt. Scott at 2,464 feet and Mt. Pinchot at 2,476 feet, according to the website.

It is one of more than 546 refuges managed by the Fish and Wildlife Service and provides refuge for native grazing animals such as bison, longhorn, white tail deer and Rocky Mountain elk.

Participants also will visit an active prairie dog town, Lindo said.

During the trip, participants will also visit Meers Store and Restaurant that has been a historic landmark to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge since President William McKinley created the Wichita Forest Reserve on July 4, 1901, according to their website [www.meersstore.com](http://www.meersstore.com).

Kristen Hoaglin, recreation and fitness secretary, said the trip is only for students.

They will need to reserve their spot in advance by contacting Dave Lindo at 405-830-9689.

The trip costs \$79 per students.

Participants will meet outside entry 7 near the Recreation Center.

The group will leave from the school at 8 a.m. and will return by 6 p.m. the same day.

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# Join us at the Fair

## OCCC Employment Services

### JOB FAIR

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# Highlights

## OSCC Job Fair 2009

Employment and Student Career Service invites all interested students, faculty and staffs to attend the Spring Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for general employer and noon to 6 p.m. for Health Professionals, on Wednesday, March 4, in the College Union located in the Main Building. For more information about Job Fair contact Employment Services coordinator, Judi McGee at 405-682-1611, ext. 7369 or e-mail [jmcgee@oscc.edu](mailto:jmcgee@oscc.edu).

## Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett

Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett is giving a lecture from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, in the College Union. He is giving a lecture on leadership and community development in Oklahoma City. For more information, contact Katie Treadwell at 405-682-7523 or e-mail [ktreadwell@oscc.edu](mailto:ktreadwell@oscc.edu).

## Communication Lab presents writing workshop

The Communication Lab is organizing 2009 spring writing workshop, Recognizing Rhetoric, at 1 p.m. March 2, in the College Union, located in the Main Building. For more information contact 405-682-1611, ext. 7678, or visit [www.oscc.edu/comlab](http://www.oscc.edu/comlab).

## College Poets and Writers meeting

College Poets and Writers club invites all interested students, faculty and staff to attend its weekly meeting from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. every Thursday, in room 2F3, located at the Arts and Humanities building. For more information visit [www.oscc.edu/cpw](http://www.oscc.edu/cpw) or e-mail English professor Chris Verschage at [cverschage@oscc.edu](mailto:cverschage@oscc.edu).

## Rosario Andino in Concert

Rosario Andino, a renown pianist, will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the Bruce Owen Theater. Andino began her musical carrer at age 4 and gave her first concert at age 6. Andino has won numerous awards such as Music Critics Circle Prize in Cuba and the Pittsburgh Society of Musical Arts prize in the U.S. To purchase tickets, visit the Cultural Arts Series Tickets office in the Main Building, room 1G1(A), or call 405-682-7579.

## Scholarships forms in Recruitment and Admissions

Recruitment and Admissions office invites students to apply for the scholarships. Students can apply for any scholarships they want, if they meet the criteria. For more information contact, Linda Sapp at 405-682-1611, ext. 7654, or visit the Recruitment and Admissions office located on the first floor in the Main Building.

**Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer. Forms are available in the Pioneer office, located in 2M6 of the Main Building or Highlights may be e-mailed to [StaffWriter1@oscc.edu](mailto:StaffWriter1@oscc.edu) using the word Highlights in the subject line.**

Does your club have an exciting event or news idea you would like to be published in the Pioneer?

Contact Bishal Malla at 405-682-1611, ext. 7410, or e-mail [StaffWriter1@oscc.edu](mailto:StaffWriter1@oscc.edu).

## Army strong



Photo by Christina Barger

Nursing Student Venia Trevino takes time to test her skills in chin ups during the Military Career Fair. Chris Garcia and Jacob A. Smith, Marine Corps Recruiters, spent time with students at the fair discussing the benefits of joining the military.

# Nursing students to attend convention in Tennessee

By Bishal Malla  
Staff Writer

Nursing Student Association members will travel to the capital of country music, Nashville, Tenn., to attend the National Association's 57th annual convention from April 15 to 19.

Jacqueline Frock, nursing professor and sponsor of NSA, said all nine NSA officers and two sponsors will make the trip.

She said being at the conference would be a great opportunity for students to meet nursing students from all over the country.

Every workshop the students attend will help them with their licensing exam to become registered nurses.

"We are very excited to participate in the convention because we will meet several nursing officers

from across the country," said NSA president Susie Fryrear. It's a time to get together.

"The workshop that we will be doing in the convention will cover most of the nursing processes. That will help us in the nursing state examination."

Among its other activities, NSA is offering a \$1,000 scholarship this year, Frock said.

The scholarship recipient can apply the scholarship for either spring or the fall semester, Frock said in an email.

The scholarship is only for the nursing students who belong to NSA, she said.

"Any students who have declared nursing as a major can join NSA, even if they are still studying the prerequisite courses," Frock said.

NSA membership is free.

Frock said the deadline for the scholarship will be listed on the applications, which will be available soon.

As part of their fundraising events, NSA members are doing an Easter Eggstravaganza April 7 outside room 226 in the Health Professions building, Frock said.

Another event NSA is doing this year is a Life Saver 5-kilometer and 1-mile fun run on Oct. 3 at OSCC. It will be an open event where any student and faculty staff member can participate, Frock said.

For more information, e-mail NSA president Susie Fryrear at [susan.j.fryrear@email.oscc.edu](mailto:susan.j.fryrear@email.oscc.edu).

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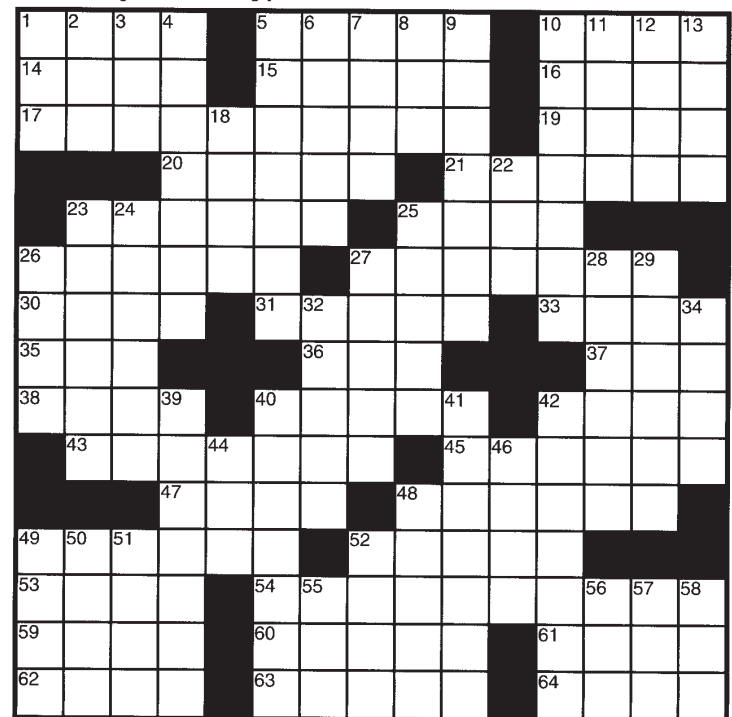
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# Stolen wallet, porn on college computer top crime

**By Matt Bishop**  
Staff Writer

A stolen wallet, suspicion of an automobile break-in and computer misuse top this week's crime report.

On Feb. 19, Lori Harless saw two African-American males — later identified as Cameron Harfield and Roscoe D. Hawkins — toss a wallet under a table in the general dining area.

Harless turned in the wallet, belonging to Tony Doung, and gave the men's descriptions to Safety and Security. Sgt. Kevin Tipton.

Tipton then reviewed

video of the area and located the suspects.

According to the report, the two suspects, who are not students, had been seen on several occasions at the Wellness Center trying to enter the gym without paying.

Doung said everything was still in his wallet except \$29 in cash.

Surveillance cameras also captured what appeared to be attempts to break into cars.

On Feb. 17, a tall, skinny, white male was seen attempting to break into vehicles throughout the campus.

He was wearing a white T-shirt, dark colored ball cap and blue sweatpants with white stripes down both sides. The suspect was seen on campus from approximately 5:26 to 5:35 p.m.

According to the report, the suspect was dropped off and picked up in a dark colored Chevy or GMC short, wide bed truck.

The truck drove around campus several times, dropping off and picking up the suspect at different areas.

None of the attempts were successful.

Once again, on Feb. 17,

somebody was caught looking at pornography on campus computers.

Marcus Adams, a visitor, was sitting across from the circulation desk when officers Tim Densmore and Tanya Vroenen made contact with the suspect, according to a report.

Vroenen reviewed the history on the computer and found several websites containing pictures

of women without clothing, according to the report.

Adams didn't have identification on him. Vroenen took down all the information he gave to them.

Further attempts by the Pioneer to contact Adams at the telephone number provided in the report led to a telephone number that is disconnected.

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## OU gets most engineering transfers from OCCC

**By Jamie Malthaner**  
News Writing Student

The University of Oklahoma has acknowledged OCCC as the top school sending transfer students to OU's engineering college, said engineering professor Gary Houlette.

Houlette, along with Greg Holland and Tammy Burnett, all faculty in the OCCC engineering department, attended the OU College of Engineering Transfer Conference in February.

The conference focused on how OU and OCCC could work together to help students transfer more easily, Holland said.

Houlette said it was a success. "It was the best conference I've been to in years," he said.

Jana Jacobs, assistant director of advising at OU,

helped run the conference.

The goal of the conference, Jacobs said in an e-mail, was to identify additional ways to serve the needs of engineering transfer students who enter OU's various engineering programs.

According to the Institutional Research and Reporting statistics given out at the conference, OCCC had the most students transfer to OU for engineering at 32.1 percent of the total for fall 2007.

That means, of the 106 engineering students who transferred to OU, 34 came from OCCC.

The numbers included colleges in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas.

Holland said he recommended that all students planning to transfer to OU's engineering program

finish their associate degree before transferring.

He said this would make for an easier transfer and students wouldn't have to take 10 hours of a second language when they get to OU.

"That's almost like a whole semester taken care of," Burnett said.

Ramona Manzanares, OCCC engineering major, said she eventually wants to attend OU because it is close to where she lives.

Michael McCoy, also in OCCC's engineering program, said he will be considering what OU has to offer as he looks for colleges to transfer to.

Houlette said he is happy about the partnership with OU.

"In years before, OU hadn't recognized some of the credits engineering students earned at OCCC.

"Now that's all changed."

**"Stimulus,"**

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could now claim some of the credit.

Another addition in the stimulus package is funding in an attempt to hire and keep more teachers and professors.

There will be nearly 600,000 jobs in elementary and secondary schools that could be eliminated by state budget cuts over the next three years, according to a study released by the University of Washington.

Fewer teachers mean higher class sizes, something districts are trying to prevent, according to The Associated Press.

Work-study also will receive an additional \$200 million for its programs, according to Inside Higher Ed.

The stimulus sets up a \$54 billion fund to help prevent or restore state budget cuts, according to The Associated Press, and the states have five years to spend the dollar amounts.

Sechrist said the program Trade Adjustment Assistance, which is in the package, also would provide benefits to workers in manufacturing, service or public sectors who have lost their jobs, namely financial assistance to pursue college degrees.

Some students hope to benefit from the stimulus package by applying for financial aid.

Nursing major Kayla Zoch is one.

"There's no use in letting free money go to waste," she said.

"If there is more money going towards helping students, they may as well take advantage of it."

Rebecca Kelley, medical assistant major, said she plans to do the same.

"Since it is hard to find ways in the first place to pay for college, it's an easy decision to just go ahead and apply," she said.

"I don't know about everyone else, but I don't have anything to lose."

Machiorlatti said he thinks the education benefits of the stimulus package will benefit both OCCC and its students.

"I think that the stimulus package will have its biggest effect at home," he said.

"It will kick additional funds back to families, which can then be used on items that are needed or can benefit them.

"Bills can be paid, which will free up other funds for other items they might not have been able to purchase otherwise."

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### International Holidays to Remember

**March 2:** Orthodox Shrove Monday, Greece; Declaration of Establishment of Authority of People, Libya.

**March 3:** Throne Day, Morocco.

**March 8:** Revolution Day, Syria; Daylight Saving Start, Canada; Daylight Saving End, Paraguay; Women's Day, China, Cuba, Korea N., Nepal, Russia, Ukraine.

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